

# Lake Smith Ripples



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## Virginia moves to Phase 1b. of Covid-19 Vaccination Plan greatly increasing pool of those eligible for vaccine

Virginia moved into Phase 1b. of its Covid-19 vaccination plan on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Per the Virginia Department of Health, the plan is divided into three phases (1a., 1b. and 1c.). Phase 1a., consists of healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care facilities. Phase 1b., includes frontline essential workers, people age 65+, people age 16-64 with an underlying medical condition, people living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and migrant camps, and Phase 1c., is currently described as all other essential workers. A description of major categories such as healthcare personnel and frontline workers can be found at the Virginia Dept. of Health website [www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine)

### Preparing for the Covid Vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the U.S. has been a bit disconcerting, but the bottom line is that two highly safe and effective vaccines are available. Millions of doses have been given, and with a little time and experience distribution will improve. In the meantime, the majority of Americans just have to stay calm and wait, since there is no specific estimate when the vaccine will be available for everyone.

Each state determines the distribution priority in its vaccine rollout. The Virginia Plan as determined by the Virginia Department of Health is by appointment and priority is as set forth above. So your first step should be to simply make sure you really understand the current prioritization and distribution plan in our area. As previously stated, this information can be found on the Virginia Department of Health website and was shared in the Virginian-Pilot on 23 January 2021. Because the plan is fluid and because it depends so heavily on supply and demand it would be beneficial to check the website occasionally to determine how the plan is progressing and when the next phase will go into effect.

To begin the scheduling process, go to the VA Beach Dept. of Health Corona Virus vaccination Website [www.vbgov.com/vaccinate.VB](http://www.vbgov.com/vaccinate.VB) on this site you will provide your location, name, address, age,

phone number and other pertinent information concerning restrictions on your availability and whether you will have transportation to the vaccine site. After you have filled in the information, you will submit it and subsequently receive notification via e-mail when your request has been received. The reply will also state that further instructions on how to schedule your vaccination will be forthcoming by another e-mail. Be patient. Remember, the majority of Americans won't be vaccinated until at least the spring. Recent estimations have stated if 70-80% of Americans are able to receive the vaccine by mid or late summer, we could see some semblance of normalcy in the fall.

### Check in with your doctor

It is *not* necessary to talk to your doctor in order to be vaccinated. The vast majority of individuals have found the vaccine to be "perfectly safe." However, if you've had an allergic reaction to other types of vaccines, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends you talk to your doctor before getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

### Make a plan for vaccine day — and immediately thereafter

Make sure you remember the day your appointment is scheduled, put it on your calendar. Ensure that you have a way to get there on time and that you won't miss it. Entry and exit to vaccination sites are tightly controlled. Realize that the appointment could take a while, further, vaccine providers have been instructed to watch recipients for 15 minutes after shots to monitor for possible allergic reactions. Those who have been vaccinated recommend that you plan to be at the site for a minimum of one hour. Also, have a post vaccine plan. You could develop common side effects like fever, chills or a headache and not necessarily be able to go right back to work or child care. You may need a ride home. Expect to take it easy for a bit, and adjust your schedule accordingly.

(Cont. on page 5; Vaccine)



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## President's Corner

As we reach the mid-winter point, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our lives. I suspect we are all getting used to wearing masks everywhere we go. Let us hope we don't get so accustomed to them that we never again take them off. Everyone should be following the CDC and the Governor's guidelines related to hygiene, travel and interacting with other people. The vaccines are here, although distribution is slower than expected. If you are unsure about getting the vaccine, the best course of action is to follow the advice of your primary care physician. They know your medical situation and risks better than anyone. Keep the faith, we will get through this and return to more normal times at some point, hopefully this year.

