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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

Our resort development is built around our greatest amenity, Lake Louisa, which provides recreational boating, fishing, swimming, beaches, water views and a very important fact—the lake raises and maintains our high property values. Without the lake, our real estate values would plummet and we would be just another rural area. All lakes fill up with silt over time and if we don't get ahead of this we will eventually lose our greatest amenity. Folks from all over come here because of our lake community. To protect and maintain the lake is to protect and maintain our high real estate values and way of life. Your membership survey answers put the lake in the top group of concerns and the Board is working hard to protect the lake by getting the silt removal project in operation. Among the bidders, the only contractor to comply with all our BRS requirements, and who also made the most competitive offer, has been selected. The General Manager is going over the final details before the agreement is processed for signatures. When will it start? An exact date is difficult to predict given all the Governmental Agencies with fingers in the pie, but my guess is in a few months. The initial focus will be in the channels to the Hickory Bridge area where the majority of silt buildup occurs, leaving the rest of the lake free for summer boating and enjoyment.

KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH EMAIL ALERTS. Learn of animal control warnings, blocked roads, schedule changes and any dredging impacts by getting BRS Email Alerts from the office. Sign up at the Office and stay informed. It's FREE.

We have formed a **New Vision Ad Hoc Committee** that is meeting on March 21, 2016 looking into where BRS should be going in the future. Grow bigger with more homes to offset costs, or keep open spaces? Add new educational programs at our Community Center or maybe different recreational sports? We will keep you posted on their progress.

We also have a **special Finance Committee Meeting** on April 2, 2016 @ 9:00 AM in the Community Center to allow your voice to be heard on how you would improve our dues and fees. Divide the total cost by the number of members? Get rid of all fees and raise dues? Lower dues and raise fees? Charge a fee for each car to reduce vehicles and raise revenue? If you ever complained about your BRS bill, then here's your opportunity to do something about it and share your ideas with the Committee that track every dime.

It's getting warmer and more bikes, children and walkers are about. SLOW DOWN so you (and they) may enjoy our roads together! And for all you new folks who have moved to Blue Ridge Shores, we're glad you're here!

Thad Furlong
President

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UPCOMING 2016 BRPOA MEETINGS

April 9, 2016

May 14, 2016

May 21, 2016
BRPOA/RU Joint Annual
Meeting- 10:00AM-
Community Center

June 11, 2016

July 9, 2016

August 13, 2016

September 10, 2016

October 8, 2016

November 12, 2016

All Meetings will be held
at 9:00 AM in the BRS Office
Building unless otherwise
specified.

COMPLIANCE

The Virginia POA Act, Sec 55-513, permits the Board of Directors, or their designated committee to:

Suspend Privileges.

Impose fines not to exceed \$50.00, or \$10.00 per day for offenses of a continuing nature, not to exceed 90 days.

Members are entitled to a proper hearing prior to fines and suspensions being implemented.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting February 13, 2016

IN Attendance: President Thad Furlong; First Vice President Hal Davis, Joe Brown, Director, Smokie Craig, Director, Paul Glass, Director and Denny W. Kelly, GM.

Absent: William Earhart, Donna Frago, Rick Gray, Jane T. Sleight.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Furlong to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Davis. Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of the January 9, 2015 Minutes

A motion was made by Furlong, seconded by Glass to adopt the January 9, 2016 minutes amended as follows: (1) correct Personal Committee to Personnel Committee and (2) remove repetition in text referencing Future Vision committee. Motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Buoy Placement and Goose Control Recommendations presented by the Lake Management Committee as tasked by the Board. A motion was made by Davis seconded by Brown to adopt the Lake Management Committee recommendation to deploy safety buoys as recommended by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and to remove non-compliant buoys. The motion passed with Brown, Craig, Glass and Furlong for and Davis against. The Board discussed goose control alternatives and the General Manager suggested that he present appropriate alternatives at the March Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lake Water Quality Testing 2016 Contract

The GM reviewed the submitted contract within the package from Environmental Systems Services Inc. to conduct testing of the water quality samples removed from the lake monthly at no increase from 2015 pricing. A motion was made by Furlong seconded by Davis to approve the contract as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 2016 Proxy Committee

A motion was made by Furlong seconded by Craig to approve Judy Brown as Chair of the 2016 Proxy Committee with Linda Munday, Sandy Sierk and Mary Ann Belair as Committee members. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Chief Inspector of 2016 Elections

