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Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year again! In early November, start looking for your renewal invoice from Treasurer Anne Woods' email address: Anne@pesanteclose.com. If you don't see it by the middle of November, be sure to check your spam folder. And if you would like to never get an invoice from the LGA again, you could become a LIFETIME member for \$300.





Hello Lake Gaston!

For those of you who do not know, I am your new Lake Gaston Association President! My name is Daniel "Scooter" Boham, and you can read my bio on the LGA website www.LGAncva.com. Jeff Zimmer, who has been your President for the last two years, will now serve as your VP and will continue to serve as the treasurer of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) and volunteers much of his time with all of the LGA committees and weed survey teams.

I have served as your VP for the last two years and as the LGA Halifax County Director, also volunteering much of my time collaborating with the county Commissioners and managers in order to make a strong, healthy connection between the Lake Gaston stakeholders, property owners, and our Government leaders. My transition has been seamless with the LGA Board of Directors and Officers. I have been reviewing strategic goals, engaging with our committees, and listening to the voices of the lake stakeholders, business owners, and property owners.

We all share one incredibly important thing for sure, our love of this paradise we all call Lake Gaston! That statement alone brings all of us close together, sharing this most beautiful, friendly, fun, and healthy environment. The LGA consists of close to 2,000 households and over 100 businesses. We appreciate your support as a member, but if you have a friend or neighbor who is not part of the LGA, then I would like you to ask them, "Why not?"

Currently, LGA volunteers are in full swing conducting the shoreline aquatic vegetation surveys, which acquire data for the LGWCC and NC State Aquatic Division. The data will be used by NC State to determine treatment plans for next year. If you have never volunteered to participate in this important survey, I encourage you to do so, as it only requires approximately 4 hours of your time with a team. The survey kicked off on August 15th and will continue through October 31st. Last year, we had over 100 volunteers.

And the LGA just completed, with 13 member volunteers, our fifth Roadside Clean-up Day along Eaton Ferry Road on the North side of Eaton's Ferry Bridge. This almost two-mile section of road was adopted by the LGA at the end of 2024.

So please consider volunteering, encouraging your friends and neighbors to become members of the LGA for only \$30 a year, or just simply supporting your lake paradise with a small contribution. I consider my Presidency an honor and a privilege to serve, "Connecting Community, Preserving Paradise!"

Scooter Boham
President
President@LGAncva.com

October 1, 2025

Field Trip to the Tanner Environmental Education Center Registration for this event is full



Lake Environment Committee...

LKG Habitat Enhancement Project Summary for 2025

On June 3, 2025, a survey of planned work for habitat enhancement on LKG was completed. The survey showed the fourteen habitat enhancement locations on the lake to be in good condition, including the cages and native vegetation plants. The following locations were identified as recommended 2025 work locations:

- Great Creek cage removal
- East arm of Poplar Creek additional plantings (no cages)
- Stillhouse Creek additional plantings inside cages

On June 24, 2025, a total of 14 LGA volunteers, along with staff from NCSU, NCWRC, and VADEQ personnel in five boats, launched from the Great Creek Community Boat Launch and Poplar Creek Boat Launch at approximately 9:00 am.

Four boats proceeded to upper Great Creek. At this location, two work crews worked to remove 3 cage enclosures as the native vegetation in the area has taken hold to the point that the enclosures no longer serve a useful purpose. Cages #1 and #2 were removed by one crew while another crew removed cage #3. The cages were disassembled, and the posts and fence material were taken away for proper disposal. Approximately 450 feet of fence material and 75 fence posts were removed. These work crews returned to the boat launch at approximately 12:00 pm where they proceeded to conduct cleanup and recovery operations.

A third work crew collected plants from Great Creek and upper Poplar West and planted them in the east arm of upper Poplar Creek. Rooted floating leaf plants like white water lily, spatterdock, and maybe watershield appeared to be growing sparsely along the shoreline throughout the cove. It may not be necessary to replant this cove in the future. The crew then returned to the boat launch for cleanup and recovery operations.

