

Village East Voice

**Village East Property
Owners Association
P.O. Box 452
Moneta, Virginia 24121
www.villageeast.org**

May 2021

**VEPOA Annual Meeting
1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 5, 2021
At the Clubhouse / No picnic this year.**

Please bring a chair.

**For Agenda and Proxy Information
Please see pages 7-8.**

A Message from the President

As we enter the spring and summer of 2021, we can put the events of 2020 and our year of restrictions in the rear view mirror. The spring air and warm sun is symbolic of our ability to emerge from our homes and move about, gathering with family and friends, traveling, and enjoying all that Village East and Smith Mountain Lake has to offer.

Our Pool Committee Chair, Al Higgins, is continuing to work within the Virginia state guidelines to open the pool and continue the operation with as little disruption as possible. Bob and Mona Richards will, as always, provide all of Village East residents with a safe environment to enjoy our clubhouse and pool. Erica Martin will keep Village East members informed regarding the Pool Committee guidelines for successful operation of the pool in the 2021 season.

Mark Thompson, with the help of Bron Duncan, Joseph Arthur, and many resident volunteers, has started making improvements to the access road, dock, and boat ramp area. We expect minimal inconvenience to activities at the dock. Erica will keep anyone informed of any potential disruptions.

I close this message with a special thank you to all Village East residents and property owners for helping our community through this past year.

*Robert Leonard
President, VEPOA*



Important Pool Information

Yes, this is exactly what you think! The pool will open in time for Memorial Day weekend!

Al Higgins and Bob and Mona Richards, with help from Village East volunteers, are working to get the pool ready to open Saturday, May 29. At press time, the water was crystal clear.

Please remember to bring your VEPOA member cards with you to use the pool and the tennis/pickleball courts.

**Please see additional info on page 3.
See you there!**

*See the following pages for committee reports,
volunteer activities at Village East,
"Welcome, Neighbors!" and more.*

Thank you, Village East Volunteers!

- from your neighbors



So many residents of Village East have turned out to keep the neighborhood and facilities in shape, we can't even name them all! But THANK YOU to all who cut the trees that fell in the road, removed the dead tree behind the clubhouse, cleaned up trash along Hickory Hill Lane, repaired drainage problems along the roads, painted the clubhouse, cleaned the pool, laid the wire to the boat ramp, planted and weeded the flower beds, and more.



Please see page 3 for picture IDs.

Pool Report

Hello, Village East!

We hope at this time we find all doing well. We all have suffered a challenging past year, some of us more than others, and many in our neighborhood have lost loved ones. The Board gives our deepest condolences.

This year at the pool Village East volunteers are continuing many upgrades, including

- painting the clubhouse exterior
- replacing rotted boards and repairing holes in the siding,
- removing old wiring.

Last year, the roof was replaced. Also we will be replacing broken and worn out furniture.

We are happy to announce that we will have a regular open season this year.

Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please exit the gates by 8:00 p.m.

Please bring your Village East membership card every time you use the pool and tennis/pickleball courts.

The Water Aerobics Class will meet from 10 to 11 am., Monday, Wednesday, Friday starting June 2.

All are invited to participate.

Please contact Kathy Orth at 540-297-4819 for further class information. (Please leave a message.)

We will be following state guidelines. Please observe the signs posted at the pool. As with last year's procedure, you will pick up a bottle of disinfectant and rag. You will then sign in. Wherever you decide to sit please spray down your table and chairs when you arrive and when you leave. **Please note that the disinfectant contains bleach and may harm clothing and towels.**

Please practice social distancing. There will be monitors, and we will check pool passes.

We hope you have a safe and wonderful season this year. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you.

