

# Village East Voice

May 2022

**Village East Property Owners Association**  
**P.O. Box 452**  
**Moneta, Virginia 24121**  
**[www.villageeast.org](http://www.villageeast.org)**

## **VEPOA Annual Meeting and Picnic**

**11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 4, 2022**

**At the Clubhouse**

**Please bring a chair and a dish to share.**

**VEPOA will supply the main course,  
beverages and paper products.**

**For Agenda and Proxy Information  
Please see pages 4-5.**



## ***A Message from the President***

Without a doubt, every owner in Village East benefits from the contributions made by your neighbors. VEPOA Board members and volunteers, past and present, have created a standard of excellence we all enjoy and benefit from today.

I call on all residents of Village East to be involved in their community. This June three Board members' terms will end. We need residents to step up and volunteer to serve on the Board and fill these vacancies.

As we enter the summer of 2022, let's not forget we made the past 2 year lockdown easy with the cooperation of all VEPOA members. Unity is the key to the success of Village East. We have all come from different walks of life with a variety of opinions. Together we share the common goal to enjoy life in a peaceful community with friends and neighbors. Village East has all of this with the added serenity of our surroundings.

With this in mind, every owner has a vested interest in the articles found in our Protective Covenants, an agreement we have made with the community. The Board has explained this agreement (Protective Covenants) in an update of the Architectural Guidelines (review these guidelines on our web page). The VEPOA Board members are managers of Village East affairs. As managers, we use this agreement

## **Pool opens Saturday, May 28**

- **Regular pool hours: Daily 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**
- **Water Aerobics group meets MWF at 10 a.m. All welcome!**
- **Contact Mark Barillaro to volunteer to spend a week as pool monitor - A pleasant job and an opportunity to meet your neighbors!**
- **Please remember to bring your VEPOA member cards with you to use the pool and the tennis/pickleball courts.**

**See you there!**

(Protective Covenants) as our guideline. If we do not enforce these articles, or do not enforce them equally, we are not doing the job the community has elected us to do.

With the warm weather everyone will be out and enjoying all that Village East and Smith Mountain Lake have to offer. Be considerate, slow down and have fun!

*Robert Leonard*  
*President, VEPOA*



# Keeping it clean!

*Neighbors working together*

**S**o many residents of Village East have worked to keep the neighborhood and facilities in shape, we can't even name them all! But THANK YOU to all who turned out in good weather and in snow storms to keep the grounds clean and the roads open. Here we have neighbors removing fallen trees from the roads during the big snow in January; Mark Thompson, Freeman Paulson and others fixing the fences at the boat lot and near the Hickory Hill Lane; Bron Duncan sealing cracks in the asphalt; Bob Richards, Robert Leonard, and Geoff Orth preparing for shoreline clean-up on Take Pride in SML Day; and more than a dozen neighbors who tuned out for the spring clean-up of Hickory Hill Lane.





# *A few notes . . .*

## **2021 Water Quality Report from SML Association**

The Smith Mountain Lake Association and Ferrum College are pleased to announce the publication of the 2021 annual report of the Water Quality Monitoring program. This comprehensive report provides detailed results of the 2021 water quality monitoring of Smith Mountain Lake, along with an executive summary of the findings of the report. This report is posted on the SMLA website:

**<http://smlassociation.org/water-quality-monitoring/>** then click the link at the bottom of the page.

The report is long and thorough, but the summary section, beginning on page 63, reports “the water quality in Smith Mountain Lake ... is very good.” The report also details ongoing threats to the water quality of the lake, and steps that can be taken by lake residents to mitigate these threats. The Smith Mountain Lake Association continues to monitor the water quality of the lake through the efforts of more than 60 citizen volunteers and environmental scientists from Ferrum College.

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## **A Note from the Treasurer**

Many thanks to the faithful members of VEPOA who paid their annual dues on time. We continue to have volunteers who generously give their time and talents to keep our community going strong. In 2021 we completed several major improvements, including paving the boat ramp and parking area and having an electronic security gate installed on Land Harbor Lane. Lighting at the boat ramp was also upgraded. A deposit has been paid to begin the process of upgrading our community dock at the boat ramp. We are presently in the permitting stage and hope to have construction begin sometime next year. We finished 2021 in a strong financial position and have carefully planned the 2022 budget to allow for rising costs while remaining fiscally conservative.

*Karen Jeffery*  
*VEPOA Treasurer*

### *Village East Voice*

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Village East Property Owners Association  
is published periodically and can also be found at  
**[www.villageeast.org](http://www.villageeast.org)**  
Information or comments may be emailed to  
**[vepoanewslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:vepoanewslettereditor@gmail.com)**



## **A Note about Trees**

### **Additional interpretation to Covenant #8 regarding pre-approved tree removal**

The architectural committee has interpreted the covenant to permit the removal of two undesirable trees - Virginia Pines and “Tree of Heaven” (pictured above) - without pre-approval from the committee.

Existing native “Virginia Pines” that grow in Village East are not strong or desirable trees. They tend to block the growth of hardwoods and other desirable plant life.

A non-native tree (*Ailanthus altissima* - also known as “Tree of Heaven” or “stinking sumac”) grows prevalently in Village East but is an invasive species. It reproduces very quickly and can kill native plants near it.

The architectural committee is hereby giving approval to remove “Virginia Pines” and “Tree of Heaven” regardless of size without additional approval of the Architectural Committee.

In addition, trees that have fallen over, dead trees (trees that have no leaves), or trees that are in immediate danger of falling on a dwelling, other structure, dock or roadway, may be removed without approval of the Architectural Committee.

Any other tree removals require approval by the Architectural Committee.

**Please see [www.villageeast.org](http://www.villageeast.org)  
for additional details on architectural  
and tree-cutting guidelines**

# NOTICE OF 2022 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Date:** Saturday, June 4, 2022  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Village East Pool Clubhouse

**The following matter constitutes the primary item on the agenda:**

Election of one member to the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Recommendation by the Board of Directors for the nominee is 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 5).**

**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 4, 2022, 11:00 AM**

**All proxies must be received by the VEPOA Teller Chairperson no later than June 2. 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 is one ballot item:

- (1) Election of one member to the Board of Directors: Phil Pierce  
This is a three-year term.

**PROXY STATEMENT**  
**VEPOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**JUNE 4, 2022**

The undersigned will not attend the June 4, 2022, 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 one (1) Board member as proposed for a three-year term:

Phil Pierce                      FOR (   )    AGAINST (   )

The Board recommends voting "FOR" Phil Pierce.

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Lot No. /Section No

\_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Date

(Signatures of All Property Owners)  
Use additional copies if necessary.

RETURN TO: VEPOA Proxy Committee  
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