Lake Smith Ripples



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Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 a.m. Haygood Point Park

6-11 years

- The Easter egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:30 AM, so don't be late!
- Each child should bring their own Easter basket to gather eggs.
- **Cupcakes and drinks will be provided**
- The Easter Bunny will be available for Photos.

Games! Goodies! Fun!

 1800 candy filled eggs will be provided for egg hunters between Ages 0-11 yrs. (Some will have tokens for prizes inside).
Egg hunting will be conducted simultaneously in three separate age groups – ages 2 and below, 3-5 years and

This is a free event for Civic League member households. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews! Not a member? Not a problem! You can join at the event for just \$15 per household. Non-member guests \$5.00

Communiy Yard Sale

Saturday, 23 April 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Civic League will run an ad in the newspaper and place signs at the neighborhood entrances



Just place balloons on your mailbox to help shoppers find your house.

(Rain Date 24 April)

Civic League Meeting and Program

> Tuesday, 19 April Bayside Presbyterian Church

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

Presentation

Bee City USA

by

Symsi Denson

Virginia Beach parks and Recreation

Learn the importance of bees in our environment and economy and how to keep bees from becoming extinct Gardening gloves will be on sale for \$5.00 at the meeting

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President's Corner

As we move into April and see the flowers beginning to bloom in yards around the neighborhood, we know that spring is here. Enjoy it while it lasts because we also know that summer heat is right around the corner. Speaking of yards and flowers, you don't want to miss the civic league meeting this month on the 19th. The program will feature a presentation on Bee City USA. Come out and learn all the ways bees benefit our environment and the economy, and what we can do to protect them. It will be a very informative meeting and I hope to see a good turnout.

You probably have heard or read about the upcoming Virginia Beach city budget that needs to be adopted by city council in May. A primary concern to homeowners is the potential impact on real estate taxes. If the tax rate remains at the current level of \$0.9900 per \$100.00 of assessed value, tax bills will increase due to the increased value of homes. Real estate assessments are based on sales of comparable nearby homes over the past year. As we have seen, the selling price for homes in the neighborhood has increased. This is primarily due to simple supply and demand factors. The very low mortgage rates have created a larger pool of homebuyers than there are homes for sale in the market. As the mortgage interest rates increase, as will likely happen this year, the pool of homebuyers in the market will decrease. Eventually the market for buyers and sellers should reach a point near equilibrium. Until then, home prices will be inflated which is what led to the increase in assessments - the basis of your real estate tax bill. Our District 9 councilmember, John Moss, has proposed a \$0.9100 real estate tax rate for the upcoming budget. This would result in the city collecting about the same amount for real estate tax revenue as it did last year, and homeowners paying about the same as last year. With the current rate of \$0.9900, the city is looking to receive a large windfall of revenue in FY 2022/2023 from homeowners. We need to support the lowering of the tax rate to \$0.9100 per \$100.00 of assessed value. Many of our residents are retired and on fixed incomes, and those still in their working are not seeing increased wages to offset a rise in real estate taxes. Councilman Moss understands this and is pushing for the \$0.9100 tax rate in the budget to be adopted in May. We, as homeowners, need to contact the other 10 city council members and urge them to support the lower tax rate. Send them emails, letters or call them.

Coming up this month, the ever-popular Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the first time in two years, on April 16th. Bring the children and grandchildren to meet the Easter Bunny (great photo-ops) and gather all those candy-filled eggs. It's a fun event for all. Later this month, on the 23rd, we have scheduled a community yard sale. The civic league will place an ad in the Virginian-Pilot and signs will be at all neighborhood entrances. It's a perfect opportunity to clean out the garage, shed, or junkroom and sell that unneeded yet useable stuff.

In May, we are planning a community cookout in the park, open to all residents, on the afternoon of May 15th. Then, on May 17th at our final civic league meeting before the summer break, we have invited our state senator, Jen Kiggans, and our 83rd district delegate, Tim Anderson, to come and talk about the 2022 Virginia General Assembly session. Details will be in the May *Ripples*.

We are approaching the 35 percent mark for civic league memberships in our neighborhood. Our goal is to increase memberships up to 50 percent of households as civic league members this year. Please do your part by joining the civic league. It's only \$15 per household per year. A membership form is in this newsletter. I hope to see everyone at the April 19th civic league meeting.

