

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT-KEITH EBERT

From the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit Sheriff's Citizen Academy

An Educational Opportunity for the Citizens of York County and Poquoson

The following information was obtained from the York County-Poquoson Sheriff Office Pamphlet.

What is the Sheriff's Citizen Academy?

The York-Poquoson County Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy is a 43-hour block of instruction designed to give the citizens of York County and the City of Poquoson a working knowledge of the Sheriff's Office and the criminal justice system. Twelve comprehensive three-hour classes covering various areas of the Sheriff's Office and specific law enforcement topics will be held once a week. Certified law enforcement instructors, Sheriff's Office supervisors, as well as guest speakers, will conduct these instructional blocks.

The curriculum covers diverse topics such as 911 Communications, Hiring, Training, Policies and Procedures, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Law, DUI Investigations, Family Violence, Narcotics Enforcement, Tactical Operations, Hostage Negotiations, Jail Operations, and Firearms/Weapons use. Emphasis will be placed on the Patrol Section due to its highly visible contact with the community.

What is the Goal of the Sheriff's Citizen Academy?

The goal of the Sheriff's Citizen Academy is to increase law enforcement awareness, dispel suspicions and misconceptions, and increase community rapport through the educational process. Student's interaction and input will indeed contribute to this two-way learning experience.

How Long Does the Academy Last?

Each 12-week Academy Session will meet Monday evenings for 3 hours and an additional 3-5 hour Saturday firearms session. There is no charge for the Academy; however, a substantial commitment for participants to attend 11 of the 12 scheduled sessions is required to successfully complete and receive a *Certificate of Graduation*. Additionally, each student must ride with a deputy on patrol for 4 hours. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will schedule at least two Sheriff's Citizen Academy sessions per year.

Where Will It Be Held?

Most of the Academy's sessions will be held at the main office of

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York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office; however, off-site classes include the York-Poquoson Courthouse, Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail, Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center, and the Hampton Roads Academy of Criminal Justice.

Although Academy students receive instruction and training in numerous law-enforcement-related subjects, the graduates are not prepared for, expected to, nor authorized to conduct any law enforcement services. It is hoped that the graduates will become goodwill ambassadors for the Sheriff's Office. A positive comment from alumni increases interest in the Academy. Alumni also refer other citizens for consideration and application to future Academy classes.

Class Breakdown for the Citizen Academy

◊ "Getting Started" Meet the Sheriff and tour the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. Learn about the Emergency Communications Center and tour that Facility.

- ◊ "Building a Professional Agency" Learn about the hiring and accreditation process of a modern law enforcement agency.
- ◊"Going Back to School" Learn what training recruits go through in becoming law enforcement officers at the Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy.
- ◊"Solving the Crime" See the latest techniques used by investigators in solving cases.
- ◊"Going to Court" Learn how the court-system works and tour the York-Poquoson Courthouse.
- ◊"Use of Force" Learn about the tactics and measures that help deputies keep themselves and the public safe. Attend a firearms class on Saturday at the range.
- ◊ "Behind Bars" Get an inside look at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail and the Merrimac Detention Center.

◊"Crime Prevention Overview and Graduation" Find out what you can do to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime. Closing remarks and graduation certificates presented by Sheriff Diggs.

Who Can Apply?

The Academy is open to all citizens who reside or work in York County or the City of Poquoson. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and successfully pass a background investigation.

How Can I Apply?

Applications can be obtained in person at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office or on the web at:

www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff If you have any questions concerning the Sheriff's Citizen Academy, the Crime Prevention Unit can be reached Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4PM at (757) 890-3630. Written requests for information can be faxed to (757) 890-3649 or mailed to: York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit, 301 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, Virginia 23692.

FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE—ANGELA HURST

THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP is a nationwide initiative to transform neighborhoods while promoting litter awareness and empowering people to keep their communities clean.

Join Tabb Lakes Beautification Committee on Saturday, March 26, from 10am-12 noon to clean the roadsides, entrance ways, and the Lake 1 trail. Please contact beauty@tabblakes.org by Saturday, March 19, if you have questions or would like to participate in the March 26 clean up. The Great American Cleanup is a great way for school kids to earn some volunteer hours! All children under 12 must participate with an adult.



It's almost time to recognize the Tabb Lakes Yard of the Month!

For the months of May through September, one yard will be chosen monthly that best typifies the qualities of: uniqueness, beauty, curb appeal, and consistency with the guidelines.

The winner of the Yard of the Month will be provided with a decorative yard sign for display indicating their winning yard and a \$25.00 gift card to a local shop or restaurant.

