President’s Corner

The Lake Gaston Association (LGA) is an organization dedicated to our members for the overall benefit of our lake region. As such we do not concentrate on any one subject nor do we claim to be the only citizen voice. There are many other organizations which take a more specialized and active approach to issues. These include the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council (LGWSC), Roanoke River Basin Association (RRBA), the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC), etc. We encourage our members to join and support all organizations that forward your views.

Recently, the LGWSC asked us to advocate for and encourage our members to contact the Virginia Governor to veto HB 650 which would amend the water safety regulations previously passed into law in 2007 by eliminating the requirement to continue the phase-in of water safety education (instead of courses) for boat operators thru age 70 by 2016. We did pass this request on and sent a letter from the LGA to the governor requesting he veto the bill and continue the safety education phase-in. (See page 8 for current boating law education requirements for both Virginia and North Carolina.)

We specifically did not ask you to support or oppose the bill, but to notify the governor of your position. The LGA supported the veto request based on the last member survey results in which water safety rated in the top ten issues. The other reason we supported vetoing HB650 was because statistics, presented to the Virginia Legislature by the Virginia Safe Boating Alliance, demonstrate that nearly 50 percent of all boating accidents are by boat operators over the age of 45, the age over which mandatory safe boating education would no longer be required if the Bill is not vetoed. As an example, the boat collision recently on Smith Mountain Lake which left one dead was reportedly caused by a 61-year old bass fisherman during a tournament.

Another ongoing issue is the coal ash spill in Eden, NC and the RRBA’s campaign to force Duke Energy to cleanup this spill and move all other coal ash ponds away from rivers. I am sure that there is not one member who would want to see coal ash or any other pollution in Lake Gaston. There is no consensus that the LGA has any responsibility for pressuring Duke Energy.

Nothing scientific from independent agencies or those who are responsible for delivering clean drinking water indicates that there is damage to Lake Gaston. If the US Justice Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the NC Department of Environmental Resources and the NC Utility Commission are not able to handle the actions to have Duke Energy clean up what is spilled and move what could spill, the LGA is not going to force them. We will not join with the RRBA (as an association) in this effort as the level of activism required in this effort exceeds our charter and broad based support of lake issues, but we urge our members to pursue this (on either side of the issue) as they see fit.

We are always eager to hear from members about their views on impending legislation and issues affecting our surroundings. Members need to understand that we try to present solid facts where available. We try to avoid emotional leanings and try to err on the side of public safety. The Directors and Officers of the LGA are volunteers from a cross section of those who have chosen to live here.

Al Potter
Environment Committee update…

E-Coli testing: The committee has purchased 200 E-Coli test kits for this summer and will coordinate with Brett Hartis, Aquatics Extension and Research Associate, Department of Crop Science, North Carolina State University regarding locations to sample.

Coal Ash Spill, Eden, NC: Is it safe to swim in Lake Gaston? See article below.

Monthly Environment meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Eaton’s Ferry Grocery and Grill on Hwy 903 south of the lake. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com

Editor's note: In response to questions we have received as to whether it is safe to swim, boat, etc. in Lake Gaston because of the Coal Ash Spill in Eden, NC last February, we understand the following article also applies to Lake Gaston …


KERR LAKE RATED SAFE - CORPS COMES THROUGH - GETS ANSWERS ON COAL ASH

Ask a simple question and finally, months later, you get an answer. Kerr Lake Park Watch greatly acknowledges the efforts of Michael T Womack, Operations Project Manager at John H. Kerr Reservoir, in securing answers about the recreational effects of coal ash on the lake’s visitors.

Quietly and unobtrusively last week, the Virginia Department of Health and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services put out a joint statement or "fact sheet" declaring that direct exposure to coal ash can cause skin irritation. The big news is that recreational contact with Kerr Lake water should cause no threat to humans with regard to the coal ash spill. Regarding the eating of fish from Kerr Lake, there is important information as to why you should not consume certain species of fish from Kerr Lake. That warning has little, if nothing, to do with coal ash.

While the "Kerr Lake is OK" statements give our two million annual visitors to Kerr approval to swim, wade, fish, ski, tube and wallow in the water, the two departments use very guarded, certainly not emphatic approval, yet, it is what all of people have been clamoring for, an answer.

