



# Bulletin

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## ***President's Corner***

### ***Fall is Upon Us!***

For the first time in several years the weather was great, the Lake Gaston Festival enjoyed terrific weather and big crowds. Our LGA booth featured a popular hands-on display of aquatic plants and photo exhibit of local snakes, all of which can be found in and around Lake Gaston. So many people, young and grown up, stopped by to talk about our exhibits and what we do. It was terrific to meet and talk with so many interesting folks from near and afar.

We are now in the middle of our Fall Lake Survey of aquatic vegetation around the whole 350+ miles of our shoreline. This survey is done by volunteers – us – to help NC State University with the management of the plant life in our lake. Plants are an important part of the lake ecosystem, we have both good and bad, or invasive, plants.

Many people don't realize it but, our lake community is at the forefront of determining just how to combat these invasive plants. Over the next few months, NCSU will be analyzing the data that has been collected and formulating strategies for managing the aquatic world below us.

Also, as the summer crowds disappear, it is all the more important to support your local businesses. If we don't support them, they may not be here when you really need them. At the end of every issue of the LGA Bulletin, there is a listing of all our business members. You can also find them by going to the LGA website. That list is a good place to start looking for a local source.

The LGA has many ways a person can volunteer to keep this the great place it is. What I found was that not only is this a special place, it is filled with incredible people. Over the years, I discovered a network of helpful and talented folks. If you need to know something, chances are the expertise is right here!

With the passing of Labor Day weekend, many of our neighbors have, or are thinking about, shutting their vacation home for the winter season. We look forward to seeing you again in the Spring.

For the full timers that remain, enjoy the beauty that is Fall on Lake Gaston. If you still have your winter preparations ahead of you, take extra care with ladders and any work up on the roof. Finally, don't forget to replace the batteries in your smoke detector.

***Don Carson***

***Lake Gaston – Special Place, Incredible People!***

## ***October 2, 2019 - LGA monthly meeting***

9:30 a.m. at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church (1 mile north of Eaton Ferry Bridge on Hwy 903)

**Topic:**      **What's a Meetup?** Meetups are free events held around the lake region bringing outdoors folks together hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding, trail riding and mountain bike riding. Over 100 events are scheduled annually supporting all levels of participants from young to old, newbs to experienced – all are welcome. Q&A will follow.

**Speaker:**   **Dave Blodgett from Lake Gaston Outfitters**

**Also:** Got a lake-related issue or concern that the LGA should be working on? There will be time allotted on the agenda to present those concerns to the LGA Board. And, catch up with what the Committees are working on.

The meeting is open to the public, members and non-members alike so gather up your neighbors and come join the LGA for an informative meeting. For more information contact [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) or call (252) 586-6577 or toll free 1-888-586-6577.

## ***Fall Lake Vegetation Survey now underway***

Volunteers are needed to float the shoreline and conduct our annual vegetation survey.

This is a great chance to slow down a bit and see up close the shoreline that you usually pass by while skiing, pulling a tube or just sight-seeing.

Information gathered by volunteers about what types of vegetation is growing and where along Lake Gaston's shoreline is vital in determining how best to manage the vegetation. It helps us identify problem areas, how the native plants are doing and what trends are seen over time.

Jessica Bauman, Extension Associate for Lake Gaston with NC State University's Aquatic Plant Management Program, is working closely with the LGA Lake Environment Committee to coordinate the survey. We held three short training sessions at the end of August to acquaint volunteers with the process.

While we continue to make improvements, the process remains much the same. All that's needed is your time, the means to float along the shoreline and a willingness to get "hands on" with the plants along the Lake Gaston shoreline. If you would like, we can team you up with some more experienced folks.

So come out and enjoy the beginning of cooler days on the water. If you are interested in joining the volunteer efforts during the fall vegetation survey, please email [aquaticplants@ncsu.edu](mailto:aquaticplants@ncsu.edu).

To learn more about this and other Lake Environment volunteer opportunities come join one of our committee meetings.

