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NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS



Have you noticed anything different lately as you come in to the neighborhood from Route 134? Our neighborhood entrance was looking tired and dated so our Board of Directors has begun some renovations. The first step was to remove or prune any trees that were not in good health or were too close to the wall or power lines. The next step will be to have the wall cleaned, and then begins

the re-landscaping! All of the old bushes and shrubbery will be replaced with hardy, easy-to-maintain plants. The size of the beds will be reduced to be more in proportion with the overall size of the entrance.

It is important for us to renovate this entrance as it is one of our largest community assets. A well-maintained entrance enhances property values and conveys a positive welcome to potential homebuyers. Visible signs that a neighborhood maintains and values its common property also helps to reduce crime in the neighborhood. At the completion of the 134 entrance project, the other entrances to the neighborhood will be evaluated for possible renovation as well.

The Board has asked Cox & Lee Management, our Association's management company, to oversee the Route 134 entrance renovation project. The project will be paid for entirely from our Reserve Funds that are set aside specifically for major or long-term projects. No assessment increase or special assessment will be necessary.

If you have any questions about the project please contact a member of the Board. And be on the lookout—exciting things are happening!

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NEW LAKE AND TRAIL RULES SIGN — ROB COX

If you have driven along Bridge Wood Drive by the lakes recently you will have noticed the new “Lake and Trail Use Rules” sign set back from the road near the entrance to the walking trail.

The Board had the sign installed as a result of discussions with the TLHA attorney regarding the community’s liability for the common areas. The attorney advised that a “No Trespassing” sign should be placed at the trail entrance by the lake to limit TLHA’s liability from public access. The new sign clari-

fies that the Lake and Trail are for TLHA residents’ use only.

In addition, the sign lists restrictions on the Lake and Trail use that the Board adopted in 2015. The restrictions are to ensure that the lake and trail are used safely and that these common areas are kept as a pleasant place for residents to enjoy. The full rules, including the purpose/reasons for introducing them, are posted on the TLHA website at <http://www.tabblakes.org/documents/Governance/TrailUseRules.pdf>.



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST—BEAUTIFICATION COMM.

Tabb Lakes 2016 Holiday Decorations Contest begins this December to recognize and show appreciation to residents for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.



It is highly encouraged that you consider helping us by volunteering to be a holiday décor judge for this one event and/or nominating your favorite decorated home by contacting the beautification committee at beauty@tabblakes.org.

If there are no volunteers to

help judge the décor, then the judging will be done by the Tabb Lakes Board of Directors and the Beautification Committee members.

This is a contest for two winners.

We are looking for holiday daytime AND a best evening holiday décor winner. Any residential (owner or tenant occupied) within the Tabb Lakes Subdivision is eligible. Judging will take place during the month of December with final decision being rendered December 22nd. The home receiving the most

votes will be deemed the 2016 Holiday Decorations Contest Winner. Each winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card to Lowe’s and be recognized on the community website and Facebook page. Current Holiday Decoration Contest Committee members (to include new volunteers) and Tabb Lakes Board of Directors are not eligible to win.

Examples of possible judging criteria: Curb Appeal, Theme, Uniformity of Color, Neatness and Alignment, Organization of Lawn ornaments, etc.

Please Note: This Award Program focuses on the front yards/roofs only.

CERT TRAINING – BILL KEPLESKY

I recently completed the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training program. The CERT training focused on basic individual skills to prepare and respond first to your family’s emergency needs, and then support our neighborhood’s immediate needs until York County’s Emergency Response arrives. The training agenda included, for example - Disaster Preparedness, Home Fire Safety, Basic Medical Operations, Limited Search and Rescue, and CERT organization.

I want to impress upon each resident the value of the train-



ing I received to prepare and respond to potential emergency situations at home, as well as understanding how to participate in our neighborhood emergency response. Of note, the Chief and members of the Department of Fire and Life Safety cited the Tabb Lakes Emergency Response Program as the model for neighborhood programs.

If you are interested in increasing your knowledge and

preparation skills to support your family and your neighbors, please contact Lou Lafrenaye, Chairman of our Tabb Lakes Emergency Response Committee at TLERT@tabblakes.org or check out the TLHA committee web site at www.tabblakes.org/CERT/TabbWebCERT.html You can also contact the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety POC, Annetta Norwood-Perry: norwooda@yorkcounty.gov for information on this free training.

YARDS OF THE MONTH WINNERS—BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

All winners received a \$25.00 Gift card from Lowes.