"I've been over a third of this lake by boat in the past five days and I see no difference, and I am glad that someone had the gumption to step up and give those of us who camp, picnic, boat and the like on Kerr Lake, the OK to enjoy it again this year. Few people can count how high the economic impact of the 2 million plus visitors annually to Kerr," commented KLPW’s spokesman Frank Timberlake. "We had 7 no-show campers this weekend at the park we're in and it surely wasn't bad weather. We've needed a definitive recreational use answer on coal ash for the last 60 days."

Here are the main questions and answers from VDH and NC DHHS:

Is exposure to coal ash harmful?

Coal ash is a gray, sand-like waste material that is made up of silica minerals and metals. Direct skin contact with coal ash, or with water and sediment containing coal ash, may cause skin irritation. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services continue to work with federal, state, and local agencies to evaluate water, sediment and fish sampling data and keep residents informed of any health risks.

(Continued on page 3)
Is it safe to swim and boat in Kerr Reservoir?

Sample results from the reservoir (for metals) are well below levels of concern for recreational use. However, if a swimmer comes in contact with what appears to be coal ash, health officials recommend thoroughly washing off with soap and water. Illness may occur from other lake water contaminants not associated with coal ash, such as bacteria and viruses. For that reason, it is important that swimmers always avoid swallowing any untreated or unfiltered lake water. If you swallow lake water and become ill, please seek medical attention.

Is it safe to eat fish from Kerr Reservoir?

Due to historical activities not associated with the coal ash release, VDH has an existing fish consumption advisory for the Kerr Reservoir and it includes the Dan River and parts of the Hyco and Banister rivers. Certain species of fish in these waters contain elevated levels of methylmercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Results of the analysis of fish tissue samples collected from the Dan River after the coal ash release do not warrant additional fish consumption advisories. For more information, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DEE/PublicHealthToxicology/Advisories/.

Kerr Lake in North Carolina is covered by a statewide ban on eating largemouth bass due to methylmercury. For more information on fish consumption advisories in North Carolina visit: epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oee/fish/advisories.html.

What should I do if I see dry coal ash on the banks of Kerr Reservoir?

If you see what appears to be ash on the banks of the reservoir, call Southside Health District at 434-738-6815 with site directions. Your call will be routed appropriately. You may also email the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at JHKERR@usace.army.mil. If you come in contact with what appears to be ash, wash off with soap and water. Do not kick the ash up and/or do not try to remove it yourself.

Coal ash, which is said to be more radioactive than uranium, is the waste material left after coal is burned and it contains arsenic, mercury, lead, and over a dozen other heavy metals, many of them toxic.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has been seeking information on recreational safety of Kerr Lake waters as well as Kerr Lake Park Watch and other groups. The EPA is still involved in water testing but as of yet, has released no findings.

Permalink: kerrlakeparkwatch.org/2014/05/06/kerr-lake-rated-safe-corps-comes-through-gets-answers-on-coal-ash.aspx

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LGA document shredding event a success

The Public Safety Committee sponsored a free Community Document Shredding Event on April 12 which drew 35 participants who had 2,400 pounds of documents to shred. There have been many favorable comments received regarding the event and inquiries as to when another such event might occur.

The Committee is investigating what is involved in sponsoring events with the various County agencies for safely discarding liquid cleaners, disinfectants and garden chemicals and what is involved with disposing of out of date prescription and over the counter medicines. Information will be posted in a timely manner.

Monthly Public Safety Committee meetings are held the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Eaton’s Ferry Grocery and Grill on Hwy 903 south of the lake. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com
Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee continued to support the membership on issues pertaining to local, state and federal government activities.

Letters have been prepared and delivered to each of the five county Boards of Commissioners/Supervisors pertaining to their budget planning for FY 2015. These letters are tailored to the needs of the members of each county and are delivered in person by an LGA member.

Meet the Candidates political forums were held on 5 April (Halifax), 12 April (Northampton) and 19 April (Warren). The forums provided the public an opportunity to ask questions and to hear the candidates’ positions on various issues. Although attendance could have been better, the forums were a success.

There were no primaries for the Virginia State Officials on June 10. And, it’s 2015 when the Brunswick and Mecklenburg County Supervisors, Sheriffs, Commissioners of Revenue and Treasurers are up for election. So, we will be pulling together “Meet the Candidate Forums” for those candidates next year.

