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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My Friends,

We welcome new Director Dave Armentrout to the Board, replacing outgoing Director Theresa Walker who has given us many years of service on various committees and who is moving to Culpeper. We wish Theresa well, and are excited to have Dave's strategic business expertise to help us as we move forward. All our directors and committee members are volunteers who give generously of their time to contribute to our beautiful lake community. There are over 120 volunteers who work behind the scenes on various projects from landscaping, to fishing rodeos, to ice cream socials, to financial focus on our budget, and so many other activities. We welcome more help, so please consider sharing your time and energy with us to make Blue Ridge Shores even better

Here are some updates on major projects: our dredging operation continues on track with 14029 cubic yards of silt removed to-date and operations projected to run through fall. Our next area to dredge is the one remaining section in Cove 1 and that will complete the work in the upper channel. The crews are to stay at least 10 feet away from boat docks and shorelines unless there is a navigational issue. The steel plate across North Lakeshore Drive is to support their heavy trucks, protect the road and the RU main water line. Please slow down when you drive over it. Our road paving operation covered .6 miles this year, and to-date we have accomplished our goal, not including the patching work that occurred. We try and patch those roads in bad shape and, depending on weather conditions, we work the most dangerous holes and surface first. Our crews also clear away fallen tree limbs and overhanging branches on an ongoing basis.

There have been some wild animal sightings lately, including a bear, so walkers and motorists are warned to be careful. Please notify Louisa County Animal Control at 967-1234 and the office immediately upon any report of loose dogs or animals.

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## UPCOMING 2016 BRPOA MEETINGS

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.

### **PRESIDENT** *Continued from Page 1*

All dogs on BRS must be licensed and controlled. Do not let your animal become a nuisance to others, such as barking at night or getting loose during the day. No dogs or animals are allowed on our beaches, as we have enough problems with the geese. To learn of emergencies, current events and animal sightings, subscribe to our Email Alert system by emailing the office to get registered. This is a free information service that keeps you "in the know" on the latest BRS events and schedule changes. I encourage every member and renter to get onboard this FREE service so you know what's going on.

To conserve costs, our trash collection will be modified to provide Monday pickups only for the entire year beginning in 2017. We have found that the great majority of members use the Monday pickup and not the Friday one. Therefore, is our continuing efforts to reduce costs, we are contracting for Monday pickups only. Please remember to return your trash containers to your home by the end of the pickup day. Most of you already do this, and for that we are thankful!

Respectfully,

Thad Furlong

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## **BRPOA Board of Directors Organizational Meeting August 13, 2016**

**In Attendance:** Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, Rick Gray, William Earhart, Smokie Craig, Donna Frago, Paul Glass, and Denny W. Kelly, GM.

**Absent:** Joe Brown

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by Frago, seconded by Davis to Adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Compliance Committee. Motion was made by Frago, seconded by Davis and passed unanimously. Donna Frago, Chair, members Smokie Craig, Karen Foussekis, and Paul Glass.

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Finance Committee. Motion was made by Earhart, seconded by Davis and passed unanimously. Members are: Laura Foussekis, Andrea Maleter, Anne McGregor, and Linda Munday.

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Five-Year Plan Committee with the deletion of Davis. Motion was made by Earhart, seconded by Davis and passed unanimously. Members are: Greg Belgard, William Earhart, William Munday, and Jane T. Sleight.

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Joint Personal Committee. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Frago and passed unanimously.

Members: Judy Brown and Jane T. Sleight

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Lake Committee with the deletion of Davis and addition of Gray as Co-Chair. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Craig and passed unanimously.

Members: Rick Gray as Co-Chair, David Armentrout, Herb Bauer, Greg Belgard, Greg Clayton, Mark McClung, Donna Morris, and Laura Talbot.

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Safety & Security Committee. Motion was made by Craig, seconded by Davis and passed unanimously.