A motion was made by Furlong seconded by Brown to approve William Munday as Chief Inspector of the 2016 Elections Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

4. 2016 Dam Safety Technical Inspection

The GM reviewed the submitted contract from STANTEC Consulting Services to perform the 2016 Dam Safety technical inspection noting there was no increase in pricing. A motion was made by Furlong seconded by Brown to approve the contract from STANTEC as submitted not to exceed \$1800. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Bylaws, Policies, & Regulations Revisions

Davis reviewed and read proposed revisions to Article IV of the Bylaws with the Board as required to adopt the new revised Lake Management Committee Charter. The Charter changes the name of the committee as noted below and revises the Committee duties: (1) The Lake Committee will no longer perform water quality testing due to liability issues. (2) The revised duties of the committee no longer require it to review approved permits for non-permanent structures, or to approve fish shelters. A motion was made by Furlong seconded by Brown to approve the revisions on first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

6. LMC Charter Revision

Davis presented the new revised charter submitted by the Lake Management Committee which changes the name of the committee to the Lake Committee. The charter also removes water quality testing from Committee duties. A motion was made by Davis to approve the new charter, seconded by Glass. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Back-Up Generator Proposal

The GM reviewed the need for a back up generator at the maintenance shop and submitted two proposals for consideration by the Board. D&M Electric submitted the low bid of \$8,000.00. Additional electrical and installation work required will bring the total expenditure to \$9200. A motion was made by Craig seconded by Davis to approve the installation at a cost not to exceed \$9200 from Shop Building account RP 18. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Dredging Proposals

The GM reviewed the four dredging proposals received from the four companies that attended the pre-proposal conference in December of 2015. Only one company, Docks of the Bay, actually submitted all information requested. This company returned to the Lake four separate times to visit the work site and assess the scope of work. The company also presented the lowest bid. Culpeper Engineering and Waterways Surveys and Engineering reviewed all proposals along with the GM, and recommended the referenced company.

The GM recommended that he be tasked by the Board to enter into negotiations with Docks of the Bay to develop a contract for consideration at the March Board meeting. A motion was made by Furlong, seconded by Glass to adopt the recommendation of our dredging consultants to open contract negotiations with Docks of the Bay. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Lot Combination Request

A motion was made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Rick Gray to approve combination of lots 182 and 183 as requested by a member, with no impact on BRS dues and fees structure. Passed unanimously. Such a combination requires Board approval but does not change the amount of fees and dues a member pays.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting March 12, 2016

In Attendance: Thad Furlong, President, Hal Davis, 1st VP, Donna Frago, 2nd VP, Rick Gray, Secretary, Directors: Joe Brown, Paul Glass, and Jane T. Sleight, and GM, Denny W. Kelly.

Absent: William Earhart, Treasurer, Clarence (Smoky) Craig

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda **was** amended by the President to include an executive session. Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis and approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion made by Donna Frago, seconded by Joe Brown to approve the February 13, 2016 amended minutes with typo corrections. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Revisions to the Policies, Rules, and Regulations:** Motion made by Hal Davis, seconded by Donna Frago to amend, Article IV, Section 8 on second reading. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Lot Acceptance:** Motion made by Hal Davis, seconded by Donna Frago to accept the offer to transfer the property with Account # 0177 to the Association in lieu of the 2016 dues owed and then be put up for sale. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Contract with Waterway Surveys and Engineering:** Motion was made by Hal Davis, seconded by Rick Gray to authorize the GM to contract with them to perform the Pre and Post Dredging surveys to determine the total cubic yards of material that is dredged at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.00. Motion was approved unanimously.
6. **Dock Demolition:** Motion made by Hal Davis, seconded by Joe Brown to authorize the GM to contract for the removal of a member's dock and pilings impeding the dredging operation at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Voting Yes: Thad Furlong, Hal Davis, Donna Frago, Rick Gray, Joe Brown, and Jane T. Sleight. Paul Glass abstained.
7. **Compensation for Dock:** Motion made by Donna Frago, seconded by Joe Brown to authorize compensation of the dock's fair market value price of \$19,500.00 be provided to the owner of Lot 1240. Voting Yes: Thad Furlong, Hal Davis, Donna Frago, Rick Gray, Joe Brown, and Jane T. Sleight. Paul Glass abstained.
8. **Contract with Docks of the Bay:** Motion made by Hal Davis, seconded by Rick Gray to authorize the President to approve the finalized agreement with **Docks of the Bay** to perform the dredging project pursuant to the draft contract submitted and the amount is not to exceed \$1,150,800.00. The motion passed unanimously.