Monthly Lake Environment meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Kitchen Table Café, 4111 Gasburg Road, Gasburg, VA 23857 (across from Dollar General). Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at [Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

## ***Attention HOA LGA members***

***Brunswick Estates***

***Ferncliff***

***Long Branch Shores***

***Roanoke Shores***

***West Winds***

***Clydes Retreat***

***Hunter's Creek***

***Merrymount***

***Summerwood***

***Delbridge Estates***

***Jack's Landing***

***Pasture Gate***

***Timber Creek***

***Eaton's Ferry Estates***

***Laura Woods***

***River Forest***

***Timbuctu***

Your 2020 dues will be coming to us via your Home Owner Association Treasurer  
You will not be receiving individual renewal notices from us.

## ***Meet the Candidates Forums for Brunswick and Mecklenburg Counties***

The Government Relations Committee is busy planning upcoming Meet the Candidates Forums in October for Brunswick and Mecklenburg Counties in Virginia. We invite you to join us, meet the candidates and hear their views on local issues.

The LGA will host Brunswick County's Meet the Candidates Forum Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Gasburg Volunteer Fire Department, 1705 Baird RD, Gasburg, VA 23857. The invitees to the forum include candidates for Senate of Virginia for Districts 015 & 018; House of Delegates for District 075; School Board; Sheriff; and Board of Supervisors

LGA's Mecklenburg County's Meet the Candidates Forum will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the R T Arnold Public Library, 110 E Danville St, South Hill, VA 23970. The invitees to the forum include candidates for Senate of Virginia for District 015; House of Delegates for District 61; Sheriff; Board of Supervisors (Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6); and School Board (Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6).

The Government Relations Committee is a non-partisan activity that focuses on monitoring and interacting with our local and, to some extent, state governments. Our common goal is to represent the interests of our membership on matters that affect the Lake Gaston area.

Monthly Government Relations Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the new Littleton Food and Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Come by, have a ham biscuit and cup of coffee and join us for an hour. Everyone is invited to participate and we won't make you do anything!

Contact us at [GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com) .

## ***Education Committee update for the beginning of 2019-2020 school year***

The committee members have been communicating with the principals and teachers of the local middle schools in the five counties surrounding Lake Gaston to explain our educational programs and initiate implementation for the 2019-2020 school year. We hope to have a productive interaction with the schools this school year.

We are also engaged in scheduling the fourth annual meeting with the five county school district superintendents from NC: Halifax, Northampton & Warren and VA: Brunswick & Mecklenburg, to provide an overview of the LGA educational programs and a forum for superintendents to network with one another.

We welcome any member to share their thoughts and contribute their time and energy on a part-time basis to support the Education Committee. Being active with local students is a great way to provide an important service to our community.

Monthly Education Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. We welcome your participation at these meetings even if it is to learn more about our programs.

Contact them at [Education@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Education@LakeGastonAssoc.com) .

## ***It's that time of year again!***

During the month of October we send out our membership renewal requests. Each year we hold our breaths, as we are aware, that for many reasons, our members may have possible changes in their living status. And each year we are presently surprised by a ninety percent retention rate. Though it says a lot for the organization, it also says something about the beauty and overall attractiveness of owning property at Lake Gaston

From time to time, members ask that as part time or for health reasons they are unable to participate in the LGA various programs but would like to contribute more to helping it meet its goals. Should you feel this way, you may wish to increase your membership level to Silver [\$100 ] or Bronze [ \$50 ]

Please always remember that we appreciate all our members at whatever financial or participation level they choose.

Want to learn more about our Marketing & Membership Committee?

Monthly Marketing & Membership Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Please join us. We are a small group and would appreciate your input.

Contact them at [MarketingMembership@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:MarketingMembership@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

## *Great tips to stay safe and sound*

We just had our first scramble to buy the last loaf of bread and bottle of water with the hurricane Dorian warning. Another severe event missed us here, but it's important to remember there is no absolute predictor of where a weather event will mature or do its worst. Preparedness is a necessary part of any impending storm.

Hurricane Floyd was the last hurricane delivering significant damage locally, leaving evidence for a number of years. Predictions and tracking are far better now, but we need to accept that predictions rapidly change and Mother Nature has her own will in setting course which can deliver a punch or amble by with hardly a rumble. Please know warnings are the best officials can do, and you must be willing to protect your family and get out of harm's way, even if the hint is the storm will pass without consequence.

