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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow BRS Members,

Another great summer at Blue Ridge Shores has come to an end, now it is time to enjoy fall! Huge thanks to all for making this a safe, enjoyable time. A very special thank you to Frank Hart, our Special Assistant to the GM, for his efforts to keep things safe on the lake and in the other Common Areas this summer. Seems he was everywhere this summer keeping our families safe on the water!

As always a big thank you to our committees and board members for their work in keeping our community moving forward. All of these folks are volunteers, and put in many hours at events, meetings, and beyond. A special thanks to Bill Earhart, our Treasurer for his special efforts to our financial needs, as he and the Finance Committee begin to prepare the 2018 Operating Budget.

Dredging operations are moving forward as planned. Thank you all for your patience as this very important project proceeds. Thanks to Denny Kelly, our GM, for keeping us on track.

During the month of October our Maintenance Employees will replace the bridge timbers on the Hickory Creek Bridge. This effort on their own initiative will create a savings of approximately \$60,000 for the Association. The Bridge will be closed approximately two weeks for vehicle traffic and we seek your patience with this project. The GM will circulate additional information/details to all in the near future.

I live in Northern VA, people don't wave! My kids, when they were young, always asked why everyone waves at Lake Louisa. I always replied, "That's the kind of folks that live here". In all of our 13 years at Blue Ridge Shores I can't remember the last time I didn't get a wave!

BRS is a great community, thank you all for making it that way!

Best,

Paul Glass, President

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UPCOMING 2017 BRPOA MEETINGS

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.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting August 12, 2017

IN Attendance: Paul Glass, Hal Davis, Rick Gray, William Earhart, Joe Brown, Clarence Craig, Donna Frago, Dan Kilcoyne, and GM Denny W. Kelly

Absent: Jane Sleight

Approval of the Agenda: *Craig moved for approval of the amended agenda, Gray seconded and approval was unanimous.*

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the July Board meeting were presented and Davis had some late corrections. *Gray moved for approval of the amended minutes, Frago seconded and approval was unanimous.*

Signage: Earhart moved that the Board authorize the GM to approve signage list for security services and warning of K-9 dogs on member's property at his discretion. Frago seconded and approval was unanimous.

Trademarks: Davis moved that the Board authorize the GM to register the following names as official trademarks. The names are: Blue Ridge Property Owners Association, BRPOA, Shoreline, Blue Ridge Shores BRS, and Lake Louisa. Earhart seconded and approval was unanimous.

Window Replacement: Further window replacement is required in the office meeting room. The GM has a written proposal for \$1360 for the work. The funds for the work are covered in the five-year plan, within line item RP-42. *Craig moved to approve the work, Earhart seconded and approval was unanimous.*

Pier Replacement: Three community piers are unsafe. Craig moved that the Board replace two piers at areas #3 and #4. The new piers should be a standard size of 35ft X 5ft, with the current railings also replaced. The pier at area #10 should be removed. The Board should accept the lowest bid with the total cost not to exceed \$9810. Frago seconded and approval was unanimous.

Revision to the By-Laws:

BRS Members are responsible for any guests they allow into BRS. All guests using community facilities must be accompanied by the BRS member or have the member email the BRS Office the guests' information including their names and vehicle identification.

The first reading states:

Any member or Non Member Occupant extending guest privileges will either accompany their guests to the common area being used or send an email to the office with the guest's name, number of people with them, and type of vehicle being driven. Visitors not accompanied or identified by email will be asked to leave by the GM or his/her designee.

Motion made by Frago, seconded by Davis to approve on first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

End of meeting: Motion by Glass, Seconded by Brown to Adjourn: 11:35AM.

All present voted: FOR. Motion passed unanimously.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting September 9, 2017

In Attendance: Paul Glass, Hal Davis, Rick Gray, William Earhart, Joe Brown, Clarence Craig, Dan Kilcoyne, Jane T. Sleight, and Denny W. Kelly, GM.

