

# Bulletin

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

“Whoa Nelly”!

Who remembers the late ABC TV Sportscaster, Keith Jackson? That was his go to line when something unusual or special happened on the field of play.

Kind of feel like that now as the 2021 year quickly comes too close. It began with the pandemic, masks, social distancing and Zoom meetings. The LGA had to adapt to continue with the mission considering the board and a large portion of the membership was in the high risk category and adapt we did.

Our first Zoom membership meeting of the year was in February and we had the chance to meet Leanne Patrick, President/CEO, of the Regional Chamber of Commerce. We would have more opportunities to work with Leanne as the year progressed. Just recently, she joined us for the lake vegetation survey for the second year in a row.

February also marked the sudden passing of Jack Saunders, our long time Treasurer. Besides the personal grief, we had to find someone to manage the finances of the LGA. Jack did everything and we had to find a person with the skill set to do the books, pay the bills, etc. Luly Carson to the rescue and although she didn't ride in on a white horse, it was the next best thing. With perseverance and patience, she sorted everything out on her own. WWJD was said more than once.

In March we had another Zoom monthly meeting and Corey Chamberlain from Dominion Energy gave us an update on Lake Gaston. He reminded us to use [LakeInfo@DominionEnergy.com](mailto:LakeInfo@DominionEnergy.com) to get our lake questions answered.

In April we were still in Zoom mode and our attention turned to Jessica Baumann, Extension Associate, Lake Gaston Aquatic Plant Management Program, NCSU. Jess shared with us a summary of the Fall 2020 Vegetation Survey.

Although vaccines were rolling out, we still erred on the side of caution and did yet another Zoom meeting. We heard from Fire Chief Lorenzo Wilkins and 911 Community Task Force Leader Sherry Herzing. Besides the fire tax discussion, Sherry emphasized the correct way call 911 from a mobile phone. Remember location first including state, county, city, subdivision and address. Then the nature of the emergency. With a land line the call is automatically routed to the correct first responder.

As a footnote, we thought Zoom might increase meeting attendance. To our surprise, the “attendees” actually decreased over time. The highest number of those attending by Zoom, minus the directors, was about 12. We normally do considerably better at the F2F meetings.

June finally ended the Zoom experiment. Following CDC and NC/VA health guidelines, on June 12, we had our first in person F2F for the Annual Membership meeting. We had to cancel the hotdog cookout and we ended up washing down each chair and cover the tables but it was good to get back together; first time since March

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## December 1, 2021 – LGA Monthly Meeting

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

**Topic:** LGA Year in Review

**Speaker:** Brian Goldsworthy

**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.

## President's Corner

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2020. Our speaker at the Annual Membership meeting, Steve Hoyle, began with why Lyngbya is becoming more of an issue at Lake Gaston. Lyngbya was first identified at Lake Gaston in 1995, spreads easily, and is now known to cover 1200 acres.

The July, August, September, October and November monthly meetings have “zoomed by”. We were treated at the November 3 meeting when Stacy Woodhouse, consultant supporting the Fitts Foundation, briefed over 50 in attendance about the exciting things that are happening in downtown Littleton.

The Board feels good how we managed to navigate the pandemic. Fingers crossed for a safe 2022. We thank our membership and business members for riding it out with us.

Well, I'm preparing this the second week of November. With temperatures in the mid-70's, it's time to go outside and enjoy a boat ride. After all, that's why we live on beautiful Lake Gaston.

We hope you find this edition of the Bulletin a good read. Please let us know what we can do better or ideas we can include in the next edition.

*Enjoy Lake Gaston, be safe and stay healthy.*

*We live at a special place with incredible people.*

*Happy Holidays!*

*Brian*



## Lake Clean-up

The leaves have pretty much fallen for now except the oaks and a few others. Now the litter along the roads is more visible.

If you are looking for some exercise on some of our warm Fall days, think about cleaning up an area on the roads that you have noticed some unsightly litter. It is a good exercise for body and mind not to mention the appearance of our roads.

The Lake Clean-Up Committee will be planning a clean-up day for March and will let you know the date in our February/March newsletter. Hope you can join us.