*Al Higgins
Pool chairman*



From the Treasurer

To VEPOA Membership:

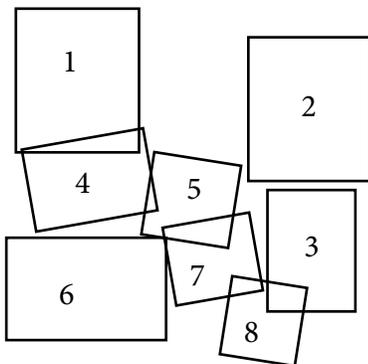
I want to thank everyone for working with me, as your VEPOA Treasurer, during this past year as we all dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic affected everyone differently. But despite the pandemic nearly everyone paid their annual member dues on time. And those who were negatively impacted contacted me and we made workable arrangements, which included postponement of late fees and interest.

In the end, the association was able to stay strong financially which allowed us to continue to invest in our community. In 2020 we made major improvements to the pool area and clubhouse. These could not have been done without your continued support!

Wishing you all a great 2021 and beyond!

*Warm Regards,
Don Wilt*

Neighbors at work . . . from page 2



1,2,3 - Mona Richards, Al Higgins, Jerry Hawk and Eric Camplin paint and repair the clubhouse.

4 - The tree crew - Bron Duncan, Mark Thompson, Eric Camplin, Bob Richards, Greg Lottes and Geoff Orth (not pictured) - after cutting down and removing the dead tree near the pool.

5 - Grounds chair Mark Thompson lays wire for improvements at the boat ramp.

6,7,8 - Sixteen neighbors turned out for the semi-annual Hickory Hill Lane Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up (in no particular order, and not all pictured): Bob and Mona Richards, Geoff and Kathy Orth, Field Jones, Gavin Hager, Don and Jan Wilt, Patricia Points, Mark Brown, Mark and Jennifer Thompson, Ken and Amanda Stepp, Al Higgins, Robbie Hallock

Volunteering doesn't stop at the Village East gate

The SML area offers a multitude of opportunities to help, from food banks to animal rescue organizations, libraries and educational organizations, cultural organizations, and so much more. We're always glad to showcase our neighbors' efforts to improve life at the Lake.

A number of Village East residents are members of the Smith Mountain Lake Association and work with its programs to enhance the quality of the lake and its water. Here is some information from SMLA:

Good clean water and recreational safety mean...

- Good swimming
- Good boating
- Good fishing, and
- Higher property values

Our Smith Mountain Lake Association, the Steward of the Lake, works to achieve this in many ways. SMLA sponsors initiatives like lake water testing, stream testing, boating safety, vessel pump-out, and buffer landscaping, and it protects property owners by working with local and state officials to foster clean water and safe recreational use of the Lake. Join the more than 900 members in our Lake communities who work through the Association to preserve the quality of Lake life. For more information, see

smlassociation.org

A BIG Thank You to Bobbye Carroll and Don Wilt

Bobbye and Don are stepping down from the VEPOA board in June. Don has served as treasurer for the last three years. Bobbye has served several terms as treasurer and as secretary.

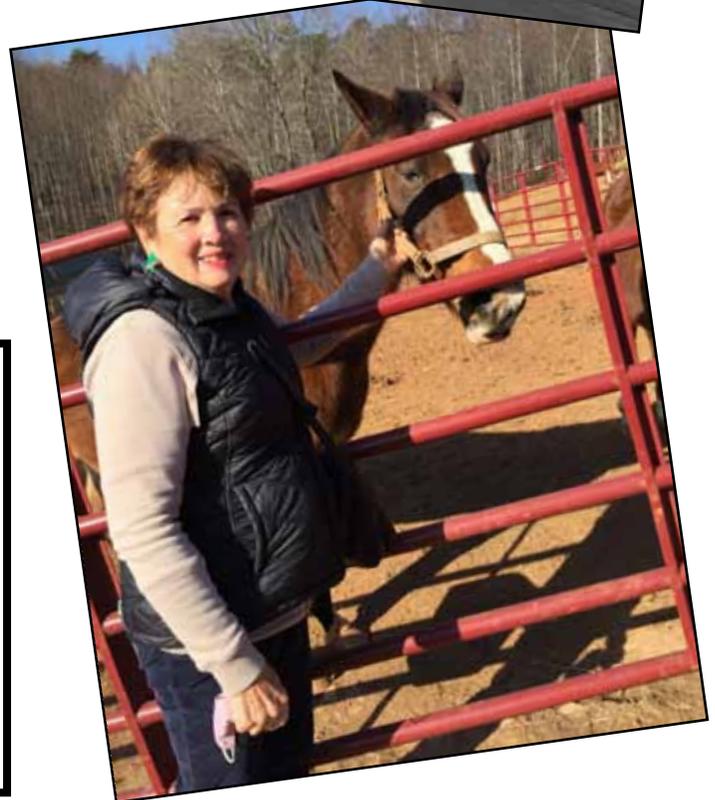
Thank you, Bobbye and Don, for your hard work on behalf of the residents of Village East!

