

# Lake Smith Ripples



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

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## Neighborhood Cookout

Sunday, May 19th,  
2:00- 4:00 p.m.  
Haygood Point Park

(Civic League Membership Not Required)

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs  
and Drinks provided

Bring a  
lawn  
chair



## Civic League Meeting and Program

Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
Bayside Presbyterian Church  
1400 Ewell Rd

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

Presentation

Virginia Aquarium and  
Marine Science Center

by

Shawn Reid

Center Volunteer Resource Manager

## Stamp out Hunger Postal Food Drive Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>

The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore and Foodbanks across America are partnering with the U.S. Postal Service in the 32nd annual National Association of Letter Carrier's **Stamp-Out-Hunger Food Drive**. This is the largest single-day food drive in the country and helps to support local food banks and the one in six Americans who struggle with hunger. It comes at a crucial time as it helps address the heightened demand for food assistance during the summer months.

It's simple to participate. All you need to do is place non-perishable food items that you would like to donate in any sturdy bag and set it at your mailbox on the morning of May 11<sup>th</sup>. A letter carrier will then collect the donations for delivery to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.



## Mothers' Day 12 May

## Memorial Day 27 May

*Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our democracy and freedom.*



## President's Corner

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**Newsletter deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to  
month of publication.**

We have enjoyed a cool spring this year – some say it's too cold. All you sun worshippers, take heart, it will be the Virginia Beach summer with a vengeance soon enough. Hazy, hot, and humid will be the standard daily forecast. Me, I just put away my snow shovel.

We have a lot of terrific people in this neighborhood. In April, we received a request from Chelsea, Administrator at SonRise Christian Church, seeking assistance for the five families displaced by the recent major fire at naval housing near Little Creek. I shared the message with the neighborhood via an email broadcast. The outpouring of donations from our residents was unbelievable. Donated items from this neighborhood more than half-filled the collection room at the church. Again, in April, we received an unsolicited one-thousand-dollar donation for our scholarship from Bob, a long-time resident of our neighborhood. We indeed have a very caring and generous neighborhood that should give us all pride in living here.

All neighborhood residents are invited to come to a cookout in Haygood Point Park on Sunday, May 19, 2024, from 2PM to 4PM. We will be serving up grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and perhaps some brats along with all the condiments. We will also have bottled water and chips. Get them while they last. All you need to bring is a lawn chair. Come out and spend a little time with your friends and neighbors in the relaxed setting of the neighborhood park. You will also have an opportunity to meet your civic league board members. They are the folks working behind the scenes on your behalf every day.

Following several years of study and surveys, a plan has been finalized and fully funded to correct the severe bank erosion and embankment failure in the storm water ditch between Lake Smith Terrace and Lakeview Shores. At a meeting with the Virginia Beach project manager and our District 9 council member, we were provided details of the work to be performed and a projected timeline. Work is scheduled to begin in October 2024 with a scheduled completion by February 2025. This will reverse and stabilize the deteriorating land subsistence at the homes along Five Forks Ct and the Lakeview Shores homes on the opposite side of the ditch.

Our final civic league meeting before the summer break is on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7PM in the fellowship hall at Bayside Presbyterian Church. The program will be a presentation by Shawn Reid from the Virginia Aquarium. It will be an interesting and informative meeting that you don't want to miss. Put it on your calendar and plan to spend an hour with your friends and neighbors.

We have reached that time of year when your civic league takes a summer break. The months of June, July and August are typically the period when we schedule no events, newsletters, or membership meetings. Even though we are not visibly active, your board of directors continues to meet throughout the summer addressing issues pertaining to our neighborhood. Sam Hribal and I will continue to send periodic email broadcasts to the members on topics of community importance. To be on the email broadcast, you must be a civic league member. If you have not joined, we welcome you to do so.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

*John Eason*

*We all need to do our part to make Neighborhood Watch work.*

For Neighborhood Watch to be totally effective, each resident must take an active role in both security improvement and observation. Stay safe and crime free this summer. Help each other out by keeping watch on each other's property. Do your part. Get everyone in your family to do their part too. We are all in this together. Let's keep our community a great place to live.

*Be alert and cautious when enjoying water sports and activities.*



With our hot summer weather more of us will be looking to cool off with a refreshing swim. Virginia Beach is practically surrounded by water, and we have many lakes, rivers and canals. We all need to be safe when we are enjoying our time in or near the water, especially children.

