



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 May 10, 2013.**

The City of Virginia Beach Neighborhood Watch program has been implemented in Lake Christopher to prevent crime. The Virginia Beach program is quite simple – it requires neighborhood concern and awareness and cooperation with law enforcement.



There is a misconception that in order to take part, one must involve oneself in alternating shifts of street patrol. This could not be further from the truth. Neighborhood Watch involves being alert to things happening on your street and in your neighborhood and watch for the unusual. If you suspect anything out of the ordinary call the police at 385-5000 (non-emergency phone number). Remember, the police need your eyes and ears to protect your neighborhood.

Here in Lake Christopher Sharon White is our coordinator with Neighborhood Watch. Most of our community is already organized into groups or sections with a Block Captain in each. For more information on the program, please contact Sharon.

Garden Club News

Sometimes educational, lots of food and always fun!

All meetings at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted

GARDEN CLUB SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1, 2013 Simple Pond and Water Features with Brian Smith

Saturday, May 4, 2013 Community Wide Garage Sale

Monday, May 6, 2013 Buy Fresh Buy Local with JoAnn Hofheimer / Seed and seedling exchange

Sunday, June 2, 2013 5:30 PM - Annual Pot Luck with spouses and significant others.

Call Sandy or Donna; 635-4532 or 495-3996 for locations and information.

We're always welcoming new members; come by any of the meetings to see what we're all about.

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MARCH

Mulch beds and trees.

Early March – Continue to start seeds indoors for summer plants.

Divide Shasta daisies and chrysanthemums before they begin to grow.

Rejuvenate your lirioppe by using a lawn mower to cut back the old foliage to a height of 2 to 3 inches. Avoid mowing too close and damaging the crown of the plant, since that is where the new growth emerges.

Don't fret if weather beats down your daffodils. They'll recover.

Prune roses (March 1-15) for a Mother's Day bounty.

As tulip, narcissus and other large bulbs begin to emerge, set pansy plants between them for added color. Try the 2008 All-America Selection "Skippy XL Plum-Gold" which was chosen for its lavish number of blooms of plum shades surrounding the gold faces.

APRIL

Check your lawn mower and get blades sharpened to avoid the spring rush.

Check for insects and disease, and spray affected plants with horticultural oil when it's above 45 degrees.

Rake bare spots in the lawn and then apply grass seed.

Do not mow the lawn until it has grown at least 2 inches. The roots are being renewed in the spring, and grass needs vigorous top growth initially.

Discourage nibbling deer in your garden this year by using plants that most deer don't find tasty. Less tasteful annuals appear to include ageratum, dusty miller, French marigold, periwinkle, snapdragon, sweet alyssum, wax begonia and zinnia.



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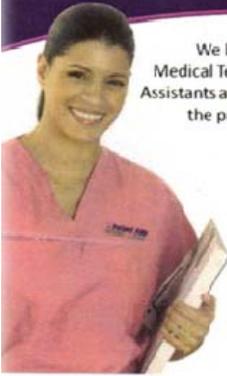
Revised and approved September 2, 2008

- 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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Spring Tips for Homeowners

Better Homes and Gardens

IMPROVE LIGHTING: *New light fixtures make a big difference in the appearance and certainly in the way others see your house. Besides entry fixtures, look at landscape lighting and lighting under the eaves. New, brighter light bulbs in old fixtures are a low cost alternative.*

SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF: *There are a lot of little details that many of us overlook. Let's face it, most of us don't come in our homes through the front door. Does the doormat look welcoming? If not, buy a new one. Is the hardware on the front door old and worn...can you polish it or does it need replacing? A big eyesore: are your curtains and/or blinds in good condition and are they hanging straight?*

UPGRADE LANDSCAPING: *Adding containers of flowers to the front porch is the best way to spend \$100 on the outside. That simple move can bring a house to life with a shot of instant color. Make sure your containers are large enough to see from the street – we are talking about curb appeal here!*

GIVE THE GARAGE A LIFT: *Our garages are at the front of the house facing the street. Your garage door plays a significant role in your curb appeal. If the door looks tired and/or needs repair, then the whole house looks bad. Upgrading is certainly an investment but the impact is huge. A low cost boost would be to paint it if replacing is not a financial option.*

MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP: *Sweep the front porch, sidewalk and driveway! Clean the fixtures! Remove cobwebs! Wash windows! Power wash mildew off siding and roofs!*

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Upcoming Events:

April 22nd

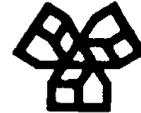
Monthly HOA Board Meeting

May 4th

Community Wide Garage Sale

July 4th

Community Picnic



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

A board member recently gave to me see some original marketing brochures left in his home by previous owners. I'd like to start sharing some of the contents in a new section of *The Legacy* we'll title the "History Corner."