JOINT MEETING

There will be a joint Annual Meeting of Blue Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc. and Ridge Utilities, Inc. on May 21, 2016. The meeting will be conducted in the Community Center and officially begins at 10:00 AM. Please come early for registration! **CALLING ALL CANDIDATES. RU will elect two Directors and BRPOA will elect three directors.** Mark your calendars now.



**NOMINATIONS TO THE
BRPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We, the undersigned members of Blue Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc.,
do hereby endorse the nomination of _____
for election to the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Property Owners
Association, Inc., in the May 21, 2016 election.

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

I am in compliance with all BRPOA, Inc., rules and regulations and have no
delinquent monetary obligations to BRPOA, Inc., and/or Ridge Utilities, Inc.

I am not involved as a party in any legal proceedings in which BRPOA, Inc., and/
or Ridge Utilities, Inc., is an adverse party.

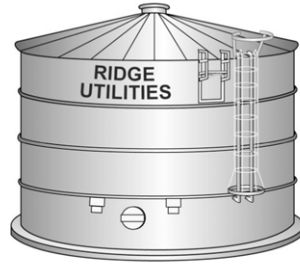
If elected, I will serve in the office to which I am elected.

Candidate _____ Date _____

(Signature)

Nominations accepted in the Association office

through 12 Noon Saturday, April 2, 2016.



**NOMINATIONS TO THE
RIDGE UTILITIES, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We, the undersigned customers of Ridge Utilities, Inc., do hereby endorse the nomination of _____
for election to the Board of Directors of Ridge Utilities, Inc., in the
May 21, 2016 Election.

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____ Lot # _____

I am in compliance with all Ridge Utilities, Inc., rules and regulations
and have no delinquent monetary obligations to Ridge Utilities, Inc.

I am not involved as a party in any legal proceedings in which Ridge
Utilities, Inc., is an adverse party.

If elected, I agree to serve as a Director of the Board to the best of
my ability for the term of my election or my sooner resignation or
disqualification.

Candidate _____ Date _____

(Signature)

Nominations accepted in the Association office
Through 12 Noon Saturday, April 2, 2016.

MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING March 17, 2016

Amick, James
Anderson, John W.
Burrer, Nancy
Cushman, Gerald
Evans, Tara & Brian
Fuentes, Rosali

Gammon, Denise
Greenlaw, Galen W. Jr.
Harrison, Vernon & Patricia
Johnston, Douglas K.
Libby, Walter L.
Reese, Carrie

Shelton, Mark
White, Tim
Wright, James & Sharon

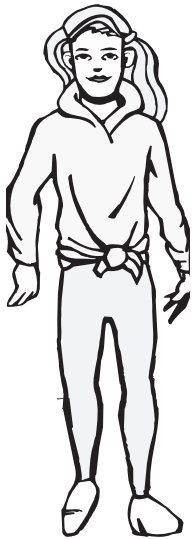


CHIPPER SERVICES

The Association will offer assistance with limbs that you have pruned or perhaps fell during the winter on May 3, 2016 for the South Side and May 4, 2016 on the North Side of the community.

These items need to be placed adjacent to the street so employees do not have to enter private property and in place by 8:00 AM. **The limbs need to be no less than four feet in length and no larger than six inches in diameter. PLEASE NO VINES, STUMPS, or LEAVES!**

Safety tips for walkers in BRS



It has come to our attention that there have been a few close calls between walkers and vehicles within BRS. Drivers, please obey the speed limit, stop signs, and most of all be on constant lookout for walkers day, and night. Causing injury or death would be a life changing event for all involved. Walkers, be aware, especially around the many blind curves, for vehicles. Don't count on them seeing you first. If you walk at night wear reflective tape or clothing. This improves the odds of the driver seeing you first. The narrow roads at BRS make these safety tips especially valuable.

