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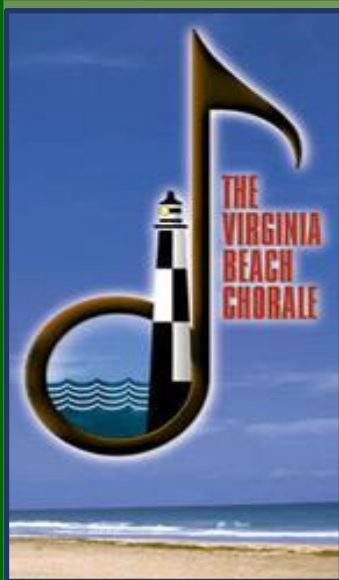
Newsletter of the Lake Smith Terrace / Haygood Point / Governor Square - Civic League

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Looks like Spring might finally be here!



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Relaxation Station - The final installation of three benches donated by the Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club has been completed at Haygood Point Park in the vicinity of Olivers' Pond. Thank you, Garden Club for making our wonderful park even better.

Civic League Meeting and Program

Tuesday, 14 April

(Date changed due to election on 21 April)

Bayside Presbyterian Church

Social Period - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order - 7:00 p.m.

Presentation

TBD

See Presidents Corner on page 2

Civic League Scholarship Deadline is 30 April

The Civic League will be awarding its annual scholarship to a deserving 2026 graduating high school senior in May. **This year's scholarship award will be \$1000.** Selection will be based on educational achievement, community involvement and communication skills.

The scholarship recipient will be announced at the May General Meeting. Visit our website (www.lhgcl.org) to learn more about eligibility requirements, instructions, and application. **Deadline for applications is 30 April 2026.**



President's Corner

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**Newsletter deadline: 25th of the month prior to
month of publication.**

It is that time of year when the cherry trees in the park have bloomed, and snowball bushes are about ready to put on a show, our lawns are slowly coming to life, and tree pollen is about to cover everything. This is springtime in Virginia Beach. Enjoy it while it lasts, soon those hot and humid days will descend upon us with a vengeance.

We had an informative presentation by representatives from Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation at our March Civic League meeting. If you missed the meeting, you missed a good one. This month we had scheduled Virginia Beach Commonwealth Attorney Colin Stolle as our guest speaker. However, because of the change in our meeting date he will not be available, but keep Tuesday, April 14, 2026, on your calendar - and come out to spend an hour with your neighbors. I'll let you know when the new April presentation is determined. At the May meeting, we have the American Red Cross scheduled to give a presentation on summer safety.

Last month the Civic League board initiated the process of creating a Nominating Committee to recruit officer and director candidates for the purpose of continuing the work of the Civic League. We need people to step up to this important role. Ours is a very active league representing the finest neighborhoods in the city. In a community of our large size, there should be many talented residents willing to serve. It is time folks.

Let's hear from you. See the nominating committee article in this newsletter for more details.

There has not been much activity recently on the Paul Revere / Independence traffic light issue. As directed by a vote of the Civic League body in 2021, this board has continued to oppose the installation of a light that we believe will serve to create additional thru traffic on our residential streets. We offered several traffic alternatives to the city manager, city engineers, and our new city council representative, but they have remained steadfast in their position that a traffic light is needed at that intersection. When more recent accident data no longer supported their position, the city decided to add a totally unnecessary crosswalk to the intersection. Your Civic League will continue the battle to defend our neighborhood.

Have you checked out our Civic League's website lately. Webmaster Don Krudop keeps the site up to date and continually adds interesting content. You can now review the meeting minutes from our Civic League monthly membership meetings. The website is at www.LHGCL.org. Another section on the website describes the process of applying for our annual one-thousand-dollar scholarship. If you have a graduating high school senior planning to go on to higher education, consider applying. There are firm requirements and deadlines to observe. Our annual scholarship is funded by the proceeds from our 50:50 raffle held at membership meetings and special events. See you around the neighborhood.

