

Village East

Spring 2018

Village East Property Owners Association
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the Spring Newsletter I usually address the upcoming activities and fun in and around the Lake. While I do hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer, I need to address membership participation in the operations of VEPOA. The real charms of our neighborhood are our neighbors and the private community we share – the pool, tennis court, docks and park-like setting. These luxuries come at a cost to all our membership. We all know and contribute to the financial needs of VEPOA with the payment of yearly dues. No less important to our continued success is the cost-saving work performed by all VEPOA volunteers. Currently, we depend on their efforts to manage and maintain all of Village East to the high standards we all enjoy.

June will mark the end of a three-year term for three Board members, one member on the Architectural Committee, and many volunteers throughout our operation. We started our search for new candidates for these positions in January. Only now, four months later have we received commitments to fill the upcoming vacated Board seats.

With Village East having been managed and maintained to its present standard, it is easy to become complacent. We can no longer rely on the same few to continue to shoulder the responsibility for all. It is time for all VEPOA members to step up and participate. Everyone should start by being part of our communication chain. E-mail, a current

contact number, and our newsletter will help us keep you informed and a part of your community.

Contact Erica Martin at

VEPOAcommunication@gmail.com or go to villageeast.org to join our communication chain. This contact information and your presence at the June membership meeting will give all members some insight into the combined effort it takes to operate an organization such as VEPOA.

If we are unable to generate participation in a community-wide effort to manage and maintain everything that makes up our neighborhood, we will be forced to seek outside contractors to perform the work now done by our volunteers. These costs would then be passed on to residents through an increase in membership dues.

The fear of the time and effort it may take to be an active member of VEPOA is mostly unfounded. Add your name to our list, if not for a Board seat, maybe a committee volunteer. With a joint effort from all membership, we can continue to maintain Village East as a premier neighborhood.

I extend to all members an invitation to attend our upcoming membership meeting and picnic, June 9. Let's start this summer with the best Village East has to offer – our community and our neighbors.

Robert Leonard
President VEPOA

2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 9, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Vice-President's Report

We recently received a satisfactory safety evaluation on our boat launch area and dock in an inspection by the Virginia Department of Health. Our clean safety record has helped keep our insurance rates low; in fact, our insurance costs have been relatively flat over the last decade.

Many thanks to our neighbors who helped us with trash pickup along Hickory Cove Lane on Saturday, April 21st. Jim and Patti, Gerhart, Field Jones, Kathy Orth, Robert and Valerie Leonard, Woody Gregory, Robbie Hallock, and Jennifer Thompson assisted in the pickup, which resulted in six large bags of trash and a full pickup load of branches and limbs, all of which were taken to our Stone Mountain recycling center.

Geoff Orth
Vice President VEPOA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Review Committee

Greetings Neighbors! Hope everyone is excited for some summer weather here at Village East. The committee and I have been reviewing and approving a few house upgrades/remodels in accordance with our guidelines. We continue to answer questions on kayak stands, tree removal, ditching, and fencing so if you ever have a question, feel free to track one of us down. As we all know, spring showers bring summer rain storm down pours (and flowers), so please do your neighbors a courtesy and tend to the

Architectural Review Committee (cont.)

ditches in front of (and possibly beside) your property with proper mowing, leaf removal, and general maintenance.

The revisions to the architectural committee guidelines continue to be a work in progress, it seems every quarter something new pops up worth debating. When revised, we hope it will be clear and user friendly.

As a reminder, all property owners are reminded to check the Village East Covenants, By-Laws and Architectural Guidelines before any construction and/or tree removal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike, Gavin, or myself. I hope everyone has an enjoyable, fun, and safe spring/summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Joseph W. Arthur, Chairperson

Grounds Committee

Thankfully we've had a pretty uneventful spring so far this year. Ruggieri removed the yucca plants from around the pool house. Mona Richards volunteered her time to plant new raised beds which will be a huge improvement. Ruggieri has mulched around the pool and will soon resume mowing. We lost some rotten pine trees in the April wind storm we experienced. David's Tree Service was able to get all of that cleaned up. Remember that both boat storage areas are now chained and locked for security. Those wishing to access must call Mark Thompson or other Board members to retrieve the combination. Many thanks to Mark White for his time and assistance removing low-hanging limbs and fallen trees from around the roads.

