

The Legacy



September – October 2006



Another Fun Independence Day!

Lake Christopher Community greeted the 4th of July this year with another great "pig-pickin" picnic. The weather was a little muggy and warm but the spirit of the neighborhood was well displayed, the food and drink enjoyed and just being with neighbors and friends at the lake was a real soul booster.

Putting together a party like this requires a lot of team effort and attention to detail. We couldn't have asked for better coordinators than Susan Martin and Sandy Flaus. Together with the backing of Donna Christensen and the Board of Directors, they brought off a thoroughly

enjoyable get together. A lot of the credit also goes to the wonderful talents of our perennial DJ, Patrick from *Astro Disk Jockeys* who seems to enjoy these parties as much as we do. Of course, it wouldn't be Independence Day without the great food from *Price's Barbeque*.

What exactly goes into the planning of the picnic? Actually we start the day of the party planning for next year. Mr. Price and Patrick pencil us in for next year. All the suggestions we receive from residents are written down for consideration at the next planning meeting.

At the end of April we start to seriously plan the party. The caterer and DJ are confirmed; tables and chairs rented; estimates sought for any new ideas; inventory of supplies from the previous year taken and volunteers are rounded up. Invitations are prepared for any special guests such as the Mayor, City Council members, Fire and Rescue and Police Officers. A flyer is prepared in time to go into the June Newsletter. From the time the flyer is published until July 1, tickets are sold at one or two of the chair's homes.

A week before the party the shopping is completed and the beer ordered. Although most of the food is supplied by the caterer, we still shop for those little extras like chips and dip, salsa and extra lemonade and tea. The Caterer is notified of the number of tickets sold and any final tweaks to the menu are made.

P-day is almost here; time for the real work to begin. The evening before the party a group of intrepid



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neighbors gets together to put up the tents and set up the tables and chairs for the next day. Generally 8 people are required for this task. The tent boxes are very heavy and it takes real team work to get those things out of the shed. This year our group included Steve Azar, Don Carter, Clark Christensen, Stephanie Haen, Mark Kressler, Patrick O'Neill, Sally Parsons, Pete and Phyllis Woodhead and Josh Brown. Pete and Phyllis lent us the use of their own pop up tent for the check-in and snack area.

On the day of the party Marcus Pfeiffer checks his camera for taking pictures of the party which will be used in the new phone directory and newsletter. Marcus and Donna mix the lemonade and tea in the 5 gallon containers owned by the committee. Marcus and Jenny's house makes a great staging area and they are gracious enough to lend a hand.

Susan, Sandy and Donna arrive at the park well ahead of time to set up the snacks and registration table. Sue Edwards and Mary Wick arrive to take over the task of registering all the guests. The caterer arrives and the smell of fried chicken and barbecue is overwhelming—stimulating the appetite. Patrick from *Astro* sets up and starts up his music and is gathering his equipment for the games to follow. Luke Hebert lent a hand setting up the trash bags and generally helping with the heavy lifting.

Meanwhile Ken and Josh Brown go hunting for the beer in their truck while Connie Brown delivers the cakes (which she has donated to the party) to Marcus' house for safekeeping until ready to serve. Gifford Management donated two kegs of beer to the community. Sharon White donated \$50 towards the appetizers and extra drinks. Ken and Josh arrive and set up the beer and ice; Donna recruits some very nice young men who are swimming nearby to help bring the large drink coolers over from Marcus' house and we're ready to go.

Once the party starts everyone seems to relax and have a good time. Dinner is served, and capped off with the delicious cakes supplied by Connie Brown. One is a white cake with strawberry filling and the other chocolate with chocolate mousse filling. Outstanding! Kathleen Cantrell and Gerry Linneball do the honors serving the cake. The games and music continue till every one has had their fill and everyone settles in to enjoy the cooling temperatures and the sunset. But the work is not done yet. Those tents have to be put away, the tables and chairs stacked, the trash gathered together, supplies and equipment put away. Most everyone lends a hand with the immediate clean up. The trash is to be picked up by Travis Hayes in the morning and taken to the landfill. The next afternoon, Bob Cantrell, Clark and Donna Christensen, Sally Parsons, Sandy Flaus, Josh Brown and the on duty park guard take down the big tents and stow them away.

And we're off planning for next year's party. Please consider being a part of this project. It is our one gathering of the year where so many of our homeowners and residents are all together in one place at the same time and it contributes so much to the feel of this community. We've already got some good people on board for next year. Give Donna a call at 495-3996 to sign up and be a part of the party within the party. Have fun, and a tremendous thank you to all who lent a hand this year. You make it great!



Autumn Gardening

It seems way too soon, but autumn is just around the corner. By the time you read this, we may be seeing cooler days and nights. This is absolutely my favorite time of year to work outside and enjoy my garden.

Here are just a few notes I have jotted down and want to share.

