



Bulletin

Connecting Community, Preserving Paradise

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Proposed Updates to our Bylaws

The LGA Board of Directors is proposing an update to the Bylaws. The proposed Bylaws are posted on the LGA's website and can be downloaded and reviewed by clicking on this link: <https://www.lgancva.com/about-us/lga-bylaws.html> and then clicking on the "2026-03-27 – Proposed Bylaw Changes – Unapproved" file at the top of the list. The proposed updated Bylaws will be voted on at the LGA's Annual Membership Meeting, which will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The meeting will be held at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church, at 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton, NC, and will start at 9:30 a.m. In addition to voting on the updated Bylaws, we will also be voting on any new LGA Directors.



President's Corner...

Hello Lake Gaston!

"Connecting Community, Preserving Paradise!"

As we move into the second quarter of the year, I want to take a moment to update you on two important matters affecting our lake community: Dominion's ongoing Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) update and the proposed "Villas at the Lake on Turtle Cove" rezoning issue.



Dominion SMP Update

Dominion Energy continues its work on revising and submitting the Shoreline Management Plan to FERC, a licensing process that plays a critical role in shaping how our shoreline/Dominion's shoreline is used, protected, and enjoyed for years to come. This update will influence everything from dock permitting and vegetation management to erosion control and environmental stewardship.

Your LGA leadership has remained actively engaged throughout this process. We have participated in stakeholder discussions, special table meetings, submitted feedback, and advocated for policies that reflect the priorities of our community—namely, protecting property rights, preserving the natural beauty of the lake, addressing aquatic vegetation nuisance, educating property owners, and ensuring reasonable, consistent regulations.

We strongly encourage all members to stay informed and involved. Opportunities for public input are essential, and your voice matters in helping guide decisions that affect all of us who live, work, and recreate on the lake.

"Villas at the Lake on Turtle Cove" Rezoning Concern

Equally important is the proposed rezoning and planning associated with the "Villas at the Lake on Turtle Cove" development in Mecklenburg and Warren Counties. This issue and the proposed project have generated significant concern across our community, with a large number of residents expressing opposition.

The primary concerns raised include increased density, potential strain on infrastructure, environmental impacts, congestion, safety, and the precedent such rezoning could set for future economic development around the lake. Many members and residents feel that the proposal is not aligned with the existing character of the area or the long-term vision for responsible growth.

Your LGA has been closely monitoring this situation and listening carefully to member feedback. We are committed to representing the collective voice of the community and ensuring that decision-makers understand the depth and breadth of local concern.

We encourage members and the community to continue participating in public meetings, submitting comments, and staying engaged as this process unfolds. Respectful, informed community involvement is critical in shaping outcomes that reflect our shared values.

Five County Forum

The Lake Gaston Association was proud to successfully host the recent Five County Forum focused on “Tourism on Lake Gaston,” bringing together local leaders, stakeholders, and community partners from across the region. The event fostered meaningful dialogue around the economic impact of tourism, infrastructure needs, and opportunities to promote Lake Gaston as a premier destination while preserving the qualities that make our community unique. We were especially encouraged by the strong participation and collaborative spirit demonstrated by all five counties.

This forum marks an important step forward in strengthening regional cooperation and aligning priorities for sustainable tourism. By creating a shared space for discussion and planning, the LGA continues to play a key role in connecting communities and advocating for thoughtful growth. We look forward to building on this momentum and working alongside our regional partners to support tourism in a way that benefits residents, businesses, and visitors alike while being good stewards of the environment and neighbors.

Moving Forward Together

Both of these issues, along with the LGA’s collaborative efforts and its forums, highlight the importance of staying connected, informed, and engaged as a community. The strength of the LGA lies in its membership, and your participation makes a meaningful difference.

We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or input. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our lake community. So please consider volunteering, becoming a member of the LGA for only \$30/year, or simply supporting your lake paradise with a small contribution. As always, I consider my Presidency an honor and a privilege to serve, “Connecting Community, Preserving Paradise!

Scooter Boham

President

President@LGAncva.com

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 5:30 pm
Membership Dinner Meeting
At Below Deck Sports Bar

The registration period for this event is closed.
The presentation will be recorded and available on the
LGA’s YouTube channel.



Lake Environment Committee...

LKG Aquatic Vegetation Survey Project Summary for 2025



The following is a summary of the 2025 LKG Volunteer Aquatic Vegetation Survey Project conducted by the LGA in support of the LGWCC.

