

You're invited to the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers' Annual



WINTER SOCIAL *and* Chili & Cornbread Supper

Saturday, February 25th

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Dr. Joe Rush's Dance Barn
6220 Dogwood Lane, Melrose

Please join us for an evening of good food and fellowship as we review the past year's events and look forward to a presentation by **AquiferWatch**.

AquiferWatch is a not-for-profit, 501(c3) organization. It is a volunteer citizen aquifer monitoring program that facilitates "hands-on" participation in the management of Florida's aquifers through monthly monitoring activities. **AquiferWatch** encourages well owners to participate in long-term monitoring by obtaining groundwater data. Volunteers are: (1) well owners and (2) individuals who are willing to obtain groundwater samples from wells. **AquiferWatch** trains volunteer samplers in the appropriate sampling procedures.

Rick Copeland is the Director. He is a certified Professional Geologist with the state of Florida. He has graduate geology degrees from the University of Florida and Florida State University. He has over 45 years of groundwater monitoring experience in Florida.

Gary Maddox is the Assistant Director. He is also a Professional Geologist with the state of Florida. He is a geology graduate from the University of Virginia. He has over 35 years of groundwater monitoring experience in the state. Both Rick and Gary have spent their professional careers in establishing and operating groundwater monitoring networks in Florida.

Hail Hall is the Secretary/Treasurer. She is a recent graduate from the University of Florida with a degree in geology. She has three years of experience working with the Florida Springs Institute, specializing in the monitoring of springs.

During the upcoming meeting with the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Association, the three will participate in a discussion regarding potential environmental problems that threaten the water resources near and in Santa Fe Lake. They will also discuss the potential of developing a volunteer monitoring program to address the concerns of the local citizens

Thanks to all of you who have supported the goals of Santa Fe Lake Dwellers to protect our lakes and the environment in North Florida. The threats to the health of our waters and to our rural way of life will continue to challenge us, as they have since our association was formed almost 40 years ago.

Managing the inevitable growth that is happening in our area must be done in a sustainable way, or we will lose the character and beauty of this unique part of Florida that we all cherish.

