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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

Remember that trash pick-up is once a week all year long. Please inform your friends who may only visit their properties in the warm months and who may not be aware of this cost savings change. While we have publicized it, there are always a few folks who may not know and set out their trash on the wrong day. Also, do not leave bags of garbage on the street, as wildlife may tear open and scatter your trash causing an unsightly mess. The contractor is not required to pick up or empty anything other than the closed lid waste containers provided to you. You run a risk they will not be picked up when you place materials outside your trash cans. Large items are properly disposed of at the county dump.

We have ordered a large quantity of new sand to refurbish our beaches and prepare for summer. In the coming weeks, you may see our crews working on spreading, combing and preparing our beautiful beaches for recreational use. Please do not leave any trash on our beaches when you visit, and I encourage you to step up and throw away junk others may have left. As I tell my grandson, "I know you didn't do it, but let's pick it up."

The Board received an educational presentation by member Dennis Harbin on the importance of protecting and servicing septic systems, which affects every homeowner. This often neglected item is crucial to allowing your plumbing lines to dispose of waste from your toilets and sink. Only human waste is broken down by the good bacteria in the septic tank and anything else eventually builds up or clogs your system, which must be pumped out when full. Mr. Harbin recommends pumping when the level reaches 1/3 capacity. We also learned about the "distribution box" that must be aligned perfectly with your drain trenches to allow proper flow of the water along the trenches for eventual seeping into the ground. If the distribution box is pushed out of alignment by

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UPCOMING 2017 BRPOA MEETINGS

April 8, 2017

May 13, 2017

May 20, 2017

Joint Annual

Meeting 10:00 AM

Community Center

June 10, 2017

July 8, 2017

August 12, 2017

September 9, 2017

October 14, 2017

November 11, 2017

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.

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soil compacting (driving over your drain field), paving, or other cause, then the water never properly drains through the trenches and your tank may overflow or fill up rapidly.

What happens if you fail to protect your septic system? The state could come after you for violations, as Virginia requires properly operating septic systems. If you have an alternative system because your lot is too small or your drain field is compromised or for other reasons, then the state requires an inspection every year—it's that important. Nobody wants a health and safety issue in their front yard. Your leaky or overflowing raw sewage may contaminate the soil in your yard and your neighbors yard, requiring expensive digging and a possible lawsuit. You will not be able to live in your house because you will not have a working toilet, kitchen sink or laundry pipe to discharge to. Your property value may decrease, along with your neighbor's. For this reason, BRS requires, that at a minimum, you have your system inspected (and pumped if needed) every five years. In our briefing, Mr. Harbin recommended an inspection every three years. Bottom line is that your septic system is critical to maintaining the habitability of your house and your property value.

We learned that the quality of septic system inspections varied greatly among vendors, and some who pump do not inspect because they did not want the liability of getting the inspection wrong. To learn more about protecting your septic system, and see a drawing in this edition of the Shore Line that Mr. Harbin created.

Many folks worked on bringing the importance of properly operating septic systems to the attention of the Board, including Director Donna Frago and past directors Teresa Walker and Jane Sleight. We thank Dennis Harbin for providing us the technical background and educating us on what to do and not do, to protect our septic systems.

We have a wealth of knowledge and talent in our community, and it is wonderful that our members are willing to share their technical expertise for the benefit of us all.

Thad Furlong

President

Joint Annual Meeting

There will be a joint Annual Meeting of Blue Ridge Property Owners Association, Inc. and Ridge Utilities, Inc. on May 20, 2017. 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.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting February 11, 2017

In Attendance: Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, David Armentrout, Clarence Craig, Paul Glass & GM Denny W. Kelly

Absent: William Earhart, Joe Brown, & Donna Frago.

Approval of the Agenda: Furlong moved for approval of the agenda, Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the January Board meetings were presented as corrected via email input. Gray moved for approval of the minutes, Glass seconded and approval was unanimous.

Signage for Dam Restrictions – The Safety/Security Chair voiced his opinion that the current two signs between the gate and the dam were adequate.

Trimming Election Costs – The mailed BPOA election packets will not include 'return postage'.

