



# Lake Smith Ripples



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## Fall Festival 2022



## Civic League Meeting and Program

**Tuesday, 15 November**  
**Bayside Presbyterian Church**

**Social period with refreshments - 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting called to order – 7:00 p.m.**

**Presentation**

**Enhanced 911**

**By**

**Amanda Tumminelli**

More pictures at [www.lhgcl.org](http://www.lhgcl.org)

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Governor Square Civic League, Inc.**

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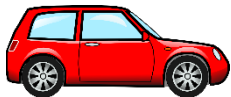
**President's Corner**

October blessed us with beautiful weather for our two civic league events, our **Annual Fall Festival** and **Neighborhood Yard Sale**. Both of which were great successes. Our Fall Festival was the best ever. Several hundred residents turned out at the Haygood Point Neighborhood Park on a Sunday afternoon. Under ideal weather they enjoyed fellowship with neighbors and quelled their appetites with hamburgers, hotdogs, and brats cooked to perfection by our grill-masters. The side dishes everyone brought were plentiful and delicious. We had a big colorful tent furnished by the Virginia Beach Sheriff's office. Children enjoyed the work of a face painter, and the always fun bounce house saw plenty of action. VBFD and VBPD were also on hand explaining capabilities and giving demonstrations of their equipment. Young and old had fun riding the hay wagon, pulled by an orange tractor driven by Terry Gray, that routed them to the pumpkin patch to select their free pumpkin. And, once again the biggest hit of the day were the animals in the petting zoo, who quietly grazed on the park grass and agreeably posed with anyone wanting to take a picture. We had too many pictures to include in the *Ripples*, but our webmaster Don Krudop posted a large number of photos on our civic league website [www.lhgcl.org](http://www.lhgcl.org). You might want to check it out. If you didn't attend this year, you missed a great event.

You don't want to miss our November 15th civic league meeting. Our program will be a presentation by Amanda Tumminelli on the Enhanced 911 system Smart 9-1-1. Smart 911 allows individuals to create safety profiles for their households that include information they want 911 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. Safety profile information can include the number of people living in a household, medical conditions and medications, and any type of physical or mental disability. Additional information can include pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, and even emergency contacts. Join us at this informational presentation and learn how you can set up your own home safety profile.

Our neighborhoods include an active population that enjoys walking and running in the early morning and afternoon hours. As we head towards winter and the hours of darkness increase, we need to be extra vigilant and not distracted while driving to ensure the safety of these individuals, particularly on streets without sidewalks. Conversely, if you like to walk or bike during these hours be considerate and conscious of drivers' reduced vision by wearing something light colored or reflective. It's important to see and be seen.

*John Eason*



## CAR TIPS

**Automobiles are made up of over 3000 parts and are becoming increasingly complex as technology progresses. Here are some fun facts you might not know about these complex yet useful machines:**

- Windshield wipers were invented in 1905 by a woman named Mary Anderson. Before she simplified driving in the rain and snow, drivers had to clean off their windshield by hand.
- The average age of cars on the road is rising as time goes on. In 2022 the average age of a vehicle is 12.2 years, which is an all-time high! In 2013 the average car age was 11.4 years. Technology is allowing cars to have a longer lifespan.
- We may think of electric cars as new technology, but the first electric vehicle was invented in 1832! But it wasn't until the 1990's when a mass-produced electric vehicle was introduced to the market by General Motors.
- Ever wonder why "new car smell" air fresheners can never really recreate the true "new car smell"? That is because that smell comes from chemicals used in the plastic and vinyl in your new car and most manufacturers try to eliminate the smell because those chemicals can be harmful.
- Last but certainly not least, the highest mileage ever recorded on an automobile is 3.4 million according to Guinness World Records. The vehicle was a 1966 Volvo 1600-S that the owner stated has never broken down because he's always stuck to the factory recommendations for maintenance. He was also quoted as saying "an automobile is just a piece of machinery that can't fix itself, so it needs a little attention"

Stay safe and happy motoring,  
Maranda Forbes / Protime Automotive



**November 11th**

**Many Thanks - to the volunteers who made our Fall Festival a tremendous success:**

Edi Eason – Festival Committee  
Theresa Gray – Festival Committee  
Sam Hribal – Festival Committee

Bill Dawson	Bill Yoshida
Terry Gray	Jerry Carvey
Jean Bowman	Kathy DeJaegher
Rick DeJaegher	Wiley Johnson
Vickie Johnson	Carol Jarvis
Beth Toone	Keren Pernini
Teen Foshay	Wayne Foshay
Isaac Earlenbaugh	Kevin Cooper

Pastor Bubba Pugh & Calvary Baptist Church  
for the pumpkin donation



Mark Your Calendar!



## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

**Wednesday, 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. **No Dogs please**

It is the season to be “Thankful” for the great community we live in, and all of our neighbors and friends. Please take the opportunity to support our Civic League Membership drive by completing the membership form and mailing in your \$15 check made out to LST/HP/GS Civic League for the annual dues. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

**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 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)**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <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             |

**An updated list of new and renewing members will be posted in the December issue of the *Lake Smith Ripples***

## Thanksgiving Fun and Facts

The wild turkey is one of the more difficult birds to hunt. It won’t be flushed out of the brush with a dog. Instead, hunters must try to attract it with different calls. Even with two seasons a year, only one in six hunters will get a wild turkey.

By the 1930’s, almost all of the wild turkeys in the U.S. had been hunted. Today, thanks to conservation programs, there are plenty of wild turkeys – they even invade cities.

The domestic tom can weigh up to 50 pounds. The domestic hen up to 16 pounds. The wild tom can weigh up to 20 pounds, the wild hen up to 12 pounds.

A male turkey is called a tom, a female is a hen, and a youngster is a poult

The wild turkey can fly! (It does, however, prefer to walk or run) The domestic turkey is not an agile

flyer, though the bird will perch in trees to stay safe from predators.

The average life span of a domestic turkey, from birth to freezer, is 26 weeks. During this period it will eat about 75 pounds of turkey feed. The average life span of a wild turkey is three to four years. It generally feeds on seeds, nuts, insects, and berries.

The wobbly little thing on the turkey’s chest is the turkey’s beard and is made of keratin bristles. Keratin is the same substance that forms hair and horns on other animals.

Only male turkeys, or toms, can gobble, and they mostly do it in the spring and fall. It is a mating call and attracts the hens. Wild turkeys gobble at loud sounds and when they settle in for the night.

## Nominate for the November “Yard of the Month”

Do you have a great yard...or do you know someone who does? Submit a nomination for the Civic League “Yard of the Month!”

### Guidelines – Yard of the Month

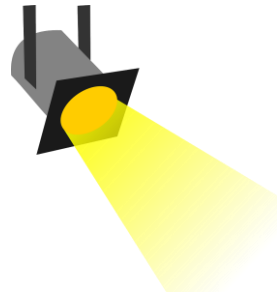
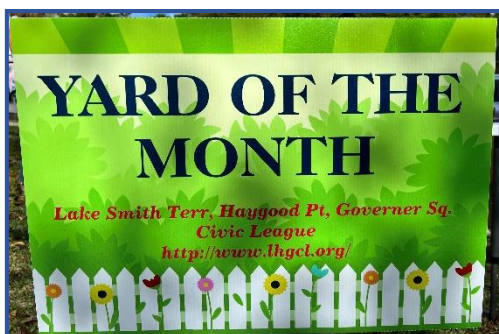
- All LST/HP/GS residents are eligible to participate.
- Any resident of LST/HP/GS can nominate a residential home; membership in the Civic League is recommended, but not required. Residents may nominate their own yard or another resident’s yard.
- Nominations must include
  - a) a photo of the yard,
  - b) the address of the residence, and
  - c) the name of the person nominating

If you would like to submit a nomination or have questions, please contact Don Krudop at [dkrudop@mac.com](mailto:dkrudop@mac.com)

*Yard of the Month* candidates will be judged on the total appearance of the exterior property and front yard as viewed from the street. Criteria for judging will be based on visual attractiveness, creativity, originality, beautification, and overall maintenance. The upkeep of the yard may reflect the efforts of the residents or that of a professional landscaper or groundskeeper.

- Awards for best Halloween decorations will be presented in October and the best Holiday decorations will be presented in December.
- An individual street address may only win the YOTM award one time within an annual award season (March through December).

