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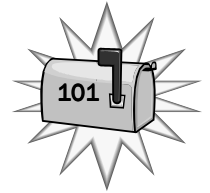
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Gravity is a wonderful thing. It keeps our feet on the ground and head in the air. RIGHT? Well, at least most of us. So when I climb up to my roof to clean my gutters, why do I feel like gravity is my foe? That's because if I fall, my head may no longer be up in the air; it will be down on the ground. Then it is time for my loving wife to calmly call 911. Of course, the ambulance will arrive within three minutes (in spite of the recent Emergency Medical Services layoffs). After all, they have GPS that will take them directly to my house. WRONG!

The GARMIN GPS map has 101 Tiger Paw Path at the wrong end of the street. My mail box is on Tabb Lakes Drive. My house number is on my front porch, blocked by the holly tree we don't want to cut down; and if the cars are parked along the curve of Tiger Paw Path, the ambulance will have to back down or turn around to head back around by way of Jonathan Junction.

Of course, by this time, I will have bled to death and someone else will take my place on the TLHA Board.

So, please make sure you plainly display your house number on your home and your mailbox.



Time to go clean the street lamp lens in my front yard. Bye Bye.



Tabb Lakes'

Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, May 5

8 a.m.- 12 noon

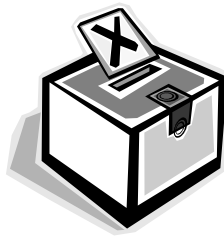
VOTING—THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY—GARY PORTER

As the old saying goes: "If you don't vote, don't complain about the government." Yet there are many who do just that. With a Republican primary election just around the corner (June 12th) I would like to encourage all Republicans (and by extension - everyone) to consider just how precious the right to vote is.

Citizens of many countries around the

world don't enjoy the privilege/right to vote; or sometimes their votes become meaningless through election fraud. Not here.

Samuel Adams (in 1781) said it best: "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote, that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual - or at least



that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

Too often we let our relationship with government become an "us and them" relationship, when in fact the "government" ultimately is only "us." All governmental political power ultimately resides

in the people ("deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"- T. Jefferson) and your vote is one important expression of that power. Whether primary or general election, your vote is just as valuable. Use it.

Gary Porter
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YORK COUNTY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



Tabb Lakes Homeowner Awarded the York County Volunteer of the Year Award

The York County Board of Supervisors recently awarded **Ms. Rita Garboldi** with the York County Volunteer of the

Year Award. Rita lives in Tabb Lakes and volunteers her time to help the Division of Mosquito Control as a mosquito monitor. She records type and quantities of mosquitoes using a special trap and reports that information to the County on a regular basis. She is part of a small group of volunteers across the County who provide this service. The information she provides is used to determine how the County responds to controlling mosquitoes in our area. The Tabb Lakes Storm-

water Committee would like to congratulate her on receiving this award and thank her for her time and effort in helping control the mosquito population in our neighborhood.

THANKS!

volunteer!

Would you like to help your community in Tabb Lakes by volunteering for one of the two vacancies we have? If so, please contact one of the BOD members listed on the front page. The following two committees need managers:

- ◆ Neighborhood Watch
- ◆ Activities

If you are receiving this newsletter via USPS and would rather receive it electronically, please go to our website: www.tabblakes.org and fill out the form.

Please don't feed the geese!

CELEBRATING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH—DENILLE FRANCIS

Joy and happiness, a time of wonder and discovery. Every child's life should be filled with such magic. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month, and the 2012 theme is "Every Child Counts! Know them, Nurture them, Protect them!" The national Pinwheels for Prevention campaign uses shiny silver and blue pinwheels to symbolize the hope and joy of childhood. The pinwheels are used as a reminder that prevention works, and it "shouldn't hurt to be a child."

The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign is a sign of hope, while the widely recognized Blue Ribbon Campaign honors those already impacted by child abuse. The national Blue Ribbon Campaign was started in Virginia in 1989 by a grandmother grieving the loss of her 3-year-old grandson who was murdered by his mother's boyfriend.

Across Virginia 49,619 reports of possible abuse were made last year; 717 of which were made in York County; 93 investigated cases of abuse were founded in the county. In the state last year, 31 children died (26 under the age of 4) as a result of abuse and neglect, including one child who lived in York County. Abuse and neglect affects all eco-



nomie, racial, social, ethnic, and religious groups.

Abuse can be committed by people we least expect; they are friends, neighbors, and relatives. Child abuse can happen when ordinary people are caught in life situations beyond their control and cannot access needed skills or supports to cope. Stress, social isolation, inexperience with children, unrealistic expectations, drug and alcohol problems, unmet emotional needs and unaddressed histories of trauma can all contribute to child abuse. The next time you see an exhausted parent struggling with a difficult parenting moment, (moments we ALL experience as parents) you can offer support with a simple statement like, "Parenting is so exhausting sometimes" or "It's so hard to wait in line". Comments that let the parent know they aren't alone, while avoiding blame or humiliation, may be the support

needed to prevent a parent from crossing the fine line between discipline and abuse. Blaming a parent, or creating a situation where a parent is humiliated, creates greater risk for the child later on.