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.

More contest guidelines and judging criteria will be printed in the next newsletter or you may view them in a previous newsletter from last year's second quarter (May) issue.

Everyone has a role to play in keeping Hampton Roads beautiful. YOU can make a difference in your community.

SPRING TIME IS CLEANUP TIME—ELLIS SHARADIN

While we're still feeling the grip of winter cold, a look at recent temperatures will tell you the trend is definitely upwards. It won't be long, and we'll have blossoms on the trees and flowers will be popping up. Now is the time to begin considering what your plans are to meet the arrival of Spring.

You may recall the Association gave everyone a hiatus on inspections over the winter months. That will be ending soon, and our property manager, Victory Community Management (VCM), will resume home inspections. Among the items the Board of Directors has requested VCM to prioritize are the following:

- Mold and mildew on siding and roofs
- 2. Excess piles of branches and leaves on lawns

- 3. Rusty chimney caps
- 4. Soffits, windows and doors in need of painting
- Blockage of pipes in your ditches, which impedes efficiency of our neighborhood drainage system
- Trees in danger of falling into our lakes and adding to detritus in the lakes
- Shoreline growth that is excessive and poses future problems with #6 above

These items are largely an outgrowth of past conversations with local realtors. They have repeatedly warned the Association that ignoring these discrepancies not only casts a bad impression on potential home buyers, but also makes the neighborhood look dingy and uncared for. Ultimately, it's the value of our

homes that will suffer, if we permit folks to neglect their homes and yards. So when the weather gets better, we encourage you to walk around your home and do an assessment of your own on what needs attention. If you need some advice, contact Sarah Knaub at VCM or any of the members of the Board. We're listed on the tabblakes.org website and are happy to help. Let's get ahead of this, instead of waiting for VCM to send you a discrepancy letter. A little pride in our homes goes a



long way to keeping Tabb Lakes an attractive place for new home buyers and residents alike.

COVENANTS COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS—SARAH KNAUB

It's that time of year again — Covenants Compliance inspections have started up again! As you probably know, the Tabb Lakes Board of Directors is required to enforce the covenants and restrictions of the neighborhood. One of the ways in which they fulfill this duty is by having Victory Community Management perform regular drive-through inspections and issue notices to homeowners whose properties are found to be out of compliance. The first notice we send out is to make the homeowner aware of the problem and gives a timeframe in which to correct the issue(s). The second notice reminds the homeowner that the issue has not been taken care of and gives additional time in which to make the correction. Most of the time these two notices are all that is required to keep the neighborhood looking its best.

You are always encouraged to contact us if you have any questions about a notice you receive. Remember that we are not mind-readers! If there are extenuating circumstances preventing you from taking care of an issue within the timeframe listed on the letter, even if it is just due to a contractor's schedule, please let

us know. You will save us from sending you an additional notice after we note the issue has not yet been taken care of. The goal of covenants compliance inspections is not to be punitive, but to simply have everyone's home maintained to the high standard that folks have come to expect in Tabb Lakes.

If you have any questions about the TLHA Covenants Compliance Program, please do not hesitate to contact me!



Start collecting your items and cleaning out those closets and garages! Our neighborhood yard sale is coming up!

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8 A.M. UNTIL ?? Whenever you want to close down!

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IN YOUR HOME-LOU LAFRAYNE

Over time, many of us end up with a collection of various hazardous materials that has either expired, has been contaminated, or we no longer need. Caustic home cleaners, old automotive fluids, lighter fluid, old pesticides and fertilizer, and expired rechargeable batteries are just a few of the items that we may have around the house. We shove them under a sink or more likely store them in our garage or shed, then forget about them. Keeping them around your home can be a health and injury risk to you and your family members. Please take some time to identify these items and dispose of them properly.

To help you safely dispose of hazardous material, the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA), in coordination with York County, holds five (5) household chemical collection and computer recycling events each year. The next one is scheduled for March 12. 2022 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon at 105 Service Drive, Yorktown, VA. For more information, go to the York County website and download the

York County Household Chemical Collection Event & Paper Shredding
March 12, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
105 Service Drive, Yorktown, VA

VPPSA brochure that explains what can and <u>cannot</u> be disposed of and what the procedures are to drop off chemicals.

https://www.vppsa.org/wp-content/ uploads/2021/12/HHC-COMP-BROCHURE-2022.pdf http://www.vppsa.org/services/ #chemical

For more information on hazardous products in your home and safety measures you can take to protect you and your family, go to one of these websites:

EPA Website:

https://www.epa.gov/hw/household -hazardous-waste-hhw US Fire Administration: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/ prevention/outreach/media/ social_toolkits/ toolkit_home_hazmats.html

Additional Paper Shredding Service

York County also provides a paper shredding service at the same location and time. This is not listed in the VPPSA brochure. Citizens have the opportunity to shred their personal paperwork on-site. A shredding truck will be provided for citizens to bring up to five boxes of paperwork to be shredded. Staple and paperclip removal is not necessary; however, binders, three-ring notebooks, accordion files, and other metal objects are not acceptable to include in shredding materials. For more information go to the following website.

https://www.yorkcounty.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2410



CANADA GEESE POPULATION CONTROL—LOU LAFRENAYE

Addling Eggs

Beginning in April, our Tabb Lakes HOA will restart our egg addling program to help control the Canada

geese population in the neighborhood. Addling involves oiling eggs with corn oil to prevent them from hatching. This method conforms to the U.S. Dept of Fish and Wildlife rules and meets the Humane Society guidelines in limiting goose flock growth. Our HOA again obtained a U.S. Fish and Wildlife federal permit allowing us to do this within the current laws.



We need the assistance of all lakefront property owners for this program to have an impact. Beginning in April, the start of their nesting season, we ask that all lake front homeowners routinely

inspect their lake shore area and notify the below listed individuals 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. 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) (PresidentO2@TABBLAKES.ORG) regarding the location of any nest/eggs on your property or if you have any questions.

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE GEESE OR DUCKS!

LIGHTING AND NOISE CONCERNS—SARAH KNAUB

One of the challenges of living in a community can be excessive light or noise coming from a neighboring property. Most neighbors don't mean to be inconsiderate, so it is always best to talk to them directly if you have any concerns. If you are not able to resolve an issue you're having with your neighbor, you may be wondering where else you can turn for help. Your HOA does not regulate or restrict exterior lighting or noise, as these issues are already addressed in the York County Code.

York County lighting rules are in Section 24.1-260 (f) of the County Code. The York County Code can be found at https://ecode360.com/YO4168. Generally, any exterior security, land-

scaping or decorative lighting needs to be directed so the light shines only on the property for which it is intended. These rules are enforced by the Zoning and Code Enforcement staff. To request their assistance, use the Customer Service Request Portal on the York County website. You can get there from here: https://yorkips.yorkcounty.cloud/. Scroll down and choose "Zoning and Code Enforcement," then choose "Complaint: General Code Compliance Nuisance." After that, just fill out the form and submit your request.

York County Code addresses numerous noise situations specifically, but in general the following are prohibited: loud noises between the hours of

11 p.m. and 7 a.m. that are plainly audible from 100 feet away, noise created by an animal that can be plainly heard 100 feet away and which continues for a period of 30 minutes or longer at any time of the day, household tools and lawnmowers and other lawn care equipment between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. Read Section 16-19.2 for the specific prohibitions. York County noise ordinances are enforced through the Sheriff's Office. If you need to report a violation of the noise ordinance, call the Sheriff's non-emergency number, 757-890-3621.

YORK COUNTY MARKET DAYS AT THE YORKTOWN BEACH FRONT

Yorktown Winter Market Days left:

- ♦ March 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- March 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Market

The 2022 season starts April 9, and the market runs every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (except May 7 & Oct. 1) through the end of October. Plus there are several extended markets with fun family-friendly themes, especially during the holidays!

Save the Dates for the Special Themed Markets

- ◆ April 9: Go Green Market/Opening Market (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- ♦ April 16: Sister Cities French Market (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- April 23: Pirate Invasion Market (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Pirate Invasion Weekend
- May 14: Vintage Market/Car Show on Main (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- ◆ July 16: Fun in the Sun Market (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

- ♦ August 6: National Farmers Market Week (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- September 10: First Responders Market (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- October 8: Fall Festival (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- ♦ October 29: Paws at the River Market (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- November 12: Maritime Festival (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- ♦ November 19: Harvest Festival (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- December 10: Mistletoe Market (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)



Please don't put leaves or other debris in the ditches or the lakes! It's <u>our</u> money that pays for the dredging of the lakes when too much gunk collects in them! Also, please make sure small

items in your yards are not blown into the lakes!





BACKYARD BIRDS IN TABB LAKES—LOU LAFRENAYE

My wife and I always enjoyed watching birds. Years ago, we set up a few bird feeders and a bird bath in our back yard to attract what I thought would be a few birds that we could watch from our windows and back porch. What we found amazing is the number of species that now visit our back yard. Some of our normal back yard "guests" include:



others I missed...

