

THE LEGACY

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ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 1996

For the first time anyone could remember, the Annual meeting had to be

postponed due to bad weather. The Board attempted to notify members by phone and through television announcements. There were, however, a few who tried to get to the meeting and we appreciate their dedication and effort. The Board apologizes for any inconvenience this caused.

The meeting was held a week later at the library of Brandon Middle School. Unfortunately, we could not get the Mayor due to previous commitments.

New Board members were elected to the Board by acclamation. Duncan Bell was reelected along with two new members, Ken Jaskolski and Brett Vadeboncoeur. Thanks went to retiring members, Carl Sprabery and Elaine Phelps, for their dedicated service to the neighborhood.

Elaine Phelps who was ending her three year term as member and President of the Board, presided over the meeting who was attended by approximately 30 homeowners. She commented on some of the thornier legal problems encountered this year mostly dealing with architectural guidelines. In all cases, the guidelines as presented were upheld and found enforceable. As the community grows older, it is more important than ever to maintain standards and enforce fairly the covenants and restrictions of the neighborhood.

She also spoke to the repair work done at the Narrows Park. Over the years there has been an ongoing problem with sink holes and erosion that could not seem to be solved. Last fall, it was discovered that the underlying problem was a broken storm drain pipe underground. The City was called and the pipe was replaced. Marty Higgins completed the repair work and we think this will solve the problem permanently.

After hearing committee reports,

which will be covered in their respective articles, there was a discussion of the problems encountered by individual homeowners in their area of the community.

The homeowners were assured that all that can be done is being done to solve their problems. There is, however, a necessary time factor involved in any due process. This in fact insures that covenants and guidelines are enforced fairly and all parties have a chance to respond.

The perennial question of what to do with the property across Lynnhaven Parkway from the ballfield was again brought up. Again the problem involves changing the covenants to be able to sell the property, a vote in favor of selling the property, someone to draft the wording for the new covenant, and following through with the information brochure and ballot to be sent to all homeowners. Then there's always the problem of actually selling the property; who will buy it?, what will they do with it?, how will it impact the neighbors in Brigadoon?

Anyone can see, it's a big job and no one so far has come forward to say they'll take it on.

In the meantime, the property can be used to some benefit to the people in both Lake Christopher and Brigadoon.

A Senior Girl Scout in the neighborhood has requested to make the lots into a nature observatory/garden park for her Gold Award Project. In association with the Garden Club, she will coordinate with other Scouts and community service organizations to make the property more attractive and an educational facility for students and anyone who just loves to sit and watch the world go by.

Elaine encourage everyone to try and come to at least one Board meeting during the year to see what goes on and offer input. The Board is elected to represent you all in our common interest. But it is up to all of us to keep informed and join in maintaining standards and property values.

PASSING THE GAVEL

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on February 22, 1996, Elaine Phelps gave up the President's gavel to Duncan Bell. Duncan has been a resident and active member of the Board almost since Day 1 and has been unflinching in watching over the affairs of Lake Christopher. Congratulations Duncan, you have all our support.

VINYL SIDING FOR CEDAR SIDED HOMES

Vinyl Siding may now be approved for cedar sided homes under the following conditions:

1. The vinyl siding must be of premium grade and the highest quality offered, not less than 40 mils thick and warranted not to fade for a period of not less than 25 years.

2. The vinyl siding must meet all other vinyl siding requirements of the Lake Christopher Architectural Guidelines with respect to profile and exposure size, etc.

3. The vinyl siding will be textured and colored to simulate stained wood in appearance.

4. All trim associated with the vinyl siding will meet all the vinyl siding requirements of the Lake Christopher Architectural Guidelines with respect to color and sheen, etc. One siding color and one contrasting trim color only on each home.

5. Homeowners must obtain approval of all proposed vinyl siding and trim installations from the ACC prior to installation.

Dutch lap style siding will not be approved.

As always, a sample of the actual siding being considered at least six inches long and showing the actual width must be submitted for approval. The sample must be large enough to show: gauge, texture, color, and width.