Absent: Donna Frago

Approval of the Agenda, with two New Business additions: Craig moved for approval of the amended agenda, Davis seconded and approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes for the August Board meeting were presented. *Gray moved for approval, Brown seconded and approval was unanimous.*

Revision to the By-Laws: BRS Members are responsible for any guests they allow into BRS. All guests using community facilities must be accompanied by the BRS member or have the member email the BRS Office the guests' information including their names and vehicle identification. The second reading (again) states: **Any member or Non Member Occupant extending guest privileges will either accompany their guests to the common area being used or send an email to the office with the guest's name, number of people with them, and type of vehicle being driven. Visitors not accompanied or identified by email will be asked to leave by the GM or his/her designee.**

Gray moved to approve the by-laws addition, Earhart seconded and approval was unanimous.

Signage: Brown delivered proposed new signage to attempt to limit truck traffic over the dam. Those designs were discussed.

Davis moved to authorize the GM to spend no more than \$500 on the new signage and to position them as he deems appropriate. Sleight seconded and approval was unanimous.

Hickory Creek Bridge Closure: *Davis moved to authorize the closure of the Hickory Creek Bridge for approximately two weeks, from Oct 9 to Oct 20 for timber replacement. Earhart seconded and approval was unanimous.*

Dam Recertification: *Earhart moved to authorize the GM contract with James Luther, PC for the amount of \$10,000 and with Stantec Consulting for the amount of \$16,950 to move this process forward. Brown seconded and approval was unanimous*

2018 Fireworks Display: The firm Pyrotecnico bid \$5800 to present next year's fireworks on Saturday, Jun 30, 2018. *Gray moved to approve the contract with Pyrotecnico for \$5800, with no funds due until Feb-2018. Craig seconded and approval was unanimous.*

End of meeting: Motion by Glass, Seconded by Brown to Adjourn: 11:15AM

All present voted FOR. Motion passed unanimously.

Plant Guide

VIRGINIA CREEPER

Parthenocissus quinquefolia

(L.) Planch.

Plant Symbol = PAQU2

Contributed by: USDA NRCS National Plant Data Center



Robert H. Mohlenbrock
@ USDA NRCS PLANTS

Warning: Virginia creeper berries are highly toxic to humans and may be fatal if eaten. Its sap can also cause skin irritation in some people.

Alternate Names

Woodbind, woodbine, false grapes, five leaves, American Ivy, five leaved Ivy, thicket creeper

Uses

Wildlife: The berries of this plant are eaten by many animals especially birds. Animals such as mice, skunks, chipmunks, squirrels, cattle and deer will munch on the leaves and stems. This plant provides great cover for small animals because of its thick foliage. The vines provide birds with perches, nesting places and leaf surfaces to find food.

Erosion Control: Virginia creeper is used as a ground cover to control soil erosion in shaded areas and on slopes.

Medicinal: The bark has been used in domestic medicine as a tonic, expectorant, and remedy. The berries have been found serviceable in rheumatic complaints and are found to help cure

dropsy. The roots are used for diarrhea and the bark and twigs are made into cough syrup.

Ornamental: It is often cultivated as an ornamental because of its fall foliage and to replace many exotic plants. It is an excellent covering for walls, trellises, arbors or fences. It may also be grown on the ground to cover old stumps, rock piles and other "eyesores".

Description

Vine Family (Vitaceae). Virginia creeper is a native, fast-growing, perennial, woody vine that may climb or trail along the ground. The leaves are compound, containing five leaflets. Leaflets range in size from 2-6 inches and have toothed margins. The leaflets are red when they first emerge but turn green as they mature. In the fall, leaves turn a bright red to maroon color. The inconspicuous green color flowers are borne in small clusters during the spring and followed by small clusters of fruit in early summer. This fruit is a 4 to 6 mm diameter bluish-black berry that usually contains two to three seeds. The vines adhere to surfaces by means of five to eight branched tendrils ending in cup-like adhesive tips. New stems are brownish-green and finely hairy but gradually acquire pale, raised dots and turn purplish-brown with age.

Virginia creeper is often confused with eastern poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), however; a clear distinction between the species is that eastern poison ivy has three leaflets and Virginia creeper has five leaflets. The PLANTS Web site at plants.usda.gov contains an image of eastern poison ivy.

Reproduction: Virginia creeper flowers from June to August, matures fruits from August to October and drops fruits from September to February. The seeds are dispersed by birds. The seeds usually germinate the first or second spring after dispersal.

