

Village East Voice

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Dear Village East Community,
I'd like to share a few updates with you on several important topics affecting our neighborhood.

Snow Removal

This winter, we experienced a fairly strong storm that was unusual for our area. Unfortunately, our normal snow removal contractor was not available at that time, so we had to act quickly to secure an alternative provider to ensure our roads were cleared. The good news is that the contractor who assisted us during that storm performed well, and after also receiving bids from two additional companies, we have decided to move forward with C&C Landscaping as our snow removal vendor going forward. We appreciate everyone's patience as we worked through this unexpected situation.

Pool House Repairs

Over the winter, extremely cold temperatures caused a pipe to burst in the pool house. Unfortunately, the issue was not discovered for a few days, which resulted in significant damage to the building. Our insurance policy covered the repairs, minus our \$1,000 deductible, and substantial repairs have already been completed, with the remainder currently in progress. Many thanks to those in the community who helped locate the leak, assisted with initial cleanup, and communicated with our mitigation contractors throughout the process. Your help made a real difference.

Public Water Investigation

Several community members have expressed interest in exploring the possibility of bringing public water to the Village East subdivision. In response, preliminary discussions with the Bedford Regional Water Authority, county and state officials, and environmental agencies have

begun to better understand what would be required to make this a reality. This is still in the information-gathering phase, additional details will be shared with the community as they become available.

Social Activities

One area I'm personally excited to grow within our community is social engagement. This doesn't mean highly regimented events, but rather loosely organized, scheduled activities that bring neighbors together. We already have good examples of this with our Bunco group and Water Aerobics. Looking ahead, possibilities could include picnics, pickleball, Sea-Doo outings, and similar activities. To make this happen, we'll need volunteers who are interested in organizing or helping coordinate events. If you're interested in organizing, participating, or simply learning more, please let me know — I'm hopeful we can get several activities up and running this year.

Thank you all for your continued involvement and support in making Village East a great place to live.

Warm regards,

Eric Camplin

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Upcoming events

1. April 11th – Spring Road Cleanup 9am
2. End of May – Pool Opening
3. June – Annual Membership Meeting – Elections

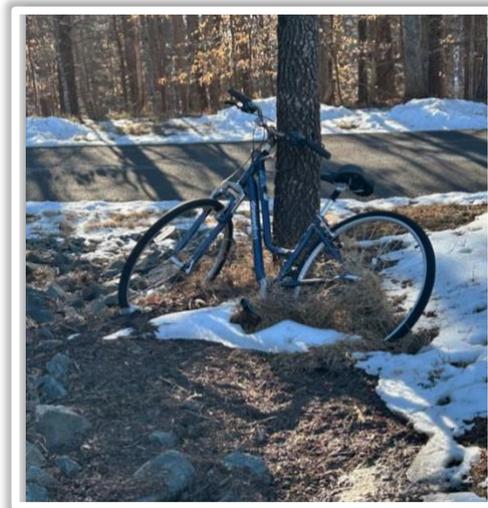
Volunteer Opportunities

1. Lead/participate on Social Committee
2. Normal election based – 3 three year Board members and on single-year term Board member. The single year term is due to the resignation of the Roads Chair

Please submit your name if you are interested in running for one of these positions to Eric Camplin at VEPOA president@gmail.com.”

Roads Committee Update

Speed bumps were painted thanks to Al Higgins and his son. New signage has been installed in the boat ramp. This should help with congestion.



Is this your bike?

Did you take a hike and forget your bike?
Do you know the owner who might need a loaner?

Please contact any VEPOA Board Member if this belongs to you.



Then and Now



October 1990 Provided by Pat Anzuiulewicz



Please submit any photos from the far or recent past with a current update.

Fun Facts From the Treasurer, Carl Bowser

Currently, there are 177 properties within the Village East community; 105 have been improved with homes and 72 are lots. One lot is presently undergoing construction, and another is in the planning stages. There are also six property owners in Village North (a subdivision of Hickory Cove) who have joined our community as associate members, pay yearly dues, and have all the rights of use of Village East amenities (except voting in elections).

There were 17 property sales/transfers in 2025, which is a full 10% of available lots, with the majority happening in the last three months of the year. From my point of view with the final prices of these sales, we are in a "sellers" market and may continue to see other properties sold in the coming months.

Around the neighborhood – Brunswick Stew being stirred and eaten!



