

The Legacy



July – August 2006

Summer is Here! Enjoy!

Summertime has arrived with warm weather, long days and no school! It's a great time to enjoy our beautiful Lake and the community parks. Swim, sail, fish, gather with your friends in the parks. But we need to remember we share with each other. Enjoy, but be a good neighbor as you have fun.

Look inside for rules for using the lake and parks, information about the carp fishing tournament, request form for a group party in the park, security tips for your vacation, etc.

Siding Problems? Is Vinyl Siding The Only Answer?

Over the years it has become evident that Lake Christopher homes were not built with the highest quality exterior siding materials. The siding products used became victims of poor preservation at the beginning, lack of maintenance and the effects of our climate. Eventually most of us will be faced with an expensive decision about re-siding our homes. Some homeowners have chosen to install new wood or the exact replacement material as the original, but there are other options available.

The overwhelming choice to date for replacement siding has been vinyl. In fact, right now there are 170 of 361 Lake Christopher homes with vinyl siding installed, nearly half of all homes. "Vinyl is Final" is a common expression used by siding salesman based on the facts that vinyl eliminates painting and is relatively maintenance free.

Several homeowners who desire to maintain as close as possible the appearance of the original siding material or who don't prefer the look of vinyl have inquired about a relatively new material generically called "fiber cement." This revolutionary product was developed as an alternative to wood. In appearance it is the most wood-like of any synthetic siding product to date. The Architecture Committee carefully considered this product based on its appearance and similarity to the original siding material and has approved several installations. Fiber cement material is available in both blank form to resemble "lap" siding and in sheet form to resemble "hardboard" siding used on our homes. The material has a surface grain profile giving it the natural appearance of wood. It does not have any of the undesirable characteristics of wood such as cracking, swelling, splitting, or shrinking. Termites will not attack it. Unlike vinyl siding, fiber cement must be painted; but it is claimed to hold paint much better than wood thus greatly increasing the time intervals between re-paintings. The cost is said to be competitive with high quality vinyl siding. Some manufacturers offer a 50-year warranty. There are several suppliers of fiber cement siding material and they offer a lot of information and comparisons. Please see: www.jameshardie.com/siding.htm or www.certainteed.com/CertainTeed/Homeowner/Homeowner/Siding/Prodindex/Fibercement/Shapes-Lap-Vertical.htm

The Architecture Committee wants you to know about this option. The Committee is not stating a preference for this material or the manufacturers mentioned above. We want you to have information. It's your choice. We will work with you to approve what works for your house and the community.

Steve Rogovich, Architectural Committee Chairman

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Summer is for the Birds

One of my favorite hobbies, besides working in my flower beds, is bird watching. I have 5 or 6 Birdbaths scattered around my yard - that is the only thing you need to attract birds to your yard....feeding them is just an added extra attraction. All birds love a Birdbath to bathe in and to drink from - not all birds go to feeders. I do feed the birds however, but if you don't want the mess or bother (or expense!) just put out some water for them.

You can buy wonderful Birdbaths at most any Lawn and Garden store or you can make your own. I have even seen one made out of an old aluminum trash can lid turned up side down and hung from a tree! No, the birds feet won't get hot - they don't have nerves there. Do put your Birdbath or feeder where you can see it

as you will get lots of pleasure seeing who your visitors will be.

FYI: I took a Robin's nest out of a tree last year and stuck it in the Pyracantha growing on the side of my garage as a decoration. Well, Mama Robin found it and has already laid her eggs and has hatched and fledged her first little Robins. Now, this week she is back and has laid 4 more eggs! She has provided endless delight to us and our grandchildren.

P. S. Garden Club meetings are over for the Summer but will resume in September at our annual Ice Cream Social . It is one of our favorite meetings to welcome new members, so if you would like to join us for fun and for learning about gardening, mark your calendar for Sept 11th, 7PM at the home of Susan Martin, 1516 Lake Christopher Drive.

