

Village East

Village East Voice

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May 2015

President's Message

I hope that all is well with all of you.

The notice for our 2015 Annual Membership Meeting and community picnic is enclosed with this newsletter. It will take place on Saturday, June 20. Please make plans to attend and catch up with all the goings on and visit with your new and not-so-new neighbors.

At the annual meeting, we'll be voting on four Board members and one Architectural Committee member ([see included meeting notice page 6](#)).

Assuming those elections and the immediately following election of officers by the Board turn out as I anticipate, the reigns of leadership of the Village East Property Owners' Association will transfer to a new President. Discovering who the new President will be and welcoming that individual into the office are good reasons to make sure you have this meeting on your calendar. It will also be a great opportunity to thank retiring Board members, Woody Lewis and Judy Mackey, for their dedicated service to Village East. But, if you can't be present, do make sure you return your proxy vote ([see p.7](#)).

Since the meeting will take place at the clubhouse, I can't resist the opportunity to share with you the improvements that you will see while there. There has been a handrail added to the steps going up to the tennis courts and the tennis courts have been power washed and repairs have been made to the nets. Even more exciting is the resurfaced swimming pool that should add to the life of our pool. The new surface should also reduce upkeep to the pool and chemical expenses.

Many of these and other improvements will be addressed by the appropriate committee chairperson. Your Board has been hard at work to make sure that all the assets of Village East are well maintained.

Since last summer, we have had many new residents move into Village East. We welcome all of you and invite you to become an active member of Village East. At the Village East website, villageeast.org, you will find a listing of the committees that serve our community.

Village East Property Owners' Association
P.O. Box 452
Moneta, Virginia 24121

(President's Message Cont.)

The Board requests that if you have an interest in lending your talents to serve the community, please contact me so that I may put you in touch with the proper chairperson. All of the Board Meetings are open to all of our members. We invite all residents to attend those meetings. The dates for the Board meetings are also posted at the website and you may contact any Board member for the location of the meetings.

I want to again remind you of the leash law that exists in Village East. All dogs must be leashed when not on your property. Also, please pick up your dog's waste, especially from the roadway.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Thursday night potluck dinners and the annual meeting. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to phone or email me about any concerns that you may have about Village East. Remember, your Board was elected to serve you.

As I conclude 11 years serving as President of Village East, I would like to extend a most heartfelt thank you to all who served with me, at one time or another, on the Board. It was a pleasure serving with you. I would also like to thank all of our residents who were not only wonderful in supporting your Board, but in furnishing ideas on how your Board could better serve you.

ROBBIE HALLOCK, President
(540)297-5596

Annual Meeting
June 20, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Pool Club House

Association Committees

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

All community newsletters and voting information are now being placed on the Village East website (www.villageeast.org) instead of being sent via U.S. Mail. All Village East Property Owners can request an email notification of the newsletter by sending an email to johnandpatruss@gmail.com with the Subject: Newsletter Notification.



Community phonebooks are currently published every even number year. We will try to give you updates in the newsletter when we are aware of changes. New residents to Village East can contact Pat Russ for a copy of the Phone Directory. Supply is limited.

ADD PHONE NUMBERS:

Philip & Pamela Pierce- 540.297.4643
703 Indian Ridge Drive

John Russ & Pat Russ, Co-Chairpersons
540-296-1334

ROADS

This is my final newsletter article. I have decided to retire from the board of directors when my term expires at the June subdivision picnic. I would like to thank those members who have supported me and the board. I hope you will continue your support of the new board.



This last winter the new snow removal contractor did not perform to our standards, and so I replaced him with another contractor for the second major snowfall.

Money has been put into the reserve account for the beginning phase of resurfacing our roads. Indian Ridge has been tentatively scheduled for 2016.

Woody Lewis

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

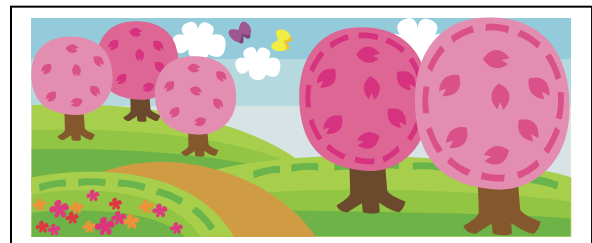
I don't need to tell most of you that we have gone through a hard winter. Nonetheless, we seem to have been spared major weather damage to the Village East grounds. Some of our maintenance projects, though, were delayed by the cold and ice.

