



Bulletin

YOUR PRIMARY VOICE ON LAKE ISSUES...

with a mission to identify issues affecting our members and pursue resolution with the responsible organization(s)

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LGA UPDATES

***The LGA is turning 35!!
September 1, 1989 to September 1, 2024
Celebrating 35 Years of helping make
Lake Gaston a great
place to live, work, and play!***

The LGA has a new YouTube Channel

Have you ever wished you could attend one of the LGA's membership meetings, but couldn't because you work full-time, are only at the lake part-time, or had another commitment at the same time? Well, we have good news for you! The LGA has started recording the monthly membership meetings and the last three meetings are available on the LGA's YouTube channel for you to view at any time that is convenient for you. You can find the videos by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@LakeGastonAssociation>

Please subscribe to the channel and turn on notifications to be alerted when new videos are posted. These links take you to the first three videos:

<https://youtu.be/arObv3le3jk?feature=shared>

<https://youtu.be/UlkBXnluaos?feature=shared>

<https://youtu.be/YjN02K0ffuQ?feature=shared>



President's Corner...



IT IS IN OUR HANDS....

Each and every one of us has a role to play in keeping Lake Gaston a great place to live, work, and play.

We all have a responsibility to help keep the lake healthy and inviting for all. Examples of ways you can help include maintaining your property through wise use of fertilizer and pesticides, controlling surface runoff and preventing erosion, being aware of how you utilize the shoreline adjacent to your property, and using caution when maintaining your watercraft to prevent fuel and oil spills. All these actions impact the lake and those who enjoy its benefits.

Please keep this in mind and realize that for a relatively short time, we are all “lake stewards.” As we enjoy Lake Gaston, let’s leave it a great place for the enjoyment of future generations.

It is in our hands!

Jeff Zimmer

President

President@LGAncva.com

NO Monthly Membership Meeting in July



Lake Environment Committee...

Protecting Lake Gaston Water Quality



Erosion and runoff on Lake Gaston

This is a tale of one person who saw something and said something. Consider it a lesson for anyone with an interest in helping ensure quality water in Lake Gaston.

In the fall of 2023, Dominion Energy had a contractor cutting back trees away from the power lines in Northampton County. A county resident noticed that the equipment being used in the operation was being driven through and across stormwater

drainage ditches/culverts, disturbing the soil and causing them to collapse and fill in (a culvert is a ditch for water drainage alongside and under a road and provides a path for stormwater to flow to the lake). The concern or issue is that the disturbed dirt that filled in the drainage ditch/culvert, will be flushed to the lake during a rain event. The eroding soil will wind up in the lake adding sediment and organic material (that will decompose over time adding nutrients) to the lake. This in turn negatively impacts fish and wildlife and will create an environment that may result in excessive aquatic vegetation growth (including invasive/noxious weeds). While this may seem like a minor incident by itself, if you multiply it times all the drainage/culverts in Northampton County and across the entire lake watershed, the impact could be substantial. There is a potential for a lot of dirt and organic material going into the lake as a result of a contractor doing a critical job (clearing tree limbs away from power lines) but not paying attention to the associated environmental impacts of the operation. The resident spent a significant amount of time over several weeks calling different entities including Dominion Energy, Northampton County, and North Carolina, trying to get to the right office/person who had the authority and responsibility to remedy the situation. In speaking with the contractor who was operating the machine, they claimed because the dirt was so dry it wouldn't be a problem (wrong!). A Dominion Energy representative, when contacted, put "tickets of issue" into the tracking system and said a person from Dominion Energy Operations would be in contact. The contractor performing the work was also notified and they reached out to the resident rather quickly, acknowledged the situation and said they would get the eroding soil and debris cleaned out. Over the next two weeks nothing happened and the problem was still there.