Know that you are always welcome to join us at our monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month after our board meeting, which usually ends about 10:30 am or so at Littleton Food and Spirits in Littleton.

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)

## 2021 Fall Vegetation Survey

As this bulletin goes to press LGA volunteers are in the process of completing the 2021 aquatic vegetation survey. Once again we had some wonderful fall weather. Cool mornings and warm afternoons provided a great opportunity to enjoy the fall colors along the shoreline.

75 volunteers contributed approximately 500 hours of their time to determine what vegetation and where it's growing along all 350 miles of Lake Gaston's shoreline. This data is a vital component in vegetation management. Jessica Baumann, Extension Associate for Lake Gaston with NC State University's Aquatic Plant Management Program will now analyze this data along with other information, such as biomass sonar and treatment results, to assess and direct management activities of nuisance vegetation such as Hydrilla and Lyngbya.

Once the data is analyzed and compiled we will be sure that this information is shared with you.

Thanks to all the volunteers, too numerous to mention, who contributed to this effort.

### Native Vegetation "cages" surveyed

Native aquatic plants provide valuable fish and wildlife habitat, serves as a food source for waterfowl and other aquatic wildlife, improves water clarity and quality, helps prevent spread of nuisance plants and reduces shoreline erosion and sediment.

LGA partners with the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC), North Carolina State University Extension Service (NCSU) and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) to develop and increase the diversity of native aquatic vegetation. There are approximately 66 exclosures or "cages" that have been constructed and stocked with native vegetation on LKG. The cages provide protection as the plants become established and then expand outside the cages.

During the end of September we assisted the Commission in surveying the vegetation in these cages. Overall plant health appears good with increasing growth and spread of vegetation. We will share this information to develop our work plan for next summer.

### Let's be thankful

In this season of winterizing water toys and raking leaves, we would like to remind you, please DO NOT rake or blow leaves or other yard debris into the lake. Yes... leaves fall into the lake all the time - its nature; but nature is a delicate balance and additional leaves stress the lake in many ways. Decaying leaves consume oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to survive and releases excess nutrients that contribute to undesirable aquatic plant growth i.e., hydrilla, Lyngbya and other noxious algae. This is especially true in coves with lower water levels. It creates dirty water in shallow areas. Not abiding by this requirement, we become our own worst enemy by adding additional nutrients to the water pool. We should also be aware that most land around the lake is elevated which allows any excess chemicals from lawn fertilizing or weed control to run off into the lake. Please take precautions when applying any product to your lawn. Lastly, intentionally putting leaves in the lake is a violation of Dominion Power's Shoreline Management Plan (the same document that regulates boat docks and other activities on Dominion's LKG project land) and is subject to enforcement action.

During this Holiday season, let's remember to give thanks for the privilege of living on this beautiful lake, and do our part to conserve and protect this wonderful natural resource.

Monthly Lake Environment meetings are held the third Wednesday 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.

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

## LGA Dues Discount:

**Sponsor a friend or neighbor and they will get a \$5.00 discount off of their 2022 membership dues and you the same during the next renewal period.**

**Want more information?**

**Contact Moira Underwood, Executive Director at 252-586-6577.**

## Renewal Time!

Yes it is that time of the year again. Hopefully you have all received your 2022 dues payment request. Please respond as soon as you can as the association closely monitors returns and any reduction in stress levels is very much appreciated.

Our November membership meeting was a big success with standing room only. Check it out at our website.

What a wonderful commitment the Ed Fitts Foundation is making in Littleton and the LGA through their business memberships.

Do you have some suggestions on future speakers? Let us know or better yet, why not attend our Marketing & Membership Committee meeting.

