



## *July at the LGA*

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One of the benefits of being a Lake Gaston Association member is our bi-monthly Bulletins. I get to set the schedule, coordinate the input from the LGA directors, and liaise with the printer. July was the month for pulling together our August/September 2015 Bulletin which will be published August 1.

The committee chairs always provide interesting articles of their activities since our last issue, plus what's new, and they all have to bear in mind what's coming up during the months of the next issue, in this instance August & September.

For instance we include the The Crossing information which is on August 8; link to the application form if you want to participate; even information about the need for a barricade of boats. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93 (Lake Gaston) coordinates the barricade which if you have a boat and volunteer, you can line the swimming channel to protect the swimmers.

The LGA is always looking for volunteers, so you'll see opportunities to how we've been doing with the E.coli and water clarity testing, re-vegetation planting, and the need for volunteers for the upcoming annual Fall Aquatic Vegetation Survey.

In the August/September issue we also have the 'results' of the Halifax, Northampton, Warren, Brunswick and Mecklenburg FY 2015-2016 budgets – total budget number, ad valorem tax rate per \$100 and the amount of \$\$s budgeted for aquatic weed control to the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council.

Looking ahead, the Government Relations Committee has been watching the filings which completed in June for the Virginia elections in November. They are looking to see which positions in both Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties will have contests, with a view to holding "Meet the Candidate Forums" in both counties. More details as they become available.

Our first Lakeside Learning Day with students from William R. Davie and Inborden schools on July 2 was a success. They learned about fish species in Lake Gaston, and law enforcement on the water from NC Wildlife Commission personnel; water safety from the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council; seeing and touching specimens of the different plants that could be found in Lake Gaston; etc. etc., and a cookout for lunch.

The Education Committee will begin to develop presentation materials on career and life skill subjects that William R Davie and the committee feel would be appropriate to present to the middle school students this coming Fall.

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