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

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Enjoy the Season!

Maybe it's just me, but it seemed like we were still using air-conditioning in the house when the first Christmas Trees began to appear in hardware stores. Then the first wave of sales started. Next came Halloween followed by Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on television before the turkey leftovers were even finished.

Yes, the Holiday Season is upon us, even if it seems a bit out of order sometimes. Before we know it we will be ringing in 2015, and preparing for our annual LCHA meeting in February.

In the meantime, let's do our best to enjoy the season, and the many traditions observed in our community.

One such tradition is the LCHA Holiday Decorations contest. This year judging will take place December 15th – 18th. Keep the lights on!



Lake Christopher Garden Club Update

No Poinsettia Sale This Year

Due to our suppliers bad health, we will not be having a Poinsettia Sale this December.

We were only recently informed about this and we were not able to find another supplier on such short notice.

However, we will be doing the Christmas Decoration Judging in December...so get those decorations and lights up! Merry, Merry!

Remember, The Garden Club meets the first Monday of every month. If you are interested in joining please give me a call



Sharon White
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Communications Chair
Lake Christopher Garden Club

Entrance Sign Update



In November 2013 an unfortunate automobile accident damaged one of our signs and some fencing at the Quarry Lane entrance.

In late September, the same entrance area was damaged by what we now know was an automobile accident.

The police report from the accident contained the information needed to proceed with the insurance claim and sign replacement. The board hopes to have the replacement sign installed soon.



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757-312-9911

In November our nation observed Veterans Day.

A big "Thank You" goes out to the many Veterans who live in our Lake Christopher community.



Veterans Day

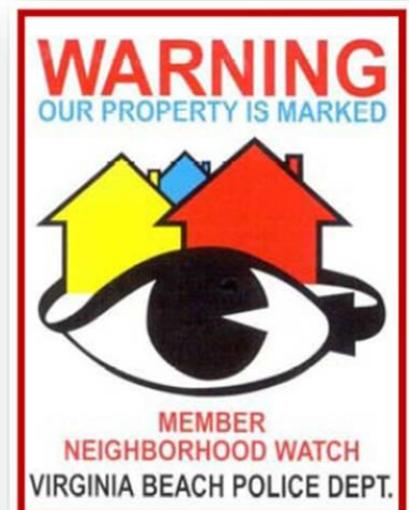
Neighborhood Watch Update

By: Sharon White, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator * 757-286-9375

As the holidays approach we need to be mindful of safety

- Keep all doors and windows locked in your home all the time.
- Keep car doors locked if they are parked outside and not garaged.
- Keep lights on, perhaps a TV or radio while you are out shopping. (also be very mindful of your surroundings when out at the malls)
- If you are going out of town, let your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain know...inform a couple of trusted neighbors. Make sure you have someone picking up your mail and newspapers.
- Keep lights on automatic timers while gone so it looks like your home is not vacant.
- If you see any strange happenings or feel uncomfortable about anything/anyone you see in the neighborhood call the Non Emergency Police Number 757-385-5000

***** Neighborhood Watch is
working in Lake Christopher *****



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Keep the Sidewalks Clear!

In many USA neighborhoods, either everybody has a sidewalk, or nobody does. Here in Virginia Beach we have both! Many neighborhoods like ours have a sidewalk on just one side of the street.

Why this is so is anybody's guess... cost cutting, housing density, concrete rationing... who knows? Whatever the reason, if you are fortunate (or unfortunate) enough to have a sidewalk in front of your house, please keep it clear.

The city has the responsibility to maintain the sidewalks themselves, and several cracked and uplifted sections on Lake Christopher Drive and Waff Road were repaired in 2013. However, it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure their trees, bushes and other plantings do not encroach the sidewalk. There are some areas in our community where pedestrians must walk "single file" because of untrimmed bushes, plantings and even crabgrass blocking a portion of the sidewalk.

If you have a question about sidewalk maintenance or responsibilities, contact Virginia Beach Code Enforcement at (757) 385-4421.

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Architecture Committee Update – Street Lights for Safety and Security

By Steve Rogovich, Lake Christopher Architecture Committee, 757-467-9790, stever@infionline.net

Street lighting and area lighting in the community parks is provided for traffic safety, pedestrian safety and general security. Well maintained street lighting benefits our community by reducing crime and the fear of crime and generally makes our streets and parks inviting and comfortable rather than dark and forbidding. At this time of year when darkness comes on earlier adequate lighting is even more important.

The older mercury-vapor type lights (bluish white or greenish white color) are gradually being replaced with the newer, more energy efficient and brighter sodium-vapor (orange color) lights. There are a total of 114 light poles installed on Lake Christopher streets including the community common areas. The lights on the public streets are owned and maintained by Dominion Virginia Power and the electric service is paid for by the City of Virginia Beach. Power for the lighting in the parks and common areas is paid for by the Lake Christopher HOA.

