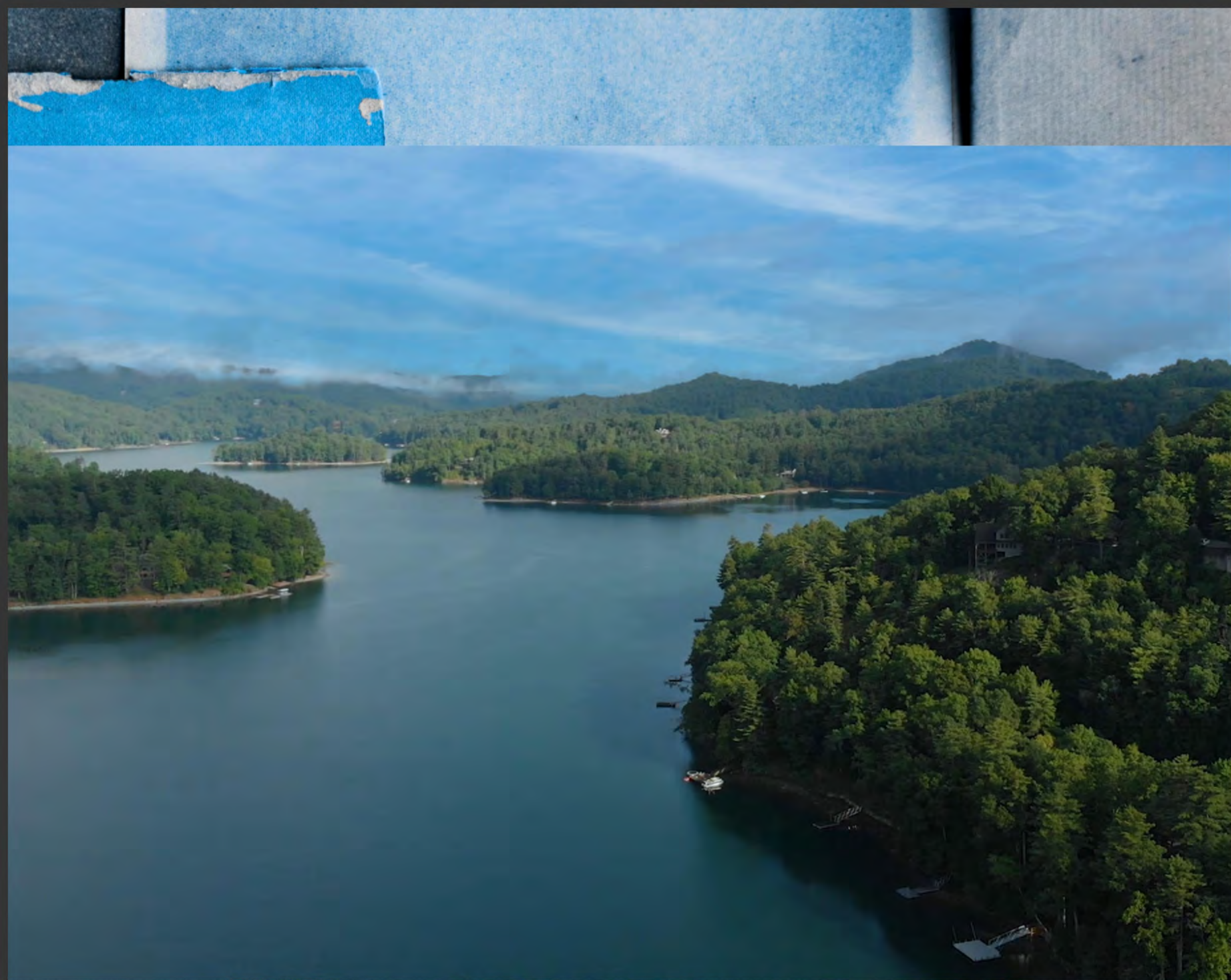




OUR FRIENDS OF LAKE GLENVILLE

WORDS BY DELANEY ASBURY

Nothing beats the unique combination of Lake Glenville's breathtaking mountain scenery, abundant wildlife, and loving community.

Whether it's fishing, boating, kayaking, swimming, or classic leisure, this outdoor-lovers oasis extends the cool respite of its pristine waters to both locals and visitors alike. Many journey here to relax and unwind - surrounding themselves with lush foliage, twenty-six miles of shoreline, and 1,452 acres of recreational water, all working together to form a true mountain paradise.

