



# The Legacy

A journal of the Lake Christopher Homes Association

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## The Legacy Ads and Info

The Legacy is a bi-monthly on-line community newsletter of the Lake Christopher Home Owners Association.

Want ads, For Sales, Lost and Finds, and small service ads are **free** to Lake Christopher Residents.

Business ads are \$15 per issue or \$75 for six issues for a Business Card size ad.

Call John Capomaggi, 275-9347 for more information. **Deadline for the next issue is July 10, 2013.**

## Update on Road Projects impacting Lake Christopher

### Lynnhaven Road Widening

#### About the Project

This project calls for the construction of a four-lane divided roadway from Centerville Turnpike to Indian River Road. This is the final phase of the Lynnhaven Parkway projects and will provide a north-south link between Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. The current portion of Lynnhaven Parkway is primarily a two-lane road and there is no connection from Indian River Road to Centerville Turnpike.

#### Current Status

Most utility relocation work has been completed. The next phase is actual road construction. A plan for construction advertisement was completed in February 2013. Construction advertisement is scheduled for summer 2013

[http://www.viriniadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/lynnhaven\\_parkway\\_widening.asp](http://www.viriniadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/lynnhaven_parkway_widening.asp)

### Indian River Rd. / Kempsville Rd. Intersection

#### About the Project

The proposed Indian River Road at Kempsville Road Intersection Improvement features an innovative design. The current configuration of six through lanes on Indian River Road and four through lanes on Kempsville Road will remain. The change will be in the ways left turns are made. Left turns are reconfigured as "Indirect Left Turns" for Indian River Road and "Displaced Left Turns" for Kempsville Road.

#### Current Status (as of Jan 2013)

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Design	Ongoing	Summer 2013
Right of Way	Winter 2012	Spring 2014
Utility Relocation	Spring 2014	Fall 2015
Construction	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Street Lights	Spring 2016	Fall 2016
Contingencies	Ongoing	Fall 2016

<http://cipstatus.vbgov.com/cipstatus/ProjectDetail.aspx?id=3195>

# Party, Party, Party

By Richard Schwarz

Lake Christopher HOA President

Lake Christopher is fortunate to have a beautiful, clean lake with three parks where residents and guests can enjoy the days of summer (and the rest of the year as well) close to home. Our system of badges allocated to each residence provides immediate proof of our right to use the lake and parks. But we are limited in the number of guests that can join us in the parks at any one time. Many of you may not be aware that you can use the parks to hold larger family and friend gatherings or to celebrate events such as birthdays or anniversaries. Our parks have even been host to weddings, rehearsals, graduation parties, baptisms by local churches and other events. The Virginia Beach Police Department uses our lake for water training exercises. Any resident in good standing with the Lake Christopher Homes Assn. is welcome to host a party at one of the parks. There is a small refundable deposit for use of the parks, and a small fee (non-refundable) for parties at the big park (Christopher Landing) for help in cleaning the Porta-Potty that is situated there from Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend. Larger parties, over 100 people, must pay for an additional Porta-Potty rental for their activity.

The information and forms required to reserve one of the parks are available online at our website, [www.lakechristopherhomes.com](http://www.lakechristopherhomes.com). On the site are both the party permit application form and the party regulation form. The first form is for describing the party, including number of attendees, date and time, and whether alcohol will be consumed. Yes, alcohol is allowed for private parties but not allowed at all other times. The second form summarizes the party information and specifies general regulations such as all parties must end by 10 PM; no amplified music; no open fires (if a charcoal barbecue is used, the ashes and hot coals must be removed from the park), and all party trash must be removed from the park by the sponsor - park trash containers are not to be used for party trash. To reserve a park, download the forms from the website, attach the appropriate checks (one for the deposit and a second one for the Porta-Potty) as applicable and drop off at the address listed on the forms. Questions about

the availability of specific dates can be handled by phone or email as cited on the forms.

Once the party is approved, a party permit will be issued to the sponsor and copy given to the park attendants to monitor the party and adherence to the regulations. If you are planning a party, book early, as there are at least 20 parties during the summer months. July 4<sup>th</sup> is the only unavailable date at the big park because of the Lake Christopher 4<sup>th</sup> of July community-wide party held there. If a party is not held (such as for inclement weather) and cannot be rescheduled, all checks will be returned to the sponsor.

Remember, the parks around the lake belong to all of us – enjoy them.