**Children:** Children ages 1 to 4 have the highest **drowning rates**. Among **children** 1 to 4 years old who died from an unintentional injury, one-third died from **drowning**. Among **children** ages 1 to 4, most drownings occur in home swimming pools. Drowning can happen quickly and quietly anywhere there is water, especially vulnerable are unsupervised children. It happens in lakes and oceans, pools, bathtubs, and even buckets of water.

**Males:** Nearly 80% of people who die from **drowning** are male. Many adults and children report that they can't swim or that they are weak swimmers. Participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among children and young adults.

<https://www.cdc.gov/drowning/facts/index.html>

Summer is almost here. Please keep in mind that along with the warm weather and fun activities we may see a rise in criminal activity. Remember to call all suspicious activity to the police department's non-emergency number (757-385-5000). 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.

Our neighbors are our best security devices. Unfortunately, many people simply do not take any effort to know their neighbors. Acknowledge your neighbors when you see them. Just a wave or a friendly hello will do. We needn't be close friends with our neighbors in order to look out for their interests. 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.

*Don't speed when driving.*



*Be visible when walking, running, or biking.*



Drivers, be aware that the speed limit *everywhere* in our community is 25 miles per hour. Walkers, runners, dog walkers and bikers make sure that you will be visible. Wear light, reflective clothing when on the street. When vehicles are parked on both sides of some of our streets it's a tight squeeze to drive through. If a pedestrian is there it becomes downright dangerous.

*Have a safe and crime free summer.*

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Hello Neighbors,

Our annual membership drive is underway and we need your support! For a modest fee of \$20 per household per year, you and your family can be members of the civic league. Annual dues help 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 \$20 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 (September-May)
- Supports a Certified Neighborhood Watch Program
- Publishes and hand-delivers the Lake Smith Ripples
- Maintains civic league website ([www.LHGCL.org](http://www.LHGCL.org))
- Provides email broadcasts to members regarding safety, lost pets, and other areas of concern or interest
- Plans our annual social events - Fall Festival - Hayride & Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Dinner and Easter Egg Hunt

**Civic League Membership Form – New or Renewal**  
(Please Print)

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail your check to:**

LST/HP/GS Civic League  
P.O. Box 68883  
Virginia Beach, VA 23471

*(For email broadcast of crime alerts and other community interest topics)*

Dues are \$20.00 per household for the 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 position(s) 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 & Pumpkin Patch)
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments for Meetings & Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Civic League Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> You name it, I'll do it

The following new and renewing memberships were received and recorded between March 26, 2024, and April 25, 2024. Thank you for supporting your civic league – we are all in this together. Memberships are through 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

- Ken & Karen Garrison (2025)
- Krystal & Bobby Gilliland (2025)
- Steve & Haley Jean Kidwell
- Joseph & Edith Mercurio
- Abigail Milspaw & Kevin Rabie
- Mike & Jennifer Nardelli
- Robert & Mary Poythress
- Ernestine Schrank
- Rick & Christi Stephens (2025)
- Renate Thurman



# How to Paint Rusty Metal Furniture



## Choose the Right Area to Work

Be sure to work in a well-ventilated area, preferably outdoors, that's not exposed to direct sun or strong wind, which can affect the adhesion of the paint. To protect surfaces from overspray, lay down a drop cloth or plastic and make sure you're not spraying too close to the side of your house, your car or other areas where you don't want paint.

## Clean Furniture

If growing mildew is present, use a mix of equal parts water and vinegar to wet the furniture for 30 minutes before scrubbing with a scrub brush. Wash with warm soapy water or a degreaser like Simple Green then rinse well.

## Remove Loose Rust

Examine each piece of furniture to determine any rusted areas that need attention. Gently use a wire brush and paint scraper to remove loose, corroded material.

## Sand Rusty Areas

Use a sanding block and folded sandpaper to remove rust down to the bare metal. Use a low grit like 80 to clear away rust more quickly and effectively. Then wipe the furniture with a rag to rid the surface of any debris.

## Spray on Primer

Place the furniture on a drop cloth. Treat the sanded, rusty areas with a metal primer that deters rust, such as Rust-Oleum Rusty Metal Primer. Be sure to spray the spot from all angles, reaching every nook and cranny. Let painted pieces dry for at least two hours. Don't skip the primer, even for paint with primer built in.

## Apply Spray Paint

Apply two coats of metal-approved spray paint in

your color of choice. Hold the can about 8-10 inches away from the surface and use a sweeping back-and-forth motion to apply a thin even across the entire piece, including the back and underside. Suggest starting with the bottom then flip over as if you touch the wet bottom paint it won't show. Allow the paint to dry for two hours, or the time recommended by the manufacturer, between coats.

