

# Village East Voice

May 2023

**Village East Property Owners Association**  
**P.O. Box 452**  
**Moneta, Virginia 24121**  
**[www.villageeast.org](http://www.villageeast.org)**

## **VEPOA Annual Meeting** **11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023** **at the Clubhouse**

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### *A Message from the President*

Over the last eight to ten months, we at Village East have been extremely active! We have certainly continued to keep our high standards regarding the upkeep and beauty of our subdivision. The improvements made have translated to an active year for home and lot sales. Additionally, many of those newly purchased lots are being built upon. There are several things we can thank for this prosperity: our upkeep and amenities, the general real estate market (especially at SML) and even our new world of telecommuting.

In addition to our normal operations and living at VE we've had some upheaval as well. I believe most all of you are very well aware. This has been painful at times and has been divisive as well. We should be taking lessons learned and direction from this experience. The Board must make an effort to be more communicative and find ways to involve community members in the workings of the community. They also have an obligation to make decisions and carry them out effectively. Our members must also find a way to contribute in a positive way. Village East has always been able to do this. I call on everyone to be mindful of this.

This starts with the upcoming June election. As you may be aware, at our annual meeting last year we had only one (1) candidate for the position of Board Director even though we had three (3) board positions to fill. This left two (2) openings unfilled. The Board of Directors then filled

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### **Don't Forget!**

**All boaters (including paddlers) are required to carry at least one Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III life jacket when operating on Virginia's waters. Children 13 years of age and under are required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket when underway on any boat, unless the child is below decks or in an enclosed cabin. Thanks to the Bowser grandkids for modeling their jackets!**

### **Pool opens** **Saturday, May 27**

- **Regular pool hours: Daily 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**
- **Water Aerobics group meets MWF at 10 a.m. All welcome! (Portions of the pool remain available for general use.)**
- **Contact Phil Pierce to volunteer to spend a week as pool monitor - A pleasant job and an opportunity to meet your neighbors!**
- **Please remember to bring your VEPOA member cards with you to use the pool and the tennis and pickleball courts.**

**See you there!**

## Letter from the President, continued

these openings with two interim directors. According to our bylaws these interim directors can only serve until the following annual meeting of the membership. Consequently, at our June membership meeting this year will have our regular three board positions open (due to current directors completing their current 3-year terms), and two additional director positions that were filled by these interim directors for a total of 5 open director positions. This is a good place to start if you wish to be involved in change. But, it does not stop there. Be involved in committees, be involved in volunteering, read our governing documents on our website!

We ARE so fortunate to have a beautiful community on an outstanding lake. I ask everyone to please consider all the positives that this brings and join together to continue to make Village East a place where we can enjoy our blessed life with our families and our neighbors!

Let's have a great summer season!

*Eric Camplin*  
President, VEPOA



Share your best Village East or Smith Mountain Lake pics with your neighbors through the newsletter. Submit to [VEPOAnewslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:VEPOAnewslettereditor@gmail.com). Thanks to the Bowers for this beautiful sunset view.

## Spring trash pick-up yields record number of bags



**A dozen volunteers (not all pictured) met April 14 to clean up Hickory Hill Lane and a small section of Hendricks Store Road.**

**They gathered 11 bags, a record for the Village East team. Trash clean-up will take place again in October. Watch for a sign at the front gate. All are invited to participate. Orange vests provided!**

## *Welcome, Neighbors!*

**Renee and Tom McMillen**

Renee and Tom have moved into the former house of Carol and Robbie Hallock, 113 Ridgeway Rd. They live in Fishersville, Virginia, and part-time at the lake. They decided to buy a house at Smith Mt. Lake because they have friends here and because they love fishing. Renee and Tom run a Comcast contracting business.

They have three children (Angie, a Speech/Language therapist in Kansas; Eric, a pastor in Waynesboro; and Kristen, who is part of her parents' business and lives in Waynesboro) and five grandchildren. They also have three dogs, including an Australian Shepherd, and two Aussiedoodles, in addition to four cats.

Tom loves to fish and usually has a project in the works around the house. Renee sings with the Waynesboro Choral Society. She enjoys entertaining and being a grandma.

