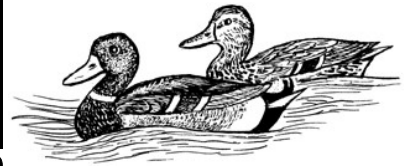


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September Civic League Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Bayside Presbyterian Church

1400 Ewell Rd (corner of Ewell & Independence)

Ewell Road Entrance

7:00PM - Social Time & Light Refreshments

7:30PM - Meeting Begins

PROGRAM

**Candidate Forum between
Joe Bouchard & Chris Stolle**



Everyone had such a
good time at our
June Picnic



L to R: District Delegate, Joe
Bouchard, Mary Jane Taylor,
& Mayor Will Sessoms
at our Picnic



Remember last year?
It's coming again this year.
Fun for ALL!
Oct 25th

Upcoming Events

Oct 20 Civic League General Meeting

Oct 22 Deadline for Pansy Orders

POC: Teen @ 671-7991

Edie @ 473-3458

(See Page 6 for details)

Sunday, October 25th

Your LST/HP/GS Civic League will be
having its 2nd annual **HAYRIDE HAPPENING**
for Civic League members and their families.
Details later but SAVE THIS DATE

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President's Corner

John Eason

I look forward to the next two years as your Civic League's president after serving as vice president for the past two years. We have many new members on the Board ready to work hard to keep our neighborhood one of the very best in Virginia Beach.

We are very grateful for the fine work done by Mary Jane Taylor and her director team over the past two years. There were many accomplishments under Mary Jane's leadership, including the establishment of our Neighborhood Watch program, and the addition of a left turn signal to the traffic light at Ewell and Independence. I also thank Mary Jane for the smooth transition we were able to make this summer.

This Civic League was founded 42 years ago in the new community of Lake Smith Terrace. In the years since, the Civic League has grown along with the neighborhood to include the homes in Lake Smith Terrace West, Lake Smith Estates, Governor Square and Haygood Point – a community of more than 900 homes.

This Civic League's annual activities ended with the picnic back in early June. We hope all residents have enjoyed a warm and safe summer. Even though there were no visible civic league activities throughout the summer, the Board continued to meet and plan for the new year.

The *Ripples* may have a different look this year as we added Peggy Craig as our new editor-in-chief. Peggy came to us with excellent credentials as a newsletter editor.

September is the month for our annual membership drive. John Salazar is our new membership chairman and has prepared an insert in this newsletter with a self addressed envelope to make it easy for you to join or renew your membership to the Civic League. For \$10.00 you and your entire household can support the Civic League that supports you. Take a minute and send your check today.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our first membership meeting on September 15th. Come out to enjoy some refreshments, fellowship and participate in the candidate forum between Joe Bouchard and Chris Stolle.



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Neighborhood Watch

Sam Hribal

Neighborhood Watch did not take a vacation this summer. Block Captains, Area Coordinators and our neighbors kept a close watch on our community. Yes, we did have some incidents and these were quickly relayed to the VBPD, were investigated and at least one resulted in an arrest. Neighbors watching out for each other helps keep undesirables out of our community.

We are actively working toward certifying the last remaining area, Lake Smith Terrace South. We need two Block Captains in the blocks just east of the "Duck Crossing" on Five Forks and Ewell Roads. If you or someone that you know could take this on, please contact me (232-3018) or Mary O'Neill (464-6324).

Beware of unscrupulous solicitors. Door-to-door solicitors are required by Virginia Beach City Code to have a copy of the City issued solicitor's permit with them at the time they are soliciting. The permit should contain a recent photograph of the solicitor presenting it. If they cannot produce it, call the VBPD (385-5000).

Watch for the unusual – if you suspect anything out of the ordinary, see suspicious people or see suspicious activity in the neighborhood:

- **First** call VBPD non-emergency number, 385-5000. Give them a description of the person or persons and describe why you feel they are acting suspicious.
- **Second** call your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

If you see an actual crime being committed or about to be committed, call VBPD at **911 immediately**.

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Garden Club Notes

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Barrett Tharrington, President
barrett209@aol.com



**You Got Moles?
You Got Voles!**

The time to catch them is NOW. Locate their exit holes in your lawn and garden areas. Mouse traps baited with peanut butter or apples is better for the environment than traps baited with store bought poisons. Place the trap next to the exit hole and cover with a large flower pot. Weight the pot to keep domestic pets from getting to the trap. Check Daily.