Judging will be provided by the LST/HP/GS Civic League Board of Directors selection committee. All submissions are due by the 15th of each month. Certificates and signs will be distributed no later than the end of the month. Yard of the Month winners must be willing to have photos of their yard published on the LST/HP/GS Civic League website and social media. Winners will have the honor of having a beautiful “Yard of the Month” sign placed in their yard for the month of recognition. The initial Yard of the Month was awarded to the Roger Cote family at 4677 Crossborough Road in the Haygood Point neighborhood.



## Spotlight on our Neighbors

Jack and Jacquie Molovinsky have been residents of Lake Smith Terrace since May of 1985. Their interest in the neighborhood began late in the 1970’s as they were “cruising” around Virginia Beach on a weekend afternoon. Since neither of them were from the Tidewater region (Jack from North Carolina and Jacquie from Ohio) they wanted to get better acquainted with the area. As they were driving they happened upon Lake Smith Terrace. They decided to drive around the neighborhood and were impressed to the point that Jacquie said, “Someday we will live here.” Over the years the *DUCK CROSSING* sign was an often-remembered landmark.

Fast forward to a Sunday evening in the Spring of 1985. As they were returning from a weekend in Williamsburg, they drove down Independence Blvd. in route to their home in another section of Virginia Beach when Jacquie said, “Turn here onto Ewell Road”.

It was after dark, but they found a house for sale on Five Forks Road. They pulled into the driveway and peeked into the windows of the darkened house. They immediately decided that this was the house for them and contacted their realtor the following day.

Since moving here, they have been extremely happy with their relocation decision. They state that they love the quiet suburban atmosphere, and the community spirit and pride of ownership among neighbors. They further state that they are proud to be members of an active Civic League with its dedicated officers and Board of Directors, and a Neighborhood Watch program that benefits all households and encourages everyone to look out for each other.

They also mentioned, there has always been a willingness to help among neighbors whether it be to help with property cleanup and then cohost a Cul-de-Sac cookout after a hurricane; or helping to shovel snow from a driveway; or even pick up a few staples at the grocery store. Lake Smith Terrace has always had that true Community Spirit.

As Jack and Jacquie finished their reminiscence their final comment was that neighbors have obviously changed over 37 years, but the neighborhood has not. We have been blest to maintain relationships with many former neighbors that we consider friends. So, we plan to be here a while longer.

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The Real Estate Corner...

There is talk of the real estate market “cooling” in the Hampton Roads area. Inflation, rising mortgage interest rates, as well as high prices continue to cause challenges for buyers. Sellers, depending on the price point, location and condition are seeing home prices decreasing. Overall inventory remains on the low side, but days on the market are increasing, therefore, it is taking a little longer for a home to go under contract.

Multiple offers are not as common, which makes it somewhat more positive for the buyers. Rental prices have increased as well, which is continuing to contribute to an active real estate market, especially homes priced below \$350,000. Waterfront homes and homes with in-ground pools continue to be in demand and sell more quickly.

September Statistics from REIN show pending and settled sales are down as well as new construction sales in the Hampton Roads area, compared to September of 2021.

Source: Virginia Association of Realtors website: Realtor Safety Guide [www.REALTOR.org/Safety](http://www.REALTOR.org/Safety)

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### The Upside of Downsizing

**Slash utilities** – Smaller homes require less electricity, gas, heating and cooling, resulting in lower bills

**Less to Maintain** – Downsizing to an apartment or condo eliminates the need for lawn service, cleaning service, and additional costs of driveway, roofing and yard maintenance

**Reduce Taxes** – A smaller property may offer the benefit of lower real estate taxes

**Less Energy Usage** – Reducing utilities will pave the way to a greener lifestyle.

**Travel Readiness** – If your aim is to become a more accomplished traveler, downsizing will provide you with a modest home base to return to between trips.

**Minimalism** – Sell, donate, or throw out items accumulated over the years that you no longer need

**Less Stress** – Less clutter, financial debt and maintenance obligations will lead to a clearer state of mind, and give you the opportunity to enjoy a new, simplified home.

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 lenders, and inspectors also makes sense. When you're ready to buy or sell, give me a call.

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*There was an incident with two loose dogs that attacked a man who was out for a walk.* The dogs tried to bite him but only tore his jacket before running off. Animal control was called but didn't locate them. If this had been a small child, it could have been a tragedy. Keep control of your dogs.

We recently had incidences of someone spraying graffiti on the Haygood Point Park basketball court and the city owned pump house, across the street, on two different weekends. The city responded quickly both times and cleaned it off. This happened at night, and it is unlawful to be in the park after dark. The police have been notified and will increase patrols there.