There are a number of useful links on the Safety Committee page of the LGA website to help you prepare for destructive weather or just to get ready for winter. Take a moment to check out the one from FEMA <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>. Make adverse weather and disaster planning a family activity, have children and grandchildren embrace the potential reality and provide suggestions. We are currently reviewing and updating the information on the webpage for safety and will be more proactive with renewed flexibility in maintaining the website. As a reminder, the Safety page also has information to register for the emergency notification network in each of the lake counties.

The September LGA monthly meeting featured the Sheriffs of our lake counties providing a number of tips for resident security. Homeowner Associations and homeowners are strongly encouraged to make an investment in low light, motion activated cameras, both in homes and at entryways of the subdivision, so faces, vehicle make and model, and license numbers are captured. Some of these systems can even be monitored on smart phones. Each year the Sheriffs remind us the perpetrator seeks out the easy victim, making loud, irritating alarms quite useful in driving the uninvited away. While silent alarms can initiate a 911 response, the silence does not deter the thief and provides time for them to cart off small valuables, cause damage, or worse injury.

We are extremely fortunate here to have so many friends and neighbors who are employed by law enforcement, and emergency medical services, or who volunteer with the fire departments and rescue squads. It's so important to take a moment and tell them you appreciate what they do. Most volunteer organizations can use help with administrative tasks if you are not able to physically help with fire or rescue services. You can always stop by a Sheriff's office, Volunteer Fire Department or Rescue Squad to say thank you and leave a case of water, soft drinks, some subs or a pizza or two. You'll feel good and they really appreciate the effort. Besides you might see them again when you really need to and then you will be proud that you said thanks before you needed anything.

Please take preparedness in protecting your family seriously. Buy a case of water and a 5 gallon container before the next storm. As we come into the season, get a bag of salt for the first ice/sleet event and get that chimney cleaned to avoid deadly fires. Change batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide sensors and replace the smoke detectors that have stopped working altogether. Secure boat, deck and yard items, and take action to avoid frozen pipes.

## **ABOVE ALL STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY**

Monthly Safety Committee meetings are held the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Everyone is invited to participate to give us fresh ideas and viewpoints.

Contact us at [Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

### *Staying current with Lake Gaston's water level*

Whether you are full or part-time at the lake we recommend that you have the following link to Dominion's website as a 'favorite' on your computer or hand-held gizmo. Rest assured we will still send you water level alerts from Dominion when they occur but if you want to know on any given day what the water level is, then click on the link - <https://www.dominionenergy.com/community/lakes-and-recreation/lake-gaston-water-levels>



## *From the Desk of the Executive Director*

A major part of my duties is to manage the LGA membership database from which comes the information you see in your membership renewal notice. These notices are scheduled to go out the beginning of October via US mail. Please take the opportunity to look over your membership information and update where necessary and return it with your dues.

However, those of you who live in Brunswick Estates, Clydes Retreat, Delbridge Estates, Eaton's Ferry Estates, Ferncliff, Hunter's Creek, Jack's Landing, Laura Woods, Long Branch Shores, Merrymount, Pasture Gate, River Forest, Roanoke Shores, Summerwood, Timber Creek, Timbuctu and West Winds, your dues for 2020 will come from your HOA treasurer.

For those of you who have sponsored a new member(s), you will see your dues amount has been discounted by the number of new members who wrote your name on their application form as their sponsor - \$5 per new member.

On your renewal notice, please pay particular attention to your email address – do we have the correct email address? I try to keep up with them when an email address is rejected by calling you or sending you a note by US mail to get your new address. However, if you do have an email address and it's not on the 'Email address:' line, please write it in for me, and/or send me your latest email address if it has changed.

We do keep your email address confidential to the LGA we are very particular about that. You miss out on information that is date related that will be out of date by the next Bulletin, like a Lake Gaston water level advisory; it may be information that's specific to the county where your property is located or of interest to all our members. All our emails start the subject line with LGA: and then the topic, about three a month. You can either read them, or delete unseen if the topic doesn't interest you.