2017 Proxy Committee Appointments as required in the bylaws: Judy Brown will chair, Sandy Sierk, Mary Ann Belair and Shirley Mann will serve as members. *Furlong moved to accept, Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.*

Chief Inspector of 2017 Election: Laurel Patterson had volunteered to serve. Furlong moved to accept, Armentrout seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Disposal of Association Property: The GM noted BRS owns an unused trailer. He recommended its sale through a sealed bid process. *Furlong moved, Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.*

Section III. Policies, Rules and Regulations Revision (First Reading):

Removal of Debris, Garbage and Trash:

(a) Garbage/Trash Collection: Regular household garbage/trash collection is provided by the Association ~~twice per week during the summer period from Memorial Day through Labor Day and once per week during the remainder of the year.~~ Furlong moved, Gray seconded and approval was unanimous.

End of meeting: Motion by Furlong, Seconded by Davis to Adjourn @ 10:05AM

All present voted: FOR. Motion passed unanimously.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2017

In Attendance: Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, David Armentrout, Clarence Craig, Joe Brown, Donna Frago, & GM Denny W. Kelly

Absent: William Earhart, Paul Glass, & Rick Gray

Approval of the Agenda: Thad Furlong moved for approval of the agenda, David Armentrout seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the February 11, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Thad Furlong moved for approval of the minutes, Joe Brown seconded and approval was unanimous.

Sand for the Beaches: Hal Davis moved to authorize the GM to purchase twenty five loads of sand, not to exceed \$9300.00, seconded by Joe Brown and approval was unanimous.

Trimming Election Costs – The mailed BPOA election packets will not include 'return postage'.

Compliance Committee Appointment: Donna Frago moved to appoint Shirley Mann as a member of the Compliance Committee, seconded by Smokie Craig and approval was unanimous.

Section III. Policies, Rules and Regulations Revision (Second Reading):

Removal of Debris, Garbage and Trash:

(a) Garbage/Trash Collection: Regular household garbage/trash collection is provided by the Association ~~twice per week during the summer period from Memorial Day through Labor Day and once per week during the remainder of the year.~~ Thad Furlong moved to approve on second reading, Hal Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Lots Combination Request: David Armentrout moved to approve the request as submitted, seconded by Joe Brown with the understanding this has no impact of dues assessments, and approval was unanimously.

REC Right of Way Request: Hal Davis moved to approve the request as submitted for the installation of a new pole on BRS Lot

310, seconded by David Armentrout, and approval was unanimously.

Revision to the ByLaws: Section 5. Quorum at Meetings: 5. A quorum at any meeting of members of the Association shall consist of ~~twenty (20%)~~ **ten (10) % percent** of the members of the Association, present in person or by proxy. Thad Furlong moved to adopt the revision on first reading, seconded by Hal Davis, approval was unanimously.

Revisions to Boat Policy: (full text attached) Thad Furlong moved to approve the revisions as presented on first reading, seconded by Hal Davis, approval was unanimously.

CSC's Request for Release of 2017 Funding: Donna Frago moved to release the \$6125.00 budgeted for CSC, seconded by David Armentrout, approval was unanimously.

End of meeting: Motion by Furlong, Seconded by Davis to Adjourn @ 10:05AM

All present voted: FOR. Motion passed unanimously.

Boat Policy Revisions (First Reading)

SECTION III Policies, Rules and Regulations

D. Boats:

5. Registration:

~~(h) The Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Shores requires completion of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement for operation of a boat on Lake Louisa. This requirement will phase in the same manner as the statewide requirement for operation on public waters.~~

~~Virginia is requiring that in order to operate a boat on public waters you must have passed a boating safety course or its equivalent examination. While Lake Louisa is exempt from this requirement because it is a private lake, members who own a boat will be required to show proof of compliance to receive their boating registration.~~

(H)In the interest of safety, the Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Shores requires completion of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements or the equivalent for operation of a boat with ten (10) horsepower or greater on Lake Louisa. The member is required to submit proof of compliance for their file in order to receive their annual boat registration. A member who does not or cannot operate their boat may register the boat if they present proof for their file that a family member has met the Boater Safety Education Requirements, and specify that the family member will operate the boat. All members are required to carry proof of completion of the course while on the lake operating a boat as prescribed in this section. The Association will comply with sections of the State Code on this issue.