Many homeowners have recently received letters from a company advertising their vinyl as Lake Christopher approved, using the newsletter article in the promotion of their products. The Architectural committee and the Board of Directors do not endorse or recommend individual companies to the residents. Approval of any vinyl siding or exterior change in the appearance of the property is done on a case by case basis. Do not assume that there is blanket approval of any company or product.

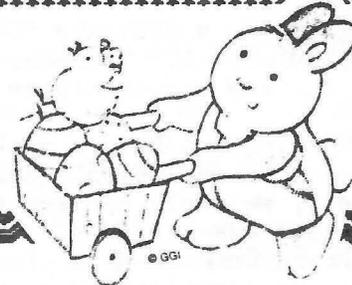
PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS TO BE OUT OF SIGHT!

Basketball hoops are to be affixed to the roof above the garage door or located on a pole not visible from the street.

No basketball hoop on a pole will be allowed in the front of any property. This includes portable models which must be stored out of sight from the street when not in use.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

This month, Carl Bodin of Troop 48 will be carrying out his Eagle Project here in Lake Christopher. He will be distributing Emergency Preparedness information to each home. Please read and save this important information.



LCHA presents

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

April 7, 1996 at 10 a.m.

Meet at Christopher Beach

(the park across from Waff Rd.)

Prize for the most original
Easter Bonnet and/or
decorated vehicle or stroller.

Visit with the Easter Bunny!

Egg Hunt to follow Parade.

Bring your own camera for a
picture with the Easter Bunny

Open to children 10 and under.

Children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult.



LAWN CARE AND THE LAKE

It's springtime again, and all good Lake Christopher homeowners have the urge to get out and spruce up the lawns and get those flower beds going. We get so anxious to see green again that sometimes we overdo the fertilizer. Let's be conscious of the fact that all those chemicals that we spread all over our lawns will find their way into the lake, feeding unwanted plants and robbing the fish of needed oxygen.

Those of us who have lived here for a few years can remember the effects. It looks like someone dumped green paint and oil into the water. Use natural fertilizers when you can and use them sparingly. This is especially important this year because of the water conservation measures being enforced. Too much fertilizer without adequate watering will burn and kill your lawn.

Please take care to dispose of your household chemicals in a safe manner, **DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY CHEMICALS OR OILS IN THE STORMDRAINS !!! THESE FLOW DIRECTLY INTO THE LAKE.**

Remember, the lake is the your most valuable asset and directly affects your property value. Please join your neighbors in protecting and preserving this investment.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This committee was set up by the Board of Directors to greet new residents and make sure they were informed of the nature of the community, that it is a PUD which automatically makes the homeowner a member of the Association with all the privileges and responsibility that entails. The committee members strive to visit all new homeowners, give them a copy of a current newsletter, copy of the Rules and Regulation of the Common Areas, decals for their motor vehicles, and any such free samples, brochures, coupons or business cards of various helpful businesses and services in the community. The committee is also responsible for the Lake Christopher Phone Directory. They gather the information, confirm its correctness and publish yearly. The advertisements solicited by the committee makes this a self-supporting venture and no drain on the assets of the Association.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

According the By-Laws, Article 9, Section 1, the Maintenance Committee advises the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the maintenance, repair and improvement of the Common Areas and shall perform such other duties as the Board determines. The committee works under a budget which covers mostly materials and depends on volunteer implementation, in other words LABOR. This past year, the committee has removed the old see-sew, slide and chain ladders from the Landing, and installed toddler swings and a new and modern play tower which is a huge hit with the kids. They have repaired and replaced benches and trash can enclosures, replaced a burnt sign and dumped 64 tons of new sand at the beaches. They've overseen the repairs at the Narrows bulkhead and installed a new gate at the Landing. Needless to say this was a lot of work done by some pretty dedicated people: John and Karen Mirra, Ed and Elaine Phelps, Garry Butterbaugh, Rick and Gail Sears, Jeff and Caron Williams, Marty Higgins, Dave and Tanya Pate, Walter and Joan McKoy, Clark and Donna Christensen, Steve Rogovich, Bruce Given, and most of all Bill and Susan Cofer who ran the show. There are so many others who came out to help with individual projects and the committee would like to thank you all.