Post Script: Promoting opportunities for our younger residents, I would like to mention that Chris Harrison has started his own lawn care and general maintenance business. If you need help with your lawn or general maintenance help around the house, give him a call. He can be reached at 757-818-5548.

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# Garden Club News

Each month from May to September, the Lake Christopher Garden Club selects a Yard of the Month .

Recipients for the Month of May are:

## Yard of the Month

Luis and Mary Ann Rivera  
1725 Lake Christopher Drive

## Honorable Mention

Walter and Lisa Saunders  
1516 Captains Court

The LCGC meets the first Monday of each month from September to May with a Pot Luck Dinner in June. It is open to all residents of Lake Christopher. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and to learn about gardening.

If you are interested in joining, please contact:

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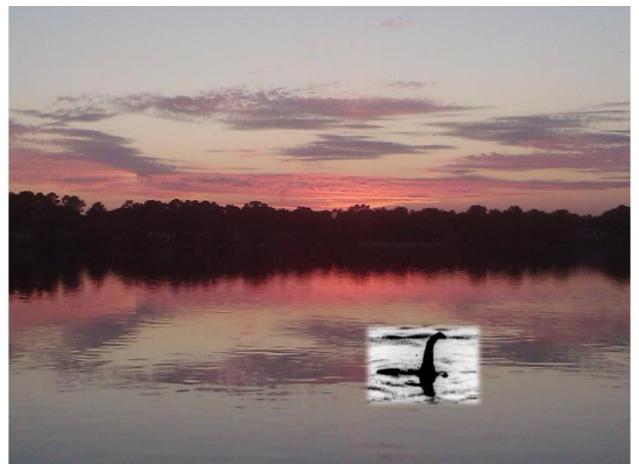
## News From the Bottom of the Lake



It appears the rumors of a large sea monster living in Lake Christopher are indeed false. In April, Lake Christopher resident Jim Ponsonby caught this colossal Carp.

Apparently the beast put up quite a fight, but Jim prevailed in the end. Congratulations!

[www.activeangler.com/recipes/carp-casserole.shtml](http://www.activeangler.com/recipes/carp-casserole.shtml)



This undated photo shows "Chris", the alleged Lake Christopher sea creature coming up for air at sunset. Most experts agree the photo is not genuine, or was probably just a large carp.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS

From: Sharon White, ABR, GRI, REALTOR  
*your Neighbor, your Real Estate Professional*

### Meet Your Neighbors Before you Buy a Home

*Searching for that "dream home" can be a daunting task. Today, finding a new place to call home goes way beyond square footage and number of bedrooms. Buyers are seeing the importance of "scoping out the neighborhood"*

*This is one of the reasons Lake Christopher is so popular...when buyers come to our neighborhood they like what they see.*

*Many agents suggest walking around the block of the home that buyers are interested in and especially talking to neighbors who may be outside. I always tell agents showing my listings in Lake Christopher to be sure and drive around the lake and to stop at the parks and beaches to view those amenities.*

*When potential buyers talk to residents they want to know things like how the schools are, what the neighborhood is like, crime, emergency response time, traffic, noise and anything else that may matter to them. They may want to know about any social gatherings the neighborhood has and whether there is a Neighborhood Watch. They will also probably ask about the best restaurants, churches, schools and shops in the area. All this information is so important in helping choose just the right home.*

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## Veterans Memorial 25th Anniversary and the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Slated for Monday, May 27

<http://www.vbgov.com/news/pages/selected.aspx?release=1434>



This year's Memorial Day Ceremony marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. This annual event is held to honor and pay tribute to the men and women of the armed forces, "who gave their all."

The formal ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 27 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, located along 19th Street, across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

As part of the opening ceremony, the Virginia Beach Police Department's Honor Guard Unit-Rifle Team will provide a 21-Gun Salute followed by the Invocation given by chaplain, CDR Vinson Miller, USN, from Naval Air Station, Oceana. The National Anthem and America the Beautiful will be performed by Ngoc Anh Vi of Virginia Beach. Following opening remarks by the Honorable William D. Sessoms Jr., Mayor of Virginia Beach, COL Floyd Gilbert, U.S. Army (Retired), will introduce the keynote speaker, Admiral William E. "Bill" Gortney, Commander, United States Navy, U.S. Fleet Forces Command. Admiral Gortney has been serving his country for more than 36 years.

After the formal ceremony and fly-over, a separate brief ceremony will take place behind the memorial, in the Veterans Memorial Park, to recognize veterans whose names have been inscribed on brick pavers and added to the park since last fall.