In the meantime, we will be extending invitations to the Virginia State Official candidates for Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties to one of the LGA monthly meetings prior to November 4 but they are generally hard to get as they get so many invitations.

Monthly Government Relations Committee meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Eaton Ferry Grocery & Grill on Route 903 south of the lake. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com.

2014 Hydrilla Treatment Sites Released

In the past few weeks, Lake Gaston has undoubtedly woken from her quiet and lazy days of winter and early spring. As many of you scramble to get ready for the warm and busy weather of “Lake Season,” it is also time for the 2014 hydrilla treatment season.

Funding will only allow the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council to treat approximately 1067 acres of Lake Gaston in 2014. This number has declined in 2014 due to the budget constraints of some counties.

The 2014 treatment schedule will continue to follow the revised long term management plan, treating certain areas (designated as Long Term Treatment Areas, or LTTA) for another year. Other areas, known as Annual Priority Treatment Areas (APTAs) will be treated as well based on the 2013 aquatic plant survey. This year’s treatment sites per county are as follows:

**Northampton** – Jimmie’s Creek (LTTA)
**Halifax** – Pretty Creek (LTTA), Sledge Creek (LTTA), Woodland Hurst (LTTA)
**Warren** – Big Stonehouse (LTTA), Hubquarter Creek (APTA)
**Brunswick** – Poplar Creek (LTTA - East/ Above 903), Stillhouse Branch (APTA)
**Mecklenburg** – Poplar Creek (LTTA - West/ Above 903), Beechwood Flats (APTA), Great Creek (APTA)

The scheduling of the first week of treatments will likely occur in the last week of May through the first week of June. Docks in treated areas will be posted within the next two weeks with exact dates for treatment. To view the maps of those areas to be treated, visit www.lgwcc.org and select “Treatment Areas/ Surveys”.

To learn more about the revised Lake Gaston Long Term Management Plan, select “Treatment Areas/ Survey” and select “Lake Gaston Long Term Plan” from the list.

If you have questions about weed treatment funding from your county, contact your county’s Board of Commissioners/Supervisors.

If you have questions about treatment site selection or the aquatic weed treatment process, please contact Dr. Brett M. Hartis at (919)-515-5648 or email to bmhartis@ncsu.edu.
County FY 2014-2015 Budget presentations in June

The county budget schedules are drawing to a close. Your final chance to voice your opinions is coming up at the public hearings. Please check your county’s schedule below.

We’ve tried to encourage our members to attend and ask questions, give suggestions and voice their concerns at the earlier budget meetings. If you haven’t been able to join us thus far, please try and join us at the upcoming budget Public Hearings. The more the better.

**Brunswick County:** May 21, 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing; June 18, 7:30 p.m. Budget Adoption
**Halifax County:** 6/2, 9:30 a.m. Budget Public Hearing; June 16, 9.30 a.m. Budget Adoption
**Mecklenburg County:** May 29 Public Hearing and Adoption
**Northampton County:** June 16, 1 p.m. Public Hearing & Adoption (subject to change)
**Warren County:** June 18, 6 p.m. Public Hearing; June 25, 7 p.m. Budget Adoption

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**Eaton Ferry Grocery & Grill is located on Rt. 903, 1.5 miles south of Eaton Ferry Bridge, Littleton, NC**

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**New Marketing & Membership Chair takes the helm**

M&M Committee members welcomed their new chair in May, Warren County LGA Director Bill Heflin. Bill’s been an M&M for a while and will be bringing you their Bulletin news.

We introduced our new membership incentive program at the May 7 LGA monthly meeting, and the response from the LGA Board of Directors and members present was very positive. For those of y'all who were unable to attend, we want to start a Sponsorship program in 2015.

Anytime a LGA member sponsors a new member, both the new and existing members will receive a $5 discount off the cost of their membership dues.

We plan on kicking off the new discount plan starting September 1, 2014 (which is the start of our annual Membership Drive). Any member introducing a new member will earn $5 towards their 2015 dues, and the new member will receive a $5 discount. New members joining after September 1st always get the rest of this year and all of the following year.

Details of the new incentive program will be in our August/September 2014 Bulletin but in the meantime, start thinking about people you know who you would like to invite!