Some plans for the future include getting estimates for a Park Shelter, construction of a volley ball court and installation of sprinkler systems. Needless to say that these are ambitious projects and will require some hours of labor and planning. If any of you have some time to spare, let the committee chairmen know. They can use your input and help.

LIVING AIR Fresh, Invigorating, Natural Air

Are you living in a sick house? And is it making you sick, too? Many otherwise unexplained physical ailments can probably be traced to dust, various household chemicals, bacteria and a host of other airborne pollutants trapped inside your home—inside where you spend 90% of your time. Living Air looked to nature before designing its various air purification systems. We like to call them a **Thunderstorm in a Box**. Remember how fresh the air smells after a thunderstorm. Living Air is nature's way. Check us out.

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GREETING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

As we begin a new year of activities for the benefit of Lake Christopher residents, we would like to stop and thank those who helped this past year with the Easter Egg Hunt and 4th of July Party: Andrea and Jack Koob, Donna & Clark Christensen, Tanya Pate, Elaine Phelps, Adele McCoy, Pat, Bill & Nina McMican, Linda, Austin & Travis Hayes, John Mirra, Doug Stewart Steve McKinzie and the Lake Christopher Garden Club.

Last April the Easter Bunny led children and parents in a grand parade from the park at Waff Road to Christopher Landing. Many wore Easter bonnets and rode on decorated bikes, wagons and strollers. At the park prizes were awarded for best bonnet, vehicle, etc., then the children hunted for the brightly colored eggs and candies. 300 plastic eggs had been filled and each child was assured of receiving 4 eggs plus other candies found. The Hunt was attended by approximately 65 children and it was a grand time for all. The Easter Bunny, who was superb, remains anonymous!!



Don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt this year - Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. and bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

The 4th of July Party is getting bigger and better each year with 250 attending last year. The party featured a pig roast, fried chicken, various salads and cake for dessert. All through the day iced tea, punch, beer and wine was available. We had a DJ, games for the children and a visit from the firemen at our neighborhood station. Everyone was amazed at the technology of the new fire trucks. Plan now to attend the event this year --it's the best deal you'll get all year.



We need your help to develop plans for the coming year. Please join us on Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Cagni, 1645 Lake Christopher Drive. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Question? Call Karen, 467-3286 or Andrea Koob, 467-4106.



GARDEN CLUB NEWS

YARD TIPS
by Glenn Kopanski

During transition from spring to summer it's a good time to check your landscaping and property for insects and pests. Some common pests are termites. By routinely inspecting around your home for brownish tunnel entrances into the wood of your home from the soil, you can save damage and catch the problem early. Make sure mulch beds are kept away from the foundation of you home.

Another pest is mosquitoes; if you have an area in your yard that floods or water sits after rain, fill it in with top soil and reseed.

Early June is Japanese beetle infestation time. These insects attack small leaf trees like birch, Japanese maples, Kwanzan and Yoshino cherry. Treat early with one of the many products on the market to protect the trees. Make sure you buy a product that will not wash off after every rain.

This is also a good time to check for tree bores; they enter the tree at the trunk nearest to the soil, damage the wood and weaken the tree. Contact your nursery for info on this due to the various brands of insecticides on the market.

That's it for this month. Enjoy your spring and Good Gardening.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for the Community Wide Garage Sale set for Saturday, May 4. The Garden Club will provide advertising, balloons for your location and signs. You hold your own sale at your home and contribute \$3.00 to the Garden Club. The sale is advertised from 9 am. til 3pm. but you can open when you like. The trucks from the Childrens' Hospital thrift shop will be around after 3 to pick up whatever you have left over and leave a tax receipt, just leave the items, in a bag if possible, at the curb. As always, the proceeds go toward park beautification and improvements.

PARK SECURITY

The Park Security committee chair is responsible for advising the Board of Directors on the hiring and supervision of summer park attendants, and ensuring that only homeowners in Lake Christopher, who are up to date with their dues assessments, and their guests have use of the Common Areas.

