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INSPECTIONS START IN FEBRUARY

Spring is traditionally the time when folks wishing to sell their homes put their property on the market. Your Board wants to be sure that the community is looking its best when prospective buyers visit. We ask that all owners help maintain good property values and active home sales by heading outside and making sure that your property is also looking its best. Pull those weeds, tidy up the yard, sweep the rocks back onto the driveway, clean out your gutters, fix that piece of trim that blew down in the storm, paint those shutters that are peeling, and check the siding and roof for mold. Cox & Lee Mgt. will start the home inspections in February.

DUMPING IN THE LAKES IS ILLEGAL — BOB SPELL

York County deems dumping into lakes a serious code violation. The penalty for conviction of a violation is a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or thirty (30) days imprisonment for each violation or both. Only rain water, tap water, or purified drinking water or professionally applied water quality maintenance chemicals may be put into the lakes. Otherwise, **NOTHING** can legally

be dumped into our lakes.

Anyone contemplating dumping into the community lakes should be aware that:

- Most residents are as interested in protecting our lakes as the County and the Association.
- Nearly everyone carries a camera whenever they are outside.
- If you dump any object, you may be

required to retrieve it.

- If you dump anything that alters the water quality, you may be required to pay for remedial treatment of the water.
- Water in our lakes that doesn't evaporate flows eventually to the Chesapeake Bay or connected bodies of water.

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BEWARE! THE HAZARDS OF (THIN) ICE – BILL KEPLESKY

December 2015 wouldn't give you the impression we were in for a cold winter. Now that January has arrived, so have the freezing temperatures and lake ice. When the lakes "appear" frozen, there may be a desire to walk or skate on them. For your safety, don't go onto the ice. You may wonder why I think this is important – a few years ago during one of our colder winters, I saw three children on Lake 2 trying to break a hole in the ice with a hatchet. Their activity to create the hole began to crack the ice behind them all the way back to the shore. Before I could warn them, they heard the ice cracking, recognized the danger and exited the lake.

There is no way an individual can safely assess the strength of the ice just by appearance, regardless of how cold the

weather. According to a leading expert in the hazards of ice, Mr. Gerald M. Dworkin of the Lifesaving Resources, LLC (www.lifesaving.com), there are a number of variables that impact the strength of ice. These include thickness, snow cover, changes in temperature, depth of water under the ice, water flow and water levels. Our lakes have variable depths and water move-



ment from the aerators and fountains. In addition, the freezing temperatures we experience are not consistent.

According to Mr. Dworkin, when a person falls through the ice, escaping to the surface of the ice can be very difficult. Unless help is immediately available, hyperthermia or drowning may occur after a few minutes. When a rescue is initiated, Mr. Dworkin rec-

ommends the following after calling 911:

"When an attempt is made to rescue someone who has fallen through ice, the rescuer must be protected from danger. Any device that helps to distribute the weight of the rescuer over a wide area will lessen the possibility that the ice will continue to break. Some type of equipment should always be used to extend the reach of the rescuer and thereby avoid the possibility of the victim dragging the rescuer into the water. Boat oars, ropes, tree branches, ladders, belts, and so forth are all suited to this purpose. A flat-bottomed boat, canoe or kayak also serves as excellent means to affect an ice rescue."

Stay safe – keep off the ice



Veteran ID cards for those who served

Nearly 7,000 Virginia retailers offer veterans discounts and other benefits. For \$10, your Virginia Veterans ID card is a convenient way to show proof of your veteran status so you can reap the rewards.

Apply for your Virginia Veterans ID card through these DMV service outlets:

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U.S. mail: P.O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269-0001

Fax: (804) 367-1112

You must have a valid Virginia driver's license or identification card. You will also need a copy of your DD 214, DD 256, or WD AGO document indicating any discharge status other than dishonorable.

Virginia Veterans ID cards never expire. You will receive your new Virginia Veterans ID card in the mail within a week.

For more information about veterans benefits visit www.virginiaforveterans.com.

A partnership of the DMV and Department of Veterans. If you have questions and would like to speak to someone local, please call John "Ski" Przybylski, 757-867-9628.

LET'S TALK ABOUT GEESE! — BILL KEPLESKY

Tabb Lakes homeowners, whether or not you reside on the lakes, are experiencing expanding issues with the ever increasing Canada geese population. According to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Canada geese have two main habitat requirements. The first is a permanent body of freshwater on which to land, rest, escape, and have ample nesting cover nearby. The second is an open area where they have a good view of their surroundings, and where there is an abundance of lush, green vegetation for feeding.

Since the Canada geese obviously see Tabb Lakes as a

habitat, we need to refrain from feeding them or accommodating them with areas to nest. If we avoid promoting a habitat environment, this should minimize their population growth and the impacts to the neighborhood.

