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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH - NEAL VANHOUTEN

As many of you know, Tabb Lakes has experienced a rash of car "break ins" or, more specifically, criminals rummaging through unlock cars. Initially, the collective thought was that these were "kids" or addicts looking for money or items they could change for money to get their next fix; neither of these theories are true. The Sheriffs office believes that these are criminals looking for firearms but willing to take anything once they are in the open vehicles.

As we've been reminded in the past, locking our vehicles is the best way to eliminate these criminals from getting what they want: an easy score. Additionally, it's highly recommended that we refrain from leaving firearms, extra house/vehicle keys or other valuables in vehicles. York- Poquoson Sheriff's Office (YPSO) also recommends we reconsider keeping garage door openers in our vehicles as this is an easy way to gain access to our homes.

A new development regarding criminal activity is the recent increased trend of catalytic converter thefts in our area. Catalytic converters are a component of every vehicle exhaust system. It converts toxic chemicals produced by vehicles into relatively harmless gases. before they are emitted into the atmosphere. Criminals are stealing these parts as they contain valuable metals such as platinum. The average cost to replace a catalytic converter ranges from \$500 to \$4000 depending on the type of vehicle. Please be aware and report any "out of the norm" activity.

In December, one of our neighbors was investigating a notification of activity outside his home near his vehicles. As he went out to investigate, he came upon a criminal in his vehicle. The criminal shot our neighbor. Thankfully, he is alive and recovering, but this could have been any of us. With this in mind, YPSO confirmed that this criminal element is clearly dangerous and recommends that, if we believe there is nefarious activity occurring outside our homes, we call 911 immediately. Sheriff Deputies are able to get to our neighborhood fairly quickly. Records prove that, depending on type of call, YPSO can be on seen in as little as 2.3 minutes with their max response time averaging 6.4 minutes.

Last newsletter I shared the email address to send exterior camera footage to YPSO. (shield@yorkcounty.gov). The footage is gathered by the Crime Analysis Unit and then shared with our Investigations Division. Sharing your exterior camera footage assists the Sheriff's Office with investigating ongoing criminal activities. One more thing we can do for the YPSO is register our home security cameras for the "Shield Camera" program at <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-6/Security-Camera-Registration-91>. This allows investigators to quickly contact homeowners whose cameras may have captured evidence of a crime.

Clearly much is going on with neighborhood watch, an area that is imperative that we remain vigilant and adopt an "all for one" mentality. We must continue to watch out for ourselves and our neighbors.

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HOLIDAY DÉCOR WINNERS - ANGELA HURST

Thank you to everyone who took the time and energy it takes to make Tabb Lakes a festive community to live in. The judging was very difficult, and unfortunately, the weather made it difficult to get good pictures of our winning homes this year.

Congrats!

to our 2020 outstanding decorators! Both winning homes received a \$50 Lowe's gift card.

Daytime Winner- 810 Tabb Lakes
The Mitchell Family

Nighttime Winner- 105 Monty Manor
The Patterson Family

CANADA GEESE POPULATION CONTROL - LOU LAFRENAYE



Addling Eggs

In April, our Tabb Lakes HOA will restart our egg addling program to help control the Canada geese population in the neighborhood. "Addling" is a method used to prevent the eggs from hatching. It involves oiling the egg with corn oil. This method conforms to the U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife rules and meets the Humane Society guidelines in limiting goose flock growth.

We need the assistance of all lake-front property owners. Beginning in April, the start of their nesting season, we ask that all lake front homeowners notify the below listed POC's if they observe any nest being built and/or eggs on their property. This will help us locate active nests. We will, in turn, ask for your permission to enter your property in order to addle the eggs at the appropriate time. Our HOA obtained a U.S. Fish and Wildlife federal permit allowing us to do this within the current laws. We will only have a short period of time to do this so timing is important. The nesting season to do this is roughly in the months of April and May.

Please contact Lou Lafrenaye (867-8333) (TLERT@TABBLAKES.ORG) or Keith Ebert (867-7133) (President02@TABBLAKES.ORG) regarding the location of any nest/eggs on your property or if you have any questions.

This program will require the cooperation of all lake-side homeowners to be effective. If successful, our plan is to continue this program in future years to help keep the geese population down to a manageable level.

