COMES ONE, COME ALL!!!
ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC IS SET FOR JUNE 3

The annual Lakewood Homeowners’ Association Picnic and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 5 pm to ?? at the home of Samantha and Josiah Weaver, 3198 Lakewood Drive (on the corner of Lakewood and Arrowhead). The LHA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Also please bring lawn chairs. Everyone is encouraged to come with their family – children are more than welcome at this event.

The annual meeting portion of the event will be brief and consist primarily of the election of new officers. Please see the article below for further information on the election. Please email Lorelei Avery at Oliver1duffy2@gmail.com if you and your family will be coming so we have an idea of the amount of burgers and hot dogs needed.

INTRODUCTION OF LHA BOARD CANDIDATES

The LHA Board of Directors consists of seven elected voting members as stated in the LHA Bylaws. Each member serves for a period of two years and can be re-elected for additional terms. The terms are staggered so there are three or four positions up for election each year. The election will take place at the annual Lakewood Picnic on June 3.

At the first Board meeting after the election, the new officers reorganize into the various positions – President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social chairperson, Membership chairperson, and Publicity/Web chairperson. In addition, the Board currently has three non-voting members – Neighborhood Watch chairperson, ARC chairperson and 746- Outreach Representative. There are four openings on the board this year. Here are this year’s Board candidates:
**Dave Forrer:** I moved to Lakewood from Harrisonburg in 1999 with my wife, Patsy, and daughter, Emily, (who was 5 at the time). Serving on the LHA Board of Directors in 2001 and 2002 was a great experience. Serving on the Board gave me the opportunity to meet many of the wonderful folks in our neighborhood, gave me an opportunity to see first-hand what a homeowners' association is all about, and gave me the opportunity to serve my community. I retired in January and although I'm planning on doing a lot of travelling, I'm still looking forward to helping Lakewood continue to be a great community.

**Chris Hamilton:** My wife, Phyllis, and I have lived in Lakewood on Bluewater Road for 22 years. We built the house here after moving to Harrisonburg 9 years before when I accepted a job at Merck & Co. in Elkton. Harrisonburg was a wonderful place to raise our two children, David and Lauren.

I worked most of my career as a Project Engineer with two Pharmaceutical and one building materials companies. I retired from Merck a couple years ago and Phyllis and I have been enjoying the new found freedom of time; traveling and working around the house. I also “work” at Sunnyside helping residents with their computer issues and driving the bus for events.

I am interested in serving on the LHA Board because I have seen the value of the group to our neighborhood. I participated with the creation of the Neighborhood Watch program. I think it and the communications system the board provides have been a significant benefit to the security of all of us in the development.

**Meg Macgill:** Our family moved to Lakewood last summer from Baltimore. My husband and I are both JMU graduates and have always loved Harrisonburg. We are grateful to be here. After a career working with non-profits, I am currently a stay-at-home mom with two boys, ages 11 and 9. I am presently volunteering at my son’s elementary school, my church and at the Massanutten Regional Library Central branch. I would be glad to serve on the Lakewood Board to give back to this great community.

**Christine Spilman:** Christine Spilman and her family, including husband Jeremy, and two daughters, Brooke (age 7) and Alyssa (age 11) have lived in Lakewood for about 5 years. Christine works as a counselor in the community, enjoys being outdoors with her family, reading and scrapbooking. Christine is interested in serving on the Lakewood Board to collaborate with neighbors in order to maintain a strong neighborhood and community.

**SAFE DRIVING SIGNAGE**

There will be another DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS LIVE HERE sign campaign this spring. Signs will be up around Lakewood and Barrington during the last week of school, June 5-9. When the weather warms, and neighbors are out in the streets more often, we cannot remind drivers often enough to SLOW DOWN as they make their way along our streets.
KIDS’ BIKE RODEO

One Lakewood family participated in the Bike Rodeo held in a Barrington cul-de-sac on May 27. The event was held by the Sheriff's Dept. to help children, ages 5 to 15, increase their bike riding ability and safety as they ride on neighborhood streets. The deputy used one-on-one interaction with games and instruction. The children had fun, enjoyed snacks, and received a certificate of participation.

There was interest from a number of Lakewood families who were unable to participate this year, but perhaps next spring we will be able to host an event like this in our neighborhood. Thanks to Barrington for letting us participate in theirs this year!

NEW FISCAL YEAR STARTING JUNE 1; TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

Hello Neighbors, The LHA 2016 fiscal year is coming to an end and starting June 1, 2017 the 2017 fiscal year will begin. As residents of Lakewood, becoming a member of the LHA is voluntary. Many of you have opted to become and remain members year after year, but there are still some that have decided not to become members. Lakewood is a great community because of the great people that live here. **If you are a resident of Lakewood and you have not yet made the decision to become a member of the LHA, please consider making 2017 your year to join.** We would love to have 100% participation.

LHA dues are only $15.00 _a year_ and it pays for the insurance, directories, social events, neighborhood watch, upkeep of the four signs at entrances into Lakewood, and yard sale ads. Our dues for the Lakewood Homeowners’ Association are very modest compared to many other communities. Please be sure to note on your check "2017 dues." You can also pay through PayPal at LHANews.com.