The resident then started calling North Carolina state environmental agencies and Dominion Energy again, finally reaching the Dominion Energy Forester, who had oversight of the contractor performing the tree trimming. During a site visit with the resident, the Dominion Forester immediately saw the problem and noted that the work was not performed in accordance with the contract and posed a risk for increased erosion and sediment impacts to the lake. The Forester informed the resident he would take the

necessary action to get the contractor to clean out the drainage/culverts. The cleanup work was initiated and several of the drainage ditches/culverts were restored. Unfortunately, a heavy rain event occurred before all the work was completed and as a result, some disturbed soil, sediment, and debris were flushed into the lake.

The bottom line for all lake residents is to be aware of activity in your community and if you see something that seems wrong then say something by reaching out to the agency or organization involved. If you are unsure, contact the LGA who will make an effort to assist in reaching the right organization. We all have a responsibility to help protect Lake Gaston from activities and operations that have the potential to negatively impact the lake environment including water quality. While this example was in Northampton County and involved Dominion Energy operations, similar situations occur across the other counties around the lake.

John Franz

Lake Environment Committee Chair

Committees@LGAncva.com

(Please include "Lake Environment Committee" in the subject line of the email)



Government Relations Committee...



This year the Government Relations Committee has decided to try something new. Unlike past years, we will not be holding our biannual "Meet the Candidate Forum." Instead, we will be holding a Commissioners' Breakfast. The LGA will be inviting the North Carolina county commissioners from Halifax, Northampton, and Warren County to a sit-down breakfast. This breakfast will allow the residents of the three counties to meet and have conversations with your representatives. There will be a charge for each attendee to cover the breakfast. Additional details will follow as we get closer to the event date.

The location and time are as follows:
Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department
790 Lizard Creek Road
September 28, 2024, 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Bob Allan

Government Relations Chair

Committees@LGAncva.com

(Please include "Government Relations Committee" in the subject line of the email)

August 8, 2024, 6:00 pm LGA Evening Monthly Membership Meeting

at the Lake Gaston Lions Club, 139 Stanley Rd, Henrico, NC

Speaker: Dominion Reservoir Manager

Topic: Shoreline Plan Impact on Property

This will be a dinner event – Cost and RSVP information to be announced

This meeting is open to the public and Lake Gaston Association membership is not required.
For more information, please email us at execdir@lgancva.com or call (252) 586-6577.



Safety Committee...

Jack D Saunders Community Shred Event

Thank you for making the 10th Annual Jack D Saunders Community Shred Event on May 4, 2024, a success. We had great weather, even though there was a chance of rain. The Shred-It truck arrived on time and there were individuals that started lining up around 9:30 a.m. with the shredding starting at 10:00 a.m. The one-way traffic flow again helped with the efficiency of vehicle movement. There were 117 vehicles with individuals who came to have documents shredded. We filled the truck!



See you next year on the first Saturday in May. Special thanks to the Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department for hosting us in the auxiliary parking lot and the LGA volunteers that helped to make this a successful event.

Youth Fire Camps



This year, the LGA is again supporting the Youth Fire Camps held during the summer by the Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department and the Warren County Fireman's Association. These camps help promote fire safety for the youth in our communities.



The Atlantic Hurricane season officially began on June 1, 2024, and will end on November 30, 2024. In our area, the mid-Atlantic region, sees the most hurricanes in August, September, and October. North Carolina's coast is one of the nation's most vulnerable areas to a direct hurricane strike because its coastline extends out into the ocean. All areas of the state, from the coast to the

mountains, have been impacted by hurricanes in the past 20 years. This year the forecast is predicted to be above average.

Now is the time to review your preparedness status in case a storm impacts our region. Some good steps include:

- Review your insurance policy.
- Assemble an emergency kit that is stocked with the right items.
- Ensure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plan.
 - Don't forget to include your pets.
 - Know where you will go if you have to evacuate and leave early.
- Know how to turn off gas and electricity utilities to your home.
- Reduce outdoor hazards by removing or securing outdoor items around your home.