The Virginia Beach Police Department will strictly enforce the "NO TRESPASSING LAW" for all unauthorized persons entering our common areas. The City has acknowledged that they will prosecute anyone trespassing and will respond to all calls. Guards or residents need only identify the trespasser and the Police will do the rest.

When planning a party of your own for any large group or organization at any of the Parks, set up the time and date with the Park Attendants or the Park Security committee chair, John Mirra, 467-4120.

ZONING COMMITTEE

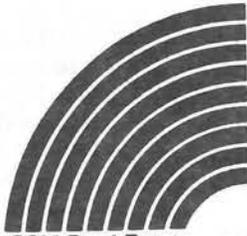
The Zoning Committee keeps the Board of Directors informed as to any zoning changes being considered by the City Planning Commission. They are responsible for keeping observant of the orange Notice Signs that may be posted on the properties adjacent to Lake Christopher. They determine if the changes being requested have a detrimental affect on the safety of the neighborhood, lake environment and property value. If so, they help organize opposition to any proposed projects that might damage the lake or community.



ABC SCHOOL SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

Virginia Beach schools were closed on Monday and Tuesday, January 8 and 9, due to inclement weather. The two missed days will be made up on March 29 and April 8, 1996.





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DAN EDWARDS TO RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Daniel D. Edwards of Beachview Dr. has decided to throw his hat into the ring and run for a position on the Virginia Beach School Board. His policies will include excellence in education and financial accountability.

Dan is retired from the Navy and has had extensive experience with major capital and operating budgets, especially in identifying requirements and managing funds. He is also a certified secondary teacher with classroom experience.

Dan is and has been involved with the Boy Scouts as Cubmaster and Troop committee chair, Director of the Tidewater Striders Youth Development program and a sports team coach.

Dan holds a BS from Northwestern and a MBA from William and Mary.

Dan has lived here in Lake Christopher for about 14 years with his wife Sue, also a teacher, son Billy and daughter Pam, both of whom excel in academics and athletics.

It is hoped that friends and neighbors here in Lake Christopher will support Dan's candidacy.

**LAKE CHRISTOPHER HOMES ASSOCIATION
ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES
(Rev. 1993)**

1. GENERAL

A) No building, fence, wall, bulkhead, deck, dock, dog run, or other structure may be erected until plans and specifications have been approved by the Architecture Committee.

B) No change in the exterior appearance of a home may be made without approval of the Architectural Committee. This includes repainting with any original or existing color numbers.

C) Homeowners are required to maintain the appearance and structural integrity of the property in order to sustain the value of the Community. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to repainting or staining where the paint and/or stain has deteriorated resulting in fading, flaking, blistering, discoloration, mildew, etc.

D) Homeowners are required to maintain the appearance of their yards through regular grass cutting, trimming, edging, and cleaning of gutters on their property. Wood piles, compost heaps, fishing equipment, and miscellaneous items must be stored out of view from adjacent homes and the street. Trash cans are required to be hidden from view when not out for trash collection (currently on Fridays).

E) Owners who rent their property shall inform the Association Manager of the name of their Realtor or Rental Agent in case the Architectural Committee needs to contact the owners concerning the upkeep and maintenance of their property.

2. REFINISHING OF CEDAR SIDED HOMES

A) Restore the siding to its natural state/color by power washing and/or bleaching.

B) In order to preserve and prevent the return of mold or mildew, the siding must be stained with a transparent, semi-transparent, or solid stain or wood preservative as soon as possible after cleaning.

C) When changing the color of siding or trim from the present color, you must submit a request to the Architecture Committee. A sample of the new color(s) must be applied to the siding adjacent to

the trim covering an area measuring three feet square and allowed to dry. Prior to approval members of the Committee must view the requested color(s).

B) One contrasting color must be used to paint the trim, gutters, and all doors, including the garage door. Mailbox posts and wooden mailboxes must match the house or trim color.

3. VINYL SIDING GUIDELINES

A) COLOR CONFORMITY

- Must be earth tone (contain beige or brown).