All participants ate pizza for lunch and had drinks provided by the LGWCC. The work crews departed the boat launch at approximately 2:30 pm.

The following table outlines the work hours executed supporting the project:

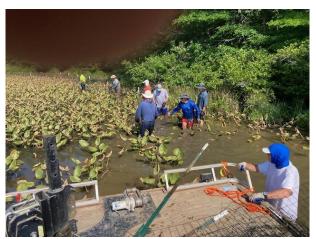
Organization	Survey Hrs	# of Staff	Work Hours	Pre/Post Hours	Travel Hours	Total Hours	*Value
LGA	16	14	84	30	10	140	\$4,621.40
NCSU	8	7	42	20	14	84	N/A
NC WRC	10	6	36	20	20	86	N/A
VA DWR	0	1	6	0	2	8	N/A

^{*}LGA Volunteer hours value was calculated at \$33.01/hour (per Independent Sector data at https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time).





















John Franz
Lake Environment Committee Chair
Committees@LGAncva.com

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Monthly Membership Meeting

at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Topic: Annual Five County Sheriffs' Forum and John 3:16 Center Toy Drive Kick-off

Coffee and pastries from Lake Gaston Coffee Company will be provided

This meeting is open to the public, and LGA membership is not required.

It will be recorded and posted on the LGA's YouTube Channel.

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



Membership & Volunteer Engagement Committee...



What has the LGA done for you lately? I'm glad you asked!!

It's that time of the year when we will soon be sending out (via email, of course) invoices for 2026 dues. Hopefully, you continue to like what you are seeing and the direction the Lake Gaston Association is heading.

Some highlights from 2025:

- The Annual Shred Event held in early May had over 100 cars drop off their personal documents for shredding. This event is open to the entire Lake Gaston community and is sponsored and paid for by the LGA; however, we are looking for a business to help underwrite the cost of bringing the shred truck to the lake. It gets more expensive every year. If interested, please contact our Executive Director. Next year's date is May 2, 2026, at the RWVFD parking lot.
- We did 3 litter pick up days, and the 4th one will be on December 6th. We can't thank our members enough for volunteering to help us fulfill our NCDOT commitment to pick up trash along Eaton Ferry Road.
- In June, some of our members got in knee-deep water to do a visual inspection of the cages as part of the vegetation enhancement project.

- Over 100 members and friends of the LGA are participating in the 350-mile-long shoreline aquatic vegetation survey, which ends October 31.
- We signed up 12 new households at the Littleton/Lake Gaston Festival.
- Our Facebook page regularly has over 10,000 views per month and almost 2,000 followers.
- The LGA YouTube channel continues to post recordings of the presentations made at our membership meetings. This is a new service for those who are unable to attend a meeting.
- In November, we will again place our toy collection boxes at selected businesses in support of the John 3:16 Center's Christmas Outreach program.

Again, we hope you like what we are doing and will renew your membership. As a reminder, in mid-November, the invoices are emailed from Ann Wood. She is still working full-time, in addition to volunteering as the LGA's treasurer, so her email address is anne@pesanteclose.com. We suggest adding this email address to your contacts.

How YOU Can Help Grow the Membership

We have just under 2,000 households as members. We are just scratching the surface here at the lake. If every household invited another household to join, we could easily double the membership. There are no membership requirements, so you could invite family members or friends, even if they don't live at the lake. The annual dues for a General Membership are just \$30.00. Do it for the lake so we all continue to enjoy a clean and safe lake. Member dues support our programs as noted above.

Brian Goldsworthy
Membership & Volunteer Engagement Chair
LGA Lifetime Member since 2015
Committees@LGAncva.com





Community & Gov't Relations Committee...

There are no regular statewide elections in North Carolina in 2025; however, Virginia residents will be voting for Governor, Lt. Governor, and some local offices on Tuesday, November 4th. Information on who is on the ballot in your locality and important dates and deadlines can be found by visiting the Virginia Department of Elections' website at https://www.elections.virginia.gov/

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Monthly Membership Meeting

at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Topic: John 3:16 Toy Drive Delivery and "Company's Coming! How to Care for Your Septic System"

Coffee and pastries from Lake Gaston Coffee Company will be provided

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From the desk of the Executive Director...

