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Typically the end of the work day signifies the majority of us returning to the other part of our lives and returning home. We all feel that certain sense of security as we make the turn into Tabb Lakes and the personal sanctuary that it provides.



It is imperative that we as residents of Tabb Lakes continue to look out for one another.

If you find yourself noticing the obvious, please do something about it. In the obvious, I mean noticing that your neighbor's daily newspaper is stacking up in the driveway or leaving their garage door open. A little intervention in cases like this can go a long way.

My family has personally been a victim of stolen property. I did not learn my lesson the first time, and I was a victim again. I once had a bad habit of leaving my garage door open while working in the back yard. In doing so, I inadvertently opened my home and became a statistic of petty crime in York County. Luckily, the thieves only contained their target of opportunity to my garage. After losing some valuables, I have taken further steps to deter this type of activity on my

property. What are you doing? Here are some gentle reminders for you.

- Know your surroundings.
- Shut and lock gates and garages when possible. This removes temptation and reduces hiding places.
- Consider installing sensor lights around your home.
- Add a timed light inside your home that is visible from the street when passing by.
- If you are leaving town, let a friend know or call the York Sheriff's Dept. at 890-3630 and ask for a vacation check on your home. The link below will also take you there. <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff/Sheriff/VacationHouseCheck/tabid/5698/default.aspx>
- Do not hesitate to report suspicious activity.
- Consider a security system.
- Keep watch: 8:30-3:00 M-F are prime, "professional" home burglar times.
- Let neighbors know if you have work being performed on your home.
- Lock your vehicle.



As the warm weather approaches, the crime rates tend to increase. I encourage you to stay vigilant and do
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YORKTOWN RIVERWALK SUMMER ACTIVITIES

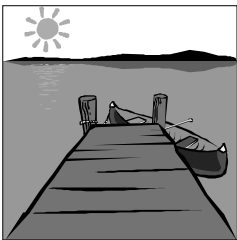
May 11-Sept. 28, 8 AM -noon. Farmer’s Market.
 June 6, 13, 20; July 11, 18, 25; August 1
 6:30-9:30 PM Shagging on the Riverwalk

Beach Music Concert Series
 July 4th Celebration, 9 a.m. through fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Various activities throughout the day.

Military Band Concert Series—August 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6:30-8 PM
 Virginia Symphony Concert, August 31. Beginning at 6 p.m.

with The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Symphony begins at 7 PM
 For more info, go to Www/Yorkcounty.gov.

LAKE RULES – BOB SPELL



Due to a report that someone was

observed using an out-board motor on lake 1, it appears to be time to re-acquaint homeowners with the lake rules.

1. Watercraft propulsion. The original covenants applicable to Tabb Lakes prohibit gasoline fueled out-

board motors (engines) as a means to propel watercraft on the Tabb Lakes’ lakes. The basis for this rule is undesirable noise; however, gasoline powered motors are ruled out specifically. The methods of propulsion that are acceptable include paddles, oars, sails, and electric “trolling motors.”

2. Authorized Watercraft. There is no restriction as to type of

watercraft and several types have been in use on Tabb Lakes’ lakes. These include kayaks, canoes, small sailboats, small “row boats” made of plastic or aluminum, “paddle boats” in which one or two persons sit on a bench seat and use a bicycle-type mechanism to drive paddles, or a propeller.

3. Authorized Persons. The one restriction on watercraft in the cove-

nants is that the only persons permitted to place watercraft on the lakes for their personal use are those living in homes abutting the lakes and contiguous to them. These are the homes charged the higher annual assessment.

4. Fishing. Catch and release is the rule for Tabb Lakes.

CONSTITUTION CLUB – GARY PORTER

The Tabb Library Constitution Club began meeting Thursday, 25 April (7-8:45 pm), and there is still room for additional participants. The planned agenda for the first 10 meetings includes:

- Session 1 - The Declaration of Independence as Prologue
- Session 2 - Life Under

- The Articles of Confederation
- Session 3 - Miracle in Philadelphia (Constitutional Convention)
- Session 4 - Article 1
- Session 5 -Article 2
- Session 6 - Article 3
- Session 7 - Articles 4-7
- Session 8 - The Bill of Rights

- Session 9 - Amendments 11-27
- Session 10 - Summary and Review

If you are interested in attending, please contact Gary Porter, 924 Tabb Lakes Drive, 867-9120 or at gport@aol.com.



