



Lake Smith Ripples



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Big Crowd for First Civic League Family Picnic at the Park

Event provided perfect opportunity for neighbors and family to celebrate the 100th birthday of resident Ruth Lemay, recognized in proclamation from Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer.

Although the heat was oppressive, a large crowd attended the Civic League's Family Picnic at the Park on June 22nd at the Haygood Point Park. The event did not require Civic League membership and was open to all residents in the Lake Smith Terrace, Haygood Point and Governor Square neighborhoods. The event also doubled as a 100th birthday party celebration for Lake Smith Terrace resident Ruth Lemay. Surrounded by family, friends and neighbors Ruth was recognized and presented a proclamation honoring her attainment of centenarian status by Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer. Attendees were treated to Hot Dogs, Brats and hamburgers from the grill, along with a variety of snack products and a large array of side dishes provided by attending families. The event also included a petting zoo, a large inflatable slide and a face painter. Thanks go out to the Civic League and event volunteers for a great day at the park.



Ruth Lemay arrives in style in a Vintage 1931 Ford Model A. Mayor Dyer presents proclamation to Ruth



Always popular
The inflatable
slide and the
petting zoo.



Chloe Booth Awarded Annual Civic League Scholarship

Since May of 2112 the Civic League has awarded a five-hundred-dollar scholarship to a deserving high school graduate. This year at our May Civic League meeting, and because of the generosity of our membership, Civic League Vice-president Sam Hribal awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Chloe Booth of Norfolk Collegiate School. Chloe has assisted in preparing for our Civic League Easter Egg Hunts and Fall Festivals and has also delivered our neighborhood newsletters. Throughout her high school years she has participated in three varsity sports (basketball, soccer and cross country), all while maintaining a GPA of 91.7. She will be studying Business Management and playing Basketball at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA. Please congratulate Chloe when you see her in the neighborhood.

Congratulations Chloe!!



Civic League Meeting

Tuesday, 16 September 2025

**Bayside Presbyterian Church
1400 Ewell Rd**

Social period: 6:30 - 7:00 Call to order 7:00

**Presentation by
The Virginia Beach Commonwealth Attorney
Colon Stolle**

Lake Smith Terrace / Haygood Point / Governor Square Civic League, Inc.

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Newsletter deadline: 25th of the month prior to month of publication.

There is almost a chill in the air as summer retreats, and we look forward to seasonal change with the coming of the cooler months. Throughout the summer your Civic League's board of directors has continued to meet, monitor and react to events that could have impact on our community. I hope all residents made the most of the summer months and were able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Looking ahead, September is the month that our civic league membership meetings resume at Bayside Presbyterian Church on the third Tuesday of each month. This month our guest speaker will be Mr. Colin Stolle, Commonwealth Attorney for Virginia Beach. Our Programs Director, Jack Molovinsky, is working to schedule excellent speakers with topics of widespread interest to our community in the following months. Mark your calendar on the third Tuesday of each month, (Sept – May). Come spend an hour or so with your friends and neighbors at our meetings – you won't be disappointed.

Your Civic League is continuing our neighborhood's opposition to the proposed traffic signal light at the Independence / Paul Revere intersection. For those who came late, we have been opposing the added light since it was first proposed five years ago. The need for a new traffic signal with corresponding pedestrian crosswalks is not justified and will lead to additional cut-through traffic on our neighborhood streets. We already experience additional traffic on Ewell and Five Forks, especially during rush hour. Our residential streets are narrow and have no sidewalks. When we first learned of the proposed light, nearly 300 of our residents signed a petition to the city manager in opposition to the traffic light. Our previous city representatives, the late Vice Mayor Louis Jones and former councilman John Moss both agreed that an additional traffic light wasn't necessary, and the project was stopped. Our current first-term councilman Joash Schulman, a resident of the Thoroughgood neighborhood, decided the additional light is needed and advised public works to proceed. We do know the Thoroughgood Civic League did not make the original request for the traffic light as we were told in the beginning. It has been one political football since the beginning. We will continue to keep our residents informed about this important issue.

The city of Virginia Beach Voter Registration Team is looking for Election Officials to staff the city's 108 voter precincts on Election Day. Apply online at: <https://virginiabeachva.easypollworker.com>. For the best experience with this website, please use Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox. Internet Explorer is not a supported browser and will not work. Once you have submitted an online application, information regarding completing the paperwork at the registrar's office will be sent to you. It is a good experience that you will find quite rewarding.

September is the peak of hurricane season. It has been a while since our area has incurred serious effects from a hurricane, but we should not be complacent by thinking it won't happen this year. Please be aware of storms that form in the Atlantic and follow the advice of public officials regarding preparation and possible evacuation. Bad things don't always just happen to the other guy.