## Finish with Sealer

Protect your freshly painted patio furniture from further rusting or chipping with a clear coat. Choose a sealer designed for outdoor projects with UV protection to help prevent fading. Following the manufacturer's instructions, let dry and cure completely before use.

Ref: <https://www.bhg.com/home-improvement/porch/outdoor-rooms/how-to-paint-rusty-metal/>

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## *Tell Jack!*

**Got an idea for a civic league program or a speaker you would like to hear from?** Our civic league program coordinator, Jack Molovinsky would like to hear from you.

Jack is doing a great job in providing us with interesting and informative programs for our monthly meetings, but he wants to know what might interest you. If you have an idea for a program or speaker that might be of interest to our civic league members, please e-mail him at:  
**pairofjacks507@cox.com**

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- Non-Emergency Assistance..... 385-5000
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- Drug Activity / Graffiti ..... 427-1749
- Tall Grass, Trash, Litter,
- Broken Windows..... 385-5721
- Zoning Issues, Trucks, Fences,..... 385-4131
- Potholes, Street Signs, Street Repairs..... 385-1470
- Animal Control (Option #2)..... 385-5000
- City Landfill..... 385-1980
- Bulk Trash Pickup..... 385-4650
- Beach Line (recorded information)..... 385-8000

Sex-offender website:  
<http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>

In these ever-changing times, "Safety" concerns are becoming a factor in our everyday lives. Whether we are going shopping at the mall, dining out, or just relaxing in our own homes, we have been informed to be more aware of our surroundings and report any "suspicious" person(s) or activity.

In the real estate market, safety is also a concern, not only for the real estate professionals, but also for homeowners as they put their properties on the market.

Safety Tips:

- Secure Valuables in a safe place (cash, jewelry, medication, guns)
- Remove keys, credit cards, driver's license or other forms of identification
- Lock down your computer and lock up other electronic equipment (laptop, iPod, etc)
- Do not leave personal information...mail and bills out in the open
- Do not show your home yourself...all inquiries need to go through your real estate agent

The latest warning that was released this past month are reports of "Fake Sellers" trying to sell vacant properties and land. They pretend to own the property and try to hire an agent to sell it quickly and for a reduced price. We all need to verify and properly identify who we are working with and be as safe as possible. To help to protect yourself, discuss all your safety concerns with your Real Estate Professional.

Source: REIN - Real Estate Information Network.



Homes for Sale and Sold in our Neighborhoods Since March 2024



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

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**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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## LAKE SMITH TERRACE GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28th, 2024  
At Bayside Presbyterian Church, Independence Blvd @ Ewell Rd  
Social 6:30 p.m. – Program 7:00 p.m.

### Haygood Point Park Pollinator Garden Did You Know?



One of Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club's (LSTGC) charitable works is to maintain several garden beds within the Lake Smith Terrace, Haygood Point and Governor's Square neighborhoods. The garden beds are located on the corner of Ewell Road and Independence, on Crossborough Road (at the entrance to Haygood Point across from KinderCare) and 3 separate garden beds at Haygood Point Park on Haygood Point Road. You've probably passed at least one of these garden beds in your neighborhood travels.

As you know, garden beds don't just happen without a lot of human help and LSTGC needs your help in maintaining these garden beds! We weed, plant and mulch 2-3 times a year. There is a dwindling number of LSTGC members who are able to help because they live outside the neighborhood area, work full time, or are not able to help due to physical limitations. So, if you could volunteer to help for a couple hours just once a year it would be very helpful! Garden club membership is not a pre-requisite, although the club is full of very friendly people (men and women of all ages) and our monthly programs address different types of flower arrangements, native plants, pollinators, vegetable gardens, container gardens – just to name a few.



So, if you are willing to help in the future, please call or email:

Debbi Babashanian, LSTGC President  
Cell: 757-630-9090 or email: babdebbi@gmail.com

### May 28 Program Container Garden Basics

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club's May program is titled "*Container Garden Basics*." Anna Thurmond is our speaker and is a Norfolk Master Gardener. She will show us how to create container gardens for our patios or porches. Guests are welcome!



If you would like to visit our club and learn more about us, contact our President, Debbi Babashanian @ babdebbi@gmail.com.

Come Grow With Us!!!!!!

### May Garden Tips



Now is the time to plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, sage, Mexican tarragon, rosemary, and mint (in its own container). Herbs respond well to harvesting, and will grow thicker and bushier with frequent snipping. For best results, harvest in the morning. Never remove more than one-third of the plant. Also, know that herbs taste best before flowering. Pinching back herbs as soon as you see blooms will extend their harvest lifetime.

*Hurray, it's May!*

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