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

Fall was in the air for our annual festival event on Sunday afternoon, October 27th. Our Haygood Point Neighborhood Park was a perfect setting for a fun time with friends and neighbors. I estimate we had more than 300 residents enjoying an afternoon of hamburgers, hotdogs, brats and all the side dishes that people brought. The tractor drawn hay-wagon to the pumpkin patch is always a big hit with children and their parents. We had an inflatable slide and face painters that were busy all afternoon. I met many new neighbors and a lot of old friends – all appeared to be enjoying themselves. Congratulations to Christina Yoshida, the lucky winner of our 50:50 raffle drawing.

In less than two months we will be having another major event with our Christmas Pot-luck dinner. This is where we receive a visit from Santa Claus. This year we are also having live entertainment. Watch for details in your December edition of this newsletter.

The latest information we have received about the proposed traffic light at the Independence – Paul Revere intersection is not good. From the very beginning of the proposed traffic signal, we have stated our opposition due to the increased traffic such a signal will generate on Paul Revere Rd and adjoining streets. These are narrow residential streets with no sidewalks. There are many children living in this area. We were supported by our then city council representatives, the late Louis Jones and past council member John Moss. They both agreed an additional traffic signal is not necessary at that location - even after hearing a presentation from traffic engineering. We also reiterated our neighborhood's opposition in a letter to the city manager. We suggested several alternatives to a new traffic signal. The Thoroughgood neighborhood has the same egress via the traffic signal on Ewell Rd as our neighborhood. Traffic engineering seems reluctant to make improvements to that intersection, probably because it would reduce their justification for a light at Paul Revere. That was two years ago, and the project seems to have been shelved. Fast forward to today. Politics is now very much in play. Our District 9 Councilman, a resident of Thoroughgood, now seems to support the traffic signal. We will continue to oppose the project and will seek added support from our civic league allies in the Northwest Beach Partnership and the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations. The place we have our greatest impact is at the ballot box. Stay tuned – more to come.

As the weather cools, we need to be aware of our elderly residents. A simple task of pulling the trash cans to the curb and back may be easy enough for most, but in the cold weather it is not so easy for many of our seniors. They probably won't ask you for help, but offering some assistance would likely be welcomed. It's just being good neighbors.

You don't want to miss our November 19th Civic League meeting. VBPD will present a timely and informative presentation.

We welcome Doug Earlenbaugh to the position of Director responsible for securing and administering our newsletter advertising. The newsletter ads are very crucial since they offset the high cost of publishing, printing and distributing nine newsletters each year. Doug, a longtime resident of Lake Smith Terrace, was voted in at the October 28, 2024, board meeting.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

John Eason

This past month has been quiet as far as crime is concerned. I am not aware of any incidents in our community that were reported to the police. We must continue to stay vigilant, keep our vehicles, garages and sheds locked, keep all valuables out of sight and watch out for each other.

We are currently enjoying a nice stretch of beautiful fall weather, take some time to get outside and enjoy your beautiful neighborhood. November is the start of the holiday season. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's will be upon us before we are ready for them. It is the time of year that we have out of town visitors come to stay with us. Make sure they know that everyone in our community always keeps their vehicles locked and their valuables out of sight. You don't want your holiday ruined by having your visitor's vehicles broken into.

You must get involved in order to keep our community free of crime. The best way to do that is to join your civic league. It is the best bargain around. Twenty dollars per household gives you and your family access to the Fall Festival, the Christmas Dinner, the Easter Egg Hunt, nine optional meetings and other civic league events. Being a civic league member also gives you a connection to your community. If you are not a member please join and attend at least one of these events – you will be glad you did.

On October 8th, at approximately 2:00 AM, the police came upon a vehicle in the middle of IndependenceBlvd. with the driver asleep at the wheel and a gun visible on the seat. When they woke him up he spedaway and ended up driving into our neighborhood at a very high rate of speed down Crossborough Road.He lost control drove over the sidewalk, a Cox Cable pedestal, through three front yards, over a palm tree, totaled four vehicles parked in their driveways and ripped off the corner of a garage before coming to a stop. He fled the scene leaving the gun and a large quantity of drugs in his vehicle, but the police know who he is and have warrants out for him. The police expected to make an arrest quickly.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



Report suspicious activity to 757-385-5000

Thank You!

