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Connecting Community, Preserving Paradise

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NEW MEMBER SPECIAL

Please tell your friends, family, neighbors, and the businesses you work with that when they become a **NEW** member of the LGA after July 1st, their membership will be good for the rest of 2025 and **ALL** of 2026! That's 18 months of membership for the price of 12!





President's Corner...



Lake Gaston, I salute you!



My term as president is coming to an end. While it has at times been challenging, I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lake Gaston Association and our community. I believe we have a great group of directors that will continue to lead our association forward. While there is no shortage of challenges, the opportunity to increase our membership and build relationships with all Lake Gaston stakeholders continues.

Thank you for your support. Please find time to join us at membership meetings, or volunteer for an event or project. Together, we can keep Lake Gaston a great place to live, work, and play!

Jeff Zimmer

President

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NO Membership Meeting in July or August



Lake Environment Committee...



SUMMER IS BACK - SO IS AQUATIC VEGETATION IN LAKE GASTON!

Summer has returned with all the many benefits, such as enjoying the lake we are lucky to have in our community. As we are boating, swimming, fishing, and paddling on the lake, all of us are reminded of the aquatic vegetation present in the

lake. Many of us appreciate the native vegetation that is so important to water quality, fisheries, wildlife habitat, and the aesthetics of the lake. Other folks “tolerate” the native vegetation, such as watershield, white water lily, arrowhead, american lotus, water willow, spatterdock, and other plants found on Lake Gaston.

Lake Gaston is a manmade lake that has mildly eutrophic conditions, meaning there are nutrients available, and in the heat of the summer, dissolved oxygen levels can be relatively low in some locations, especially in the shallow areas of the lake (including shorelines). This means Lake Gaston is going to have aquatic vegetation in many locations, again, primarily along the shorelines. I like to remind folks it's much better to have native vegetation in the lake than it is to have invasive and/or noxious plants/algae.

Most of us are familiar with the undesirable vegetation and algae found in Lake Gaston, specifically our “arch enemies” invasive hydrilla and noxious lyngbya. Without going into details here, let's just agree no one wants either of these in the lake, and especially around the shoreline near our docks or swimming areas. **If you have a concern about vegetation in the lake, you can submit a Google form at <https://forms.gle/HDETJHXqjLKuArj66>. This form is also available on the LGWCC website at: <https://lgwcc.org/wp/>.** The information collected via these submittals is used, along with the annual LKG Vegetation Survey, to help determine where future vegetation/algae treatments may be conducted by the LGWCC.

The LGA works closely with the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) and the NCSU Extension to manage aquatic vegetation on the lake. This is challenging work conducted primarily by LGA and LGWCC volunteers. If you live on or around Lake Gaston and have some spare time, please consider becoming a volunteer. You don't have to be an expert or even very knowledgeable on aquatic vegetation – you just need to have a desire to help maintain and improve the quality of the environment in the Lake Gaston community. To volunteer with the LGA, contact the LGA Executive Director at execdir@lgancva.com or 252-586-6577. To volunteer with the LGWCC, contact the Organization Secretary at info@lgwcc.org or 434-774-0715.

Thanks, and enjoy your time on Lake Gaston - in the Summer of 2025!

John Franz

Lake Environment Committee Chair

Committees@LGancva.com

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Dinner Membership Meeting

Location, Topic, and Speakers to be announced soon

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



Membership & Volunteer Engagement Committee...

How Sweet It Is!

Although I never had a sales job, I did sell women's shoes at Baker Shoes while in high school. That job taught me the art of making and closing the deal. Sound familiar?

Fast forward 55 years, and long after I sold my last pair of pumps (93,000 series black), I find that skill set still valuable. No, not with selling shoes, but selling a concept and getting someone to say yes is still personally gratifying. Where am I going with this, one might ask. Replace shoes with an LGA membership, and I think you can see where this is heading.

This is where you fit in. When was the last time you asked a neighbor, house guest, or a business about becoming an LGA member? In the last two weeks, I bought some furniture for the lake house, did a distillery tour, including the purchase of distilled spirits, and asked a business to service my boat cover. I can pretty much guarantee that when they woke up that morning, an LGA membership was probably the furthest thing from their mind.

Warrenton Furniture Exchange, Weldon Mills Distillery, and Touchless Boat Cover in Louisburg are now all LGA business members! Next week, I have family visiting from Florida for the week, and they joined the LGA a couple of years ago. All I had to do was ask. Everyone understands the beauty of Lake Gaston and wants to do their part to support the lake.

We have about 2,000 household memberships and 103 business members. My ask is to help the LGA grow the membership. As you know, a business membership is \$60 a year, and a household membership is just \$30.

I'm going to make this ask even easier. Everyone who joins now will have their membership valid all the way until December 31, 2026. A full 12 months additional at the same cost.

I can't offer you a toaster, but I feel pretty confident you will enjoy the selling experience, knowing you have done your part to continue the Lake Gaston experience. And that can't be any sweeter.

Thanks for reading and good luck!

Brian Goldsworthy

Membership & Volunteer Engagement Chair

LGA Lifetime Member since 2015

Committees@LGAncva.com



Community & Gov't Relations Committee...

