

Village East Voice

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Dear HOA Member,

Short Term Rentals:

- In August 2023, Bedford County finally passed a zoning ordinance for Short Term Rentals (STR). This was after a few years of discussion and debating, but the end result was fairly succinct and fairly easy to understand.
- Here is a link to the document the actual county document. I highly recommend everyone make themselves familiar with this; not only those who rent their homes but all residents. Here is a link to the county website: [Short-Term Rentals | County of Bedford, Virginia \(bedfordcountyva.gov\)](https://www.bedfordcountyva.gov/Short-Term-Rentals)
- A few highlights from the ordinance:
 - Short term rental is any rental of 30 days or less
 - Short term rental operators must register each year (small fee as well). This also includes a property management plan that must be submitted to the county. Failure to register will result in a \$500 fine.
 - There are several rules around what is and is not allowed including parking, vehicles and numbers of people in the rental. Our rules must be at least as stringent as the county's, but may be more stringent.
 - Complaints can be addressed to the county via the same link as above. The county has hired a person specifically for administering the ordinance.
- Let me know if you have any questions on this. I can be reached at vepoapresident@gmail.com.

Pool Status:

- First of all, we as a community should be very thankful to the handful of folks that have been so diligent in keeping the pool ready for us and our guests to use. It's been beautifully cared for throughout the summer.
- A big thanks also goes out to our pool maintenance person, Donnie Shaver. He's been there for us throughout the season when any issues have come up!
- And, to our beloved Marcia St. John, who makes the area around the pool look beautiful as well – thanks so much!
- Lastly, as noted in an email that went out a few weeks ago, we will be undergoing a big facelift for the pool. This should set us up for years to come as some of the tiles/stones being replaced are originals! If you have any questions regarding this, please email Kim Hill at vepoapool@gmail.com.

Thank you,

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President - VEPOA Board
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Upcoming events

1. Fall Clean Up - Saturday in October
2. Trunk or Treat - Saturday Oct 31st 530pm
3. Holiday Party – December Date and Location TBD

In June our annual meeting and cookout was held. There was lively discussion around voting and good eats with the neighbors.



Grounds Activity

The grounds committee has been busy. The team of David Gillespie, Billy Wagner, John Jeffrey and Mark Thompson shown below have accomplished the following:

- Cleaned the boat launch area
- Installed red posts to mark the speed bumps
- Painted lines at the entryway
- Removed trees on Little Creek after a storm.

Architecture Review Reminder

With the leaves starting to change colors and drop, it's a good reminder that for our drainage systems to work, they must be clean of debris. It's the responsibility of each homeowner to keep the water draining properly on and around their property. So clean out your swales!

For those of you who are wondering – what is a swale? It's a fancy name for a drainage ditch or gully. From Merriam Webster - A [swale](#) is a shallow, low-lying depression or channel in the ground. It can be natural or human-made, and its main job is to catch, hold, or slow down moving water.



Community Connections Team (Previously named Social Committee) hosted an end of summer potluck. The Community Connections team has lots of items in the works so you'll hear more via emails, website, signage and the newsletter. If you are interested in being on the committee or just helping with events, please let Dee Higgins know.



Neighbors in the News

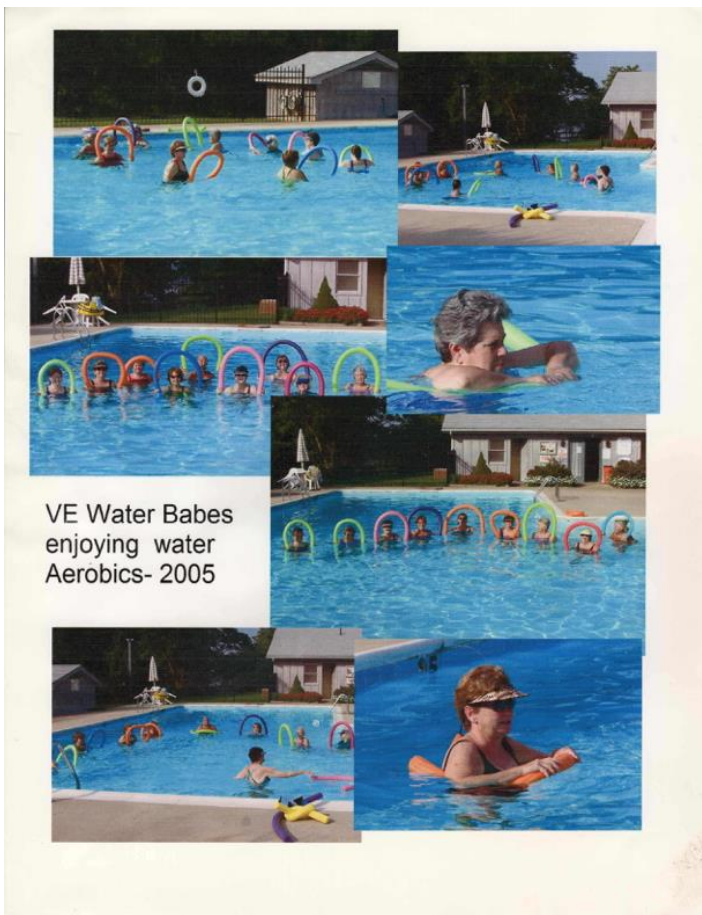
Smith Mountain Lake Arts Council Photo Club 2026 Show

Three of our neighbors received awards for their photography. Mike Cote, Jane Murden, and Kathy Orth, shown along with their photos and their awards. By happenstance, Mimi and I were at the show and all our neighbors were there! The photos don't do their art justice.