Please know that no member has access to our distribution lists. Even though you may use the name of one of our distribution lists to try and reach LGA members – it happens from time to time, all emails come into an approval box on the mail server. It takes my intervention to connect an LGA generated email to one of our membership email distribution lists. Emails on the mail server not generated by the LGA are deleted.

We do appreciate that you are members of the LGA and are helping us to increase our membership goal. Thank you!

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### *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Gaston Clean-Up*

It's that time of year when we start preparing for the next Lake Clean-Up, which will be our 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will meet in October to look at our program, its purpose and effectiveness and how we can make it better. It would seem that it should be such an easy thing.

**DO NOT THROW TRASH OUT CAR WINDOWS ONTO OUR ROADS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO HAVE TO CLEAN UP.** My wish is that this committee could be disbanded due to

lack of purpose. But it seems that is not the case as we see the trash along our roadways.

I wish to thank all those who take the time to go along the roads in their neighborhood, etc. and pick up trash. Your service is much appreciated. Wish there were more of you.

If you should have any good ideas or would like to help, please contact us.

Monthly Lake Clean-Up Committee meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at [LakeCleanup@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:LakeCleanup@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

### **Need to know who are your Government Elected Officials**

#### **Lake Gaston NC & Lake Gaston VA**

**US, State and County... <http://www.lakegastonassoc.com/GovRel/ElecOfficials.htm>**

***LGA Government Relations Committee keeps this page on our website updated for you.***

*(It's the best kept secret under Committees, Government Relations. Check out who represents you at the lake and email them direct from our website. Telephone #s are listed as well. Use the link above to check out this information. You can also get to the County websites from the same page.)*

## ***LGA & John 3:16 Center's 2019 Toy Drive***

The Lake Gaston Association will again join The John 3:16 Center in their Annual Toy Collection Drive in support of their Christmas Outreach program to provide gifts for approximately 175 local children. Toy drive starts November 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Collection boxes will be placed in several businesses around the area: **Lake Area** ... Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer (River Rd); Ace Hardware Store Lake Gaston (Elams Rd); Lake Gaston Coffee Company (across from Lake Gaston Baptist Church); Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce; ABC Store, Lizard Creek Road; RE/MAX on Lake Gaston; **Littleton** .... W.C. "Billy" Jones Memorial Library (Town Center complex Hwy 158); & BB&T.

Our Toy Drive will conclude at the December 4 LGA monthly meeting at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church where we will present Jodie Dowhan, John 3:16 Board Chair with the toys, books, games, etc., etc. Toy collection boxes will be available at the meeting between 9:30 a.m. and noon. The Center asks that all gifts be new and unwrapped. They do not distribute any toy weapons of any kind.

Gender-neutral gifts are always good: puzzles (under 500 pieces), books, board games, coloring books, baby's toys, etc. They have had children registered from 1 month old to 16 years old. Every child gets a book, so appropriate books for different age levels (books boys may enjoy are often hardest to find) will be appreciated. Balls, dolls (ethnically diverse), art supplies, craft/model kits, small handheld electronic games, toy cars and trucks, watches or inexpensive jewelry for older children, etc. also are typical of the types of gifts given in the past.

John 3:16 recommends that we limit the cost of any gifts to under \$15 & that most of the items listed can be found for \$10 or less.

If you would like to send a donation instead, please make checks payable to The John 3:16 Center, Memo: Christmas Toy Drive and mail to The John 3:16 Center, P.O. Box 1541, Littleton, NC 27850. These donations help with the cost of purchasing clothing for each child.

Your help in bringing a smile to a child's face Christmas morning will be sincerely appreciated. For more information, call the LGA Office at (252) 586-6577, or The John 3:16 Center at (252) 586-1800.

***Wanted: Santa's Helpers***  
No experience necessary – on the job training!  
***Positions available: Personal Shoppers, Social Butterflies,***  
***Wrappers, and Party People***



### **Social Butterflies**

Social Butterflies would need to come to The John 3:16 Center for orientation. Interviews will begin November 5<sup>th</sup> to as late as November 20<sup>th</sup>, but will end once we have 175 children served. Volunteers would need to sign up for at least a two hour period one of these days.

