

LAKE CHRISTOPHER

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A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS

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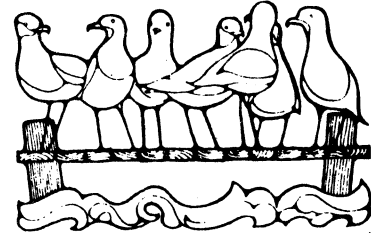
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LAKE HAPPENINGS

Garden Club

Start off 1982 by being a part of an interesting group right here in Lake Christopher. The Garden Club meets monthly, every second Thursday evening of the month. Members have enjoyed a flower arranging demonstration, a wheat weaving workshop, a presentation by a VEPCO representative, and have done some profit-making activities to help beautify the neighborhood. Come meet your neighbours and have fun. Membership is \$5.00 yearly.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Pam Goss, 1401 Lake Christopher Dr.. Our speaker that evening will be Mrs. Forinash, a Williamsburg lady who will demonstrate traditional Colonial paper cutting. Come hear about this old craft of "scherenschnitte."

On the eve of December 23, Allen Roy and Mr. Whitehurst scouted Lake Christopher to award the residents of the best decorated house a tree from Indian River Garden Center. The recipients of first place are Marty and Becky Benson, 5425 Brookfield Drive. Honorable mention included (in order) Dennis & Louise Stuver, Roy and Marcia Cole, and Jay & Margaret Eure. Thanks to our judges and to each of you who participated. Call Ebba Kelbaugh for further information. 467-3178.

Sailing Club...by Duncan Bell

This year we have potentially five classes which will race for season high point trophies: Snark/Flower, Sunfish/ Javelin, Monohull, and Catamaran.

It is planned that three races will be held each race day starting immediately after a skippers' meeting at 1:00 p. m.. Anyone having questions or suggestions for the 1982 program is asked to call Duncan Bell at 467-8140 as soon as possible.

All skippers and crews participating in races this summer will serve on the race committee and help run the races. All people desiring to race are asked to contact Duncan Bell and indicate on which date they will be available for race committee duty. Don't fear, there will be training sessions for the race committee.

Finally, all volunteers interested in being on the sailing committee to organize this year's program, including volunteers to set out racing bouys should contact Duncan Bell.

Special Note: This year we are hoping to have a really active program in each class. People interested in the Sunfish class should contact David or Deirdre Bee, and people interested in acquiring a Javelin should contact Duncan or Karin Bell.

Babysitting Co-op

Presently, there are two babysitting co-ops in use in Lake Christopher. They are looking for new members. The co-op is for mothers of pre-school children who want to go out during the day while their children have fun playing with the children of other co-op members. If you are interested contact Cathy Morris 467-1413 or Cherry Cope 467-1389.

PARENTS...PLEASE NOTE...by Toby Pekarsky

I am sure all of you are aware that Fairbank Court is our newest phase of construction. This area is not only filled with construction debris but also involves construction vehicles.

Many children use Fairbank Court as a " short cut " to cross Indian River Rd. We would appreciate it if you would ask your children not to use this area in their traffic pattern as it is a hazard area and we certainly do not wish any harm to any of them.

A reminder to evening or early morning joggers, walkers and bicycle riders: Please wear light colored clothing and/or reflective tape, and use lights if bike riding so that you can be seen. There have been some very close calls lately when motorists are unable to see you after dark!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Robbie Wessler and Sarah Morse, for stapling our directories this year, and to Rusty and Tommy Rainey for getting them all delivered.

Lake Christopher T - Shirts

There are still Lake Christopher T-shirts left in various childrens sizes at \$4.00 each. Contact Denise Higgins, 467-5657.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lake Christopher Board met January 13, 1982 at the home of Jerry McDonald. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 p. m., at the home of Cliff Bateman, 1501 Brookfield Cove.

A note from our treasurer, Jerry McDonald: our Lake Christopher Homeowner's Association dues were increased \$3.00, to \$45.00 annually because of projected increases in the 1982 budget.

ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

ALL HOMEOWNERS please be present either in person or by proxy to get 1982 at Lake Christopher off to a good start. 8:00 p.m., February 2, 1982 at Brandon Jr. High Auditorium. Annual reports will be presented, and copies of the 1982 budget will be available. Your comments and suggestions on the work of the various committees will be invited.

An election to fill three regular Board positions (3 year terms) and one replacement position (1 year term) will be held.

After the business meeting, a speaker from the Virginia Beach Police Department will talk about and answer questions on home security. SEE YOU THERE!!

ARTICLES FROM CONCERNED NEIGHBORS...

As a dog owner I feel I have an obligation to speak out against the inconsiderate and irresponsible dog owners in our area. The waste dogs leave behind is not only unsightly, but also, very unsanitary. Our sidewalks are often offensively littered with waste and many plants are damaged.