Another article was written about this in the 4th quarter of our 2020 newsletter. All past newsletters are posted on our webpage.

LAKE 2 MANAGER - JEFFERY PAYNE

I just wanted to introduce myself and let you know I have agreed to hold the position of Lake 2 Coordinator. I have lived on Lake 2 for over ten years and have a small boat. I have always enjoyed the water and being around it. I want to do my very best to preserve this beautiful lake and continue to make it a great addition to our neighborhood. As of now, no one has stepped up to be the Lake 1 Coordinator, so I wanted to list some of the duties you would be responsible for if anyone is interested. I will be willing to meet with whoever takes over Lake 1 and establish a great working relationship to continue to keep both lakes beautiful.

Here are some of the specific duties:

- ◆ Monitor performance of the Lake Management contractor
- ◆ Advise the BOD when changes are needed to the lake management contract
- ◆ Monitor the performance of the lake fountains / light system
- ◆ Monitor the performance of the lake air diffuser systems
- ◆ Monitor general conditions of algae growth in both lakes
- ◆ Advise the BOD on general questions concerning the health of the lake biosystems
- ◆ Keep accurate records of committee activities
- ◆ Prepare an annual budget for the Lake Management Committee
- ◆ Present a briefing on Lake Management Committee activities at the TLHA annual membership meeting
- ◆ Attend all Board of Directors (BOD) meetings and present a Committee report.

Volunteer Needed!
Lake 1 Manager

PREPARING FOR A WINTER STORM - LOU LAFRENAYE

The recent news about the impacts of cold weather, snow/ice, along with the large scale loss of electricity and potable water shows how vulnerable we can be in extreme weather conditions. A similar cold front along with a severe ice storm could easily cause similar problems in eastern Virginia that would impact our families and neighbors. If you never lived in a cold weather state or weathered a few severe ice storms, then there are a number of lessons

you can learn from this recent weather event. To best prepare you and your family (whether at home or on the road), I recommend you research the preparations you can make to insure everyone in your family is safe. One source is FEMA. You can download their document "How to Prepare For a Winter Storm" at: https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema_winterstorm_htp.pdf

Another good site to review is the Ready.gov winter weather site at: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>



YARD OF THE MONTH - ANGELA HURST

Do you or a neighbor have a well-kept lawn that you would like to see recognized? Help us reward those homeowners with a \$25 gift card. For the months of May through September, one yard will be chosen from either a nomination given to the Tabb Lakes Beautification Committee or selection of the committee itself. Nominations are highly encouraged and can be made by emailing: beauty@tabblakes.org. The Beautification Committee will choose the yard 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 viewed from 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 in our community newsletter, 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. Interested in volunteering? We can always use more help. Contact beauty@tabblakes.org to get involved.

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



COVENANT COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS - SARAH KNAUB

Spring is almost here! It's hard to believe it has come back around... and we're still wearing masks! I hope you and yours have remained healthy and safe through these unprecedented times. Spring also means Covenants Compliance inspections are beginning again. The Board has a legal duty to uphold the rules and restrictions of the HOA as one of the methods of maintaining property values in the neighborhood. Help ensure your neighborhood remains an attractive real estate investment that will attract new home buyers and allow future home sellers to receive top dollar for their home (that could be you!).

So, get on out and take a look at your property from the street. Do you still have leaves piled up or branches strewn about that need to be removed? Is there mold on your siding or moss growing on your shed? Does your driveway apron look messy and weedy? If you have stones, do they need sweeping off street? Check your mailbox—is the post leaning or covered with lichen? Now is the time to do some cleaning up so when the spring flowers start blooming, THEY are the focal point of your yard and not some other overlooked exterior maintenance item.

If you have any questions about the TLHA Covenants Compliance Program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sarah Knaub

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STORMWATER DRAINAGE - ELLIS SHARADIN

The extensive period of rain we endured recently showed the importance of having an efficient stormwater drainage system. Even now, a stroll around Tabb Lakes reveals a lot of backed-up drainage ditches with standing water, resulting in reduced inflow at our lakes, which were built to rid the neighborhood of excess water.