~~The current requirements are:~~

- ~~1. Motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2011.~~
- ~~2. Motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012.~~
- ~~3. Motorboat operators 40 years of of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013.~~
- ~~4. Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014.~~
- ~~5. Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015.~~
- ~~6. All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.~~



**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 20, 2017 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.

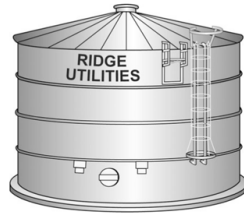
I am not involved as a party in any legal proceedings in which BRPOA, Inc., and/or Ridge Utilities, Inc., is an adverse party.

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 1, 2017.**



**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 20, 2017, 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.

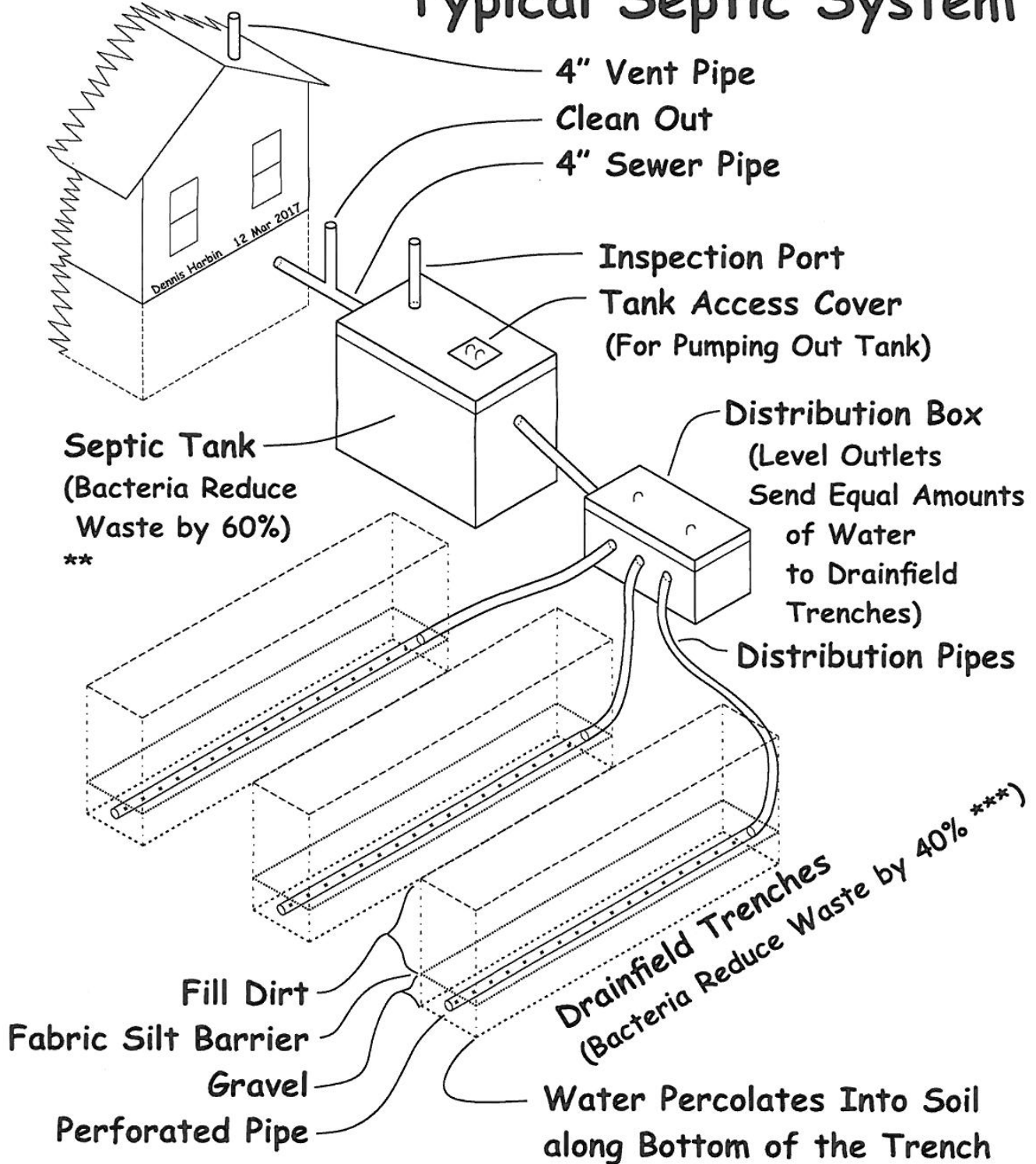
If elected, I agree to serve as a Director of the Board to the best of my ability for the term of my election or my sooner resignation or disqualification.