Monthly Marketing & Membership Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 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)

## ***LGA welcomes two new business members:*** **Blue Jay Bistro & Superior Concrete Buildings**

### LGA Monthly Committee Meetings:

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

\* Littleton Food & Spirits is located at 231 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, N.C. 27850

*Occasionally a LGA scheduled committee meeting may need to be cancelled. If you are on one of the above committees, the chair will inform you via email of its cancellation.*

### 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).

### 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.)*

## Public Safety news

Please take the time before severely cold temperatures arrive to secure dock items and all watercraft, and winterize personal watercraft and powered boats. Vessels need to be lifted out of the water with structure folded away or removed so that high water does not result in vessel or dock damage, and remember it never hurts to have a line tying vessels to docks even on lifts. The use of heavy duty tongue locks, or wheel boots or a removed wheel may stifle a theft of a boat or jet ski stored in the driveway.

Look out for your neighbors and try to have ways to contact them if there is an issue with their property or an area power or water outage. It's a good idea to share telephone numbers so you can make contact just in case. If living alone, have a friend check on you when the weather is bad.

Make sure that items around the home do not make the house look vacant. Have a neighbor watch for handbills on doors, phone books in driveways, open doors, fallen trees, out of location trash receptacles, yards piled with leaves.

Make sure that proper preparation for winter is taken to avoid severe damage to a residence. Disconnect water hoses from outdoor spigots and drain hoses. Ensure batteries are fresh in Smoke Detectors and install Carbon Monoxide Detectors if heating or cooking with gas.

Take the time to install security cameras. They are now so inexpensive and make sure they have low light level capability. Let local Sheriff Departments know the property will be unused for a time and most will perform random checks of entryways. Don't leave valuable assets including weapons vulnerable to theft in an unoccupied residence; record serial numbers and have proper property insurance for your valuables.

Part of preparing for the colder months is thinking about the condition of wood burning stoves and their chimneys. Proper maintenance is necessary to avoid chimney fires, and proper ventilation is critical to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Buy the salt pellets now and store them where they will be needed when you go out for the mail or paper, or to keep from falling on your own steps. A small investment could save your life and those of your loved ones.

The Community 9-1-1 Task Force has continued its work all around the lake. Calling 9-1-1 on a landline is very effective and provides immediate location data to first responders. Calling from a cellular phone is far less reliable in reaching the intended call center. When using a cell phone, FIRST always give the 911 operator your exact location including state, county, address with nearest cross street then the nature of the emergency. Stay on the line and if possible send someone outside the residence to direct first responders.

Each of the county dispatch centers have a hardline that can be dialed from a cell phone which might be more successful than bouncing off cellular towers. **Those numbers are: in Virginia for Brunswick County – (434) 848-3133 and Mecklenburg – (434) 738-0028; and in NC for Halifax – (252) 583-7051, Northampton – (252) 574-1041, and Warren – (252) 257-3456.**

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't mention What3Words. <https://w3w.co/clip.apples.leap>. If you don't know what this is, please take a moment to look it up. Warren County and Halifax County are currently using this location assist to speed up emergency response.

In your neighborhood be vigilant for unusual traffic and vehicles; If you SEE SOMETHING – CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Read something helpful? Take action now! Emphasis needs to be placed on the importance of practicing safe living. Monthly Public 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>



## ***Don't let the December/January Bulletin be your last***

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and had time to relax with your families. Maybe you had a chance to get to the lake and kick back and get in a little fishing. Now it's the run up to Christmas and we know renewing your membership for 2022 will probably take a back seat. We can understand that. We will be sending you a reminder the beginning of January, so we will catch you then.

However, in case you want to take care of business now and don't have our renewal letter in hand, you could either mail your check to LGA, P.O. Box 656, Littleton, NC 27850 for either one of the following membership levels: General \$25, Bronze \$50, Silver \$100, or Lifetime \$250; with a note of any changes.

Or, you could go on line and pay by credit card. Click on <https://www.lakegastonassoc.com/choose-your-membership-option.html> which will take you straight to the on-line form. After completing the required fields and indicating any changes that need to be made to your membership record, go to the bottom of the form and click on the "Make Payment and/or Submit Info" box, and that will get you on the path to pay by credit card or PayPal (if you want to pay us with money from your PayPal account).

If you want to renew your business online, follow the same steps above and select Business \$50.

Note: when renewing on-line, make sure you fill in the \*required fields i.e. Application type (choose renew), Name, email address & confirm email address, or you won't be able leave that screen when you get to the bottom and click on Submit info / Make Payment.