### **Shoppers**

**In Store** - Shopping will begin once the interviews are complete and have been vetted. Everything will need to be purchased prior to November 6<sup>th</sup>. Shoppers would assist Shannon in buying mostly clothing and shoes for specific children.

**Personal Shoppers** - Assist parents in choosing the presents for their children. This added step lets us get to know the families even more as a volunteer "shops" with them in our store set up in the Littleton UMC Fellowship Hall from December 12-19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers would need to sign up for at least a two-hour period one of these days.

### **Wrappers**

Wrappers will assist the parents in wrapping their children's gifts after their shopping appointments, December 12-19<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 5pm until all of the presents have been wrapped. All supplies including tape, paper, scissors, boxes, etc. will be provided. We will be wrapping in the Littleton UMC Fellowship Hall.

### **Party People**

The Christmas parties will be held December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am, 12pm, and 1pm at The Center. Volunteers would need to arrive at 10am. Of course, volunteers are welcome to help later in the day if they cannot make it at 10am. Volunteers help in many areas including serving food, as Santa's elves, helping with parking and taking gifts to the car.

## 2020 Budget of estimated expenses for review by LGA members

The proposed budget for FY 2020 (below) is for our members' review. If you have any comments please send them to [treasurer@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:treasurer@lakegastonassoc.com), or mail them to LGA, P.O. Box 656, Littleton, NC 27850, to be received by October 31, 2019.

The Board of Directors will vote to approve or not at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 6. The approved budget will be included in the December/January 2019 Bulletin. A report on the FY 2019 closeout and Performance of FY 2019 to January 1, 2020 will be given at the February 5, monthly meeting.

### Draft LGA 2020 Budget Plan

#### Income

2019 Carry Forward .....	1,200
2020 Dues .....	14,000
Transfer from Prepaid 2020 Dues .....	28,000
<b>Total 2019 Income .....</b>	<b>43,200</b>

#### Expenses

##### Administration

Annual Meeting .....	200
Chambers of Commerce .....	150
Directors' Retreat .....	0
Nominating Activity .....	0
President .....	200
Venues .....	825
Vice President .....	50
Website Maintenance .....	1,000
<b>Total Administration .....</b>	<b>2,425</b>

##### Education

Initiatives	
Lake Learning Events .....	1,000
Outdoor Presentation Supplies	
<b>Total Education .....</b>	<b>1,000</b>

##### Lake Environment

LEMs Training and Gear .....	100
Travel and Forums .....	150
Weeds Symposia & Forums .....	0
Revegetation Support .....	300
Water Testing Kits .....	650
<b>Total Lake Environment .....</b>	<b>1,200</b>

<b>Executive Director .....</b>	<b>16,000</b>
Bulletins .....	6,650
Database Maintenance .....	1,500
Office Space Rent .....	1,500
Office Supplies .....	900
Postage .....	300
Communications .....	3,100
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>29,950</b>

#### Government Relations

5 County Forum .....	700
Political Forums .....	300
Tax Assessor Forums	
<b>Total Government Relations .....</b>	<b>1,000</b>

#### Lake Clean-Up

Acknowledgements .....	0
Publicity .....	500
Food and Beverages .....	150
<b>Total Lake Clean-Up .....</b>	<b>650</b>

#### Marketing and Membership

Advertising .....	2,000
New Member Drive .....	1,785
Membership Certificates .....	0
Renewals .....	600
Billboards (was signs) .....	1,980
Yard Signs .....	
<b>Total M&amp;M .....</b>	<b>5,465</b>

#### Safety

First Responder Recognition Activity .....	100
VA and NC Safe Boating Alliances .....	0
Neighborhood Watch Materials .....	0
Fire Safety Awareness .....	100
Emergency Preparedness .....	0
Boating Safety .....	0
Community Shred Event .....	780
<b>Total Safety Committee .....</b>	<b>980</b>

#### Treasurer

Bank Charges and Fees .....	25
IRS Form 990 and 1099 Prep .....	485
Postage .....	20
Software .....	0
<b>Total Treasurer .....</b>	<b>530</b>

<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>43,200</b>
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## US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93 - 2019 training dates

### October 26

America's Boating Safety Course is an eight hour course covering the basics of boating and is appropriate for youth as well as the adult boater. Successful completion of this course satisfies the education requirement for youth to operate a PWC in both Virginia and North Carolina.