- Must coordinate with roof and brick colors.

- Must be different from adjacent homes.

B) FINISH

- Must have flat (non-glossy) finish.

- Must have wood grain texture with flat finish.

- Must not reflect light.

C) WIDTH CONFORMITY

- Minimum width 4 1/2 inches.

- Maximum width 6 inches.

- Vinyl must duplicate the appearance of the original material.

D) DESIGN

- Vertical hanging of siding will not be approved.

- Houses that now have vertical siding may apply for conversion to horizontal siding, but all approvals will be on a case-by-case basis.

~~- Vinyl siding will not be approved at this time for cedar sided homes.~~

E) MATERIAL

- A sample of the actual siding being considered at least six inches long and showing the actual width must be submitted for approval. The sample must be large enough to show gauge, texture, color, and width.

4. PAINTED HOUSE COLORS

A) The following color ranges will be considered:

- For the siding on wood and brick homes - browns, grays, dark beige, tans, and subdued gray-greens. Only flat colors may be used.

- For the trim on wood and

brick homes - colors complimentary to the siding color in low to moderate contrast. Only flat colors may be used.

- Colors considered unacceptable include yellow, mustard, gold, red, blue, white, orange, and pink.

- Eventually, all wood and brick painted homes must comply with these color guidelines. Homes which currently fall outside these guidelines and cannot show prior approval by the Architectural Committee, may remain so only until the next required painting or staining at which time they must be brought within these guidelines.

B) One contrasting color must be used for the trim, gutters, and all doors, including the garage door. Mailbox posts and mailboxes must match the house or trim color and must be kept in good repair.

5. WINDOWS

Color restrictions and requirements also apply to windows. Refer to paragraph 4 A for unacceptable colors.

6. BASKETBALL HOOPS

A) CONSTRUCTION: Backboards must meet commercial standards and appearance.

B) COLOR: The backboard, hoops, and nets must be maintained and painted to always give a good appearance. The color is to be the same color as the house, making it blend, not stand out from the general appearance of the house.

C) LOCATION: Basketball hoops are to be affixed to the roof above the garage door or located on a pole not visible from the street.

- No basketball hoop on a pole will be allowed in the front of any property.

7. CLOTHESLINES

- Clotheslines are not allowed, except as stated in Section 13 of Article VII of the Covenants.

8. ANTENNAS

- No external antennas, including TV antennas, are authorized.

9. FENCING

A) Only wood fencing is approved for use within Lake

* Check out new vinyl guideline for cedar homes on Page 2!

Christopher.

B) Stockade fencing should be installed with points facing downward so as to present a smooth, uniform appearance at the top of the fencing. In addition, some type of trim is required to give the fence a more finished look. In most cases, fencing should be stained or printed to match the owners' home. Exceptions are granted based on the type characteristics of the wood used. If wire is used on a split rail fence, the wire should extend no higher than the top of the vertical posts.

C) The City of Virginia Beach limits fencing heights within 15 feet of a public street to 4 feet in height. Fencing within 20 feet of a street may not exceed 6 feet and in no case, at Lake Christopher may fencing exceed 6 feet. In this regard, fencing of a height less than 6 feet is encouraged by the Committee. Fencing is normally limited to extend from the rear line of an owner's property to the forward edge of the home. In no case may fencing be constructed on waterfront lots which would impair the view of the lake from the street.

10. WATER AND GAS TANKS

- Exposed water or gas tanks in view of the street or lake should be concealed with fencing similar to that which conforms to the appearance of the siding on the residence or the fencing on the property.

11. SWING SETS

- Swing sets shall be subject to approval by the Architectural Committee. These structures are generally discouraged as Lake Christopher has two common areas for the children's enjoyment. Should such structures be considered for an addition to your home, they should be made of wood and painted the colors of the house siding or trim. For those who already have them erected, they should be painted the color of your house trim or siding.

12. GARAGE DOORS

A) Replacement metal or fiberglass garage doors will be approved as long as they are paneled similar to the original garage doors and are painted to match the house colors.

B) To prolong the life of the original wooden garage doors, paint the inside and install a rain gutter at the edge of the roof over the door.