If that happens, scroll back up and complete the \*required field you missed, and then you will be able to proceed to the on-line payment choices. You don't have to fill in the other fields if your information (lake address, mailing address etc. has not changed).

As we said earlier, we will be sending out a reminder the first week of January and hopefully if you have not renewed at the time, you will be able to do so before the end of January.

## ***News from the Government Relations Committee***

Things have been pretty slow but should pick up after the New Year. Please send me any rumors, inside info, or advance notice of happenings around the lake, and I will check them out and spread the word. Our next project will be to start working on the NC Candidate forums in January.

Monthly Government Relations Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & 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.

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

***Please support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter beginning on page 12. Shopping local helps everyone in the community around Lake Gaston.***

# **Wanted!**

## ***What does it take to be a Director?***

- 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 Subway), to see what is being done and what can be done.

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

## ***LGA & John 3:16 Center's 2021 Toy Drive***

Thank you to all of you who have contributed toys to the John 3:16 annual Toy Drive and those of you who have sent checks direct to John 3:16 to help with buying clothes.

We are just days away from concluding the toy drive. If you haven't yet had the chance to participate the boxes will be collected by December 6.

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 register from 1 month to 15 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 \$25 and that most of the items listed can be found for \$15 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

**Location of Toy Collection boxes: Lake Area....** Lake Gaston Gazette-Observer (River Rd), Ace Hardware Store (Elams Rd); Subway (across from Lake Gaston Baptist Church); Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce, Lake Gaston Outfitters, RE//MAX on the Lake..... Littleton... Littleton Town Hall; Veteran's Museum; BB&T; Dollar General; and Family Dollar

This year there are 2 locations where volunteers are needed for Christmas Outreach!

**In Littleton: WANTED: Santa's Helpers – Anytime – Dec. 9 – 18**

**Hours: 10:00am-4:30pm**

**@ Littleton United Methodist Church**

No Experience Necessary – on the job training available!

Positions open: Personal Shoppers, Wrappers, Social Butterflies, Merchandiser, Servers, Receptionist, Parking Attendant

**In Roanoke Rapids: WANTED: Santa's Helpers- Anytime- Dec. 6-22**

**Hours: 10:00am- 4:30pm**

**@ John 3:16 Community Resource Center (formerly known as Angels Closet)**

Positions open: Personal Shoppers, Baggers, Merchandisers, Receptionist

If interested, send us an email to [crossholmes@john316center.org](mailto:crossholmes@john316center.org) or [slittle@john316center.org](mailto:slittle@john316center.org) or give them a call at 252-586-1800



## ***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. They will also provide a Vessel Examiner at your Home Owners Association Meeting to inspect boats after your business meeting. Call John Dyckman at (252) 537-9877.

## ***Buoys placed in Lake Gaston need state & federal approval***

Dominion Energy as well as the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission have received complaints concerning buoys being placed in the lake to deter boats near boat docks.

Both Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, as well as Dominion, do not allow buoys to be placed in the lake without state and federal approval. Any buoys placed in the lake will be considered an obstruction to navigation and will be required to be removed.

## *From the Desk of the Executive Director*

As you know our annual Membership Drive starts September 1 and anybody joining from that time through the end of the year gets the rest of this year and all of next. I'm responsible for processing their entry into the LGA with their welcome letters and overseeing the administration of the entry into our membership data base.

In November we sent out a mailing to Warren county lake property owners (not currently with the LGA) to encourage them to join. New members have been coming in from that avenue. We also have new members who have joined because they know a LGA member who sponsored their membership – both get a \$5 discount – new member joins at \$20 and the LGA member listed on the Sponsor line of the application gets \$5 when they renew their membership.

Another avenue of new members is via our local realtors who give a complimentary membership to their new lake home/lot buyer. The number of realtors in this program is growing.

At the beginning of October each year I run the renewal notices. At the end of September we had 1,867 members paid thru December 31, 2021 (1,092 of that number are covered by their HOAs, see list below) . Thank goodness for mail merge to produce the individual renewal notices that C-Line Graphics then prints & mails for us.

