

Lake Smith Ripples



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Civic League Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 19th, 10:00 a.m.
Haygood Point Park**



1800 candy filled eggs will be provided for egg hunters between Ages 0-11 yrs.

(Some will have tokens for prizes inside).



Egg hunting will be conducted simultaneously in three separate age groups - ages 2 and below, 3-5 yrs & 6-11 yrs



The Easter egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:30 AM, so don't be late!



Each child should bring their own Easter basket to gather eggs.



Snacks and drinks will be provided

(The Easter Bunny will be available for photos.)



This is a free event for Civic League member households.

Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews!

Not a member? Not a problem! You can join the Civic League

at the event for just \$20 per household. Non-member guests \$5.00

Civic League Meeting

Tuesday, 15 April 2025

**Bayside Presbyterian Church
1400 Ewell Rd**

Social period: 6:30 - 7:00 Call to order 7:00

Presentation by

**The Virginia Beach Department of
Emergency Management**

Presenter

Mr. Benjamin Bellucci

Civic League Scholarship Deadline is 30 April

The Civic League will be Awarding its annual scholarship to a deserving 2025 graduating high school senior in May.

This year's scholarship has been increased to \$1500.



Selection will be based on educational achievement, community involvement and communication skills. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the May General Meeting. Visit our website (www.lhgcl.org) to learn more about eligibility requirements, instructions, and application. **Deadline for applications is 30 April 2025.**

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**Newsletter deadline: 25th of the month prior to
month of publication.**

It's April, the snow shovels are stored away, and spring is here in full bloom. The neighborhood is looking green again with flowering trees in abundance. Have you seen the cherry trees in the park? They are beautiful as they are at this time every year. Along with the warmer weather, our civic league is planning some popular outdoor events.

On Saturday, April 19th the annual Easter Egg Hunt event will be held in the Haygood Point Neighborhood Park at 10:00 AM. This event is open and free to all civic league member households. If you are not a member, with dues paid for 2025, it is not a problem, you can join or renew at the park entrance for the low annual household dues of \$20 – cash or check. So, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews (ages 0 to 11ish) out to the park for this very popular fun event. The following Saturday, another outdoor event has been scheduled.

After receiving numerous requests from residents, we have scheduled a Community Yard Sale for Saturday, April 26th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Our civic league will advertise the event in the Virginian-Pilot and online and will place signs at all entrances to the neighborhood. We will make a list of households planning to hold a yard sale on our website. If you plan to offer items for sale in your driveway or garage, send me your address. There is no cost to residents for participating in the yard sale.

On Sunday, June 22nd from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM we are planning a community picnic in the park for all residents of Lake Smith Terrace, Haygood Point and Governor Square. This will be a big fun-filled event. Watch for more details in the May edition of this newsletter.

Our neighborhood had a large turnout for the Paul Revere / Wakefield traffic signal information meeting at Independence Middle School on March 12th. Unfortunately, the meeting turned out to be more of a show and tell by VB Public Works. Many of us expressed our opposition to the planned traffic signal light to the project manager, Public Works director, design engineer and others. Many of you have written letters in opposition to public works and to the city council. There is no need to send messages to our District 9 councilman. He continues to be a cheerleader for the new traffic signal. I encourage you to send messages directly to Mayor Bobby Dyer (email: bdyer@vbgov.com telephone: 757-385-4581) regarding the potential harm that will be done to our neighborhood when this light is installed. Adding a third traffic signal within a distance of six-tenths of a mile on Independence Blvd is waste of nearly \$1M dollars. We will not stop the fight to prevent this unnecessary traffic signal from being installed. If need be, our opposition will remain strong right up to the next council election in November 2026 where we will make a difference.

We need residents to step up to fill positions on our civic league board of directors. Currently we need a secretary, a refreshments coordinator for our civic league meetings, and a youth representative, 9th – 12th grade. We have a strong and vibrant civic league, one of the best in the city; but to continue serving this great community, we need more people stepping up to fill leadership positions. Please, let me hear from you.

John Eason

How to Hang a Heavy Picture

Weigh your picture

The first step is to figure out how much your picture weighs. You can use a bathroom scale to do this. If your picture weighs **less than 10 pounds**, it is considered light and most hanging solutions should work. For pictures that weigh **more than 10 pounds**, you'll need to use a wall stud, or a rail track.