Our Civic League board of directors still has an opening for the position of Secretary. If interested, Please step up and contact me at jeason913@verizon.net. We're also seeking people to serve on the Fall Festival committee. Again, let me hear from you. And, if you have not joined the Civic League, please do so today. We welcome all neighborhood residents – owners or renters.

Hope to see you at our September meeting.

John Eason

How to Tighten Loose Handrail Balusters and Newel Posts

Stair railings are routinely subjected to a considerable amount of use and abuse, and over time their various parts may require repair or possible replacement to retain the integrity of the railing unit. These are 2 easy fixes to tighten up loose balusters and newel posts so the stair railing unit can best function as the safety feature it is designed to be.

How to fix a loose wooden baluster on a base rail or handrail groove

- Apply wood glue to a flat toothpick.
- Insert the toothpick or toothpicks into the gap between the baluster (spindle) and the railing. Forcefully push the toothpick until the spindle feels secure.
- Score the toothpick with a utility knife and break it off.
- Wipe off any excess glue.
- If the hole is too large, use toothpicks on both sides of the spindle for added stability.
- Ensure that the spindle fits snugly into the groove and is aligned properly with the base rail and handrail.



How to fix a loose wooden Newel post

- Review how the post is attached and what part is loose
- Review if the post is solid wood or has a solid wood core.
- If possible, use glue and clamp the post back in place
- If it is not possible to get to the area needed to glue then use a structural ledger board screw.
- The screw needs to go through a solid board in the post and must be countersunk.
- A preliminary pilot hole through the solid board in the Newel post and into the securing board must be drilled first.
- The hole in the Newel post must then be enlarged just enough so the screw threads can pass completely through the post and then countersunk.
- Countersink the hole to accommodate the size of the screw head.
- Insert and tighten the screw and cap the hole with a wooden button cap that corresponds with the size of the countersunk hole.
- If this fix will not work, purchase a Newel post mounting kit and follow the instructions for installation



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Hello Neighbors,

Our annual membership drive is underway, and we need your support! For a modest fee of \$20 per household per year, you and your family can be members of the civic league. The annual dues help to keep your neighborhood civic league up and running. Our fiscal year runs from January 1-December 31st. Please show your support by sending in the completed membership application along with your \$20 annual dues made out to the LST/HP/GS Civic League.

Membership entitles you and your household to participate in our many neighborhood events. Below are some of the services we provide to our members:

- Monthly membership meetings with guest speakers (September-May)
- Supports a Certified Neighborhood Watch Program
- Publishes and hand-delivers the Lake Smith Ripples
- Maintains civic league website (www.LHGCL.org)
- Provides email broadcasts to members regarding safety, lost pets, and other areas of concern or interest
- Plans our annual social events-Fall Festival, Hayride & Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt

Our civic league is very active and one of the best in Virginia Beach because of the strength of our membership. Please take a moment and join today!

Civic League Membership Form – New or Renewal

(Please Print)

Name(s)

Address

Phone #

Email

(For email broadcast of crime alerts and other community interest topics)

Dues are \$20.00 per household for the Civic League Year which runs from January 1 to December 31

The Civic League is always looking for members to volunteer in the following areas:

(Please check any position(s) for which you would like to volunteer – not required for membership)

Neighborhood Watch

Christmas Dinner

Community Maintenance

Civic League Board of Directors

Easter Egg Hunt

Fall Festival (Picnic, Hayride & Pumpkin Patch)

Refreshments for Meetings & Events

You name it, I'll do it

Please mail your check to:

LST/HP/GS Civic League

P.O. Box 68883

Virginia Beach, VA 23471

The following new and renewing memberships were received and recorded between April 26, 2025, and August 25, 2025. Thank you for supporting your civic league – we are all in this together. Memberships are for 2025 unless otherwise shown.

Jhoanne & Chuck Allenberg

Alison & Jimmy Creamer

Lyn & Mary Jayne Crutchfield (2026)

John Cutchin

Robert Destefano (2026)

Angela Diaz

Eddie & Nicole Duckworth (2026)

Amanda & Alex Dworetzky

John & Edi Eason (2027)

Jan Edwards (2026)

Daniel & Monica Gilliam (2027)

Gail Hicks & Ava Lawrence

Gene & Carolyn Lempert

Frank & Judy Marlow (2026)

Brian & Katherine McCullough

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Joseph & Edith Mercurio

Eric Norfleet (2026)

Esther, Joseph & Lorcan O'Toole

Deanna & Bob Rumney (2026)

Richard & Andrea Sherman (2026)

Nancalee Thompson

Jim & Beth Toone (2027)

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Mark your Calendar

The Civic League's annual FALL FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, 26 October at the Haygood Point Park.

Enjoy:

Burgers, hot dogs and brats

Hayride to the pumpkin patch for a free pumpkin

Inflatable slide, face painting and petting zoo.

Food and fun for all Civic League members and their families.

Join the Civic League today!

