

Village East

Village East Voice

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Fall 2016

President's Message

Cardboard Boat Regatta

As we mark the end of another summer on Smith Mountain Lake, I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some of the activities offered to celebrate the lake's 50th anniversary. Village East's entry into the cardboard boat regatta (a Viking ship named Thorp Astur) may not have won her class, however she survived without sinking during 2 heats, at top speed, carrying her Captain and First Mate. As a tribute to the Village East Ship Builders, Thorp Astur, was presented to the public in a display of achievement at the Antique Boat Show at Mariner's Landing.



The Crew and Ship Builders of the Thorp Astur

Guinness World Record Float-In

For more than an hour residents of Smith Mountain Lake, including some Village East residents, attempted to break the Guinness World Record "float in" (634 set in Taiwan in 2014) by floating on the lake in an effort to form a human chain.

Village East Property Owners' Association
P.O. Box 452
Moneta, Virginia 24121

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The YMCA sponsored event had 1251 participants on inflatable devices, trying to hold hands to form a perfect chain. As of October 10, the results of the winner have not been announced by Guinness. Go to <http://business.visitsmithmountainlake.com/events/calendar> for more information regarding activities planned for the rest of the 50th celebrations around the lake.

Holiday Party

Dec. 3, 2016

5:00 p.m.

**The Landing
Restaurant**

Make Reservations

NOW!

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(President's Message Cont.)

Around Village East

Good job Jordan Combs. Our new road is impressive, professionally done with little disruption to the community. It may be some time before the speed bumps are replaced. It will be up to all residents to drive responsibly and observe the posted 25 mph speed limit. Our children are walking to and from the school bus. Early morning and evening walkers are harder to see in the low light of Fall and Winter. Please make every effort to keep all residents safe.

Thank you to all the Committee Chairs and their members. A special thanks to Bob and Mona Richards and Scott Brogan for our enjoyable summer at the pool. Also, Geoff Orth for the beautiful grounds in Village East.

In June of 2017 we will have open seats on our Board and Committees. If you would like more information about how you can help in this important part of our community, please contact me by phone or email.

Communications

Communications to the property owners of Village East regarding information of our community is undergoing some improvement. In an effort to keep everyone informed regarding Village East and our activities, I have asked John and Pat Russ and Erica Martin to compile an email list for use by the Communications Committee.

I would like to see 100% participation in our communication effort. Send your preferred email to vepoacommunications@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Holiday Party

The holiday party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2016, 5:00 pm at The Landing Restaurant - see the information and reservation form attached to this newsletter. If you would like to attend, but would prefer not to drive at night, please contact me and I will make carpool arrangements. I would like to make this evening easy and enjoyable for all residents.

ROBERT LEONARD

571-259-7799

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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 9:00 a.m. on the following dates unless otherwise indicated:

The meeting dates for the remainder of the 2016-17 term are:

- December 3, 2016
- March 4, 2017
- April 29, 2017
- June 10, 2017 (Annual Member Meeting)

Meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Contact a VEPOA board member to confirm the date and location before attending.

Association Committees

Grounds Committee

Our big event for the coming quarter will be the semi-annual cleanup along Hickory Cove Road on Saturday, October 22nd, beginning at 9 a.m. We will supply bags and phosphorescent orange vests for all participants. With a normal turnout, we are generally able to complete the work within an hour.

During the last three months, we've completed repairs on the fence line; the removal of numerous dead trees in the green belts and along our roadways; and the repair of a broken gate latch at the tennis courts.

Work that will be underway the next several weeks includes the ongoing task of branch cleanup; the final lot mowings of the year; sign repair and ongoing placement of new signs; and the repair of a damaged bench at the tennis courts.

We are in need of a volunteer to help direct the work of the Landscaping Committee, as Bonnie Gregory will be stepping down from her duties. Bonnie and her committee has helped keep the gate area gardens in fine shape and encouraged the maintenance of other gardens at our neighborhood intersections and cul-de-sacs. If you are interested in volunteering for this effort, please contact Bonnie at bonwoodgregory@gmail.com or me at gcorth@gmail.com.

Finally, the list of those waiting for boat lot spaces continues to grow. If you are no longer in need of your space, we ask that you relinquish it so that your neighbors, especially those living on off-water lots, can have a place to park their boats and trailers.

Geoff Orth, Grounds Chair

Architectural Review Committee

As I'm sure most of you have noticed, the new house on Indian Ridge Drive is nearing completion. It won't be long before we'll have another neighbor so let's make them feel welcomed. I would like to thank all the neighbors who contacted me during our most recent rain events to let me know about drainage issues in the subdivision. The Architectural Committee and Roads Committee with input/concurrence from the Board will be coming up with solutions to prevent future erosion and sediment control loss. With that being said, I am beginning to compile a list of all known platted drainage easements within the subdivision.

If you have a drainage easement on your property (and it's graphically shown on your plat) I would like to know about it so we can compile a list of these locations on our Village East Master Plan. Please note the new contact email address for architectural related items is vepocarchitecture@gmail.com.

All property owners are reminded to check the Village East Covenants, By-Laws and Architectural Guidelines before any construction and/or tree removal. For more information, consult the Village East web page and follow the links to the aforementioned information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike, Gavin, or myself.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season. See you at the Holiday Party in December !