John Eason

Neighborhood Watch

With the arrival of warmer weather and longer hours of daylight, more people will be out and about (and some, not always with the best intentions). Please stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Be sure to remove all valuables when exiting your vehicle and <u>lock</u> it up. Don't leave bicycles, yard equipment, or other items out that thieves may be tempted to take from your yard or driveway. Your home is your castle and it's important that you and your family feel safe there. Being aware of your surroundings and paying attention to what happens in your neighborhood is an important part of your safety. The police cannot monitor our homes 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but your neighbors can watch yours and you can keep watch on theirs.

Not all homes are broken into at night. Most home burglaries take place during the day. While the darkness tends to cause apprehensive feelings, most burglars actually prefer to break in during the day. Most home burglaries occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. More burglaries occur in the summer months than in the winter months. Make your home look like someone is there during the day. It's a good idea to leave exterior lights on at night, but if they are on all day it will appear that no one is home. Turn the exterior lights off as you leave for work or put the lights on a timer if you will be away for any length of time. If you are at home during the day. watch your neighbor's property for suspicious people.

Our police force is working for us and it's their job to investigate suspicious activity. An investigation rarely results in an arrest, but sometimes it does and could result in getting a dangerous criminal off our streets! Call the VBPD non-emergency number at 757-385-5000 if you see something or someone suspicious, trust your instincts. Call 911 immediately if you see an actual crime being committed.

While it has never been said that criminals play fair, it is even harder to accept when they target those that are especially vulnerable - our senior citizens.

REMEMBER: If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is! If you receive an email from a stranger that starts with -Congratulations!- someone is trying to get you to give them information that they can use to access your money. Just delete it. Always do your homework first. Never give out your personal information in response to a call or email, and NEVER allow someone into your home without carefully verifying their identity. Don't rush into a "deal". Talk it over with a trusted family member or friend before committing to any unsolicited deal



Membership

We need members!!! If you have not done so, please fill out the membership form and mail in your \$15 check made out to LST/HP/GS Civic League to help us reach our 450 - membership goal. Your support is greatly appreciated! A special "thank you" to all who have joined and supported our civic league. We could not fund our community activities without your help!!

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Pete Cook

Ideas for Spring Home Care to Help anyone That has an Overage of Spare Time.

- 1. Inspect roofing for missing, loose, or damaged shingles and leaks.
- 2. Change the air-conditioner filter.
- 3. Clean window and door screens.
- 4. Polish wood furniture and dust light fixtures.
- 5. Refinish the deck.
- 6. Power-wash windows and siding. Be careful to keep the wand far enough away to not do any damage or wash off paint.
- 7. Remove leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts.
- 8. Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- 9. Inspect sink, shower, and bath caulking for deterioration.
- 10. Vacuum lint from dryer vent.
- 11. Inspect chimney for damage.
- 12. Remove insulation from outdoor faucets and check sprinkler heads. I had one that a tree limb fell on and destroyed.
- 13. Drain or flush water heater.
- 14. Fertilize your lawn.





22 April

Civic League Scholarship Deadline

The Civic League will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to a deserving 2022 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 <u>theresa.gray@truist.com</u>, or phone 757-499-2941 to learn more about eligibility requirements. Instructions and application can be found on page 10 and 11 of this newsletter..

Application deadline is 30 April 2022.





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

Offer Ends 30 April 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 <u>www.vbgov.com</u> 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.



Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club News

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26th at Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Blvd at Ewell Rd Social 6:30, Program 7:00

> Your Neighborhood Garden Club and APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at HAYGOOD METHODIST CHURCH Parking Lot LOTS OF ANNUAL FLOWERS, HERBS, TROPICAL PLANTS and DONATIONS FROM OUR GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS' GARDENS.

What happens beyond the curb will be

revealed at our next meeting. In keeping with our Garden Club's sharp focus on the environment, Kristi Rines, Recycling Coordinator at the Public Works Waste Management Division, will introduce us to the world



of conservation and tell uswhere does the stuff we donate in our blue cans eventually ends up.

With Spring finally here, we are excited about all our gardens and their emerging buds. Our club maintains bed areas at the entryways to our neighborhood and we support several related organizations. All of this is made possible by our neighbors, who are also our supporters, at the club's two plant sales. The upcoming spring sale is highlighted above ... **if you're not spending April in**

Paris, this is a NOT TO MISS EVENT! We are featuring herbs, annual flowering plants, tropical beauties, hanging baskets and succulents. In addition, our gardeners have been busy nurturing plants to contribute to the sale. These "homemade" specimens are very special deals for you.

Plant sale proceeds cover maintenance of the entryway gardens to the neighborhood and, as well, help support Lynnhaven River Now, Virginia Beach Council of Garden

Clubs, Tidewater District Flower Show, Friends of First Landing and the Brock Environmental Center.