Monthly Marketing & Membership Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Eaton Ferry Grocery & Grill on Route 903 south of the lake. You don’t have to be a Marketing guru, just someone who wants to help and has about 5-10 hours a month to spare.

Contact them at MarketingMembership@LakeGastonAssoc.com
**Please send your pictures from the 4th Annual Lake Gaston Clean-Up**

We hope you had a great time participating in this year’s “Take Pride in Lake Gaston” Clean-up event. Now is the time to let us know that you participated by sending us your photos. It’s always interesting to see the types of trash that is picked up/towed to the dumpsters.

As we went to print before the event occurred on May 31st, a full report will be in our August/September Bulletin. But in the meantime we would like to thank those of you reading this Bulletin that participated in the Clean-up:

The Post Offices and local businesses for letting us put up posters; five county area newspapers, radios, Chambers of Commerce for using the press releases we sent them over the last couple of months; local organizations such as the Lake Gaston Striper Club collected trash from several of the islands. The Coast Guard Auxiliary was on the water in case of emergency. Support was also provided by Dominion, the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council, the FABS and many subdivisions/Home Owners Associations.

Many thanks to Waste Industries for providing the dumpsters at Holly Grove, Washburn’s and Morningstar Marinas. The inmate crews who cleaned the roads. And, we mustn’t forget the LGA Lake Clean-up Committee that pulled all the arrangements together.

Monthly Lake Cleanup Committee meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Eaton Ferry Grocery & Grill on Route 903 south of the lake. Everyone is invited to participate. **Note:** Last meeting to wrap up 2014 event will be on Wednesday, June 30, then we will take a break until we start preparing for next year’s Clean-Up.

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

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**Lake Gaston Annual Fireworks Display Saturday, July 5, 2014**

The Lake Gaston Annual Fireworks display is Saturday, July 5 (rain date July 6) at dark, at Eaton Ferry Bridge. It’s an event that draws boats from east and west of the bridge by the hundreds. And depending on your preference for the best spot, you may leave home early enough to be up by the bridge. It’s definitely an experience – watching the fireworks from a boat, and to see the amount of boats that turn out for the event.

You may not realize that Longbridge Volunteer Fire Department organizes this event and that they rely on donations to fund the fireworks display. Donations can be made any time of the year. Checks should be mailed to Longbridge VFD, 1678 Eatons Ferry Road, Littleton NC 27850, memo: Fireworks.

For more information you can contact Robert Haislip (252) 532-3543 or Bruce Dunlevy (252) 532-5225.

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**A few good men and women needed!**

While we do have 16 directors, we still are in need of nine more directors to give us five directors for each county. In June we have three directors whose terms will be completed and will be coming off the Board.

To insure that the LGA’s work continues to preserve the quality of life that brought us to beautiful Lake Gaston, **we need your expertise**.

How do you know if being an LGA director is for you? First step - try us. Get involved in a couple of our committees. Choose from Environment, Government Relations, Lake Clean Up, Public Safety or Marketing & Membership. Check the meeting grid in the Bulletin for when they meet. All LGA directors are asked to serve on two committees because that’s where all the work is done.

Directors are currently needed in Brunswick, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Northampton and Warren counties. Contact Nomination chair Clarence Drumgoole at (252) 533-2929 or email, [Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com).
From the Desk of the Executive Director

2014 seems to have been crammed with LGA activities for me and it doesn’t seem possible that we have already published our June/July Bulletin. And, our annual meeting is upon us on June 14. It will be noxious aquatic vegetation spraying season – look to see if your area is going to be sprayed by the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council on page 4. If not, hopefully you have already engaged private treatment. Not sure who to call, contact the office at info@lakegastonassoc.com and we can tell you those authorized applicator companies that operate on Lake Gaston.

Ron Skow our Government Relations Chair mentioned that our “Meet the Candidate Forums” for NC counties Halifax, Northampton and Warren were a great success both for the candidates and the voters. We’ve been doing these Forums for several years now and we always get a good invitation acceptance rate from the candidates. Those voters that came to ask questions and meet the candidates were also glad they came. With the primaries behind us, the final choices will be made Tuesday, November 4. We’ll send out a reminder as voting day approaches and the links to find out where your polling station is.