John Eason

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(s).
3. Clean window and door screens.
4. Polish wood furniture and dust light fixtures.
5. Refinish the deck. Repair any splintered or rotting boards. Remove any mold or moss.
6. Power-wash windows and siding. Be careful to use the correct setting and keep the wand far enough away to not do any damage or wash off paint.
7. Trim dead and broken branches from trees.
8. Remove leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts.
9. Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
10. Inspect sink, shower, and bath caulking for deterioration.
11. Vacuum lint from dryer vent.
12. Inspect chimney for damage.
13. Remove insulation from outdoor faucets and check sprinkler heads. Check sprinkler heads for any damage that may have occurred from freezing weather/
14. Drain or flush hot water heater.
15. Fertilize your lawn.

**The Virginia Beach Chorale Presents
“Americana – Songs of America”**

Celebrating 250 years of the United States, the Virginia Beach Chorale presents their spring concert - “Americana - Songs of America,” on Saturday, May 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in the Virginia Beach Town Center.

The concert will feature songs in a variety of American music styles, including Broadway, jazz, folk, rock, Barbershop, sea shanteys, and blues, in addition to several patriotic numbers. The concert will include the complete Chorale, plus the Chorale Ensemble, and two smaller *a cappella* groups, along with collaborative keyboardist, Jeanette Winsor, and guest instrumentalists. Established in 1958, the 100-voice Chorale is the resort city’s premier choral ensemble and is recognized for their musical excellence. In 2024, the Chorale, under the direction of Artistic Director & Conductor Dr. Don Krudop, performed at Carnegie Hall in New York and have been invited to return in 2027.

Tickets are \$25.00 and are available from Chorale members...purchasing directly will allow you to avoid the extra online or box office fees. Two Chorale members live in the neighborhood and would be happy to help you with ticket purchases.

1. Don Krudop can be reached at dkrudop@mac.com or 757-635-0905;
2. Rinda Albert can be reached at realbert77@gmail.com or 757-348-9827

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

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(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 renewed civic league memberships were received and recorded between February 24, 2026, and March 24, 2026. Thank you for supporting your civic league. Neighborhoods are the building blocks of our society, and it is the civic league that binds those blocks together. *Memberships are through 2026 unless otherwise shown.*

- Dean & Stacy Ahmed
- William & Sandy Baker (2028)
- Stan & Sue Ballard
- Rick & Kim Behm
- Gary B. Collier
- Jean Ervin
- The Hannah Family
- Thomas & Heidi Heath
- Michael & Jennifer Hibar
- Gail & Ava Hicks
- Ada Jaquith (2032)
- Paula Jesberg (2027)
- Lefteris & Andrula Kalogridakis
- Steve & Haley Jean Kidwell
- Joe Mercurio
- Jeff & Sarah Smith (2028)
- Elzbieta Wawrzekiewicz
- Jimmie & Vickie White
- Becky Whitson

Civic League Board of Directors Positions

Our Civic League Board of Directors Positions. Our civic league is looking to fill positions on the board of directors. Al Wallace, a longtime member and past president of this league, has agreed to chair a Nominating Committee tasked with recruiting candidates to fill board positions to be onboard beginning in September. The eleven-member Civic League Board consists of five officers and six directors. The initial stage is to fill the Nominating Committee. Their task is to identify and recruit candidates willing to serve on the board. The objective is to have a complete slate of candidates ready to be presented and voted in during the May 19, 2026, Civic League Membership Meeting. If you are willing to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee, please contact Al Wallace at email alwallace@cox.net or phone 757-575-5027.

The Voter Registrar’s Office has Moved

The Voter Registrar’s Office has relocated to a new office near Mount Trashmore Park at 500 Studio Drive, just off Independence Boulevard. The phone number and e-mail address will remain the same (757) 385-8683, Voter@VBgov.com. The former office at the Municipal Center is closed. **All services provided at the former location, including early in-person voting are available at the Studio Drive Office**

Warmer weather should be here by the time that you receive your “Ripples”. The flowers will be blooming, and the grass will need cutting regularly. More neighbors will be active working in their yards or running, biking or walking enjoying our safe neighborhood. This is a great time to meet new neighbors. It doesn’t take much to get to know your neighbors; they are who will notice something that is amiss with your home or vehicle when you are away. You might just make a friend, and we can’t have too many friends. 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 to look out for their interests. We can begin to build a better 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.

