

# Lake Smith Ripples



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## Fall Festival 2021



## Civic League Meeting and Program

Tuesday, 16 November , 2021

Fellowship Hall at Bayside Presbyterian  
Church 1400 Ewell Rd

Social period with refreshments: 6:30 -7:00  
Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

### Presentation

Wills, Probate, Deed Recording and other  
services available to residents

By

Tina Sinnen, City of Virginia Beach  
Circuit Court Clerk

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## President's Corner

As this edition of the Ripples goes to press, election season is still in full swing. We are bombarded daily with campaign literature in our mailbox. Then there are those annoying automated campaign and voter survey phone calls. And there are those endless back-to-back political ads on television and in your email. By the time you receive this newsletter, all this should be behind us – for this year. I hope every resident, 18 and above, exercised their precious right to cast a ballot in this election.

The Fall Festival, our first major civic league event since 2019, was a huge success. Several hundred residents turned out at the Haygood Point Neighborhood Park on a Sunday afternoon. Under ideal weather they enjoyed good fellowship along with hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats cooked to perfection by our grill-master Bill Dawson. The side dishes everyone brought were plentiful and delicious. We had a big tent furnished by the Virginia Beach Sheriff's office. Children enjoyed the work of a balloon twister, face painter and the always fun bounce house. VBFD and VBPB were on hand giving demonstrations of their equipment. Young and old had fun riding the hay wagon pulled by an orange tractor driven by Terry Gray. And the biggest hit of the day was the animals in the petting zoo, who quietly grazed on the park grass. If you didn't attend this year, you missed a great event.

You may have heard something about a new area-code coming to eastern Virginia. It's all true. We will no longer be known only as the 757 region. You see, as the region has grown, the number of available telephone numbers has nearly been exhausted. The solution is to overlay a second area-code over the existing one. The new area code, 948, will cover the same territory as the existing 757 area code. So, what does this mean for us? Not much. Your phone number will not change – all current 757 telephone numbers will remain as they are today. New phone numbers may be assigned to the 948 area code, which means you will need to dial all 10 digits when calling any number in the region. Today, 10 digit dialing within the 757 area is optional, but effective April 9, 2022, all calls within our region will require 10 digits. Start adding the area code to all local calls now so that you develop that habit before April. If you have been here a while, you may remember when all of Virginia was area code 703. As growth occurred, this half of the state split and became area code 804. In 1996, a further area code split created the 757 region. Now, rather than splitting our area code, the numbering plan administrator has opted to overlay the new area code 948 onto our region. We'll get used to it.

You don't want to miss our November 16th civic league meeting. We have for our program a presentation by Tina Sinnen, Virginia Beach Circuit Court Clerk. She will tell us all we need to know about the subject of wills, probate, deed recording and all the other services available at the clerk's office. Put it on your calendar and plan to come spend an informative hour with your friends and neighbors.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

*John Eason*

Sam Hribal

Last month, in the 900 block of Truman Lane, a young man knocked on a woman's door and asked if they needed any yard work done. The woman said no that her husband took care of their yard work. The man was persistent and forced his way into the home. He had a knife and asked for money. The woman screamed for her husband who was in another part of the house. He came and chased the man out of the house who then ran across the street and out of sight. The police were called and are investigating.

Do not let this happen to you. Do not open your door to strangers. My philosophy is if someone didn't call first I won't even look to see who it is. These days almost everyone has a cell phone and can easily call and say they are on their way.

Lock your vehicles! Never leave valuables in plain sight, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight. Most of us also leave our insurance information, bank statements and other important paperwork in our cars that could be used for identity theft. Do not make it easy for the low lifes that do this. Look out your front window before you go to bed and check that there isn't anyone hanging around your vehicles or your neighbors. Hopefully your neighbors will be doing the same thing before they retire for the night.

We can begin to build a better neighborhood watch security system by becoming acquainted with our neighbors' everyday living patterns. By knowing when they are at work, on vacation, and so forth, we will be better able to judge whether a stranger should legitimately be at the neighbor's home.

Our neighbors are our best security device. Unfortunately, many people simply do not make an effort to know their neighbors. They are hesitant to report suspicious people or vehicles, fearing that they will be regarded as "snoopy". We needn't be close friends with our neighbors in order to look out for their interests.