See the October [L. S. Ripples](#) for details

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Summer is almost gone. Things are changing. The days are getting shorter, nights are getting cooler, kids are in school, and the tourists are gone. One thing that never changes is that some people are always looking to find ways to separate us from our hard-earned money and/or possessions. We have been able to reduce crime in our community because everyone does their part watching out for suspicious people and suspicious activity and reporting it promptly to the police. The police would rather you call than wished you had called.


Keeping your vehicles, sheds, and garages locked causes criminals to move on to less diligent communities. We can't be home all the time so it's up to every one of us to try to keep watch on our neighbor's property. The police cannot be everywhere. We have to watch out for each other.

Please be aware of how your actions affect your neighbors. Consider your nearby neighbors when you are having a party. The speed limit in our community is 25 MPH, if you are running, walking or biking on the street at night please wear easily visible light-colored clothing.

National Night Out was August 5th, the weather was perfect, and we had the largest number of groups ever to participate this year. Most were in Haygood Point and three were in Lake Smith Terrace, additionally three new people hosted National Night Out events. Hopefully Lake Smith Terrace will be more involved next year. Everyone enjoyed having the opportunity to spend time catching up with their neighbors and interacting with the police and other city agencies in a casual setting. National Night Out is a community event not exclusive to Civic League members.

A special Thank You to: Beth Toone, Carol Pincavage, Theresa & Terry Gray, Heather Brinkman, James & Mary Dean, John Eason, Carolyn Walsh, Larry Huggins, and Mike Stuart for hosting National Night Out events this year. These events are growing each year and most of us that participated are looking forward to next year's National Night Out. If you are interested in hosting a National Night Out, contact me and I will explain what's involved.

Enjoy the autumn weather. Get outside and take time to appreciate your safe neighborhood.



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Ruth Lemay's Birthday Celebration Thank You



Thank you everyone for being a part of Ruth's 100th birthday celebration and for helping to make her day special!

Ruth and her family are sincerely grateful to all those who helped in organizing and setting up this event, and to everyone who attended and brought food, flowers, cards, gifts, and showed expressions of kindness. A special thank you to the Civic League members and to John Eason, President of the Civic League, for including this celebration in their community event. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to our Virginia Beach Mayor, Bobby Dyer, for his attendance and proclamation, as well as the Virginia Beach Police and the Third Precinct for their representation and gift of flowers. Immense appreciation to Bernard Collier for chauffeuring Ruth and her family to the event in his beautiful antique 1931 Ford Model A, and to Alexandra Gilligan for the photography. Profound thanks to Bernard Collier and Judy Richards for the hydrangeas that graced the tables. Heartfelt gratitude also to Susan Cutrell, Paula Jesberg and Carol Sloss for their help in serving the cake and organizing the celebration, as well as their ongoing love and care for Ruth. Special thanks also to Courtney for writing the lovely tribute and to Larry for presenting it.

Everyone's combined participation made for a lovely and memorable event

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It has been a very interesting year in the real estate market! Inventory has been increasing and there are more homes on the market now in comparison to the beginning of the year. Home prices have reset slightly and properties are taking a little longer to sell!

Let's look back and see how the real estate market fared in the City of Virginia Beach. Below is a "snapshot" of housing statistics for the year beginning with January 2025:

Current Inventory: 956 detached and attached properties (low but higher than the same time last year)

Pending: 430 properties are under contract and preparing to close

Sold: 3944 properties have sold to date this year

Below are the price ranges and approximate number of homes SOLD:

0-\$100,000	3
\$101,000-\$200,000	134
\$201,000-\$300,000	746
\$301,000-\$400,000	1160
\$401,000-\$500,000	679
\$501,000-\$600,000	405
\$601,000-\$700,000	225
\$701,000-\$800,000	135
\$801,000-\$900,000	112
\$901,000-\$1,000,000	73
\$1,100,000-\$2,000,000	231
\$2,100,000-\$3,000,000	31
\$3,100,000+	10

The lowest price sold since January was \$76,900 and the highest price was \$7,375,000.

Future prices will be determined by the "supply and demand" as well as values of previously "SOLD" homes within the past 12 months

Source (REIN) Real Estate Information Network

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4628 Copperfield Rd
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1141 Revere Point Rd
4615 Paul Revere Rd
995 Ewell Rd

HAYGOOD POINT

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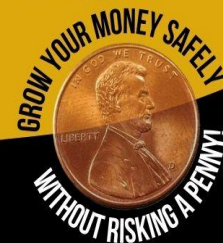
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Such equipment may be parked entirely within a driveway for a period **not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours** during loading or unloading. For purposes of this section, the term "driveway" shall include any portion of a lot, surfaced or otherwise, that constitutes an approved parking area or provides access to an approved parking area. **Violations of this section shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor.** In addition to any penalties imposed hereunder, the code enforcement administrator or his designee may institute legal action to enjoin the continuing violation.

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