Sharon White, President, 286-9375

New Garden Club Officers for Sept 2006 - August 2007

- President: Sandy Flaus
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Sunshine Chair: Maureen Flanagan

Yards of the Months

April

Winner: Karen Medina, 1629 LCD

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May

Winner: Dan & Louella London, 1500 LCD

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Dick Schwarz and Jackie O'Brien, 1505 LCD

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**LAKE CHRISTOPHER HOMES ASSOCIATION
REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY PARKS AND LAKE**

Revised and approved August 15, 2005

1. 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.
2. 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**.
3. The use of all playground equipment is restricted to children 12 years old and under.
4. Children under 10 years old must be directly supervised by a resident at least 12 years old.
5. No alcoholic beverages are permitted, unless advance written approval is obtained from the Park Security Committee Chair.
6. No glass containers of any type are permitted.
7. Persons using the facilities shall remove or properly dispose of their trash.
8. The feeding of waterfowl and other wildlife in any park or in the lake is prohibited.
9. No pets of any kind are allowed at any time.
10. No open fires are permitted unless advance written approval is given by the Parks Staff Chair.
11. 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.
12. Boats, sailboards and other watercraft shall be launched and removed from the lake parks only at the ramps provided.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.

16. Only electric motors rated no higher than 45 lbs. thrust are permitted.

17. Everyone using the parks shall conduct themselves civilly, so as not to infringe on or disrupt others.

18. Inappropriate or dangerous behavior, or not adhering to these rules, may result in the use of all the parks being revoked.



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Wildlife On The Lake Needs Our Help

by Jayne Hall

It is only the first week of June and already we have had very disturbing situations here on Lake Christopher.

On the Saturday before Memorial Day we noticed one of this year's Ducklings in trouble. Attached to the poor little creature was a huge fishing lure with three barbed hooks embedded in her foot, side and under her wing. We were able to coax her over to the dock but knowing she was vulnerable she would not come close enough for us to catch her. As an animal lover, this broke my heart.

We called SPCA Wildlife Rescue; two women came to our house one evening and spent three hours trying in vain to trap her. The little Duckling lived in pain and misery for eight days; until finally that same Rehabilitator brought five of her co-workers with her, they were able to chase her down in their kayaks and after another two hours of pursuit they were able to trap her under a dock and catch her. The lure had worked its way under her skin. There was severe infection in all three places and she needed surgery and antibiotics; without which she would have died a slow and excruciating death.

That same weekend we found a baby Turtle tied in a plastic bag with a few inches of water inside; I can only assume someone caught the tiny creature planning to make a pet of him. The Turtle had suffocated and died.

My question is: why do we have so many tragedies each year on the lake? The worst part being that they are totally unavoidable. We need the help of the whole community with this problem, if you choose to fish, please pick up your equipment (even a small piece of fishing line can get tangled around a Duck's leg and cut off circulation). Fishing gear is dangerous to everyone, swimmers, children wading in shallow water and animals. Please don't leave anything behind.

For the Turtle it was too late...the baby Duck will recover after being at the Rehabber's for a week on a regimen of antibiotics and a lot of TLC.

Please remember; we share this lake with wonderful wildlife and we need to protect and respect them for the living, breathing creatures they are. They are innocent beings and they deserve kindness and respect.

Lake Christopher Homes Association

Application for Lake Christopher Parks Private Group Function Permit

The Association's *Regulations for the Community Parks and Lake* (See pages 3 and 4) specifically state our parks are for the exclusive use of residents and their accompanied guests. Normally, no more than four (4) guests are permitted. Accommodation can be made for larger groups if prior permission has been granted, in writing, by an authorized member of the Board of Directors.

Please read and understand the following park regulations before making application for group use. The submission of this application signifies the understanding of, and agreement to, those regulations as well as the following additional rules.