If you want to attract a good variety of birds to your back yard, you need the right type of food that attracts them, the good bird feeder for both the food and bird species, and fresh water. A source of fresh water (a bird bath) is important for both drinking and cleaning. We provide the typical bird seed and suet that attracts a majority of birds. We also provide safflower seeds (mostly for the cardinals), a mix of thistle/sunflower chips for the smaller birds (favorite for finches and sparrows), and dried meal worms (blue birds and wrens absolutely love dried meal worms).

There are different type feeders. We use a regular feeder, a finch feeder, a suet feeder, and a dried worm feeder that are all caged (see photo as an example) to keep the squirrels, grackles, and starlings from pillaging all the food. We have an uncaged feeder for the safflower seed as squirrels and larger birds do not seem to like safflower. We keep the different



feeders separated a little bit to keep the "air space" competition to a minimum between very small birds (finches) and larger birds (cardinals). Some birds, like doves and robins, do not feed directly from hanging

feeders. They are ground feeders and pick up the seeds the birds on the feeders drop to the ground. We also have four hummingbird feeders we hang when they start migrating this way. They are definitely seasonal visitors. Their food is essentially sugar water so they are a special "liquid" dispensing feeder. We hang them close to our windows to get a good view.

Two unusual birds on our list are the Cooper's Hawk and the Red-tailed Hawk. You see them soaring over our neighborhood, and we do see them in our back yard. Hawks prey on smaller birds, and bird feeders are just the place to hunt for their next meal. It is not uncommon to see one sitting on our shed or feeder pole looking around for a meal or literally jumping into the shrubs to flush out and capture any hiding birds. It was not our intent to attract hawks, but birds adapt to their environment. I included a web link to an article that discusses "backyard hawks". We believe their population has increased in our area over the years. Unfortunately, as our hawk sighting increased, our dove sightings have gone down.

Hopefully, you will take some time to look around our neighborhood and appreciate the variety of birds we have. If you have the time and inclination, set up some feeders and a bird bath, so you can see and hear them up close.

For more information about birds in our back yards, go to the these links:

https://birdwatchingtips.com/birds-of-virginia/

https://birdwatchinghq.com/common-birds-in-virginia/

https:// www.whatbirdsareinmybackyard.com/ 2019/09/what-are-most-common-

backyard-birds-in-virginia.html

https://www.thespruce.com/how-to-attract-backyard-hawks-386258



Cooper's Hawk

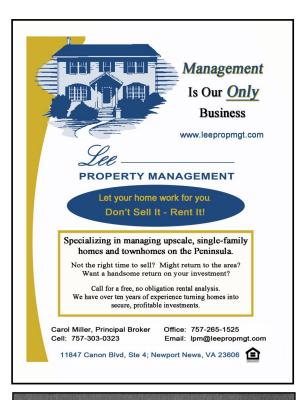


Red-tailed Hawk

Tabb Lakes Homes Association

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Request for Approval

Name:	Date of request:
Address:	Email:
Telephone:	
Type of modification: (deck, patio, outbuilding, addition, fence, etc.)	
	copy of plat with a sketch of proposed modification. Show location, shape & all measure-be used, and any other construction details.
Homeowner check list:	
 County permits: 890-3522. For remust be attached to this applica- 	oom additions (including screened porches) a copy of the York County building permit tion.
 Call Miss Utility before digging, t 	to locate underground utilities: 1-800-552-7001
York County Code 24.1-280, Gen	neral Requirements for Home Occupations
Estimated project completion date:	
(Allow up to 3 weeks for the processing o	f ARC approval; projects may not be started until approval has been obtained.)
whether or not the work was accomplish	ections, the Association reserves the right to review the completed project to determine ned in accordance with the approved application. Please notify the Association when the deviated from the specifications of the approved ARC request will be cited through the section process.
building materials to those specified in to Homeowner's Signature:	
Questions or to confirm project complet	ion: 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 	ne 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	m our webpage: www.tabblakes.org/arc.php
Committee Action	Date of receipt:
Approved as submitted	
Approved subject to modifications	as required by covenants
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If you are a business in our community, you <u>must</u> fill out the business form and <u>submit it with your check</u> AFTER January 15.

Please see our web-site for instructions and forms. https://tabblakes.org.

JUST SOME REMINDERS:

- Be kind to your neighbors and pick up your dog's poop.
- When walking or jogging, do so going <u>against</u> traffic, and PLEASE wear something reflective when there's no sunlight.
- Ride bikes flowing with traffic.
- Do not feed the geese or ducks.
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 always find the newsletter (past and
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