Candidate _____ Date _____

(Signature)

**Nominations accepted in the Association office
Through 12 Noon Saturday, April 1, 2017.**

Typical Septic System



** Any waste the Bacteria Can Not Digest accumulates in the septic tank, Slowly filling the tank, Requiring it to be Pumped Out.

*** Any undigestable waste which gets to the Trenches, along with any silt, over time plugs up the soil.

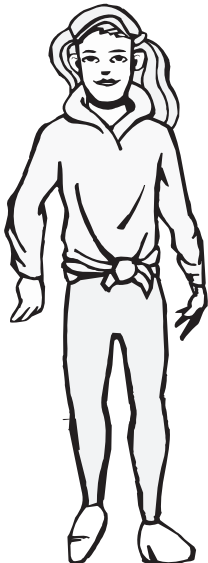
MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING March 1, 2017

Amick, James	Gaines-Kelly, Makeba	Libby, Walter L.
Anderson, John W.	Gheen, Randolph M.	Reese, Carrie & Sylvia Johnson
Barber, Thayne & Lauren	Harrison, Vernon & Patricia	Shull, Mark, Jr.
Burrer-Meza, Nancy	Hoosier, Danny & Lori	Waller, Jessica
Evans, Tara & Brian	Johnston, Douglas K.	White, Tim
Federal National Mortgage	Kammeter, Carol W.	Wright, James & Sharon
Fuentes, Rosali	Lamb, Wilda	

2017 PARTIAL PAYMENT PLANS

A suggestion to members that wish to enter into a Partial Payment Plan with BRPOA for 2017 Assessments: You are urged to do that early and that will reduce your monthly payments. Please come by the office @ your convenience to make these arrangements.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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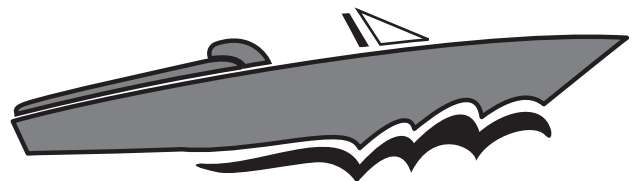
Calendar of Events

April 2017-May 2017

- **Deadline for Board Candidates Filing**, April 1, 2017, 12:00PM, BRS Office
- **Boater Safety Class, Saturday**, April 1, 2017, 10:00AM-4:00PM, Community Center
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, April 8, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Compliance Hearing**, Saturday, April 8, 2017, 12:00PM, BRS Office
- **4th of July Planning Meeting**, Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10:00AM, Community Center
- **Quilting**, Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Community Center
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, Sunday, April 16, 2017, 2:00PM-4:00PM, Pavilion Area
- **Meet the Candidates Night, Saturday**, April 22, 2017, 7:00PM, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, April 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, April 29, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **RU Board Meeting**, Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00AM
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, May 13, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Joint Annual Meeting (Reception Following)**, Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10:00AM, Community Center
- **RU Reorganizational Meeting**, Saturday, May 20, 2017, Immediately Following Joint Annual Meeting, BRS Office
- **Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, May 27, 2017, 8:00AM-10:00AM, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, May 27, 2017, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, May 27, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Corn Hole Tournament**, Sunday, May 28, 2017, 2:00PM, Community Center

Virginia Boating Safety Class

Section II, Policies, Rules, and Registration; D. Boats requires that all Motorboat Operators complete this class or an equivalent and present proof of Compliance to receive their boating registration this year, (2017). This policy has been phased in since 2011 and effective July 1, 2016 all operators of motor boats regardless of age, shall meet the requirements. If you have completed this class in another State and have that certificate of completion, it will meet the BRS requirements. An operator under direct supervision of an individual who has met this requirement is not required to take this class.