	Prediction	Average
Named Storms	17 to 25	14
Hurricanes	8 to 13	7
Major Hurricanes	4 to 7	3

For more information, please visit <https://www.redcross.org/> [Hurricane Preparedness | Red Cross](#), [Plan. Prepare. Stay Informed. | Ready NC](#), <https://www.readync.go>, <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov>, These sites provide expert information on how to prepare for emergencies and are updated regularly.

FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a mobile application that allows you to receive real-time weather alerts, locate emergency shelters in your area, prepare for common hazards and more. This is a free app that can be downloaded from Google Play (Android) or the Apple Store (IOS). This application allows the user the planning, protection and recovery steps during a disaster. It is interactive and provides detailed in-depth information and assistance.

[Hurricane Preparedness and Evacuation Planning | FEMA.gov](#) [FEMA Mobile Products | FEMA.gov](#)

If you are interested in promoting safety, come join the LGA as a volunteer. LGA has several volunteer opportunities.

Patricia Price
Safety Chair

Committees@LGAncva.com

(Please include "Safety Committee" in the subject line of the email)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m. LGA Monthly Membership Meeting

at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton
(across the street from the Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce and Subway Restaurant)

Topic: Celebrating 35 Years of The Lake Gaston Association

September 1, 2024, marks the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the LGA.

Please join us to celebrate all that the LGA has accomplished over the years! And...there will be cake!

This meeting is open to the public and Lake Gaston Association membership is not required.

For more information, please email us at execdir@lgancva.com or call (252) 586-6577.



Marketing & Membership Committee...



A big thank you to the 2,086 households and business members who renewed their 2024 LGA dues. That number includes 15 HOA/POAs that have group memberships.

Did you know we lose about 10% of our membership every year? Folks move away, age out, etc. We spend countless hours on the phone at the beginning of every new year following up with the members who have not renewed yet. After all the phone calls, the final number of those who do not renew is around 10%.

We'd like to shift our focus by increasing the number of HOA/POA groups. We get a more guaranteed membership base, which increases our membership reach, which in turn is noticed by our elected representatives. And the best part is that we offer a discounted \$15 annual membership, as compared to the general membership dues of \$30.

How does it work? At the beginning of November, we send a single invoice to the HOA/POA Treasurer or HOA/POA management company for the number of lots in the HOA/POA. Everyone pays just \$15. For existing general members who belong to a participating HOA/POA, their annual dues will decrease to \$15. HOA/POA members get the same rights and privileges as general LGA members. If the number \$15 sounds better than \$30, why not give us a call for more information? A board member will be more than happy to attend an HOA/POA Board meeting to further discuss the details of our HOA/POA program.

In other news, the LGA will again be participating in the Littleton Festival on August 31, 2024. We will have examples of good and bad vegetation. Please stop by our booth located across the street from the hardware store.

That's all for now. If you see Anne Wood, Jeff Zimmer, Tammy Clarke, Jennifer Allman, John Cataldo, Lewis Mustian, Patricia Price, or Jane Stringer, please tell them thanks for working

behind the scenes as a member of the Membership and Marketing Committee.

Please do enjoy all the wonderful things beautiful Lake Gaston has to offer and stay safe. I'm heading down to the boathouse.

Thanks for reading.

Brian Goldsworthy

Marketing & Membership Chair

LGA Lifetime Member since 2015

Committees@LGAncva.com

(Please include "Marketing & Membership Committee" in the subject line of the email)



From the desk of the Executive Director...

How can you help the LGA?