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**Tom's cell # 540-569-0393**

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- interview by Jennifer Thompson

## *Village East Voice*

The newsletter of the  
Village East Property Owners Association  
is published periodically and can also be found at  
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## **NOTICE OF 2023 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Date:** Saturday, June 3, 2023  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. Membership meeting  
**Place:** Village East Pool Club House

The following matters constitute the primary items on the agenda:

1. Election of three (3) members to the Board of Directors for a three year term.
2. Election of two (2) members to the Board of Directors for a two year term.
3. Vote to approve an Amendment to VEPOA Bylaws regarding Board Actions.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU SHOULD VOTE BY PROXY ON THE PRINTED BALLOT (below).

### **FOR THE PROXY TO BE VALID:**

- a. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING;
- b. THE PROXY MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY;
- c. THE PROXY MUST BE PROPERLY REGISTERED AND ACCEPTED BY THE PROXY/TELLER COMMITTEE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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### **VILLAGE EAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PICNIC SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023, 11:00 AM**

All proxies must be received by Al Higgins, VEPOA Teller Chairperson. Mail to:

**VEPOA PROXY COMMITTEE  
c/o Al Higgins  
PO Box 452  
Moneta, VA 24121.**

Make sure to include the word "Proxy" in the mailing address.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING BALLOT ITEMS**

All voting at the membership meeting will be conducted as specified in Article III of the Bylaws.

There are three ballot items:

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2. Election of two (2) members to the Board of Directors for a two year term.
3. Vote to approve an Amendment to VEPOA Bylaws regarding Board Actions.

For the Board of Directors, you should VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 CANDIDATES. When all votes are tallied, the top 3 vote-getters will be retained for three-year terms and the next two top vote getters will be retained for two-year terms. Again, please vote for not more than 5 CANDIDATES.

**PROXY STATEMENT**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**JUNE 3, 2023**

The undersigned will not attend the June 3, 2023 membership meeting and hereby appoints the President of VEPOA (or his designee) full proxy to vote on the matters listed below. The undersigned revoke all previous proxies give to any party and executed prior to the date of this proxy.

1. Election of five (5) Board members as proposed for three year terms (VOTE for 5):

Joseph Arthur	( )
David Berger	( )
Mark Brown	( )
David Horn	( )
Erica Martin	( )
Patricia Points	( )
Mark Thompson	( )

2. Vote to approve the following Amendment to the VEPOA Bylaws (Amendment in *red*)

**Article IV: Directors**

Section 1. Powers. The property business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors, which may exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute, the Protective Covenants, or by these Bylaws directed or required to be exercised or done by the members.

***In addition to all other powers and duties, the Board of Directors is authorized to impose penalties for the violation of any provisions of the Declaration of Protective Covenants, these Bylaws or any Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board. The penalties may include monetary assessments and, or suspension of privileges relating to the Common Area. The Board is empowered to adopt procedures for the exercise of the foregoing authority. Monetary penalties imposed pursuant to this Article shall be treated as assessments as provided in Article 10 of the Declaration of Protective Covenants and Article VII of these Bylaws. In the event that the Association is required to enforce any Covenant, Bylaw, Rule or Regulation, it shall be entitled to the recovery of its costs, fees and expenses, including legal fees, which shall constitute a lien on the lot of the violating member.***

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The foregoing amendment is authorized by Virginia Code §13.1-892 of the Nonstock Corporation. The Board of Directors may adopt an amendment to the Bylaws at any regular or special meeting.

FOR ( )                      AGAINST ( )

\_\_\_\_\_ (Lot No. /Section No)                      Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

(Signatures of All Property Owners) \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Candidates for VEPOA Board

**Joseph Arthur** - 117 Woodley Rd

Neighbors,

I would like to submit my name for your consideration to join the Village East Board of Directors. I have owned property in Village East since 2011 and have been on the Board since 2015 serving in the capacity of the Village East Architectural Committee Chair. In that time period the Committee members and I have reviewed numerous requests for new home construction, additions, modifications, tree removal etc. I am proud of the work the Committee/Board and I did on revising and updating the Architectural Guidelines in 2022. Village East is one of the premier subdivisions at Smith Mountain Lake and with your help I will continue to serve you.