Center Picture. At our March meeting, Ryan Staab, from Capstone Mushroom Farm, introduced us to the World of Fungi. Here he shows off a Lion's Mane mushroom.

Garden Tips Give your garden a bold new look this year with gorgeous red flowers that hummingbirds will love. A perennial favorite is Bee Balm ... it's also a

perennial.

Red is one of the most expressive shades around, and, when you add it to your garden, the results will speak for themselves. Consider using red plants in groups of three (or five) or try a monochromatic look, mixing several shades of red in a single container. Why not add some blue and white annuals to your planters for a showy and spectacular Fourth of July.

This is <u>Your</u> Neighborhood Garden Club - Why You Might be Interested.

This is our 56TH year!! We continue to 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. Contact: Lynda Kirby, Membership Chair @ (757) 363-8236 or Keren Pernini, President @ (757) 589-8463 for more information, or just come to a meeting!

- Real Estate Corner

As the first quarter of the year is nearing, and in summary, the real estate market has been strong. Continuous low inventory of homes has created a huge demand. Home prices are at an all- time high. With the rising mortgage interest rates, combined with inflation and world events ... it will be interesting to watch the real estate market in the near future.

Homes that are for sale now are going under contract quickly, and most often with multiple offers. The average market time in our city is 11 days.

Since January, 1492 homes have "sold" in the City of Virginia Beach. The list below allows you to see the variation in the price point sold:

Price	Number Sold
0-\$100,000	4
\$101,000-\$200,000	214
\$201,000-\$300,000	466
\$301,000-\$400,000	390
\$401,000-\$500,000	174
\$501,000-\$600,000	77
\$601,000-\$700,000	53
\$701,000-\$800,000	38
\$801,000-\$900,000	33
\$901,000-\$1,000,000	13
\$1,000,000+	30

The most expensive home sold this year closed at \$9,500,000 and the lease expensive home closed at \$92,000 in Virginia Beach.

Source (REIN) Real Estate Information Network

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Homes for Sale and Sold in our Neighborhoods Since March 2022





LAKE SMITH TERRACE

PENDING 4737 Little John Rd

SOLD

4713 Five Forks Ct 1044 Ewell Rd 4612 Copperfield Rd 4736 Red Coat Rd 905 Five Forks Rd 1212 Five Forks Rd

HAYGOOD POINT

FOR SALE 863 Five Forks

SOLD 708 Gene Court

GOVERNOR SQUARE

FOR SALE No Active Listings



Sincere Thanks

Following the death of his lovely wife Yoko, neighbor Bill Haas has asked that the following message be relayed:

I want to thank all the neighbors that so warmly supported us in our most grieving moments. Their kindness and generosity is very well noted and appreciated.

Thank you, Bill Haas



Maintenance Special

\$24.99 Standard Oil Change

Free Alignment Check

Service Includes:

Full Service Oil Change & Seasonal Check-Up

For faster service please call ahead for an appointment. Shop supplies and taxes are not included. Most cars/light trucks. Oil change includes up to five quarts of motor oil and new filter. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Limited time only.

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Working with a real estate agent you can trust is important when it comes to buying or selling a home. And working with one who is familiar with the local neighborhood, mortgage lendors, and inspectors also makes sense. When you're ready to buy or sell, give me a call.



Advertise in the Ripples

To advertise your business or event in the Lake Smith Ripples newsletter contact Steven Conner at: 757-589-9895 or:

steven@bowmanrealtyva.com

The Lake Smith Ripples is published nine months of the year, September through May, and is delivered to over 900 homes in our community.

Business Card Ad - \$20 per issue Quarter page - \$40 per issue Half page - \$80 per issue Full Page – B & W - \$140, Color - \$160 per issue

Save! Pay for 8 ads and get the 9th one free!

SonRise @ Pembroke Manor Christian Church



600 Independence Blvd. VA Beach ~ 23462 (757) 490-8290

www.SonRiseVB.church

Service Times: Saturday 6:00 pm ~ Sunday 10:30 am

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

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LST/HP/GS Civic League, Inc. Scholarship Instructions

Please complete the attached application form in its entirety. If you need more space than provided on the application, you may attach separate sheets of paper. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY.