1. The easiest way to help the LGA is to maintain your membership -- or better yet, consider upgrading to a Bronze, Silver, or Lifetime membership. The LGA is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization that operates solely from the membership dues collected each year. The more members we have, the more voices we have, and the resulting additional funds help the LGA continue to do the important work that it does for the Lake Gaston area.
2. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to also join the LGA. You do NOT need to own property at the lake to be a member of the LGA. If you own a short-term rental property, please consider including some of the LGA's tri-fold brochures in your welcome packets for your guests. Anyone who has an interest in Lake Gaston is welcome to join!
3. Encourage the businesses you frequent to join the LGA. Decals have been handed out to our current business members, so if you don't see one of our decals on their door, consider asking them if they're familiar with the LGA and direct them to our website for more information. Their business will be highlighted on our website and in our quarterly bulletin, and they will get a shout-out on the LGA's Facebook page at least once a year.
4. Volunteer your time on one of our Committees or consider becoming a Director to represent your county. Have you heard the old saying, "Many hands make light work"? The more volunteers we have, the easier the work will be and the more we can accomplish as an organization. Many of our volunteers are retired, but several of our Directors still work full-time jobs and volunteer for the LGA when they can. Please take a look at our website to see if one of the Committee descriptions interests you.
5. Share your skills with the LGA – are you an IT whiz, love to plan events, or have awesome marketing skills? Then the LGA could use your expertise!

Thank you for your support!

Tammy Clarke

Executive Director

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What the LGA does for our members...

As your primary voice on Lake Gaston, we...

Identify lake issues affecting our members and pursue a resolution with the responsible organization(s).

We do this by...

- ▶ working to **conserve our lake's natural resources while protecting your recreational enjoyment** by monitoring and controlling pollution, sedimentation, and invasive species, supporting research and best management practices that maintain Lake Gaston's water quality for all users.
- ▶ **engaging with our local governments** to inform and influence decision-making in your best interest.
- ▶ supporting and **promoting safety** in our communities and on the water to encourage a safe environment.
- ▶ **advocating** and encouraging a clean, healthy, and **desirable lifestyle** along the roadsides and shorelines of beautiful Lake Gaston.
- ▶ **informing** and communicating on **Lake Gaston issues** via email advisories and quarterly Bulletins, emergency, weather, and water level alerts, open-door monthly meetings, website, social media, press releases, radio broadcasts, and public forums.

We accomplish this by building relationships and coordinating efforts with Dominion Energy, the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council, North Carolina and Virginia Wildlife Agencies, North Carolina State University, local Law Enforcement and Emergency Management, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council, LKG 911 Community Task Force, and many others.

LGA ~ Calendar of Events

Jul 2 – NO Lake Cleanup Committee Zoom Mtg this month

Jul 4 – 4th of July Holiday

Jul 6 – Eaton Ferry Bridge Fireworks Start at Dark

Jul 12 – NO Safety Committee Mtg this month

Jul 16 - Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Jul 17 - Lake Environment Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Jul 18 - Mrktg & Mbrshp Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) – Lake Gaston Coffee Company, 104 Wellington Way, Littleton

Jul 31 - **LGA Board Mtg** - (8:30 – 10:30 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Aug 6 - Lake Cleanup Committee Zoom Mtg (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) [Click here for Zoom Link](#)

Aug 8 – **Monthly Membership EVENING Mtg** – (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Lake Gaston Lions Club, 139 Stanley Rd, Henrico

Aug 9 - Safety Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Aug 15 - Mrktg & Mbrshp Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - Lake Gaston Coffee Company, 104 Wellington Way, Littleton

Aug 20 - Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Aug 21 - Lake Environment Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Aug 28 - **LGA Board Mtg** - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Sep 2 – Labor Day Holiday

Sep 3 – No Lake Cleanup Committee Zoom Mtg this month

Sep 4 – **Monthly Membership Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Sep 13 – No Safety Committee Mtg this month

Sep 17 - Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Sep 18 – No Lake Environment Committee Mtg this month

Sep 19 - Mrktg & Mbrshp Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton

Sep 25 - **LGA Board Mtg** - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - The Acorn Center: 411 Mosby Ave, Studio B, Littleton



Thank you, LGA Business Members, for your support!

For more Business Member details, please visit our website at:

<https://www.lgancva.com/lake-gaston-association-membership-application/business-member-directory.html>

Business Member

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Auto Sales & Service
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Builders & Developers
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Thank you for being a Loyal Member of the LGA!

2024 Membership Goal: 3,000

Current Members: 2,086 (Households 1,987 / Businesses 99)