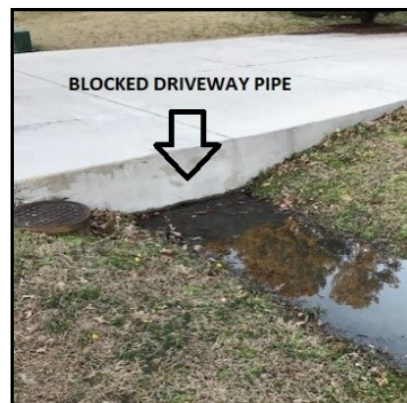
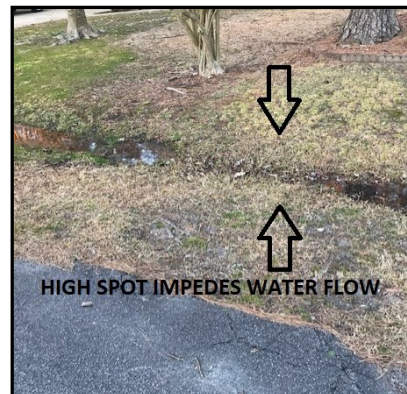
The ditch in front of your home is a very essential component of our stormwater management system. When operating correctly, it directs water from our yards and streets into a system that ultimately dumps into our lakes, which then carry water out the north end of Tabb Lakes, across a spillway, and into drainage channels that end up in the Poquoson River near the dam in Grafton.

It's essential our ditches function efficiently. Last Fall, in the TLHA Newsletter, I discussed this problem and gave everyone a heads-up the Board of Directors intends to make a priority of correcting deficiencies. However, a recent TLHA assessment showed there are still many ditches which remain 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 are high spots in the ditches which not only block the flow but cause standing water which will result in mosquito breeding habitats when the weather warms up.

As a homeowner, YOU are responsible for maintaining your property,

not just for standards of attractiveness, but to ensure you're not compromising our drainage systems. If you have significant buildup in your ditch, you have a responsibility to clean out obstructions and excess sediment buildup. Take time for a personal assessment of your ditch. Do you have excessive silt buildup and grass or other vegetation blocking your under-driveway pipes? If so, make plans to correct those deficiencies as soon as the weather begins warming up. You can do that yourself with a shovel, 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 VDOT's list for ditch cleanouts. Either way, you're responsible for the results.

We know that problems develop over time and thus often don't catch your attention until they're significant. Starting this Spring, the Board of Directors, working with our Property Manager, Victory Community Management, will include ditches in our inspection schedules. Homeowners with significant blockage will be notified by letter and given a specific timeframe to make corrections. PLEASE take these notices seriously. We are intent on restoring our stormwater drainage system efficiency, and we DO NOT want deficiencies to continue to the point where summer tropical storms and hurricanes endanger our neighborhood. Examples of excessive blockage can be seen in next column.



May 15, 2021

SHOP WITH A SHERIFF PROGRAM - CHARLES ROSSI

This past holiday season, your Tabb Lakes Board of Directors approved a contribution of \$250 to the *Shop With a Sheriff* program run by the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. This contribution was in lieu of our usual contribution to the neighborhood Block Party held at the Library, since that event was cancelled this year.

Sheriff Diggs sent a letter to the Tabb Lakes HOA thanking us for our contribution. He stated that the 2020 *Shop With a Sheriff* program was a great success and they were able to serve 117 children from York County and Poquoson. Due to the restrictions required by the pandemic, items were purchased by depu-

ties, staff, and volunteers and a drive-through event was held to distribute gifts to each child.

The Sheriff emphasized that the success of this program is due in part to the tremendous support received from the community.

SHOOTING INCIDENT - KEITH EBERT

Back in December 2020, an off-duty Gloucester sheriff's deputy was shot in York County when he confronted someone breaking into vehicles, according to the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. York-Poquoson Sheriff's deputies responded to the 100 block of Leslie Lane for a report of a shooting around 4 a.m. The off-duty deputy saw the person breaking into vehicles and confronted him or her before he was shot, officials said. He was taken to the hospital and is in stable condition. Jordan Edmonds Hilliard, a 21-year-old man from Hampton, was arrested and faces several misdemeanor and felo-

ny charges. The felony charges include attempted capital murder, aggravated malicious wounding, discharging a firearm in a public place, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, unlawfully wounding while in the commission or attempted commission of a felony, discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling. The misdemeanor charges include reckless handling of a firearm, false information to a law enforcement officer, trespassing into a vehicle, brandishing, four counts of destruction of property and two counts of tampering with a vehicle. Hilliard is facing 15 warrants and 12 offens-

es in connection with vehicle break-ins and the shooting.