How's the LGA's Adopt-a-Highway Program going?







About a year ago, the LGA joined the North Carolina Adopt-a-Highway program and adopted the stretch of roadway between WatersView Restaurant and the Food Lion Shopping Center. Since October of 2024, 26 volunteers have collected 92 bags of trash and volunteered close to 200 hours of their time. While the number of bags has gone down from 29 on our first pick-up to 14 during our most recent one, there's still a lot of trash that is ending up on the side of the road all year long -- not just during the busy season. Ways you can help reduce the amount of trash ending up on the side of the roads around Lake Gaston include keeping a trash bag in your car (and using it!), covering your load when taking trash to convenience centers, and, if you're going out for a walk, taking a bag along to collect any trash you see. I know that not everyone is part of the problem, but we can all be a part of the solution!

Tammy Clarke
Executive Director
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LGA ~ Calendar of Events

Not able to attend the monthly membership meeting? Watch videos of the meeting presentations on our YouTube Channel at:

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

Oct 1 - LGA Field Trip to Tanner Environmental Education Center at Kerr Lake (registration is full)

Oct 13 - Columbus Day Holiday

Oct 15 – No Lake Environment Committee Mtg

Oct 16 - Membership & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg - (9:00-10 a.m.) Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Oct 21 - Community & Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Oct 29 - LGA Board Mtg - (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Nov 4 - Election Day

Nov 5 - Monthly Membership Mtg - 9:30 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Nov 11 - Veterans Day Holiday

Nov 18 - Community & Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - - (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Nov 19 – Lake Environment Committee Mtg - (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Nov 20 - Membership & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg - (8:30-11 a.m.) Chamber of Commerce, 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Nov 20 - LGA Board Mtg - (8:30 - 11 a.m.) - LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 3 - Monthly Membership Mtg - 9:30 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

Dec 6 - Roadside Clean-up - 10:00 a.m. Click here to sign up: volunteersignup.org/Q4BJR or email ExecDir@lgancva.com

Dec 16 - Community & Gov't Relations Committee Mtg - (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Dec 17 - NO Lake Environment Committee Mtg

Dec 18 - Membership & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg - (8:30-10 a.m.) Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Dec 25 - Christmas Day Holiday

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Holiday

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

A. M. Newsom Agency

Ace Hardware of Lake Gaston

Always In Bloom

Arthur & Nicholson DDS

AF Wake

Banzet, Thompson, Styers & May, PLLC

Blue Jay Bistro

Bragging Rooster Beer and Mead

Center for Energy Education

C-Line Graphics

Coldwell Banker Advantage-Susan L Gordon

Corbitt Hills Construction
Creekside Animal Hospital

Crenshaw & Haight Family Dentistry

Cygnet Enterprises, Inc.
Davis Body Shop Inc.
Deo Auto Repairs
Dominion Energy

<u>Dunlevy's Marine & Construction</u> Eaton Ferry Marina-Keel Marinas

ECU Health North Hospital
Edward Jones - Brad Smith
Family Dollar Store #10525
First Citizens Bank – Warrenton

Flawless Aesthetics

Fresh Faces

<u>Futrell Pharmacy of Littleton</u> Getting' Sauced in the City

Gus's Diner

Halifax Electric Membership Corporation

Helpful Hands and Hearts

Hockaday Funeral & Cremation Services

Inland Boat Company

Jennifer Allman, Pointe Realty

K-9 Cuts Pet Grooming

Kenneth Daniels Construction and Remodeling

Lake Gaston Awning

Lake Gaston Coffee Company

Lake Gaston Edge Realty - Linda Hedgepeth

<u>Lake Gaston Fitness</u> Lake Gaston HVAC Type of Business

Insurance

Hardware & Home Improvements

Florists
Dentists

Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage

Attorneys Restaurants

Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries

General

Marketing/Graphics/Printing Realtors & Real Estate Brokers

Builders & Developers

Veterinarian Dentists

Lake Treatment & Management Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service