How heavy can a picture be to hang on drywall?

Interior walls are usually built using a wood structure with some type of covering. In older homes plaster-wall was often used. In modern homes, drywall is most often used, therefore you will probably be hanging heavy pictures on drywall. As a rule of thumb, pictures that weigh **less than 5 pounds** can be hung with hanging strips, adhesive wall hooks or mounting tape. For pictures that weigh **between 5 and 20 pounds**, a good option is plastic drywall anchors and for pictures **between 20 and 50 pounds**, you can use a metal wall anchor or make sure to use a wall stud.

Hanging pictures on studs

Drywall and plaster wall surfaces are generally built over a wooden frame. This wood is called a "stud" and it's the strongest part of the wall. It's therefore the ideal place for hanging heavy frames. That being said, your studs aren't always in the right place, style-wise, to hang your pictures.

How to find a stud

You can use a stud finder tool in order to locate a stud. Otherwise, simply use your finger and tap along the wall. You should hear a hollow sound until you arrive at a stud, where the sound will turn into a dud. Once you've found a stud, you can use a thin nail which can hold up a picture of around 20 pounds. You can also use coarse threaded wooden screws, to hold up pictures over 50 pounds.

Using Wall Anchors

For hanging pictures on drywall with no stud, you can use drywall anchors (also called screw-in anchors.) Drywall anchors are ideal when you don't have access to a wooden stud and you need to screw directly into your drywall. The anchor will give your screw extra stability and will prevent it from coming loose. There are different types of drywall anchors, some are plastic and some metal. Plastic wall anchors are suited for pictures that weigh 20 pounds or less. When a screw is drilled into them, two small legs expand and support the screw on the other side of the drywall. For pictures over 20 pounds, avoid using plastic wall anchors, because they may not withstand the weight. You can use different types of metal wall anchors to support heavier frames. For example, a Toggle Bolt or Molly Bolt can hold 30 pounds or more.

Rail-Cable Hanging Kit

A great and often overlooked solution for hanging heavy pictures is to use a rail-cable hanging kit. Using this system, pictures and frames are hung using cables that are attached to a rail setup along the wall. Pictures are mounted to the cables using hooks. The amazing thing about a rail-cable is that it can support any weight capacity (up to 300 pounds per track.) It can also be mounted on any type of wall surface (drywall, plaster-wall, brick or wood) and the position and height of your pictures can be adjusted as many times as needed. Rail-cable hanging kits are perfect for hanging heavy frames (or light ones) in schools, homes or art galleries. They only need to be installed once and they provide a convenient solution on how to hang heavy pictures without nails.



Hanging Hooks

Wall hanging hooks can be a good option for hanging a heavy picture if you don't mind driving a nail through your wall. When using nails, it's always preferable to use a wall stud. In terms of weight capacity, one picture hanging hook with a nail can hold up to 25 pounds and two hanging hooks can hold up to 50 pounds.

Ref Link https://www.ashanging.com/en_us/blog/how-hang-heavy-picture

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A special "thank you" to all who have joined and supported our civic league. We could not fund our community activities without your help!!

Civic League Membership Form – New or Renewal
(Please Print)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

(For email broadcast of crime alerts and other community interest topics)

Dues are \$20.00 per household for the Civic League Year which runs from January 1 to December 31

The Civic League is always looking for members to volunteer in the following areas:
(Please check any position(s) for which you would like to volunteer – not required for membership)

☐ Neighborhood Watch

☐ Christmas Dinner

☐ Community Maintenance

☐ Civic League Board of Directors

☐ Easter Egg Hunt

☐ Fall Festival (Picnic, Hayride & Pumpkin Patch)

☐ Refreshments for Meetings & Events

☐ You name it, I'll do it

Please mail your check to:

LST/HP/GS Civic League
P.O. Box 68883
Virginia Beach, VA 23471

The following new and renewing memberships were received and recorded between February 27, 2025, and March 26, 2025. Thank you for supporting your civic league – we are all in this together. *Memberships are for 2025 unless otherwise shown.*

Beverly & Jeff Betcher
Barry & Sharon Cruthers (2026)
Doug & Megan Earlenbaugh
Jacob & Jessica Steinmetz
Traute Theisz (2027)
Sharon Weitzel

Mark your Calendar

The Civic League will be hosting a Neighborhood Family Picnic at the Park in June

The event will take place at the Haygood Point Park. Civic League membership is not required. All residents of Lake Smith Terrace, Haygood Point and Governor Square are invited.