As you know, we rely on email to get out information to you that can’t wait until the next Bulletin. We thank you for letting us know when your email address changes. If we haven’t heard that you have a new email address we find out about it when your email address is rejected - “no longer exists” message.

While I’m trying to reach you by phone or US mail to find out about your new email address, I will remove the ‘bad email’ from your membership record, so that you will come up in the US mail mailing labels for the Bulletin. So, if you are receiving the June/July 2014 Bulletin by US mail instead of via email, that would be an indication that you need to send us your new email address so we can get you back on our email distribution list for all members and your particular county.

We promise that we will keep your email address confidential to the LGA.

You will have noticed that we have added to the bottom of our emails to you the opt-out paragraph that gives you the opportunity to unsubscribe from our email distribution list. Somehow, (it’s a mystery to me) when our emails travel from us to you through the networks, that phrase is seen and allows the email ‘safe passage’ to you, i.e. our email because it has such a large number of email addresses isn’t seen as spam mail.

Please be aware that if you decide to unsubscribe, your email is removed from your membership record and you will only hear from us every other month when the next Bulletin will be US mailed to you. Instead we recommend that when you receive an email from us, as the subject line always starts with LGA:, if the subject doesn’t appeal to you, then delete it unseen. We try to minimize the amount of emails we send to you during the month, it’s generally around three emails.

I can’t finish without thanking Bill Heflin one of our Warren County LGA directors for agreeing to be the new Marketing & Membership Committee chair. Bill is full of energy and brimming with ideas.

Moira

Weed Control questions …

Do the property owners in your subdivision have questions about weed control? If so, you may want to consider inviting Wally Sayko to your next HOA meeting. Wally is the Public Affairs Officer on the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council and he is available to make a presentation to your members and answer their questions. Contact him at wasay43@yahoo.com.
US Coast Guard Auxiliary 2014 Training Dates

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. Phase 6 begins 1 July 2014. All PWC Operators regardless of age, and Motor Boat Operators 45 years of age or younger operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater, must meet these requirements by 1 July 2014.

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

The fee for the course is $30. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Courses are taught at the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 93 Building, located at 252 River Road, 1/4 mile west of Route 46. All classes are on Saturday from 8:30am to 5:00pm, with the exam given at the end of class. Please bring your lunch - none will be provided. It is a busy day - but rewarding. Remember – preregistration and prepayment are required.

For more information on these classes, or to register, please contact the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2475 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton, NC 27850. Phone (252) 586-5711. Email: info@lakegastonchamber.com.

On-line courses & Classroom by NC Wildlife & VADGIF:
For North Carolina Boating Safety course options go to www.ncwildlife.org/Apps/BoatingSafety/CourseSearch.asp

For Virginia Boating Safety course options go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Children's Course
Give your children the extra information they need to be safe on the water. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93 is providing classes for the youngsters 6 to 10 years of age. There will be lots of fun and games while they are learning how to be safe.

- Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon (class one) or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (class two) on July 26ᵗʰ and August 23ʳᵈ at the USCG Flotilla 93 building at 252 River Road, Henrico
- Hurry and sign up before classes fill up.
- Cost $10.00 per child

Register at the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce in advance (Address – 2357 Eaton’s Ferry Road) Registration: Call the Chamber at (252) 586-5711 Questions: call Joee Hoxter at (434) 636-4151

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 boat lift or on a trailer and does not need to be running. To receive a free safety check, call Janet Houston (252) 586-3687 or Tom Van Petten at (252) 586-5853. Now is the time to get your boat checked as the boating season begins. Flotilla 9-3 will also provide a Vessel Examiner at your Home Owners Association Meeting to inspect boats after your business meeting. Call Janet Houston or Tom Van Petten.

In addition Flotilla 93 will conduct vessel safety checks 10 AM to 3 PM at Morning Star Marina on the following dates: June 28, July 26, Aug 30, and Sep 27.
News from the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council

The Lake Gaston Water Safety Council (LGWSC) is continuing to emphasize PWC safety awareness. Although last year was fatality free, there still are reported accidents involving PWCs. The LGWSC has placed the signs below around the lake during the 2013 boating season and will continue to make these signs available to property owners who would like to put them at the entrance to their subdivisions or at their private boat ramps. The signs are available at the Water Safety Trailer locations and also by contacting Susie Deschenes at stugaville@embarqmail.com.