Include all required documents to:

Theresa Gray

4644 Chippendale Court

Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Your entry must be postmarked by <u>April 30, 2022</u>. Entries postmarked after <u>April 30, 2022</u> will <u>not be eligible</u>. The award winner will be announced on May 17, 2022.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- \Rightarrow You must be a graduating high school senior, in good standing.
- \Rightarrow Your parents must be a current member of the LST/HP/GS Civic League.
- ⇒ You must submit all the required attachments with your completed application form by April 30, 2022. Submissions without all documents attached will not be considered.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- \Rightarrow Copy of high school transcript with your GPA
- \Rightarrow A 500 word essay describing your community involvement during the past three years

SELECTION CRITERIA

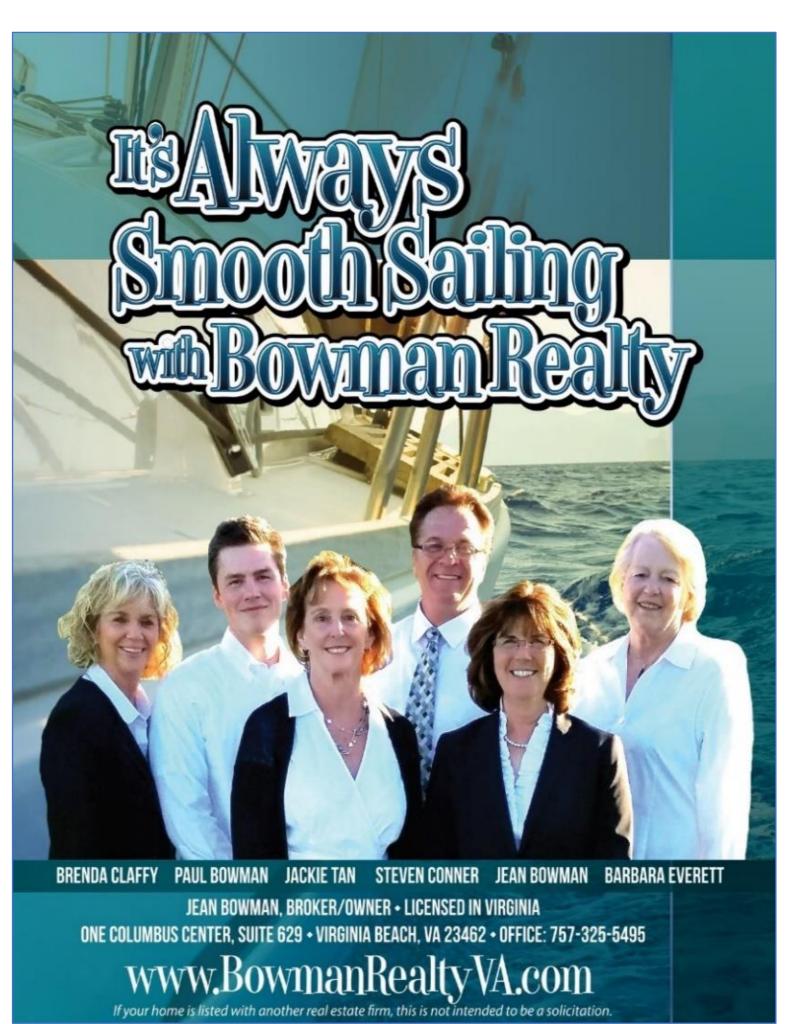
- \Rightarrow Variety of Community Involvement
- \Rightarrow Educational Achievement and Merit
- \Rightarrow Communication Skills (personal insight and grammar)

AWARD

A \$500 scholarship will be announced and awarded on May 17, 2022. Funds will be sent to the enrolled College or University, in the student's name.

LST/HP/GS Civic League, Inc. Scholarship Application

Student/Applicant Name:					
Address:		City:	VA Zip		
Telephone Number:	Dat	e of Birth:	SSN: XXXXXXXXX		
Name of Father/Guardian:					
Address:		City:	VA Zip		
Occupation:					
Name of Mother/Guardian:					
Address:		City:	VA Zip		
Occupation:					
List all other dependents in you	ur household:				
Name:	Age	Relationship	College?		
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High School(s) attended:					
School Name:	Loc	cation:	Date Attended		
School Name:	Loc	cation:	Date Attended		
Course of Study:					
SAT/ACT Score	Cumula	tive GPA	Number of AP Courses		
Colleges to which you have ap	plied:				
Name:		Location:	·		
Field of Study			Have you been accepted?		
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Honors and Activities: List on received while in high school.	a separate sheet of	f paper any scholasti	c honors and awards that you have		
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICAN	T:		DATE:		
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/G	JARDIAN:		DATE:		



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