Congratulations!



Then and Now



Water aerobics is offered three times a week in the morning. Fun and free! Anyone can join! See you next summer.

Get To Know Your Neighbors

Welcome Gayle Andersen at 209 Camelot Drive. She had moved from Barboursville, Va., in August 2025. Her husband Eric always loved the Ocean and they spent many years in Hatterus. Even though Gayle loved that area, she really longed to live by a lake with trees and mountains. A reminder of her early years growing up with her parents and brothers in a wooded area by a lake in Louisville, Kentucky. Her father and brothers were big into fishing and the family home was nick-named the Schaad Fish House. If you are wondering about the name, her maiden name was Schaad.

When Eric sadly passed away, Gayle made a choice to move closer to her three nephews with their encouragement. Smith Mountain Lake was the only lake she would consider moving to, and it would be close to them. When she walked into 200 Camelot, she knew immediately when she set her eyes on it, it was meant to be. With its warm wood bead board ceilings, it was the perfect little cozy cabin in the woods she longed for. She could picture her furniture fitting in and creating a cozy retreat. She has also named her new home The Schaad Fish House that she intends to pass down to the three nephews. Gayle graduated from The University of Kentucky with a degree in Physical Therapy and is retired. Her husband's hobby of antique cars, (28 model A Ford, and the 1967 Sunbeam Tiger), also brings joy to Gayle. She is looking forward to bringing the 1967 Sunbeam Tiger to the lake soon. From the sound of things, I think the neighborhood will hear its cameo. She also loves wood working and is currently working on two resin side tables for her bedroom and just finished a lobster trap. She also enjoys gardening. Every year she enjoys throwing a Derby Party the first Saturday in May. She describes herself as happy, friendly, and helpful, so if you meet her on the street or at the pool make sure you say hi.

Welcome Jacquie Holcombe and EJ Secolaj who have just moved into 103 Land Harbor Lane. They will be here quite often but their primary residence is Cary, North Carolina. We will probably see more of Jacquie since she loves coming to the lake. EJ was familiar with the lake from vacationing here with his children when they were younger. Jacquie fell in love with the lake as

soon as she saw it. She has also reconnected with an old friend that she hadn't seen for about 35 years who lives close to SML. Jacquie and EJ are a blended family. Jacquie has a daughter and son and has two grand children, one just turned one, and a brand new born. EJ has three boys. Jacquie taught chorus for 38 years and since 2014 she been teaching voice to high school children privately. EJ is a senior manager for Pfizer Pharmaceutical.

Jacquie enjoys home decorating, walking the neighborhood, gardening, teaching voice, water activities, she was a competitive swimmer when she was younger. EJ loves to snow ski, water ski, wake boarding, gym, biking, hunting, gardening and golf. When he's not doing that he likes to work around the house. They both love card games, board games, boating, and volunteering at church. EJ would love to put his boat in the water but is working out how to get his big boat here and stored. Hopefully it works out for him before the summer is over. Also thank you EJ for your Service in the Army.

Let's welcome Tamera Leimer (Tammy) who has moved into the new build at, 202 Little Creek Road. She has moved from Charlottesville where she has lived since 2011 and before that she was in the Fairfax, area.

She grew up splitting her time between the Florida Keys and Wisconsin. She always loved living by water, but she also knew the price of living at the ocean with the threat of hurricanes, so lake life was her clear choice. Out of all the lakes in Virginia, Smith Mountain Lake was the only one she would consider.

She has a very busy career, for the past 22 years as a Thermography certified level 3 trainer. In addition to this she has a small catering business. She has had restaurant experience, learning from a very young age since both parents were in the restaurant business, and also her experience working in the industry. She had also owned an art gallery. She loves design, spatial planning, entertaining, wine and mixology.

She also does a lot of traveling with friends, boating, hiking and walking.

Loves games like cribbage, gin rummy, poker, backgammon. She is hoping to learn mahjong and Bunco. In addition she would learn how to play pickle ball. She is definitely full of energy and fun to know.

Potential Contractor List (Not endorsed by the
VEPOA – rather recommended by the neighbors)

Automotive

West Lake Auto – 540 721-0700
Bob Dement Auto Repair – 540 297-7700

Propane service and repair

Pete's Propane (gas log install and service, gas line
installation)– 540 875-6998

Propane tank and refill

Davenport Energy – 540 774-4401

Paving

Gus Wells Paving – 540 296-0966

Exterminator

Star City Pest Control (Maintenance Contract) – 540
339-7888

HVAC and Plumbing

Davis Heating and Air (Install new HVAC, water
heater, and have Maintenance contract) – 540 483-
5605

Carpet Cleaning

The Carpet Cleaning Crew – 434 489-1122

Landscaping Materials and Delivery

Hilltop Mulch – 540 334-5321

Landscaping

Stevens Landscaping – 540 529-3021
Almond Arboriculture – 540 588-6448

Tree work and Pruning

Innovative Tree Works 540 521-2980
Almond Arboriculture – 540 588-6448

Septic repair

Foutz Septic Service – 540 302-6419

Painting

RAFA and MEMO PAINTING LLC- 540-519
0392- excellent and dependable painters
Elite Painting – 540-583-1569
Premier Painting – 540 537-5168
Fowlers Painting – 540 819-0092
Canyon's Custom Painting – Can't find the business
card with phone number

Drywall

Wayne King – 540 537-1665

General Handyman

Stanley Smith – 540 493-7002