Members: John Gray as Co-Chair, Casey Birkhead, Kimberly Connor, Vicki Cook, and Bill Haase.

**MOTION:** Adoption of the Request for approval of the proposed members of the Future Vision Committee. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Furlong and passed unanimously.

Members: Diane Baker, Hal Davis, William Munday, Jane T. Sleight, and Walter Williams.

**MOTION:** To approve Book Exchange as presented. Motion made by Davis, seconded by Frago and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Furlong, Seconded by Davis to Adjourn @ 12:05PM and passed unanimously.

## **BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting September 10, 2016**

**In Attendance:** Thaddeus Furlong, Hal Davis, Rick Gray, William Earhart, Smokie Craig, David Armentrout, Donna Frago, Paul Glass, and Denny W. Kelly GM.

**Absent:** Joe Brown

**MOTION:** President Furlong made a motion to adopt the Amended Agenda to allow the seating of a new Board member, seconded by Smokie Craig and passed unanimously. (After the resignation of Theresa Walker.)

**MOTION:** Thad Furlong indicated David Armentrout has expressed interest to serve on the Board and made a motion to approve David as the new member on the Board, seconded by Hal Davis, and approved unanimously.

**MOTION:** Minutes for July and August, 2016 Board meetings were presented, with member corrections included. Rick Gray made a motion for approval of both sets of minutes, seconded by Donna Frago and approval was unanimous.

**MOTION:** #1 Contract Renewal Updike Industries (garbage removal). The GM presented Updike's offer for a new three-year contract to either (1) continue existing service at the same price or (2) shift to year round Monday only pickup at a cost reduction of \$714 per month or \$8568 per year. After discussion the Board accepted the once per week pickup schedule at a cost of \$58,200/year for the next three years. Motion made by William Earhart, seconded by Smokie Craig and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** End of meeting. Motion by Furlong, Seconded by Davis to Adjourn @ 11:05AM  
Motion passed unanimously.

## CHIPPER SERVICES



The Association will offer assistance with limbs that you have pruned or perhaps fell during the summer on October 11, 2016 for the South Side and October 12, 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!**

## Community Services Committee

*Shirley Mann, Chairperson*

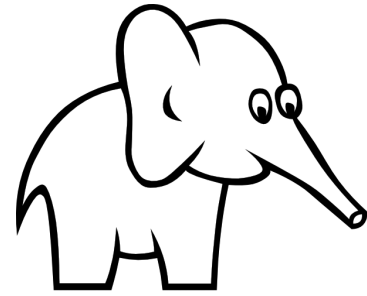
WOW! Summer has flown by! Hope everyone had a great summer! We are gearing up for our Fall activities.

We want to thank the Pinkhams, for "scooping ice cream" for our Ice Cream Social. Thanks also to Tina Caputy and her team for a great Pancake Breakfast.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is our Third Thursday – Lunch and a Movie. The cost for this event is \$5.00. This is held on the third Thursday of every month at 11:30am. All are invited.

September 17<sup>th</sup> is our Lasagna Cook-Off. This is a FREE event open to all residents of Blue Ridge Shores. Lots of "different" Lasagnas are featured.

The Children's Halloween Party is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. We need a volunteer to Chair this event.



## White Elephant Sale 2016

I would like to thank the following people for the wonderful work that they did organizing the 2016 White Elephant Sale. I would especially thank Diane Baker, Linda Markovits and Tina Caputy for all their wonderful help. Without the help of the following individuals of the BRS Women's Club the sale could not have occurred: Deen Beresford, Paula Treiber, Susan Fletcher, Laverne McCleese, Nancy Wheeler, Linda Munday, Linda Markovits, Betsy Williams, Patricia Harbin, Tina Caputy, Hal Davis, Kathleen Bergen, Carolyn Cunha, Sondra Feagans, Sandy Sierk, Diane Baker, Mary Ann Belair, Dot Kehm, Carrol Hynes, Diane Young, Judy O'Keefe, and Barbara Kachinski. Also a shout out to the wonderful grandchildren who assisted; Patricia Harbin's Rowan and Duncan and Betsy Williams granddaughter Katie Moore. Great job!. I would also like to thank Eddie Munday and his wonderful crew for their assistance: Alex MacCormack, Cleve Canaday, Mike Moore, Herb Bauer, Jim Tolson, Rick Gray, Justin Haase, Greg Belgard and Dan Kilcoyne. Special thanks to George Sweet and his stepson Dylan for their generous donations.

