

Lake Smith Ripples



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

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*Happy
Valentine's Day*

Monday, 14 February



Civic League Meeting and Program

**Tuesday, 15 February 2022
Bayside Presbyterian Church**

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

Program

**Virginia Beach Recreation Center
Programs and Services**

by

Jeff Bass

Manager, Williams Farm Recreation Center



Snowmen in the park, a rare sight. Residents had fun taking advantage of the recent snowfall by playing in the snow and building snowmen at our Haygood Point Park.



Civic League Scholarship



The Civic League will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a deserving 2020 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. Contact Theresa Gray at theresa.gray@truist.com, or phone 757-499-2941 to learn more about the eligibility requirements, instructions, and application. Deadline for the application is 30 April 2022.

Fun for the Family!

*Help us reach our goal of 249
households and join our civic league.*

President's Corner

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

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prior to month of publication.**

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Our civic league's January meeting featured a presentation by Mr. Troy Walton, Principal at Bayside High School. It was a very informative and well received message about the current happenings and future planning at our local high school. Bayside High School is much improved in recent years, and Mr. Walton speaks with pride about the facility, staff, and students. We also learned there are volunteer opportunities available at the school for our neighborhood residents. For those who would like to make a difference by volunteering at the school, please contact the PTA Representative, Carol Kownack by email at kownack@verizon.net. I suspect we have several residents willing to occasionally spend a few hours to serve at the high school.

Our February civic league meeting will feature a presentation on the programs and services available through the Virginia Beach Recreation Centers. The presenter will be Mr. Jeff Bass, manager at the Williams Farm Recreation Center. Let's have a good turnout to learn all about our outstanding local rec center. Also at the meeting, we will call for a vote to formally amend our civic league's bylaws to reflect the change in the membership year. The amendments were presented at the January meeting for a vote in February.

We had a significant snowfall in late January and as this newsletter goes to press, it appears we have a chance of another snow event on the final weekend of the month – or maybe not. It is difficult to accurately forecast snow events in Hampton Roads where the rain-snow line can fluctuate twenty-five miles either way depending on the wind direction. After the snow ended on January 22nd, when many of us were clearing our driveways/sidewalks, I received a call from Ruth LeMay, a resident on Five Forks Road, seeking help for a nearby senior citizen. It seemed an elderly person needed delivery of medical equipment, but the medical equipment company could not make the delivery unless the driveway and walkway were clear of snow. Mr. Lee Jones, a nearby resident on Red Coat Road, stepped up and shoveled the senior citizen's driveway and walkway so the medical equipment could be delivered. Ruth LeMay and Lee Jones are examples of the caring residents we have in our community, and the kind of people who help make our neighborhood a great place to live.

As promised when we shifted our membership year from the July-June fiscal year to the calendar year, we kicked-off our membership drive in the January edition of the Ripples. Last month you should have received a yellow membership form and pre-addressed envelope in the newsletter. If you have not mailed in your civic league membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. Our goal is for 455 member households to be part of the civic league in 2022. That would represent slightly more than 50 percent of our neighborhood. As of January 25th, membership stands at 249 households. We need everyone to sign up and help push us over the top. Talk with your neighbors. Please do your part today to support our very active and engaged civic league. It is only \$15 for each household.

It is that time of year when I feel we should remind residents with children about the need to stay off any ice that may form on Lake Smith or Oliver's Pond - behind the Haygood Point Park. Lake ice in our part of the country is never thick enough to safely support people – not even small children. Falling through ice into thirty something degree water can quickly turn into a fatal event. Let's all be keenly aware of safety in the cold winter months so we can avoid any tragedies.

Don't forget the flowers or chocolates for that special person in your life on Valentine's Day. And I hope to see you all at the civic league meeting the following day.

John Eason

Neighborhood Watch

Sam Hribal

Neighborhood crime: larceny from vehicles, tools stolen from sheds and garages, homes broken into, vandalism. In the past our neighborhood has experienced these and more but none lately thanks to you, the most important part of our Neighborhood Watch program. By keeping your vehicles locked, watching for suspicious people and calling the police when something or somebody 'just doesn't look right' you are doing your part in keeping our community safe.

Be skeptical of emails, texts, phone calls and letters in your USPS mailbox. If it sounds too good to be true it is more than likely a scam. Protect your money and your identity. Don't share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, credit card number or date of birth. These scams seem to be so obvious but they must be working since there are so many of them. Most of the people that fall for these scams are good, trusting people that don't want to appear to be rude. The next thing is they are providing sensitive personal information and banking information to a stranger and their life savings are soon wiped out. A lot of times we don't hear about the money that people lose in these scams because they are embarrassed. Talk with a trusted friend or family member before committing to one of these deals.

An interesting point about fraud is that it is a crime in which you decide whether to participate. Hanging up the phone, not answering your door or not responding to shady mailings or emails makes it difficult for the scammer to commit fraud.