1. The sponsor (host) of any functions shall be a member (in good standing) of the association and must be in continuous attendance at the function. The sponsor accepts responsibility for all actions of guests in attendance.
2. No Alcoholic beverages will be permitted unless specifically allowed by the permit. If alcohol is authorized, the sponsor will be responsible for assuring such beverages are consumed only by those of legal age to do so. Drunken behavior will not be tolerated. Park attendants are the final arbiters of sobriety.
3. A portable toilet is located in the big park, Lake Christopher Landing, for the convenience of the residents and their guests, from Memorial Day weekend until September. If the sponsor elects to provide an additional portable toilet for the use of guests, all arrangements of its delivery and removal are the sole responsibility of the sponsor. Should such convenience be desired, a \$50 deposit (personal check made payable to the Lake Christopher Homes Association, no cash) must accompany this application. Such toilets shall not be placed in a park more than 24 hours in advance of the function. Arrangements for its removal within 24 hours after the conclusion of the function must be made before the toilet is brought onto lake property. If the toilet remains on Lake Christopher property for longer than the above time period, park authorities will arrange for its removal at the sponsor's expense. If the toilet is promptly removed, the sponsor's deposit will be returned. Because of past carelessness and delinquent removal practices from several toilet rental companies, only those rentals from Spivey Rentals (757 485 8888) are authorized. The cost is approximately \$60 for a weekend.
4. No electronically amplified music or public address systems will be used.
5. No animals, including but not limited to ponies, fowl, domesticated (or wild) farm animals or live amusements such as pony rides or petting zoos are permitted.
6. Functions shall be concluded and the areas cleaned, by no later than 10:00 pm. Trash generated by the function shall be removed by the sponsor. Park trash cans are for the general park use and cannot accommodate refuse from special functions.
7. Please be respectful of the park, so that residents and guests may continue to enjoy the area. No parking is allowed on the grass or in the playground. If there is insufficient parking in the paved lot, please park on the street. If a sponsor or guest damages any common property the resident should bring the situation to the Park Attendant's attention, or notify the Park Chair, so that repairs can be arranged.

Please complete the form on the following page and submit it to either a Park Attendant or Connie Brown (Park Security Chair) at (757) 467 6572 or ShoreHome@aol.com. Requests are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow at least one week for processing.

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Lake Christopher Parks Private Group Function Permit



Name of Resident Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Nature of function (e.g. birthday party, church meeting)

Date of function: _____

Time period requested: _____

Maximum number attending: _____

Desired location: Landing (big park) _____ Narrows _____ Beach _____

Will a toilet be rented? _____

Will alcoholic beverages be served? _____

Additional comments/questions _____

(To be completed by Board of Directors)

From: Lake Christopher Homes Association Board of Directors Date: _____

To: _____

The above request for a Private Group Function is: Approved _____ Disapproved _____

This permit does not confer exclusive use of the park to your group; other residents are still welcome to enjoy the area.

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Lake Christopher Homes Association

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

(Revised March 2006)

General: The intent of the Architectural Guidelines is to establish standards for maintaining the overall appearance of our community in order to preserve the value and amenities of Lake Christopher as a quality place to live. The Guidelines also outline approval procedures to be followed by homeowners when making repairs and improvements. The Architecture Committee (AC) serves as the source of information and advice on matters concerning these guidelines.

1. STRUCTURAL CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS, AND ADDITIONS TO HOMES:

1.1 General: Any additions, exterior alterations, modifications, or changes to the external appearance of an existing home or any detached structure must have written approval granted by the AC before any work is undertaken. Examples of these projects shall include, but not limited to decks, fences, siding replacement, storage sheds, driveways, sidewalks, roof replacements, new windows or doors, docks, bulkheads, home additions, and exterior painting. Any addition, exterior alteration, modification, or change in external appearance must be compatible with the design character and style of the neighborhood. Each alteration must be specifically approved prior to installation even though the intended alteration or improvement conforms to the adopted guidelines or a similar or substantially identical alteration has been previously approved on another home.

1.2 ARCHITECTURAL REQUEST FORM: Homeowners are to submit an Architectural Request form in writing to the Lake Christopher Property Manager or the AC Chairman for each project. This form can be found in the "Legacy" newsletter or obtained from the AC. No oral requests will be considered and no oral approval will be granted. Each request form should contain sufficient drawings, samples, specifications, and details for the AC to make an adequate evaluation. In general, each request should include dimensions, materials, colors, location, and specifications. In the event insufficient information has been provided, the AC may ask for more specific details. The AC meets monthly (currently the first Tuesday) and residents are asked to submit their requests at least 30 days in advance of the anticipated start of the work.

1.3 MAINTAIN: Homeowners are required to maintain the appearance and structural integrity of their property in order to sustain the quality and value of the community. Structural maintenance shall include, but not limited to repainting or staining where the paint/stain has deteriorated, cleaning off mildew or other discoloration, replacing missing or damaged wood or vinyl siding and trim, and replacing broken, missing or deteriorated roof material, etc.

