

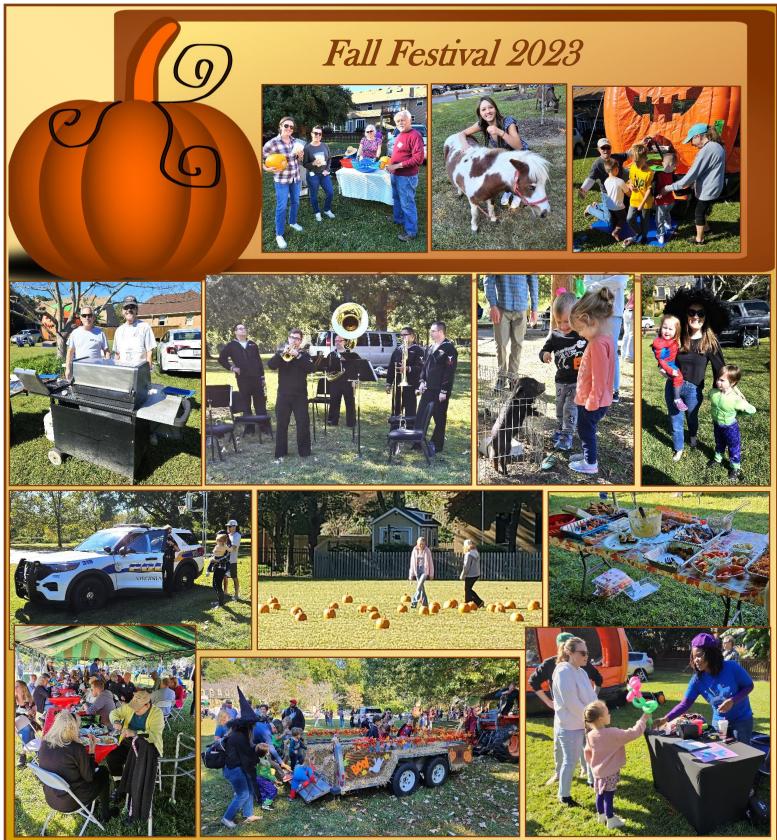
Lake Smith Ripples



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October was a good month for civic league activities in our neighborhood. Participation at our community yard sale was good even under less-than-ideal weather. The following Sunday was the Fall Festival. I estimate we had in-excess-of 400 people came out to enjoy food and festivities under ideal weather conditions. Some of the favorite attractions included the petting zoo, tractor pulled hayride out to the pumpkin patch, the bounce-house, balloon twisters, a police car, kettle corn, and of course those grilled burgers, hot-dogs and brats, and all those delicious side dishes that folks brought. One lucky person, named Joe, won the \$120 pot in the 50:50 drawing. All-in-all, this was one of our best-ever Fall Festival events. We are very thankful for the big tent provided by Sheriff Rocky Holcomb's work force, and for the 100 pumpkins donated and delivered by Pastor Bubba Pugh and the folks at Calvery Baptist Church. Our Fall Festival committee is already busy planning for next year.

Looking ahead to November and December, we will be hearing from our Congressional Representative, Jen Kiggans, at our November civic league meeting. That is one meeting you don't want to miss. I think we will serve grilled hot-dogs at that meeting. Put it on your calendar – Tuesday, November 21st. Then on December 19th, we will have our very popular Christmas pot-luck dinner event complete with a visit from Santa Claus. More on that in the December newsletter.

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) is gaining more member civic organizations each month. At the October meeting, a slate of officers and directors was presented and approved by the membership. Our own Al Wallace and Kelly Jackson were nominated to director positions for the next two-year term. Congratulations to both. The VBCCO joined opposition to the recently decided Silo apartment development. Even with intense opposition at the October 17th city council meeting, the project was approved by a 7 to 2 margin. When built, Silo will be the highest density ever seen in Virginia Beach. This project, while not close to our neighborhood, is an example of the power developers have achieved over many of our city council members. The next high-density development could be closer to home. One of the objectives of the VBCCO is to better educate residents on these kind of issues – before the next election.