Construction of the Lake Christopher sub-division began in 1975 with the model homes on Ships Landing.

Construction progressed in phases through at least 1982. The brochure packet I've been given was from a phase in 1979 called "The Woods at Lake Christopher," and it featured at least 6 available floor plans.

In this issue's History Corner we feature California Living in "The Tahoe," available with or without a front bedroom balcony.

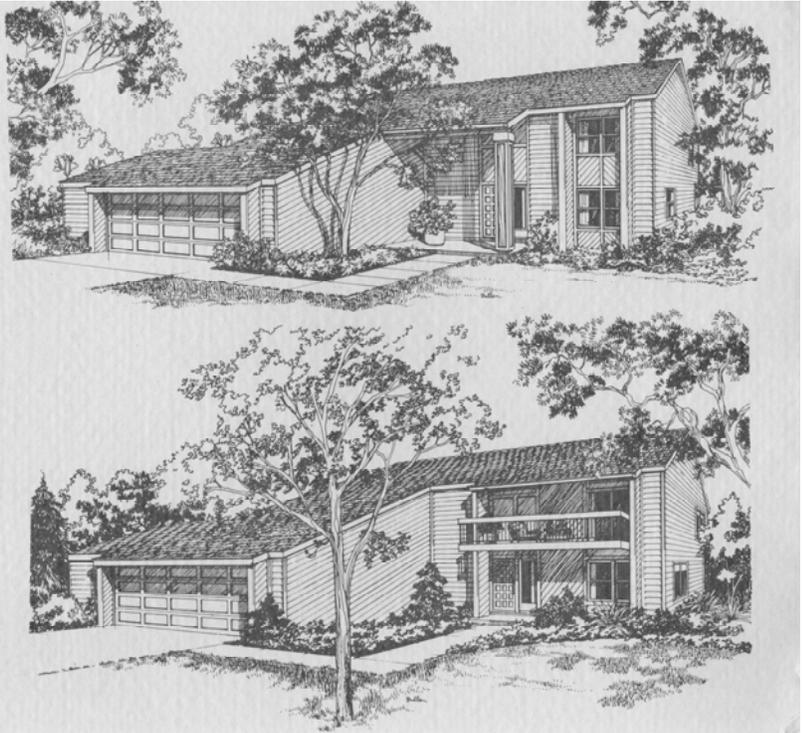
If you have similar original materials from the early days please contact me. I'd like to make a copy for future issues.

John Capomaggi

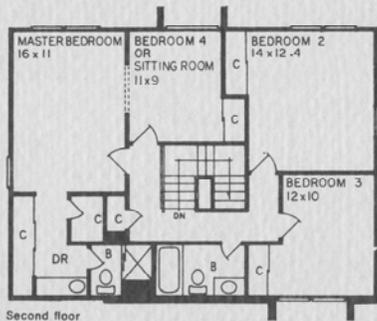
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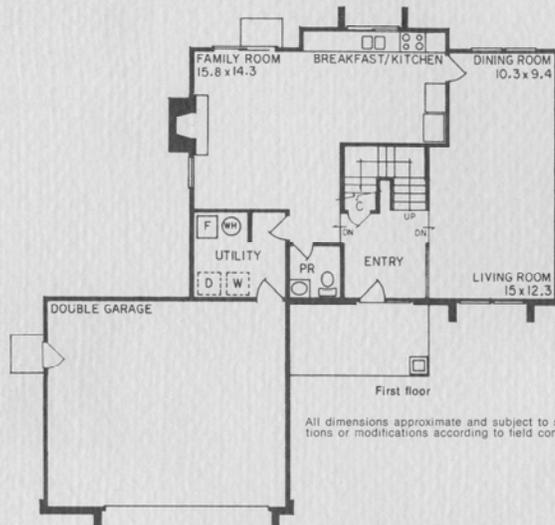
The whole California concept of light and space has been applied to this design in a fresh and imaginative way. The result is brilliant. There is a dramatic step-down into a 25-ft. living room and dining room on one side, and a huge family room on the other. The ranch style kitchen includes a large breakfast area. There is a first floor powder room, 2 more baths upstairs, 4 bedrooms with a master suite dressing area and your choice of 4th bedroom or private master sitting room. Double garage, carpeting, air conditioning are included. All in all, an extremely luxurious and sophisticated home with a cedar exterior stained to blend into its glorious setting.



THE WOODS AT LAKE CHRISTOPHER



Second floor



First floor

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