



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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The Lake Gaston Association Celebrating 35 Years of helping make Lake Gaston a great place to live, work, and play!

- 1988 – The Lake Gaston Taxpayers' Association formed
- 1988 – Hydrilla first identified on Lake Gaston
- 1989 – Lake Gaston Association Formed and incorporated
- 1995 – Lake Gaston Stakeholders' Group Formed
- 1995 – Hydrilla infestation of LKG reaches 5,000 acres
- 1995 – Grass Carp stocking begins
- 1997 – Virginia Beach pipeline approved
- 2000 – Dominion's Shoreline Management Plan introduced
- 2011 – LGA supports Virginia uranium mining ban
- 2014 – Hydrilla declared "under control" after being reduced to 300 acres
- 2015 – First Lake Gaston Association Community Shred Event
- 2017 – *E. coli* monitoring by the LGA begins
- 2019 – Operational *Lyngbya* treatments begin
- 2022 – Eaton Ferry Bridge navigational lights installed
- 2024 – LGA starts recording and posting membership meetings on YouTube



President's Corner...



NOTHING COULD BE FINER THAN TO BE AT



...Lake Gaston in the autumn!

If you have the good fortune to spend time at the lake in the next few months, you know what a special place Lake Gaston is. Things seem quieter, laid back, peaceful, and even more scenic. The leaves have already begun their bursts of autumn color with a peak soon to be in November.

Most certainly the Lake Gaston Association's largest contribution to our community is the annual fall aquatic vegetation survey. The resultant data is key to the successful management of the lake. Last year we had approximately one hundred volunteers participate. My thanks to all these volunteers who contributed to this vital effort. The LGA appreciates you!

Together, we are keeping Lake Gaston a great place to live, work, and play.

Jeff Zimmer

President

President@LGAncva.com

October 2, 2024, 9:30 am LGA Monthly Membership Meeting

at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church, Littleton

(across the street from the Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce and Subway Restaurant)

Speakers: Representatives from the Five County Sheriffs' Offices

Topic: Technology in Law Enforcement

**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.**



Lake Environment Committee...

LKG Habitat Enhancement Project 2024 Summary

The following is a summary of the 2024 LKG Habitat Enhancement Project.

Participants: LGA Volunteers, NCSU, NC WRC, VA DWR

Date: June 18, 2024

On May 7, 2024, a survey of planned work for habitat enhancement on LKG was completed. The survey showed minimal work was required to maintain the 14 habitat enhancement locations on the lake. Poplar Creek was identified as the location where the 2024 work would focus.

On June 18, 2024, a total of 19 personnel in 4 boats left the Poplar Creek Boat Launch at approximately 9:00 am. All 4 boats headed to the upper western arm of Poplar Creek. At this location, 3 cage enclosures were removed as the native vegetation in the area has taken hold to the point that the enclosures no longer serve a useful purpose. Cages #2, #3, and #4 were disassembled and the posts and fence material were taken away for proper disposal. Approximately 500 feet of fence material and 50 fence posts were removed. At approximately 11:00 am a portion of the work crew headed to lower Poplar Creek where maintenance and replanting of native vegetation was completed at Cage #6. The work crews returned to the boat ramp where lunch was provided at approximately 1:00 pm. The following table outlines the work hours executed supporting the project:

Organization	Survey Hours	# of Staff	Work Hours	Pre/Post Hours	Travel Hours	Total Hours	Value
LGA	16	9	36	40	8	100	\$3164.00
NCSU	4	5	20	12	12	48	N/A
NC WRC	4	4	16	12	12	44	N/A
VA DWR	0	1	4	0	3	7	N/A

LGA Volunteer hours value was calculated at \$31.64/hour (per Independent Sector data at <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time>).



Wednesday, November 6, 2024

LGA Monthly Membership Meeting

Instead of a meeting this month, a 1-hour tour of the Virginia Beach Pumping Station has been arranged. Because there is a limit of 20 people per tour, there will be one tour at 10:30 am and a second one at 1:30 pm.