Adaptation and Distribution

Virginia creeper is found throughout the southern, midwestern and eastern half of the United States. The plant is also native to northern Mexico and southeastern Canada from Nova Scotia to Ontario. Virginia creeper can be found in new and old forests and forest margins. It can also be found on the borders of clearings, on trees, along fencerows and streambanks. The plant thrives in partial shade to full sun. It prefers acidic soil, and tolerates a wide range

of soils from dry sandy soils to moist loamy soils. The plant is also salt tolerant. The species is cultivated as an ornamental in many moist temperate areas of the world.

For current distribution, please consult the Plant Profile page for this species on the PLANTS Web site.

Establishment

Seeds can be sown in the fall or in the spring after cold-moist stratification. Seeds should be drilled 3/8 inches deep in soil or mulch. Optimum planting is 10 plants per square foot. Virginia creeper can also be propagated from hardwood cuttings or layering.

Management

Once Virginia creeper is well established, it grows quickly. It must often be pruned to prevent it from getting out of control. The species can handle periods of sparse rain fairly well; however, if a drought persists, water the vine every week soaking the soil at least six inches. Virginia creeper can be a rampant grower with a climbing height of over 60 feet and a spread of over 50 feet.

Pests and Potential Problems

No pests or diseases are of major concern, but mildews, leaf spots, canker and wilt are occasional problems. Virginia creeper is sometimes bothered by beetles, scale, leaf hoppers, caterpillars and other leaf eating insects. These pests cause the leaves to be ragged and tattered.

Some literature suggests that Virginia Creeper is not poisonous, but the sap of the plant contains oxalate crystals and can cause skin irritation and rashes in some people.

Ornamental: If you grow Virginia creeper on walls, make sure you want it as a permanent fixture. Once it is established, it is very difficult to remove. You could damage the wall trying to remove the species.

Environmental Concerns

Virginia creeper will grow up any tree and most shrubs. This species will slowly kill the host on which it is growing, because it prevents the host from receiving an adequate amount of sunlight. It can also crowd or choke other plants.

Control

Please contact your local agricultural extension specialist, or county weed specialist to learn what works best in your area. If chemicals are

recommended be sure to read the label and follow all application and safety instructions for each control method. Trade names and control measures appear in this document only to provide specific information. USDA NRCS does not guarantee or warranty the products and control methods named, and other products may be equally effective. Below is an internet site that contains control information for Virginia creeper:

North Carolina State University

<http://ipm.ncsu.edu/apple/orchardguide/Herbicides.pdf>

Cultivars, Improved, and Selected Materials (and area of origin)

The commercial nursery trade has developed three Virginia creeper cultivars:

'Engelmanii'-This has smaller leaves and better clinging characteristics than the species general population.

'Monham'-The leaves have white variegations.

'Variegata'-It is less vigorous than the species' general population, but the leaves are marked with yellow and white then develop a pink and red color in the fall.

Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) office for more information. Look in the phone book under "United States Government." The Natural Resources Conservation Service will be listed under the subheading "Department of Agriculture."

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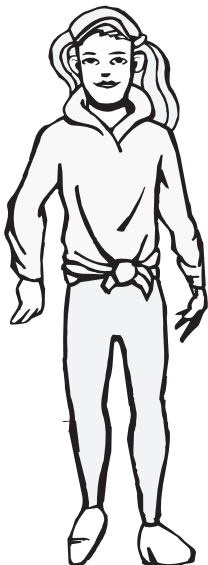
MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING September 5, 2017

Alan Investments, LLC.	Ewell, David	Lamb, Wilda
Amick, James & Mark	Federal National Mortgage	Libby, Walter L.
Anderson, John	Foster, David B.	McQuarrie, Patricia
Barber, Thayne & Lauren	Fuentes, Rosalie	Mora, Wiston
Bass, Kimberly Anne	Gaines-Kelly, Makeba	Reese, Carrie & Sylvia Johnson
Burrer-Meza, Nancy	Gheen, Randolph	Searle, Christian
Cahill, Robert & Dana	Greenlaw, Galen & Jessica	Shull, Mark
Christoffel, Alexander	Harrison, David & Kathleen	Smith, Krystal & Stacy
Couch, Genna	Harrison, Vernon & Patricia	Wright, James & Sharon
Cushman, Gerald & Sheryl	Hoosier, Danny & Lori	White Timothy
Evans, Tara & Brian	Kammeter, Carol & Marvin	

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,
Rick Gray
Safety and Security Chair