Be Prepared for Hurricane Season



The Atlantic Hurricane season officially began on June 1, 2025, and will end on November 30, 2024. The mid-Atlantic season sees the most hurricanes in August, September, and October. All areas of our state, from the coast to the mountains, have been affected by hurricanes. NOAA's outlook for the 2025 Atlantic hurricane season is a 30% chance of a near-normal season, a 60% chance of an above-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season. The agency is forecasting 3 - 19 named storms, including 6 – 10 hurricanes, and 3 – 5 major hurricanes.

With this expected to be above normal hurricane season, now is the time to review your preparedness status in case we are impacted.

Some good steps include:

- Review your insurance policy.
- Assemble an emergency kit stocked with the right items, such as medications, extra eyeglasses, etc.
- 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 must evacuate and leave early.
- Know how to turn off the gas and electricity utilities to your home.
- Reduce outdoor hazards by removing or securing outdoor items around your home.

For more helpful information, please review these links and download apps:

- <https://www.readync.go>,
- <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/toolkits/hurricane-preparedness/>
- <https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>
- <https://www.fema.gov>
- [Hurricane Preparedness and Evacuation Planning | FEMA.gov](#) [FEMA Mobile Products | FEMA.gov](#)
- <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane.html>
- <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps.html>



From the desk of the Executive Director...

Would You Like to Make a Difference at Lake Gaston?

Do you love Lake Gaston? Do you care about preserving the lake and helping our community stay connected? If the answer is yes, then please consider becoming an LGA Director. The LGA

organization is made up of five Directors from each of the five surrounding counties. We are especially in need of representation from Brunswick and Mecklenburg Counties. To become an LGA Director, you only need to be a current LGA member. Responsibilities of Directors include attending 1-2 meetings per month and helping with our ongoing programs. Interested in the environment? Government relations? Keeping our lake and roadways clean? You can choose which area interests you most and help out whenever you are able to. Please email ExecDir@LGAncva.com for more information.

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>

July 2 – NO Monthly Membership Mtg

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

July 15 – No Community & Gov't Relations Committee Mtg

July 16 – Lake Environment Committee Mtg - (8:30-10 a.m.) LKG Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

July 17 – Membership & Volunteer Engagement Committee Mtg - (8:30-10 a.m.) Chamber of Commerce: 2357 Eaton Ferry Rd

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

Aug 6 – NO Monthly Membership Mtg

Aug 19 – No Community & Gov't Relations Committee Mtg

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

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

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

Sept 3 – Monthly Membership Meeting, Location and time TBA

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

Sept 17 – NO Lake Environment Committee Mtg

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

Sept 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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[Ace Hardware of Lake Gaston](#)
[AF Wake](#)
[Always In Bloom](#)
[Arthur & Nicholson DDS](#)
[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](#)
[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](#)
[Flawless Aesthetics](#)
[Fresh Faces](#)
[Futrell Pharmacy of Littleton](#)
[Getting' Sauced in the City](#)
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[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](#)
[Lake Gaston Fitness](#)
[Lake Gaston HVAC](#)

Type of Business

Insurance
Hardware & Home Improvements
Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage
Florists
Dentists
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
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[Lakeside Leisure at Oak Grove](#)
[Lakeside Lutheran Church](#)
[Lakeside Signs & Engraving](#)
[Littleton Hardware](#)
[Liz Christensen, eXp Realty](#)
[Lloyd's Decorating Center](#)
[Locorum Distillery](#)
[Lorraine Atkinson – Coldwell Banker Adv](#)
[Luv'N'Flame](#)
[MacBride Excavation LLC](#)
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[More Than Just A Pet Cremations](#)
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[Northstar Industries](#)
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[Pair's Management - Littleton Towne Center](#)
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[PLM Lake & Land Management Corp](#)
[Quality Design and Construction](#)
[Rest E-Z @ Shell Furniture, LLC](#)
[R.M. Robertson Electric](#)
[Roanoke Porta-Johns](#)
[Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Fire Dept](#)
[Rock Outdoors](#)
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[State Farm Insurance - Chris Canady, Agent](#)
[Stonehouse Timber Lodge](#)
[Story Properties - Ed Roughton](#)
[Story Properties - Tommy & Beth Story](#)
[Subway – Lake Gaston](#)
[Tar Heel Tire Sales & Service](#)
[The Acorn Center](#)
[The Boat Lift Store](#)
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 Restaurants
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 General
 Marketing/Graphics/Printing
 Building Products & Supplies
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 Builders & Developers
 Pet Grooming & Services
 General
 Churches & Places of Worship
 Marketing/Graphics/Printing
 Building Products & Supplies
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 Home Improvements & Renovations
 Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 Restaurants
 Home Improvements & Renovations
 Shopping
 Funeral Homes & Services
 Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service
 Home Improvements & Repairs
 Builders & Developers
 Shopping
 Marina Sales & Service
 General
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 Lake Treatment & Management
 Home Improvements & Repairs
 Furniture Dealers & Repairs
 Electricians
 General
 Fire Departments & Rescue Squads
 Marina Sales
 Breweries/Distilleries/Wineries
 Churches & Places of Worship
 Accountants
 Attorneys
 Insurance
 Lodging & Vacation Rentals
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 Realtors & Real Estate Brokers
 Restaurants
 Auto/Motorcycle Sales & Service
 Museums & Theaters
 Boat & PWC Sales, Service & Storage
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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 for being a Loyal Member of the LGA!

2025 Membership Goal: 3,000

Current Members: 2,046 (Households 1,943 / 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.