A burglar’s greatest fear is being observed. Each concerned neighbor is another pair of eyes to let the criminal know he is being watched. Neighborhood Watch supplies these eyes in our community. For the program to be totally effective, each resident must take an active role in both security improvement and observation.

Virginia Beach continues to experience groups roaming through neighborhoods checking for unlocked vehicles in

the early morning hours. If you see this happening, do not confront them. Call 911. There is a good chance that they are armed. Do not leave your vehicles unlocked. Do not leave anything of value visible from outside your vehicle. Park in your driveway or garage if possible. Leave your outside lights on all night.

1. BE ALERT - TO THE THINGS HAPPENING ON YOUR STREET. WATCH FOR THE UNUSUAL.
2. BE ALERT - IF YOU SUSPECT ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY, CALL THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER (757-385-5000). THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. IF IN DOUBT - CALL THE POLICE - 911 -. DON’T WAIT UNTIL AFTER CRIME STRIKES TO CALL. THE POLICE WANT TO PREVENT CRIME.
3. KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS.
4. BE ALERT TO UNFAMILIAR FACES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES.
5. MAKE NOTE OF SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES - WRITE DOWN LICENSE NUMBERS - BE ACCURATE.
6. MAKE YOUR HOME SECURE.
7. INVOLVE YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY, ADULTS AND CHILDREN INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM.



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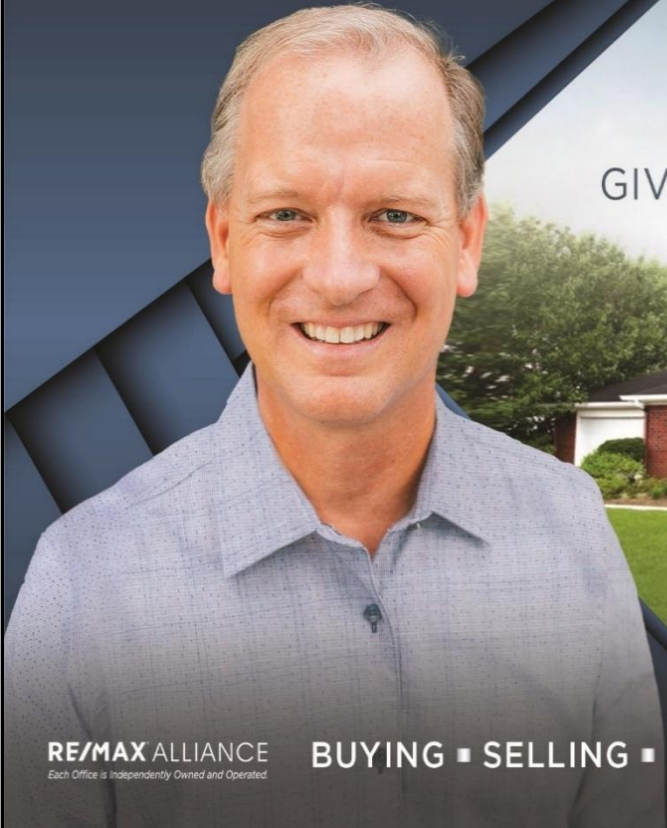
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Since January 1252 homes have “sold” in the City of Virginia Beach. The number sold is higher than the same time last year. The list below allows you to see the variation in the price point sold:

Price	Number Sold
0-\$100,000	1
\$101,000-\$200,000	38
\$201,000-\$300,000	216
\$301,000-\$400,000	400
\$401,000-\$500,000	206
\$501,000-\$600,000	127
\$601,000-\$700,000	73
\$701,000-\$800,000	50
\$801,000-\$900,000	26
\$901,000-\$1,000,000	26
\$1,000,000+	87

The most expensive home sold this year closed at \$5,200,000 and the least expensive home closed at \$100,000 in Virginia Beach.

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