



Always plenty to do at the LGA

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July 1st will be my 10th anniversary as executive director with the LGA and it never ceases to amaze me how many interesting projects the LGA Board of Directors handle in their committees.

We have seven committees – Lake Environment, Public Safety, Government Relations, Education, Marketing & Membership, Lake Clean-Up, and Nominating. Hi-lights from this month's activities ...

Lake Environment: Since our February 3 monthly meeting we have been working on a meeting with Dominion on water management, and it looks like they will be able to meet with us in April.

2016 Treatment sites have been established by the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council for hydrilla (which includes grass carp) and Lyngbya treatment sites are being reviewed.

Fish Spawning Season commenced March 1 thru June 15 which means that the Lake Gaston water level could rise to 201 ft. The Roanoke River in Weldon is a historic spawning ground and water exiting Roanoke Rapids dam has to be managed during this timeframe to protect the spawning beds.

Public Safety: had a successful Home Fire Safety Event in March (13 thru 19) with Ace Hardware, Lawrenceville selling 147 detectors. On April 30, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. will be the LGA sponsored Community Shredding event at Roanoke-Wildwood VFD.

Government Relations: held their annual 5 County Forum on March 17 that was attended by the representatives from the Boards of Commissioners/Supervisors from Brunswick, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Northampton & Warren Counties that are home to Lake Gaston. The event was deemed a success, now in its seventh year.

Budget letters to the Supervisors/Commissioners meetings of all five counties are being presented and should be completed thru April.

Education: To date the LGA made six presentations at William R. Davie Middle School on career, vocational, and life skill subject matter; participate in School Club days every month; and the committee is in the final stages of arrangements for two Lakeside Learning Days on April 19 & May 20.

Marketing & Membership: We are in the throws of wrapping up our renewals for 2016 - in October we had 1,775 members whose dues were paid thru December 2015 (membership year is Jan - Dec) and this month we are down to 222 that have yet to renew. Our 2016 membership drive is in full swing and it's always a good time to join the LGA.

Lake Clean-Up: Don't forget to join us on June 4th for this annual LGA event.

We keep our members up-to-date with all our committee activities thru our bi-monthly bulletins and emails between issues. Not a member? Come and join us!

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