**The following is from Section 23.2 of the Code of Virginia Beach:**

It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) to be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park or other public place in the city, or in any vehicle operating or parked thereon, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian or other adult person having the care, custody or control of any minor under the age of eighteen (18) to permit, allow or encourage such minor to be present on any street, road, alley, avenue, park or other public place in the city, or in any vehicle operating or parked thereon, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. in violation of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

**Can First Responders Find Your Home?**

Who would have thought that placing some numbers on your house or mailbox could save your life or the life of a loved one? Those simple numbers placed on the exterior of your home can make the difference of life-saving minutes in an emergency. Visible exterior numbers mean that first responders, Police/Fire/EMS, can find your house on the first pass without driving by. These minutes or even seconds saved could be the difference between life and death. Just displaying exterior numbers is not enough.

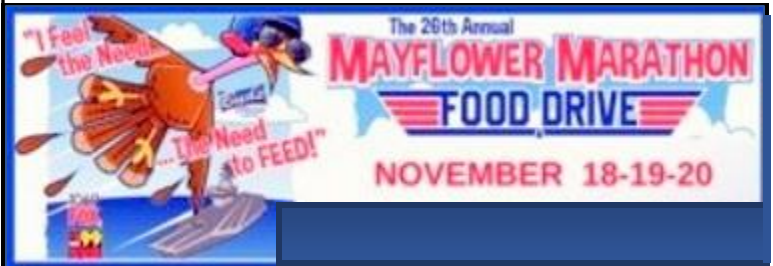
**If we are going to do it, let's do it right!**

Placement: • Make sure the numbers are visible from the roadway and from each direction. • If the house is too far from the road, post them on the mailbox or the curb. • Address signs can also be placed on the edge of the property. • Make sure the numbers are not obstructed by tree limbs, bushes, or decorations. • Make sure the numbers are near a light, so they are visible at night. If not a light, then use reflective numbers that can be seen at night. • Color is important. Make sure the numbers are in sharp contrast to the background. • Brass or bronze should be avoided as they are harder to read at night. Design: • Use Arabic numerals in an easy to read

and bold font. Avoid numbers spelled out in word form

- Display the numbers horizontally, not vertically, as they are easier to read.
- Numbers should be big and bold. The International Building Code recommends numbers be 4-inches in height and a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches. So, get your house numbers out and display them boldly. It may just save your life or the life of someone you love.

[https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/police/opsdiv/Documents/Fall2018CEUChronicle\(jct\).pdf](https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/police/opsdiv/Documents/Fall2018CEUChronicle(jct).pdf)



Mayflower Marathon is a 57-consecutive hour food drive that occurs the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. Last year this event collected enough food and monetary donations to provide more than 537,000 meals (over 840,000 meals including the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank's donations). With 57 hours to participate, giving has never been so easy. Simply drive through and donation volunteers will be on hand to collect your food or monetary donations. Foodbank Friends who would like to make an impact but cannot make it to the site will be able to donate online, share their impact and encourage others to do the same. **Where and What to donate:**

**Pembroke Mall, (\*New Location\* behind Walgreens)**

4554 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, 23462. All weekend. Continuous service from Friday 5:30 a.m. to Sunday 3 p.m.

**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.**



## Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

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

**A THOUSAND!**  
YES, SPORTSFANS,  
WE NOW HAVE THAT  
MANY NEW, WARM,  
SUNNY FACES IN OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD.

Thanks to our wonderful  
neighbors who pitched  
in to support our annual  
pansy sale – it was a huge

**success!**

Proceeds support local  
environmental causes,  
organizations and the upkeep  
of our three garden beds in the  
Lake Smith Terrace area and getting the new  
Pollinator Station at Haygood Point Park ready for  
the winter.

***Our Next Meeting:*** Kate Melhuish, a  
Master Gardener, will teach us how to grow our own  
superfood, not sprouts mind you, but Mighty  
Microgreens. Typically sprouts are harvested in 3-5  
days while microgreens are ready in 7-14 days,  
although they can be grown longer until the first set  
of true leaves emerge for a stronger flavor. Even  
longer, 3-4 weeks yields a leafy vegetable.

### ***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. 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: Sylvia Williams, Membership Chair @  
(717) 332-0688 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,  
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