Lake Gaston Water Safety Council’s Safety Trailer Schedule:

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Annual LGA Membership meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 14

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Annual Membership Meeting on June 14. The meeting will be held at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 903 across from Subway Restaurant. Check in and refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will get underway at 10. Note that there is no monthly first Wednesday meeting in June.

Topic: 2014 Lake Gaston Real Estate Market
Speaker: Chris Thompson, ABR, RSPS, SFR, Associate Broker, Realtor®, NC & VA License
Waterfront Properties at Lake Gaston

Members will have the opportunity to vote on Director nominations, present issues and concerns to the Board. Following conclusion of the meeting, all attendees will be invited outside to a demonstration of fire extinguishers, and to then join us under the church pavilion for lunch.

The meeting is open to the public, members and non-members alike, so bring your friends and neighbors and come join us. For more information contact info@lakegastonassoc.com or call (252) 586-6577 or toll-free (888) 586-6577.

Fish Spawning Season continues thru June 15

A reminder that we are still in Fish Spawning Season thru June 15 where the water level of Lake Gaston could reach 201 ft.

Lake users should be conscious of the adverse effect their boating wakes could have on lakefront properties. It is recommended that no wake speeds be maintained when operating anywhere near the shoreline to keep from washing out bulkheads or causing additional shoreline erosion.

Although North Carolina law requires no wake speed when operating within 100 feet of a dock, boathouse, shoreline or swimmers and Virginia requires the same within 50 feet, it is suggested that these distances be voluntarily expanded under these high water conditions.

It is also recommended that boaters be alert to floating logs and other debris on the lake that may have washed off the shoreline during high water conditions.

LGA welcomes 1 new business

Lake Carpet Cleaning

Membership Goal: 1,650 Current Members: 1,513 (Households: 1,417 / Businesses: 96)
Calendar notes …

June 4 – NO LGA monthly meeting because of annual meeting on 6/14
June 4 – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m. Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico 586-7112
June 7 – National Trails Day, 2 p.m., Medoc Mountain State Park, Hollister, (252) 586-6588
June 8 – Lakeland Cares for John 3:16 Fundraiser, 2:30 p.m. Lakeland Theater Company, Littleton (252) 586-3124
June 10 - Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 537-7091
June 12 – Eaton Ferry Road AARP, 6 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-5228
June 14 – LGA Annual meeting, 9:30 – noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577
June 14 – Annual 95th Squadron Model Aircraft Club, 9 – 4 p.m., Gaston (434) 577-9133
June 14 – Lakeland Singers Concert, 8 p.m., Lakeland Theater Company, Littleton (252) 586-3124
June 20 - American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m. Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-3268
June 21 – US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boater Safety Course, 8:30 – 5 p.m. 252 River Rd (252) 586-5711
June 25 - Lake Gaston Water Safety Council, 6 p.m. social/6:30 p.m. dinner, Kennon House, Gasburg (252) 586-4705
June 28 – Pollinators, 2 p.m., Medoc Mountain State Park, Hollister, (252) 586-6588
July 2 – LGA monthly meeting 9:30 – noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577
July 2 – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m. Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico 586-7112
July 4 – Independence Day in Historic Halifax, throughout the day ending with fireworks, Halifax, NC (252) 583-6571
July 5 (rain date 6th ) - Lake Gaston Annual Fireworks, at dark, Eaton Ferry Bridge (252) 532-3543
July 5 – Littleton July 4th Parade, 10 a.m., Mosby Ave onto S. Main St. (Hwy 158), (252) 586-6828
July 5 – Annual Independence Day Boat Parade, 10:30 a.m., mile marker 17 (252) 257-1807
July 8 - Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 537-7091
July 10 – Eaton Ferry Road AARP, 6 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-5228
July 11,12,13*,18,19 – Alice in Wonderland, 8 p.m. *2:30 p.m., Lakeland Theater Company, Littleton (252) 586-3124
July 12 – “Branson on the Road,” 8 p.m. Colonial Center, South Hill (434) 262-4170
July 19 – US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boater Safety Course, 8:30 – 5 p.m. 252 River Rd (252) 586-5711
July 25 - American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m. Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-3268
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Aug 9 – The Crossing, 9 a.m. Eaton Ferry Bridge, Lake Gaston, (252) 586-5711
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