Do we have anyone with a portable welder willing to replace a bracket on our civic league's metal signpost at the Ewell Road entrance? If it is something you can do, please contact Pete Cook, our maintenance director, on 954-270-8315.

Reminder that civic league annual household dues will increase to \$20 effective January 1, 2024. There is still time to beat the increase by renewing your membership now. You can renew for as many years as you like for \$15 each if you do so before December 31, 2023. After that, all dues are \$20 annually.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our November 21st civic league meeting. Come out to meet Congresswoman Jen Kiggans, enjoy a hotdog or two along with other treats, and you know I still make the best coffee.

John Eason

Got a worn spot on your hardwood floors?

I do and I'm going to have a go at spot treating. This does not appear to be for the faint of heart and must be tested first in an inconspicuous location. For the very handy: pop up a door threshold and do the stain test on the bare floorboards beneath it (then reinstall the threshold).

Sanding will remove any built-up dirt but also could make the sanded area lighter in appearance than the polyurethane wood surrounding the patch. If this is the case, test out a few wood stains. You may not be able to get an exact match, as the surrounding floor may have been originally finished with tinted polyurethane, if not stain.

Before you apply stain to the floor, clean the sanded area thoroughly with a tack cloth. Then, using a gloved fingertip, apply an inch of finger-wide stain in the bald spot and let it dry, following the product's directions. Don't apply much because you may have to sand or feather it out if it's too dark.

Once you know whether the whole patch needs stain, or the floor can be polyurethaned without staining, it's time to choose polyurethane to match the surrounding flooring. There is a little room for error here: if you use flat finish where gloss was needed for a match, or vice versa, you can switch when applying the second coat of polyurethane.

Use a foam brush and apply the polyurethane in a thin coat, brushing inward from the 1-inch overlap on the outside edges into the center of the patch. For my test, I brushed with the grain, but use your judgment since brushing with the grain does not always achieve the desired look. If dust floats into the first coat of polyurethane, sand it out lightly before applying the next coat.

If your floor has too many worn areas and spot-treating will give it a leopard-print look - and not in a good way. In this case a complete refinish is needed.

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Civic League Meeting and Program

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Bayside Presbyterian Church 1400 Ewell Rd

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

Come Out to Meet

United States Representative Jen Kiggans

Mark Your Calendar



Christmas Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, 19 December



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

Free to Civic League Members and their families More info in the December *Lake Smith Ripples*



The Fall Festival event on October 22, 2023, was a huge success enjoyed by more than 400 residents. We are thankful for the following volunteers who worked to make the event so successful:

Edi Eason, Theresa Gray & Sam Hribal – Event Steering Committee

- Bill Dawson Grill master Bill Yoshida – Grill master Rick & Kathy DeJaegher Terry Gray – Tractor Driver Vickie and Wiley Johnson Brian Perkins Lyne Wyatt Glenn & Karen Gilman Sandy Powers
- Kiley Wilson Elizabeth Wilson Logan Wilson Jody Ullmann Mike DeJaegher Steven Battle Maura Toone Eric Powers Eileen Powers

Membership

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, and "Thank you" to all our members.

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The following is a list of new and renewing civic league memberships received between September 27th and October 25th. Thank you for supporting the civic league that works for you every day. Memberships are for 2023 unless otherwise noted. Civic league dues received before 12/31/23 are \$15 annually per household. Beginning 1/1/24, civic league dues are \$20 annually. Pay ahead this year and beat the increase.

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Neighborhood Watch

Know your neighbors and know what looks right in your neighborhood. Watch for the unusual – if you suspect anything out of the ordinary, see suspicious people or see suspicious activity in the neighborhood:

- First call VBPD non-emergency number, 757-385-5000. Give them a description of the person or persons and describe why you feel they are acting suspicious.
- Second follow the instructions that the nonemergency operator gives you.