As you know, the civic league has curtailed all face-to-face meetings and events since last spring. If conditions show improvement, we are still looking at the possibility of having an outdoor picnic type event at the park in late May or early June. We will have to monitor the situation closely before making that decision. I also see lots of children playing in the park on most days. Do you think we should consider having an Easter egg hunt in early April? Holding a limited outdoor event with masks, and with adult social distancing, may be a good morale boost for the neighborhood. I understand other neighborhoods are considering similar events. Think about it, and if you have a preference one way or the other, communicate it with any of the board members listed to the left. We can compile your input at the board meeting (virtual) later this month, or the one in March. We do not want to go through the effort and expense if it results in a meager turnout. So, think about it and give us your input. We value your opinion.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> the Virginia Beach city council approved (7 to 4) a rezoning request for the 14-acre Windsong Apartments on Pleasure House Road in the already crowded Chick's Beach neighborhood located just down the road from our neighborhood. The rezoning will result in the rebuilding of the 1970s vintage apartment complex and the addition of 139 apartments to the existing 272 units there today. It will also see the construction of new four-story apartment buildings. All of this was opposed by the Chesapeake Beach civic league with the support of several nearby leagues, including our own. The Chick's Beach civic league had negotiated with the out-of-town developer spearheading the project for nearly two years but failed to gain any meaningful concessions that would lessen the impact on traffic, storm water and quality of life from the massive project. The rezoning is contrary to the Virginia Beach Comp Plan that defines specific Strategic Growth Areas for increased density. Chick's Beach is not in one of those SGAs. The rezoning is also contrary to the Shore Drive Overlay area. The overwhelming majority of approximately 30 speakers at the virtual city council meeting were opposed to the rezoning, and the destructive impact it poses to that long-established neighborhood located between Shore Drive and the Chesapeake Bay. Conspicuously absent from the discussion was the Council of Civic Organizations (VB-CCO) which should have stepped in to support the civic league and the Chick's Beach neighborhood from this destructive case. We understand the VB-CCO is still in the process of redefining itself. Hopefully that will be soon. In the final vote it was council members Louis Jones, John Moss, Jim Wood, and Barbara Henley standing in support of the neighborhood and in opposition to the rezoning. The remaining seven members of council: **(Cont. on page 3)**

On January 25<sup>th</sup> two young boys, one riding a bike and the other one on foot, were observed opening mailboxes. While being watched they did not remove anything, but a little while later a package that was delivered to a home on Harris Point Dr. was found ripped open and left in the street. It was a piece of woman's clothing. I emailed this information to our Civic League members and within a couple of hours I received at least twelve responses thanking me for the information and from a few others that had also had their mailboxes ransacked, some on Chippendale Ct and others on Harris Point Dr. It would seem that these boys were from our neighborhood as one was walking. Tampering with the US Mail is a serious crime. Getting caught taking mail out of the mailbox of one of our more intense neighbors could result in bodily harm. Here is a picture of the boys after they checked a mailbox on Harris Point Drive:



During this pandemic there are a lot of people working from home during the day that would otherwise be working elsewhere. Use this time at home to help keep our neighborhood safe by being observant of what goes on outside your home. If you see anyone tampering with the contents of a USPS mailbox call 911, this would be a crime in progress.

This is why Neighborhood Watch is so important to a community. Stopping incidents like this in their infancy keeps them from growing into full blown crime sprees. It only takes a couple of times for someone to be successful in taking a package that holds something expensive or worse yet a sentimental item from a family member that they can use for themselves. Soon they spread the word and our community can be terrorized like it was several years ago when a few teens started their criminal careers just like this.

We can't watch our property 24/7. The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch program is to create an alert neighborhood. The program works through the mutual support of neighbors watching the property of other neighbors. Neighborhood Watch is simply a program of neighbors watching out for each other during the workdays, evenings, vacations or any other time to prevent or reduce crime. Your neighbors are watching your property, you should also be watching theirs.

**(Cont. President's Corner)**

Whootten, Abbott, Tower, Berlucci, Rouse, Wilson, and Dyer, all voted in favor of the rezoning and against the neighborhood. We need to have long memories for votes like this one. Folks, this is not a Republican versus Democrat issue. It is not petty politics. City council members are not party aligned. There is no D or R next to their name. We get to vote for all 11 seats as they come up for election. City council can impact our quality of life, taxes, and property values far more than any actions in Richmond or Washington. What happened at Chick's Beach should not have happened. We need to know it can happen to any neighborhood, including ours. One of the primary roles of your civic league is to defend against such intrusions. We take that role seriously.

*John Eason*



**Recreation Centers are Open**

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation is enrolling new members and renewing existing memberships online, over the phone, or by visiting any of the city's community rec centers.

Because of COVID-19 reservations are required for all rec center activities.

- Members may sign up for 4 events per week.
- Registration opens each Friday at 9:00 for activities occurring the following Monday-Sunday and close at 5:00 a.m. on the day of the activity.
- Members may call on the day-of to check for cancellations to add additional reservations above 4.
- All activities are 1-hour blocks unless otherwise noted.

Get access to all community rec centers and amenities including indoor pools, cardio equipment, gymnasium activities, and fitness areas by visiting [vbgov.com/parks](http://vbgov.com/parks)

# Getting Your Financial Ducks in a Row

by  
Heather Brinkman



Happy New Year! For many of you this past year has been a time to reset and get back to the basics: home, family, projects that we've been putting off and connecting with others via phone or Zoom. Home improvement projects are at an all-time high... just look around the neighborhood!