Participants: LGA Volunteers, LEC Survey Quadrant Coordinators, NCSU staff

Date: August 15 - October 31, 2025

From August 15, 2025, through October 31, 2025, LGA volunteers, NCSU staff, and LEC personnel conducted an aquatic vegetation survey of the Lake Gaston shoreline. This involves surveying approximately 350 miles of shoreline by power boat, jet ski, or kayak/canoe. Additional equipment used to conduct the survey included:

- double-sided rake attached to 20ft of rope
- handheld electronic tablet with MDC software
- aquatic vegetation identification booklet

The shoreline was broken into 113 sections of 2-3 miles each. Rake toss samples were taken at 200+/- foot intervals, and the results of invasive, noxious, and native vegetation was captured on handheld tablets using the MDC (GPS) software. The sampling data was uploaded to the “cloud” and will be assessed and analyzed by NCSU to model the results of the “state of aquatic vegetation” across Lake Gaston. This information will be used by NCSU and the TAG to identify annual aquatic vegetation management and treatment options for 2026. The LGWCC, in turn, makes the final decisions on the LKG 2026 aquatic vegetation management and treatment actions.

Approximately 150 LGA volunteers, along with NCSU staff, participated during the 75-day survey period. NCSU provided technical and management support for the planning and execution of the survey. The Lake was divided into 4 quadrants (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest) to streamline the management of volunteers and equipment assignment. Typically, teams of approximately 3 volunteers spent an average of 3 hours per survey section (~100 sections of lake shoreline) on the water conducting the survey. In some cases, specific Teams surveyed multiple sections. In addition, pre/post survey actions, such as training and other logistics activities, added approximately 2 hours of time for each section. There were 4 Survey Quadrant Coordinators (1 each NW, SE, SW, and 1 NE) that managed and assisted volunteers in conducting the survey. Each quadrant coordinator spent approximately 36 hours conducting survey support (including 1 day/2 session training event). NCSU staff also conducted surveys of portions of the lake shoreline as needed. The table below outlines the volunteer work hours executed and the approximate value of support for the project.

Group	# of personnel per survey section	# of Survey Sections	Survey hours per section	Pre/Post hours per section	Total hours	Value
LGA Survey Volunteers	3 (average)	~100	3 (average)	~2	1100 (3*100*3hrs) + (100*2hr)	\$36,311
LGA Survey Quadrant Coordinators	-	-	-	-	144 (4*36hrs)	\$4,753
Totals	-	-	-	-	1,244	\$41,064

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 Chairperson
Committees@LGAncva.com

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9:30 a.m. **Monthly Membership Meeting**

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

Topic: Courtesy and Safety on the Water...One Year Later

Speaker: Drew Goodwin, President of the LKG Water Safety Council

Coffee and pastries from Lake Gaston Coffee Company will be provided

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

The presentation 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...

Lake Life Links Community and Stewardship

The sun is just starting to kiss Lake Gaston with a peachy glow as a pair of blue herons swoop the shoreline in search of a fresh catch. The waterways are still, and the warm air is alive with a soft cacophony of songbirds, insects, and wildlife.



Soon, this 35-mile reservoir along the North Carolina/Virginia border will awaken, luring patrons who share a common mindset.

“People who come here are people who love lake life,” says “Scooter” Boham, [President](#) of the [Lake Gaston Association](#), a nonprofit that represents individual and business property owners and lake patrons. “It doesn’t matter whether you reside here or vacation here; you’re part of a community of people who share an affinity for this environment. More importantly, this common affinity connects us in a special way and requires all of us to be stewards of its well-being.”

Lake Gaston, located between Kerr and Roanoke Rapids lakes, was created by [Dominion Energy Inc.](#) in 1963 to produce energy. It encompasses 350 miles of shoreline in two Virginia counties – Brunswick and Mecklenburg, and three North Carolina counties – Halifax, Warren, and Northampton.



The region is now home to over 150,000 residents. Thousands more descend on the region from May through August to enjoy boating, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, wakeboarding, kayaking, and the lake’s spectacular sunrises and sunsets.

Year-round, too, there is growing interest in all things related to lake life, says Brian Goldsworthy, who chairs LGA’s [Membership & Volunteer Engagement](#) committee. “Our website traffic has grown

tremendously,” he says. “We had more than 50,000 website visitors in January – a time when lake life is relatively quiet.”

Goldsworthy’s committee is one of three in which LGA conducts most of its work, and includes the [Lake Environment Committee](#) and [Community & Government Relations](#). The 35-year-old organization runs on modest [membership fees](#) from approximately 1,900 households and over 100 business members. It has remained true to its mission: “to promote the highest quality of life by conserving the natural environment, engaging with our membership, and building relationships with the Lake Gaston community and its stakeholders.”