If you see an actual crime being committed or about to be committed, call VBPD at <u>911 immediately.</u>

Become acquainted with your neighbors' everyday living patterns. By knowing when they are at work, on vacation, and so forth, you will be better able to judge whether a stranger should legitimately be at the neighbor's home.

What is the difference between robbery, burglary and larceny?

Robbery - Robbery is the crime of seizing property through violence or intimidation; Something is taken or an attempt to be taken from a person by another person...both people must be present.

<u>Burglary</u>- entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offense. Usually that offense will be theft, but most jurisdictions specify others which fall within the realm burglary. So if someone enters your home, attached garage, business offices...they were burglarized...not robbed. (also called breaking and entering and sometimes housebreaking).

Larceny - The unlawful taking of personal property as an attempt to deprive the rightful owner of it permanently; The act of stealing, in which neither illegal entry nor the threat or use of force is present. So basically, if items are taken from a detached garage, shed, car, yard etc., it is a larceny, not a burglary and definitely not a robbery.

Burglary is committed when someone breaks into a structure; it can be a home or a business. The person has the intent of committing a crime inside. Typically, a burglary happens when no one is inside the building.

Robbery, on the other hand, involves the use of force or fear to take another's property. For example, when someone walks into a bank and implies they have a weapon that person is robbing the bank.

Larceny or theft is taking something of value from someone without their consent.



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Crime Solvers Hotline 427-0000	
Drug Activity / Graffiti 427-1749	
Tall Grass, Trash, Litter,	
Broken Windows 385-5721	
Zoning Issues, Trucks, Fences,	
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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27th Annual Mayflower Marathon Food Drive

November 17 thru 19

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 730,000 meals. Every year, this extraordinary effort ensures that more neighbors can share holiday meals with loved ones, creating memories that resonate with the true spirit of the season.

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:

Lynnhaven Mall, (near the AMC theater) 701 Lynnhaven pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. All weekend. Continuous service from Friday 5:30 a.m. to Sunday 3:00 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 online 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.

It is the season to be Thankful!! We sometimes forget to be grateful for what we have. I spend a good amount of time helping people fulfill their dreams of owning a home. A person may spend months or even years to find the right house that meets their needs.

Whether you own your home, or rent your home, or even share a space...it is the time of year to give thanks for a roof over your head. If you have a big home, or small home ,or something in between...you are truly blessed. What really matters is what is inside when you open that door...warmth, kindness, and generosity. Share your time with others and appreciate the wonderful neighbors, friends, and family that you have.

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







LAKE SMITH TERRACE GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 At Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Blvd @ Ewell Rd Social 6:30 p.m. – Program 7:00 p.m. Horticulture & Floral Designs for Dummies

Saying Goodbye is Hard!

In September, the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club lost a member, a neighbor, and a friend. Harry Maixner was an active member of the club. As many of you may know he wrote our monthly articles for the <u>Lake Smith Ripples</u>. That's a tough act to follow.

Harry was a major part of the garden club as he loved gardening and willingly volunteered his time and expertise in addition to the time he devoted to his own yard.

The members of the LSTGC were honored to design the floral arrangements and prepare refreshments for the reception following the service. We will miss Harry very much.



Club Happenings

There is something for everyone in Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club.

October was a busy month with our Pansy Sale on October 21. Thanks to all who supported this event, and we hope to see lots of pansies in your yards.



We also hosted a Mini Halloween Floral Workshop at our October meeting. It was a fun experience while learning floral arranging under the guidance of Wholesale Flower Market.

We have more planned for November so check us out! We will be weeding and planting at our pollinator garden on Saturday, November 11th @ 8 a.m. Stop by and say hello!

Or come check out our November 28th meeting. Our program is *Horticulture and Floral Design for Dummies*. We would love to have you as our guest! For more information, contact our President, Debbi Babashanian @ babdebbi@gmail.com.

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