RSVPs are required to attend this tour and current LGA members will be given priority.

Email Execdir@LGAncva.com or call 252-586-6577 to RSVP before October 31, 2024.

After October 31st, if there is still room, we will open up the remaining spots to the general public.



Marketing & Membership Committee...



First, we thank all who stopped by our booth at the Littleton Festival on August 31st. It's almost always a very hot day and this day was no exception. All board members took shifts to cover the entire day. We had good foot traffic at the booth and several people joined the LGA.



As always, the good and bad lake vegetation (in glass jars) attracted the most attention. Comments such as "so that's what this stuff is" to it "really smells" when folks saw Lyngbya for the first time up close (yes indeed it does stink). This time we had two volunteers from the Lake Environment Committee on hand as SME's who attracted the largest crowds to learn all about what's in the lake. Special thanks to John Franz and Alan Oswald for devoting their time and expertise.

We did something new this year for those who stayed until the very end to close the booth. We adjourned across the street to Timber Waters to enjoy one of their specialty beers. A cold beer never tasted so good and thus begins a new tradition.

Soon, we'll be ramping up the annual membership renewal process for both household and business dues. If you like what you are seeing, please renew your membership. Cost is still a bargain at \$30 for households and \$60 for businesses. Start looking in late October or early November for an **email** from our Treasurer, **Anne Wood (anne@pesanteclose.com)**, with your invoice. Please help us grow the membership by inviting neighbors and family/friends who visit your lake house to become new members. We now have LGA members from Florida, Michigan, Texas, and Pennsylvania who enjoy coming to play on Lake Gaston. New members who join now

will get membership benefits for the rest of 2024 and all of 2025 with their \$30 payment.

We will soon be releasing our very first promotional LGA commercial. How exciting is that! Pending board approval, you should see it soon on our website and maybe even on TV.

Finally, under the leadership of President Jeff Zimmer, the board has been carefully evaluating the LGA brand, mission, and focus areas since last March. We will soon be ready to reveal what's next for the LGA during our 35th Anniversary Year. A sneak peek: the Membership and Marketing Committee will be rebranded as Membership and Volunteer Engagement. Stay tuned!

As always, thanks for reading and thank you for your support.

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)

Wednesday, December 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)
Topics: Presentation of Toys to John 3:16, additional topic TBA**

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Lake Clean-up Committee...



The Lake Clean-up Committee is excited to announce that our application to NC DOT's "Adopt-a-Highway" program for the stretch of roadway along Eaton Ferry Road from WatersView Restaurant to just past Food Lion has been accepted. We are looking forward to helping keep this very visible section of the lake clean. The morning of Saturday, October 26th has tentatively been set for our first clean-up. Please check the LGA website and our Facebook page for updated information. Adopting this section of highway comes with a commitment to do a roadside clean-up at least once a quarter for four years. We know the appearance of the lake and maintaining the environment is important to our members and look forward to your support as we take on this responsibility.

Shannon McAllister

Lake Clean-up Chair

Committees@LGAncva.com

(Please include "Lake Clean-up Committee" in the subject line of the email)



From the desk of the Executive Director...

What are the benefits of being an LGA Business Member?

The Lake Gaston Association appreciates the support of our business members and we have several ways in which we show our appreciation.

1. Every business member gets an LGA door decal to show the community that they support the important work done by the LGA.
2. All of our business members are listed on the LGAncva.com website, along with their contact information, a description of their products or services, pictures of their work, and links to their website and social media. When an LGA member calls our office asking for a business or service recommendation, they are directed to the list of business members on our website.
3. All of our business members are included in our quarterly bulletins – just keep scrolling down this one and you'll find the list. Click on the name of a business member and you'll be taken to either their website, Facebook page, or listing on the LGA website.
4. Our newest form of recognition is "Business Member Mondays." Each Monday throughout the year, we highlight two or three of our business members on the LGA's Facebook page. The LGA currently has over 1,400 Facebook followers, so that's a lot of people seeing your company's name! If available, the Facebook post will include links to the business's FB page and website, as well as a picture of your logo.