2. PAINTING AND STAINING:

2.1 General: The community policy for house painting is that all houses must have a two-color paint scheme: a primary color for the siding, and a second complimentary color for the trim. However, a third accent color may be added to the color scheme for only the main entrance door to accent this feature of the home. This third accent color must compliment the siding and trim colors and be approved by the AC. The type of paint and color to

	<u>PAINTING / STAINING CRITERIA</u>						
	<u>TYPE of PAINT</u>			<u>MATCH COLOR</u>			
	<u>FLAT</u>	<u>SATIN</u>	<u>SEMI GLOSS</u>	<u>WOOD FINISH</u>	<u>SIDING</u>	<u>TRIM</u>	<u>3RD COLOR</u>
SIDING	X			X	X		
TRIM	X	X	X	X		X	
MAIN ENTR. DR.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GARAGE DOOR	X	X	X		X	X	
OTHER DOOR	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WINDOWS	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MAILBOX & POST	X	X	X		X	X	
RAIN GUTTERS	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CONCEAL FENCE	X	X	X	X	X	X	
PROPERTY FENCE	X	X	X	X	X	X	

match is indicated in the PAINTING/STAINING CRITERIA above.

2.2 UNPAINTED SURFACES: Only the areas that are described may be painted. Unpainted surfaces such as brick shall remain unpainted. No painting of the exterior of a home or structure except to restore original appearance after minor repairs shall be made without the express written authorization of the AC.

2.3 COLORS: Paint colors traditionally have leaned toward earth tone colors. The color range for siding should fall within the following: browns, grays, beiges, taupes, tans and gray-greens. Colors strictly prohibited include yellow, gold, red, blue, black, white, orange, purple, and pink. Trim colors must be complimentary to the basic siding color and must also be in low to moderate contrast. The approval of paint colors will include consideration of the existing colors of adjacent homes.

2.4 SAMPLE: When an architectural request is submitted for painting, samples must be applied side by side directly on the home to an area measuring at least one foot by three feet for each color. If the third accent color is utilized a sample shall be submitted along with samples of the siding and trim colors.

3. VINYL SIDING

3.1 General: With AC approval, installation of vinyl siding is permitted on all homes. This includes vinyl or aluminum material covering the trim and under-eave soffit areas. Texture and finish: Vinyl siding material must have a flat (non-glossy) finish and a wood grain texture.

3.2 Dimensions: The siding must have a minimum exposed width of 4 1/2 inches and a maximum exposed width of 6 inches.

3.3 Colors: Color combinations will be considered case by case. In general, the same color guidelines apply as for paint colors. Vinyl siding that simulates natural wood siding is acceptable within the color

guidelines and is recommended for existing cedar sided homes. Siding and trim colors must coordinate with roof and brick colors and must be different from adjacent homes. While vinyl windows are permitted, the white vinyl color for the windows is not.

3.4 Installation: Vertical hanging of vinyl/aluminum siding is not permitted. Application designs will be evaluated case by case.

3.5 Approval Procedure: When submitting an Architectural Request for vinyl siding and vinyl or aluminum trim, include at least a six inch long sample in the actual color, material and width requested. If trim is to be painted, an adequately sized paint sample must be included.

4. MAINTENANCE OF CEDAR-SIDED HOUSES:

4.1. General: Excessively discolored and deteriorated cedar siding should be restored to its natural state by power washing and/or bleaching. The siding must be preserved with a transparent/semi-transparent stain, solid color paint, or a wood preservative. Stain and paint colors are subject to approval by the AC for color compliance.

5. PROPERTY FENCING:

5.1 General: The AC must approve all fencing installations. Fencing must meet VA Beach City Codes regarding placement on corner and interior lots and fence height restrictions. In no case may fencing in Lake Christopher exceed six feet in height, and a height of less than six feet is encouraged. The submittal for approval shall show elevation, cross section, and plan views indicating support members, dimensions, locations of the fence and any gates or openings.