REMEMBER: if you park your vehicles in your driveway, MAKE SURE you remove all valuables that can be seen through the windows and MAKE SURE you lock your vehicle.

**LOCK YOUR
VEHICLE!
HIDE OR REMOVE
ALL VALUABLES!**

THANK YOU - GLOUCESTER COUNTY DEPUTY AND FAMILY

Hello, Tabb Lakes Residents,

My family and I moved into Tabb Lakes in the late fall of 2019. Our hope was to get out and meet some of the neighbors in the area. But due to the time of year and work schedules it was hard to do. Then when all the restrictions came into affect from COVID-19, we weren't able to get out as much as we wanted.

The incident that took place on December 28th was an unfortunate event for myself, my family and our neighborhood. My family and I are grateful for the Tabb Lakes Community along with others who have stepped in to show their support. Due to this, we have been able to

meet so many people that have either come by to check on my recovery, the needs of the family, or just to say hello and talk. It is a great feeling to know that our community looks out for one another.

My family and I would like to send our greatest gratitude to everyone. From the warm welcome home from my hospital stay, the wonderful drawings and messages from a few of the neighborhood children, and the various assistance that has been provided.

This was not the way my wife and I wanted to meet people throughout the neighborhood but we have met so many people because of this. I want to take this time to thank eve-

ryone for the well wishes and keeping both myself and my family in their prayers.



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<http://www.tabblakes.org>.

These ads are considered on first come, first served basis.

CRAPE MYRTLE BARK SCALE - LOU LAFRENAYE

A New Insect Pest in Tabb Lakes

A new insect has invaded the Hampton Roads area and, unfortunately, Tabb Lakes. It is called the Crape Myrtle Bark Scale (CMBS). My neighbor and I have infected trees, and I have reports from others in the HOA with the same infection. I confirmed the type infection with the Virginia Cooperative Extension and VA Tech insect lab.

If left undetected or untreated, the CMBS will spread rapidly in your tree. A heavy infestation will result in white crusted clusters of insects which may blanket small stems and be quite visible on the trunks. You should also look for streaks of black sooty mold which appears on the bark. In a severe case, it will look like the tree has been burnt black. This sooty mold grows as a by-product of the sucking insects. As these insects feed, they give off a sweet substance called honeydew. Wherever this honeydew lands, the stems, leaves and trunk get very sticky and then a black sooty mold

will form. If that sooty mold is accompanied with white specks on the trunks or branches, that is the crape myrtle bark scale.

The recommended treatment is an application of a systemic insecticide containing imidacloprid or dinotefuran as a drench applied to the root zone. A systemic insecticide is mixed with water and poured into the ground so the roots can absorb the product into the tree. Two products recently used by HOA members (who said it worked) was Merit-75WP and Bonide Tree and Shrub Insect Control. Others listed in the web-sites below include Bayer Advanced™ Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control. All contain one of the two main insecticides listed above. Be sure to carefully read and follow the application instructions for the product you use. According to one article, the best time to apply the systemic insecticide is in late March through early May.

For more information, you can go to the following web sites:
<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/>

[crapemyrtle-bark-scale/ https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/fsa-7086.pdf](https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/fsa-7086.pdf) or contact our Virginia Cooperative Extension local office at: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/1015/Virginia-Cooperative-Extens>.



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

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: _____

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March 14, 2021
Spring forward
one hour

JUST SOME REMINDERS:

- **Be kind to your neighbors and pick up your dog's poop.**
- **When walking or jogging, do so going against traffic, and PLEASE wear something reflective when there's no sunlight.**
- **Ride bikes flowing with traffic.**
- **Do not feed the geese or ducks.**
- **This newsletter is only produced in soft copy. If we don't have your email address, you can always find the newsletter (past and present) on our webpage. Those who don't have computer capabilities, may request a hard copy. Contact editor.**
- **Please do not put your leaves in your ditch because they will end up in the lake, which will cost us money in the long run for dredging, or clog up the drainage for someone else's yard.**

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