

A JOURNAL OF THE LAKE CHRISTOPHER HOMES ASSOCIATION

APRIL-MAY 1997

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

This spring our neighborhood looks great.

Everyone's efforts are evident in house and garden. We have the right to be proud of ourselves and to know that the hard work shows. As you know our community is unique and this makes what we have even more valuable, not only monetarily, but because the quality and style of life this community offers. Working on our property pays off. Caring for the common areas and for the lake is critical to maintain the unique advantages we now have.

Let us always be aware that what is in the street gutter goes into the storm drains, which leads directly to the lake. Fertilizer, oil, gasoline, grass clippings, cigarette butts, and dog dropping are bad for it. For the past 22 years, our lake's excellent quality has been maintained. But we need to continue to monitor ourselves carefully. Thank you on behalf of the LCHA Board for your past and continuing efforts.

Please remember that the LCHA Board members meet each month. If you have any questions or problems, let us know. Also remember that the Architecture Control Committee works hard to maintain the quality of this community as a whole and deserve many thanks for their work in the community.

Three cheers for all of you. Keep up the good work. It shows.

LAKE CHRISTOPHER GARDEN CLUB  
SPRING GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 3rd, 9-3  
Call Kim at 474-2980 or  
Dana at 467-7809 to register.  
Fee: \$2.00 per house.  
Fees will be collected and  
balloons distributed the  
morning of the sale.

VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS IS COMING  
TO LAKE CHRISTOPHER

Virginia Natural Gas is pleased to announce that we will be installing natural gas mains in Lake Christopher beginning in late 1997 with completion by the summer of 1998.

The gas mains will be installed behind the curb and only on one side of the street. Customers wanting service on the opposite side of the street would be served by pushing a service line under the street. During installation Virginia Natural Gas will not cut any streets, driveways, or side walks.

The only cost to the customer will be our normal connection fee of \$15.75, there is no charge to install the line from the street to the house. VNG will not install a service to your home until you are ready to connect. There is no penalty for not hooking up immediately. The connection fee will be the same regardless when you hook-up.

Mrs. Owens will be your service representative and can assist you in obtaining service. She can be reached at 466-5594.

If I can be of assistance or if you require additional information, please contact me at 455-5324.

R.A. Hugate  
Senior Account Executive

NOTICE

The regular  
monthly meetings  
of the  
association have  
been changed to  
the third MONDAY  
of each month.

# NOTES FROM

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR KIDS ARE?

The Board members would like to remind homeowners that loud and vulgar language, underage consumption of alcohol and/or illegal substances and offensive behavior by young people at the parks will not be tolerated. It would be a good idea for all parents to go over the park regulations with their children and their friends before they go to the parks. All residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests and continued violation of the rules can result in revocation of all park privileges for the whole family.

## PHONE DIRECTORIES

The Hospitality Committee recently delivered the 1997 Phone Directories to each home in Lake Christopher. If you did not receive one, please contact Brett Vadeboncoeur or Donna Christensen and they will make sure you get one. If you would like a second directory, they have a limited supply for \$1.00 each.

All our thanks to Sandy Royer for the Cover design, the same design on the Lake Christopher T-shirts.

Every attempt was made to place your name, address, and phone number accurately in the directory. Please call Donna Christensen to correct any misspelled names or wrong numbers.

## HOSPITALITY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 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.

Thanks to George Brooks, former Neighborhood Watch committee chair, and his persistent committee members, we are a community officially listed as a part of Neighborhood Watch Program in Virginia Beach. We are still, however, in need of block captains in a few courts and portions of streets. If you are interested in helping out or just want some more information, please contact the new chair, Brett Vadeboncoeur at 495-2122.

Being a block captain merely requires that you keep up with your neighbors as they move in and out and offer them an information packet about the neighborhood.

Hopefully, in the process, everyone gets to know each other pretty well and will look out for one another as a matter of daily routine.

Please remember that you do not need to be a homeowner to volunteer in the community. All residents 18 and older are welcome on all the committees.

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## Garden Club News

Food, fellowship and a lot of chatter accompanied the February Open House as members old and new got acquainted and shared some of the fun stories of "Yesteryear---before Lake Christopher" by Sharon White about the early days of its history, as well as the entertaining account from Karen Kilday of the founding of the Garden Club. Five new members were the lucky winners in the drawing for the door prizes. Susan Martin, Bette Britton, Ruth Brooks, Marilyn Brodhurst and Jean Hoecker took home the beautiful potted plants.

March found club members enthusiastically stuffing Easter Eggs in eager preparation for the community Easter Egg Hunt. During the business meeting, some fantastic ideas were shared at the brainstorming session regarding fund allocations for club projects in the community and donations to support the Tallwood High School All-Night Graduation Party. Members will be getting together and going to the Virginia Beach Garden Tour, April 22nd. Call Dana Huser (467-7809) if you want to join us.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

New procedures for this popular event were discussed and will be presented in a separate article within this issue.

We look forward to the April 14th meeting at Donna Christensen's house, 1441 Lake Christopher Dr. where Fred Adams, master gardener and landscape designer will be sharing gardening tips with us. Surely hope you can join us! This club is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and to share in the variety of programs and activities which fill the year.



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## YARD TIPS BY GLEN KOPANSKI

Plastic seems like a good way to keep weeds suppressed. It is definitely not. Plastic promotes fungus and disease.

I recommend newspaper which is biodegradable. Mulch around beds is fine for looks, however, keep it away from the base of all trees and shrubs.

Spring is also pruning time, if you cut any branches off of your trees or shrubs, put a healing compound on the cut so it can heal. This will also keep bugs from infecting the cut. Healthy trees and shrubs are well worth the effort.