5.2 LOCATION: Fences are normally limited to extend only from the rear property line to the forward corner of a house. No fencing is to be constructed on waterfront lots that would obscure the view of the lake from the street or adjacent

homes. Any fence visible to a roadway or common area of Lake Christopher must be constructed with the finished side facing the exterior of the property.

5.3 TYPE: Only wood fencing is authorized. Stockade, board on board, post and rail, and types similar to existing fencing are the generally accepted types. Stockade fencing must be installed with the points down. The top edge must be even, preferably with some type of trim cap to give a more finished appearance. Metal chain link or metal panel fencing is not permitted. All fencing must be maintained in good repair. Screen wire may be used on split rail fencing, but it must not extend higher than the top of the vertical fence posts.

5.4 COLOR: In most cases fences should be painted, stained, or treated to match the house siding or trim color. Exceptions are granted based on the type and characteristics of the wood used.

6. STORAGE SHEDS

6.1 Small storage shed structures are permitted on Lake Christopher properties provided that they are well constructed and architecturally compatible with the home. Sheds will not be placed in such a manner that blocks the lake view or is in plain sight from the street. Additionally, all requests for storage sheds must meet the following guidelines:

6.2. The shed must be a rectangular structure with a floor area not exceeding 150 square feet. The floor must be constructed of wood decking over a post and beam foundation. Alternate permissible floors are concrete slabs or a wood pallet firmly anchored to the ground.

6.3. The total height measured from ground level to the peak of the roof may not exceed 11 feet.

6.4. The shed structure shall be located in an area of the property that is as unobtrusive as possible. In situations where the planned location is close to property lines, full consideration shall be given to the desires of the affected neighbor(s). On lakefront homes, sheds will not obstruct views of the lake from any direction. *In all cases, final shed location will be approved by the AC.*

6.5. The shed shall be single wall construction and sided, trimmed and gable roofed (approximately 5 on 12 pitch) to match the architectural style of the main house structure. All established architectural guidelines apply. Specifically, no mansard, gambrel, shed or flat roof styles are permitted.

6.6 Commercially purchased shed kits and pre assembled sheds will be considered provided they are installed and modified (if necessary) to meet these and all other existing Lake Christopher architectural guidelines.

6.7. The shed must be painted (or sided) to match the existing colors of the house and trimmed to match the main house structure style. Roof shingles must match the color and style of the main house.

6.8. A Lake Christopher architectural request form must be submitted with the planned location clearly marked on a plat or scaled property map with conceptual views of the floor plan and elevation. Additional information must include siding and roofing material samples, window/door catalog cuts (or samples) and/or paint samples.

6.9. Plastic snap-together storage containers produced by manufacturers such as Rubbermaid are not considered sheds for the purpose of these guidelines.

6.10. Electrical service to the shed by underground cable is permitted provided the appropriate permits are obtained from the City of Virginia Beach and City Code officials inspect the installation.

6.11. Building permits (if required by the city) must be obtained prior to the start of construction. Shed placement may require city zoning (setback) approval

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1. Exterior Lighting - Exterior lighting does not normally require approval. However, no Permanent exterior lighting shall be directed so as to create an annoyance to neighbors. Security lighting should be directed or shielded so that it is contained on the homeowner's property and does not pose a blinding hazard to vehicles on the street.

7.2 Antennas - Satellite TV receiving dishes and over-the-air TV receiving antennas are permitted under the guidance of Federal legislation. Certain restrictions apply:

a. Satellite TV receiving dishes cannot exceed one (1) meter (39.3 inches) in diameter.

b. The location of any such antennas must be approved by the AC. The guideline is that the antenna or dish must be placed in an as visually unobtrusive a location as possible, while still allowing reception of signals. Any exterior wires for antennas or cable TV service must be kept neatly secured in place. Wires must not be laid across roof surfaces.

7.3. Basketball Poles & Backboards - Basketball backboards can be installed on the roof above the garage door, mounted on a portable pole in driveways or mounted on a pole not visible from the street. They must meet commercial standards and appearance. Backboards mounted on garage roofs must be painted the same as the existing house siding or trim color in order to blend in and not stand out from the general appearance of the house. All backboards, nets and poles must be kept in good condition and not be allowed to rust or deteriorate. Basketball poles are not to be kept in the street.

7.4 Clotheslines - Outside clotheslines are not allowed except umbrella-type or retractable lines which are to be stored out of sight when not in use.

