



## *December snapshot*

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We got a great start to the last month of the year with *Cell phone coverage at Lake Gaston* as the topic for our December 2 monthly meeting.

Ironically the speaker from Verizon experienced less cell phone coverage than he was used to while he was with us. So he was able to let their networking people know before the meeting started.

He received a lot of input from our members and a request was made to have an update of Verizon's progress to improve cell phone coverage at Lake Gaston by our January 6 monthly meeting.

Between December 1 thru 21 noon, we've been watching the candidate filings for the North Carolina March 15, 2016 Primaries. Meet the Candidate Forums are planned for the following counties, Halifax 1/23/16, Warren 1/30/16 and Northampton 2/6/16.

Full details of all three Meet the Candidate Forums will be announced in the local newspapers in early January.

Also underway is the planning of our annual 7<sup>th</sup> Five County Forum where representatives of the county Commissioners/Supervisors and county Managers/Administrators from NC: Halifax, Northampton and Warren; and VA: Brunswick and Mecklenburg will be invited to participate.

The Five County Forum is scheduled for March 17, 2016, it will be an open meeting under North Carolina and Virginia open meeting laws. Notice of the meeting will be provided to area media, and to LGA members.

LGA Membership renewals have been coming in since October and we always hope that we can get the majority in by yearend. At the end of September we had 1,775 members who were paid thru December 31, 2015. At press time we were down to 583 and renewals are still coming in daily.

We will be sending out reminders the first week of January and there will be the usual flurry of renewals coming into the P.O. Box.

Since our 2016 membership drive started on September 1, 2015 we have welcomed 115 new Households and 6 new Businesses, bringing our total membership to 2,131 (Households: 2,029 / Businesses: 102).

Another date to put in your new 2016 calendars is Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> for our Sixth Annual "Take Pride in Lake Gaston" Lake Clean-Up Day.

Want to get involved as a volunteer with our projects, email me below for further information.

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