As a reminder for some, the Canada geese create a number of neighborhood issues to include the accumulation of feces in high use areas such as our lakes, yards and streets. The feces in the lakes promote algae and aquatic plants, which increases our costs to maintain the lakes as our primary drainage system. Canada geese readily



eat turf grass resulting in damage to homeowners' landscaping, not to mention what they leave behind. In addition, the geese and their feces create hazards for pedestrians, pets, bicycle riders and motorists on our streets. They can also be aggressive to humans and pets, especially when they are protecting their nests and goslings.

Again, please don't feed or otherwise accommodate the geese population within Tabb Lakes.

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION? — CLINT FLANAGAN

The Tabb Lakes web site has recently added an Internet Forum to the web site. What's an Internet Forum? Glad you asked! In simplest terms, an Internet forum or message board is an online discussion site where people can hold conversations in the form of posted messages. Any Tabb Lakes homeowner can introduce a topic for discussion, and there are several already there. For now, topics are unlimited; however, please keep them family appropriate.

Some general rules for the



discussion board are already posted on the board.

Anyone can read the posts there; but in order to start a topic or join the discussion and post opinions (I mean messag-

es), you must request an account. When you do, please be patient. The moderator and administrator is also a volunteer and will respond as quickly as possible.

There's an extensive Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section that covers how to use the board.

So who has an opinion? Air it out at <http://www.tabblakes.org/phpbb2/index.php>.

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY— LOU LAFRENAYE

As winter storm Jonas recently showed us, heavy snowfall and slippery roads can immobilize entire regions. We would not have had to drive very far to become entangled in that type storm.

Below is some information from FEMA on how you can prepare your vehicle (and your family) for cold weather and snow when you drive any distance in the winter. You never know when you will encounter winter weather or emergency road closures.

BUILD AND EMERGENCY KIT FOR YOUR CAR

Things to consider are a first aid kit, jumper cables, a bag of sand or cat litter for traction, ice scraper/snow brush, small shovel, blanket, flashlight, cell phone charger. Always wear warm clothing in case you have to walk to a safe area if you break down or become stuck.

STAY INFORMED

Check the weather and road reports in areas you will travel through. Especially if your traveling through mountainous areas.

WINTERIZE YOUR VEHICLE

Winter driving conditions can be extremely dangerous. During the fall, before winter

weather sets in, make sure you or a mechanic completes a winter weather check on your vehicle.



- * ANTIFREEZE LEVELS – Ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
- * BATTERY AND IGNITION SYSTEM – Keep in top condition and clean battery terminals.
- * BRAKES – Check for wear and fluid levels.
- * EXHAUST SYSTEM – Check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
 - * FUEL AND AIR FILTERS – Replace and keep water out of the system by using additives. Maintain a full tank of gas to keep the fuel line from freezing.
 - * HEATER AND DEFROSTER – Ensure they work properly.
- * LIGHTS AND FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS – Check for serviceability.
- * OIL – Check for level and weight. Heavier oils con-

geal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.

- * THERMOSTAT – Confirm it works properly.
- * WINDSHIELD WIPER EQUIPMENT – Repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level. Ensure your washer fluid is designed for the temperatures you will be driving in or it will freeze up.
- * INSTALL GOOD WINTER TIRES – Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require vehicles to be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs to drive on their roads.



For more information on how to prepare for winter weather, go to the FEMA web site and download these documents: "How to Prepare for a Winter Storm" at www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/98059 "Winter Storms and Extreme Cold" at www.ready.gov/winter-weather



**Daytime Decoration winner:
Doris Collins @ 102 Tabb
Lakes Drive**

***Congratulations!
Winners received a \$50
gift card to Lowe's.***



**Nighttime Decoration
winner:
Kathy and Bill Dunn @ 112
Tiger Paw Path**

YARD OF THE MONTH PROGRAM – DENISE BERTELLI

For the months of May through October, one yard will be chosen from the nominations given to the Tabb Lakes Beautification Committee. Nominations are highly encouraged and can be made by emailing beauty@tabblakes.org.

Tabb Lakes Board Members and the Beautification Committee will choose a lawn that best typifies the qualities of: uniqueness, beauty, appeal, and consistency with the guidelines. Since the judging members will mainly deal with “curb appeal,” nominations will be for front



and side yards jointly, as well as the exterior of the house as viewed by the street. The Committee will select one yard during the first few days of each month.

The winner of the Yard of the Month will be provided with a decorative yard sign for display indicating their winning yard, a

posting and photo on our community website and Facebook page, and a \$25.00 gift certificate.

The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the Tabb Lakes community at large. This is a great award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers.

More contest guidelines and judging criteria will be printed in the next newsletter.

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**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, Inc.
5007-C Victory Blvd. #141
Yorktown, VA 23693

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

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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