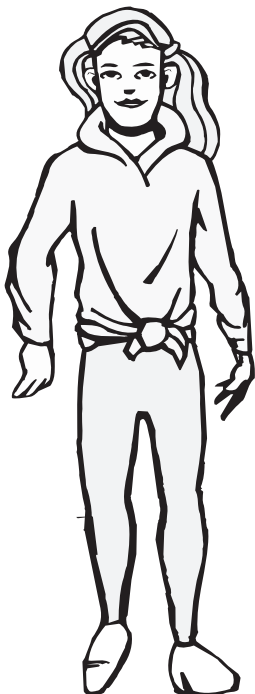
I would like to thank the entire BRS Community for their generosity that created the success of this White Elephant Sale! Thank you BRS! Finally, thanks to my husband Rick Gray. I could not have done this without his help and patience. Thanks again for the generosity BRS! The White Elephant Sale can't happen without it!

Sincerely, Donna Gray

## MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING August 13, 2016

Amick, James	Gheen, Randolph M.	Mora, Wiston M.
Anderson, John W.	Harrison, David & Kathleen	Reese, Carrie & Sylvia Johnson
Barber, Thayne & Lauren	Harrison, Vernon & Patricia	Seale, Christian
Burrer-Meza, Nancy	Hoosier, Danny & Lori	Settle, Larry & Sheri
DeBellis, Donna Lee	Hughes, Justin & Whitley	Sherman, Benjamin A.
Evans, Tara & Brian	Johnston, Douglas K.	Shull, Mark, Jr.
Federal National Mortgage	Kammeter, Carol W.	Waller, Jessica
Foster, David	Lamb, Wilda	Wellman, Pat G. III
Fuentes, Rosali	Libby, Walter L.	White, Tim
Gaines-Kelly, Makeba	Marshall, Brenda & Harlow,	Wright, James & Sharon
Gammon, Denise	Robert	

## 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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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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# Calendar *of Events*

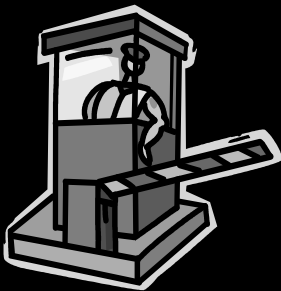
## October 2016 - November 2016

- **Women's Club**, Wednesday, October 5, 2016, Brewery/Vineyard (Husbands Invited), 10:00AM Meet at Community Center
- **Finance Committee**, Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7:00PM, Community Center
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, October 8, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Introduction to Computers Class**, Saturday, October 15, 2016, 12:00PM-3:00PM, Community Center
- **Afternoon "Tea"**, Sunday, October 16, 2016, 2PM-4PM, Community Center
- **Third Thursday Lunch & Movie**, Thursday, October 20, 2016, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Children's Halloween Party**, Saturday, October 29, 2016, 1PM-3PM, Community Center
- **Women's Club**, Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 11:30AM, Pot Luck Lunch and Book Exchange, Community Center
- **BRPOA Board Meeting**, Saturday, November 12, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Soup Cook Off**, Saturday, November 12, 2016, 6:00PM, Community Center
- **Third Thursday Lunch & Movie**, Thursday, October 17, 2016, 11:30AM, Community Center
- **Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting**, Saturday, November 19, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Bake Sale**, Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 4PM-6:30PM, Community Center
- **CSC Meeting**, Saturday, November 26, 2016, 9:30AM, Community Center
- **Lake Committee Meeting**, Saturday, November 26, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office

Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the family and friends of  
Jean Humphries, who passed away recently.