If you want a few bright red rose hips for winter, now is the time to leave a few dying flowers on the rose bushes. Don't leave too many per plant as seed pods take of a lot of plant energy.

Late August and September are prime days for dividing irises and moving peonies.

Garden mums are truly anchor plants for the fall garden. They'll carry you through to winter with rich colors of purple, gold, white, pinks and maroons.

Other great plants to brighten your fall garden are Rudbeckia, Mexican Salvia, Dahlias, and Autumn Joy Sedum, Cone Flowers, Winterberry and Hardy Begonias. Reward yourself with a visit to your favorite Garden Center.

September through October is the perfect time to add new shrubs, bushes and trees to your landscape. Don't forget to set out some pansies for late season color.

P. S. Garden Club meetings 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 10th, 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

Vice President: Sharon White

Secretary: Donna Christensen

Treasurer: Kathy Butterbaugh



2006 Meeting Schedule

- Sept 10, 2006 Ice Cream Social: 7PM, 1516 Lake Christopher Dr
Oct 7, 2006 Fall Yard Sale, 9AM-3PM
Oct 2, 2006 7PM, Topic: Backyard Habitats, L C Resident, Fran Adams
Nov 6, 2006 7PM, Topic: Growing Ferns, York County Extension Agent, Jim Orband
Dec 2, 2006 Poinsettia Sale, 9AM-3PM, 1508 Lake Christopher Dr
Dec 4, 2006 Cookie Exchange, 7PM

For event locations not shown, please call: Sharon White, 226-0464 or Sandy Flaus, 474-0021

Improved security will protect your new stereo and your television, along with your family. If you still think you will never be a kidnap victim, could you say the same about burglary? What did the new stereo cost you? How much time and irritation will go into reporting the crime, computing depreciation for the insurance company, etc.? Why not put the time into better security?

A home security survey can be coordinated for your home by contacting the Fourth Precinct, Virginia Beach Police (474-8500) and requesting to speak with a crime prevention officer.

- Change all locks when moving in after previous tenant or owner.
- Do not leave keys in a "hiding place" outside the home.
- Develop a sufficient rapport with your neighbors to be able to watch out for each other's homes, especially during trips, vacations, etc.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed. Lush plants or overgrown shrubbery can shield intruders.
- Outside security lighting is a must. Also, invest in a timing device for the inside of your home.
- Do not give out your phone number in response to a "wrong number." If the caller asks, "What number is this?", you reply by asking, "What number are you calling?"
- Your children should be instructed in the proper use of the telephone. Teach them not to give out personal information.
- All home phones should have police, fire, and ambulance phone numbers posted on them or by them. Remember 911 or 427-5000 (non-emergency).
- Keep a running inventory of your personal belongings. If any are stolen, you will have the information for the police and your insurance company.

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New to the neighborhood having moved here 3 years ago are **Richard and Jackie Schwartz**. Both were looking to retire to a moderate climate and less congested area than Northern Virginia. They fell in love with the Lake Christopher neighborhood and moved into their house (1505 Lake Christopher Drive) that July. With seven grandchildren between them, the lake and the park have been a wonderful outlet for the children.

Richard is originally from San Diego and graduated from Ramona High School and Berkley. He wrote contract proposals for the government and Jackie coordinated the proposals, which is how they met. He has two sons and enjoys model railroading. One room of their home holds quite a display.

Jackie has lived in quite a few interesting places, Las Vegas being one. She is originally from Utica, NY. But she too graduated from a San Diego High School, Crawford. She also has two sons and loves quilting. She belongs to the Tidewater Quilting Guild and has 2 quilts that will be on display at the Guild's show in October.

You can find Richard usually out working on his lawn or painting his house. And thank you, Jackie, for the help in spreading out sand in the lake parks this past Spring.

Ruth and George Brooks, who I look at as world travelers, moved here in 1978. Both were born in Lanett, Alabama, and from there have lived in Athens, Greece, California, Florida, New Jersey, Virginia, etc. In 1978 they bought their lot at 1736 Lake Christopher Drive. Having sold a home in the Level Green section, they stayed at the beach while this home was being built.

Both graduated from Lanett High school. After 20 years in the Navy, George worked another 30 for the DoD at Dam Neck and Ruth worked at and retired from the Armed Forces Staff College after 30 years. During this period, George graduated from TCC and Ruth graduated from Commonwealth College.

At present Ruth has been appointed by our Mayor to work on the Open Space Sub Committee. Both have been strong community supporters with George serving on an earlier Board of Directors and Ruth belonging to the Garden Club. They both have taken an active interest in the different parks' upkeep, but they feel the lake does not seem as clear as it usually does. They can also remember when the lake was filled with numerous activities and miss seeing that happening any more.

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Found?