7.5. Docks and Piers - A dock or pier can extend no higher than ground (bulkhead) level, and extend no further than 10 feet into the lake. Docks and piers can be as wide as the property lines allow.

7.6. Roof Shingle Replacement - Roof colors are to be complimentary to the house trim and siding colors. One consistent color is to be used on the entire roof. Samples of material intended for roof replacement must be provided to the AC for approval of color, style and appearance. White roofs are not acceptable.

7.7. Signs - Contractor signs can only be displayed while work on a home is in progress and should not exceed 2 sq. ft in size. Garage sale signs must be removed promptly at the completion of the sale.

7.8. Flag Poles - A flag pole may be installed no taller than 16 feet in height. Lakefront flag poles may not exceed 12 feet in height.

7.9. Garage Doors - Replacement metal or fiberglass garage doors are allowed but are subject to AC approval. Doors should be paneled similar to the original doors and must be painted within painting guidelines. Deteriorated, split, warped, or dented doors must be replaced or repaired.

8. GENERAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

8.1 Maintain: Homeowners are required to maintain the overall neat and orderly appearance of their property and yards. This shall include keeping lawns, shrubs, hedges, trees or any other plant trimmed/cut/pruned and weeds eliminated. Shrubs and trees may not be allowed to become an obstacle to pedestrians on sidewalks or to create blind spots for vehicles on streets. No healthy tree of six inches or more in diameter (as measured to a point two feet from the ground) shall be cut down without the written authorization of the AC. Dead trees and tree stumps must be removed completely.

8.2 Yard Appearance: Miscellaneous items left strewn about which give the appearance of an unkempt property are prohibited. Firewood is to be neatly stacked behind the front edge of the house. No lumber, metals, bulk materials, refuse, trash, yard maintenance equipment, etc. shall be allowed to accumulate on any lot, except while in conjunction with an approved construction project in progress. Propane gas, water, or similar tanks must be concealed with fencing similar in appearance to the siding or existing fences on the property. Miscellaneous equipment, yard tools, and materials, etc. must be stored out of view from adjacent homes and the street. Likewise, trash and recycling containers are to be kept out of public view. They are not to be put out on the street until the night before trash collection day (currently Fridays), and are to be returned to their out-of-sight storage areas by the evening of collection day.

8.3 Parking and Storage of Vehicles, Boats and Trailers: Motor vehicles must be parked only on the street, on paved driveway surface or in garages. No motor vehicles are to be parked on any curbside areas, lawns, landscaping, flowerbeds or sidewalks including the front, sides and rear of any home. Vehicles which are disabled, not currently licensed or registered, or are otherwise inoperable, may not be stored on any property in view or in the street.

No RV's, campers, utility trailers or commercial or business machinery shall be stored in any driveway or lot except in a garage. Boats and associated trailers shall be kept in backyards or side yards behind the front edge of the house. No mobile home, camper, RV or trailer shall be utilized as a residence on any portion of the lot at any time either temporarily or permanently

9. HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITY

Homeowners are responsible for complying with all architectural guidelines. They should make arrangements for someone to comply with any and all of the above guidelines in their absence, including a prolonged vacation or business trips. Owners who rent their property shall inform the Association Property Manager of the name of their Realtor or Rental Agent in case they need to be contacted on any matter concerning their property. Owners should ensure that tenants possess a copy of the guidelines and are briefed on what is expected of them in matters that they will routinely be handling.

While the cat's away (or the dog is at the vet) ... the burglar plays!

Make sure to secure your house this season when leaving for vacation. Some tips that will discourage break ins any time of year.

