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Neighborhood Cookout

May 15th, 3:00 p.m. **Haygood Point Park**

(Civic League Membership Not Required)

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks provided

Bring a lawn chair





Civic League Meeting

Tuesday, 17 May **Bayside Presbyterian Church**

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

Presentation

2022 Virginia General Assembly Session Discussion

by

VA State Senator Jen Kiggans Virginia State Delegate Tim Anderson

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President's Corner

We are coming up on a bitter-sweet day when we will say farewell to our civic league board of director's student representative. Callie Hennessy accepted the student representative position in November 2019. Since then, she has collaborated with our director team by participating and assisting with civic league meetings and events. Callie has written her own column in several editions of the Lake Smith Ripples. She has proven to be an outstanding representative for high school students in our area. Now comes the time for Callie's high school graduation. We will miss the ever-present cheerfulness and positive attitude we have grown accustomed to seeing with Callie. She is about to move forward to the next phase of her life, that of a college student. On behalf of the civic league's board of director's team, we wish Callie Hennessy the absolute best in all her aspirations and goals. We know see will go far in life. As one door closes, yet another door opens. We will have an opening for a new student representative on our board beginning in the fall. If you have a high school student (public, private or home schooled) who would be interested in applying for a volunteer opportunity to work with the civic board of directors, please contact me at email jeason913@verizon.net or call 757-473-3458 to discuss the general requirements of the position.

It's a cookout - and everyone is invited! Please try to attend a cookout in the Haygood Point neighborhood park on Sunday, May 15th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The civic league will be providing grilled hamburgers, hot-dogs, soft-drinks, and water. You don't need to bring anything except perhaps a lawn chair. This event is open and free to all residents of our neighborhood. Come have fun and meet your neighbors in the relaxed setting of our neighborhood park.

We have a program scheduled for our May 17th civic league meeting that you don't want to miss. Our Virginia State Senator, Jen Kiggans, and our Delegate, Tim Anderson have accepted invitations to present their views on the results of the recently completed 2022 Virginia General Assembly session. Since this will cover topics for our wider region, we will be inviting civic league's representing nearby neighborhoods to attend. It should be a great meeting. Come early and get a good seat. The May civic league meeting is also a venue for awarding our civic league scholarship to a deserving graduating high school student who is going on to higher education.

The May civic league meeting will be the last before the summer break. The civic league does not schedule meetings or events during the June, July, and August timeframe. Throughout the summer months, your civic league's board of directors continues to meet to address issues important to our neighborhood. Should you have any neighborhood related concerns, please contact any of the officers or directors listed on page two of this newsletter.

If you have not done so already, take a minute and look at the much-improved civic league website — **www.lhgcl.org**. I think you will like what you see. Our new webmaster, Don Krudop has done an outstanding job in resurrecting and rebuilding the site. Look for further additions and features in the future.

This is the final edition of the *Lake Smith Ripples* before our summer break. The next edition will be published, printed, and distributed in early September.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer. See you around the neighborhood.

John Eason

Summer is almost here. Please keep in mind that along with the warm weather and fun activities we also see a rise in criminal activity. Remember to call all suspicious activity to the police department's non-emergency number (385-5000). If the circumstance requires immediate police, fire or rescue response, do not hesitate to call 911. You are not bothering the police when you call, they would much rather respond and have it turn out to be nothing, than not be called when they are actually needed.

Acknowledge your neighbors when you see them. Just a wave or a friendly hello will do. We need not be close friends with our neighbors in order to look out for their interests. We can improve our neighborhood watch security system by becoming acquainted with our neighbors and their 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. Inform your neighbors when you will be away and ask them to let you know when they will be gone. It is a win-win for everyone except would-be burglars.

This is the last *Ripples* until September. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe, crime-free summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

BE SAFE ON & AROUND THE WATER

Warm, hot weather makes the water much more enticing. We have an abundance of lakes, rivers, canals, the bay and the ocean around us. Enjoy it but make sure that you and your loved ones are safe. Supervision of young children around any water is essential.

Drowning is the second-leading cause of injury-related death among children under the age of 15 (*U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*).

Parents and caregivers need to be advised that they should never - even for a moment - leave children alone or in the care of another young child while in bathtubs, pools, spas, wading pools or other open standing water.

Most people drown within 10 to 30 feet of safety. Learn these few simple techniques to help someone in trouble and keep yourself safe

Learn "Reach, Throw, Row, Don't Go!"

