



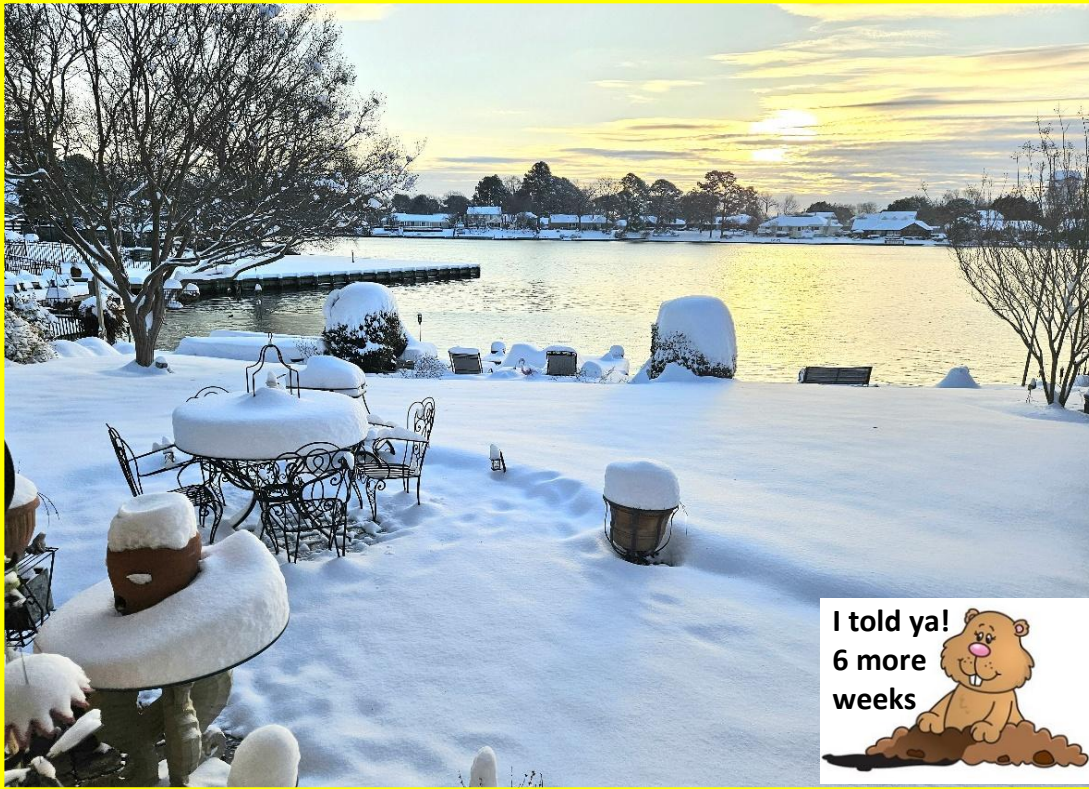
Lake Smith Ripples



Newsletter of the Lake Smith Terrace / Haygood Point / Governor Square - Civic League

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I told ya!
6 more
weeks



*Happy St. Patrick's
Day March 17th*

**Mark your
Calendar**



**Annual Civic League
Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 19th
10:00 am
Haygood Park**



*See April L. S. Ripples for
details*

Civic League Meeting

Tuesday, 25 March 2025

**Bayside Presbyterian Church
1400 Ewell Rd**

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

**Presentation
Boating Safety**

by

**CDR Charles Hurd
U.S. Coast Guard**



*Spring ahead
Sunday March 9th*



Civic League Scholarship Deadline is 30 April

The Civic League will be awarding its annual scholarship to a deserving 2025 graduating high school senior in May. **This year's scholarship has been increased to \$1500.**



Selection will be based on educational achievement, community involvement and communication skills. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the May General Meeting. Visit our website (www.lhgcl.org) to learn more about eligibility requirements, instructions, and application.

Deadline for applications is 30 April 2025.

President's Corner

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

The senseless slaying of two young Virginia Beach police officers, Cameron Girvin and Christopher Reese, late on February 21st was a tragedy that shocked the entire city. We grieve for the loss of those officers, and we pray for their families. It is tragedies like this one that show us how true evil exists in this world. It is a helpless feeling to know that what has happened cannot be undone. Our civic league has made a contribution to the fund established to support the families of those officers.