The Office cannot issue 2017 registration/decals unless the above requirements are met and a copy of completion is submitted for your file.

SCHOOL BUS STOP PROBLEMS



The Office continues to receive complaints regarding the school bus stop on South Lakeshore Drive. A few parents are continuing to park on South Lakeshore Drive and Beach Road which is not

permitted and crowding the bus as it enters and departs the area. Parents are parking within the entry and exit areas of the bus stop creating additional safety concerns. A few parents are driving out of the area while the flashing lights are activated and the children are walking to their parents. This is a violation of State Law. This occurs almost every day involving the Elementary School Bus. The Sheriff's Department is working in conjunction with the Association to resolve this problem. WE appreciate the parents that are helping us resolve these problems as well. Safety of the children is the single priority so please help!

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.

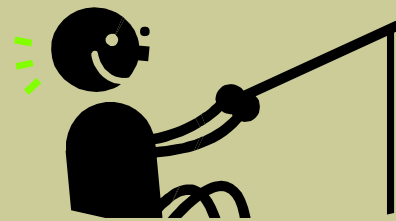
The Sheriff's Department has assured us of enhanced efforts to resolve these problems and will be placing Deputies in the areas of complaint. Please be considerate of yourself and others as it relates to the potential consequences of traveling too fast within the Community.

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

Compliance Committee Report

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 and or pumped 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 may 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

Community Services Committee

Donna Gray, Chairperson

Spring will be here before we know it! We have some great activities planned for the next several months.

We had our annual Chili Cook-Off February 25. There were 15 entries and an overflow crowd of tasters! Emily and Mike Moore hosted this event, with wonderful themed decorations and prizes. First place went to Linda Markovits, second place went to Rick Gray and third to Dave Cervantes. A great time was had by all.

Looking ahead: The Children's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 16 at the pavilion. April Haase will host and all children are invited to come and hunt for eggs and have a good time. Time for this event is 2:00PM- 4:00PM.

In May there will be a pancake breakfast Saturday, May 27, from 8-10AM. The next day, May 28, will be the second annual Corn-Hole Tournament at 2PM. More details later....

The season's final Third Thursday Movie & Lunch was March 16. This will resume in September. We look

forward to seeing everyone then. Remember, even if you aren't interested in the movie you may stop by for the great food! You may even get a meal 'to go' so you don't have to cook!

Finally, special thanks to one of BRS's talented artists! You may have noticed the colorful signs at both gates announcing events! They are the products of Kay MacCormack. Without her artistic flair they wouldn't have caught your attention!

I want to thank all volunteers including those not mentioned above. Thanks to those that helped decorate the Community Center and those who help with all the dinners and other activities. This is our Community and we need your help. Anyone interested in participating should call me or the BRS office.

A special shout-out to the BRS Office Staff! You handle problems, send out email announcements and produce the Shore Line with along numerous other tasks. You guys are among the underappreciated heroes of BRS!

Crime Report

JANUARY, 2017

North Lakeshore Dr

911-Hangup – 1
Civil Paper Service – 1
Disabled Vehicle -1
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzle – 2
Lockout-Residential – 1
Mental-ECO/TDO – 1

Fairview Rd

Animal Control Officer calls – 3

Redbud Dr

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

Locust Dr

Mental/Suicidal Subject – 2
Mental-ECO/TDO – 1
Suspicious Activity – 1
Welfare Check – 1