One of the delayed projects, scheduled work on the tennis courts, was completed this past week. The court surface has been pressure washed as well as the steps leading to the court and those leading down from the parking area to the pool gate. We've also installed a metal railing on the ascending steps that matches the railing installed last year for the steps leading to the pool. Finally, we've had the torn net mended and, with the help of Dave White, reset the mended net onto its posts.

Many thanks to Bob Richards, for leading the Take Pride in Smith Mountain Lake Cleanup effort within the Village East area, and to Gene Suggs, who has again let us use his boat for this project. We are always impressed by Gene's ability to navigate some of the tighter spots within Village East waterways.

New signage has been posted at the boat launch area to conform to our revised rules and policies.

As both boat lots are at capacity, please let us know if you are no longer using your assigned space so that it can be given to a neighbor on our waiting list. Finally, if you change the boat or trailer listed for your space, let me know so that we can make an appropriate revision to our records.



GROUNDS COMMITTEE (CONT.)

Back in December, trimming work was completed for trees and shrubbery lining our streets. One damaged Bartlett pear tree at the entrance was removed and the others were trimmed to lessen the weight carried by the trunks and thus lengthen their life expectancy. Near the end of May, the arborvitae and Leyland cypresses lining the tennis court and boat lot #1 will be treated for bagworms, along with our scheduled fertilization of those trees and the fruit and ornamental trees in the pool area.

We truly appreciate the efforts of our walkers in helping keep the roads clean throughout the year, both within VEPOA grounds and along Hickory Cove Road. In the latter effort, we had eleven volunteers help with the semi-annual road cleanup on Saturday, April 18th. Many thanks to Robbie Hallock, Field Jones, Robert and Valerie Leonard, Wade Najjum, Jim and Patti Gerhart, Gene Suggs, and Bob and Mona Richards for their work. We collected several bags of trash and debris and a pickup load of brush.

Our Landscape Group needs volunteers!!! They design as well as plant flowers, bulbs, scrubs and contract for planting trees (and water such when needed). Please contact Bonnie Gregory at [540-297-1430](tel:540-297-1430) if you are interested in gardening.



Your help in keeping your private areas well maintained is greatly appreciated. Please make every effort to trim trees with branches leaning over the roadway and to have dead trees removed before they create a hazard for your neighbors and their guests.

Feel free to relay any grounds or landscaping concerns to our committee.

Geoff Orth
Chairperson
540-297-4819

POOL

Major pool renovations are being done in the off-season. With that in mind, we need to ensure compliance of all pool rules so we may continue to enjoy the pool in years to come. Failure to follow these rules will not be tolerated and could result in loss of privileges or an early closing of the pool for the season. The pool is monitored throughout the season by VEPOA board members. Please be respectful when asked to comply with our rules as they are only trying to keep this resource available for all of our property owners' use and enjoyment.

POOL RULES

SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK. No lifeguard service is provided. All persons use the pool and clubhouse at their own risk. Village East Property Owners Association will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries or loss of personal property.

1. **Everyone** must sign in on the sheet in the clubhouse
2. Members, guests & renters **MUST** have membership card to use facilities.
3. Members are directly and completely responsible for the actions of their children, guests, and renters while on the premises.
4. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
5. **NO** alcoholic beverages, glass containers, animals, loud music or boisterous conduct is allowed.
6. **NO** Smoking in the pool area.
7. Clean your area before you leave.
8. Parking is allowed in the lot and on side roads, no parking on the main road (Indian Ridge Drive).
9. Member privileges may be suspended for anyone violating these rules.

Important Pool Information

- Last year, for the protection of our residents and Village East property, closed circuit security cameras were installed in the pool and clubhouse area. During that season, three trespassers were caught and prosecuted with the assistance of the video footage provided by these cameras.
- The pool was resurfaced and the handrails and ladders in the pool had to have bolts and housings replaced to ensure they were tightly secured. Please ensure there is no unnecessary hanging or swinging on the ladders or handrails. .
- Property Owners - please remind all guests or renters of the pool rules.

The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend and close after Labor Day weekend.

If you have any questions or suggestions to help make our pool a better place, please feel free to email me at michaelsbrogan@aol.com.