Communications

The contact info for VEPOA communications is vepoacommunications@gmail.com.

Submissions for the newsletter may be sent to vepoanewslettereditor@gmail.com

*Erica Martin
Communications Chair*



A visiting grandchild fishes the clean waters of SML (top). A number of Village East residents work with the SMLA water and stream testing programs to promote the health of the lake. Below, June Najjum visits a special friend at Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue, where the Najjums sponsor two horses and enjoy making visits to feed the horses bags of carrots. You can learn more at rvhr.com. Photos from the Bowsers and Najjums.

Welcome, Neighbors!

Get to know new residents of Village East - Interviews by Jennifer and Mark Thompson

Mike and Shaba Cote

105 Skydome

Mike and Shaba are currently living in Northern Virginia. They previously owned a condo at Bridgewater Bay before buying the former residence of Mary Ann Howley. They have two children, Leila, 18, and Dean, 14. Leila will be attending George Mason University in the fall and studying at Carlos III University in Madrid, Spain, next spring. Dean will be starting at North Cross High School in the fall.

Mike is from upstate New York and attended Shenendehowa High School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Bentley University. Shaba is from Michigan and attended Detroit Country Day School, Hillsdale College and AIC. Mike leads a software consulting firm while Shaba is director at management consulting firm Accenture.

They enjoy lake activities, hiking, golfing, and board games. They also enjoyed traveling before COVID and have been to Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, Spain, Italy, Costa Rica, and many National Parks.

Lola, their rescue dog, has been instrumental in meeting new folks around the neighborhood. They hope to someday be full time residents of Village East.

Mike - [703/863-0500](tel:7038630500), cotemp1@gmail.com

Greg and Jan Lottes

1102 Indian Ridge Dr.

Greg and Jan moved to the lake full time from Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Greg is semi-retired from the hardwood and veneers industry. Jan is a nurse. Both are from Illinois and attended the University of Illinois. Jan received her nursing degree at Halifax Community College. They have two sons - one in Pittsburgh and one in Norfolk.

They have a black lab named Magz. Jan enjoys walking and kayaking and would like to learn to play pickleball. Greg likes hunting, fishing and sport shooting.

Jan - 717-816-8065 Greg - 717-262-3612
lottes@comcast.net

Robert and Mary Hayes

Zak Hayes and Rebecca Hubbard

204 Camelot Dr.

Robert and Mary Hayes live in California, so the SML house will be used mainly by their son and daughter-in-law, Zak Hayes and Rebecca Hubbard. We introduce Zak and Becca in the newsletter.

Zak is originally from Southern California and Becca is from Altavista, Virginia. Zak came to Liberty University to play hockey and met Becca in Lynchburg. They live there full time. They bought the house at SML to enjoy the summers and off season times when the house is not being rented through VRBO.

Zak graduated from Liberty with a degree in business and is a Network and Integration Engineer. Becca graduated as a Radiologic Technologist and works in that area in a hospital.

They have a mini golden doodle named Annie. Zak enjoys golf. They love entertaining and spending time with friends and family and look forward to meeting new neighbors in Village East.