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!

## From The Landscape Committee

Do you have a problem with bare ground, run-off and erosion? Has your shoreline changed noticeably in recent years? Has part of your bank collapsed? Does your property have areas of bare soil? Maybe you don't know which ground covers help solve landscaping challenges. We have a selection of hand-outs available at the office that provide information that might be useful to you.



### **Titles include:**

Reducing Erosion and Runoff;  
What Can I do For My Shoreline; Dealing with Geese;  
Decreasing Runoff and Increasing Storm Water Infiltration;  
Selecting Landscape Plants: Groundcovers; and,  
Native Plants for Your Backyard.

Stop by the office and pick them up. If you have a particular question we would be happy to help find an answer. Just email Donna at [casafargo@hotmail.com](mailto:casafargo@hotmail.com) or Linda at [eddieandlinda@comcast.net](mailto:eddieandlinda@comcast.net). Erosion contributes to the silt and members with properties on and off the lake need to pay attention to their ground. Working together we can all help reduce run-off and erosion.

## Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

*Judy Brown, 1st Vice President*

The BRS Women's Club White Elephant Sale was held on Saturday, July 2nd at the community center. It was a group effort spearheaded by our incredible chairperson - Donna Gray! Thanks to the husbands and friends who helped cart everything into the community center. Thank you to all of the women who sorted and priced for days. Thanks, too, to those of you who shopped at the White Elephant Sale over the 4th of July weekend. Proceeds from the sale allow the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club to make generous donations to local charities and causes each year.

After our summer hiatus, the BRS Women's Club meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 7th at 11:30 am in the community center. We will have an organizational meeting and a pot luck luncheon – taking plenty of time to enjoy each other's company, as well.

Please remember that membership in the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club is open to any interested women. 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!

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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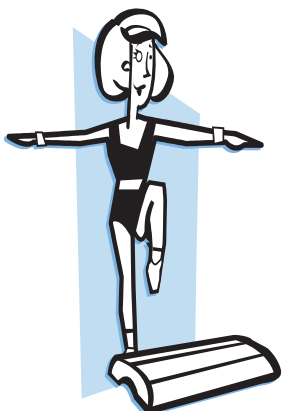


# AEROBICS

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

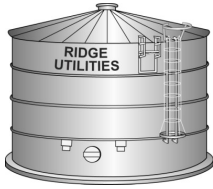
**9am**

**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.



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**Report all  
problems to  
Customer Service**

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Contact  
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## **UPCOMING 2016 RU MEETINGS**

**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 September 17, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alex MacCormack, Molli Ellis, Stephen Tompkins, Bill Haase, June Smith & Al Fortune. Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Affairs was also in attendance.

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

**MOTION:** Stephen Tompkins made a motion, seconded by June Smith to approve the July 16, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** William Haase made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to accept the July 2016 and August 2016 Treasurer's Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune 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, November 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Association Office Building.

### **Due Dates for 3rd qtr. 2016 Water Bills**

Water bills were mailed on 9/24/16 for the 3rd qtr. of 2016. If you do not receive your bill by 10/10/16 please contact our office to receive a replacement bill. Failure to receive your bill does not negate any late charges that may incur. ***Your 3rd qtr. 2016 water bill is due on or before 10/31/16.***

Past-due/Disconnect notices will be mailed on 11/1/16 for any account that is not paid by the 10/31/16. ***Water meters will be disconnected for the 3rd qtr. on 11/16/16.*** Please note the 11/16/16 date is the actual disconnect date. Payment must be received prior to 11/16/16 to avoid disconnection of your water service. **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL NOTICES OR REMINDERS OF THE DISCONNECT DATE.**

If you are experiencing any hardship in meeting those due dates please contact our office at (540) 967-1408 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.