This event is free and open to the public. Military personnel, their families and all citizens are invited to participate. Citizens who would like to place an American flag (provided) around the base of the memorial are encouraged to arrive before the ceremony. The flags will remain in place for one week. For more information, contact Floyd Gilbert at (757) 467-6435 or Barbara Morrison at (757) 572-2053.

*The Tidewater Veterans Memorial stands in tribute to veterans of all wars and current military personnel. Six years under design and construction, it was completed in 1988 and has received awards for design and public art. The memorial is located on 19th Street across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The Veterans Memorial Park, dedicated to those service members who honorably served their country, is behind the memorial*

# Curbside Collection of Yard Waste and Trash:

## City of Virginia Beach Yard Debris Collection Services

<http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/pw-waste-management/Pages/yard-debris-collection.aspx>

This service is provided on your normal collection day, and **does not** require a work order. Residents may place yard debris at curbside for collection by the City as follows:

- ✓ Tree limbs should be no more than 4 feet long and 6 inches in diameter
- ✓ Placed in piles not to exceed 4 x 4 x 4 feet
- ✓ One pile, generated from each house, will be collected on each collection day.
- ✓ Smaller yard debris, such as grass and leaves (no dirt, rocks, mulch or root balls), should be bagged in securely-tied clear plastic bags not to exceed 25 lbs. per bag
- ✓ Up to 25 bags will be collected

While tree limbs from pruning are collected at the curbside, **tree removal debris is not collected** at the curbside. However, it can be collected through the yard debris container program, provided each piece is no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Please note that any work done by private contractors must be disposed of by the contractor.

**Residents are urged to place yard debris, as well as waste and recycle containers, outside of the drainage flow line (a few inches away from the curb) to keep the drainage flow line clear and avoid neighborhood flooding.**

Moreover, City code specifies Trash and Recycle containers have to be at the street by 7:00 a.m. the day of collection, but no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before. Trash and Recycle containers must be removed from the street after collection on the day of collection.

## Neighborhood Watch



Definition: Neighborhood Watch is a program where a group of people living in the same area want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life

### Benefits of Neighborhood Watch to Lake Christopher

- Reduced crime
- Builds community pride and spirit
- Allows us to help ourselves and others in our community
- Greater sense of security, responsibility and personal control
- Creates a better quality of life
- Citizens become the extra 'eyes and ears' needed in our neighborhood
- Promotes a 'neighbor helping neighbor' atmosphere

We have a successful, active Neighborhood Watch in Lake Christopher.

You are being kept informed of pertinent data and information via email from your Block Captains, who have generously volunteered their time.

### Important Numbers to Keep

**Police Non Emergency # 757-385-5000**  
**Emergency \* always call 911**  
**City Wide Security 757-312-9911**

Crime Division Officer Leta Kreiger, is our liaison for Neighborhood Watch. I work directly with her to keep you informed. Officer A. Jeffrey is our liaison with the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Together they provide valuable information to us regarding Crime Activity and helpful data.

Sharon White  
Lake Christopher  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator  
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# LAKE CHRISTOPHER HOMES ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY PARKS AND LAKE

Revised and approved September 2, 2008

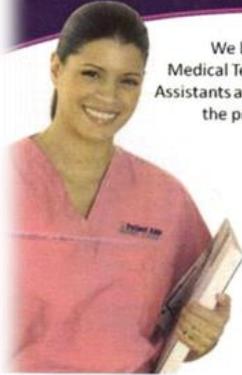
- Lake Christopher Parks are for the exclusive use of Lake Christopher homeowners, renters, and their accompanied guests. No more than 4 guests under the age of 18 are permitted, unless prior approval is obtained from the Park Staff Committee Chair.
- All users of the parks are responsible for their own safety and are fully responsible for their own actions and consequences thereof. All facilities and equipment are to be used "AT YOUR OWN RISK".
- The use of all playground equipment is restricted to children 12 years old and under.
- Children under 10 years old must be directly supervised by a resident at least 12 years old.
- Residents under 18 years old must be accompanied by a Legal Guardian between 8:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted, unless advance written approval is obtained from the Park Security Committee Chair.
- No glass containers of any type are permitted.
- Persons using the facilities shall remove or properly dispose of their trash.
- The feeding of waterfowl and other wildlife in any park or in the lake is prohibited.
- No pets of any kind are allowed at any time.
- No open fires are permitted unless advance written approval is given by the Parks Staff Chair.
- After sunset, all parks are closed to people under age 18, except under the direct supervision and responsibility of a resident at least age 18.
- Everyone using the parks shall conduct themselves civilly, so as not to infringe on or disrupt others.
- Inappropriate or dangerous behavior, or not adhering to these rules, may result in the use of all the parks being revoked.