C) Severely rotted and unsightly garage doors must be replaced.

13. DOCKS

A) Docks can extend no higher than ground level.

B) Docks can extend no further than 10 feet into the water.

C) Docks can be as wide as the property lines will allow.

14. ROOF REPLACEMENT

- Samples of roof material intended for roof replacement must be provided to the Committee for approval of color and appearance.

15. FLAG POLES

A flag pole may be installed no taller than 16 feet in height. If request is made for front yard installation, only the National Ensign may be displayed in an appropriate manner and at the appropriate times. Lakefront flag poles may not exceed 12 feet in height. All permanently installed flag poles must be approved by the ACC. Pole color must match trim or main color of the house.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



As we begin the new year in crime prevention, I would like to recommend that we make resolutions to work harder at making our neighborhoods a safer place to live. 1995 was a very busy and successful year. The crime rate for Virginia Beach went down in most serious crimes. This reduction in crime demonstrates what can be accomplished if citizens get involved within their communities.

I am committed at working even harder to assist you and your communities with anything that you may need to help reduce crime in your neighborhood. I am available to you at any time, whether it be to attend a meeting, furnish you with crime prevention literature, or if you need information over the phone. I am also available to come to your home and conduct a home security survey. In conducting this survey, I will check all of your doors and windows, all of your locking devices, as well as look at your exterior lighting, and make recommendations to you on how you can make your home more burglar proof. I work Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can reach me at 474-8500.

Up And Coming Neighborhood Watches...

Congratulations !!

1. Lake Christopher
Coordinator - George Brooks
2. Newtlight
Coordinator - Judy Smith
3. Oaksprings
Coordinator - Richard Dorian



From the Captain's Desk

The Fourth Precinct is looking for a volunteer to assist the editor (Jeff Eaton) with the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter and to start a Business Security Newsletter. If you or anyone you know has the interest or talent to assist us with this program, please call Jeff or myself at 474-8500 for more details. I hope each of you have a crime-free 1996 and remember you are vital to a safe neighborhood. Keep up the good work and I thank you for your interest and commitment.

Captain Melton Beane

Food For Thought

The average child watches four hours of television a day, seven days a week, 1,500 hours a year. In contrast, he or she spends 900 hours a year in school. Typically, a child will see 20,000 30-second commercials every year. This level of watching, studies have found, correlate with low academic performance, a diminished attention span, aggressive behavior, stereotyped views of sex roles, older people and racial differences.

LAWS TO KNOW

CITY CODE 23-47. LOUD, DISTURBING AND UNNECESSARY NOISE: It shall be unlawful for any person to create, or allow to be created any unreasonable loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise in the city or any noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of persons of reasonable sensitivity or to disturb or annoy the quiet, comfort or repose of reasonable persons. The following acts, among others are declared to be loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise in violation of this section, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive. 1. Playing of T.V., radio, tape player, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of reasonable persons. 2. Keeping of animals which, by causing frequent or long-continued noise, shall disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of the neighborhood to such an extent as to constitute a nuisance. 3. The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, court, or place of worship while the same is in session, or while being so used or adjacent to any hospital. 4. Shouting and crying of peddlers, hawkers, and vendors which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Safety Tip Corner

1. Make sure that your house numbers are visible from the street.
2. Replace smoke detector batteries twice a year.
3. Report ALL suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Non-emergency 427-5616, Emergency 911.
4. Use outside lighting at night; front, rear, and side.
5. Whenever out in public, always be aware of your surroundings, don't be a victim because of inattention.

Understanding the Label Helps Reduce Environmental Problems

Home gardeners often use more pesticides per square foot in their gardens than farmers do in the fields. Overapplication of a pesticide is a serious mistake and a misuse of the product. Misuse of pesticides has a number of adverse effects. It can cause health hazards, such as making food less safe to eat, especially if there are residues at harvest time. It can also make handling the plants more dangerous; each time a pesticide is sprayed, the gardener is exposed to the dangers of inhalation or absorption of the toxin. Misuse can cause various environment problems as well — beneficial insects, earthworms, birds, and even pets may be harmed or killed along with the pests. Some pesticides used near water may contaminate the water supply. Continuous use of certain pesticides may induce resistance in the pests they are designed to control, thus requiring the gardener to switch to more toxic substances. Some pesticides do not break down easily and can remain in the environment for years.