Social Activities from Marcia St. John

During Covid things fell to the wayside and some never got going again. We need to get back to our roots by creating a warm and welcoming community. Interviews with our neighbors in our Newsletter is part of this initiative. Historically, we had an annual POA picnic, pot luck dinners every month in the summers, and welcome committee, as examples. We should all be very proud of all the amenities Village East has to offer and still maintaining low annual POA fees. The reason for this is the amount of volunteer hours that some of the residents put into projects like gardening, painting picnic tables, repairing roofs on the club house, repairing the front entrance when damaged, cleaning up trash along the roads, serving on the POA board, and so many other projects that have been taken on and still need to be taken on.

When you think of what your HOA fees covers, it's pretty remarkable. Pool maintenance and repairs, road maintenance plowing, paving, gravel, tree and lawn maintenance, legal and accounting fees, boat ramp improvements, tennis and pickle ball court repairs, plumbing and electrical repairs, insurance, etc.

Please consider volunteering to make Village East better. By volunteering to be a HOA board member, or starting a special interest group, leading the social committee to set up fun events, welcoming new owners, garden committees to make Village East pretty, or any other interest that you think would be beneficial.

Anyone interested can Email Mary Colby at, thecolbys@aol.com or Marcia St John at marciastjohn@gmail.com



Get To Know Your Neighbors

Let's all thank Mary Colby for volunteering to publish the Village East Newsletter. We look forward to future publications.

It's only appropriate to do a "Get to Know Your Neighbors" interview with Mary and George Colby. I know all of us couldn't wait to see what the finished house at, 1106 Indian Ridge Drive, was going to look like. It didn't disappoint.

It's two years now that they moved from West Hartford, Connecticut. They both grew up in Northern Virginia and met in high school. They both graduated from VaTech.

They both were familiar with the lake because Mary has an Aunt and Uncle who live on the other side of the lake. They love the water and decided on this side of the lake which is not as remote.

Mary recently retired from engineering management and George is currently working as aerospace engineer but plans to retire, March 2027.

They have one son and a precious 2 1/2 year old granddaughter, Cecilia who live in NY. Mary visits monthly and now has lots of experience on train travel. They also have the cutest little dog Hershey. Hershey didn't have much to say.

Mary enjoys quilting and does a lot of charity work thru the Lake Quilters Guild. They both love to go to the Little Town Players for the Sunday matinees. George enjoyed playing soccer when they lived in California while Mary worked on her PhD. He played on an old man's team when they lived in Connecticut. He has done a number of marathons and for seven years has done charity bike rides for MS from South Boston to Provincetown. So I'd say running and biking is his passion. I'm sure you have spotted him running in the neighborhood. They both enjoy swimming, fishing, floating, and kayaking.

Darlene and Tim Hahn and granddaughter Rose at 304 Indian Ridge Drive, moved here fairly recently. They had lived in Roanoke for 34 years raising their two sons and granddaughter. They were concerned with the rising crime in the city and always longed to be on the water.

Darlene is a retired nurse R.N. she had worked at Lewis Gale for 39 years in the cardiovascular surgical progress care. Tim is still working in

Vinton area as an electrician and hopes to retire next year. Rose is 9 and attends Moneta Elementary School and absolutely loves 4th grade. She is a true delight. She is a cheer leader and came in 2nd place in Cheerfest. She loves to draw and sing. She has made many friends here and was so excited to show me some photos of them together.

Darlene's interests include baking and sharing her baked goods with friends, Shopping, old movies, 70's music, spending time with family, enjoys helping people.

Tim is into Nascar racing and Formula 1 racing, watching sports and football. Darlene has also volunteered to be on the Pool Committee and looks forward to the summer season. She is very enthusiastic in making improvements.

Shout out to Volunteers

Thanks to Jan and Greg at, 1102 Indian Ridge Drive, Jan helped with watering at the pool pots and corner garden on Indian Ridge and Little Creek Rd. She also helped mulch the garden.

Greg was a life saver by helping get the plants for the entrance garden out of my truck and placed where I wanted them.

Big thanks to GG and Billy Wagner at, 109 Ridgeway Ct. GG volunteered to help me water the pots at the pool and front entrance garden and corner garden. I asked GG to save gallon jugs so we could water all plants. Billy said he could come up with a better plan. He purchased a camping bladder that is used as a shower when camping. He built a box to fit the back of a golf cart or truck that will hold it securely. Now we just have to fill it with water, attach a hose and gravity does the rest.

By the way, GG recently published a Novel and is working on a 2nd one.

She has also published a children's book. Both are available on Amazon. Abscond: The Samuel's Gate Series and Scaredy Cat Makes a Brave Choice

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