## REGULATIONS FOR BOATERS

- Boats, sailboards and other watercraft shall be launched and removed from the lake parks only at the ramps provided.
- There is a 72 hour limit on mooring of watercraft at the Common Areas; the boat is to be properly secured to include, but not limited to, requiring that all sails be taken down and furled or removed while the boat is left unattended. In no case will a boat be left overnight at a common area park with its sails hoisted. Failure to comply will result in the boat owner being asked to remove the boat or the boat may be removed, without notice by the association, from the park at the owners' expense.
- Anchoring (vice permanent mooring at a permanent mooring) in the lake of any unattended boat is prohibited at any time. Failure to comply will result in the boat being removed from the lake at the owners' expense. For the sake of this rule, anchoring is defined as using a temporary bottom holding device to hold a boat in position. Mooring is defined as using a permanently installed fixed mooring system of sufficient weight and strength needed to keep a boat in a fixed position during storm conditions with wind speeds in excess of 60 knots.
- The Board has designated the safe areas for mooring. To install or use any mooring in the common Lake area, the homeowner must first apply to the Board. If all requirements for mooring construction, liability, etc. are met and there is appropriate space, the Board may grant approval for placement and use of the mooring.
- Only electric motors rated no higher than 45 lbs. thrust are permitted.

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For your safety and to minimize disruptions to utility services you need to call Miss Utility to have any utility lines that might be in the area of your work marked so you can avoid damaging them or possibly injuring yourself. A representative from each utility company with service that might be affected by your work will mark the approximate location of their underground lines.

There is no charge for this service!

Even if you are replacing an existing fence post or mailbox, there may be a utility line very near that you should know about.

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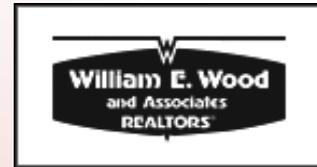
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# Have You Ever Seen One Of These?



The picture shows the LEGO® version of a Street Sweeper. Rumors persist that the City of Virginia Beach actually has a real one, but these rumors are unconfirmed. Even if true, the lone sweeper might appear on the streets of Lake Christopher once or twice a decade.

This means the street cleanup responsibility is ours. With winter gone and spring cleanup in full swing, there are plenty of debris at the curb. It's certainly no fun and the less pine cones and debris we have to pick up the better. Unfortunately, the debris doesn't just blow down the street to become someone else's problem – it remains our problem.

Why our problem? Most of the leaves and yard debris at the curb are washed along the curb into the storm drain system – right into our lake! Once in the lake they decompose, promoting the growth of algae when it warms in spring and summer.

While we do take the time and expense to put eco-friendly chemicals into the lake to control the algae, the decomposing leaves are still not healthy for the fish and waterfowl that inhabit the lake.

When you are out cleaning off the lawn, please take a few extra minutes to clean up the leaves and yard debris by the curb. If you live near a storm drain take the time to keep it clear of leaves. Our lake benefits everyone in the community. If we can keep the leaves and yard debris out of the lake we will continue to enjoy one of the best lakes in Virginia Beach.

**PICK UP THOSE LEAVES AT THE CURB!**

## Upcoming Events

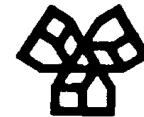
**May 20th**  
Monthly HOA Board Meeting

**May 27th**  
Memorial Day

**June 24th**  
Monthly HOA Board Meeting

**July 4th**  
Community Picnic

**July 22nd**  
Monthly HOA Board Meeting



## Helpful Links:

City of Virginia Beach – Video of Proposed Hybrid Continuous Flow Intersection at Indian River & Kempsville Roads:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AtayaDPW>

Who to call for what:

<http://lakechristopherhomes.com/12.html>

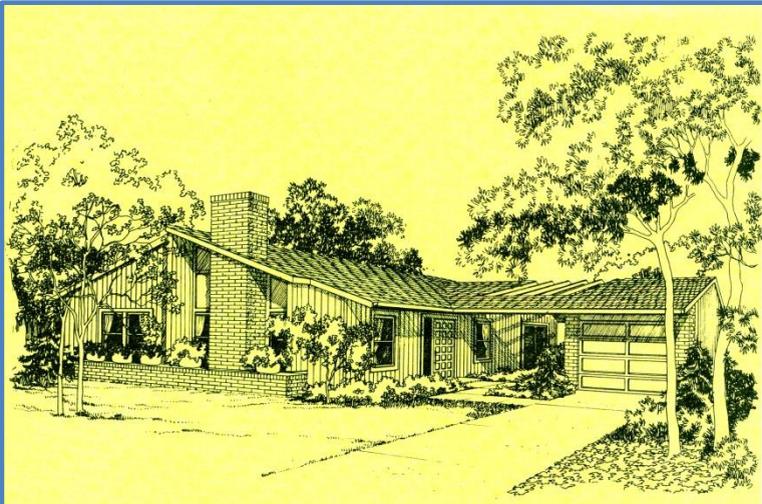
Architectural Guidelines and Requests:

<http://lakechristopherhomes.com/6.html>

Party Permits:

<http://lakechristopherhomes.com/11.html>

# History Corner



This month we feature the *Huron* design. The Huron was one of four floor plans available during the initial phase of Lake Christopher in 1975.

The homes on Ships Landing are the original models, representing the four plans available at the time. These are an *Ontario*, a *Tahoe*, a *Lucerne*, and a *Huron*. The graphics on this page are fragments from the original 1975 marketing brochure I obtained.

In 1975 you could have a Huron built for just \$44,400. For additional cost you could opt for a fireplace, and appliances such as a washer, dryer, self-cleaning oven, two refrigerator sizes and even a trash compactor!

## THE HURON

Type 101

This smart single level model is oriented away from the street, with an interesting atrium courtyard between the kitchen and garage. There is a dramatic entry into a wide-open expanse of living and dining rooms. Openness is accentuated by ornamental rails along the foyer, and a step-down living room. The dining room is large. There is plenty of breakfast space in the kitchen, 3 large bedrooms with an exceptionally generous 16-ft. master suite, 2 full baths, wall-to-wall wardrobe closets, and an excellent choice of exterior elevations. The Huron is fully carpeted, of course, except for kitchen and baths, includes air conditioning and garage

# LAKE CHRISTOPHER

Of course, lakefront lots were available at additional cost.

Over the years many Huron owners have modified their homes to incorporate the original atrium courtyard into the indoor living space.

In fact, just four Lake Christopher Huron's retain their original atrium courtyard separating the house from the garage. The next time you go for a walk through the community, see if you can find them!



All dimensions approximate and subject to slight variations or modifications according to field conditions



# History Corner

(continued)

## **Lake Christopher History: Remembering Times Past**

*by Sharon White*

*Lake Christopher Resident*

When I was a little girl growing up on Kempsville Road, Lake Christopher did not exist.

It was the Ozment Dairy Farm. My home was where the Holloman and Brown Funeral Home is now located. My parents had our house built in 1946, back then, Kempsville Road was just two lanes with wide, deep drainage ditches on each side.

The Ozment Farmhouse still stands - it is at the end of Still Harbor Lane, but is not a part of Lake Christopher. Because it was zoned Agriculture, that zoning is "grandfathered" and the owners still have sheep there. Around Easter you can go see the baby lambs frolicking in the enclosed field.

The Osment Dairy Farm had huge pastures full of cows. They surrounded the house and Dairy. Back behind the pastures were dense woods... where part of Lake Christopher and Brigadoon now are. There was an oyster shell covered road leading to the dairy...you reached it before you got to the house. The milk delivery trucks would leave early each morning, except for Sundays, before sunrise. We would only see them returning in the afternoon.

The Dairy was fascinating to us neighborhood kids...we all lived in houses facing Kempsville Road...there were no subdivisions then. We would go over after the trucks returned and Mr. Ozment would give us Chocolate Milk to drink...what a treat! Sometimes Mrs. Ozment would see us there and bring over home baked cookies. Mr. and Mrs. Ozment had no children so they doted on us. Our parents wouldn't let us go over but about once a week though so we wouldn't make nuisances of ourselves.

When we got older, we would ride horses back into the woods the Ozment's owned...there were dirt paths all through them. What a fun time we had! We still took advantage of the chocolate milk and cookies though...we never got too old for that.

Please share your history stories ,  
pictures or brochures! Contact the  
editor at:

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## **July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic!**

**The Lake Christopher  
Independence Day Picnic  
will be held on Thursday,  
July 4<sup>th</sup> at Christopher  
Landing Park**

**See the website for  
details and ticket  
information**

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