Walnut Rd

ACO Call – 2
Be On Lookout – 1
EMS Call – 1
Suspicious Activity – 1

Nottingham Rd

Welfare Check – 1

Poplar Dr

911 Misdial – 1
EMS Call – 1
Fire Public Service – 1

South Lakeshore Dr

Civil Paper Service – 1
EMS Call – 2
Property Check - 63

Beech Nut Dr

ACO call – 1

Lakeview Cir

Welfare Check - 1

FEBRUARY, 2017

North Lakeshore Dr

Larceny – 2
Emergency Medical Service – 1

Redbud Dr

Animal Control Officer call – 1

Dogwood Dr

Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Mental-ECO/TDO – 1
Welfare Check – 1

Ellis Dr

Civil-Eviction – 1

Locust Dr

Larceny – 1
Return Phone Call – 1

Walnut Rd

EMS calls – 1
Traffic-Road Hazard – 2

Nottingham Rd

Traffic Complaint – 1

South Lakeshore Dr

Alarm-Burg-Resident – 1
ATV/Golf Cart – 1
Civil Issue/Dispute – 1
EMS Calls – 1
Fire Public Service – 2
Larceny – 1
Property Check – 56

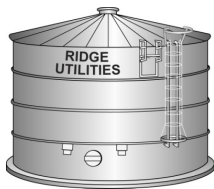
Red Cedar Rd

Welfare Check – 1

Lakeview Cir

Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1

ACO- Animal Control Officer
ATL- Attempt to Locate
MVC- Motor Vehicle Crash
BOLO- Be On the Lookout

RIDGE UTILITIES

Serving Blue Ridge Shores

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www.ridgeutilities.com

Customer Service Information

**Report all
problems to
Customer Service**

**Monday—Friday
8:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Saturday
8:00 am—2:00 pm
(540) 967-1408**

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

UPCOMING 2017 RU MEETINGS

**May 6, 2017
May 20, 2017
Joint Annual
Meeting 10:00 AM
Community Center
July 15, 2017
September 16, 2017
November 16, 2017
November 18, 2017**

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

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board of Directors will take place Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Association Office Building.

Due Dates for 1st qtr. 2017 Water Bills:

1st qtr. 2017 Due Date: April 30, 2017

Disconnect Date for 1st Qtr. 2017: May 16, 2017

Payments can be made in person or received over the phone via credit/debit card payment at the Association Office Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You can also leave payment in the drop box located next to the Association Office door.

Leak Detection Tips

The following are measures you as the homeowner/non-member occupant can undertake in determining whether you have a leak:

- Read the water meter, noting the position of the clock-style hand that records the gallons
- Wait at least 15 minutes without using water.
- Look at the meter again to see if the hand moved. If it did not, there are probably no leaks.
- If the meter hand moved, check all of your faucets for visible leaks.
- Check the toilets for leaks by adding food coloring to the water in the tank. Do not flush. Wait 15 minutes to see if the colored water appears in the toilet bowl. If it does, there is a leak. Repairing toilet leaks is normally inexpensive and easy to do. Replacement part kits are available at most hardware stores.
- If there appear to be no leaks inside your home, then check for underground leaks. Turn off your main valve inside, then open a faucet to verify that the valve is working---the water flow should stop completely. Go back outside to the meter to see if it continues to run with the main valve off. If it does, there is a leak somewhere in your plumbing between the meter and the valve.
- After making repairs, repeat the meter reading procedure to verify that there are no more leaks.

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.

Report a Water Emergency

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RIDGE UTILITIES *Continued from Page 10*

For emergencies occurring after 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, after 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and on Sundays please contact the Louisa County Sheriff's Office at (540) 967-1408. The LCSO will contact a Ridge Utilities, Inc. staff member regarding the matter.

Water – Saving Tip of the Quarter.....

Know where your emergency shut-off valve is located. Seconds of uncontrolled water use could be very costly and destructive.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting March 18, 2017

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

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

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to approve the January 21, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to accept the January 2017 and February 2017 Treasurer's Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to approve the 2017 Proxy Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve Laurel Patterson as the 2017 Chief Inspector of Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Stephen Tompkins to approve the purchase of the Sensaphone replacement for the Redbud Well House as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by William Haase to approve the purchase of extended warranty for the Redbud generator as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Trash Removal

We would respectfully request that when you place your container out for service to place it on the opposite side of the driveway than your mailbox. The mail delivery people have requested this be done in order for them to complete their job. A reminder that no large items including empty boxes will be picked up. Please move your container from the normal storage place in order for the driver to realize it requires service.