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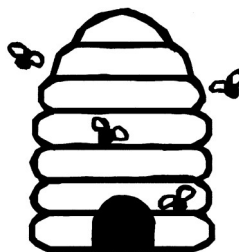
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(It's under construction!)**

Lake Smith Terrace Garden Club

Come join us for social and treats. The first meeting is always fun catching up with friends and talking about our gardens. All are welcome. You will love our speaker.

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday in Sep, Oct, Nov, Jan, Mar, Apr, & May.



Opening Meeting
September 22, 2009

Social time: 7:00
Speaker/program: 7:30
Business Meeting follows

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Hello neighbors! Your Civic League has a new maintenance team. The team members are **Joe McNaught, Bill Haas and Wayne Foshay**. We are here to help you interact with the city and the neighborhood to help keep our community looking the way you want it to and to insure any safety features are addressed. If you have concerns about maintenance or safety issues, please let us know. Wayne will be the primary point of contact, and his phone number is 671-7991.

We wanted to use this issue of the Ripples to address a potential safety issue that may exist in our community. For those of us who own corner lots, our shrubs, ornamental trees or other tall vegetation at the intersections of our roads may present a hazard to people driving through the neighborhood. If you have shrubs, hedges or other tall vegetation on the corner of your lot, they may prevent drivers from seeing other on-coming traffic at the intersection of your corner. If you do own a corner lot, would you please check to see if you have any vegetation which could inhibit a driver's ability to see traffic approaching from another direction? If you find there is a potential problem, please prune the vegetation to eliminate the issue. Thank you for your assistance with this important issue.

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The following items were left at the
June Civic League Picnic:

- Large green plastic bowl
- Large blue and white plastic bowl
- Four serving spoons - one Reed and Barton, one Rogers, one Ekco, one Superior

All the wonderful food was much appreciated and we would like to return your serving items! Please call Mary Jane Taylor at 671-7751, or email taylormjane@cox.net

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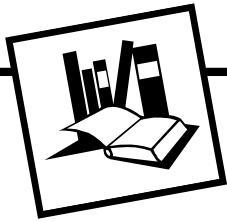
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- Sept 8 The Art of Belly Dance
- Sept 15 Personality and You
- Sept 22 Lighting the Way in Colonial Virginia
- Sept. 29 Tuesdays@2 at the Movies: Classic Films of 1939
- Oct 6 The Way We Were: A Look Back to Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Old Princess Anne County
- Oct 13 Haunting the Night. Nocturnal Animals around Virginia Beach
- Oct 20 Cool Weather Container Gardening
- Oct 27 Witch! Superstitions of Colonial Virginia

We Participated!

Mary Jane Taylor



Our neighborhood participated for the first time in "National Night Out" on Tuesday August 4. This yearly event is sponsored by the non-profit National Association of Town Watch and is a way to show the bad guys that neighborhoods are standing firm against crime.

The Virginia Beach Police Crime Prevention Unit sponsors "National Night Out" locally and all communities are invited to participate in some way. Some neighborhoods have their yearly picnic on this night, others have block parties, and others turn on their porch lights from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM to show support for the fight against crime. Visits from McGruff, the canine unit, the mounted unit and police helicopters are available to groups on a very limited basis.

National Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August – not a very workable time of the year with the summer heat and vacationing residents. At this point, only Texas is authorized to have it in October!

Word was passed through our Neighborhood Watch system inviting blocks to participate in some way. A number of folks had their porch lights on. Lake Smith Terrace North under the leadership of Jacquie Molovinsky mustered the best response.

Thanks to all who participated!

"National Night Out" is a great concept. Wouldn't it be nice if the date were changed to say maybe September?

For more information about National Night Out 2009, please check out the website:

www.nationalnightout.org/nno/. This is a unique crime and drug prevention event that is partnered with the police and community.