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

your part to keep crime out of Tabb Lakes. Vehicle break-ins were common in our subdivision last summer. Lock your doors and keep valuables out of sight.

As of this writing, we have 2 block captains

(Bruce Burkett, 101 Cub Court & Jerry Coffman, 105 Jonathan Jct). I encourage you to volunteer as a block captain. If this is not for you, then at a minimum; provide me your contact information (name, address, and

email) and I will forward your information to your block captain. The purpose of this is to send periodic email updates of known activity around our area. This will not only assist you, but may deter any further illegal activities

in our neighborhood. The goal of the Neighborhood Watch Program is to keep you informed as well as vigilant. Please feel free to contact me via email: busdeker@cox.net or call 757-218-9767.

2013 HURRICANE SEASON—LOU LAFRAYNE

INITIAL FORECAST (as of 10 April 2013)

For 30 years, the Colorado State University has made annual hurricane season forecasts. The researchers say that the 2013 hurricane season will be more active than usual, with nine hurricanes and 18 named storms

predicted. Four major hurricanes are forecast (categories 3, 4 or 5). “We anticipate an above-average Atlantic basin hurricane season due to the combination of an anomalously warm tropical Atlantic



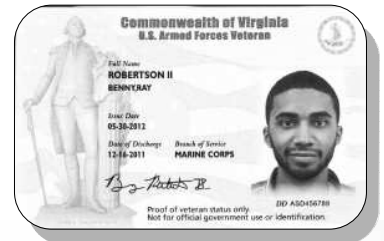
and a relatively low likelihood of El Niño. Remember that it only takes one hurricane making landfall here to make it an active season for us. For more information, go to our Tabb Lakes web site at [http://](http://www.tabblakes.org/)

www.tabblakes.org/CERT/news.html or go to <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/Forecasts/2013/apr2013/apr2013.pdf> to see the complete report.



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If you have questions and would like to speak to someone local, please call John “Ski” Przybylski, 757-867-9628.

IT'S YOUR WIRELESS NETWORK, OR IS IT? — CLINT FLANAGAN

Over the past few years, home wireless networks have become very common place in our neighborhood. Unfortunately, the lack of good network security has become just as common. This has both pros and cons associated with it depending on your perspective. For the casual hacker driving the streets of Tabb Lakes looking for an open network to “borrow” bandwidth, it’s heaven. For the homeowner, not so much! Even worse, what if that hacker’s intent is not to “borrow” bandwidth, but to inject a virus, steal your financial information, or turn your computer(s) into zombies that can be used for denial of service attacks!

To truly protect your home network requires a layered defense consisting of hardware and software security. This security is very easy to set-up, and it’s not expensive. As a matter of fact, you probably already own both layers of defense.

The first type of network security is a hardware firewall. All wireless network routers come with this capability built into the hardware, and normally it’s on by default straight out of the box. You should check it to be on the safe side. The router has a built-in menu that’s used to configure its capabilities, and it’s accessed

through a web browser. Check your router manual for the menu URL. Once in the menu, look for “Firewall” and click on it. For most routers it’s a simple on/off selection or toggle but make sure it’s on. Now you want to make sure the network itself is secure. Generally, depending on the router manufacturer, network security requires selecting the type of encryption and assigning a password or pass-phrase. If available, select WPA-Personal and the highest bit available which is usually 128-bit, but may be higher. Then enter a network password. This

can be anything easily remembered because the router will scramble and encrypt it anyway. Write the router-encrypted password down, because you’ll need it later. Once you’ve done these two processes, you’re home free. Not quite! When you first logged into the router menu, you had to enter a password. If that password was “password” or “1234” or any other manufacturer’s default password, **CHANGE IT NOW!** If

you’re still using a manufacturer’s default password, every hacker in the world knows your password; and it’s child’s play to crack your network and then they’ll own both computers and network. The last step is to enter the router-scrambled security password you wrote down into the network settings on every computer on your home network. How this is

done varies between computer operating systems, so it won’t be covered in this article. My best advice is to read your operating manual or “Google” it online.