**TRASH REMOVAL SERVICES WILL OCCUR ONCE PER WEEK
THE ENTIRE YEAR.**

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.

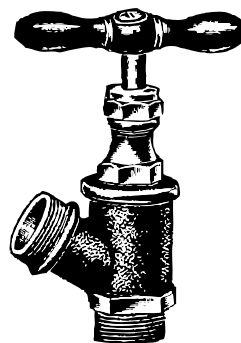
1. Carefully check the boat, motor, propeller, and trailer;
2. Remove all plant material;
3. Thoroughly rinse off the boat and trailer before launching in Lake Louisa; and
4. Do not allow the runoff from this to enter the lake.

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 Committee

Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District's Septic System Assistance Program

The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District is currently offering a cost-share assistance



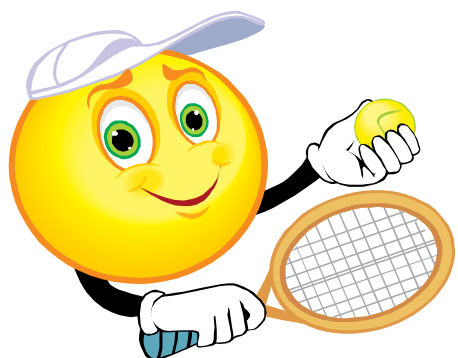
program for septic pump-outs or replacement of failing systems to the residents of Louisa County. All residents are eligible to receive up to \$150.00 towards the cost of a septic system pump out. Reimbursement rates for repairs or full replacement of septic systems range from 50-75% and are based on financial need. The TJSWCD along

with the Department of Environmental Quality has developed this cost-sharing program in order to address residential pollutants and to increase septic system awareness.

Please contact Ms Lisa Hyatt, Agriculture Administrative Assistant for questions on this item, 434-975-0224, ext. 110 or lisa.hyatt@tjswcd.org.

We have a handout in the BRS office for your convenience that you may have or call and request one.

Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the family and friends of Celia Suthard and Fred Morgan, who passed away since our last Shore Line was printed.



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



From The Landscape Committee

Gate breakage costs are now **\$250.00** per occurrence for 2017. 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!

There are many gardening chores that can be done now to make your growing season easier. So take advantage of the occasional warm days as winter winds down.

Apply pre-emergent herbicides:

Early spring is a great time to get the first application of pre-emergent herbicide down on their landscape and flower beds. Applying a pre-emergent herbicide can prevent early weed seed from germinating,

which saves you from fighting with weeds all season. You may have to reapply the product mid-season for the next series of summer weeds, but the early application will definitely make life easier.

Clear out all fall debris:

It is also a great time to get out and clear away last season's debris that got overlooked in the fall, or those late dropping leaves that didn't fall until after Thanksgiving and then you just didn't feel like raking. Clearing them away now and cleaning up will give your landscaping a fresh, clean look on the warmer spring days to come. Leaving the debris and leaves invites insects and diseases that will cause problems all season. This is especially true when we have warm winter, such as this one.

Consider insecticide treatments:

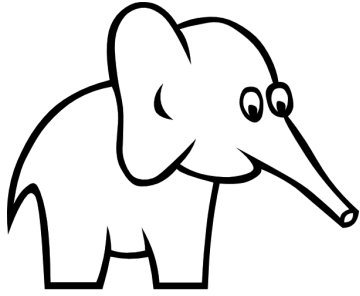
This is also a good time to look at preventive insecticide treatments for things such as bag worm and lace bug. Many insect problems from last year will appear again this season if they are not addressed.

Much trimming of ornamental trees can also be done before they come out of dormancy. Sometimes it's much easier to see the branching structure of an ornamental tree during the winter and early spring months. This makes it much easier to correctively prune or prune to enhance the natural shape of the plant.

Always use chemicals as directed! Follow all labeling instructions and directions on any chemical used. This is especially important with all of the new information developing about the negative effects of insecticides on the honey bee population. We all want to protect our lake and wildlife and never like to see any of the chemical products overused.