- * Reach: To help someone in the water, reach first with a fishing pole, towel, boat oar, but don't get in the water yourself.
- Throw: Scan your area for items such as an empty milk jug, cooler, ring buoys that can be thrown to someone in the water.
- * Row: It's not safe to go near a swimmer with the boat motor running. Use the oars to bring the boat close enough to reach or throw something to them.
- Don't Go: Without expert training and experience in lifesaving techniques, you could put yourself in danger along with the person you are trying to help.

<u>All boaters</u> in the state of Virginia are required to adhere to the following regulations: at least one (1) USCG approved Type IV throwable (ring buoy or seat cushion), per boat, is required on recreational boats regardless of size <u>(including paddle boats)</u>, in ADDITION to the wearable PFD (personal flotation device) required for each person on board.

Ref: https://www.dallasnews.com/arts-entertainment/2017/12/13/how-to-carefully-remove-ivy-and-vines-from-your-trees-this-winter/







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Membership Jean Bowman

"Spring" into the season and join our neighborhood Civic League! The \$15 annual household membership dues helps to support the civic league that works on your behalf every day. Please show your support by sending in the completed from along with your \$15 check made out to LST/HP/GS Civic League. It is greatly appreciated!

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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
The civic league is always looking fo	nd other community interest topics) League Year which runs from January 1 to December 31 or members to volunteer in the following areas: ould like to volunteer – (not required for membership) Easter Egg Hunt Fall Festival (picnic, hayride and pumpkin patch Refreshments for meetings and events

Your civic league received new or renewing memberships from the following households between 2/25/22 and 3/24/22. Thank you for supporting the civic league that works for you every day. Dues are paid for the current year unless otherwise noted.

RENEWING HOUSEHOLDS:

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The Problem with Vines

We have discussed vines before, but my vine cutback efforts continue. I'm not moving off just the trunk and working to clean out the base and very low areas where the tree branches out as the vines and leaves create a damp area that can lead all the way to tee and shrubs dying. Below is an article, and the method I am working on to clear out vines.

In the tops of trees, vines reach out beyond the foliage and block the sunlight. With sunlight cut down, photosynthesis is reduced, food production is reduced, and tree health suffers. Plus it just looks messy. I used to allow this to happen in some trees -- I thought it looked really "natural" -- but finally realized that it was just laziness and poor arboriculture.

English ivy and other vines and groundcovers are also a problem on trunks of trees. The climbing plants block light and air, limiting the breathing that bark is designed to do. The foliage and stems keep the bark too moist and they collect bits of loose bark, dead leaves and dust.

This mixture builds up over time and creates soil that collects in the crevasses and crotches of trees.

Even worse, it builds up on the root flares of trees, creating a condition similar to trees being planted too deep in the ground. Girdling, rot and even tree death can result. At the very least, tree health and growth are reduced. Some in the business still say it's OK to leave these plants on the trunks of trees, but I used to make the same mistake.

There's one more step in this important tree work. The removal of vines from the trunks should continue out from the trunks at the bases. Groundcovers, vines, and other plants should be removed to at least 12 inches out around the base of the tree to expose the root flares.

There's a good chance the flares still won't be visible. If leaves, mulch and soil cover the root flares, those materials should be removed as well. Do the work carefully with hand tools, stiff brushes and blowers, or hire a competent arborist to do the work with an air spade.

Your trees will appreciate this work and you will appreciate their improved growth.

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"Spring" is in the air and many people reevaluate their housing needs. Tenants may plan to purchase when their lease expires. Homeowners may want a larger home, a waterfront home or the desire to downsize to a smaller home. A condominium community might be on the horizon, and some dream having more acreage.

If you decide to sell your home...it is best to do a few things before hitting the market. Even in this "sellers" market, you have the best chance of making a greater profit if it is "move-in" ready. A few recommendations in preparation to sell your home with minimal cost to you are listed below:

Increase Curb Appeal

- · keep lawn mowed
- trim shrubs and bushes
- plant flowers to add color
- attractive front door and mailbox

Clean and Declutter

- · remove and pack away unnecessary items
- clean windows
- · clean floors
- clean carpeting remove odors (i.e. pet, smoking) Clean out gutters

Paint

- one of the most cost-effective ways to freshen your home
- · smells clean and looks neat

You may not have a second chance to make a great "first" impression!

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No Active Listings

Huge Turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt event occurred on Saturday morning April 16th. Hundreds of residents with their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews came out to enjoy the event. At the appointed start time, the young people began gathering the brightly colored candy filled plastic eggs. When it was over, twenty-one hundred eggs had been collected, including six containing a gold coin that provided for a special prize. The Easter Bunny was on hand for photos with the children and to assist in the egg gathering. Those attending enjoyed cupcakes and drinks provided by the civic league and neighborhood volunteers. The weather cooperated and all enjoyed the experience. A thanks goes out to the board members and volunteers who worked long hours to make this a special day. And an incredibly special thanks to KC Cook for her starring role as the Easter Bunny.