The next layer of network security is the software firewall on your computer. What, you say you don’t have a firewall on your computer? Yes, you probably do, depending on what version of what operating system you’re using. Linux and BSD come with built-in firewalls. Apple may also, but check to be sure. Microsoft XP, Vista, or Windows 7 either have it built-in, or it’s easily downloadable from the home page. In XP, it’s called Windows Defender. In the other versions, the firewall is combined with anti-virus utilities and called Microsoft Se-

curity Essentials. In Vista or Win 7, go to Control Panel then the Security Center, and see if it’s turned on. If not, turn it on. While you’re there, make sure the anti-virus program is also turned on. Both of these programs will update as needed through the automated Windows Update or you can do the updates manually.

The Microsoft products are bare-bones, but they’re pretty effective. If you’re more comfortable with commercial products, there are many on the market such as Norton, McAfee, etc. The most important thing is to simply use something to protect your network. You’ve paid for it and maintained it. Don’t give it away to someone else without a fight.



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www.tabblakes.org and fill out the form.

TREES OF TABB LAKES – LOU LAFRENAYE

To help generate an appreciation for the trees in our neighborhood, I plan to write a series of articles about the many types we have and their location. The idea started when I noticed several trees in the neighborhood that showed signs of disease. That prompted me to write an article about tree diseases for our 3rd Qtr 2011 HOA newsletter. I later thought it would be helpful if people knew a little more about the trees they look at as they walked or drove through our neighborhood.

Trees as you enter Tabb Lakes:



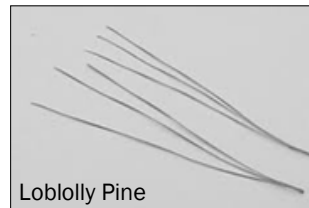
When entering our neighborhood by Atlantic Avenue towards Bridge Wood Drive, the first trees you see are the Leyland Cypress (*X Cupressocyparis leylandi*) to the right and left of the Tabb Lakes sign. There is also one on the opposite side of the road. These are fast growing evergreen trees that are common in the neighborhood. They grow up to 60 feet tall. Unfortunately, they are prone to dis-

ease, as you can tell from the trees by the sign. These trees are probably infected with a fungus called Seiridium Canker. The tree to the left of the sign is dead and the one to the right is infected and will probably die off in a few more years. Unfortunately, the Leyland Cypress on the right side of the road also shows signs of infection. Next to it, you can see the three stumps of previously infected Cypress trees that were removed a year or so ago.

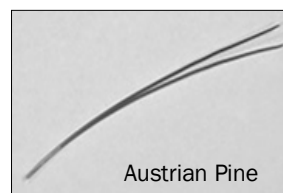
Once you enter Tabb Lakes, you will see several Bradford Pear (also known as Callery Pear) trees (*Pyrus calleryana*) on either side of Atlantic Avenue. These are non-native deciduous trees in the rose family that can grow up to 50 feet tall. They are a common ornamental tree that landscapers use because of their fast growth and tear-drop shape. The tree looks amazing when they are in bloom. Unfortunately, they are predisposed to breakage as they age and are typically the first trees to break apart during a wind storm. Several in our neighborhood have been damaged or destroyed over the years due to strong wind gusts. They are also susceptible to diseases such as fire blight. One of the trees on the right side proba-

bly succumbed to that disease.

At the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Bridge Wood Drive, on the right (400 Bridge Wood Drive), you will see a Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*).



This is a native evergreen tree that is common in Tabb Lakes. They are one of the fastest growing southern pines and can reach a height of 100 feet. You will find them at the Coventry Blvd/Gardenville Drive entrance to Tabb Lakes and along the walking path on the left side of Lake 1. We also have another species of pine called the Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*) that is located by the waste pumping station at the Coventry Blvd/Bridge Wood Drive entrance.



It is commonly used as a screen or windbreak. These Austrian Pines are the only ones I have found in the neighborhood so far. One of the

many differences between the two pines is the Loblolly Pine needles are bundled in three and the Austrian Pine has two needles in a bundle.

Trees I will highlight in future HOA newsletters: Yellow Poplar, Chinaberry, River Birch, Crape Myrtle, and Silver Maple.

If you are curious about what type of tree you have in your front yard, then give me a call and I will try to identify it for you (but no guarantees). My home number is 867-8333 or e-mail me at

TLERT@tabblakes.org

Planting a tree? Before selecting a tree, contact our local Virginia Cooperative Extension agent at 890-4940 or go to their web site at <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/york/> They have a recommended list of native trees that grow well in our climate and are disease resistant.



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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: _____

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