### **Are You Prepared for the Winter Months?**

Winter weather is just around the corner, so now is the time to plan to protect your plumbing from freezing temps. The following are a few helpful tips to get you through the winter months:

- Tag and locate your main-line water valve so you can shut it off in an emergency. The valve is normally located where the water line enters your home through the foundation. Make sure everyone in your household knows how to turn off the water.
- Never try to thaw frozen pipes with an open flame or torch.
- If you'll be away from home for a few days, keep the thermostat at a reasonable temperature to protect pipes from freezing.
- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces.

For a detailed guide on winterizing your home plumbing please go to [www.ridgeutilities.com](http://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.

### If You Suspect a Frozen Pipe

The cold weather season is upon us bringing about the possibility of frozen pipes. If you open a faucet and no water comes out, don't take any chances. If you suspect a frozen pipe call a plumber. If a water pipe bursts, turn off the water at the main line cut-off valve and the house cut-off valve; leave the faucet(s) open until repairs are completed. Don't try to thaw a pipe with an open flame as this will damage the pipe and may even start a fire.

## Crime Report

### JULY, 2016

#### N Lakeshore Dr

Civil-Paper – 1  
Fire Alarm-Residential – 3  
Noise Complaint – 1  
Wanted Person – 1

#### Beach Rd

911-Hangup – 1  
EMS Call – 1  
Suspicious Activity – 1

#### Redbud Dr

Child Custody – 1  
Civil Issue/Dispute – 1  
Civil-Paper – 3  
EMS Call – 1  
Suspicious Activity -1

#### Ellis Dr

911-Hangup – 1

#### Ferndale Dr

ACO – 1  
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1  
EMS Call – 1  
Property Check – 1

#### Nottingham Rd

Civil-Paper – 11

#### Ash Rd

EMS Call – 1

#### Poplar Dr

Forgery/Fraud/Embezzle – 1

#### S Lakeshore Dr

911-Hangup – 1  
Alarm-Burg-Resident – 1  
EMS Call – 1  
Fire Investigation – 1

Property Check – 57

Suspicious Activity – 1

Fire-Alarm-Residential – 1

Noise Complaint – 1

Property Check – 62

Welfare Check – 1

#### Pine Rd

ACO Call – 1  
Civil-Paper – 1

#### Clear Water Lane

Missing Adult – 1

#### Lakeview Cir

911 Hang-up – 1  
ACO Call – 1  
Mental/Suicidal Subject – 1

#### Beech Nut Dr

Disorder/Domestic – Verbal – 1

#### Well Rd

Water Issue – 1

#### Red Cedar Rd

Threatening – 1

#### Lakeview Cir

Water Issue – 1

#### Redbud Dr

Sex Offense – 1

#### Dogwood Dr

Disorder/Domestic-Physical – 1  
EMS call – 1

#### Ellis Ln

Civil-Paper – 1

#### Locust Dr

ATL -1  
Narcotics/Drug Complaint – 4

#### Poplar Dr

911-Misdial – 1

#### South Lakeshore Dr

Alarm-Burg-Resident – 1  
EMS calls – 2  
MVC-No Injuries – 1  
Property Check - 66

#### Oak Hill Rd

Civil-Paper – 2  
Traffic-Road Hazard – 1

#### Pine Rd

ATL – 1

#### Lakeview Cir

Civil-Eviction  
EMS calls – 1

ACO- Animal Control Officer

EMS- Emergency Medical Call

MVC- Motor Vehicle Call

### AUGUST, 2016

#### North Lakeshore Dr

EMS Call – 2  
Fraud-Investigation – 1  
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzle – 1  
Property Issue – 1  
Traffic-Road Hazard – 1  
Welfare Check – 1

## 4th Annual Blue Ridge Shores Art Show

On Sunday, July 24th, members enjoyed an afternoon of art in the following categories: Furniture making, woodworking, pottery, ceramics, and glass art.

