

TABB LAKES NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009



GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – DAVE WEST

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WHO IS THE TLHA BOARD?

Welcome to the two new additions as Members-At-Large to the Tabb Lakes Homes Association (TLHA), Bob Spell and Bill Hopkins. They have volunteered to fill the two positions recently vacated. Their terms are only for the remainder of the year, until the next scheduled board elections.

WHAT IS THE BOARD THINKING?

FREEDOM having a historical significance in York County, brings a different perspective to the TLHA. Where is the balance between your FREEDOM to choose what to do with your home, your land, your property, your friends and your family and the FREEDOM to live in a clean, quiet, relaxing, friendly, productive, safe, attractive and VALUABLE neighborhood? The motto of Virginia being *Sic Semper Tyrannis* (Latin for "Thus Always to Tyrants"), puts the burden on the TLHA to serve our neighbors instead of dictating to them. The members of the committees and the board being volunteers have shown care in trying to do what's best for our neighbors. It hurts when a neighbor hurts. Life is better when our neighbors are happy.

LEGAL ACTION

FREEDOM also comes with choices. FREEDOM to choose legal action when a disagreement occurs was the path taken recently by a neighbor against TLHA. The dispute was taken to small claims court. The board decided to have it elevated to civil court so that our attorney could be present for legal protection. The judge decided in favor of the board. There was no celebration. Both the neighbor and the board lost out in different ways. Now the matter has been appealed to the circuit court. What will be the outcome? That remains to be seen.

DISPUTES AND ENFORCEMENT

FREEDOM means we will not always agree. One person will call a color offensive, while the owner may like it because the color holds a special memory (a prom dress or grandma's living room in 1966 when anything was groovy). Is there anyone here that did not exercise a freedom of choice to live in a neighborhood with an association? Okay, so you don't get to choose your neighbors. The opportunity to choose who is on the board was afforded to all home owners. The board and committee members endeavor to (continued on page 2)

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enforce the rules and covenants that maintain your neighborhood. Enforcement is done to help, not harm. Enforcement is done to protect, not degrade.

CONCLUSION

As Tabb Lakes is getting on in years, the neighborhood is maturing and

showing some dust around the edges. It is the goal NOT to be Kiln Creek or Coventry where homes are written up if a hose is left out overnight. Instead Tabb Lakes is a place where a resident can reasonably define who they are with everything from their mail box to the flag in their window. Many

long-time residents are seeing overall improvements. As summer is here, the sweat and toil of all is making a difference in the neighborhood. Numerous homes are on the market. For those leaving, may fair winds and following seas be with you. For those remaining, your efforts have not gone

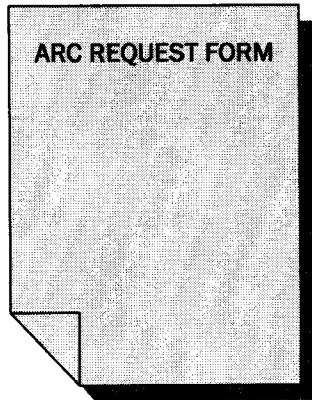
unnoticed by realtors and visitors alike.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) – OLIVER & JENNIFER WONG

ARC Reminder:

All exterior property improvements, including (but not limited to) driveways, fences, sheds or other outbuildings, decks, patios, room additions and bulkheads require ARC review prior to beginning construction. See the form printed on page 7, or submit an application online at www.tabblakes.org. If you do not receive a response within one week, please follow up to ensure that your ap-



plication was received. You can contact the ARC Co-Chairs (223-5416 or arc@tabblakes.org) or a member of the Board of Directors with any questions that you have about the ARC process. Thank you!

FIGHT THE BITE! MOSQUITO CONTROL INFO ON THE WEB



Everything you need to know about preventing mosquitoes in your backyard and protecting yourself when you venture outside can be found on the Mosquito Control Web site: yorkcounty.gov/eds/mosquitocontrol.htm.

Information available includes: prevention, protection, West Nile Virus, aerial and ground spraying, the role of mosquito monitor volunteers, and more.