Come out and meet your neighbors

See the May L. S. Ripples for details

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, 26 April

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Civic League will run an ad in the newspaper and place signs at the neighborhood entrances.

Just place balloons on your mailbox or post a sign to help shoppers find your house.

Also, e-mail your address to John Eason at jeason913@verizon.net to include your home in the directory listing on the website

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The feisty early season Daffodils are starting to fade but they will soon be replaced with various, later blooming trees and flowers that flourish in our community.

The well-maintained flower beds and lawns show the pride that everyone in Lake Smith Terrace, Haygood Point, and Governor Square has in their homes. Would-be thieves would rather operate in communities where homes need repair, lawns are overgrown, vehicles are undergoing long term major repairs or junk is lying around.

Please keep in mind that along with the warm weather and we also see a rise in criminal activity. Remember to call all suspicious activity to the police department's non-emergency number (757-385-5000). If the circumstance requires immediate police, fire or rescue response, do not hesitate to call 911. You are not bothering the police when you call, they would much rather respond and have it turn out to be nothing, than not be called when they are actually needed.

Acknowledge your neighbors when you see them. Just a wave or a friendly hello will do. We needn't be close friends with our neighbors to look out for their interests. We can begin to build a better neighborhood watch security system by becoming acquainted with our neighbors and their everyday living patterns. By knowing when they are at work, on vacation, and so forth, we will be better able to judge whether a stranger should legitimately be at the neighbor's home. Inform your neighbors when you will be away and ask them to let you know when they will be gone. It is a win-win for everyone except would-be burglars.

A burglar's greatest fear is being observed. Each concerned neighbor is another pair of eyes to let the criminal know he is being watched. Neighborhood Watch supplies these eyes in our community. For the program to be totally effective, each resident must take an active role in both security improvement and observation.



Virginia Beach continues to experience groups roaming through neighborhoods checking for unlocked vehicles in the early morning hours. If you see this happening, do not confront them. Call 911. There is a good chance that they are armed.



Haygood Point Resident Jody Ullmann named recipient of the Mary Reid Barrow Wildlife Advocate Award by Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation.

As reported in the Virginian-Pilot:

"Ullman's dedication to education combined with her ability to celebrate and advocate for wildlife, has had a lasting impact on the community. Her work empowered young people to become stewards of the environment and has brought local wildlife into focus for countless families.

Through her roles at other institutions, including Virginian Living Museum and Lynnhaven River NOW, Ullman has consistently worked to engage the community in ways to foster a connection between people and wildlife."

Jody is also a dedicated volunteer who pitches in and assists in *whatever needs to be done* at our major Civic League events. **Congratulations Jody!**



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As the first quarter of the year is nearing, and in summary, the real estate market has been strong. Continuous low inventory of homes (even though higher than last year) may be more favorable for buyers. However, home prices remain high creating a challenge in itself for buyers, and especially first-time homebuyers.

Since January 1005 homes have “sold” in the City of Virginia Beach. The number sold is slightly less than the same time last year. The list below allows you to see the variation in the price point sold:

Price	Number Sold
0-\$100,000	2
\$101,000-\$200,000	37
\$201,000-\$300,000	197
\$301,000-\$400,000	306
\$401,000-\$500,000	178
\$501,000-\$600,000	103
\$601,000-\$700,000	61
\$701,000-\$800,000	35
\$801,000-\$900,000	14
\$901,000-\$1,000,000	15
\$1,000,000+	57

The most expensive home sold this year closed at \$7,375,000 and the least expensive home closed at \$76,900 in Virginia Beach.

Source (REIN) Real Estate Information Network

Jean Bowman
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Homes for Sale and Sold in our Neighborhoods Since February 2025



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1033 Ewell Rd

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4708 Red Coat Circle
4620 Bromfield Ave

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4617 Red Coat Rd
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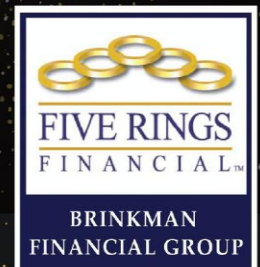
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