Recently it was noted that a number of street lights in the community were either not working, obscured by tree branches, or damaged in some way for as long as two months. It appears that homeowners apparently don't notice that the street lights directly in front of their homes are not working. There are two ways to report light outages or any other problem with lights: Call Dominion Power directly at 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357) or go to:

<https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-virginia-power/outage-center/streetlight-outages>

Another way is to fill out a simple on-line form provided by the City of Virginia Beach Public Works Department at:

<http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/report-a-problem/Pages/default.aspx>

Information needed to report a defective streetlight includes the 9-digit identification number which is found on a metal tag near the bottom of each pole and/or the nearest street address to where the light is located. I have reported 4 non-operating lights in the last 2 months and generally the lights have been fixed within 3 to 4 days.



Example of the street light ID number. Just take a picture, go online and report the problem!

Thank You!

This is the season of Thanksgiving and I want to take the opportunity to thank you, my neighbors and friends, for the trust so many of you have given me over the last 20 years to be your REALTOR. In that time I have listed and sold over 65 homes in Lake Christopher as well as bringing about 25 new homeowners into our neighborhood.

My husband and I moved to Lake Christopher in 1985. First on Captains Ct. and then like many of you, we bought a home on the lake about 11 years ago. Lake Christopher is one of Virginia Beach's best kept secrets and it is a very desirable place to live, offering amenities that many neighborhoods only wish they had. It is easy for me to promote and sell since I love it so much myself!

I actually was raised here in Kempsville, right across the street on the property that is now the Holloman and Brown Funeral Home. My parents bought that property in 1946 and growing up on Kempsville Road was very different from what it is today!. It was a 2 lane road with deep ditches on each side and we kids used to walk or ride our bikes up and down it without fear! Lake Christopher was the Ozment Dairy Farm and the old farmhouse still sits at the end of Still Harbor Lane. We used to go there almost every day to get chocolate milk and fresh baked cookies from the Ozments! Life was good!

So thank you again for helping make my 20 Years in Real Estate so successful. I am here if you need me...just a phone call, text or email away!

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Nominations for New Board Members

One of the reasons Lake Christopher is a nice place to live is because we have involved citizens in our community; be it through neighborhood watch, garden club, or just a resident participant who comes out for events like the July 4th picnic, National Night Out, or who calls the police non-emergency number if they see something suspicious. One of the ways homeowners can step up their involvement is to serve a term on the board.

There will be some openings coming up on the LCHA Board in 2015. Please contact the president if you are interested or have any questions. If you know of anybody who may be interested, please ask them to contact the president. Its a rewarding experience!

Garden Club News

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS WINNER

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HONORABLE MENTION

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Public Works Begins Dredging the First of Eight Lakes in Brigadoon

By Tara Gallagher

As most of you know, **Virginia Beach Public Works** has started a capital improvement project in Brigadoon, which will impact a portion of the Lake Christopher neighborhood. The City approved funding for maintenance dredging of eight lakes within the community over the next few years.

The first phase consists of dredging Lakes #2 and #8, and the second phase will dredge Lakes #1 and #3 through #7. This project impacts the **Lake Christopher Homes Association** because Brigadoon Lake #7 is located behind the homes on Brookfield Drive. The lake locations have been provided in the attached figure.

The Brigadoon lakes are man-made water bodies that were constructed to convey storm water from the neighborhood streets and yards to the downstream receiving waters of Stumpy Lake. Over time, the lakes have accumulated sediment and debris which have reduced their capacity to effectively carry storm water. The purpose of the project is to improve neighborhood drainage and improve water quality in the lakes by dredging the lakes and stabilizing the existing outfall structures.

This fall, **Virginia Beach Public Works Department** began the construction work associated with the Brigadoon Maintenance Dredging Project. The City's Contractor is currently dredging Brigadoon Lake #2 and anticipates beginning the maintenance dredging associated with Brigadoon Lake #8 in the winter of 2015.

During the next couple of months, the City's Contractor will remove approximately 23,000 cubic yards of sediment from Brigadoon Lakes

#2 and #8. The sediment removed will be placed in sealed trucks and transported to the city-owned Dredge Material Management Area off of Oceana Boulevard. The Brigadoon Lakes #2 and #8 dredging work is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2015.

In addition, the City is currently developing the design and permitting documents for the Brigadoon Lakes #1 and #3 through #7. The construction of Brigadoon Lakes #1 and #3 through #7 is estimated to begin during the summer of 2015 and should be completed by the winter of 2017.

Should any **Lake Christopher Homes Association** property owners or residents have questions concerning the Brigadoon Lakes Maintenance Dredging Project, please contact **Tara Gallagher, P.E.** at tgallagh@vbgov.com, or at **(757) 385-1450**.