Anytime you see someone walking a dog without a receptacle to retrieve waste, they are in violation of the law recently adopted by Virginia Beach. It most certainly includes people who let their dogs roam free to offend neighbors.

Dogs are wonderful, loving pets who often take the blame for their master's neglect. We need to do more to make owners aware of their responsibility as neighbors.

Lake Christopher Pollution Study ...Duncan Bell

Faced with the prospect that a portion of the new Indian River Road project, roughly from the Indian River Nursery down to, and including, the intersection with Ferrell Parkway, would be drained into Lake Christopher, the Board of Directors commissioned Dr. Carl Erkenbrecker and Dr. Raymond Alden of ODU to do an impact study of the effect of the drainage on our lake. The final conclusion of the impact study was that provided that the water quality of the lake is good, the storm-waters runoff from the Indian River Road project should not have an acute impact on the lake.

The Board is presently researching the cost of having water sample studies conducted to determine the present status of the lake. Having spent \$1,250 for the pollution impact study and knowing that

POLLUTION STUDY CONTINUED

adequate water sample testing could be expensive, the board is attempting to determine the most cost effective approach before proceeding further. Copies of the Pollution Impact Study are available from Duncan Bell, 467-8140.

How many phone calls have you received, but when you answered the phone no one answered or you could hear them disconnect? Do you realize it could be a potential burglar checking to see if anyone is at home? Talk to your neighbors-- many are getting phone calls like that!

Do you realize that out of the 10,000 burglaries in Virginia Beach, the Virginia Beach Police Department considers the Lake Christopher-Brigadoon area to have among the highest incidents of burglary right now? So high, in fact, that a crime analyst has written a notice to the Crime Prevention Department suggesting that Lake Christopher should be contacted and encouraged to form some sort of block security program.

Block security does work. There are two sections in Larkspur, one has block security, one does not. Police report that the section in which there is block security only four incidents have occurred. In the other section, hundreds of incidents have been reported.

Statistics show that ninety percent of all burglaries occur during the daytime and seventy-five percent of those are committed by juveniles.

Lake Christopher residents need to be made aware of this problem. Just because it hasn't happened to you does not mean you should ignore the issue. You could be next! We cannot allow this harassment to continue! Our investment and pride in Lake Christopher is at stake. If we all care about our neighborhood and our neighbors, we can stop these crimes of burglaries in our homes, siphoned gas, slashed tires, stolen bicycles and vandalism.

On the 16th of January a number of families in Lake Christopher woke to empty gas tanks, with the caps stolen. Some were found scattered around the streets later for extra annoyance. Again, be warned, but especially be aware of where your children are. Many of the growing number of incidents in our and other neighborhoods are done by our own young, bored residents. They deserve your attention now, before the seriousness of their pranks makes helping them impossible.

These letters from concerned Homeowners is evidence of an increasing security problem. It should be everyone's concern and responsibility. PLEASE be sure to attend the annual Homeowners Meeting, February 2, 8:00 p.m. at Brandon Jr. High. WE NEED YOU THERE!!

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Feeling cooped up? Here are some suggestions for family outings you can enjoy in spite of the weather.

Tidewater Children's Museum

The museum is located at 601 Court St. in Portsmouth, in the basement of the Portsmouth Public Library. The current exhibit, Water, Water Everywhere gives children many opportunities to explore "hands-on" exhibits related to water-sea life, sea shells, diving gear, various boats, and a water wheel. Although a small facility run on a limited budget, young children love it!

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.. Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Admission: Children 50¢, Adults free, when accompanied by a child.

The following are well worth the drive to Newport News--follow the signs on I-64.

The Mariners Museum

This museum will appeal not only to people of all ages, but to people usually turned off by museums! The museum houses an incredible number of displays, a fascinating collection of model ships, over one hundred full-size boats, sea paintings, figure-heads and much historical information pertaining to man and the sea.

Hours: Weekdays and Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$1.50, Children over 6 75¢

The Peninsula Nature and Science Center

The center focuses on the ecology and environment of Virginia. They have many well done displays, hands on exhibits, live animals and an aquarium. They also schedule small-group demonstrations with live animals.

The planetarium schedules programs for afternoon and evening viewings.

For current information on Scheduling call 599-6800.

Hours: Weekdays 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sat. Sun. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Thurs. & Fri. even. 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Admission: Adults & children over 6 50¢

Planetarium shows: 75¢

Combination ticket: \$1.00

LAKE CHRISTOPHER CLASSIFIEDS

Babysitter wanted: for 2 month old infant. 7:30 - 4:30 weekdays starting February 16. Contact Kathi or Steve Armstrong. 1404 Lake Christopher Dr. 495-0462.

Wanted to Buy: A lakefront Geneva Home. Call collect 805-986-1881.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Since taking over the newsletter we have some rather large shoes to fill from the previous editors. What we would like to do is get some help from you, the Lake Christopher residents.

Because this community has grown it is hard to know what is on your mind. Let us know. Call Cathy Morris or Bev Pressman.