

Village East

Village East Voice

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Fall 2015

President's Message

Now that I have had time to settle into the position of President, I have a much better understanding of the amount of work that has gone into creating and maintaining Village East as we know it today.

Recently, a board member told me that operating VEPOA is like running a small corporation. I agree that Village East is much like an employee owned business. As homeowners we have a vested interest in our neighborhood. Looking back through the history of Village East I am impressed with how much time and effort has been devoted by many of our neighbors, both past and present. The Vice President is charged with the task of keeping our community in compliance with all state and local laws, protecting VEPOA from any foreseeable legal or liability issues. The Secretary and Treasurer are the business end of VEPOA managing the budget and our office. The officers of VEPOA keep us in good standing and ensure that we meet our obligations. It is the committee members who are the backbone of our community. Many of them have served for a number of years on multiple committees. They and their volunteers have met, and in most cases, exceeded everyone's expectations.

It is not hard to have pride in our community, nor is it hard to take part. I know many of you work and have little spare time. Participation can take many forms from fighting for our neighborhood school, helping a neighbor, spending an evening at our pot luck dinners, an afternoon at the pool or on the tennis court, or escorting the children on Halloween night. Please contact me if you have an interest in helping our community. I encourage all residents to visit our website and to take part and enjoy Village East.

Village East Property Owners' Association
P.O. Box 452
Moneta, Virginia 24121
VEPOASML@gmail.com

(President's Message Cont.)

As you can see, I am using my first newsletter to thank all of those who have done so much to make this community a great place to live.

I hope that your summer was enjoyable and that you were able to take advantage of everything the lake has to offer.

I hope to see you at our upcoming Holiday Party. Have a safe holiday season.

ROBERT LEONARD
571-259-7799
Email: rleon110@aol.com

Holiday Party

Dec. 4, 2015

6:00 p.m.

**Landing Restaurant
Make Reservations**

Now!

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Association Committees

CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Directors' meeting dates are posted on the website and hosted at different homes throughout the year. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the following dates unless otherwise indicated:

The meeting dates for the remainder of the 2015-16 term are:

- December 5, 2015
- March 19, 2016
- May 14, 2016
- June 11, 2016 (Annual Member Meeting)

Meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Contact a V.E.P.O.A. board member to confirm the date and location before attending.

Grounds Committee

Please mark on your calendars Saturday morning, November 7th, the date for our fall road cleanup event, beginning at 9 a.m. We will gather at the front gate to begin the event and expect to complete our work in about an hour's time. Gloves, orange vests, and bags will be provided. All are welcome to participate.

The VEPOA Board decided at its September meeting to raise the annual fee for the mowing of field lots from \$60 to \$100, acting on the recommendation of an ad hoc committee consisting of Wade Najjum, Dave White, Joel Friedman, Gene Suggs, and myself. This increase, effective January 1, 2016, is the first adjustment in that fee in well over a decade, during which time our lawn maintenance costs have increased several times. It will apply to those members owning unimproved field lots, which are mowed regularly during the year by our lawn contractor. The fee increase, which will appear on the annual statement, will help us continue to maintain a service of benefit to all our members.

As our warm summer days pass into a golden autumn, we are asking our membership to check the condition of their trees, especially damaged ones which are in danger of falling onto our roadways in the rugged weather ahead.

Our landscape committee will be monitoring the foliage along Village East roads to identify such trees and will be notifying members where action is necessary to maintain road safety. Since damaged trees seem to have a preference to falling during high winds and storms in the middle of the night, we hope to be able to reduce emergency tree removal from our roadways at the most inconvenient times.

You may have noticed the installation of two new benches in our tennis court area. One of our most important goals is to keep common areas attractive and well maintained throughout the year.

Please let us know if you have been assigned a boat lot space you no longer need, as the waiting list continues to grow.

Our Landscape Group designs and plants flowers, bulbs, shrubs and trees (and water such when needed). Please contact Bonnie Gregory at [540-297-1430](tel:540-297-1430) if you are interested in supporting our gardening efforts.

We greatly appreciate your help in keeping your property well maintained.

Feel free to relay any grounds or landscaping concerns to our committee.

Geoff Orth, Chairperson
540-297-4819

POOL & CLUBHOUSE

I would like everyone to join me in thanking Bob and Mona Richards for another great year. Without their dedication and hard work none of this would be possible.

I want to thank everyone for following the pool rules and making this another safe year at our swimming pool.

If you have any questions or suggestions to help make our pool a better place, please feel free to email me at michaelsbrogan@aol.com.

Scott Brogan, Chairperson

ROADS

This is my first newsletter and I would like to start off by introducing myself and my family. My name is Jordan Combs and my family and I live on Camelot Drive. My lovely wife of four years, Lauren Combs, and I have a daughter Layah Combs (2yrs) and we are expecting our second child in February! We are very excited. We are glad to be serving on the VEPOA board and want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for their many years serving as the Roads Committee Chairman. They did an excellent job.

The Indian Ridge Resurfacing Project has been tentatively scheduled for this upcoming year, 2016. We are currently working with multiple contractors to receive pricing for the project budget. We hope to have competitive pricing for the upcoming resurfacing project.

Thanks,
Jordan Combs and Family



VEPOA HOLIDAY PARTY

This year we'll enjoy a wonderful buffet dinner at **THE LANDING RESTAURANT**. The Landing is owned by Village East residents Tiffany and Bruno (chef) Silva. Our menu will include shrimp cocktail, Bruno's salad, herb crusted beef, other entrees and several desserts. The evening promises to be a hit. Don't miss it. Mark your calendar now!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at THE LANDING RESTAURANT.

We will support Smith Mountain Lake Christian Ministries with donations. If you would like to put a smile on the face of a needy adult or child, **please donate WRAPPING PAPER, RIBBON, BOWS, BOXES, GIFT BAGS OR SCOTCH TAPE. You may either bring your donation or contact Ellen White to pick it up at your home.**

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE:

VALERIE LEONARD – (703) 627-1320
JENNIFER THOMPSON- (540) 297- 3950
PAT RUSS - (540) 296-1334
JUDY MACKEY - (540) 297-2183
ELLEN WHITE - (540) 297-3706

PER PERSON: \$33.00

Deadline for Return of Checks and Form:

Return by November 26, 2015

VEPOA HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Name and phone Number (including Area Code): _____

_____ Number attending the Village East Holiday Party

Make Check Payable to: **THE LANDING RESTAURANT**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Return now to: JENNIFER THOMPSON
116 WAGON WHEEL TRAIL
MONETA, VA 24121