Thank you,
Smokie Craig
Safety and Security Chair

*Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the family and friends of
Heather L. Runft, who passed away recently.*

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

April 2016- May 2016

- **Finance Committee** Open Meeting on Dues, April 2, 2016, 9:00AM, Community Center
- **Quilting**, Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00AM-2:00PM Community Center
- **Women's Club**, Grelen Nursery & Lunch, Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 10:00AM, Somerset. VA
- **BRPOA Board Meeting** Saturday, April 9, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Pot Luck Dinner**, Saturday, April 9, 2016, 6:00PM Social, 6:30PM Dinner, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Quilting**, Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Community Center
- **Women's Club**, Wednesday, May 4, 2016, Progressive Luncheon, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **RU Board Meeting**, Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Firearms Safety Course** (Women) Saturday, May 7, 2016, 12PM-4PM, Community Center
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Firearms Safety Course** (Men), Saturday, May 14, 2016, 12PM-4PM, Community Center
- **Joint Annual Meeting**, Saturday, May 21, 2016, 10:00AM, Community Center (Reception & bake sale immediately after Annual Meeting)
- **CSC Meeting**, Friday, May 27, 2016, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, May 28, 2016, 8:00AM-10:00AM
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, May 28, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Corn Hole Tournament**, Sunday, May 29, 2016, 2:00PM, Community Center

Boat Registration & Slip Rentals

Boating season is right around the corner! Please register your boats early to avoid delays. We can register your boats via mail for your convenience. As a reminder, the office will need CURRENT copies of your State registration and Insurance Policy that shows watercraft liability. If you renewed either of these since your registration with the office last year, please make sure to forward a copy to the office. If you are unsure if we have current information, please call the office and we will review your file. The cost to register a motorized boat is \$50.00. This is reviewed annually. The cost to register a non-motorized boat, (paddle boat, kayak & canoe) is \$25.00 and is a onetime registration. You must have paid the first half of 2016 assessments to acquire either decal.

The price to lease a boat slip for 2016 is \$150.00. If you are interested in renting one, please contact the office @ 540-967-1408.

Crime Report

JANUARY, 2016

N Lakeshore Dr

Animal Control Officer – 3
Motor Vehicle Crash – 1
Property Lost/Found – 1

Beach Rd

Emergency Medical Service Call – 1

Redbud Dr

Emergency Medical Service Call – 1
Fire-Public Service – 1

Locust Dr

Welfare Check – 1

Walnut Rd

911-Hang-up – 1
Emergency Medical Service Call – 1
Trespass/Prowler – 1

Ash Rd

ATL – 2

Ferndale Dr

Fire-Public Service – 1
Motor Vehicle Crash -No Injuries – 1
Trespass/Prowler – 1

Nottingham Rd

Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Emergency Medical Service Call – 1

S Lakeshore Dr

Property Check – 64

Threatening – 1

Traffic Stop – 1

Vandalism – 1

Lakeview Cir

Suspicious Activity – 1

FEBRUARY, 2016

North Lakeshore Dr

ACO - 1
Civil-Paper – 1
Escort – 1
F-Public Service – 1
Traffic-Road Hazard – 1

Beach Rd

911 Hang-up – 1

Redbud Dr

EMS Call – 1
Suspicious Activity – 1

Ellis Dr

ACO – 1
EMS Call – 1
Threatening – 1

Ash Rd

Suspicious Activity – 1

Locust Dr

Officer Initiated-Follow-up – 1

Walnut Rd

911-Hangup – 1
Traffic-Road Hazard – 1
Welfare Check – 1

Nottingham Rd

Civil-Paper – 1

Poplar Dr

Larceny – 1
Officer Initiated-Follow-up – 1
Suspicious Activity – 1

South Lakeshore Dr

ACO – 1
Alarm-Burg-Resident – 1
Child Custody Issue – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Physical – 1
Escort – 1
MVC-No Injuries – 1
Property Check – 58
Vandalism – 1

Beech Nut Rd

ACO – 1
Traffic-Road Hazard – 1

EMS- Emergency Medical Services

ACO- Animal Control Officer

MVC-Motor Vehicle Crash

POSTED SPEED LIMITS

The Association Office receives complaints routinely for people driving throughout the Community and exceeding the posted speed limits. The Louisa County Sheriff's Department has been most helpful in their attempts to resolve this problem. They have jurisdiction to write summons for speeding or reckless driving on Association Roads and the results go into Louisa County General District Court and if found guilty those results will be posted with DMV and appear on your Virginia Driver's License Records.

The Sheriff's Department has assured us of enhanced efforts to resolve these problems and will be placing Deputies in the areas of complaint. Please be considerate of yourself and others as it relates to the potential consequences of traveling too fast within the Community.

REMINDER: All Members and Registered Renters are responsible for their guests and their actions.