Neighborhoods in which people are truly concerned with each other and their mutual safety have extremely low burglary rates. Recent studies by criminologists point out that several such neighborhoods have had literally no burglaries within the past decade.






Mark Your Calendar



# CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, December 14th

6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Dinner  
Bayside Presbyterian Church

-  Please bring a covered dish for eight No desserts please.
-  Civic League to provide shrimp, ham, turkey, rolls, desserts, beverages, and tableware.
-  Visit from Santa (photo opportunity - bring your camera)

Free to all Civic League members and their families

## Seeking Participants for the Nominating Committee

Your civic league is managed by the volunteers on the board of directors. The 11-member board is comprised of five officers and six directors, all elected by you – the voting membership. A slate of board candidates is assembled by the nominating committee, presented at the April membership meeting, and formally voted on at the May meeting. The new board members take over following the May meeting just in time for our three-month summer break.

The nominating committee consists of three to five civic league members in good standing. The committee's objective is to identify and recruit civic league members willing to serve as officers and directors. At this time, we are seeking civic league members willing to be participants on the nominating committee. We would like to have the nominating committee comprised of representatives from all of our neighborhoods – Lake Smith Terrace, Haygood Point, and Governor Square. Candidates for the nominating committee will be formally appointed by the current director team at the January 24, 2022 board meeting. Members interested in serving on this very important committee should contact John Eason at: [jeason913@verizon.net](mailto:jeason913@verizon.net).

*Callie Hennessy*

*2021 has been hectic to say the least*

It's already November! This year is coming close to its end and I can't say I'm upset about it. 2021 has been hectic to say the least, but has been a tremendous learning experience for us all. High schoolers have gone from completely virtual in the spring, to completely in person this fall. Now that we're all getting settled again, there's a lot to report about what's upcoming this month at Bayside. As always with the Health Sciences Academy, the school devotes each month to a type of medical disease or condition we should be aware of. September focused on pediatric cancer (yellow), October was about breast cancer (pink), and November is about Alzheimer's (purple). There have been multiple fundraising/awareness walks and organizations to donate to, so if you haven't done so already, I would encourage you to aid the Alzheimer's cause in one way or another. I personally know a lot of people affected by it, so it's important that you show your support, even if it's just by wearing purple.

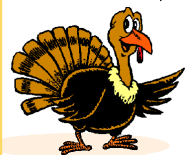
Bayside has not only focused on disease awareness, but also donations for the homeless through the "Socktober" drive and various canned food drives that go on throughout the year. Also, this month the National Honor Society and Noble Teens club will be partnering up to present the idea of writing thank you cards to first responders, and collecting these cards during one of the meetings. The first responders have done so much during the pandemic, so they truly deserve to be rewarded with gratitude as many times as possible.

Not only has our local high school been busy with service, but also with Homecoming! The Homecoming parade and football game was on Oct. 30th against Salem High School. Go Marlins! The parade started at the Haygood United Methodist Church down the road, and with the streets shut down, students marched all the way to Bayside with signs and floats. The homecoming king and queen were crowned and school spirit was at a high.

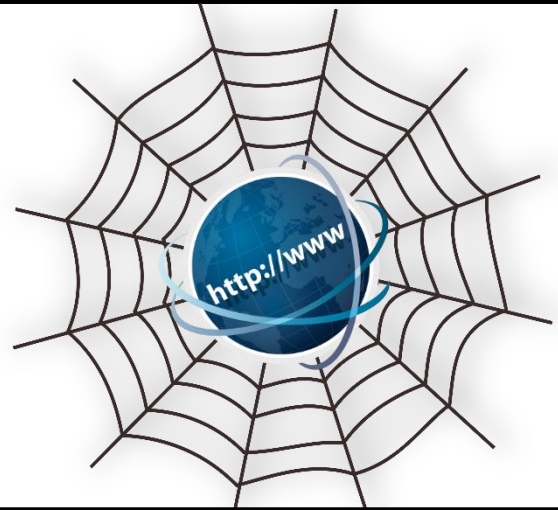
It's so great to see these opportunities being presented to us again after a year of missing out. While the dance itself was cancelled, I'm grateful nothing else was and we could still enjoy an entertaining game of football with our friends. November is busy, but nothing beats the feeling of an almost-regular high school experience again.



