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## **The Tour de Georgia Comes to Buford!**

Buford, Georgia - April, 11 2007 - The Buford Business Alliance and Waterfront at Lanier Harbor welcome the Tour de Georgia in Buford on Saturday, April 21st. The 6th stage of the Tour de Georgia begins at Lake Lanier Islands at 12:00pm and is expected to hit Main Street Buford approximately 15 to 20 minutes thereafter.

This stage also includes a 'Sprint Line'. In this speed 'sprint', bikers can reach speeds of up to 46 mph and will be about 1/2 mile in distance. The actual 'line' will be marked by a large banner that will hang across Main St. right near the historic Bona Allen Mansion. The first to cross the line will not only win additional points for the entire Tour but will also be awarded a cash prize to be presented by Barkley Geib of Waterfront at Lanier Harbor at the end of the stage later that day in Stone Mountain.

"We're excited to be the prominent cash prize sponsor in this stage of this prestigious international event," states Mr. Geib. He continues, "We look forward to this opportunity again in the future."

"This is a spectacular chance for Buford to shine in the international community and show the world what true Southern hospitality is all about," opines Tim Koenning, President of the Buford Business Alliance. He continues, "We are extremely proud of our organization and its committed members for what they've done to make this happen here."

The Buford Business Alliance and its members will be hosting several events throughout the city of Buford that day. This includes various vendors, a professional bike show sponsored by Mama's Board-n-Bike and a rhythmic Drum & Dance sponsored by Village Events. Earlier in the day a charity bike race and other events sponsored by Jittery Joe's Coffee will begin @ 8am at Lake Lanier Islands.

So, bring out the entire family to enjoy a day of fun and witness one of the world's most prestigious bike races come right thru Historic Buford. Please prepare to be here early, as the crowds will most definitely build rapidly. Events will start @ 10 am with the race expected to come by around 12:15. There is ample free parking throughout the Buford area, with volunteers assisting in directing you. The best viewing areas will be all along Main St. with the Sprint line next to the Bona Allen Mansion. For more information go to [www.tourdegeorgia.com](http://www.tourdegeorgia.com) and [www.visitbuford.com](http://www.visitbuford.com) . For more info on the charity bike ride sponsored by Jittery Joe's go to [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

The Buford Business Alliance is a Non-Profit organization whose intent is to bring together local business leaders in a forum to further market their businesses, network and to promote tourism in the area. ([www.visitbuford.com](http://www.visitbuford.com))

Waterfront Lanier Harbor Marina is an exciting new concept on Lake Lanier as it offers a unique living experience to both boaters and non-boaters alike. Escape hectic city life and enjoy a maintenance-free lifestyle offered in over 100 beautiful 2-3 bedroom town homes. Homeowners can enjoy shopping, restaurants, lighted boardwalks along the shore and a lakeside clubhouse with exclusive members' area. ([www.waterfrontlanierharbor.com](http://www.waterfrontlanierharbor.com))