LGA has represented residents on issues such as noxious aquatic weeds, water quality, zoning and rezoning requests, emergency responses, navigation safety, hunting safety, fish stocking, the Virginia Beach pipeline, FERC relicensing, erosion control, police and fire protection, flood zone mapping, and others.

Goldsworthy says: “As more people enjoy this paradise, we hope they’ll be moved to help preserve and protect this beautiful resource for future generations.”



Laura Fortunato
Membership & Volunteer Engagement Member
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Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Annual Membership Meeting

at Lake Gaston Baptist Church, 2378 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton, NC

Topic: TBA
Speaker: TBA

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.

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From the desk of the Executive Director...



I'd like to help put a little money back into your wallet this year. Did you know that every gallon of gas you put in your boat or jet ski includes 31.8 cents (VA) or 41.0 cents (NC) in "road taxes" to be used by the state for highway maintenance and construction? And since your boat is not used on the roads, you are able to request a refund of those taxes. All you have to do is fill out and submit a form, and they'll send you a refund check. Thirty to forty cents might not sound like much, but the rebate on a 50-gallon tank fill-up would be between \$15 and \$20 (depending on the state). Not too bad for a few minutes of your time.

If you fill up in Virginia, click here for instructions and to fill out their form:

<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/forms/ts217.pdf>

And if you fill up in North Carolina, click here: <https://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/motor-fuels-tax/motor-fuels-tax-forms/gas-1201q-claim-refund-tax-paid-motor-fuel-used-highway>

Each state has different rules, so be sure to read the fine print and remember to always get a receipt for your gas. My experience has been that not all marinas are able to print out a receipt, so ask before you pump if you plan on filing for a rebate.

Tammy Clarke
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LGA 2026 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>

Apr 1 – Monthly Membership Meeting – 5:30 pm at Below Deck Sports Bar. The deadline to RSVP has passed.

Apr 15 – NO Lake Environment Committee Mtg

Apr 16 – Member & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg – (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

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

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

May 2 – Jack D. Saunders Community Shred Event, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, RWVFD, rain or shine

May 6 – Monthly Membership Mtg – 9:30 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

May 19 – Community & Gov't Relations Committee Mtg – (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

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

May 21 – Member & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg – (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

May 27 – LGA Board Mtg - (8:30-11:00 a.m.) – LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Jun 6 – Annual Membership Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton

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

Jun 17 – Lake Environment Committee Mtg – (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Jun 18 – Member & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg – (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

Jun 24 – LGA Board Mtg - (8:30-11:00 a.m.) – LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

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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[DStarbuck Gallery, LLC](#)
[Dunlevy's Marine & Construction](#)
[Eaton Ferry Marina-Keel Marinas](#)
[ECU Health North Hospital](#)
[Edward Jones - Brad Smith](#)
[Family Dollar Store #10525](#)
[First Citizens Bank – Warrenton](#)
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[Fresh Faces](#)
[Futrell Pharmacy of Littleton](#)
[Getting' Sauced in the City](#)
[Gravel Driveways by Bobby Talton](#)
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[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](#)
[Lake Gaston Fitness](#)

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Insurance
Hardware & Home Improvements
Florists
Dentists
Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage
Attorneys
Restaurants
Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries
General
Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
Builders & Developers
Veterinarian
Dentists
Lake Treatment & Management
Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service
Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service
General
Artists/Art Galleries/Fine Arts
Builders & Developers
Marina Sales & Service
Hospitals & Urgent Care
Financial Advisors
Shopping
Banks
Beauty Salons & Spas
Shopping
Pharmacies & Medical Supplies
Restaurants
Home Improvements & Repairs
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Builders & Developers
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Churches & Places of Worship
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Electricians
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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 like to show our appreciation. The primary benefit of an LGA membership is that you are helping support the LGA's mission, which is to do all that we can to help keep Lake Gaston a great place to live, work, and play. But in addition, we also do the following for our business members:

1. Every business member gets an LGA decal to show the community that they support the important work done by the LGA.
2. 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. Our business members are included in our quarterly bulletins with their name linked to 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 close to 2,300 Facebook followers, so that's a lot of potentially new people seeing your company's name. The Facebook post will include links to the business's FB page and/or website, as well as a picture of the company logo.

If you own or work for a business and currently have an individual LGA membership, please consider also signing up for a \$60/year (calendar-year) business membership so you can start reaping the benefits of being a business member of the Lake Gaston Association!

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

2026 Membership Goal: 3,000

Current Members: 1,955 (Households 1,853/ Businesses 102)



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.