Wonder why I wasn't invited



# WANTED



**Volunteer webmaster to maintain and update our civic league website. No pay, just satisfaction in providing a valuable community service. If interested, please contact John Eason at: (757) 473-3458 or email [jeason913@verizon.net](mailto:jeason913@verizon.net)**



More Fall Festival Photos



## **Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 23rd  
At Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Blvd at Ewell Rd  
Social 6:30, Program 7:00

*We are back, in person, & Welcoming New Members!*

### **Thank You!!**

For our wonderful neighbors and their support of our annual pansy sale – it was a big success! The proceeds support local organizations and the upkeep of our three garden beds in the Lake Smith Terrace area including getting the new Pollinator Station at Haygood Point Park ready for the winter.

### ***Our Next Meeting: Holiday***

**Decorations.** We're going to get ready for the holiday and Christmas season by starting early with handmade decorations: wreaths, garlands, mantel ornamentation, etc. All materials will be provided our members will bring donations of greens, magnolia leaves and other material.

### **Your Neighborhood Garden Club Is the Place for You**

We offer education in Horticulture, Flower Designs, and Environmental Information for gardeners of all varieties – there is always something to learn. The club was established in 1966 and is still going strong.

**You don't have to be a seasoned gardener  
or even have a green thumb!**

So, visit us during one of our monthly meetings at 6:30 on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Bayside Presbyterian Church, on Ewell Road.

Contact: Lynda Kirby, Membership Chair @ (757) 363-8236 or  
Keren Pernini, President @ (757) 589-8463 for more information or just come to a meeting!

### **Fall Garden Tips:**

This is the ideal time to put colorful trees and shrubs in to help enliven your landscape. In selecting plants, remember Size, color and texture. One of the earliest winter-blooming shrubs is witch hazel, which can survive the coldest temperatures in our area. It grows as a small shrub-tree, with short- stemmed clusters of pale-yellow flowers. Perhaps the most delightful characteristic of witch hazel is its fragrance. Other winter bloomers include winter daphne, winter honeysuckle and Japanese apricot. Another beautiful color addition to your landscape is a new thornless flowering quince, called Double Take, puts on a spectacular spring display of large double flowers with intense colors: red, pink and orange. And, of course, don't forget camellia, a standout in our area.

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**Recreation centers are open.** Members who wish to renew their memberships may do so. Participation in the weight room, pool area, group fitness classes and and certain gymnasium activities such as pickleball, badminton and Family Gym are available.

\* **Group fitness classes are now included in annual membership**



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**Mayflower  
 Marathon Food Drive**



**November 19-21, 2021**

**This 58.5 consecutive hour food and fund drive** takes place each year on the weekend before Thanksgiving. The goal is to put food on the tables of those struggling with hunger in our community during a time of year that should be spent gathering together with loved ones to give thanks and celebrate rather than worry about where their next meal will come from. You can get involved by donating food or funds at the following location:

**Pembroke Mall**, 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach. All weekend in the Target parking lot towards the back of the mall

**What to donate:**

- **Turkeys, Hams** and all the traditional sides
- **Lean canned Protein** – peanut butter, tuna, chicken. Turkey, beans
- **Fruits and Vegetables** – canned fruits and vegetables, pasta sauce, 100% fruit juice, fruit preserves, dried fruit
- **Whole grains** – cereal, pasta, oatmeal, family size box rice, crackers
- **Meals** – soups, stews, boxed meals, canned pasta

Or, donate on line to the **Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore**

**Giving is easy. Simply drive through and donate day or night. Volunteers will be there to collect your donations.**

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Heather K. Brinkman



## How to Keep Mice Out of the House

What Causes Mice in the House? Mice are drawn into residential homes because they are good locations for plenty of food and dark sheltered areas to nest and reproduce. Your home is also a source of warmth during colder times of the year. Rodents such as mice and rats can contaminate food, chew up important papers, damage electrical wiring, and spread disease. It can be quite difficult to completely eradicate rats or mice that have infiltrated your home and established hidden nesting areas, so it's best to prevent infestations before they can happen. When you do find your home playing host to mice, or rats, take whatever measures necessary to remove those pests and block their entry points into your home.