General

Builders & Developers Marina Sales & Service Hospitals & Urgent Care

Financial Advisors

Shopping Banks

Beauty Salons & Spas

Shopping

Pharmacies & Medical Supplies

Restaurants Restaurants Electricians

Nonprofit Organizations Funeral Homes & Services

Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage

Realtors & Real Estate Brokers

Pet Grooming & Services

Home Improvements & Repairs Home Improvements & Repairs

Coffee & Coffee Shops

Realtors & Real Estate Brokers

Gyms & Fitness

HVAC

Lake Gaston Marine Marina Sales & Service Lake Gaston Pizza & More Restaurants Lake Gaston Real Estate Realtors & Real Estate Brokers Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce General Lake Gaston Sign & Graphic Co. Marketing/Graphics/Printing Building Products & Supplies Lake Gaston Supply Co. Lake Realty LLC Realtors & Real Estate Brokers Lakeland Pier & Boathouse Co. Inc. Builders & Developers Lakeside Dog Boarding Pet Grooming & Services Lakeside Leisure at Oak Grove General Lakeside Lutheran Church Churches & Places of Worship Lakeside Signs & Engraving Marketing/Graphics/Printing Littleton Hardware Building Products & Supplies Liz Christensen, eXp Realty Realtors & Real Estate Brokers Lloyd's Decorating Center Home Improvements & Renovations Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries Locorum Distillery Lorraine Atkinson – Coldwell Banker Adv Realtors & Real Estate Brokers Luv'N'Flame Restaurants MacBride Excavation LLC Home Improvements & Renovations Main Street Mercantile Shopping More Than Just A Pet Cremations Funeral Homes & Services NAPA Southside Parts Co. Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service Northstar Industries Home Improvements & Repairs Oleson Building Company, LLC **Builders & Developers** Once Upon a County Line Emporium Shopping Marina Sales & Service Overby Marine Sales & Service Pair's Management - Littleton Towne Center General Pea Hill Team - Lake Gaston Realtors & Real Estate Brokers PLM Lake & Land Management Corp Lake Treatment & Management **Quality Design and Construction** Home Improvements & Repairs Rest E-Z @ Shell Furniture, LLC Furniture Dealers & Repairs R.M. Robertson Electric Electricians Roanoke Porta-Johns General Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Fire Dept Fire Departments & Rescue Squads **Rock Outdoors** Marina Sales Rosemont Vineyards and Winery Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries Saint Albans Episcopal Church Churches & Places of Worship Sherry Walker Moxley, CPA, PLLC Accountants Slayton & Clary Attorneys State Farm Insurance - Chris Canady, Agent Insurance Stonehouse Timber Lodge Lodging & Vacation Rentals Story Properties - Ed Roughton Realtors & Real Estate Brokers Story Properties - Tommy & Beth Story Realtors & Real Estate Brokers Subway – Lake Gaston Restaurants Tar Heel Tire Sales & Service Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service The Acorn Center Museums & Theaters

Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage

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The Boat Lift Store

TowBoatUS Lake Gaston

<u>Tree Huggers Expert Tree Care</u> Trident Residential Solutions

Tri-Lake Concepts

Tri-Lakes Flooring LLC

Triple R Tree Service

Ultimate Boat Lifts

VCU Health – CMH

Vincent's Retreat Center

Warrenton Furniture Exchange

Washburn's Marina

Waterfront Realty Lake Gaston

WatersView Restaurant

William T. Skinner, IV

Williams Custom Homes LLC

Tree Service General

Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service Home Improvements & Repairs

Tree Service

Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage

Hospitals & Urgent Care

General

Furniture Dealers & Repairs

Marina Sales & Service

Realtors & Real Estate Brokers

Restaurants Attorneys

Builders & Developers

Thank you to all our members for your support of the LGA!

2025 Membership Goal: 3,000

Current Members: 2,049 (Households 1,946 / Businesses 103)



What the LGA does for our members...

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.