Enjoy the Spring!





White Elephant Sale 2017

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 1!***

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 June 30th. 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. Also no old TVs and/or computers. Save them for the May Dumpster Day. 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.

Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Judy Brown, 1st Vice President

On the first Wednesday in February, members of the BRS Women's Club ventured to Red Rocker Candy in Troy, VA. Red Rocker brings the goodness of old-fashioned candies and chocolates, hand-made in small batches, to the public. It was fun to watch their process through the picture window in their kitchen. A nice lunch was had by all at Il Castello Italian Restaurant in the Zion Crossroads shopping area afterwards.

On Wednesday, March 1st, the BRS Women's Club met at the community center for a potluck luncheon. We enjoyed hearing from Lily Bramble and Tiffany Oliver-Goode from SNAP – Spay & Neuter All Pets – in Louisa. They were delighted to receive our many donations once again! Crystal Donovan – representing JABA – also spoke and thanked us for our holiday gifts for some local seniors.

On April 3rd, the BRS Women's Club will meet at the community center at 11:30. We'll head out to lunch in Louisa first and then enjoy our very own Sip and Paint at the Louisa Arts Center. Come meet some lovely ladies and discover your creative side as well!

Membership in the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club is open to any interested women. **NEW MEMBERS ARE JOINING EVERY MONTH!** 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!

2017 SPRING WILDFIRE SEASON

The Virginia Department of Forestry has announced their 4PM Burning Law. The law prohibits open burning of any type between the hours of midnight and 4:00 PM. More than 60 % of the average of 1000 wildfires occurs in the spring. When you do burn, it is required you stay with the burn and be prepared to take appropriate measure in the event the wind shifts and blows it out of the area. This Law is in effect until April 30, 2017. Failure to comply or contributing to a wildfire may lead to a Class 3 Misdemeanor Charge and the amount of damage caused by the fire. Please use all precautions and obey this law.

CHIPPER SERVICES



The Association will offer assistance with your limbs that may have come down or you removed this Summer. On **May 2, 2017** the Maintenance Department will provide this service for the **South Side of the Lake**. Same services will be provided on **May 3, 2017** for the **North Side of the Lake**.

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

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 6, 2017 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.



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 Boater Safety Class, *State Registration and Insurance Policy* that shows watercraft liability. If you renewed either of these since your registration last year, please make sure to forward a copy to the office. If you are unsure of your current information, please call the office and we will review your file. The cost to register a motorized boat is 1-49 Horsepower is \$50.00, 50-149 horsepower is \$75.00, and 150 and above is \$100.00. 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 2017 assessments to acquire either decal.*

The price to lease a boat slip for 2017 is \$150.00. If you are interested, please contact the office @ 540-967-1408.

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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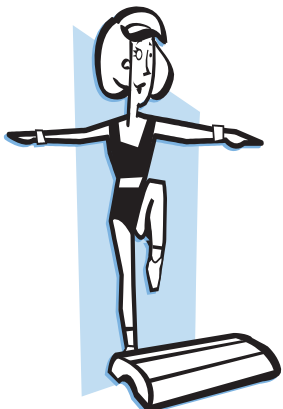


AEROBICS

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.

General Manager's Report

Denny W. Kelly

We welcome the warm weather and look forward to serving the continuing needs of the membership during 2017. Boat decals may be purchased @ your convenience once you have paid the first half of the 2017 assessments. Remember that gas powered motorized boat traffic is only in a counter clock wise direction. We will have 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, are required to have completed the Boater Safety Class sponsored through the Virginia Game & Inland Fisheries. There is a FREE class being conducted in the Community Center on April 1, 2017 from 10:00 AM -4:00 PM. Contact the office to preregister!

Trash removal services will be provided once per week during 2017.

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 eleven. We collected 96 % of the 2016 revenue affiliated with assessments! Our delinquency rate for 2016 was approximately 4.0%. 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 6, 2017. A separate article on this is enclosed with this edition. Additionally

we will have the first limb pick-up scheduled for May 2 & 3, 2017 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 2016 testing of the water was completed with a 100% passing of those requirements. The 2016 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 nonemergency # 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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