Usually, signs that rats or mice are present include small dark droppings of feces that look like tiny grains of rice and are found along walls or in places where food materials are present. You may also notice other destruction, such as chewed holes in boxes and bags of dry goods in a pantry, in pet food bags, or in bags of grass seed in the garage. Close inspection along baseboards or near any holes in the floors, such as where radiator pipes come through, may show rub marks or gnawed areas where rodents have chewed to gain access. In hidden areas beneath cabinets, you may find small nest areas filled with shredded paper or wood shavings. If you have pets, your dog or cat may exhibit alert behavior, sensing the presence of a rodent. And you may even hear sounds of scurrying or scratching in the walls or floors, especially at night when the house is silent and dark. To keep mice out of the house:

**Block All Entry Points** The most important preventive measure you can take to keep mice and rats away is to inspect the foundation and walls of your house to make sure any potential entry points are blocked. The fall season, when rodents seek to get in from the cold, is an especially good time to run your inspection tour. Mice can enter by squeezing their way through cracks as small as 1/4-inch in diameter, so block foundation cracks with a masonry repair material, and inspect joints around windows and doorsills for cracks that might allow rodents to enter. Make sure weather seals along the bottom edges of garage doors are in good shape. If your [garage is insulated](#), it may become a cozy home for a rodent. Check your attic, as well, since rodents love the warmth of insulation.

**Move Bird Feeders Far from the House.** The seeds and ground grains that go into most bird-food mixtures are a delightful treat for rodents, as evidenced by the presence of squirrels that frolic around any [bird feeder](#). Feeding birds is an admirable hobby, but don't be surprised when mice and rats are drawn to the ground around your feeders. If you feed birds, keep your feeders as far from the house as possible.

**Seal Pet Food.** Transfer dog and cat foods to sealed, airtight storage containers immediately after buying them. Dry pet

foods are mana from heaven for rodents, so store them in tightly sealed containers well above the floor.

**Ensure tops on trash bins are closed down.** If possible, keep these containers as far from your house as you can. If you have containers other than your city containers, put them on platforms above the ground, and as an added prevention, secure lids with bungee cords or heavy rocks.

**Control Foundation Plantings.** Dense shrubs and garden planting that butt up close to the house provide hiding spots for mice and rats as they seek entry holes through foundations or walls. Shrubs along the house should be planted a few feet away from the foundation, and the soil level kept low enough that mice cannot squeeze their way up behind the siding.

**Seal Dry Foods.** Flour, sugar, and other food kept in bags or paper cartons are easily broached by rodents and bugs. Instead, keep these foods in tightly sealed plastic or metal containers on high shelves or in the refrigerator. Rodents will have no incentive to take up residence in your house if they don't smell any source of food.

**Keep Outside Doors Closed.** Garage doors left wide open can be an invitation to rats and mice, especially in the fall when they are seeking a warm place for winter. Get into the habit of closing your garage door immediately after entering or exiting with your car, and also keep side entry doors to the garage closed. Keep sliding patio doors and windows closed, or at least protected with screens, to prevent rodents from entering. Never leave a garage door, or other entries open overnight, as the dark hours are when rodents are especially active.

**Set traps and bait** Mostly as a diagnostic measure throughout the year. A live trap is a humane and poison-free way to trap and release rodents while alerting you when they are finding entry into your home. The best live traps are chamber-type devices with a spring-loaded door that snaps shut when the mice enter in search of food. Avoid sticky adhesive trap designs, since mice have been known to chew their own feet off in an effort to free themselves from the adhesive. If you have no qualms about killing mice, then traditional spring traps are a good choice; they kill mice very quickly and without much pain to the creature. A bait station contains poisonous, thirst-producing pellets that make the rodent seek water outdoors where it dies. It is much easier to catch one or two mice or rats at the start of an infestation than to deal with them after a whole colony has set up a home in your walls. Keep any type of trap or poison baits completely out of reach of children and pets.

**Adopt and Animal Predator.** A young, aggressive cat, or a dog species such as a terrier with a reputation for hunting small animals, can often catch rodents before they can take up housekeeping and form nests to reproduce.

Source: Brian Kabell <https://www.thespruce.com/poison-free-rodent-proofing-methods-2656482>

The Hampton Roads real estate market remains strong as we head into the Fall season. We continue to see a reduced number of active listings with an increased number of pending and settled sales. The demand for housing remains robust. However, interest rates and the time homes are on the market have increased slightly. It may take a little longer for a home to go under contract in comparison to a few months ago, which is not uncommon in the Fall months. It remains a challenging time to purchase a home due to the lack of inventory and price increases.