Our annual Fall Festival event in the park on Sunday, October 27th was a tremendous success. The weather was ideal, and the park setting was perfect for the festival. The huge turnout of residents enjoyed grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and a large selection of side dishes brought by the festival goers. The hayride to the pumpkin patch was very popular, as were the face painters, and inflatable slide. The fire engine and police car are always a favorite of young and old alike. We are very appreciative of the volunteers who worked to make this event a success:

Event Planners - Edi Eason, Theresa Gray & Sam Hribal

Beth Toone Teen Foshav Abby Ufford **KC Cook** Mark Ufford Lynn Wyatt Bill Dawson - Grill master Kiley Wilson Bill Yoshida – Grill master Jody Ullman Pete Cook - Griddle Master Elizabeth Wilson Rick & Kathy DeJaegher Logan Wilson Terry Gray – Tractor Driver Jody Ullmann **Brian Perkins** Mike DeJaegher Steven Battle Lyne Wyatt

Wiley Johnson – Slide Attendant Phillip Fotoeolous – Wagon Master

Terry Sellers and Steve - from Astro Entertainment for the sound system

A special thanks to Pastor Bubba Pugh and the folks from Calvary Baptist Church for the donation of 100 pumpkins

A special Thanks to Stephanie Smith at Food Lion for the generous donation of Ice cream

A special thanks to Hannah Favreau and Chloe Hawkins for their great job as face-painters



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Membership Jean Bowman

This is the season to be "Thankful" for the great community we live in, and for 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 \$20 check made out to LST/HP/GS Civic League for the annual dues. Your support is greatly appreciated, and a special "Thank you" to all our neighbors who have already joined.

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(For email broadcast of crime alerts and other commu	inity interest topics)	
Dues are \$20.00 per household for the Civic League		
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The following new and renewing memberships were received and recorded between September 26, 2024, and October 27, 2024. Thank you for supporting your civic league – we are all in this together. Memberships are for 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

Martin & Rinda Albert (2026) Jhoanne & Chuck Allenberg Hannah & Sean Bademian Michael & Danielle Baril Curtis Bailey (2025) Chuck & Sue Bowlyou (2026)

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Paul Cooper (2027)

Lyn & Mary Jane Crutchfield (2025)

Sara Lou Davis (2026) Michelle & Bill Dawson Joe & Cheryl Delatte Greg & Baily DeLuca

Roland & Jean Downing (2025) Tom & Julie Dunlap (2025) Spring & Scottie Dyer (2025)

Anthony Faunda (2025)

Richard & Maureen Fedorowicz 2026

Teen & Wayne Foshay (2026) Wes & Christine Gow (2025)

Kristy & Josh Grieve

Jack Griswold (2027) Ashley Gunder Fred & Lyn Heidari

Michael & Marisa Heltzel (2027)

Jackie Hogarth

Larry & Missy Huggins Shannon Hurley & James

Blustein (2025) Ada Jaquith (2031)

Meghan & Michael Jarosz

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Ruth LeMay / Annette & Beth

Parker (2026)

Katherine & Brian McCullough

Terry & Deborah Miley (2026)

Esther O'Toole

Brandon & Michelle Peter (2025)

Abby and Carl Peterson Tyler & Kaitlyn Reinke

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Daniel & Catheryn Simons Jeff & Sarah Smith (2025)

Neal & Alie Stava

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Morgan & Ryan Temple

Rick & Barrett Tharrington (2025)

Mark & Abigail Ufford (2025) Jody & Bill Ullmann (2025)

David & Alisa Velky (2025)

Elizabeth Wawrzkiewicz

James Willenbrink

Leigh Winston

Bill & Issy Yoshida (2025)

Mike & Christina Yoshida (2025)

Brent & Erin Zabel



Painting Windows with Window Mullions

The vertical and horizontal grid pieces on a window to create smaller pains are called muntins. Then larger verticals bards that separate these grids are called mullions. I only know this as I wanted to make sure I had the terms correct as I had, though the grid was all mullions. Painting the grids or muntins is not too hard with a small 1" or 1.5" angle sash brush. Taking time greatly reduces the paint on the window. The hard part comes when you have to scrape off the dried paint from the glass. Here's how the pros do it:

First, use a sharp utility knife to score the paint on the glass. However, don't press the knife tip right up against the muntin. I used a scraper to be my ruler and held it against the side of the window glazing then cut my line in the paint to leave a 1/16 or the thickness of the scraper from the glazing. This technique eliminates the likelihood of your cutting into the wood muntin and, more important, allows the paint to form an air-tight seal between the glass and wood.

Next, use a razor-blade paint scraper to remove the excess paint. Push the blade into the paint, being careful not to scrape beyond the scored line.