If you own or work for a business and currently have an individual membership, please consider also signing up for a \$60/year business membership (which our Treasurer/CPA says is tax deductible!) so you can start reaping the benefits of being a business member of the Lake Gaston Association!

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LGA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues are for the Calendar Year (January – December)

Please Indicate Membership Type: New Renewal Current Member / Updates Needed

Membership Updates: Home Address Lake Address Phone Number Email Address

Desired Membership Level: \$30.00 General \$50.00 Bronze \$100.00 Silver \$300.00 Lifetime
 \$60.00 Business Member

Please tell us how you heard about us: _____

First & Last Name(s) / Business Name: _____

Subdivision: _____ House - Yes/No: _____ Lot #: _____ Number of Adults: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Mailing Address

Lake Address: _____

If Different Than Primary Address Listed Above

County: _____

(Please list the complete lake address / If you own a Lot Only: Please list the street name with Lot #, City, State, and Zip Code)
(We need this information to set you up properly in our database and membership records)

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Lake #: _____

Email Address: _____

(Only used to send LGA Bulletins, Membership Notifications & Renewals, Annual Membership Surveys, Lake Environment Events, and Emergency/Weather/Water Level Alerts)

I hereby give my consent to receive LGA information and notifications via my email address as listed above.

Member's Signature

Date

Please complete this form and mail it along with your payment (and Business Card, if applicable) to:

Lake Gaston Association: P O Box 656, Henrico, NC 27842



Membership data, email addresses, and phone numbers are always kept strictly confidential by the LGA!



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



Oct 1 – NO Lake Cleanup Committee Zoom Mtg this month

Oct 2 – Monthly Membership Mtg - 9:30 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Oct 14 – Columbus Day

Oct 15 – NO Gov't Relations Committee Mtg this month

Oct 16 – NO Lake Environment Committee Mtg this month

Oct 17 - Mrktg & Mbrshp Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) – LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Oct 26 – Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up Day – Visit the LGAncva.com website for more details

Oct 30 - LGA Board Mtg - (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.) - Lake Gaston Coffee Shop at Daphne's, 137 E South Main St, Littleton

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

Nov 6 – Monthly Membership Mtg – Tours of the VA Beach Pump Station - Visit the LGAncva.com website for more details

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Holiday

Nov 19 - Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Nov 20 - Lake Environment Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Nov 21 - Mrktg & Mbrshp Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Nov 27 - LGA Board Mtg - (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.) - Lake Gaston Coffee Shop at Daphne's, 137 E South Main St, Littleton

Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 3 – NO Lake Cleanup Committee Zoom Mtg this month

Dec 4 – Monthly Membership Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Dec 17 - Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Dec 18 – NO Lake Environment Committee Mtg

Dec 19 - Mrktg & Mbrshp Committee Mtg - (8:30 - 10 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Dec 25 - Christmas



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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[Dunlevy's Marine & Construction](#)
[Eaton Ferry Marina-Keel Marinas](#)
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[Halifax Electric Membership Corporation](#)
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Insurance
Hardware & Home Improvements
Florists
Dentists
Attorneys
Marina Sales & Service
Restaurants
Breweries/Distilleries/Wine Shops
Hardware & Home Improvements
General
Marketing/Graphics/Printing
Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
Builders & Developers
Veterinarian
Dentists
Lake Treatment & Management
Coffee & Coffee Shops
Auto Sales & Service
Auto Sales & Service
General
Builders & Developers
Marina Sales & Service
Hospitals & Urgent Care
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General
Marina Sales & Service
Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
Restaurants
Attorneys
Builders & Developers

Thank you for being a Loyal Member of the LGA!

2024 Membership Goal: 3,000

Current Members: 2,103 (Households 2,001 / Businesses 102)