1. Put up window decals or yard signs that warn of marked items or the presence of a security system. This seems to be a very effective deterrent – lowering your chances of break ins by as much as 75%.
2. Drill holes in the window frames and insert a nail or pin. This keeps the window from being lifted out.
3. Have a trusted neighbor watch your property. Put some of your lamps on timers so that it always looks as if there is some activity in your house.
4. Stop the paper. The Virginian Pilot home delivery number is 446-9000. A paper stop is an easy touch tone process that you can do any time of the day or night. The digital voice asks for your telephone number, a stop date and resume date. That's all there is to it.
5. Stop the mail or have someone collect it for you. Next time you're at the post office, take a handful of those yellow "Stop Delivery" cards that are on the counter in the aisle. Place one in the mailbox for pickup. No need to go to the post office time after time.
6. A piece of wood placed tightly in the sliding glass door track prevents its sliding.
7. A solid door with a double deadbolt lock delays an intruder who will likely go off to find a faster - and easier - place to enter.
8. Place a BEWARE OF DOG sign on the property. Again, a thief will probably go find another house that doesn't look as formidable.
9. Get advice from the police and your insurance company when thinking about installing a security system. Some companies offer a discount on your homeowners insurance if there is an alarm system (and also if there are smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, so pay a visit to the hardware store and save some money!).

You don't need to have the most secure house in Virginia Beach. We just want to show the bad guys that Lake Christopher houses are not the easiest to enter and pillage!

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Lake Christopher Homes Association
Architectural Review Request
(Revised 2-1-2004)

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From: Name of homeowner _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

To: Lake Christopher Homes Association
c/o Nylene Shutt, CMCA, AMS, Association Manager
Gifford Management, P O Box 14399, Norfolk, VA 23518

Subject: Architectural Request

1. As required by the Lake Christopher Architectural Guidelines, I would like to have this request considered for review by the Architectural Committee.
2. The following information is provided to the Committee for the review of my request:

General Description of the work being requested:

(Check as applicable and enclose / attach any additional information)

- Detailed drawings, plans, sketches or plat showing boundaries
- Vinyl siding, roof shingle and/or trim samples (**Must** include color name and style)
- Color sample for painting (**Must** include names of colors)
- Sample of roof shingle material
- Other samples and information as applicable (windows, doors, frames, etc.)

Signature of Homeowner

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As a Realtor living in Lake Christopher (my family moved here in 1985) you often hear me say I both live and work in our neighborhood! It is a real pleasure working with so many of my neighbors and helping them sell their homes or helping new people buy and move in. I always say when you buy Lake Christopher you buy a lifestyle as well as a home. Not many neighborhoods have the wonderful amenities we enjoy.

The questions I get most often now are "What will happen to my property values over the next few years?" and "What is going on with the market?"

We have certainly seen our property values rise. I know, taxes rose too, but that is part of reaping the benefits of increased equity. Lake Christopher homes realized small 3-5% annual increases in value for many years. Over the past few "Selling Frenzy" years, the values have caught up with other Virginia Beach communities. Now that the Sellers Market has ended, values will continue to rise at the "normal" rate that all of Virginia Beach will enjoy. What is that rate? Well, I wish I could answer that but since I don't have a crystal ball so we will just have to wait and see.

The good news is our values will always increase. We can thank our Board and Architectural Committee for helping keep our homes in better than average condition and our neighborhood a desirable place to live. Lakeside homes will always hold excellent value since there is little affordable "waterfront" property. This in turn affects prices of off lake homes as well. The lake is a big benefit to all of us.

To answer the second question, the market is leveling and we are seeing a traditional real estate market emerge. Sellers are enjoying the increased equity but Buyers can now choose their new home more leisurely and ask for some concessions. Houses are staying on the market longer, we are seeing as much as 3-5 months.

If you would like more information or have a question you can easily contact me:

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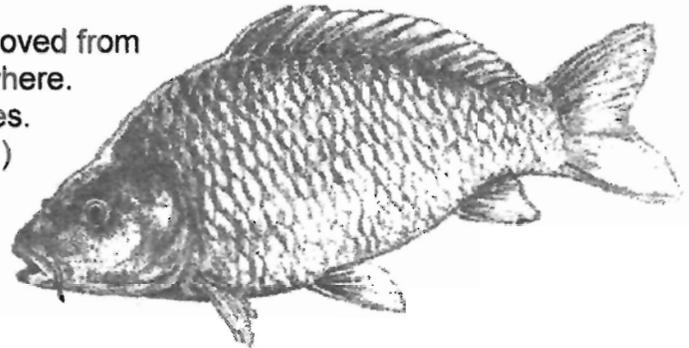
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Summer 2006 Carp Fishing Tournament

Catch a Carp and make it count! The beasts are getting some size to them again and we want to make sure they don't take over as they almost did about 5 years ago. All summer long: from **Memorial Day through Labor Day** you can be a part of the contest by catching a carp from Lake Christopher and removing it from the Lake and Parks. There will be Cash Prizes for the three biggest (by weight) carp taken from the lake and largest cumulative weight. Have fun, be safe and you will be helping to maintain the vitality of our precious common asset. The little bass, sun fish and blue gill will be a lot happier too. Last year's heaviest was 26 pounds (!!) but even a one pound catch won money.