And then I send invoices to the treasurers of Bruns-Del Estates (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 Homeowner Associations for their 2022 dues.

Traditionally, the renewals slow up as our members start to focus on preparations for Thanksgiving, and then during early December renewals are coming in fast again.

Typically we have received about three quarters of the renewals by year end & reminder notices are run and mailed the first week of January. As you know, the grace period ends January 31, and only our members who have renewed for 2022 will get the February/March Bulletin and our information emails. Hence the article in this issue "Don't let December/January Bulletin be your last."

Each year the amount of members who renew on line via credit card on the LGA website increases – this year is no exception. When you are renewing and have no changes to report, you need only complete the required fields (indicated in red to the right of the box) i.e. application type; name, email address; confirm email; and then select payment type near the bottom of the form. The majority of those transactions are successful.

Occasionally a member may experience difficulty on the payment section. You have the choice of using your credit card or your PayPal account (if you have one). When you click on your payment choice you will be presented, for example if using a credit card, with the fields you need to complete. After you have reviewed your answers & confirmed payment, you will receive a confirmation response before you exit that your transaction was successful. You will very quickly (within minutes) receive a receipt via email confirming your successful transaction.

When the on-line payments arrive at the LGA, they come in twos – a copy of the application you completed and a copy of confirmation of payment. I print out the application and print the payment confirmation on the back & that information is used to update your membership database record for 2022.

If you experience difficulty in the payment section, please email me at [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) and tell me about it so I can help you.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Holiday Season!

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***Lake Gaston Lost & Found items*** ...If you have **lost any property or found any property** that may have floated away like a canoe/kayak, jet ski, boat, paddle board etc. call/email the LGA office at 1-800-586-6577 or (252) 586-6577 or [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) and let us know, describe each item(s) and give us contact information for 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.



## Approved LGA 2022 Budget

INCOME	BUDGET
Interest Earned on CD's	\$300.00
2021 Carry Forward	\$10,700.00
2022 Dues	\$12,500.00
Transfer from Prepaid 2022 Dues	\$28,500.00
Donations	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$52,700.00</b>

EXPENSES	BUDGET
<b>Administration</b>	
Annual Meeting	\$250.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$150.00
President	\$200.00
Venues	\$975.00
Vice President	\$100.00
Website Maintenance	\$750.00
Insurance	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$3,425.00</b>
<b>Education</b>	
School Superintendents' Meeting	\$300.00
Lake Learning Events	\$0.00
Outdoor Presentations Supplies	\$0.00
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Lake Environment</b>	
LEMs Training and Gear	\$100.00
Travel and Forums	\$400.00
Habitat Enhancement	\$500.00
Water Testing Kits	\$700.00
<b>Total Lake Environment</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Executive Director</b>	
Executive Director	\$20,000.00
Bulletins	\$6,650.00
Database Maintenance	\$2,100.00
Office Space Rent	\$1,475.00
Office Supplies	\$850.00
Postage	\$350.00
Communications	\$3,150.00
<b>Total Executive Director</b>	<b>\$34,575.00</b>

EXPENSES	BUDGET
<b>Government Relations</b>	
5 County Forum	\$700.00
Political Forums	\$300.00
Tax Assessor Forums	\$0.00
<b>Total Government Relations</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Lake Cleanup</b>	
Acknowledgements	\$0.00
Publicity	\$500.00
Food and Beverages	\$150.00
<b>Total Lake Clean Up</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
<b>Marketing and Membership</b>	
Advertising	\$3,800.00
New Member Drive	\$1,785.00
Renewals	\$600.00
Billboards	\$1,780.00
<b>Total Marketing and Membership</b>	<b>\$7,965.00</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	
First Responders Recognition Activities	\$750.00
Fire Safety Awareness	\$100.00
Emergency Preparedness	\$125.00
Community Outreach (includes Neighborhood Watch)	\$500.00
Community Shred Event	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$2,475.00</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Bank Charges and Fees	\$50.00
IRS Form 990 and 1099 Prep	\$525.00
Postage	\$35.00
Software	\$0.00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$610.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2022 EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$52,700.00</b>

## 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 Dominion Energy at (252) 535-6161 Ext. 4. Similarly, if you notice a danger or no wake buoy damaged, missing, 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 the NC Wildlife Resource Commission or VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.