Let's all work together to have a fun and safe pool season.

Scott Brogan. Chairperson

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Please bring folding chairs to our Annual Meeting on **June 20, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.** The meeting will take place at the Clubhouse area. Come, meet new neighbors and visit with your friends and residents in Village East. After the meeting we will enjoy our annual picnic. Chicken, hot dogs, drinks and all tableware will be provided. PLEASE, BRING A DISH TO PASS and a good appetite.

Carol Hallock, Social Committee Chairperson
(540) 297-5596



POTLUCK DINNERS

Spring is here! It's time to think about warm sunny days and potluck dinners at our pool/picnic area. They will take place **every Fourth Thursday** of the month (weather permitting) at 6:00 p.m.

Our first dinner of the season **starts Thursday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please bring a dish to pass, your drink of choice, (no alcohol permitted) tableware and place mats or table cloth (if you desire). Look for the schedule of planned dinners posted at the pool house.

Carol Hallock, Social Committee Chairperson
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AROUND AND ABOUT VILLAGE EAST

WELCOME

Jennifer and Mark Thompson, who have now become fulltime residents of Village East. They have retired to their permanent home at 116 Wagon Wheel Road. I had already interviewed them when they were part time residents, so we won't repeat the process. Now we have the pleasure of knowing them as permanent residents. Say "Hello" and welcome Jen and Mark when you meet. They are listed in our Village East directory.

We do have new owners at 107 Wagon Wheel Road. I haven't met them as yet, but hope the summer months will bring them here so I can interview them for our fall newsletter. In the meantime if you see them, let me know and introduce yourself and welcome them into our midst.

Dot DeVed, Interviewer

CONGRATULATIONS

Sarah and James Bartell who were blessed with their third son, Blake Joseph, on January 29, 2015. He joins his two older brothers, Cole, 8 years old and Levi, 4, at their home at 106 Camelot Drive in Village East. Best wishes to this growing family.

Kathy and Geoff Orth who are grandparents again at the birth of a granddaughter, Reagan Marie, who was born February 1, 2015. Her parents are T.J. and Andrea Orth. Reagan joins her 2 year old sister, Abby in their Newport, Rhode Island home. Best wishes to all of you.

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO

Ellen and Mark White at the death of Ellen's father, Joseph B. Graham, Sr., who passed into heavenly rest on December 11, 2014. His service was held at his home church, Goshen Presbyterian, in Goshen, VA. He was very active all his life in all kinds of church activities, teaching Sunday School for over 50 years.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Also, keep me in prayer, **(Dot)** as I recover from a fall in my home on March 7th. I ended up at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Rocky Mount for several days, Robbie and Carol Hallock transported me to the hospital and stayed until the wee hours of March 8 (time change Sunday) until I was settled in a room. They also picked me up to take me home several days later. Thank you, Robbie and Carol, for your kind act of love.

Thank you, also, to all my friends and neighbors in Village East for bringing in meals because I was unable to fend for myself. I am back to cooking again, but can't go downstairs for laundry or drive a car as yet. Hopefully, soon.

Special thanks to Donna Keeney and Pat Russ, retired nurses who kept a sharp eye on my wounded knee for infection and any other complications. They are angels of mercy, even though I am under home health care.

When people say Village East is a community of families who care for one another, they are not kidding. God bless all of you.

Dot DeVed
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NOTICE OF 2015 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015
Time: 11:00 a.m. Membership meeting; Picnic follows at noon
Place: Village East Club House
Note: SEE MORE DETAILS ON THE MEETING AND PICNIC IN THIS NOTICE

The following matters constitute the primary items on the agenda:

1. Election of 3 members to Board of Directors for a three year term and 1 member for a one 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 20, 2015, 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:

- (1) Election of four Directors to the Board: Jordan Combs; Wade Najum; Bobbye Carroll. These are three year terms. Robert Leonard is for a one year term.
- (2) Election of one member to the Architectural Committee: Mike Gallogly for a three year term;

PROXY STATEMENT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 20, 2015

The undersigned will not attend the June 20, 2015 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 four (3) Board members as proposed for three year terms:

Jordan Combs	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Wade Najum	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Bobbye Carroll	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Robert Leonard	FOR ()	AGAINST ()

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

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

_____, 2015

Date

Signature of All Owners

Use additional copies if necessary.

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