Some kayak paddles "disappeared" recently. The associated kayaks disappeared at the same time, but the kayaks have been found and returned home. But paddling with just your hands is *really* tough! If you found the missing kayak paddles, please call Lee Watkins at 467-0356. Paddles, a kayak, a lake ... what could be better?

Yards of the Months

June

Yard of the Month: Barbara White
5212 Quarry Lane

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But Lake Christopher needs our help to remain beautiful. The water runoff from our lawns, parks and streets goes directly into the lake.

When we use excessive lawn fertilizer or when we pour paint, oil, grease or other noxious liquids into the street or down our driveways, we pollute the Lake that we share.

Who wants to swim in paint or oil? We prefer to swim in clear spring water. Please help us all. Please do not pour paint, oil or other vile stuff into the streets or parks. Please help us keep Lake Christopher healthy, safe and fun for all!

ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE: Make Us Your First Stop.

The volunteer members of the Architecture Committee are very active with accepting architectural review applications and processing notices of violations. In addition, re-sale inspections were made of houses being sold. Windows, doors and roof shingle replacements continue to be the most common requests, followed by painting and vinyl siding. The subject of most home appearance violations is the need of exterior repairs, especially the need for painting and replacement of deteriorated wood. Other common violations include improper parking of vehicles and leaving trash or re-cycling containers outside in constant public view,

The AC meets monthly and asks that homeowners allow at least a 30-day time period for a written response to any application. Homeowners often expect an instant reply but this does not allow a fair and accurate review by the Committee. Many applications are initially disapproved because of missing information or a lack of detail in the case of more complex requests. For example, submitting a request for painting without including a sample of the colors desired or a request for vinyl siding without a sample of the material. The committee asks that homeowners carefully review the Architectural Guidelines before submitting a request in order to avoid delays in processing. Each application is carefully reviewed for compliance with the Guidelines and each gets a written reply of approval, disapproval or request for additional information. Please refer to Section 1 of the Lake Christopher Architectural Guidelines for complete details on what defines property modifications and the procedure for making applications for review by the Committee. (The Guidelines were printed in the last issue of the *Legacy*. They will be printed also in the next issue.)

Your Architecture Committee will continue to work along with you to help maintain the appearance and style of our community and resolve matters of violations fairly and consistently. Please ask for assistance or advice if needed with any questions or matters concerning review applications or violations.

The community is looking very good overall and it is noted that many homeowners are planning substantial projects in the coming months like multiple room additions, siding, window and door replacements, and major landscape upgrades.

Steve Rogovich, Chairman of Architecture Committee

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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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ATTEND THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Board meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M. **HOMEOWNERS' FORUM** is held at the beginning of each meeting. Have a gripe? Make a suggestion? Give a "warm fuzzy"? Please call Nylene Shutt, CMCA, AMS, our Property Manager, at 583-5979 ext. 330 for the meeting location. Nylene's Address: Gifford Management Group, PO Box 14399, Norfolk VA 23518. Email: nshutt@giffordmgmtgroup.com

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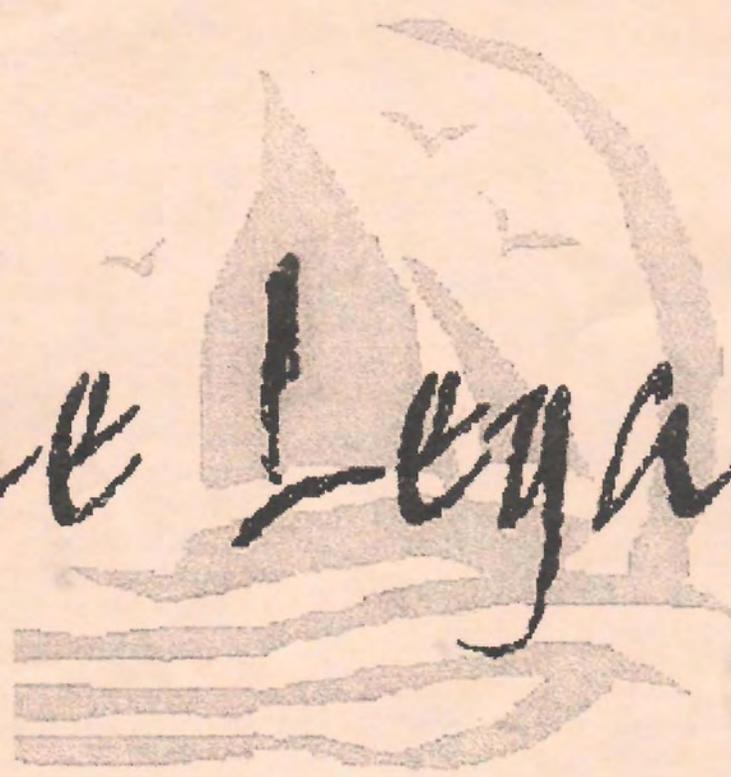
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