Rebecca-- [434-942-1116](tel:4349421116) hubbre94@gmail.com

Welcome, Neighbors continues on Page 5



As our VEPOA president says:

Village East is always pretty, and sometimes it's spectacular! *Photo by Valerie Leonard.*

Welcome, Neighbors, continued from Page 4

*Anthony Delpopillo
and Makayla Ramsey*
111 Little Creek Rd.

Makayla is one of our few residents who is from Moneta. She attended Staunton River High School. Her fiancé, Anthony, is from Philadelphia and attended Liberty High School in Bedford. They have a one-year-old son named Kayden.

Anthony is an Army veteran and works at Steel Dynamics. Makayla works with children with special needs at Virginia Autism and Behavior Consulting.

Their dog Willow is a shepherd mix. Anthony is a hockey fan and plays golf in Vinton. They both like doing anything outdoors, including hiking and working in the yard. Makayla also likes redoing furniture.

Makayla - 540-583-1634, m22ramsey@yahoo.com
Anthony - 540-352-7867

Mary White
115 Little Creek

Mary moved here from Asheville, North Carolina, where she had lived since 2005. Before that she lived in Southern Maryland for 60 years. Mary's oldest daughter and family live in Virginia and she has a son and daughter living in Maryland.

Mary has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mary works part time as a bookkeeper. She enjoys working in her yard, planting flowers, and such.

Mary previously attended Hoopers Creek Baptist Church in Fletcher, North Carolina; during COVID, however, she watches services on Facebook.

She has a 12 year old mixed black lab with a sweet sugar face. His name is Pranay, which means "innocent love."

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vepoanewslettereditor@gmail.com

And we always look forward to . . .
the Gerharts' garden, this year featuring delphiniums,
azaleas and peonies.

NOTICE OF 2021 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Village East Pool Clubhouse

The following matters constitutes the primary items on the agenda:

1. Election of three (3) members to the Board of Directors for three-year terms.
2. Election of one (1) member to the Architectural Review Committee for a three-year term.

Recommendations by the Board of Directors for nominees are listed on the proxy statement.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU SHOULD VOTE BY PROXY ON THE PRINTED BALLOT (please print page 7).

FOR THE PROXY TO BE VALID:

- a. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING;
- b. THE PROXY MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY;
- c. THE PROXY MUST BE PROPERLY REGISTERED AND ACCEPTED BY THE PROXY/TELLER COMMITTEE **48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

VILLAGE EAST MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021, 1:00 PM

All proxies must be received by the VEPOA Teller Chairperson no later than June 3. Mail to:

**VEPOA PROXY COMMITTEE
c/o Bob Richards
232 Little Creek Rd.
Moneta, VA 24121**

Make sure to include the word "Proxy" in the mailing address.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING BALLOT ITEM

All voting at the membership meeting will be conducted as specified in Article III of the Bylaws.

There are two ballot items:

- (1) Election of three (3) Directors to the Board: Karen Jeffrey, Eric Camplin, Bron Duncan
These are three-year terms.
- (2) Election of one (1) member to the Architectural Committee: Joe Rhodes for a three-year term.

PROXY STATEMENT
VEPOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 5, 2021

The undersigned will not attend the June 5, 2021, membership meeting and hereby appoints the President of VEPOA (or his designee) full proxy to vote on the matters listed below. The undersigned revoke(s) all previous proxies given to any party and executed prior to the date of this proxy.

1. Election of three (3) Board members as proposed for three-year terms:

Karen Jeffrey	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Eric Camplin	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
Bron Duncan	FOR ()	AGAINST ()

The Board recommends voting "FOR" Karen Jeffrey, Eric Camplin, Bron Duncan

2. Election of one (1) Architectural Committee member as proposed for a three-year term:

Joe Rhodes	FOR ()	AGAINST ()
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The Board recommends voting "FOR" Joe Rhodes

Lot No. /Section No

_____, 2021
Date

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Date

(Signatures of All Property Owners)

Use additional copies if necessary.

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