June	Jim and Karen Arbuckle	114 Jonathan Junction
July	Vince and Kristen Mertz	103 Tiger Run
August	Jeff and Tracy Payne	936 Tabb Lakes Drive
October	Homeowner	A house on Elise

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND THANKS FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL EFFORTS!



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

LEAVES, DRAINAGE, AND CARE OF OUR LAKES — LOU LAFRENAYE

As winter approaches, days will become progressively shorter and cooler. This change acts as a trigger for the deciduous trees winter dormancy and starts an irreversible phase of "leaf drop" called **abscission**. Most deciduous trees drop their leaves by abscission before winter, while evergreen trees continuously abscise their leaves through the year. The connective layer between the leaf and the twig (a thin layer of cells) begins to harden and blocks the transport of nutrients between the tree and leaf. Once the layer has been blocked, a tear line forms and the leaf falls off. A protective layer seals the wound, preventing water evaporating and bugs getting in. Check out a leaf stem with a magnifying glass or microscope to see the end results.

Once this amazing process completes, we all know what we end up with...lots of leaves in our yards, which

leads me to the topics of drainage and lake care.

Please take time to do the following this fall:

- Collect and dispose of leaves and grass properly and in a timely manner. York County waste management has a leaf collection service that started in November. Their information on the process and pickup time for our area is published on their web site (see below).
- Keep your drainage ditches and swales clear of grass, leaves, branches, and debris. This will help reduce the chance of drainage pipes being clogged up and will minimize flooding problems in the neighborhood. Check both in front and behind your homes. As an example, homes between Leslie Lane and Bridgewood Dr. have a swale in their backyard that drains into two grates. Several homes on

the outer boundaries of Tabb Lakes have a drainage ditches or swales behind their homes that should be checked.

- Help keep grass, leaves, and branches out of our lakes. Please do not dump grass or leaves in the lakes. Large amounts of leaves and grass left in our drainage ditches will eventually end up being flushed into our lakes. This will add more organic matter into our lakes and increase the rate of which our retention ponds are filling up. The additional nitrogen also helps to feed algae blooms during the summer, which in turn depletes the oxygen level in the water.

For more information on York County's leaf collection program, go to

<https://www.yorkcounty.gov/CountyGovernment/PublicWorks/WasteManagement/>

LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

Leaf collection began in November and will continue through the month of January. Residents may place an unlimited number of clear bags* of leaves at the roadside for collection every other week. The remaining collection week dates for the Southern Zone that includes

Tabb Lakes are:

⇒ December 12, 26

⇒ January 9, 23

Bags must be at the roadside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Pickup will be completed by the end of the week.

*York County is participating

in a regional de-bagging operation at the VPPSA Compost Facility for the 2016-2017 leaf season. The success of the de-bagging operation works best with certain types of clear bags. Bags should be no thicker than 1.0 mil, and should have NO DRAWSTRINGS.

HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDERS FROM YORK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

The holiday season is upon us again, which means many of us are scrambling to decorate and tidy our homes for get-togethers with families and friends for holiday celebrations. It also means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):



- ◆ U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 240 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees in 2005-2009. These fires caused an annual average of 13 civilian fire deaths, 27 civilian fire injuries and \$16.7 million in direct property damage.
- ◆ On average, one of every 18 reported home Christmas tree fires re-

sulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 141 total reported home fires.

- ◆ Forty-two percent of home Christmas tree structure fires occurred on the twelve days from December 23 through January 3.
- ◆ During 2005-2009, an estimated 12,860 home structure fires started by candles were reported to local fire departments. These fires resulted in an estimated 136 civilian deaths, 1,041 civilian injuries and an estimated direct property loss of \$471 million.
- ◆ Two of every five reported home fires start in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home.

- ◆ Half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February in 2005-2009.

- ◆ Holiday or other decorative lights with line voltage were involved in an average of 150 home structure fires per year, resulting in an average of 8 civilian deaths, 14 civilian injuries, and \$8.5 million in direct property damage.

For a list of safety tips to assist you in protecting your family and property and to stay safe during this winter holiday season, go to the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety web site at www.yorkcounty.gov/readyyorkcounty/AreYouReady.aspx under the heading "Holiday Safety and Preparedness".

***Please note the new Board of Directors listed on the first page and a few changes in the Committee Chairpersons and Managers listed on the last page.

**NEEDED:
NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH CHAIRPERSON.
CALL BOARD MEMBER IF
INTERESTED!**

*****NOTE: There is a new Collections Policy on the web concerning collecting assessments and other charges. Please go to our website: www.tabblakes.org and click on "Collections Policy" on the left side.**

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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

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

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