It's March already!

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I can't believe the first two months of 2016 have finished already.

If you live on Lake Gaston you know that we have major issues with the water level over the last several months. Our February 3 meeting on Water Management brought in hundreds to listen to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Dominion Power address the concerns.

Nothing was resolved at the end of the meeting but we have been engaged with setting up a further meeting with USACE & Dominion to resolve the issue.

In the meantime we have been enlisting the help of our elected officials from county, state & federal levels. On a related note, this year's Five County Forum on March 17 will feature speakers from USACE on the proposed Quasi Run-of-the-River (QRR) and Inter-Basin Transfer.

We have just completed our Meet the Candidates Forums for Warren (Jan 30), Northampton (Feb 6) and Halifax (Feb 20) counties in time for the March 15 primaries. All three Forums were deemed a success by the candidates, voters and LGA.

The topic of cell phone coverage is still an ongoing frustration at the lake and an update was given at our March 2nd meeting.

A couple of calendar notes: Fire Safety Awareness Drive will be March 13-20 where the LGA will sponsor discounts at participating stores for purchase of smoke and/or CO detectors.

Our annual Community Shred event will be on Saturday, April 30 at the Roanoke Wildwood VFD's lower parking lot from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., no charge, event open to the public.

Save the date for our 6th Annual Lake Clean-Up event on Saturday, June 4 – we are expecting more debris will be along the shore this year given the water issues we have had.

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