Benefits of Civic League Membership

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1. Community monthly newsletter
2. Community website (under construction)
3. Monthly membership meetings with a social (food & drink) followed by programs and speakers of local interest and concern
4. Hospitality Committee
5. Neighborhood Watch Network
6. Special Events:
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Community Picnic event
 - Hayride Happening
 - Community Holiday Dinner Party
 - Valentine Potluck Dinner (New this year)
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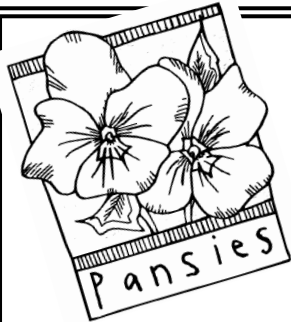
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Pansy and Viola Sale

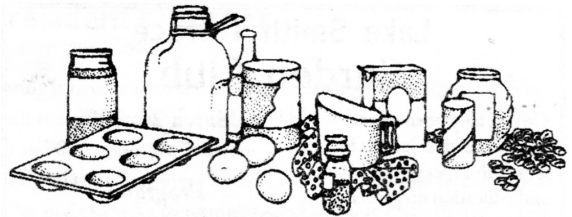
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**Come to our September Civic League
meeting and taste-test this recipe:**

Chipped Beef Dip

**1pkg or 1 jar of dried beef--cut or torn in
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8oz soft cream cheese

1/2 cup sour cream

1 medium onion--chopped

Garlic powder to taste

2 Tbl milk

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4/28/09 through 8/28/09

Governor Square

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Haygood Point

- 4/29 4700-blk Woodwind Way
Larceny from Motor Vehicle
- 5/14 500-blk Harris Point Dr.
Burglary/B&E
- 5/14 600-blk Harris Point Dr.
Destruction of Private Property
- 6/7 4700-blk Springtree Ct
Destruction of Private Property
- 6/13 4700-blk Haygood Point Rd
Weapon Law, Fire Bomb
- 6/14 4700-blk Springtree Ct
Larceny from Motor Vehicle
- 6/16 4800-blk Haygood Point Rd
Fraud, Trick, False Pretenses
- 7/6 4600-blk Haygood Point Dr.
Destruction of Private Property
- 7/19 600-blk of Harris Point Dr.
Destruction of Private Property

Lake Smith Terrace

- 5/6 4100-blk Mill Stream Rd
Destruction of Private Property
- 5/15 4600-blk Copperfield Rd
Robbery
- 6/3 1000-blk Miles Standish Rd
Larceny
- 6/3 1000-blk Miles Standish Rd
Fraud Credit Card
- 7/6 4600-blk Ferry Plantation Cir. W
Larceny from Motor Vehicle
- 7/12 800-blk Five Forks Rd
Threaten bodily Harm
- 7/12 800-blk Five Forks Rd
Destruction of Private Property
- 7/13 4600-blk Twain Lane
Destruction of Private Property
- 7/14 1100-blk Miles Standish Rd
Burglary/B&E
- 7/16 1300-blk Five Forks Rd
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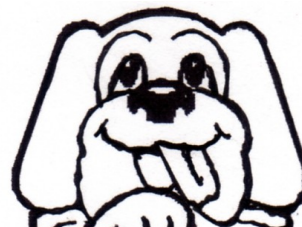
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**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations
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What is the Citizens' Advisory Committee?

It is a program established by the Virginia Beach Police Department to enhance its ability to communicate with the community. The program is made up of advisory groups, known as a Precinct Citizens' Advisory Committees. Each police precinct formed a C.A.C. to work with the Precinct Commander on issues they face in their community. Our Third Precinct committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at Bayside High School cafeteria. The purpose of the committee is to:

- Provide a forum for obtaining input about the delivery of police service
- Provide a formalized process that would facilitate citizen and community cooperation with the police.
- Identify specific and potential areas concerning police services

The C.A.C. also helps raise money for purchasing much needed police equipment that is specific to the individual precinct and helps with the officers' duties.

All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. It gives the citizens a chance to address neighborhood concerns with police officials in an informal setting. Each month a speaker is invited from a City or State Agency to familiarize citizens with how various programs and department functions work, and to better serve the citizens of the city.

Important Contacts

Police, Fire & Rescue Emergencies.....	911
Non-Emergency Assistance.....	385-5000
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Crime Solvers Hotline.....	427-0000
On-going Drug Activity.....	427-1749
Graffiti Hotline (ask for Ext. 122).....	427-1749
Tall Grass, Trash, Litter, Broken Windows.....	385-5721
Zoning Issues, Trucks, Fences, Home Business.....	385-4131
Potholes, Street Signs, Street Repairs.....	385-1470
Animal Control (Option #2).....	385-5000
City Landfill.....	385-1980
Bulk Trash Pickup.....	385-4650
Beach Line (recorded information).....	385-8000
Sex-offender website: http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/	

Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

**Please Note:
The September CAC Meeting
has been cancelled**

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