Joseph W. Arthur, Chairperson

ROADS

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and everyone had a great summer. As some may have noticed, the Indian Ridge Paving Project is complete. Patterson Brothers Paving did a great job on the paving of Indian Ridge and a portion of Ridgeway Court. I would like to thank all of the property owners and their friends and families for being understanding cooperative during the paving activities. I would like to also thank the other committee chairs for their support and help during this big project.

Based on our current projection we do not have any major paving activities in the upcoming year. We do plan to replace the speed bumps but do not have a date set at the moment.

I hope everyone has a fruitful fall and wonderful winter.

Thanks,

Jordan Combs and Family

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

JIM AND SHEILA BROWN own the home at 1007 Indian Ridge Drive. Their home phone is (304) 358-2658 and Jim's cell phone is (304) 668-2217.

Although they have owned this home for 39 years, they have never been interviewed by me or the previous person. In fact, they were in Village East even before the roads were paved.

Jim was born in Harrisonburg, VA but lived most of his years in West Virginia, where he graduated from high school. He is a graduate of West Virginia University. Jim works for State Farm Insurance. He likes boating, hiking, golf, hunting and scuba diving. He and his wife, Sheila are parents of 7 children and 9 grandchildren.

Sheila was born in Gaston, West Virginia and graduated from high school in that city. She is a graduate of Ohio General Hospital School of Nursing in Wheeling, West Virginia. Sheila is a retired nurse. She enjoys reading, gardening, hiking and boating, and being with her grandchildren.

The Browns have a 16-year-old Golden Retriever named Max.

Children and grandchildren include the following:

Stephanie who is married to Chris. They have two boys, Walter, 4 and Anderson, 17 months.

Laura is married to Steve and they have four children. Cader, 14, Lillian, 11, Ben, 9 and Ali, 4.

Next in line is Christian, who is not married.

Emily is married to Joe and they have two children, Brennan, 7 and Zara, 2.

Then comes Allison, who also is not married.

James, is married to Erin and they have one child, Mason, who is a year old.

And last but not least, Jonathan, who is not married.

It was pleasant to meet and speak with Sheila, who could probably tell us a lot about the Lake and the growth in this area. Happy to have met you and finally, interviewed you.

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DANIEL OBENDORFER is the new owner of the home at 214 Little Creek Road. His cell phone is (240) 688-1616. His email address is danoby@verizon.net

Daniel is the son of Catherine and Dave Obendorfer who also own a home in Village East. He is a graduate of Damascus High School in Damascus, Maryland (MD). Further education includes degrees at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD; Montgomery College in Rockville, MD and in Germantown, MD. His degree is in Automotive Technology.

Daniel is single and is employed at Centerra in Rockville, MD as a Master Technician. His interests include cars, trucks, motorcycles, engines, music, guitar, weight lifting, and, of course, the Lake.

We welcome Daniel to our Village East community.

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JACKSON AND MELANIE WEAVER have purchased the home at 102 Land Harbor. Their cell phone number is (304) 767-5850. Their email address is Jacksonweaver10@gmail.com

Jackson was born in Baltimore, MD, and graduated from high school in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Further education includes the University of Pittsburg, in Pittsburg, PA with a Bachelors in Communications. He is employed by Cintas in Charleston, West Virginia as a Service Manager. Hobbies include ATV riding, boating, swimming, and spending time at the Lake.

Melanie was born in Charleston, West Virginia and graduated high school in that city. She has both her Bachelors and Masters, and is employed as a Physician's Assistant in Charleston. Her basic interest is painting (not walls, pictures), spending time with friends and taking care of their three children.

Chase, is 11 years old and in 5th grade. He likes Legos, and plays football, soccer and likes ATV riding. Kade is 3, and in preschool. He likes to swim. Their youngest is Laurel, who is six months old.

Rounding out their home are two dogs - Cash, 3 years and Foxy, 8 years old.

We welcome this young family into our Village East community. When I interviewed them, Jackson's parents were visiting from Florida and they were all headed off to the State Park on this very warm August day.

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OTHER NEWS

KAREN AND BILL REGAN (103 Land Harbor Lane) are to be congratulated at the birth of their first grandchild, a girl, Finley Grace, who was born on November 29, 2015. Finley is the first child of Karen and Bill's son, Bill and his wife, Trisha. Finley has sparkling, bright blue eyes. Congrats to the parents and grandparents on this special gift from God.

I have been unable to make contact with three new home owners throughout the summer months. I will try again for the next newsletter. Thanks to Geoff Orth, who mailed me the e-mail address of new owners of the home at 230 Little Creek Road, I was able to make contact with Bob and Marcia St. John. However, they will not be coming down until Thanksgiving weekend, at which time I should be able to make contact and get their biographical information. Some of their children may also be coming with them. Bob and Marcia plan to stay for our December 3 Holiday Party, so this will be an excellent opportunity to meet them. The new home, on the left on Indian Ridge Drive as you enter Village East, is still not completed, but perhaps will be by the time our next newsletter comes around in May.

JUST A REMINDER AGAIN to everyone to let me know the joys and other news in your family life. We consider ourselves a family community and want to know about all of you. You can email me, Dot, at mlvndvdjr@gmail.com to keep us informed. Thank you.

Dot DeVed - (540) 297-6326; (540) 797-5339 (cell)

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!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 at 5:00 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, 2016

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