Master Police Officer David Nieves helped us when we were setting up our Neighborhood Watch. Whenever he attended one of our civic league meetings he always said that we had one of the best Neighborhood Watches in Virginia Beach. David has been hospitalized since early January. Updates on his condition have been very difficult to get from his family. I asked his son last week and all he could tell me was that there has been no change in his father's condition. Officer Nieves is a good friend of our community. Remember him in your prayers.



**Stay
off
the ice!**



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FEBRUARY



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Help Keep Our Neighborhood Safe

Hello Neighbors,

Our annual membership drive is underway, and we need your support! 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 January 1st to December 31st. 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.

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
- 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 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages - Fall Festival with hayride & pumpkin patch (civic league provides burgers, brats and drinks) - Christmas Potluck Dinner,

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)

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Address _____
Phone # _____
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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 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 and renewals from the following households between 12/24/21 and 1/24/22. Thank you for supporting our civic league that works for you every day. Dues are paid through calendar year 2022 unless otherwise noted.

RENEWING HOUSEHOLDS:

Alvin Allen
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 Tom & Carolyn Betz (2024)
 Katie & Kevin Byrne
 Roland & Jeanie Downing
 Douglas & Diane Boyd
 Andy & Jackie Branyan (2023)

Tim & Pat Caddy (2024)
 Jim, Terri & Lynn Calaman
 Peter & Becky Cervenka (2023)
 Susan & Jim Cherwa
 Ron & Dawn Cimbala
 John & Gloria Coston
 Grant & Lynn Coull
 Margaret Crawford (2023)
 Barry & Sharon Cruthers
 Wes & Christine Gow
 Jane Dochtermann
 Edward & Debbie Douglas

Kathy Duncan
 Patrick & Madeline Dunstan
 Spring & Scottie Dyer
 Larry & Carolyn Eakin
 Doug & Megan Earlenbaugh (2024)
 John & Edi Eason (2024)
 Robert & Sherri Elliott
 Philip, Kate, Austin, Caitlyn Fitzhugh
 Stuart & Janet Forbes
 Lauren & John Fuller (2023)
 Zack & Peggy Gentry
 Daniel & Monica Gilliam (2023)

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Daniel & Monica Gilliam (2023)
 Mike & Paula Graham
 Austin & Ashley Gunder
 Carl Gustafson (2028)
 Bill & Yoko Haas
 Jim & Patty Handrahan
 Mike Ingle
 Ron Jesberg
 James T. Jones Jr.
 Phil & Chris Jones
 Ken & Patricia Knight
 John & Alexis Krenzke
 Mike & Jan Lambiase
 Grace Lawrence (2023)
 Bill & Bonnie Leitsch
 Jay Lovejoy
 Chase Lozito
 Christina Lozito & Phill Primeaux
 Jane & Ed Martin
 Jean Maxwell
 Howard & Anna McCoy
 Chris & Manuela Morrison
 Tracy Nash & Marco Sifuentes
 Dan & Cyndy Nelson
 Ron & Elizabeth Oates
 Nancy Pasqualino

Brian & Elizabeth Perkins
 Lenore Quandt
 Joe & Mabel Quartararo
 Dick & Joanne Rentner (2023)
 Gay & Keane Robbins (2023)
 Bob & Deanna Rumney
 Mike & Michele Sandifer
 Colin & Sharon Smith
 George & Myra Stein
 Rick & Barrett Tharrington (2023)
 Erik & Angela Tonnesen
 Dwight & Dianne Towler
 Renate Thurman
 Bill & Jody Ullmann
 Frank & Jerri Lynne Vanella
 David & Alisa Velky (2023)
 Bruce & Cheryl Whalen

Steve & Terri Wilkins (2024)
 James & Elizabeth Wilson (2026)
 Katherine Xefferis & son Philip (2024)
 Bill & Issy Yoshida
 Michael & Christina Yoshida
 Constance Zuidema

Welcome New Member Households:

Thomas & Lynne Bannister
 Robert Destefano
 C.J. & Lindsay Henley
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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.

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Poison Ivy vs. Virginia Creeper

*She comes on like a rose
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 She'll get you in Dutch
 You can look but you better not touch
 (Lyrics from Coasters song – (Poison Ivy)*

When doing yard maintenance, I have learned it's very important to know the difference and watch for Poison Ivy intermingling with Virginia Creeper. I looked at some 5 leaf plants and concluded they were Virginia Creeper, which they were, but I didn't look hard enough as there was also Poison Ivy mixed in. I also found that there are standing plant varieties of Poison Ivy, not just vines. All of this led to an itchy rash and a lot more care around these plants. Only Poison Ivy causes a rash, but Virginia Creeper gets blamed at times because the Poison Ivy blends in so well that it is not noticed.