I am blessed with four boys and have two undergraduate degrees, one in Architecture and the other in Civil Engineering so performing the responsibilities of the Architectural Committee Chair has been second hand. I have enjoyed responding to emails, phone calls, texts and getting to know those individuals interested in our community through the years.

When available I've been able to assist others with fallen tree removal, ditch digging, road clean up, lake clean up, stormwater drainage concerns, etc. I'd like to continue working together to maintain and enhance our little peace on earth we all are fortunate to call home.

Respectfully - Joseph W. Arthur

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**David Berger**

My name is David Berger and I have been a property owner since 1996 and a full-time resident since 2006.

I was on a Myrtle Beach HOA, serving on building and grounds for 10 years, vice president for 2 years, president for 4 years.

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**Mark Brown**

Mark Brown, born and raised in Michigan. Age 20 I moved to Denver Colorado and worked concrete construction earning a journeyman Form Setter/Carpenter position with a major concrete company. At 26 I joined the Navy as an Aircraft Metalsmith. I raised through the ranks during my 30 years and retired as Master Chief. I am happily retired and am a full-time resident of Village East. If elected to the board, I will fulfill my duties to the community in the same manner I have always done with the good of my neighbors and this community always in the forefront of everything I do.

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**David Horn** 113 Wagon Wheel Trail

As a currently serving member, I've seen the positive results the board has produced. As 20-year full-time residents of Village East, my wife and I have seen the neighborhood grow both in population and in the overall quality of life. I would like to help to continue that in the future.

About me personally: I relocated to Virginia in 1972 and to Village East in 2003. I'm a retired engineer with over 30 years of technology experience, mostly in the communications arena. Currently, I'm the Communications Director for the VEPOA, an assignment well suited to my background, and I would be honored to continue in that role. I'm also open to additional assignments as well – a necessity for all of us on this all-volunteer board.

In short, Village East is a great place to live, and I hope to help it get even better.

## Erica Martin

Hello All! My name is Erica Martin. I have lived in Village East for the past 15 years with my family, my husband and 3 children. I live on Little Creek Rd with the fenced in garden on the front row of houses. I have an architectural engineering background but have done various work over the years while raising my children. I have served on the board previously as the social committee coordinator which I created to help with communication within the community. If I am voted onto the board I will serve to the best of my ability.

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## Patricia Points

I currently live full time in the Village East Community with my husband, Mark Brown. My son and two daughters live in the community as well. I was raised in Virginia Beach. I attended Old Dominion University where I graduated with a Bachelor's in Physics and a minor in Mechanical Engineering. After college, I worked in the Industrial Hygiene field. I took time off when I had my daughters to be a stay at home mom. While I was home with my daughters, I went back to school and earned a Master's in Educational Leadership and Special Education. I have taught students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders for 20 years. If elected to the Board, I would work to ensure the voice of the community is reflected in any decisions made by the Board.

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## Mark Thompson

My name is Mark Thompson and I am currently serving on the Board as Grounds Chair. I live at 116 Wagon Wheel Trail which I purchased in 1986 - designing and building my house in 1997. Before moving here, I served on the Board in a townhouse community in Greensboro.

I have held this board position in Village East for the last four years. During my tenure I've been responsible for the trailer storage lots - maintenance as well as placement of trailers. I am also in charge of our roadsides with supervision of our contractor mowing, renewal of contracts and weekly oversight. I oversee tree removal and procure bids for larger tree removal contracts. I tend to the maintenance of our fences and green- belt areas. I replace and repair signage throughout our neighborhood.

Over the last four years I've been responsible for the removal of the chimney at the pool house, contracting the new ceiling, lights and fans. I hired the contractor for the new roof and gutters. I oversaw the refurbishment of the tennis courts and purchase of the basketball goal. I recently supervised and coordinated the installation of the new light and paving of the boat launch. I procured and managed the contractor who installed the new barrier gate and am responsible for the disbursement of remote controls. I am currently overseeing the purchase and installation of a new float at our boat launch area.

I understand how both our Board and community operate and would very much like to retain my position as Grounds Chairman. I take this job very seriously and am committed to keeping Village East a beautiful place to live.