Grounds

Mark Thompson, Chairperson

Pool Committee

The Village East pool is scheduled to open May 26th, Memorial Day weekend. Last year we had issues with a low water level and problems getting the water quality where it needed to be. The pool committee is optimistic that we won't experience such problems this year. The water level is good, and we added a pump to circulate the water twice a day (on a timer) during the winter months. Bob and Mona Richards have graciously offered to continue the daily pool maintenance for the coming season. Last season was going to be their last but circumstances changed. I will be contacting commercial pool maintenance companies to get estimates on what the cost would be if we find we have to go that route in the future. We will be organizing a work party in May to clean and repair tables, chairs and umbrellas and any other task necessary to ensure a safe and effective pool season for Village East POA members and guests. The date has yet to be set and is contingent on the pool cover being removed, tentatively scheduled for 4/30-5/3. If you would like to participate in this work party, please contact me at the phone number/email below. The Village East community owes a debt of gratitude to Mark White who undertook the daunting task of rewiring the pool pump house. There were several issues of both a safety and operational concern that have been remedied. In the process, he saved the community several hundred dollars. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to be a member of the pool committee, please contact me at the phone number/email below.

Mark Barillaro, Chairperson
(540) 297-4281
vepoapool@gmail.com

Roads Committee

I am the new chair of the Roads Committee and will keep you up to date on any planned activity we have in that area. If you know of an issue affecting our Village East roads, contact me at 540-352-0781.

Dave White, Chairperson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Our Annual Meeting and Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Club House area of the pool.**

After the annual meeting, we will enjoy our annual picnic. Come, meet new neighbors and visit with your friends and residents in Village East. Bring your appetite, folding chairs, and a dish to share. The main course, drinks, and all tableware will be provided.



POT LUCK DINNERS

Spring is here and we are all enjoying the flowers blooming, sunshine, and the anticipation of warm sunny days to come. Please join your neighbors at **6:00 p.m. every fourth Thursday** of the month (weather permitting) at the Club House area of the pool.

Please bring a dish to share, your drink of choice (no alcohol permitted), tableware and place mats or table cloth (optional).

Our first pot luck dinner of the season is

Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Other dates for Pot Luck are:

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

Valerie Leonard/Jennifer Thompson
Social Committee Co-Chairs

NOTICE OF 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m. Membership Meeting; Picnic Follows at Noon
Place: Village East Club House

The following matters constitute the primary items on the agenda:

1. Election of 3 members to the Board of Directors for a 3 year term.
2. Election of 1 member to the Architectural Review Committee.

Recommendations by the Board of Directors for nominees are listed above the proxy ballot.

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

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.

VILLAGE EAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 AT 11:00 AM

All proxies must be received by Michele Brogan, VEPOA Teller Chairperson. Mail to:

VEPOA PROXY COMMITTEE
C/O Michele Brogan
304 Indian Ridge Drive
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:

Election of three Directors to the Board: Bobbye Carroll, Chuck Dideon, Dave White.

(1) These are three year terms;

(2) Election of one member to the Architectural Committee: XXXX XXXXXXXX for a three-year term.

PROXY STATEMENT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 9, 2018

The undersigned will not attend the June 10, 2017 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 given to any party and executed prior to the date of this proxy.

1. Election of three (3) Board members as proposed for three year terms:

Bobbye Carroll	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Chuck Dideon	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Dave White	FOR ()	AGAINST ()

2. Election of one (1) Architectural Committee members as proposed for a one year term:

Mike Gallogly	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
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Lot No. /Section No

_____, 2018
Date

(Signatures of All Property Owners)

Use additional copies if necessary.

RETURN TO: VEPOA Proxy Committee, 304 Indian Ridge Drive, Moneta, VA 24121