Virginia Creeper generally has four or five leaves but sometimes may have only three. Some juvenile plants have only three leaves, though most times if you look over the plan in more detail you can find parts with more than three leaves. One noticeable difference between Poison Ivy and Virginia Creeper, if you're willing to get close enough to look, is that the vine of Virginia Creeper is woody. The wood-like vine has simple tendrils that hold the plant to its 'host'. The Virginia Creepers climbs up or along other plants, brush, trees, or supports nearby. Deep blue berries can be found on Virginia Creeper's during the fall.

Poison Ivy will always have three leaves. Its leaf pattern will always be the same; center leaf stem being longer than the other two and greater in size. During the fall, Poison Ivy develops and drops greenish-white berries. And of course, Poison Ivy is known for its itchy red rash caused on the skin after coming in contact with the plant.

Hairy vines that wrap around trees may be left over from Poison Ivy. Living Poison Ivy can sprout from this dark, thick, hairy vine. Typically, the winter months are the "best" months to extract Poison Ivy from your yard or garden, though I remove it as soon as I find it all year round. The leaves and vines can still possess oil that causes a rash, so wear disposable gloves when removing it. The climbing variety of Poison Ivy looks very similar to standard poison ivy.

A Guide to Virginia Creeper, Poison Ivy, Sumac and Oak

Virginia Creeper	Poison Ivy	Poison Sumac	Poison Oak
Generally 4 or 5 leaves	Always 3 leaves	Always 3 leaves	Always 3 leaves
No leaf stems	Center leaf is longer than other two	Clusters of red berries in the fall	Red leaves in fall
Red leaves in the fall	Center leaf is larger than others	Berries grow upright	Does not climb
Deep blue berries in the fall	Climbing vine	Climbing vine	Grows as individual plant in soil
Climbs 'host' trees, shrubs or nearby items	Red leaves in fall	Grows in very wet soil	Sometimes has greenish-white berries
Harmless to touch	Greenish-white berries in fall	Causes itchy rash after contact occurs with damaged, open plant	Causes itchy rash after contact occurs
	Causes itchy rash after Contact occurs		

Source: <https://shorebread.com/2012/08/31/poison-ivy-vs-virginia-creeper-whats-the-difference/>



Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22nd
 At Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Blvd at Ewell Rd
 Social 6:30, Program 7:00

We Always Welcome New Members!

We started out the new year with *The New Leaf* florists showing us how to professionally arrange flowers. The New Leaf folks are right center: Jamie Jennings, owner Dina Reynolds and impresario Paul Rubenstein; flanked by our club winners of the raffle for Paul's newly created masterpieces: left Mary Kohlhoff and Barb Pritchard and, on the right, Marlene Hunnings. The lucky bouquet winners, and Paul:



And, of course, our pre-meeting social featured a chef-d'oeuvre prepared by hostesses for this meeting: Mabel Quartararo, Karra Shikimachi and Mary Kohlhoff

Upcoming Attractions: We've got a terrific line up of guest speakers in our monthly meetings this year. We'll be exploring such fascinating topics as mushrooms, handmade Belgian chocolate offerings and more!

Green thumb and Experience Not Required! 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!

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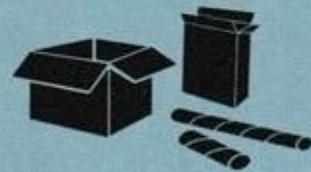


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Recreation centers are open. Members who wish to renew their memberships may do so. Participation in the weight room, pool area, group fitness classes and certain gymnasium activities such as pickleball, badminton and Family Gym are available.

* Group fitness classes are now included in annual Membership

One Day Free Recreation Center Pass for 2 now being offered by Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation

How to get your free pass

1. Plan a visit with a friend at the Bayside, Bow Creek, Kempsville, Princess Anne, Sea Tack or Williams Farm Recreation Center before the expiration date (4/30/2022)
2. Go to www.vbgov.com and click on Parks and Recreation, then click on Membership. Click on Free Pass.
3. Download or print the coupon
4. Take the coupon to any of the listed recreation centers and redeem it for a Free Day Pass for two.
5. Now get started on that new Year's resolution to exercise more in 2022.

Presidents' Day



25 February

Real Estate Corner

We are experiencing a very "fast paced" real estate market. A "sellers' market" continues with low interest rates coupled with a short supply of homes. The City of Virginia Beach has an extremely low supply of available homes for sale this January. There currently are 420 active listings (attached and detached homes) and out of those, 231 are under contract which leaves only 189 properties available to purchase. If you consider the City of Virginia Beach has a population of approximately 450,000 people, that is a very low supply of available homes. It is actually the lowest I have ever seen in my 22 years of being in the real estate industry.

According to the Real Estate Information Network (REIN), current Market Statistics show a median sales price of \$325,000, median Sold \$ per square foot is \$189, the average percent of list price received is 100.7% with a 0.6-month supply of inventory homes.

Listings are going under contract in a matter of days, and it is not uncommon to experience multiple offers on a home for sale due to the low inventory available. 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.

Source : Real Estate Information Network (REIN)
United States Census Bureau

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