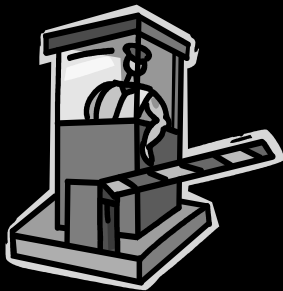
CLEANUP & DISPOSAL Of OLD ITEMS

Join us in a third effort this year to provide a fresh look to the Blue Ridge Shores Community by hauling those items that are cluttering up your garages, sheds, and perhaps even your basement. There will be roll-off type dumpsters available @ the BRS Shop Area on Beach Road for your usage on **Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM.** Members are urged to bring those old items that you would have to haul to the Landfill and dispose of them **free of charge.** This includes old appliances, furniture, lumber, & lawn furniture for examples.

Household garbage, tires, paint, any flammable liquids, bricks, blocks, rocks, or chunks of concrete will not be accepted. There will be help available to unload if you need that. Contact the office should you have questions.



Gate breakage costs are now **\$250.00** per occurrence for 2016. Please make sure that you and your guests enter the gate one car at a time to avoid damage and fines!



Community Center and Pavilion reservations are necessary! Please make sure to reserve your date as soon as possible. Call the Association office at 540-967-1408 to secure your event!

Community Services Committee

Shirley Mann, Chairperson

Spring will be here before we know it! We have some great activities planned for the next several months. Believe it or not, we are already planning the Fourth of July Activities! The first planning meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 10:30 in the Community Center. As always, we need lots of help to make this a success. Please attend this meeting if you would like to be part of it.

We had our Chili Cook-Off in February. Thanks to Emily and Mike Moore for chairing this event. It was a great time for all! First place went to Ricky Gray, second went to Linda Munday, and third went to yours truly!

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27th at the pavilion. All children are invited to come and hunt for eggs and have a good time. Time for this event is 3:00PM-5:00PM.

We are having a Pot Luck Dinner on April 9th. Social time is at 6:00PM and dinner 6:30PM. This is another FREE event open to all BRS residents. Bring a dish to share.

Our kitchen remodel is coming along beautifully. You should be able to see the finished project at the Pot Luck Dinner. You do not want to miss this!

The next Third Thursday lunch will be in September. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Looking ahead: We are having our first Corn Hole Tournament on May 29th. Watch for more details.....

Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Judy Brown, 1st Vice President

The 2016 Schedule of Programs has been released. This year's schedule reflects the requests of many members to have more meetings at home. To this end, we are alternating between trips away and potluck luncheons held at the BRS Community Center.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Women's Club enjoyed lunch together at Los Tres Potrillos in Louisa. Afterwards, we shared a relaxing Sip & Paint at the Louisa Arts Center where Christine Corrieri led us in an exploration of white birch trees in the winter woods. So many masterpieces were created that day!

We are looking forward to our visit to the Grelen Nursery and The Market at Grelen Nursery in Somerset, VA on Wednesday, April 6th. We plan to meet at the Community Center at 10:00 am that morning to form carpools and drive to the 600-acre nursery for lunch and a day focused on gardening and growing! Won't you join us?!

Membership in the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club is open to any interested women. Please call Sandy Sierk, Membership Chair, at 967-1939 if you might like to be a part of this fun group. Dues for the year are just \$5.00. Come meet your neighbors and make new friends!

Neighbor to Neighbor

JABA, The Jefferson Area Board for Aging, is looking for volunteers in the Louisa area for their **Neighbor to Neighbor** Program. Their Mission is to meet the needs of older adults as they age. "A neighbor near you could benefit from your friendship and helping hand. Just an hour a week and a compassionate heart award an isolated adult peace of mind". Neighbor to Neighbor volunteers support their senior friend through visiting, providing transportation and helping with small home upkeep tasks. Orientation/Training is provided by JABA. For more information contact Carleigh Showalter at 434-817-5226 or visit the JABA website at www.jabacares.org.

Trash is
being picked
up weekly
on Mondays



Please be kind to your neighbors, and remove your containers from the curbside promptly after pick-up..



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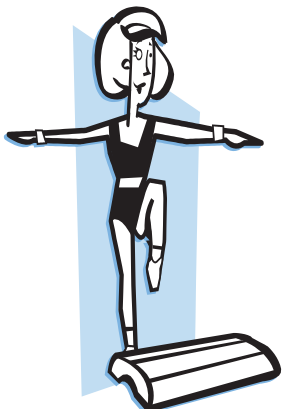


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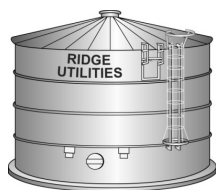
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

9am

Community Center



Come join your fellow members and take part in an aerobics workout. The exercise is conducted utilizing both VHS & DVD programs on a large screen TV. There is no charge but a waiver must be signed with the understanding that participation is at one's own risk.