Remember: **Virginia now has a law** that all boaters in the waters of Virginia will have proof of taking a Boating Course. All Motor Boat Operators operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater, must meet these requirements. All PWC Operators regardless of age must have proof of taking a Boating Course.

**North Carolina Law** effective January 1, 2014 requires that all PWC and Motor Boat Operators who were born after 1 Jan 1988 will have proof of taking a Boating Course, if they are operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater.

**Clarification:** Boaters on Lake Gaston need to be in compliance with their state of residence for Boater Education Certification. This is true whether the boater is a resident of North Carolina, Virginia, or any other state as recognized by both states' enforcement officers.

The fee for the course is \$30.00, **Preregistration and prepayment are required.** Courses are now taught at the Long Bridge VFD, 1678 Eaton Ferry Rd., Littleton, NC 27850. All classes are on Saturday from 8:30am to 5:00pm, with the exam given at the end of class.

Please bring your lunch. Bottled water and sodas can be purchased for 50 cents. It is a busy day - but rewarding. Remember – **Preregistration and Prepayment are required.**

For more information on these classes, or to register call (252) 535-3335. If you get the answer machine, leave a message with your name and phone number and an Auxiliary member will call you back.

### On-line courses & Classroom by NC Wildlife & VADGIF:

For North Carolina Boating Safety course options go to

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Boating/Marina-Resources/Boating-Education-Courses>

For Virginia Boating Safety course options go to

[www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp)

## Free Vessel Safety Check

Flotilla 93 will perform a free Vessel Safety Check on your boat at your home. The boat can be in the boatlift or on a trailer and does not need to be running. To receive a free safety check, call John Dyckman at (252) 537-9877. Flotilla 93 will also provide a Vessel Examiner at your Home Owners Association Meeting to inspect boats after your business meeting. Call John Dyckman.

## Mile marker buoys & danger buoys

If you notice a mile marker buoy that is damaged, light is out, is missing from its mooring, has washed up on the shore, etc., please contact the LGA at [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) or (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577 and we will report it to Dominion. Similarly, if you notice a danger or no wake buoy damaged, missing, etc. please contact us as above and we will report it to the NC Wildlife Resource Commission or VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.





## It's Our Mission

As I write this in mid-September, so far (touch wood) it's been a pretty safe boating season on our lake. Kudos to all who practiced safe boating, wore PFD's when on PWC and paddle boards and were courteous to other boaters.

This summer I had a first when over the Labor Day weekend I was stopped by the USCG for a safety inspection near MM 3. I'm told quite a few were stopped since the Coast Guard had Virginia and North Carolina based crews out on the water.

I had my vessel registration card and drivers license with me and all required safety equipment was in working order and available. Were you stopped this summer? My takeaway is to take advantage of the free boat safety inspection provided by Flotilla 93 next season. Why? That was the first question asked if I had a decal on my boat to show it was inspected.

Our primary mission is to promote safety in all water related programs and activities. I trust that by you reading this, you understand why we have a Lake Gaston Water Safety Council. Please consider becoming a member to support the water safety message. If you would like to know more, please visit us at [LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com](http://LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com) or socialize with us on Facebook.

Some of the best boating is in October and November. Hope you will have the time to enjoy the fall colors out on the water.

Be safe out there.