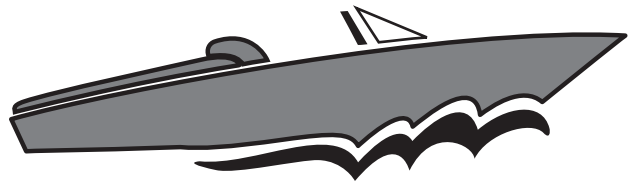


October 2017-November 2017

- **Finance Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:00PM, Community Center
- **Finance Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7:00PM, Community Center
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Third Thursday Lunch & A Movie**, Thursday, October 19, 2017, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **Afternoon Tea**, Sunday, October 22, 2017, 2:00PM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, October 28, 2017, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Children's Halloween Party**, Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1:00PM-3:00PM, Community Center
- **Women's Club**, Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 10:00AM, Community Center
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, November 11, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Soup Cook-Off**, Saturday, November 18, 2017, 6:00PM, Community Center
- **Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting**, Saturday, November 18, 2017, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Third Thursday Lunch & A Movie**, Thursday, November 16, 2017, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **Bake Sale**, Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 4:00PM-6:30PM, Community Center
- **Office Closed- Thanksgiving Holiday**, November 23, 24 & 25, 2017
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, November 25, 2017, 9:30AM, 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 registration/decals unless the above requirements are met and a copy of completion is submitted for your file.

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. Only Updike Toters are supposed to be used and no yard waste or limbs will be picked up! Please move your container from the normal storage place in order for the driver to realize it requires service and then place or have it placed back away from the roadways.

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

Compliance Committee Report

Septic System Inspection

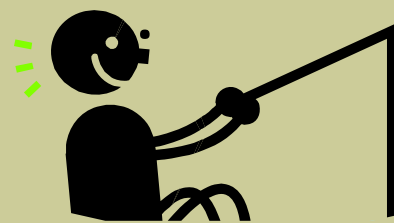
All members are required to have standard septic systems inspected every five years by a certified septic company. Alternative pumping systems must be inspected and or pumped every year. Please submit your certification to the office. This is not only a BRS requirement but a requirement from the Commonwealth 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.

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.



PROTECT OUR WATERS!

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

5th Annual Blue Ridge Shores Art Show

On Sunday, August 20th, members enjoyed an afternoon of art “Inspired by Lake Louisa”. There was painting, photography, sculpture, collage and other types of art on display in the community center.

Art was displayed by the following members or family members: Diane Baker, Chuck Beresford, Kathleen Bergen, Barbara Brewer, Judy Hartman Brown, Michael Burnett, Brianna Connor, Hal Davis, Isabel Dobrow, Karen Foussekis, Laura Foussekis, Donna Frago, Patricia Harbin, Angela Hammond, Dottie Jones, Kay MacCormack, Pál Maléter, Anne McGregor, Malcolm McGregor, Rhonda Spencer, Frank Tarrant, Alexandra Varnon and Elizabeth Varnon.

Members enjoyed light refreshments and a 3-D Printer demonstration by Dennis Harbin. Special thanks to Andrea Maléter, Hal Davis and Donna Frago for assisting with this event.





Community Services Committee

Laura Foussekis, Vice Chair

The end of summer was very busy for the Community Services Committee.

On Sunday July 30, 100 people enjoyed the Annual Ice Cream Social hosted by April Haase and assisted by Justin Haase.

The fifth Annual Art Show was on Sunday, August 20th. See the article in the Shoreline about this event.

Labor Day weekend saw our final pancake breakfast of the year. Thanks to Tina Caputy for chairing this event and her helpers: Anthony Caputy, Walt Williams, Betsy Williams, Sandy Sierk, Donna Frago, Doug Frago, Linda Munday and Eddie Munday.

Upcoming events include the resumption of Third Thursday Lunch and a Movie. For \$5 enjoy lunch, meeting your neighbors and a movie. These will be held on September 21, October 19, and November 16. Watch for an email blast for the menu and movie for each month.

On September 23rd, there will be a Lasagna Cook-off. Do you make the best lasagna at Blue Ridge Shores? Enter the cook-off, or just come to sample the entries. There will be social time at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. This event is free.

On Saturday, October 28th there will be the Children's Halloween Party. Watch for an email blast with more details.