Kitchens Bathrooms Windows Established 1975 Room Additions No Job too Small

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Trash or Recycle Trivia Quiz

Test your knowledge of trash or recyclables. With so many products and materials being consumed, there is increasing confusion as to what can be recycled. Take the quiz and see if you are a **master** recycler. Check your answers on page 10

Trash or Recycle Cart Tras	sh R	ecycle	6. Shampoo and lotion bottles go in which cart?	Т	R
1. Paper Napkins go into which cart?	T	R	7. Wrapping paper goes in which cart?	Т	R
2.Polystyrene (Styrofoam) goes in which cart?	Т	R	8. Cartons (i.e. milk, juice, etc.) go in which cart?	T	R
3. Plastic hangers go in which cart?	Т	R	9. Disposable coffee cups go in which cart?	T	R
1.Greasy cardboard (pizza box)	Т	R	10.Plastic buckets go in which cart?	T	R
Goes in which cart?			11. Plastic bags are not accepted in	Т	F
5. Shredded paper can be recycled	Т	F	the recycling bin (True or False)		
(True or False)			12. It's okay to place plastic bags	Т	F
6. Shampoo and lotion bottles go in which cart?	T	R	Filled with bottles and cans in the Recycle container. (True or False)		

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Answers to Recycle (R) or Trash Bin (T) Quiz

T All paper napkins, tissues and paper towels go in the trash cart – fibers in these products are too short for recycling.

T Polystyrene is not recyclable curbside. Check for local places that will accept foam packing peanuts for reuse.

T Plastic and metal hangers are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash cart

T All greasy cardboard and paper goes in the trash cart

False. Shredded paper is not recyclable because it clings to other recyclable material and clogs up the machines at the recycle facility.

R All empty shampoo and lotion bottles are accepted in the recycle cart. Just toss the pumps in the trash before placing them in the recycle bin.

R All non-metallic wrapping paper and tissue paper are recyclable.

R All cartons are recyclable in Virginia Beach

T Disposable coffee cups are not recyclable because they have plastic lining that can't be separated at the recycling facility. However, insulating sleeves on the cups are recyclable

T When it comes to recycling plastics, think bottles and jugs

True Plastic bags are not accepted in the recycle bin because they can damage recycling facility machinery. However, they can be recycled at most grocery stores.

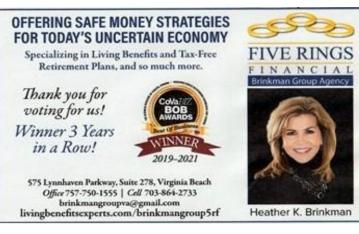
False Regardless of contents, plastic trash bags should not be placed in the recycle container. Recyclable items need to be emptied from plastic trash bags into the recycle container.





Clean the Lake Day

Information concerning the annual Clean the Lake Day will be provided by Civic League President's e-mail





Important Contacts

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	Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies 91	1
	Non-Emergency Assistance 385-500	0
	Miss Utility 81	1
	Crime Solvers Hotline	0
Ŀ	Drug Activity / Graffiti 427-174	9
	Tall Grass, Trash, Litter,	
	Broken Windows	1
	Zoning Issues, Trucks, Fences, 385-413	1
ľ	Potholes, Street Signs, Street Repairs 385-147	0
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	City Landfill 385-198	0
	Bulk Trash Pickup	0
30000	Beach Line (recorded information) 385-8000	C
	Sex-offender website:	

http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/



LAKE SMITH TERRACE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Our next formal meeting will be in September

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

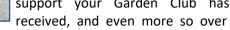
Our wonderful friends and neighbors made our Spring Plant Sale a resounding success The Haygood Methodist United Church was a very welcoming and easy to find location making the turnout beyond our expectations. Over 20 Garden Club members were on hand to stage, label and water all of the beautiful plants, and eager to answer questions, provide advice and assist our customers. It was a pleasure to discuss numerous interesting and far-reaching topics including blue birds, bird houses, sun or locations and planting do's and don'ts. Our plant



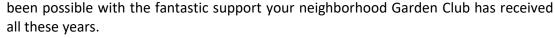


Selections this year featured many flowering and decorative foliage choices including begonias, verbena, elephant ears and much more. Also on hand were home grown plants provided by our members.

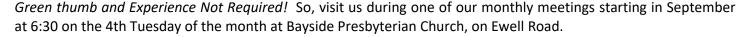
We are verry thankful for the support your Garden Club has received, and even more so over







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!