Moments in Virginia: Every 4 hours a family seeks shelter for domestic violence but is denied due to lack of space. Every 86 minutes a child is abused or neglected. Every 12 days a child dies from abuse or neglect. At any given moment, there is an average of 5,204 children in foster care.

Prevention saves lives, preserves families, strengthens communities, and is the only approach proven to prevent child abuse. In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Tabb Lakes Homes Association partnered with the York-Poquoson Child Advocacy Team (our local volunteer non-profit chapter of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia) to be-

come the first neighborhood in York County to embrace the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. The Tabb Lakes Homes Association granted permission for a pinwheel garden to be planted at the base of the neighborhood sign on route 134. Similar gardens have been planted across the community and nation. The metallic blue pinwheel gardens are reminders of the joy of childhood, a reminder to celebrate childhood and nurture and protect each and every child.

Our Tabb Lakes Pinwheel garden, however, vanished 3 days after the children planted it (sometime after 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 10th). The 75 pinwheels, valued at \$1.00 each, were property of the York-Poquoson Child Advocacy Team and purchased from Prevent Child Abuse America with donated money from private citizens supporting the campaign locally. We do not suspect malice was involved in the removal of the pinwheel garden, due to the time of day and quick methodical removal. We imagine someone may have removed them with good intentions, not realizing what the garden was. They can be replanted or dropped off anytime at 127 Tiger Paw Path with no questions asked.

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TABB LAKES EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE – LOU LAFRENAYE



2012 Hurricane Season Expected to be Less Active

Colorado State University's 2012 Atlantic hurricane season prediction calls for below average activity with 10 named storms of which four would be hurricanes, and two major hurricanes (Cat 3-5). CSU's report states there is a 42 percent chance that at least one major hurricane will make landfall on the U.S. coastline. Hurricane season begins June 1 and lasts until November 30.

Their report can be found at the following web site:
<http://typhoon.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts/2012/apr2012/apr2012.pdf>

Whatever the estimate, it only takes one hurricane to impact you and your family. Remember to "Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Stay Informed".



Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

Virginia has declared May 25-31 as a "tax holiday" on the purchases of

hurricane preparedness supplies. This is the time to purchase your emergency supplies for the upcoming hurricane season. For more information on what items are included, go to Virginia Department of Emergency Management web page at www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/stay-informed/hurricanes/sales-tax-holiday



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms – Your First Defense

U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) issued a report examining the characteristics of civilian fire fatalities in residential buildings. The report is titled "Civilian Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings (2008-2010)"

- ◆ **Fifty percent of civilian fire fatalities in residential buildings occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. This period also accounts for 47 percent of fatal fires.**
- ◆ Bedrooms (55 percent) are the leading location where civilian fire fatalities occur in residential buildings.
- ◆ Ninety-two percent of all civilian fatalities in residential building

fires involve thermal burns and smoke inhalation.

- ◆ Thirty-six percent of fire victims in residential buildings were trying to escape at the time of their deaths; an additional 35 percent were sleeping.
- ◆ "Other unintentionally set, careless" actions and "smoking" (each accounting for 16 percent) are the leading causes of fatal residential building fires.
- ◆ Males accounted for 57 percent of civilian fire fatalities in residential buildings; women accounted for 43 percent of the fatalities.
- ◆ Approximately 44 percent of civilian fatalities in residential building fires are between the ages of 40 and 69.
- ◆ Thirteen percent of civilian fire fatalities in residential buildings were less than 10 years old.
- ◆ Appliance fires produced 1,351 fatalities per 1,000 fatal fires, the largest number of fatalities per 1,000 fatal fires.

Checking your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and changing the batteries is one of the simplest things you can do to protect your family.

Alarms are only good for 10 years. That includes the hard wired alarms in our homes. Replace them if they are out of date, even if the alarm works, because the sensors may not function as well as a new one. Ensure you test them regularly. The "Change Your Clock - Change Your Battery" program urges everyone to adopt the habit of changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm batteries when changing clocks, which could make the difference in surviving a fire in your home. If you have any questions on smoke alarms, contact the York County Fire and Life Safety at 890-3600.



MOSQUITO SEASON IS COMING! - TOM GALLAGHER



An early mosquito season is on the horizon as we've

had one of the warmest winters in years which may lead to a mosquito bonanza outbreak over the next few weeks. Mosquitoes hibernate during the cold months, but this winter has been anything but typical. They may well be emerging from their hiding places much earlier than expected in search of plant food from flowers and vegetation. The mosquito infestation all hinges on the amount of standing water and its temperature for their development. It could therefore be a banner year for mosquitoes.