This plunging lake reaches great depths, in some areas not far from the shoreline - and has the highest elevation of any lake east of the Mississippi River. Located mere minutes from the town of Cashiers, Lake Glenville provides the perfect environment to get out and beat the summer heat on the water, or enjoy a scenic cruise during the changing Fall colors. In addition

to the expansive shoreline, the lake boasts three waterfalls - Norton, Hurricane, and Mill Creek - all of which are only viewable from the lake. A fourth waterfall, High Falls - is located just below the dam and is accessible via a hiking trail accessible to the public.

What once was the location of the town of Hamburgh, Lake Glenville (originally Thorpe Reservoir) was formed in 1941 when Nantahala Power and Light dammed the west fork of the Tuckasegee River to generate power for the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) during World War II. This action effectively flooded the valley and all homes, businesses, and farmlands in the area; many of these structures still exist over 300 feet below the surface of Glenville's placid exterior!

Desiring a day on the water? Head to Signal Ridge Marina or Lakeshore Marina where you can rent pontoons and tritoons for daily or long-term use, and bring the whole family as pets are always welcome. These flexible rentals are perfect no matter how long you plan to stay and play. Whether you are seeking a leisurely cruise to view the abundant wildlife and vibrant colors, or you are looking for a fast-paced watersports experience, the helpful staff at the Signal Ridge and Lakeshore Marinas stand ready to set you up for a memorable day on the water.

For those that want to bring their own water toys to the lake, there are two public access areas located on the north side - the Powerhouse Access Area and Pine Creek Access - providing boat ramps, launching docks, and bathrooms. Additionally, there is a public recreation area with picnic tables, a fishing pier, a swimming area with beach access, and bathrooms for those that want a casual and fun-filled day at the beach.

Fishermen can also rejoice as Lake Glenville is home to a wide variety of fish species. From spotted, small, and largemouth bass, to walleye, yellow perch, crappies, and both brown and rainbow trout, all anglers will enjoy casting a line to discover what awaits their bait. The pockets, points, coves, islands, and channels of the lake create a hospitable environment in which many of these species thrive well into the cooler months when the changing mountain air brings out trophy-sized smallmouth bass.

Championing its conservation, the local non-profit organization, Friends of Lake Glenville (FLG) is an association of residents, property owners, member businesses, and individuals dedicated to maintaining Lake Glenville's natural beauty and integrity. From testing water quality and encouraging boater safety, to hosting lake clean-up days and awarding scholarships, FLG continues to ensure Lake Glenville retains its beauty for all to enjoy.

Silver Creek Real Estate Group Broker, Rick Jackson, serves as the Director of the Friends of Lake Glenville Doug Odell scholarship program, a cause close to his heart. "As a homeowner on Lake Glenville since 2008, my interest in protecting and preserving the lake is in perfect alignment with the core values of Friends of Lake Glenville," he says.

The program, honoring one of FLG's founding members Doug Odell, carries on his legacy through the organization's core mission to preserve, protect, educate and advocate for the beauty, integrity, and survival of Lake Glenville. "Beyond the lake, Doug Odell had another vision for the FLG - to get involved and support the local community," says Jackson, "This scholarship program named after him does just that."

Launched in 2020 with the help of Rick and Lisa Jackson, the Doug Odell Scholarship expands on Mr. Odell's vision. The program encourages higher education in Science by awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from Blue Ridge Early College who can then apply the award money toward a college of their choice.

Through diligent fundraising efforts, FLG was able to award two scholarships to qualified graduating seniors in their first year. Now in 2022, they have expanded to a total of \$15,000, supporting three individuals in their studies. Their 2023 goal of raising the bar hopes to expand the benefit to four students who will each be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, while past winners have the potential to receive additional funds towards their 2023 enrollment if they meet certain criteria. Friends of Lake Glenville is continuously expanding its efforts to provide a long-lasting resource through the Doug Odell Scholarship. Their next goal is



to establish a reserve for the future so they may continue to build upon scholarship funds and expand their reach across the community. All this would not be possible without the generous donations made by local residents and businesses, along with the dedication of advocates like Rick who work to bring the community together and raise money to support our local students.

No matter the time of year, Lake Glenville and its welcoming community set the perfect scene for your day of recreation and relaxation. From soaking up the sun on its shores to motoring through the pristine water, there are infinite reasons to escape to this picturesque mountain lake and make memories more special with your friends and family.

RICK JACKSON
The Doug Odell Scholarship Fund Director //
Broker with Silver Creek Real Estate Group
828-743-1999 | Lake Glenville Office

FRIENDS OF LAKE GLENVILLE
friendsoflakeglenville.com