We are looking for a chair person for the following events: Afternoon Tea on Sunday, October 22nd, Soup Cook Off on November 18th, Adult Christmas Party on December 9th and Children's Christmas Party on December 10th. Please contact Laura Foussekis at foussekis1@comcast.net or 967-2439 if you are willing to help with any of these events.

CSC has elected new officers. Thanks to Casey Birkhead, new Vice Chair, and Janice Treakle, new Secretary. We are still looking for a Chairperson to finish out the term ending September 2018.

The next CSC meeting will be Saturday, September 30th at 9:30 a.m.

Crime Report

JULY 2017

North Lakeshore Drive

Animal Control Officer Call – 1
Civil Issue/Dispute – 1
Civil Paper Service – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Fireworks Complaint – 1
Larceny – 1

Beach Road

Emergency Medical Service Call – 1

Redbud Drive

Animal Control Officer Call – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Emergency Medical Service Call – 1
Lockout-Residential – 1
Traffic-Road Hazard – 1

Dogwood Drive

Civil Paper Service – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Emergency Medical Service Call – 1
Game-Animal Issue – 1
Suspicious Activity – 1

Ellis Drive

Attempt To Locate – 1
Civil Issue/Dispute – 1
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzle – 1
Larceny – 1

Nottingham Road

Civil Paper Service – 1
Missing Adult – 2

Poplar Drive

Civil Paper Service – 1
Emergency Medical Service Call – 1

Sex Offense – 1

South Lakeshore Drive

911-Misdial – 1
Alarm-Burglar-Resident – 1
Civil Paper Service – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Physical – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Emergency Medical Service Calls – 2
Fire-Gas-Outside – 1
Property Checks – 64
Suspicious Activity – 1
Vandalism – 1

Pine Road

Civil Paper Service – 1
Emergency Medical Service Call – 1

Iris Lane

Suspicious Activity – 1

Lakeview Circle

911 Hang-up – 1
Civil Paper Service – 1

AUGUST 2017

North Lakeshore Dr

911 Hang-up – 1
Animal Control Officer call – 1
Civil Paper Service – 3
Emergency Medical Service call – 2
Repossession – 1
Road Hazard – 1

Beach Rd

Animal Control Officer call – 1
Road Hazard – 1

Redbud Dr

Emergency Medical Services call – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
911-Open Line – 1
Officer Initiated Follow-up – 1
Larceny – 1

Dogwood Dr

Civil Paper Service – 3
Emergency Medical Services call – 1

Ellis Dr

Civil Paper Service – 1
Emergency Medical Services Call – 1
Civil Eviction – 1

Nottingham Rd

Civil Paper Service – 1
Attempt to Locate – 1

Ash Rd

Disorder/Domestic-Physical – 1
Officer Initiated-Follow-up – 1

South Lakeshore Dr

Alarm-Panic/Holdup – 1
Civil Paper Service – 3
Emergency Medical Services Call – 2
Larceny – 1
Property Checks – 62
Vandalism – 1

Clear Water Lane

Suspicious Activity – 1

Lakeview Cir

Civil Paper Service – 1
Larceny – 1
Wanted Person – 1

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Serving Blue Ridge Shores

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www.ridgeutilities.com

Customer Service Information

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problems to
Customer Service**

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Saturday
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(540) 967-1408

After Hours
Water Emergency
Contact
(540) 967-1234

UPCOMING 2017 RU MEETINGS

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, November 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Association Office Building.

Important Dates for 3rd qtr. 2017 Water Bills

September 25, 2017 – 3rd qtr. bills will be mailed to customers

October 31, 2017 – Due date for payment

November 1, 2017 – Late Fees Accessed/Past-due Disconnect Notices to be mailed

November 15, 2017 – Meter Disconnects

If you do not receive your bill by 10/10/17 please contact our office to receive a replacement bill. Failure to receive your bill does not negate any late charges that may incur. ***Your 3rd qtr. 2017 water bill is due on or before 10/31/17.***

Past-due/Disconnect notices will be mailed on 11/1/17 for any account that is not paid by the 10/31/17. ***Water meters will be disconnected for the 3rd qtr. on 11/15/17.*** Please note the 11/15/17 date is the actual disconnect date. Payment must be received prior to 11/15/17 to avoid disconnection of your water service. **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL NOTICES OR REMINDERS OF THE DISCONNECT DATE.**

3rd Quarter Water Usage

When reviewing your current water bill be mindful that we typically see our highest usage during the 3rd quarter of the year. Part of this can be attributed to watering of lawns, filling of swimming pools, sprinkler usage, power-washing, increase of house guests, etc. These are all activities that can greatly impact your total water usage for the quarter.