To report a mosquito problem, please visit the site and select "EDS Customer Service

System." This fillable form will allow you to quickly and easily submit information regarding the abundance of mosquitoes in your area. If you do not have easy access to the Internet, call Mosquito Control at 890-3790.

Also available via telephone is the Mosquito Spray Hotline: 890-3793. This recorded message will let you know where and when mosquito spraying is scheduled.

(Taken from "Citizen News" for Yorktown.)

TIPS FOR SELECTING A CHIMNEY CONTRACTOR — JIM BOSTAPH

The first thing to realize is that the chimney profession is not a regulated trade in Virginia. This means that anyone can call themselves a chimney company without any training or testing. So how do you protect yourself; what are some things to look for?

Licenses:

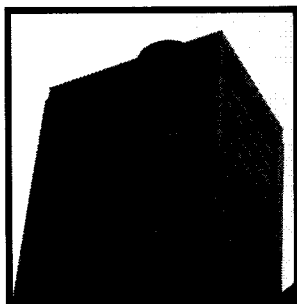
Does the company you are dealing with have a city business license?

Do they have a Virginia General Contractor's License? Do they pull permits on larger repair jobs when permits are required?

Certifications:

There are three nationally recognized chimney certifications. The Chimney Safety Institute of America (www.csia.org) issues a Certified Chimney Sweep certification. Fireplace Investigation Research & Education Services (www.f-i-r-e-service.com) issues a Certified Inspector certification. The National Fireplace Institute (www.nficertified.org) issues a certification

based on knowledge of fireplace safety, venting requirements, and installation. The certifications each require periodic retesting or renewal through continuing education. Each of these websites can tell you who has earned



these certifications in Virginia.

Memberships:

Are they members of the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org)? If so, what is their history and rating? Are they members of the National Chimney Sweep Guild or the Virginia Association of Chimney & Hearth Professionals? Are they members of the national Fire Protection Association? These memberships show dedication and commitment to the industry.

Insurances:

Do they carry Workmen's Compensation, Liability, Vehicle, and Professional Contractor's Insurances? A worker injured on your

property can draw from your homeowner's insurance unless they carry Workmen's Comp. Liability insurance covers "completed operations" or work performed in the event bad things happen later. Professional Contractor's Insurance is similar to an Errors & Omissions policy. If the contractor misses something that could have or should have been seen, there is coverage in the event something bad happens as a result.

A company that is doing business without all of these things, or even without one of these things, can afford to do work at a much lower price. If price is not the most important factor to you, ask the contractor about licenses, certifications, memberships, and insurances.

"The bitterness of poor quality *remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten*" - Benjamin Franklin

Jim Bostaph
Black Goose Chimney

YCSD REGISTRATION



Are you new in York County or do you have a new kindergartener? In order to register your child with the York County School Division, you must provide the following required records:

- The child's original certificate of birth (or certified copy)
- A child's social security card
- A current School Entrance Physical and Immunization Certificate (MCH-213F)
- Proof of York County residency

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before Sept. 30. Enrollment requirements are available at each school and on the school division's website at <http://yorkcountyschools.org>.

(Taken from "Citizen News" for Yorktown.)

YORKTOWN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

8:00 am
Independence Day 8K Run/ 5K Walk at Battlefield Tour Road

4:00-8:00 pm
Children's Fun Center (ages 5-12) on Main Street

5:00 pm
Sounds of Liberty—Bell Ringing Ceremony at Nelson House

6:00 pm
Performance by the Fifes and Drums of York Town at Victory Monument

7:00 pm
Evening Activities begin at Victory Monument

8:00 pm
Patriotic Concert by US Air Force Heritage of America Band at Victory Monument

9:15 pm
Fireworks Show over York River

For more info, visit york-county.gov/fourth or call 890-3500.

"SHAGGING ON THE RIVERWALK" BEACH MUSIC CONCERT

SERIES

Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown
Fridays 6-9 PM
Free and open to public!