In York County we live in a mosquito enriched

environment due to the many miles of fresh and salt marsh breeding opportunities. In essence, there is no such thing as a “mosquito free environment” in the county. To reduce their number, mosquito control utilizes an integrated management program that focuses on breeding habitats along with control of adult flying mosquitoes. We take proactive measures in stocking mosquito fish and/or biologically treat all known BMP ponds and other areas that breed mosquitoes. In essence, we start below and finish above for effective prevention.

As you may know, we had a “Mosquito Control Needs Your Help” article

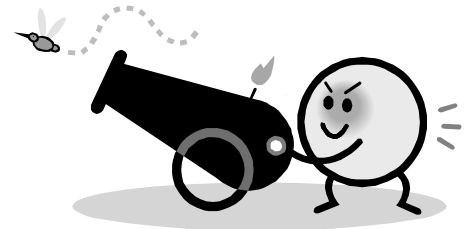


recently published in the County's Spring Citizen News that solicits mosquito volunteers to assist in surveillance activities, along with how to obtain offered biological larvicide and mosquito fish for free. Also mentioned was the mosquito spray hotline (890-3793) which will be activated on Monday, May 14th and will announce daily where and when spraying is to be conducted, weather permitting.

If interested in learning more about our award winning program as to what we do and how we do it, check out our new and improved web site at www.yorkcounty.gov/eds.



The provided 2012 York County calendar as indicated in the month of July has important information on mosquito prevention that emphasizes being mosquito beaters



in and around one's residence. Please be aware that we are always ready and willing to serve our citizen customers; so call us at 890-3791 if you have any further questions.

Tom Gallagher
York County Division of Mosquito Control

CELEBRATING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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Tabb Lakes is a great community for families, and we would like to see our Pinwheels for Prevention garden returned so that everyone else can see our neighborhood commitment to celebrating childhood. Drive through the neighborhood on any sunny weekend and you will see that the magic of childhood is alive in Tabb Lakes.

“Every Child Counts. Know them. Nurture them. Protect them!” Additional information about Child Abuse Prevention Month or Pinwheels for Prevention can be found at <http://pcav.org>. For information about our local York-Poquoson Child Advocacy Team, please contact Denille Francis at denille.francis@gmail.com.

denille.francis@gmail.com. (Statistics cited were provided by Va. Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention 2012 and the Virginia Department of Social Services Child Related Statistical Reports online).



NEW FENCE REGULATIONS

There are new fence regulations that were passed on April 17 at the Board of Directors' meeting. Please review on the web at :

<http://www.tabblakes.org/documents/FenceResolution.pdf>

YCS D Calendar

May 2012

- 11 Early Dismissal
- 17 Interim Reports Issued
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday

June 2012

- 12-14 Early Dismissal - Exams
- 14 Last Day of School
- 15 Graduation
- 21 Report Cards Issued

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If you are a Tabb Lakes homeowner who owns your own business, you still must fill out a form from our web-site and submit it in order for your ad to appear in our newsletter.

If you are a business in our community, you must fill out the form and submit it with your check. Please see our web-site for instructions.

<http://www.tabblakes.org>

**Tabb Lakes Homes Association
P.O. Box 8088, Tabb, Virginia 23693**

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Request for Approval

Name: _____ Date of request: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Alt Telephone: _____

Type of modification: (deck, patio, outbuilding, addition, fence, etc.)

Plans and specifications: Please attach a copy of plat with a sketch of proposed modification. Show approximate shape & measurements. List colors and materials to be used if needed for approval.

I have provided an accurate representation of the planned modification. I have contacted my immediate neighbors to inform them of my proposed project. I will notify the ARC of any changes that need to be made which would affect their approval prior to resuming work on the project.

Homeowner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Homeowner check list:

- County permits: 890-3522
- Call Miss Utility before digging, to locate underground utilities: 1-800-552-7001

To Submit:

- E-mail form to Cox & Lee Management for minimum turnaround time: coxleemgt@gmail.com.
- Mail form to the following address:
**TLHA ARC Committee
c/o Cox & Lee Management
458C Wythe Creek Road, #141
Poquoson, VA 23662**

NOTE: This form can be downloaded from our webpage: www.tabblakes.org/arc.html.

Questions: Call Cox & Lee Management, 757-593-6088

Committee Action _____ **Date of receipt:** _____

____ Approved as submitted

____ Approved subject to modifications as required by covenants

____ Disapproved for reason listed on reverse side

Architectural Review Committee or Cox & Lee Management representative signature and date:

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**Tabb Lakes' Annual Yard Sale
Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m.- 12 noon**



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