Q & A ...Why does my water appear to be white, cloudy, or milky?

A. During this time of the year when water coming into the house is colder than the temperature inside the house, your tap water may look cloudy. Cold water holds more air than warm water does. When cold water from the water mains outside comes inside our heated homes and the water begins to warm, the air must escape. It does so bubbling out in tiny air bubbles, making the water look milky.

The water is safe to drink and there is no “fix” during this time of the year since outside temperature isn’t controllable. However, you can fill a pitcher or container with water and let it stand for a short time. The water should return to normal as the air escapes.

Winter Is Just Around the Corner....

With summer winding down now is the time to plan for the winter months ahead, especially if your residence will be vacant during those months. For a detailed guide on winterizing your home plumbing please go to www.ridgeutilities.com and download a copy of Winterizing Your Home Plumbing for Blue Ridge Shores. Copies can also be obtained in the Association Office.

Did You Know.....

A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That’s the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers.



Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting September 16, 2017

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

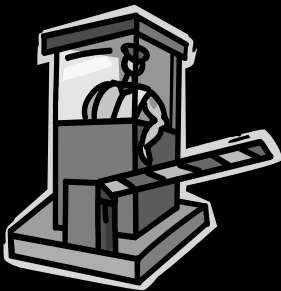
MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by William Haase to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve the July 15, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

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!

SCHOOL BUS STOP PROBLEMS

The Office continues to receive a few complaints regarding the school bus stop on South Lakeshore Drive. We appreciate the parents that are helping us by obeying some very simple rules that are set by the Louisa County Public Schools and certain instances, State Law. **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 and from their parents. This is a violation of State Law.** This occurs almost every day involving the Elementary School Bus.

There is a NO SMOKING Policy in this area, per the Louisa County Public Schools Policy for bus stop areas!

The Sheriff's Department is working in conjunction with the Association to resolve this problem. Additionally, for those that continue to disregard these rules, you will be receiving a letter to attend a Compliance Committee Hearing where fines may be implemented.

Safety of the children is the priority, so please help!

CHIPPER SERVICES



The Association will offer assistance with limbs that you have pruned or perhaps fell during the summer on **November 6, 2017 for the South Side and November 7, 2017 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!**

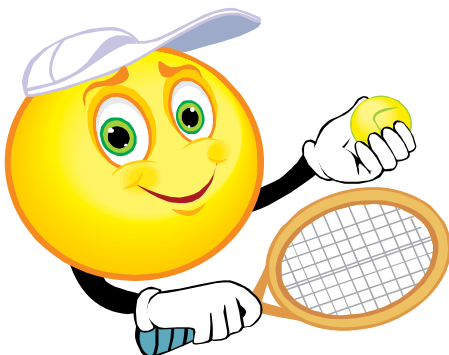


DID YOU KNOW?

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.



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



HICKORY CREEK BRIDGE CLOSING

The Hickory Creek Bridge will be closed for all traffic from October 9-20, 2017 due to repairs. This action was approved by the Board of Directors during their September 9, 2017 Meeting. New flooring timbers will be installed by the BRS Maintenance Employees during this period. This action-project will save approximately \$60,000.00 in community reserve funds. All appropriate agencies including Louisa County Emergency Services have been notified of this action. In the event the work does not take as long as anticipated the Bridge will be opened immediately. We apologize in advance for any inconveniences this creates for the members.

It will be necessary for each member to route their possible deliveries during this period through the appropriate entrance and not across the dam area in the event their weight exceeds the five ton limit. Signage will appear in the appropriate areas as a reminder of this situation.

Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Judy Brown, 1st Vice President

After a summer hiatus, the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club resumed its monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 6th. Twenty-five new and returning members met at our community center for a pot-luck luncheon and organizational meeting. We were also inspired by Jill Schumacher who spoke passionately about the work of ACE – Adult Community Education – in the Louisa area. It was so nice to have the opportunity to eat and converse with old and new friends.