Thank you all so much for your participation and for making Lakewood a great place to live.

ENTRANCE SIGN SPRUCE-UP UNDERWAY

If you’ve noticed any changes around the Lakewood entrance signs, it’s because some of our neighbors have been hard at work weeding, pruning, and mulching around the four signs. **Thanks to Steven Brothers, Patti McInerney, Wayne Modisett, and Joe Kudless** for all their hard work. Perhaps in the fall, we’ll see some new faces helping with this project to make Lakewood put on its best face! That would be GREAT!!
FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please curb your dog and clean up the poop!!

Lots of neighbors in Lakewood have pets, especially dogs, and it is a common and cheerful sight to see dogs and their owners walking along the streets of Lakewood. However, it is not a pleasant experience for neighbors to have to clean up dog poop left behind by someone else’s dog. So please be a good neighbor and bring along a little bag and shovel and clean up after your pet.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Don’t forget about RSVP for the Annual Picnic on June 3
See page 1 of the newsletter

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our two book clubs welcome all residents of Lakewood. For your reading pleasure and good comraderie we have both a daytime book club and an evening one. If either – or both – of these clubs are of interest to you, please come to a meeting and enjoy a morning or evening of wonderful book discussions, fun, and fellowship. It is not necessary to have completed reading the book selection to participate in the meetings.

>>The Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 31 at Sallye Trobaugh’s office; the book selection is A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler – a moving story of the joys, trials and tribulations of several generations of the Whitshank family in Baltimore. The selection for June’s meeting will be The Girls by Emma Cline

>>Members of the Daytime Book Club meet the first Thursday of each month at 10 am in the home of one of the members. If interested, please contact Phyllis Hamilton at 434-7001 or uvapch@comcast.net. The June meeting will be on Thursday, June 1, at the home of Cynthia Kennedy, 1556 Cumberland Drive, and the book discussed will be Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlen. This novel has been described as “a deeply moving, often very funny story of unexpected love, and a stunningly crafted journey into the life of a woman....”
RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS

The “Spring–has-Sprung” Wine Social was held on Saturday, April 29, at the home of Lorelei and Joe Avery. Approximately 25 Lakewood neighbors attended.

The May Lunch Bunch meeting was held at Honey-Baked Ham Cafe. The Lunch Bunch will be taking a break for the summer months but will start up again in September. Be on the lookout for the announcement about where and when.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Spring is here and with it comes the continued sightings of bears, bobcats, and coyotes. Our alert site is not sending out each report regarding the animal sightings, as we are all aware that wildlife is in our area. However, we will send out any information regarding these animals if they exhibit aggressive behavior that we feel you should be aware of. Thanks again to John and Alexis Stevens for the excellent flyer that they wrote, printed, and delivered to every resident in Lakewood regarding black bears! We hope you will keep this as a reference and continue to make food supplies unavailable for these animals and our other wildlife visitors.

We were privileged to meet some of our deputies when Judy Miller, from Barrington, and Cheri Smith, from Lakewood, delivered donuts to the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Department in May. This coincided with Police Appreciation Week. The officers we met were so grateful for the support and appreciation of our residents. They said it is a rare occasion that they are recognized in a positive way. Thank you to our LHA Board for their financial support for this event. It was just a small gesture to thank our officers for what they do every day for all of us. We would like to give a special thank you to Lt. Chris Danner, our liaison with the police department. He has been an amazing and supportive contact for our Neighborhood Watch program.

The information regarding large parties was sent out to allow each of you access to this ordinance. We were unaware of the ordinance and the requirement for a permit until it was brought to our attention. With the 15 day requirement for a permit, we felt it was important that we furnish this information to those planning graduation or other large parties as quickly as possible. Please remember to be mindful of noise levels as you hold your celebrations. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Thanks for all that you do to keep Lakewood a safe place to live!
NEIGHBORHOOD TEENS AND ‘TWEENS FOR HIRE

As homeowners we always seem to have too much to do in the yard and too little time to do it. Perhaps you should consider hiring a young person from the neighborhood to help you with some of these yard jobs. We will publish the names and contact information of neighborhood youth interested in helping you.

Or perhaps you have a young member of your household - teenager or ‘tween - who would be interested in earning a little pocket money by doing some mowing, yard work, pet sitting, snow removal, or babysitting, etc. in the neighborhood. Surely there must be some youngsters eager to earn some extra spending money!! Please let us know if you do and we will publish the information in our newsletters. Go to www.lhanews.com and click on “Contact” and send us an email. We will add names and contact information to this list as we receive them.

**Allison Baylor, Babysitter**
Allison is a dependable 15 year old who is interested in babysitting in the Lakewood neighborhood. Call her at 540-421-2687.

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## THOUGHTS FOR JUNE

“If you represent the Earth’s lifetime by a single year, say from January when it was made to December, the 21st century would be a quarter of a second in June – a tiny fraction of the year. But even in this concertinaed cosmic perspective, our century is very, very special: the first when humans can change themselves and their home planet.” – Martin Rees, British cosmologist and astrophysicist

“There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.” – Mother Teresa

“It is better to be a young June- bug than an old bird of paradise” – Mark Twain

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