Jean Bowman, Bowman Realty  
Source: REIN (Real Estate Information Network)

**Homes for Sale and Sold  
in our Neighborhoods  
Since October 2021**



**LAKE SMITH TERRACE**

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921 W. Ferry Plantation Rd  
1117 Ewell Rd

**PENDING**  
4713 Five Forks Ct  
4637 Priscilla Ln

**SOLD**  
1213 Ewell Rd  
4660 Copperfield Rd  
1109 Pickwick Rd

**HAYGOOD POINT**

**FOR SALE**  
No Active Listings

**GOVERNOR SQUARE**

**FOR SALE**  
No Active Listings

**PENDING**  
4604 Truman Lane  
4616 Truman Lane

**House Numbers May Save Your Life**

On a recent Sunday evening rescue vehicles were dispatched to our neighborhood and had difficulty locating the residence reporting the emergency. The person who placed the call lived alone, so there was no one available to hale the rescue squad upon its arrival. The residence had no visible/readable numbers on the curb or the house and the mailbox, located next to the front door, did not have numbers visible from the street. With no way to identify the home the emergency vehicle mistakenly pulled into the wrong driveway and needed to turn on its side lights to locate the proper house, resulting in a delayed response time.

Although GPS has greatly improved response times by aiding rescue teams in finding the location of those requiring assistance, we all need to ensure that we have house numbers visible from the street, day or night, on the house, curb or mailbox to aid rescue teams in pinpointing our location should an emergency arise – it may save a life.



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**Civic League Membership Form – New or Renewal**

(Please print)

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*(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 January 1 to December 31

**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)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch              | <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Dinner                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Festival (picnic, hayride and pumpkin patch) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Maintenance           | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for meetings and events              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic League Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> You name it – I'll be happy to assist             |

The civic league received new memberships or renewals from the following households between 9/27/21 and 10/26/21. Thank you for supporting the civic league that works for you every day. Dues are paid for calendar year 2021 unless otherwise noted.

**RENEWING MEMBERS:**

- Paul & Paul Ackiss (2022)
- Julian & Kristen Adams
- Cameron & Alfredo Aguilar
- Jhoanne & Chuck Allenberg
- Danielle & Michael Banil
- Skip & Claudia Banner (2025)
- Dan & Jennifer Baxter
- Larry & Cindy Black
- Boglarka Bora
- Donna & Steve Buckley (2022)
- Jeremy & Jaimee Carriker
- Dassa & Jerry Carvey (2022)
- Mark & Jennifer Cockrell
- Bob & Nida Christianson (2022)
- Matt & Krista Clark
- Deidre & Josh Conklin (2022)
- John Cutchin
- Rick & Kathy DeJaegher (2023)
- Sam & Dovie Edge (2022)
- Bobby & Krystal Gilliland
- Jason Heath
- Jason & Jenn Hicks (2022)
- Don & Glenda Holcomb (2024)

- Devon, Jason, Archer & Kingsley Heath (2022)
- Shannon Hurley & Jim Blustein
- Jeremy & Virginia Kent
- Wayne & Lisa Killmon (2023)
- Patrick & Marinda Kimidy
- Robin & Doug Kircheval (2024)
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- Tom & Sheryl Winter (2022)
- Katherine Xefteris & Philip (2023)
- Erin & Brent Zabel (2023)

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- David Cherry & Tiffany
- Caitlin Fitzhugh
- Gina & Mitch Hofacker
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Service Times:  
Saturday 6:00 pm ~ Sunday 10:30 am

- \* Bible Based Teaching \*
- \* Nursery & Children's Ministry Available \*
- \* Casual Dress \*
- \* Small Group Bible Studies \*

## Important Contacts

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies.....	911
Non-Emergency Assistance.....	385-5000
Miss Utility.....	811
Crime Solvers Hotline.....	427-0000
Drug Activity / Graffiti .....	427-1749
Tall Grass, Trash, Litter, Broken Windows.....	385-5721
Zoning Issues, Trucks, Fences,.....	385-4131
Potholes, Street Signs, Street Repairs.....	385-1470
Animal Control (Option #2).....	385-5000
City Landfill.....	385-1980
Bulk Trash Pickup.....	385-4650
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