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**After Hours
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Contact
(540) 967-1234**

UPCOMING 2016 RU MEETINGS

**May 7, 2016
May 21, 2016**

**BRPOA/RU Joint Annual Meeting-
10:00AM- Community Center**

July 16, 2016

September 17, 2016

November 19, 2016

**All Meetings will be held
at 9:00 AM in the BRS
Office Building unless
otherwise specified.**

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting March 19, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex MacCormack, William Munday, Molli Ellis, Stephen Tompkins and Al Fortune. Denny W. Kelly, GM and Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Affairs were also in attendance.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Stephen Tompkins to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Stephen Tompkins made a motion, seconded by William Munday to approve the January 16, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to accept the January 2016 and February 2016 Treasurer's Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Stephen Tompkins to approve the 2016 Proxy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Stephen Tompkins to approve William Munday as the 2016 Chief Inspector of Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Al Fortune made a motion, seconded by Molli Ellis to approve the proposal from Liquid Engineering to perform an inspection and maintenance as needed for the Redbud Water Storage Tank. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Stephen Tompkins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board of Directors will take place Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Association Office Building.

Due Dates for 1st qtr. 2016 Water Bills

Water bills were mailed on 3/25/16 for the 1st qtr. of 2016. If you do not receive your bill by 4/10/16, please contact our office to receive a replacement bill. Failure to receive your bill does not negate any late charges that may incur.

1st qtr. 2016 Due Date: April 30, 2016

Disconnect Date for 1st Qtr. 2016: May 17, 2016

If you are experiencing any hardship in meeting those due dates, please contact our office for an extension or payment arrangement. It is the member or registered renter's responsibility to contact the office when such an arrangement is needed. Please do not

wait until after the meter is disconnected. Once the meter is disconnected the account balance, as well as the reconnection fee, must be paid in full before service will be restored.

Hose Bibb Vacuum Breakers Available at the Association Office

As a part of the Ridge's Backflow Prevention Program we urge homeowners to install hose bibb vacuum breakers on all outdoor spigots to help prevent cross-connection contamination. You can purchase a hose bibb vacuum breaker at the Association Office for \$16.50. Copies of the Ridge Utilities, Inc., Backflow Prevention Program are also available in the Association Office, www.ridgeutilities.com, or by emailing the office staff.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Cut-Off Valve Policy

The cut-off valves installed in the meter boxes are the property of Ridge Utilities, Inc. Homeowners may use the cut-off valve to assist in limiting the flow of water through the owner's service line and interior home plumbing during times of absence or when repairs are being made. Ridge Utilities, Inc., does not guarantee that:

- A. The cut-off valve will prevent water flow into the owner's service line and/or the interior home plumbing system.
- B. The cut-off valve will turn off and on with sufficient ease to allow use by the homeowner.

To obtain the full policy please go to www.ridgeutilities.com or pick up a copy at the Association Office Building.



News Release

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434.220.9070 or 434.989.0665

4 P.M. Burning Law In Effect Feb. 15

Virginia's 4 p.m. Burning Law goes into effect Feb. 15, 2016 – the start of spring fire season in the Commonwealth. This law prohibits burning before 4 p.m. each day (Feb. 15 – April 30) if the fire is in, or within 300 feet of, woodland, brush land or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials.

A violation of this law is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine. In addition to the criminal violation, those who allow a fire to escape are liable for the cost of suppressing the fire as well as any damage caused to others' property.

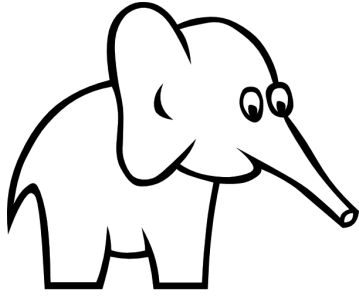
"Because people are the cause of more than 95 percent of wildland fires in the Commonwealth, the 4 p.m. burning law may be one of the most effective tools we have in the prevention of wildfires," said John Miller, director of resource protection at the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF). "Each late winter and early spring, downed trees, branches and leaves become 'forest fuels' that increase the danger of a wildfire. By adhering to the law and not burning before 4 p.m., people are less likely to start a fire that threatens them, their property and the forests of Virginia."

