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# LAKE OCONEE VILLAGE & OPAS ANNOUNCE VILLAGE SERIES

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Friday, May 8, 2009, (Greensboro Georgia), - Lake Oconee Village (LOV) and the Oconee Performing Arts Society (OPAS) announced their 2009 Village Series today with performances and festivities on and around the Village Meadow and Pond at Lake Oconee Village.

The series will kick-off with a *VILLAGE Dance* on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Step back in time to the charm of Lake Oconee Village as it could have been in the 1940s. Balmy starlit evening, colored Christmas lights strung from pole to pole and a mesmerizing band playing the big band sounds as you dance into the night. So grab your Straw Fedora and your dancing shoes and come out for the opening of the Lake Oconee Village Series. Dance lessons start at 7pm and the dancing will begin at 8pm.



The *VILLAGE Concert* on July 24<sup>th</sup> with **The Waybacks** will surely delight all those who attend. Hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, their repertoire touches on Memphis soul, honky-tonk, Parisian swing, classical music, vintage blue pop, full-tilt roadhouse boogie, and much more; this unique style has come to be known as ðAmericana.ö **The Waybacks** feature virtuosos James Nash and Warren Hood. Come early, picnic and enjoy the Village Meadow and experience a performance like none other.

*ðnear-ideal balance of irreverence, chops, discipline, and originalityö*  
- David Royko, *The Chicago Tribune*

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It's time to challenge your innovative spirit! Join in on the fun at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **VILLAGE Regatta** on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Village Pond. The **Regatta** offers families, friends, organizations and businesses a chance to design, build and navigate a unique and fun boat made entirely of corrugated cardboard and powered by teams of 1 to 10 people. Inspired by the internationally renowned Cardboard Boat Races in Heber Springs, Arkansas, this is sure to be the highlight of the summer season. Visit [www.opas.org](http://www.opas.org) for **Regatta** sign-up and instructions.



Area bands will take center stage under the Miller-Brown/OPAS Orchestra Shell at the **VILLAGE Battle of the Bands** on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Each band will perform one song in the preliminary round, based on your applause only three will move to the final round for their chance at the 2009 Village Band title. The competition will begin at noon so come early, bring your picnic and join family and friends on the Village Meadow to support your favorite talent. For more information and entry forms, visit [www.opas.org](http://www.opas.org).



The **VILLAGE Fall Picnic** on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> will have something for everyone. Mingle with family and friends on the Village Meadow for games like musical chairs, horseshoes, 3-legged races, water relays, sack races, a pumpkin carving contest and hula hoop contests for the kids. Also make the most of the health screening opportunities from MCG Associates and other Lake Oconee Village medical professionals. Be sure to stay for a relaxing evening under stars while enjoying quality musical talent.

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> will be the series' final event with the **VILLAGE Holiday Fair**. Discover holiday treasures from area artists and craftsmen, visit Santa and enjoy the festive musical performances to help ring in the holiday season. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Jingle Bell Run (5k Run & 1mi. Family Fun Run) children of all ages will don bells and Santa hats for a unique holiday experience.



The **Lake Oconee Village Series** will have something for everyone both young and old. All events are free to the public thanks to our sponsors, **MCG Medical Associates, Lake Oconee Village and Heineken, USA**. Sponsorship opportunities are still available: Silver - \$250 - \$499, Gold \$500 - \$999, Platinum \$1000 - \$2,499 and Diamond \$2,500 and up. For more information on benefits of each sponsorship level visit us at [www.opas.org](http://www.opas.org) or call (706) 467-6000.