But one project that many folks have put off, and this is a big one, is getting your Financial House in order. Most times it's due to not knowing what to do or even how to get started. For some, this past year has been the year that you've been able to save more money than ever before (did you know that going out to eat is one of the biggest expenses?). For others, this might have been the toughest year if you lost your job (or even a loved one).

With this new year, here are some FINANCIAL TIPS to get you on the right track for 2021 and beyond:

- **Beneficiary Updates** – have things changed in your life? Have you gotten married, remarried or divorced? Have you had a baby? Those are big life changes and if something happens to you, will your money go to the right person? Think about your life insurance (both personal and from your employer), 401Ks, IRAs, bank accounts, and your will, just to name a few. LIFE IS UNSCRIPTED!
- **Debt** – do you have a plan in place to get things paid off? High debt balances, unpaid debt, and debt that you have co-signed for can affect not only your credit but also your insurance premiums (home, auto, life). How much are you paying for this debt? Know how much your interest rate is and lower it if possible. Mortgage rates are at an all-time low, think about refinancing. Roll your credit cards to a 0% interest rate if possible.
- **Savings** – Have you started saving? Do you have an “Emergency Fund”? Do you have a solid long-term plan in place for your future? Where are you growing your money and what kind of interest are you receiving from it, and what are the fees? This is important!
- **Medical Emergency Money** – Do you have enough money to cover the costs of a Critical, Chronic or Terminal Illness? Did you know that Critical Illness (Heart Attack, Stroke, Cancer, etc.) is responsible for over 60% of bankruptcies and foreclosure in the U.S.?.... And over 80% of those people who went bankrupt had medical insurance! Medical insurance is vitally important. It pays a big portion of doctor and hospital bills. But who pays YOUR PERSONAL BILLS when you are unable to work? Do you know about the “new modern kind of life insurance” that you don't have to die to use? It's called Living Benefits Life Insurance and it costs the same as regular Death Insurance.
- **Is your Money at RISK?** – Have you rolled over your old 401ks, TSPs, 403bs from the companies that you used to work for? The fees and the volatile market can rapidly whittle away the money in those accounts. Same thing goes for your ROTH and Traditional IRAs. Did you know that there are Risk-Free accounts, many with NO FEES, where you can move that money?

These are just a few important Financial Tips to help get your Financial House in order. Don't put it off. There's no time like the present!

## Streetlight Outage Issues

To report streetlight outages, please contact the City of Virginia Beach at (757) 385-1470 or at [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com).

**Please take note of the pole number**, located on an aluminum plate on the pole. A request for the pole number will be made at the time of your call.

## Civic League Scholarship

The Civic League will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a deserving 2021 graduating high school senior. Selection will be based on educational achievement, community involvement, and communication skills. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the May General Meeting. Please visit our website ([www.LHGCL.org](http://www.LHGCL.org)) to learn more about the eligibility requirements, instructions, and application. Deadline for the application is 30 April 2021.



## LAKE SMITH TERRACE GARDEN CLUB

Your neighborhood garden club was established in 1966. We have been active in gardening programs, flower arranging, Civic League garden beds, the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs and City of Virginia Beach Historic Homes.

Please join us Tuesday, February 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. for a ZOOM meeting with Lynnhaven River NOW. They will talk to us about Pearl Homes, information on obtaining rain barrels and answer any questions you may have on how they work with our environmental issues.

***We would love to have you join us.***

Please call Keren Pernini @ (757) 499-9885 to get the ID and password.



**(Vaccine; Cont. from page 1)**

**Be honest about your place in line, and continue to wear your mask**

Coping with the emotions involved in knowing that vaccines are available but just out of reach can be hard, and there is potential for people to try to use influence or tricks to jump the line. Don't do it. The only thing this will do is upset those that are patiently waiting and slow everything down for everyone including you. Also, before and after getting vaccinated, it is essential to continue the same precautions we have been living with – wash your hands, maintain social distance, and wear a mask. Immunity will take 2-3 weeks from the second vaccination.

It is going to be a while before we reach herd immunity and for our lives to return to normal, but with patience and determination we will eventually get there. We are all in this together. The vaccine is the answer and that should motivate all of us.