Brigadoon Lakes #1 through #8 and Brigadoon Lake #7 is behind Brookfield Drive

Indian River Road / Kempsville Road Intersection Project



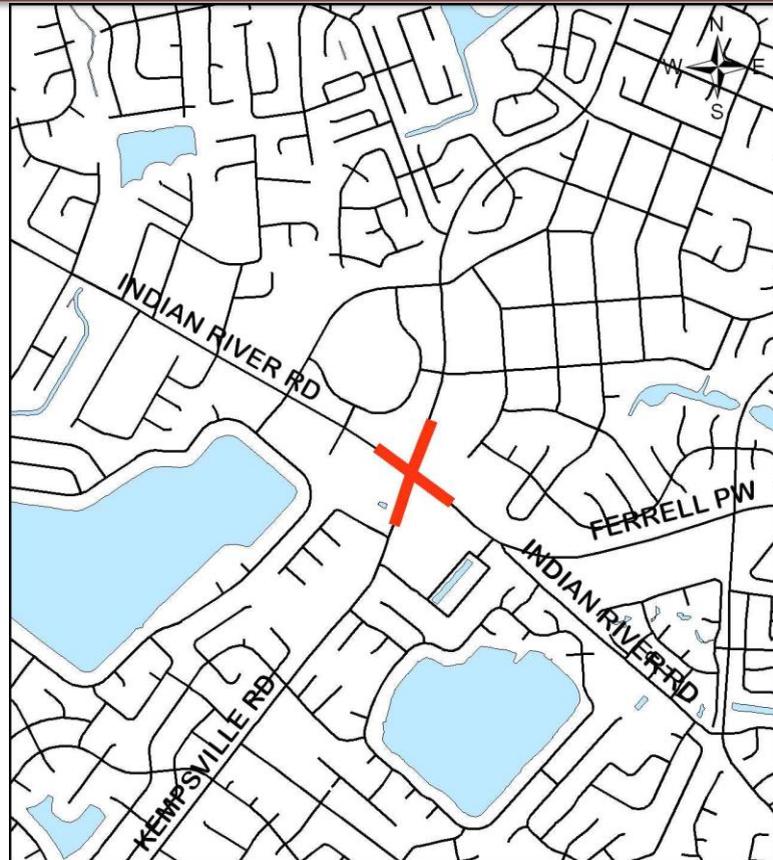
Current Status and Progress (From the City Website)

The project received approval from FHWA and VDOT to proceed to Right of Way acquisition August 6, 2013. Design is 90% complete. Acquisition of property is currently in progress.

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, value engineering and a N.E.P.A. right of way re-evaluation were all recently completed. Public input was provided through a citizen information meeting and a design and location meeting held in 2012 and 2013. A project simulation video can be found on youtube, please search under "Beach CFI".

Click on the link below to see more details and updates:

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



Lynnhaven Parkway Construction Update

Current Status and Progress (From the City Website)

Project is under construction and on schedule. Notice to Proceed (NTP) has been issued to the lowest bidder - American Infrastructure-Virginia, Inc.

This is a VDOT managed project, funded by the Governor's Transportation Plan, with City coordination. Design, site acquisition and private utility adjustments are complete. The contractor is currently installing bridge piers and performing earth work.

Construction is 15% complete. The project is slated for completion in late 2016.

Click on the link below to see more details and updates:

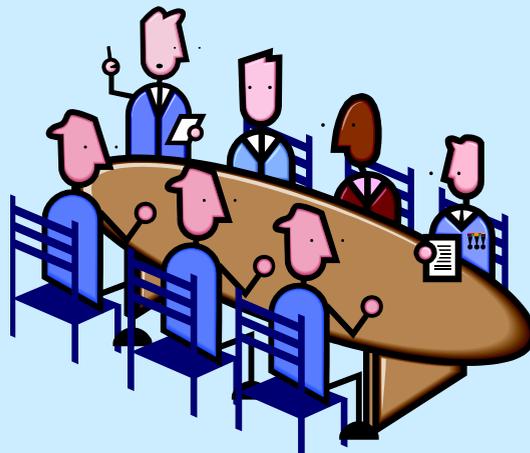
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Board & Committee

(from September & October)

- Park Party Reservation/Payment procedures were reviewed. The payment procedure for park party reservations includes two payments to be made by check. The first is for security deposit and a 2nd check is given to the Select Group for deposit into the LCHA account. The deposit check is held and returned after the party.
- Ground Bees. There were ground bees at the Sand Pebble entrance that A Active has already exterminated.
- A discussion took place regarding making a board member oversee Park Reservations and Park Attendants.
- The Select Group will coordinate with The House Church to call the city to clean the storm drain that is clogged in the easement at the border of House Church and a LC property - it is clogged and soaks the base of the LC fence, and hinders flow towards the lake.
- The Board agreed to have Citywide increase daily patrols during the holidays.
- 12 Architecture Review Requests reviewed and approved in September and October.
- The LCHA Directory is completed and being distributed to residents.
- Claims have been submitted to Nationwide insurance and bids are being received for the damaged entrance signs.
- A discussion took place on coverage for park attendants next season.
- Board Members Linda Hayes and Karen Cagni are willing to continue on the board.
- Several light fixtures in the community are out. Steve Rogovich to work with the City and Dominion to get them working.
- The 2015 Budget was reviewed and voted on.



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