Rules:

- Fish taken are to be Carp only – no other species count.
- Fish anywhere in the lake, but please be courteous to lakefront homeowners and steer clear of any swimmers (*their weight doesn't count for the tournament either*).
- Open to all residents of Lake Christopher whose dues are up to date and their guests.
- Children under 10 *must* be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult; guests *must* be accompanied by their resident host.
- **Catch must be registered with the Park Staff person on duty. They can weigh, measure and record your catch.**
- Catch must be removed from the lake and removed from the Parks! You must dispose of them elsewhere. (Carp is really good eating despite the bones. Or it makes great cat food and fertilizer too.) Anyone into taxidermy?
- All rules and regulations for the use of the Common Areas apply so be sure to review them before coming to the parks or boating on the lake.



Cash Prizes

- \$ First Place (heaviest single carp): \$75
- \$ Second Place (next heaviest single carp): \$50
- \$ Third Place (third heaviest single carp): \$25
- \$ Largest total cumulative weight: \$75

Carp can become quite large, up to 48 inches long with a weight of up to 50 lbs! It is silvery, with the back darker than the belly. The fins are greyish-green; the tail fin has two distinct lobes. There are 4 threads on the upper lip of the mouth.

Remember, all catches must be registered with the Park Staff to be eligible. Only one prize per resident to be awarded.

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Barbara White, who lives on Quarry Lane, moved here from Newport News 3 years ago, after the loss of her husband. She retired from Newport's East side as a Teaching Assistant / Reading Recovery Teacher. After many visits to her daughter, Karen Birch, she fell in love with the area and decided that it would be a good move for her to come to Lake Christopher.

Barbara has two daughters (and 3 grandchildren): Cynthia Brownell, who is a graduate of Merchant Marine academy and has 3 children; and Karen, who is studying for a teaching degree at ODU.

She graduated from Norview High School, has an adopted kitty (who had been abused) named Barney, and loves to decorate and do yard work. She does volunteer work with nursing homes.

She remembers when neighbors were neighbors and would like to see a welcome wagon or some similar program for Lake Christopher. She too would like to see the speeders stopped. It is a definite problem.

When you drive past her home, she'll probably be working in her yard or sitting and enjoying her backyard from her deck. Stop and say "hello".

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Marge and Bob Posch: What a delightful experience calling this couple on their 42nd wedding anniversary. They live on Captains Run and have for the past 19 years. Marge is originally from Saint Johns Newfoundland, Canada and Bob is from Buffalo, New York. Marge was working for the Department of Defense in Newfoundland and Bob was in the Navy when they met and married. After getting out of the Navy, he worked the Border Patrol in Central California before working for the Department of Justice, Immigration Department. He retired after 9/11. Both he and Marge are enjoying their home and their grandchildren. Their three children: Staci, who lives in Williamsburg, has 4 boys. Mark, who lives in Norfolk, has 3 girls and a boy. Dawn lives in South Mills, NC with her husband.

Marge graduated from St. Theresa High School and Bob graduated from W. Seneca High School. They have a kitty named Molly and both enjoy being active either walking or riding a bike around Lake Christopher. Most of you have seen Bob pedaling away many a day. He did take a tumble and hasn't been able to ride, but we are hoping that soon he will be OK to ride again.

They especially enjoy sitting out on the sunroom enjoying the birds and other wildlife that frequent our backyards.

By Sally Parsons

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Want ads, For Sales, Lost and Founds, and small service ads are free to Lake Christopher Residents. Business ads are \$10 per issue or \$50 for six issues for a Business Card size ad. Call Paul Flanagan at 467-2357 for more information. Deadline for the September 2006 issue is August 21, 2006.

ATTEND THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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