On Wednesday, October 4th, members and their husbands or significant others will be invited to a local winery – perhaps to nearby Barboursville Vineyards. We expect to meet at the community center at about 10:30 am to form carpools to the vineyard. Upon arrival, we expect to sample local wines and to have a nice lunch there before heading back home. Details will follow in an email to the membership or folks can contact Judy Brown at 813-546-9450 if they're considering joining us for the very first time.

Wednesday, November 1st will find us at the community center once again for a pot-luck luncheon. The first Wednesday in December, we will travel to Early House on Yanceyville Road for our annual Christmas Luncheon.

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 540-967-1939 if you might like to be a part of this fun group. Dues for the year are still just \$5.00. Come meet your neighbors and make new friends!

Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the family and friends of Glen Payne, who passed away since our last Shore Line was published.

Trash is
being picked
up weekly
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Please be kind to your neighbors, and remove your containers from the curbside promptly after pick-up..



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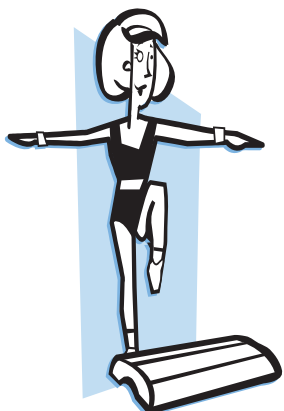


AEROBICS

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

The 2017 Summer Season at the lake has "come and gone". We are appreciative for the respect displayed this season where the common areas are concerned and on several occasions the watchful eyes of members that cautioned others about not leaving a mess on the Beach for example. We appreciate the compliments received about the cleanliness of the beaches this year. Frank conducted a very successful operation this year patrolling the lake. We had lots of compliments on Dee Dee and Frank for their friendly/helpful attitude. **Just a late season note to Lake Swimmers: When you swim or allow others to swim out in the paths of coming boats, this is very dangerous!**

Docks of the Bay are back on the Lake to complete the final dredging project for Lake Louisa. We have a map in the office that indicates where they dredged in 2016 and how many cubic yards was revoked from each of the coves and those remaining. Feel free to stop by and view that document. To date there has been 32,502 cu yds removed. You will be notified ASAP when having to move your boats from private/public slips to other locations while they dredge out these smaller coves.

Several questions have been posed to me, "why are they not dredging in closer to the Shore Line and my Boathouse?" The dredging permit issued by DEQ, prohibits dredging within ten feet of structures and seawalls.

Please do not clean out your yard/lot and place leaves and other debris in the roadway, right of way area in front of your property, or the drainage areas that lead to the Lake. Remember nothing can be placed in the Lake without Board permission.

Where winter prep is concerned, please remember to have those chimneys properly serviced and cleaned by a licensed professional prior to the wood burning season. Remember to check your smoke/fire alarms and change the batteries. It is a good idea to have your heat pumps and furnaces checked by a qualified company. Cooler weather is here, especially in the morning.

Parking on the roads or in the right-of-ways is prohibited and presents a danger to other drivers and those that walk. When you have larger gatherings @ your home please make sure that all attendees are observing this rule. This really presents a hazard during winter snow removal. Those not observing this will be referred to Compliance or in the event of the roads being blocked; the vehicle in question will be towed immediately.

RU has winterization tips in the office, should you need guidance. It is a good idea to exercise the valve in your meter by turning on/off during the year. **Additionally all members should periodically check your water system for leaks, including a review of the meter. Call us if you need guidance on this.**

We are very pleased to report that all 2017 Ridge Utilities water tests to date as prescribed by the Virginia Office of Drinking Water were submitted and approved.

Should you witness any activity that appears unlawful contact the Sheriff's Department immediately. Your identity will not be disclosed by them. **The Sheriff's Department is currently assisting the community by monitoring the speed of vehicles on the roadways and has written some tickets.**

The Association is offering a final limb pick-up for the year on November 6&7. Check the article for specifics in this edition.

Each member should have received notice of the Hickory Creek Bridge closing from October 9-20, 2017 for timber replacement. We will really try to make this painless as possible for all. Project is being done in house by our Maintenance Employees @ a savings of approximately \$60,000.00. Please call me if you have questions.

Staff Members welcome Dan Kilcoyne to the BRPOA Board!

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