

# TABB LAKES NEWSLETTER

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## THIEVES AND OPPORTUNISTS – NEAL VAN HOUTEN

The Tabb Lakes neighborhood has experienced a few more incidences of individuals rummaging through cars in the middle of the night. Basically, this growing trend involves, would be, thieves going house to house checking car handles in the driveways or on roads to see if cars are unlocked. They are NOT breaking into vehicles by damaging door locks or smashing windows but are simply taking advantage of the unlocked vehicles and

**Please lock your car and remove all valuables.**

looking for opportunity. The best way we can manage this trend is by remaining vigilant on our personal security by locking our cars at night and not keeping valuables inside our vehicles. If you are taken advantage of, we highly encourage you to call the non-emergency Sherriff's Office line (757-890-3621) to report the inci-

dent. Though you may not feel this is important as the criminals did not take anything, reporting helps with crime tracking/mapping; and the information is very important to the YPSO. Recently a home security camera proved valuable in catching footage of a couple of males who were canvassing the cars looking for that opportunity. If you happen to have footage, please do not hesitate to provide the info to the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and/or provide to the Homeowner Association Board of Directors so we can all increase awareness. Stay Safe!

Tabb Lakes Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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**Because of COVID-19, our spring yard sale was postponed to September 26.**



## LAKESIDE VEGETATION – ELLIS SHARADIN

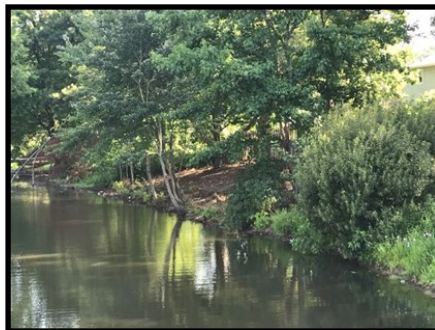
If you walk or drive regularly in the vicinity of Bridge Wood Drive, where Lakes 1 and 2 meet, you've no doubt noticed a large tree that fell across Lake 1 during a recent storm. Your Board of Directors is evaluating cutting up and removing the dead tree, which may be an expensive proposition. The alternative is to pull it around and let it sink to the bottom, where it will rot away. However, that adds detritus to the lake and may be a 3-4 year process before the tree has fully deteriorated.

Our concern about the tree coincides with recent complaints we've received from homeowners, concerning excessive shoreline growth in other areas of our lakes. In recent years, the Board has offered lakeside homeowners the option of planting marsh growth along their shorelines in lieu of installing wooden bulkheads. If kept trimmed, that is an eco-friendly and attractive way to control erosion. However, it's become increasingly obvious some homeowners have permitted lakeside growth to exceed practical standards. We see large trees growing very close to the banks, leaning at dangerous angles, which increases likelihood of whole trees tumbling into our lakes during major storms. In other areas, there is so much shoreline growth, it blocks views and creates breeding grounds attractive to major pests like



muskrats, snakes, nutria, etc. which pose a significant threat to property and present dangers to children and adults alike.

Over the next few months, the Board will be developing a set of standards for lakeside vegetation and tree growth. In the meantime, if you're a lakeside owner, please take a walk down to your shoreline and evaluate the amount of tree and plant growth you've allowed to take place. If you have young trees growing within 15 ft. or so of the waterline, trees leaning out over the water, heavy and tall vegetation growth, etc., it's time for you to do some trimming and remove those offending trees. Do it now while weather is good, because in a few months you'll likely see the Association adopt new standards



and begin enforcement. A good lakeside cleanup will promote a better impression of Tabb Lakes and reduce the need to expend precious Association funds for downed tree extraction. It will also enhance the attractiveness and value of your property as well as your neighbor's properties.

As always, you're welcome to weigh in on the lakeside standards process by offering the Board of Directors your ideas on appropriate standards to formalize. We're all ears and would love to have your inputs. You can



also join our monthly Board Zoom meeting to present your ideas to the Board. The schedule is on the [tabblakes.org](http://tabblakes.org) website; and our property manager, Victory Community Management, can provide you with the Zoom meeting log-in information. This is your chance to be part of the solution to excessive lakeside vegetation and uncontrolled tree growth next to the waterline.

**Volunteer**

**Lake 2 Maintenance Manager position is still vacant!**

**If you'd like to help, please contact our Board of Directors.**

**Needed!**

## STORMWATER DRAINAGE – ELLIS SHARADIN

Our recent brush with Tropical Storm Isaias was insightful because the inflow of water into our two lakes, combined with high tide conditions, resulted in high-water conditions that submerged docks and crept up backyards as the lakes struggled to handle the outflow.