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## How to Clean and Maintain Hardwood Floors

### Identify the Right Cleaning Product

When it comes to choosing a product for a deeper clean, there isn't a hard-and-fast rule. Different finishes require different treatments, so all three experts suggest listening to the product recommendation of your flooring or finish manufacturer. However, it is safe to say there are products to always avoid. Don't use any kind of harsh chemical to clean any hardwood floor. Chemicals applied to the finish will create hazing. This can really build up over a period of six months to a year and doesn't look very good. You don't want to use anything that says it's going to polish or shine or rejuvenate or revitalize the wood floor. That's basically telling you that you're laying out something that's a supplemental product. It's putting something on that surface that'll make it pretty for a short period of time, but it's not designed to wear.

### Keep Them (Pretty) Dry

Once you've found the right cleaning product, use it on the floors with a damp mop. You don't want to bring out a wet bucket and start soaking the floors because that'll cause the wood to swell, and the same for steam cleaning.

### Know the Warning Signs

Wood reacts dramatically to temperature and humidity, so it's important to understand the environment that surrounds your floor.

If there's too much moisture on, around, or below the wood, it will cup. Eliminate the source of the water to stop this from occurring.

Exceedingly dry conditions induce gapping, cracking, and splitting. Here, a humidifier should do the trick.

### Touch Up Surface Scratches

It doesn't feel good when you scratch your floor, but it's normal. It's part of owning a wood floor. If you do want to fix surface scratches, use a stain marker from a wood furniture touch-up kit. That should do the trick.

### Recoat Before It's Too Late

When the floor is starting to wear down, it's time to step in and recoat. A recoat doesn't involve sanding, It's actually applying another coat of finish to the top of the floors to bring back the luster and life of that finish, so you don't have to go through the sanding process. This exercise can prolong a floor's life for many years by adding a layer of protection each time it's needed.

Ref article: <https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/how-to-clean-and-maintain-hardwood-floors>

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## February 2021

### WebEx Live: Teen Paint Night (Lunar New Year)

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-teen-paint-night-lunar-new-year> Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a themed paint night. Follow along or create your own work. Supplies provided; see registration confirmation email for details. Grades 6-12. Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register.

Feb. 8, 5-6 p.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Navigating Online Job

Applications <https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/index.php/webex-live-navigating-online-job-applications-1>

Join us to learn tips and gain experience navigating online job applications using a practice job application website. Adults 18+. Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 10, 10-11 a.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Honoring African American Artist

Deborah Roberts <https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-honoring-african-american-artist-deborah-roberts>

Make your own collage and learn about the life and work of Deborah Roberts, an African American collage artist who comments on African American girlhood through her mixed media work. Grades 6-12

Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 10, 5-6 p.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Elementary Science (Balloon-Powered Cars)

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-elementary-science-balloon-powered-cars>  
Learn how to create a balloon-powered car. Materials supplied by library for registered participants February 1-9 at Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard. Grades K-12.

Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 10, 4:30-5 p.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Yoga Fun With Friends

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-yoga-fun-friends> Join a yoga-based storytime about friendship and include your friends, family or even your favorite stuffed animal. Ages 3-5. Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb 11, 11:00-11:30, 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Microsoft Excel Intermediate

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-microsoft-excel-intermediate> Learn more about working with data using formatting, graphics, charts, and sorting/filtering. Prerequisites: ability to create simple spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel. Adults 18+. Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 11, 5-6 p.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: I Love Me! Self-Portrait Collages With To-Go Craft Kit

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-i-love-me-self-portrait-collages-go-craft-kit>  
Create a self-portrait using drawing and collage in the style of multiple artists. Participants can pick up a supply kit between Feb. 2-12 at Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd. Grades 3-6.

Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 13, 2-2:30 p.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Paint Night Grades 3-5

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-paint-night-grades-3-5>. Join us for a fun night creating a piece of art. Follow along or create your own work. Grades 3-5.

Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 395-0150

### WebEx Live: Celebrating Filipino American Culture Storytime

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-celebrating-filipino-american-culture-storytime> Learn about the Filipino American Culture. Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Ages 3-5. Visit [www.vbgov.com/library\\_events](http://www.vbgov.com/library_events) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register. Feb. 18, 10:30-11 a.m., 385-0150

### WebEx Live: Teen PowerPoint Party

<https://vbpl.librarymarket.com/webex-live-teen-powerpoint-party> Hang out and learn some things you never thought you would! Each participant will prepare a PowerPoint presentation on a topic of their choice, no matter how out of the box and silly Grades 6-12, Visit [www.vbgov.com/libraryevents](http://www.vbgov.com/libraryevents) <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/programs-classes/Pages/default.aspx> to register.