In 2015, there were 616 wildfires that burned a total of 5,906 acres of forestland in the Commonwealth. This was significantly less than the 10-year average of 1,100 wildfires, which burn a total of 11,000 acres annually.

"If not for the suppression efforts of VDOF employees and local firefighters, 901 homes and other structures, worth an estimated \$150 million, would have been damaged or destroyed last year by these wildfires," said Miller.

Fred Turck, VDOF forest protection coordinator, said, "The leading cause of wildfires in Virginia is carelessness. An unattended debris burning fire, a discarded cigarette or a single match can ignite the dry fuels that are so prevalent in the early spring. Add a few days of dry, windy conditions and an escaped wildfire can quickly turn into a raging blaze. People living in most rural areas of Virginia are especially at risk. To take a quote from Smokey Bear, 'Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.'"

For more information on what you can do to protect yourself and your property or to learn how to become "Fire wise," visit www.dof.virginia.gov.



White Elephant Sale 2016

In less than four months it will be time for the annual Blue Ridges White Elephant Sale, during the 4th of July festivities. **This year's event will be Saturday, July 2!**

Once again the Women's Club hosts the sale and all proceeds go to various charities in our area.

We all have some unneeded or unwanted items taking needed space around our homes. Keep this in mind as you prepare for summer, cleaning drawers, closets, basements and garages of unwanted clutter. Many of those items may be donated and become someone else's treasure. Everyone has been generous in the past so we expect that to continue. Please remind your families and friends to also check for potential donations before visiting BRS.

We are accepting items between now and July 1st. You may call Donna Gray (967-2173) to arrange a drop off at the Butler building. Don't hesitate to ask if you need any assistance with heavy items or even a pick up!

We are looking for all kitchen items including dishes, glassware, and pots and pans. Also small electronics, children/baby toys, games and sports equipments, clean linens, luggage, tools and sports equipment. In addition any crafts or holiday decorations and of course books, DVDs and CDs. Small furniture and appliances are also welcome although we cannot accept large pieces, TVs and/or computers. And as usual clothing is not acceptable. Outdoor furniture and garden and beach items are always welcome. If you are unsure about anything just give us a call.

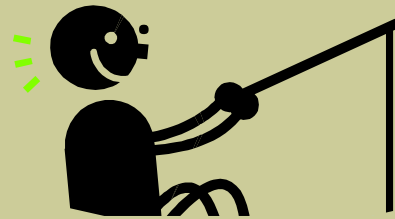
This year's annual 'Dumpster Day' will be Saturday, May 7, at the BRS shop where Redbud meets Beach. To make WES donations even easier someone from the Women's Club will be there! That means you'll need just one trip clean your house and donate to charity!

Compliance Committee

Jane T. Sleight, Chair

Septic System Inspection

All members are required to have standard septic systems inspected every five years by a certified septic company. Alternative pumping systems must be inspected every year. Please submit your certification to the office. This is not only a BRS requirement but a requirement from the Commonwealth of Virginia enforced by all county health departments. The BRS office notifies each member at the beginning of the year when your system is due for inspection. You have until December 31 to comply. Members that do not comply will be fined \$10 per day for 90 days. **Our Committee recently took this action on three members and this information may be posted in the Shore Line by name and Street Address.** There are no exceptions. This rule is to ensure the health of our lake and the health of our water supply. Thank you for keeping Blue Ridge Shores a healthy community for all.



PROTECT OUR WATERS!

Please report any illegal dumping of items into our waters to the Administration Office at
540-967-1408

URGENT

Let's Be Proactive and Stop The Spread Of Hydrilla

About 25 years ago, Lake Louisa was invaded by an aquatic grass called Hydrilla. This is a plant originally imported into the U.S. to be used in aquariums and sometimes called "water kudzu" because it grows so fast. Hydrilla became so thick in the lake that many of the coves were unsuitable for swimming or wading and it even became difficult to operate boats in these areas because the hydrilla fouled the propellers so badly. By introducing a type of grass carp that feeds on hydrilla and other underwater vegetation (not the common carp found in most rivers, lakes and ponds) hydrilla has been eliminated from the lake.

While we have not seen any evidence that hydrilla is making a comeback in Lake Louisa, it is definitely making a comeback in Lake Anna and other rivers and lakes in Virginia. We do not want to have a recurrence in our lake. **Hydrilla is easily spread by introducing even very small pieces into the water.**

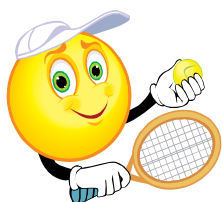
Therefore, we are asking that if you use your boat in other lakes or rivers please do the following before putting your boat in our lake.