**Brian Goldsworthy, President Lake Gaston Water Safety Council**

**Wear your life jacket! They float, people don't!**

## Need a Children's Loaner Life Jacket?

*The PERFECT solution when guests show up and you don't have children's life jackets of the correct size for all of them. The Lake Gaston Water Safety Council's FREE loaner program makes children's sizes available at the following locations:*



### Bracey, VA

**Holly Grove Marina**  
(434) 636-3455  
**Americamps**  
(434) 636-2668

### Gasburg, VA

**The Club**  
(434) 577-2935

### Henrico, NC

**Washburn's Marina (252) 537-1335**  
**Sherwood Forest (252) 537-2526**

### Littleton, NC

**Morningstar Marina (252) 586-4661**  
**Thousand Trails/**  
**Outdoor World (252) 586-4121**  
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If you have **found any property** that may have come ashore near you, please use the contact information above and describe the item found and how we can contact you.

Lost & Found items would be listed in this section of our bi-monthly bulletins but rest assured we would not list your contact information.

*(LGA membership year is January 1 - December 31)*  
*Individual renewal notices for 2020 dues*  
*will be mailed the beginning of October to beat the holiday mail.*

*Thank you for being valued members and*  
*We hope you will continue your LGA membership!*

***LGA welcomes 1 new business member: Eileen C. Groeger CPA, PLLC***

### **LGA Monthly Committee Meetings:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Public Safety	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Government Relations	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	9:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Education	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Environment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	8:30 am	Kitchen Table Cafe *
Marketing & Membership	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Lake Clean-Up	Last Wednesday	10:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **

\* Kitchen Table Cafe is located at 4111 Gasburg Road in Gasburg, VA 23857 across from the Dollar General Store.

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*Occasionally a LGA scheduled committee meeting may need to be cancelled. If you are on that committee the chair will inform you via email of its cancellation and it will be reflected on the LGA's calendar on our website at <http://www.lakegastonassoc.com/Organization/Calendar.htm>*

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- You are welcome to sit in on any of our committee meetings and decide what is best for you – look for the committee meeting grid in the Bulletin for when they meet.
- Join us the first Wednesday of each month for the LGA monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. (Lake Gaston Baptist Church, across from Lake Gaston Coffee), to see what is being done and what can be done.

Contact [Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

### ***Weed Control questions ...***

Do the property owners in your subdivision have questions about weed control? Feel free to contact Jeff Zimmer our Lake Environment chair at [jzimmer2216@gmail.com](mailto:jzimmer2216@gmail.com).

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**Oct 2 – LGA monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. – noon** Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577  
**Oct 2 – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m.** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-7112  
**Oct 5 – Seafood Festival, 1 -5 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Club, 139 Stanley Rd, Henrico (252) 535-5308  
**Oct 8 - Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 537-7091  
**Oct 10 - Eaton Ferry Road AARP, 6 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-5228  
**Oct 11,12,18,19,20\* – “On Golden Pond” 7:30 p.m., \*2:30 p.m.** Lakeland Theater Company, Littleton (252) 586-3124  
**Oct 12 – Taste of Brunswick Festival, 10 – 4 p.m.,** Lawrenceville Airport, Lawrenceville, VA (434) 577-2971  
**Oct 12,13\*,18,19,20\* - “The Odd Couple,” 7:30p.m.,\*2:30p.m.,** Colonial Center, South Hill (434) 262-4170  
**Oct 19 – Medoc Trail Races, 7:30 a.m.-1p.m.** Medoc Mountain State Park, Hollister, (252) 586-6588  
**Oct 25 - American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m.** Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-3268  
**Oct 26– US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boater Safety Course, 8:30 – 5 p.m.** Long Bridge VFD, 1678 Eaton Ferry Rd (252) 535-3335  
**Nov 2 – Yard sale, 9-1 p.m.,** rain or shine, Roanoke-Wildwood VFD, 790 Lizard Creek Rd, (252) 308-6893  
**Nov 2 – Bazaar, Chili Cookoff, Vendors, Yard Sale, Silent Auction, 9-2,** St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Ebony, VA (434) 636-4029  
**Nov 6 – LGA monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. – noon** Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577  
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**Nov 14 - Eaton Ferry Road AARP, 6 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-5228  
**Nov 16 – “On the Boarder – Eagles Tribute,” 8 p.m.,** Roanoke Rapids Theatre (844) 778-5483

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