### Who's the right contact for lake levels, operations, Shoreline Management, Wildlife Officers etc.

We have received the following information from Dominion Energy for you to use ...

For questions/comments related to lake levels and operations, please send an email to [lakeinfo@dominionenergy.com](mailto:lakeinfo@dominionenergy.com).

#### A couple of items related to the account ...

1. As would be expected, this is not to be used for emergencies.
2. The account will be checked at least weekly and emails will be forwarded to the proper person for reply.
3. For questions related to Shoreline Management such as docks, riprap or the mileage buoys, please continue to call Will Miller, the Reservoir Program Manager, at 252-535-6894
4. For issues related to boating safety and regulations:

In **North Carolina**, WRC enforcement officers are the point of contact. If there is an urgent concern about safety or violations, please call the enforcement hotline at 800-662-7137 and the dispatch center will contact the nearest officer on duty. General complaints should probably be directed to Col. Jon Evans at 919-707-0036.

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## Lake Gaston Water Safety Council news

How can you help?

**Are you a member of a POA, HOA, or a club?**

You can download the literature that we distribute from our website; [www.LKGWSC.org](http://www.LKGWSC.org) and post it on your website.

**Do you know someone new to boating, getting into water sports, or new to the lake?**

Pass along the website [www.LKGWSC.org](http://www.LKGWSC.org).

**Of course we'd love to have you as a member. The bigger the choir the louder the message.**

Yearly memberships are only \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families and businesses. You can sign up, where else, [LKGWSC.org](http://LKGWSC.org).

**What do memberships help provide?**

Children's Loaner Life Jacket Program (local marinas have children's life jackets available to boaters)

The Boater Information Signs (made available to marinas, public boat ramps and individual home owners' associations)

The VHF Radio Network (equipping Wildlife Officers and marinas with VHF radios)

The Safety Trailer (Set up at public events with hand-outs and hands on information.)

LGWSC Website <https://www.LKGWSC.org/>

LGWSC Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/LGWSC/>

Brochures and Maps (available at the Safety Trailer as well as provided to realtors to give to new property owners and included in rental packages)

The Get Home Safe Program (supplies fire extinguishers and life jackets for Wildlife Officers to give to boaters who are out of compliance with the law after they have been ticketed)

We really try to target visitors and new boaters to make our lake safer for all of us. If you're reading this it's a good chance that you are a long-time boater and very familiar with safety when on the water or getting to the water; however, it doesn't hurt to be reminded from time to time.

What I'd like to remind you of is the time of the year. We are left with our near private lake and help can be even further away than in the summer.

Be alert for people in distress. If a boat looks disabled, swing over and check it out, step out on your deck and blow a whistle. Remember three of anything is used as a distress signal (three whistles, horn blast, gun shots, flashes from an old DVD or flash light).

If at any time you see people in the water it's a good chance that they don't mean to be in the water. Water under 70 degrees is considered dangerous.

Look out for yourself and others.

**Wyatt Andrews, President LGWSC**

## Calendar notes ...

**Dec 1 – LGA monthly meeting, 9:30 till noon,** Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577

**Dec 1 – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m.** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-7112

**Dec 4 - Littleton Christmas Parade, 11 a.m.** starts from Lakeland, up Mosby Ave & HWY 158 (252) 586-6169

**Dec 4 - Holiday Home Tour, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Lake Gaston, Ladies of the Lake Cancer Support Team (252) 535-5394

**Dec 4 - Lake Gaston Holiday Flotilla, 5 p.m.** The Pointe at Lake Gaston (252) 586-5711

**Dec 14 – Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (717) 875-4481

**Jan 5 – NO MEETING** LGA monthly meeting, 9:30 till noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577

**Jan 5 – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m.** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-7112

**Jan 11 – Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (717) 875-4481

**Jan 21 - American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m.** Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-2558

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