July 17
Coolin' Out

July 24
FAB

July 31
The Band of Oz

August 7
Ron Moody and the Centaurs

YORKTOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Grace Episcopal Churchyard
Sunday evenings—FREE

July 19
Stephen Bennett, 7 pm

August 9
Poisoned Dwarf, 5 pm

"AIRWAVES" CONCERT SERIES

USAF HERITAGE OF AMERICA BAND

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.—FREE

Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown

August 4
Concert Band

August 11
Satellite (Jazz/Pop Group)

August 18
Vector (Contemporary Brass/Percussion Ensemble)

August 25
Concert Band

MARKET DAYS AT THE RIVER

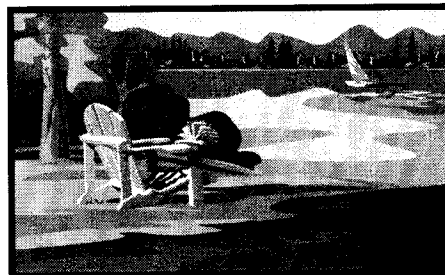
8 AM—12 PM

SATURDAYS

July 11, 18, & 25
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
September 12 & 26
October 10
November 14
December 12

Featuring:

- Local produce
- Fresh meat and seafood
- Baked goods
- Handmade soaps
- Quality art
- Live musical entertainment
- Specialty cut flowers



For all the concerts and celebrations, please bring a lawn chair, blanket and any food or snacks you might desire.

Have a great time meeting new people, enjoying the entertainment, and the outdoors.

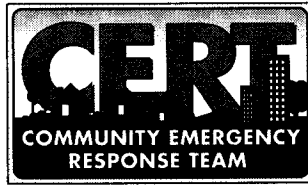
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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE— LOU LAFRENAYE

Hurricane Season Has Begun

The Tabb Lakes Emergency Response Committee would like to remind everyone that our hurricane season has officially started. Although we tend to think of September and October as our hurricane months, our hurricane season runs from 1 June to 30 November. So make your preparations now.

Don't wait until it is too late. The best way to survive a hurricane is to be prepared well before it shows up on our local weather stations. Visit the Virginia Emergency Management hurricane preparedness web site at www.ReadyVirginia.gov to learn the three steps to be

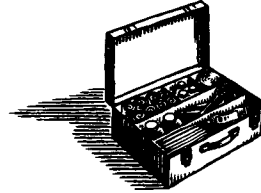


prepared. For information on evacuation routes, visit the VDOT web site at www.virginiadot.org/travel/hurricane_default.asp.

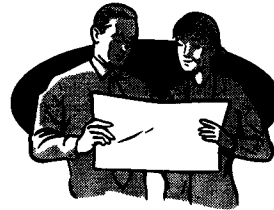
As a reminder, York County has an agreement with radio station WXGM - FM 99.1 to broadcast York County specific information at set times during an emergency.

For more disaster preparation information, check out our committee's web site located at www.tabblakes.org/CERT/TabbWebCERT.html or www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

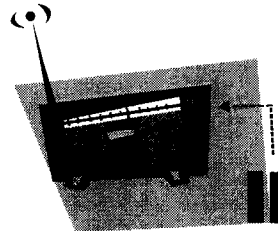
Get a kit;



Make a Plan;



Stay Informed!!



WHAT ARE WATCHES AND WARNINGS?

HURRICANE WATCH— The National Hurricane Center issues a hurricane watch to alert specific regions when hurricane conditions are forecast for the area within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and you should be protecting your home and property from a storm. Monitor weather reports via television or radio to stay informed.

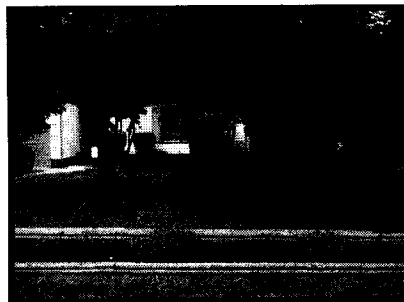
HURRICANE WARNING— Sustained winds of 74 mph or greater are forecast for the area within 24 hours. All precautions must be taken immediately.

YARD OF THE MONTH — CHARLES ROSSI

If you would like to nominate your yard or a neighbor's, please contact Cox-Lee Management (886-3022) and submit the name and address. (There was no home chosen in May.)



APRIL
The Getthers residence
101 Richard Run



JUNE
The Carney residence
804 Tabb Lakes Drive



JULY
This could be your home!