Those ditches you see in front of most Tabb Lakes residences are an essential part of the stormwater system. They direct the water from our yards and streets into a system that ultimately dumps into our lakes, which then carry the water out the north end of our neighborhood, across a spillway, and into drainage channels that end up in the Poquoson River near the dam off Rte. 17 in Grafton.

It's essential our ditches perform their function efficiently to move that water out. However, all you need to do is take a walk around our streets and you'll observe we have a great number of ditches which have been compromised by sediment buildup and shrubbery growth blocking the pipes under driveways. In numerous cases, homeowners have allowed sediment to build up to the point where there is a high spot in the ditch; and that not only blocks the flow, but can cause standing water that results in mosquito breeding habitats.

Remember – as a homeowner, you are responsible for maintaining your property not only to maintain standards of attractiveness, but to ensure you are not compromising our drainage systems. If you have significant buildup in your ditches, you have a responsibility to clean out obstructions and excess sediment buildup. You can do that yourself, or submit a VDOT Work Request at <https://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>, or call 1-800-367-7623 and ask to be added to their list for ditch cleanouts. Either way, you are responsible for the results.

Starting in September, our Property Manager, Victory Community Management, will be including ditches in their inspection schedules. Homeowners with especially egregious blockage will be notified by letter and given a specific timeframe to make corrections. We realize these problems develop over time and, thus, often don't catch your attention until they are significant. Please take these notices seriously; we are intent on restoring our storm water drainage system efficiency, and we are only mid-season for tropical storms and hurricanes. To the side are examples of excessive blockage:



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – ANGELA HURST



Congratulations to this summer's winners:

- June - 405 Bridge Wood
- July - 936 Tabb Lakes Drive
- Aug - 201 Gardenville

The Beautification Committee would like to add some fall color to the Magruder entrance of Tabb Lakes. Anyone interested in helping design or plant some mums/pansies/other fall color, please contact Angela at [beauty@tabblakes.org](mailto:beauty@tabblakes.org)

## LESSONS LEARNED – LOU LAFRENAYE

### Lessons Learned: Tree Damage and Road Blockage from Tropical Storm Isaias

The Tabb Lakes Emergency Response Committee would like to pass on some lessons learned after the damage we experienced from TS Isaias.

- ◇ A tropical storm, versus a named minor or major hurricane, can still be dangerous. NOAA records indicate wind gusts of 53 MPH in our area from TS Isaias. However, localized wind bursts broke and uprooted trees and damaged at least one vehicle and a couple of homes in our neighborhood. At one point, 30% of York County was without power. You can find the NWS wind gusts estimates at: <https://www.weather.gov/images/akq/Storm%20Summaries/isaias/AKQDailyMaxWind.png>

- ◇ Our biggest threat from wind damage is from falling or broken trees hitting your home or car. We recommend you check around your house for tree branches that are close to or touching your roof or siding and have them removed. Look for weak or damaged trees or branches and have them removed. If in doubt, contact a tree care/removal company to get an opinion and estimate.
- ◇ During this storm, we had a few tornado warnings issued by the National Weather Service warning system. Tornadoes are unpredictable and can occur anytime during a hurricane or tropical storm. We highly recommend you get a weather alert radio to keep you immediately informed of tornado warnings in our area.

- ◇ A potentially dangerous situation arose when a tree uprooted at a home on Conway Ct. and fell across the road, blocking access in and out of the cul-de-sac. This could be dangerous if First Responders needed to help families that were isolated. Fortunately, a homeowner called the non-emergency number to the Sheriff/Fire Depts. (757-890-3621) and reported the blockage. York County quickly sent a crew to cut the tree away and clear the road. Homeowners should check their area during and after the storm and call this non-emergency number if their road is blocked.

**York County Fire/  
Sheriff Dept. Non-Emergency  
Number  
757-890-3621**

## 2020 HURRICANE SEASON – LOU LAFRENAYE

Now is the time to check and update your emergency supplies and equipment. On August 5, the Colorado State University raised their 2020 Atlantic Season Forecast to 24 named storms. They predict another 15 named storms after Hurricane Isaias that are expected to develop this hurricane season. Ten of those storms are forecast to become hurricanes. Five of those hurricanes may reach at least Category 3 intensity. This could be the second most active hurricane season on record. You can find more information at their web site:

<https://weather.com/storms/hurricane/news/2020-08-05-2020-atlantic-hurricane-season-august-forecast>

Although hurricane season is June 1 to November 30, the peak time for hurricane development is mid-August to mid-October.