1. Carefully check the boat, motor, propeller, and trailer;
2. Remove all plant material;
3. Thoroughly rinse off the boat and trailer before launching in Lake Louisa; and
4. Do not allow the runoff from this to enter the lake.

More information can be found by doing a simple internet search on "hydrilla in Virginia waters". Your cooperation will help protect the health of our lake.

Thank you.

Lake Management Committee



**Members that play
tennis can receive a key at
the office for their usage at
no charge!**

IMPORTANT

DOGS MUST BE CONTROLLED

Louisa County and BRS Regulations require all dogs in the BRS Community to be controlled at all times--- no exceptions. Owners, nonmember occupants, or guests are responsible for dogs brought into BRS, regardless of whether the dog tunnels out or wanders loose. Regulations are enforced by Animal Control Officers and may result in penalties assessed by the BRS Compliance Committee. The County may seize or remove dogs found loose or without a County dog tag. **NO DOGS ALLOWED on any BRS beaches at any time.** We recently had a member's dog killed by stray dogs. Anyone observing uncontrolled dogs should notify Louisa County Animal Control (967-1234) and the Main Office. Children should be cautioned to not approach strange dogs and to report any loose dogs. If you own a dog, do not allow the animal to run loose or damage property. All dogs must be licensed and display the proper tag information.

Respectfully
Smokie Craig
Safety & Security Chairman



General Manager's Report

Denny W. Kelly

We welcome the warm weather and look forward to serving the continuing needs of the membership during 2016. Boat decals may be purchased @ your convenience once you have paid the first half of the 2016 assessments. Remember that gas powered motorized boat traffic is only in a counter clock wise direction. We anticipate having a part time employee on the Lake enforcing the boat policies and attempting to maintain a safe environment for all. **A reminder that all people operating a boat having 10 horsepower or greater, effective July 1, 2016 are required to have completed the Boater Safety Class sponsored through the Virginia Game & Inland Fisheries.**

I would like to personally commend Jeff, George Allen, and George Sweet for their excellent performance in snow removal this season! WELL DONE!

I urge those that wish to sign up for a partial payment agreement to do that early, in order to avoid higher monthly payments. To date there we have approved thirteen. We have collected 46 % of the 2016 revenue affiliated with assessments by the end of February, 2016. Our delinquency rate for 2015 was approximately 4.6%. Judgments were awarded on all delinquent accounts and Memorandums of Liens were also filed.

Remember nothing can be placed in the Lake including leaves without Board permission.

We have scheduled the return of the roll off dumpsters to assist with your spring cleanup and they will be at the shop area on Saturday, May 7, 2016. A separate article on this is enclosed with this edition. Additionally we will have the first limb pick-up scheduled for May 3

& 4, 2016 and details are included in a separate Article.

When you have building materials delivered, fuel delivery, have your septic system serviced, or any other activity involving heavier type trucks, please remember and remind those involved companies, the gross vehicle weight cannot exceed five tons on the dam/spillway or twenty five tons on the Hickory Creek Bridge. If you see this, occurring please provide a Company Name and address if possible to the office for follow-through!

Ridge Utilities is very pleased to announce that all required 2015 testing of the water was completed with a 100% passing of those requirements. The 2015 Water Quality Report will be distributed as soon as it is completed. Occasionally we have a leak in one of the water mains and when you observe that you do not have water or low pressure, please turn the electrical breaker off to your water heater to prevent damage to the elements.

Should you witness any activity that appears unlawful contact the Sheriff's Department immediately and also make the office aware of the issue including tag numbers, type of vehicle, and if by chance you know the individual(s). Your identity will not be disclosed. **The Sheriff's Department is currently assisting by monitoring the speed of vehicles on the roadways and has written some tickets. This also includes stray dogs.** Their non emergency # is 967-1234.

In the event you have questions or comments on how we the Staff Members may serve you more efficiently contact me in whatever method you prefer.



DID YOU KNOW?

Trees that are dead or have dead limbs are your and your insurance company's responsibility, should they fall and damage a neighbor's property. Live trees that fall during a storm will not be the owner's responsibility.

Please survey your property, talk with your neighbor if necessary, and remove damaged trees and limbs needed.

Please report any trees on association property needing attention that we may have missed.

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