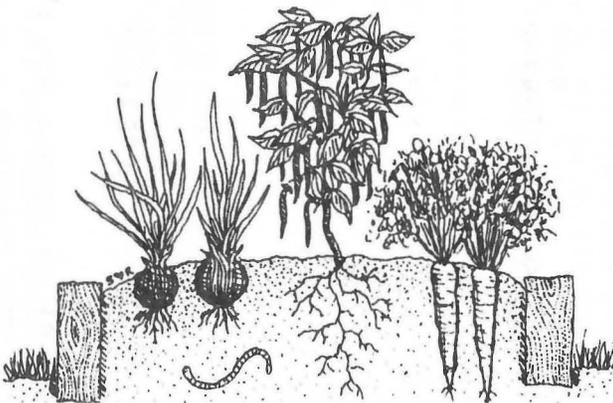
Read the label when you purchase a pesticide, and again before mixing or applying it. If you are confused about any part of the label, consult your Extension agent or a representative of the product manufacturer. Many pesticides now list a toll-free number for consumers. The label includes specific information that you should be aware of and learn to understand.



Good cultural practices will help reduce the need for pesticides.

To keep your plants healthy use the following guidelines:

- Select plants adapted or native to your area.
- Control weeds — use mulches and hand-pulling where possible.
- Water adequately — overwatering and underwatering can be equally damaging.
- Do not crowd plants — planting too close weakens plants and increases disease.
- Fertilize properly — inadequate fertilization causes weak plants susceptible to insects and disease; too much fertilizer can damage plants and pollute ground water.
- Add organic matter such as compost to the soil — rich soil leads to healthier plants.
- Control pests before they become established — hand-remove insects or diseased leaves as soon as you see them.



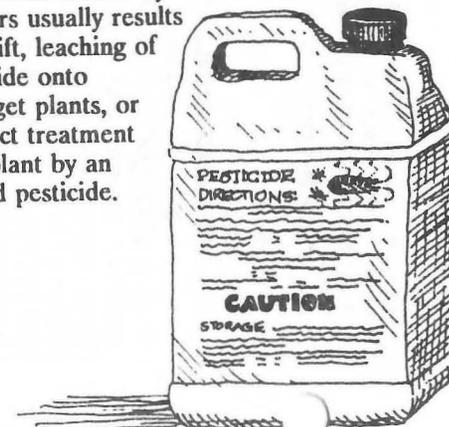
Pesticides can be valuable gardening tools, but they must be selected with personal and environmental safety in mind. As with other tools, it is important to use the right pesticide for the job. Care and planning before pesticides are purchased can ensure and proper use.

Safety Tips

- Never eat, drink, or smoke while applying pesticides or before cleaning up.
- After applying pesticides, remove your clothes and wash them; then thoroughly wash hands, face, and body.
- Each time you use a pesticide, read the directions!
- Work outdoors with good light and ventilation when mixing or loading pesticides.
- Never mix or apply pesticides on windy days.
- If you splash or spill a pesticide while mixing or loading, stop immediately — remove contaminated clothing and wash thoroughly, then clean up spill.

Applying Pesticides Safely

Under the law you are liable for misuse of pesticides on your property. Recent court rulings extend your liability to include misuse by commercial applicators you hire. Serious misuse by gardeners usually results from drift, leaching of a pesticide onto non-target plants, or the direct treatment of the plant by an unsuited pesticide.



LAKE CHRISTOPHER ARCHITECTURAL REQUEST

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Subj: Architectural Request

1. I would like to have the following request considered for approval by the Lake Christopher Architectural Committee:

2. The following have been enclosed to aid the committee in the approval of my request. (Check as applicable)

- Conceptual drawing. (Fence, dock, deck, addition, etc.)
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