### **New Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide**

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) recently released an updated version of the ***Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide - During the COVID-19 Pandemic***. This brochure is more than just an evacuation guide. It has a lot of good information on preparing for tropical storms, emergency supplies to have on hand, planning for pets, emergency communications for your family, how to evacuate the area if needed, and what to do after the storm. The list of supplies

includes supplies needed at a shelter to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please bring the COVID-19 supplies indicated in the brochure if you have to move to a local shelter. You can download the brochure at the VDEM web site:

[www.vaemergency.gov/hurricanes/](http://www.vaemergency.gov/hurricanes/)



## HONORING OUR FLAG – KEITH EBERT

As a Veteran, I am thrilled to see how many residents display our American Flag when my wife and I walk around our neighborhood. Displaying our Flag comes with responsibilities and rules that are called Flag Etiquette. Listed below are some known and maybe unknown rules to follow when displaying our American Flag (from the book Honor Our Flag: How to Care For, Fly, and Otherwise Respect the Stars and Stripes by David Singleton):

- ⇒ The Flag should hang freely and not touch the ground or any object like a bush or railing.
- ⇒ The Flag should always hang fully and not wrapped around its pole.
- ⇒ Raise your Flag first thing in the morning and lower it before the sun goes down.
- ⇒ If displayed at night, a light must light up the Flag.
- ⇒ Only an all-weather Flag can be displayed during inclement weather rain, sleet, or snow.
- ⇒ If displayed from a vertical pole, our Flag should be above any other flag(s) on the pole.
- ⇒ Always treat our Flag with the respect it deserves.

- ⇒ What the colors of our Flag mean: Red signifies hardiness and valor, white signifies purity and innocence, and blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.



- ⇒ Some people display our Flag year round while others display it on certain days:
  - January 1, New Year's Day
  - Martin Luther King's Birthday, third Monday in January
  - Inauguration Day, January 20
  - Lincoln's Birthday, February 12
  - Washington's Birthday, February 22
  - President's Day, third Monday in February
  - Easter Sunday
  - Mother's Day, second Sunday in May

- Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15 (half -staff)
- Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May (half-staff until noon)
- Flag Day, June 14
- Army Day, June 14
- Independence Day, July 4
- Korean War Veteran's Day, July 27 (half-staff)
- Labor Day, first Monday in September
- Patriot Day, September 11 (half-staff)
- Constitution Day, September 17
- Air Force Day, September 17
- Columbus Day, October 12
- Navy Day, October 27
- Election Day, first Tuesday in November
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7 (half-staff)
- Christmas Day, December 25
- and state, local, and religious holidays.

### INFORMATION ABOUT ANNUAL HOMEOWNER ASSO. MEETING

**Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, we will be unable to have our Annual Meeting this fall. The Board is working on an alternative plan to make sure that all homeowners receive the usual information that is discussed at the meeting. More information will be sent out once plans are finalized.**

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If you are a business in our community, you must fill out the business form and submit it with your check. Please see our web-site for instructions. <http://www.tabblakes.org>. New paid ads will be accepted AFTER January 15 on a first come, first served basis.

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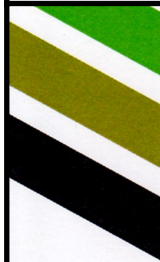
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**Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Request for Approval**

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 location, shape & all measurements. Provide a list colors, materials to be used, and any other construction details.

**Homeowner check list:**

- County permits: 890-3522. For room additions (including screened porches) a copy of the York County building permit must be attached to this application.
- Call Miss Utility before digging, to locate underground utilities: 1-800-552-7001
- York County Code 24.1-280, General Requirements for Home Occupations

**Estimated project completion date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Allow up to 3 weeks for the processing of ARC approval; projects may not be started until approval has been obtained.)*

In addition to any required county inspections, the Association reserves the right to review the completed project to determine whether or not the work was accomplished in accordance with the approved application. Please notify the Association when the work is finished. Projects found to have deviated from the specifications of the approved ARC request will be cited through the Association’s Covenants Compliance Inspection process.

***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 deviation from the plans submitted or changed from using “like kind” building materials to those specified in this application.***

Homeowner’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions or to confirm project completion:** Contact Sarah Knaub at 757-593-0166 or VictoryComMgt@gmail.com.

**To Submit:**

- E-mail form and attachments to Victory Community Management: **VictoryComMgt@gmail.com**.
- Mail form and attachments to the following address: **TLHA ARC Committee, c/o Victory Community Management  
5007-C Victory Blvd. #240, Yorktown, VA 23693**

**NOTE: This form can be downloaded from our webpage: [www.tabblakes.org/arc.php](http://www.tabblakes.org/arc.php)**

**Committee Action** \_\_\_\_\_ Date of receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Approved as submitted

\_\_\_\_ Approved subject to modifications as required by covenants

\_\_\_\_ Disapproved for reason listed on reverse side

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## TABB LAKES HOMES ASSOCIATION

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