The February 19th civic league meeting was well attended and the presentation on starting spring garden plants was excellent. I hope to see a good crowd at the March 25th meeting where the program will be on boating safety – a perfect topic as we roll into spring.

There have been two public information meetings to present the city's case of the traffic signal light at Paul Revere and Independence that were each cancelled due to snow. The new meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th at Independence Middle School, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We need to continue showing our opposition by attending that meeting. In the meantime, I have written all eleven members of city council detailing the reasons we oppose a traffic light at Paul Revere that we believe will be detrimental to our existing neighborhood. Our committee has also reached out to VDOT and Federal Government for assistance. Independence Blvd is a state highway. Our battle opposing the proposed traffic signal light has become a war of attrition. We have been against this light since we first learned about it in 2020. Our Civic League suggested several alternatives, unfortunately the city's Public Works Director claims the alternatives were evaluated and dismissed. Last year our new city councilman, Joash Schulman, himself a resident of Thoroughgood, suggested Public Works proceed with the light. We are now in opposition with our own city council representative in addition to the city's Public Works department. The next District 9 council seat election is November 2026. It will be our opportunity to make a better choice.

We are still looking to fill the Secretary position on the civic league's board. It requires a person who can attend and record minutes at civic league meetings and board meetings.

We are also seeking one or two people to take over the refreshments at the eight monthly Civic League meetings we conduct each year.

Looking ahead, our student representative on the board, Kiley, will be graduating high school this year. Anyone with a high school level student at home who may be interested in being our next student representative should contact me. This position is a good opportunity for a young person to gain volunteer hours and experience. It can be a plus on college applications.

There must be some folks out here in the neighborhood who are willing to step up to a role in the civic league. Let me hear from you.

John Eason

How to Recaulk a Shower Step-by-Step



Tools: Putty knife, Utility knife, Caulk remover tool, No-scratch plastic scouring pad, Caulk gun, Damp rag, Painter's tape

Materials: Silicone Kitchen & Bath Sealant, Isopropyl rubbing alcohol

Before recaulking, clean the surfaces of the shower to remove any soap residue, mold or mildew.



Step 1: Remove Loose Caulk

Remove any caulk or sealant that's already loose with a flexible putty knife. Try loosening an edge and pulling off the caulk in strips. Work carefully to avoid scratching or marring the nearby surfaces.

Step 2: Soften Caulk for Removal

Carefully score one edge of any remaining caulk or sealant with a putty knife or utility knife. This breaks its bond to the surface. Then apply a caulk remover. It eases the removal of nearly all types of caulks and sealants, including silicone, polyurethane and acrylic latex.

Step 3: Get Rid of Any Residue

Even after you've removed the old caulk or sealant, there still might be residue left. Make sure any residue is completely scraped away using a no-scratch plastic scouring pad. Then clean the surface by wiping down the area with isopropyl rubbing alcohol.

Step 4: Kill Mold and Mildew

If any mold or mildew is visible after removing the caulk, kill it by washing the area with a bleach and water solution (1 part bleach to 10 parts water). Rinse the area well and let it dry before applying new sealant.

Step 5: Tape for Straight Edges

Because caulked joints are highly visible in a shower, it's important that they have clean, straight edges. To help with that, place painter's tape about 1/8 inch from the joint on each side.

Step 6: Use Sealant with Mold and Mildew Protection

For maximum waterproof protection and long-lasting durability, use DAP Silicone Max Premium 100% Silicone Kitchen & Bath Sealant, (or other comparable products). It provides 20-year mold and mildew protection, won't crack or shrink and is water-ready in just 30 minutes. Cut the tip of the nozzle with a utility knife at a 45-degree angle, to match the size of the gap you're caulking.

Step 7: Apply the Sealant

Insert the cartridge into a caulk gun. Starting at one end, hold the gun at a 90-degree angle to the joint and move the gun steadily to the other end.

Step 8: Tool the Sealant

Use the back of a spoon (wet it first) or a gloved finger to smooth caulk right after you apply it. For the best results, tool it with a steady hand and long strokes, but not too much pressure. Wipe off any excess caulk on surfaces with a damp rag. Remove the painter's tape immediately after tooling.