A not to people who smoke, (includes me), pick up after yourself, throwing butts in the sewers, out of the car window or throwing them in our parks in wrong. With hot dry summer approaching, lit cigarettes could start a fire.

### LAKE CHRISTOPHER SPRING GARAGE SALE SATURDAY MAY 3, 1997

**\*Note the new procedures below!**

To participate in the Garden Club sponsored event, a resident needs to call Kim Odom at 474-2980 or Dana Huser at 467-7809 to advise them of your interest. Saturday morning, May 3rd, Garden Club members will go around to the different houses participating to collect the nominal \$2.00 fee and to distribute balloons to each participant.

This should provide an easier way to handle the fee collection and balloon distribution for all concerned. So mark your calendars now for this nifty spring event and start gathering the goodies you want to sell.

As usual, the Garden Club will place the advertisement in the newspapers. As you go around the neighborhood browsing for good buys, stop by the Garden Club Beverage stand at the Corner of Fairbank Ct and Lake Christopher Dr. Lake Christopher T-shirts will also be on sale at that time.

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VICKIE SMITH  
ASSISTANT MANAGER OPERATIONS

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### BEWARE OF LANDSCAPERS!

The Landscaping Company has asked us to cooperate in keeping children out of the parks when they are mowing. They are using very powerful equipment and it could be dangerous to be playing in the parks while these machines are in operation. Warn your children to leave the parks while the men are working.

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

According to 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 under the leadership of Brett Vadeboncoeur has replaced some of the old picnic tables and benches at the parks, overseen the installation of lights at the Landing and replaced the old chain ladders with toddler swings. This years committee is headed up by Ken Jaskolski. Along with his ongoing project of constructing hiding havens for the small fish in the lake is working on replacing the rest of the old wooden benches and tables with the new plastic and metal. He has been consulting with the Garden Club and the landscaper to update procedures and further beautify the parks and fenceline. Ken could use some help in the day to day activities of the committee, and would appreciate any one having some expertise in handling small odd jobs to contact him at 467-3305 and volunteer a few hours every so often. He needs help specifically with sinking the reef construction materials and in spreading the new sand which will be delivered in mid-April.

A note of thanks goes out to the anonymous person who reinstalled the basketball hoop at the Landing. Hope you have more luck than we have in maintaining its integrity.

### EASTER BUNNY WOVES KIDS AT EGG HUNT!!

All those who attended the Easter Egg Hunt and Parade had a great time playing games, visiting with the Bunny and searching for hidden treasures at the Big Park. The activities started out by meeting and greeting at Christopher Beach across from Waff Rd. Saturday, March 22nd at 10 am. Children sported their homemade bonnets and spruced up strollers and bikes. In "Pied Piper" fashion the Easter Bunny then lead the parade through the winding streets to the Landing where all were let loose to search for hidden eggs.

The Social committee headed by Karen Cagni did a great job planning and executing this fun event for the children. The judges for the best bonnets and vehicles were Louella London, president of the Lake Christopher Garden Club and Andrea Koob, long time member of the Garden Club and Co-chair of the Social Committee. Winners of the prizes were Jessica Upchurch and Shelly Zytzniak for best bonnets. Matthew Eichmann took honors for the best decorated carriage. Connor Cason took the prize for the best decorated wagon and Lacy Miller and Skylar Jenkins made great "Bunnies on Bikes". Thanks to all who participated and what a great job you all did on your decorations.

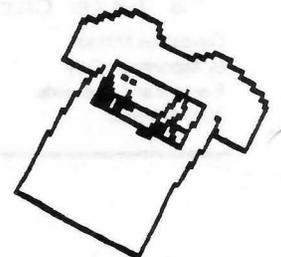
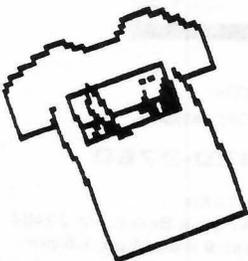
Mark your calendars for the next event which will be a hotdog roast at the Landing on May 24. Watch for information to come to you in a flyer closer to the day.

Of course, no one will want to miss the big party on July 4, 1997 at the Landing. All who attended in the previous years remember the delicious food and great company. Make plans to attend and bring your party to the park. Watch for more information in the flyer that will come out closer to the date of the party.

As usual, the committee will need help in setting up this event. Anyone with ideas and a little bit of time to help with this should call Karen at 467-3286.

**T-shirts and tank tops still available.**

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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.)

Color sample (Staining of siding or trim)

Vinyl sample (siding)

Vinyl trim sample

Plans (additions)

Plot map showing boundaries (Fence, dock, deck, etc.)

Windows

**\*\*\*\*\*Contractor signs for work currently underway must not exceed 2 square feet and must be removed upon completion of work. \*\*\*\*\***

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Signature





SHARON WHITE  
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GIRL SCOUTS

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF GIRLS  
WHO WILL BE ATTENDING  
KINDERGARTEN IN THE FALL!!

The Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast is now registering girls and adults for placement in troops in the fall.

The Kindergarten year in a girl scout's career is very important in that it acquaints girls and their parents with the purpose and programs in Girl Scouting and helps give girls confidence and self-esteem. For information on registering, please contact Donna Christensen, 495-3996.



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## NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for articles for the January issue of the Legacy is May 19, 1997.  
Place all ads and articles with Donna Christensen, 495-3996  
or with the Property Manager, Don Newell at 583-1801.

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## BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm.  
Please call the Property Manager at 583-1801 for location of the meetings.  
**Interested homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend.**

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## PROPERTY MANAGER

ALL CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO LAKE CHRISTOPHER HOMES ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

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