Feb. 20, 2:30-4:30 p.m., 385-0150



We are experiencing a very “fast paced” real estate market! Low interest rates coupled with a short supply of homes has created a “seller’s market”. The City of Virginia Beach currently has an extremely low supply of a homes available for sale.

There are 826 active listings (attached and detached homes) and out of those 369 are under contract which leaves only 457 properties available to purchase. Considering the City of Virginia Beach has a population of approximately 450,000 people, that is a very low supply of available homes.

Listings are going under contract in a matter of days and it is not uncommon to experience multiple offers on homes for sale due to the low available inventory. The current situation makes it more challenging for buyers, as the competition is very high and it could take multiple attempts at submitting an offer before one is accepted.

Jean Bowman, Bowman Realty

Source: REIN (Real Estate Information Network)

**Homes for Sale and Sold in our Neighborhoods Since December 2020**



**LAKE SMITH TERRACE**

**FOR SALE**  
995 Ewell Rd  
901 Red Coat Ct

**GOVERNOR SQUARE**

**FOR SALE**  
No active listings

**SOLD**  
4629 Truman Ln  
4607 Truman Ln

**HAYGOOD POINT**

**FOR SALE**  
789 Chippendale Dr

**SOLD**  
4741 Haygood Point Rd  
4794 Haygood Point Rd



**Look, I’m no Poop Fairy.**

I can’t help it if I have to poop outside. I can’t pick it up. I don’t know how to use a toilet. Listen, the bottom line is poop pollutes. Our neighborhood, our park our lake and our pond. So, do the right thing because **only you can scoop the poop.**

Residents have been noticing that the park is being polluted with dog feces on a regular basis. If you are the offender you are required by law to pick up after your dog. If you should see someone who is not picking up after their pet report it to your block captain. **Failure to pick up the poop is a Class 1 misdemeanor and can result in a fine of up to \$2500.**

**SHORE DEFENSE LEAGUE**

**Concealed Carry Classes**



Billy Graham 757-694-7000

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# Protimed Automotive

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## Fall Maintenance Special

Standard Oil Change

**\$19.99**

Synthetic Oil Change

**\$54.99**

Service Includes:

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Hello Neighbors,

Our annual membership drive is somewhat behind this year and we really need your support to increase our membership numbers! For a modest fee of \$15 per household per year, you and your family can be members of the civic league. The annual dues helps to keep your neighborhood civic league up and running. Our fiscal year runs from 1 July to 30 June. Please show your support by sending in the completed membership application along with your \$15 annual dues made out to the LST/HP/GS Civic League. Please take a moment and join today!

### Civic League Membership Form – New or Renewal

(Please print)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail your check for \$15.00 to:**

LST/HP/GS Civic League  
P.O. Box 68883  
VA Beach, VA 23471

*(For e-mail broadcasts of crime alerts and other community interest topics)*

Dues are \$15.00 per household per Civic League Year which runs from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

**The civic league is always looking for members to volunteer in the following areas:**

**Please check any positions 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 and pumpkin patch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Refreshments for meetings and events

\_\_\_\_\_ You name it – I'll be happy to assist

The civic league received new memberships or renewals from the following households between December 24th and January 23rd . Thank you for supporting the civic league that works for you every day. Dues paid are for the period of July 2020 - June 2021 unless otherwise noted.

Jean Ervin (thru June 2022)

Mike & Marti Jones (thru June 2023)

Steve & Jenifer Kamperschroer (thru June 2023)

Dana & Patty Kelly (thru June 2023)

Grace Lawrence (thru June 2022)

Wayne & Laura Lowe (thru June 2022)

Jackie Simpson (thru June 2023)

Mark & Lynn Utecht (thru June 2022)

James & Elizabeth Wilson (thru June 2022)

According to legend, if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be 6 more weeks of winter, if it doesn't, then spring is right around the corner.

For centuries, farmers in France and England looked to a bear; in Germany, they kept their eye on the badger. In the 1800s, German immigrants to Pennsylvania brought the tradition with them. Finding no badgers there, they adopted the groundhog to fit the lore. Punxsutawney Phil has announced spring's arrival since 1887. Although other groundhogs have also carried on the tradition.

Though we recognize that animal behavior isn't the only way to judge planting dates, the tradition continues, often with a wink and a smile.

**(Old Farmer's Almanac)**



### Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day always falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This traditionally marks the midpoint between winter solstice and spring equinox. Around this time, farmers needed to determine when to plant their crops, so they tried to forecast whether there would be an early spring or a lingering winter. Our Groundhog Day is related to this need.

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