Ref https://www.thisoldhouse.com/painting/21019324/p ro-window-painting-secret





Mark Your Calendar



Christmas Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, 17 December

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

Free to Civic League Members and their families More info in the December <u>Lake Smith Ripples</u>

Turkey Chili with Cilantro Cream Recipe

Ingredients

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1	TBLS	olive oil
1	pkg	ground turkey – 1 or
		1.15 lb pkg (93% lean)
1	ea	large onion, chopped
3-4	ea	garlic cloves, chopped
2	tsp	ground cumin
1	tsp	ancho chili powder
1	ea	large celery stalk, diced
1	ea	green pepper or bell pepper, cut
		into strips and chopped into 3/4 -
		1 inch pieces
1	ea	medium acorn squash or 2
		zucchini squash cut into ½ - ¾
		inch cubes
1	ea	16 oz jar mild or medium picante
		sauce
1	ea	large can of whole tomatoes, cut
		in halves or 4ths
1	ea	can pinto beans
1	ea	can kidney beans or black beans
1	tbls	tobacco sauce (for spicey)
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Cilantro Cream

6	tbls	Regular or reduced fat sour
		cream
2	tbls	chopped fresh cilantro

- Heat oil in non-stick Dutch oven or pot over medium high heat. Add ground turkey and lightly brown. Add cumin, ancho chili powder, onion and garlic. Stir constantly mixing in spices for 3-4 minutes. Add celery, green pepper and acorn squash and continue to stir as vegetables soften (3-4 minutes). Add picante sauce and tomatoes with juice. Bring to a boil and stir in beans. Add Tabasco sauce and when mixture returns to a boil, cover and reduce to simmer on low heat for 1 hour.
- After simmering for 1 hour chili is ready to serve. Place in bowl and add 1 tsp of cilantro cream.
- For full flavor refrigerate chili overnight and when ready to serve bring to serving temperature by warming over medium heat until warm.

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Greetings, 2 ST neighbors!

Hi, I'm **Alison Creamer** – your friendly Realtor and mastermind behind our Block Party (Drinks in the Driveway)!

This was our 3rd year rocking live music and a delicious food truck, and I hope you joined the fun!

Why do I host these parties?

- Connect with YOU: Who doesn't love making new friends over great tunes and tasty bites?
- Support Local Businesses: Shoutout to our awesome food truck and talented musicians!

We are building a strong community one person at a time. If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell in our wonderful neighborhood, I'd love to be your go-to person.

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Traffic Calming
Clean Communities and
VB Connect

Hosted by

Councilmember Joashua Schulman

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Doug Earlenbaugh at 757-761-5582 or dearlenbaugh@remax.net

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Real Estate Corner Jean Bowman

A moment of being Thankful!!

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.

Jean Bowman



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Don't get scammed

The IRS warns that scammers are back using personal information (phone numbers, e-mail addresses, home addresses, etc.) phished from individuals and are using it in a more sophisticated, previously reported scam. Furthermore, they continue to phish for information while running the scam.

Once you hand over your financial information, a scammer can drain your bank account quickly. Today thieves pretending to be IRS agents are targeting people with information they already have. The current scam involves claims that you owe back taxes. You will be told an IRS agent is calling because you owe back taxes that you must pay promptly through wire transfer or gift card. The supposed "agent" will have fake credentials and a bogus name and may even know a lot about you. Scammers will also make the caller ID look like the IRS is calling. The hope is that you will comply with the scammer's instructions and hand over your personal information or money. If you don't comply, they may become aggressive and threaten to arrest or deport you or suspend your business or driver's license. According to the IRS, scammers often seek to exploit an attribute you might have such as a hearing or vision impairment, Speaking English as a second language, Cognitive issues sometimes associated with older age.

For example, if you are hard of hearing a thief may use a video relay service and make themselves seem more legitimate through an interpreter. Or, if you speak English as a second language, a scammer could speak to you in your native language and threaten you with a police arrest. So, how can you protect yourself or people you know who might be targets of this back-taxes call scam or similar scams?

Stay up to date on **what the IRS doesn't do**. The tax agency will never call for payment without mailing you a letter. Ask for payment via email or demand immediate payment through gift card or wire transfer. Threaten to have you arrested. Not allow you to appeal your case. Ask for credit or debit card information over the phone. Leave an urgent callback message after unexpectedly calling you. If the scammer claims to be part of a business, you can search for the business on the Better Business Bureau to check its legitimacy.

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- Seasonal Inspiration
- Creative Challenge

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