Ref: <https://www.dap.com/resources-support/how-to-s-tips/kitchen-bath/how-to-re-caulk-a-shower/>

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Civic League Membership Form – New or Renewal
(Please Print)

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Virginia Beach, VA 23471

(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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Festival (Picnic, Hayride & Pumpkin Patch)
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for Meetings & Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Civic League Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> You name it, I'll do it

The following new and renewing memberships were received and recorded between January 27, 2025, and February 25, 2025. Thank you for supporting your civic league – we are all in this together. *Memberships are through 12/31/2025 unless otherwise shown.*

Disa Adams
Floyd Anderson (2034)
Peter & Becky Cervenka
Sammi Chiu & John Briggs (2029)
Cameron & Rick Cook (2027)
Mark & Kathy Davidoski (2026)
Bill & Michelle Dawson
Dean & Jill DeCarlis (2027)
Jim & Ginger Dietz

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Sam Hribal
Larry & Missy Huggins
Wiley & Vicki Johnson (2029)
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Bernie & Doug Kinloch (2026)
Alexis & John Krenzke

Bobby & Sarah Moro
Boyd & Betty Perry
Joe & Mabel Quartararo
Kevin Rabie & Abigail Milspaw (2027)
Joanne Sanderson
John & Denise Sneer
Frank Vanella
Al Wallace



*Join now.
For \$20.00 the whole family can enjoy our three major Civic League events for 2025.*



Easter Egg Hunt



Fall Festival



Christmas Dinner

You have a newer laptop computer that you no longer need. So, you decide to sell it on one of the many online marketplaces such as: eBay craigslist or, offer up.



After a couple days with no offers, you are contacted from someone who has been looking for just such a laptop and they are very interested in it. They agree with the price that you have listed, but they live out of your area. They offer to send you a Certified Check for much more than the laptop is listed for and tell you to keep all of it for your inconvenience as you will need to ship it to them. You do as you were instructed and deposit the check in your bank account. Several days later you are contacted by your bank that the certified check was a fake and you will incur bank fees. You are now without the laptop and need to pay the bank fee.

This is a common occurrence with online sales. It only takes a short time with a computer and a printer to make a legitimate looking Certified Check, Money Order or traveler's check. Face to face transactions with cash is the only sure way that you won't be scammed. Scams have been in the news more and more these days and they are difficult to prosecute. Usually, the victims are the trusting elderly, and the scams often go unreported because it's embarrassing to admit that you were duped.

There are too many current scams to list. We hear of new ones regularly. **Don't become a victim.** If it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Just pause and think about it.

Truths regarding Scams:

- No legitimate company will EVER call to ask you to wire money to rectify a situation.
- No legitimate company will EVER call and ask for your social security number or any other personal information.
- A request to wire money should be your first warning sign of any scam - NEVER wire money to someone who you do not know. Period.
- Be very suspicious of ANYONE going door to door selling anything or offering their services. Remember that a realistic, fake, company, picture ID can be made on a computer in about 15 minutes.
- Do not let anyone into your home that has not made a prior appointment.

Protect your confidential information. Think before you commit to anything that sounds questionable. Talk it over with someone that you trust before committing to anything that you think might not be on the up and up. If it's a good deal today it will be a good deal tomorrow.

Most of us were raised to be honest, respectful, and kind but unscrupulous people use this to their advantage to get you to agree to help them. Be very cautious when approached by strangers who want to sell you something or donate to their cause. Unsolicited salespeople on the phone, at your door or via the internet are more than likely not trustworthy.

Saint Patrick's Day



Here are some fun facts about St. Patrick's Day

Who was Saint Patrick?

Was there really a Saint Patrick? Definitely. Did he really drive the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes were not native to Ireland.

Saint Patrick was born in Britain as Maewyn Succat. At age 16 (around 400 A.D.), he was kidnapped from his home on the west coast and carried off to Ireland to work as a shepherd. After six years, he escaped; upon returning home, he received his call (in a dream) to preach the gospel. He spent his next 15 or so years in a monastery, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and eventually Patrick. Some Christians lived in Ireland at the time, and Patricius travelled from village to village to share the teachings of the lord.



The Shamrock

The shamrock is worn on St. Patrick's Day because legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity. (The Trinity is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being (God). The truth of the Saint Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

Saint Patrick's Day Facts, Fun, and Folklore

Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick but green is now favored. Sports fans may have noticed that although the colors of Notre Dame University are Blue and Gold their sports teams occasionally wear green and gold uniforms.

Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th is the traditional day for planting peas.

Cabbage seeds are often planted on this day too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you need to plant them while wearing your nightclothes.

Source: *Folklore, Fun Facts, & Traditions* from [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#)

Greetings, LST neighbors!



Hi, I'm **Alison Creamer** – your friendly Realtor and neighbor.

If you are looking to move this year, I know there are several great options in the community. However, I'm eager to apply for the job. I have been an LST resident for more than 24 years and a full-time Realtor for about 23.

Block parties start back up in June and October. I hope to see you there.

We are building a **strong community** one person at a time. If you or someone you know is **looking to buy or sell** in our wonderful neighborhood, I'd love to be your go-to person.

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However, the real estate process involves much more than simply bringing a buyer and seller together to transfer home ownership. Many unexpected circumstances can arise which can be a challenge. Here are a few examples:

- Your house does not appraise
- Your house fails the home inspection
- The buyer or seller changes their mind right before settlement
- The buyer's loan is denied
- The buyer's income changes (for example: Federal government furlough, job loss)
- The seller or buyer's mental ability changes and they are incapable of signing legal documents
- Final credit check before closing reveals identity theft or other unexpected credit issues and/or title issues

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St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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- Gold
- Four
- Leaf
- Clover
- Magic
- Green
- Patrick
- Ireland
- Shamrock
- Luck

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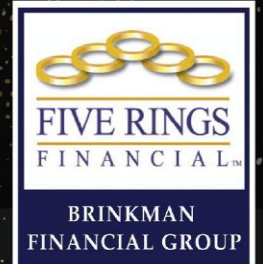
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Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25th
at Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Blvd @ Ewell Rd
Social 6:30 pm - Program 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
Program
“Gardening for Hummingbirds”
By Kate Meljuish
Norfolk Master Gardener

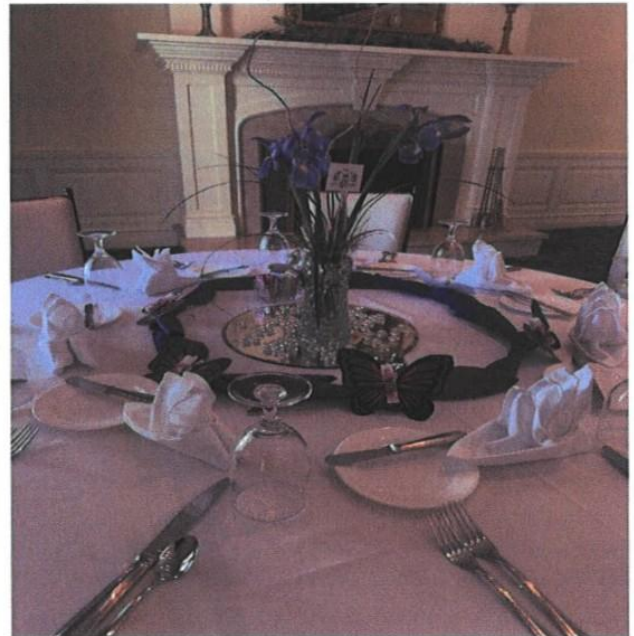


At our March meeting Norfolk Master Gardener, Kate Meljuish, will give a presentation on *Gardening for Hummingbirds*. Hummingbirds are coming! Now is a great time to learn about what you can do to attract and help sustain hummingbirds into your yard and garden. Not only are these amazing creatures fun to watch, they also are excellent pollinators. Kate will provide us with an interesting presentation on how to attract these birds to our garden.

Guests are always welcome! Social time begins at 6:30pm with refreshments and program begins at 7:00pm.

Happy 59th Anniversary!
February 2025

Lake Smith Terrace Garden celebrated our 59th anniversary with a luncheon at Princess Anne Country Club on Saturday, February 22. Next year we celebrate our 60th!!!



If you would like to visit our club and learn more about us, contact our President, Debbi Babashanian @ babdebbi@gmail.com.



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