Thanks to the following talented members for displaying their various items: Donya Bauer, Herb Bauer, Laura Foussekis, Rusty Hodge, Alex MacCormack, Kay MacCormack, Pál Maléter, Anne McGregor, Malcolm McGregor, and Wayne Minami.

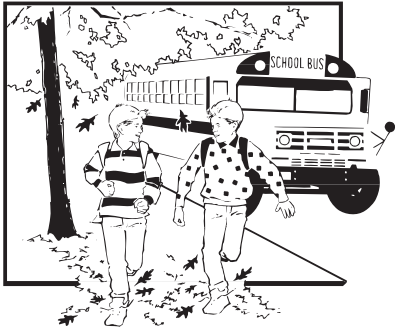
On a very hot afternoon, attendees enjoyed the air conditioning, light refreshments, and an opportunity to talk to fellow members about the items on display.







## 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.

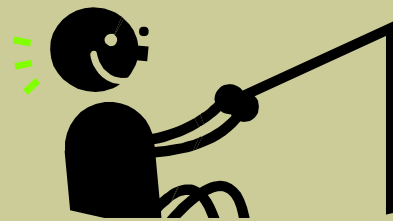
The Sheriff's Department has assured us of enhanced efforts to resolve these problems and will be placing Deputies in the areas of complaint. Please be considerate of yourself and others as it relates to the potential consequences of traveling too fast within the Community.

**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 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



## 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.

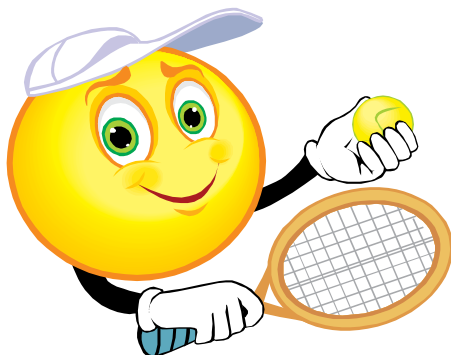
More information can be found by doing a simple internet search on "hydrilla in Virginia waters". Your cooperation will help protect the health of our lake.

Thank you.  
Lake Committee

## 2016 Boating Policies and Safety Tips

Boating Season is here and we hope everyone has a 2016 Fun but Safe experience. Blue Ridge Shores adopted the provisions of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement for operation of a motorized boat on Lake Louisa. The Virginia Conservation Police Department has authority to enforce all provisions of State Requirements on Lake Louisa. Just a few reminders for everyone:

- Anyone operating a motorized boat in Virginia must possess a card indicating they have taken the **Virginia Boater Safety Education Class** or the State's Safety Class where the boat is registered on or before July 1, 2016.
- Operators must be at least 14 years old.
- Boats must be registered to a member or a non-member occupant who are members in good standing.
- All motorized boats must be registered through the office with current State Registration and Insurance Information in order to have and display a current Association Decal.
- All Non-Motorized Boats excluding a paddle board must be registered through the Association and display the appropriate decal.
- Jet Skis and jet powered boats are not permitted to be on the lake. Jet powered boats registered with the Association prior to August 13, 2011 are exempted from this rule.
- All motorized boat traffic must travel in a counter clockwise direction, unless they are fishing and under the power of a trolling motor.
- All boats that are non-motorized have the right of way.
- **All fast moving boats are required to stay off the Shoreline by 100 feet.**
- All boats pulling tubes, skis, aqua boards or any other object are required to have a spotter. These activities are limited from 9:00 AM until sunset.
- All boats are to have running lights or navigational lights after dusk or before dawn.
- The Association's Special Assistant to the GM is patrolling the Lake and will issue violations as appropriate and the member affected will be required to attend a Compliance Committee Hearing.
- Should you have questions, require clarification, or a copy of these rules please contact the office.



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

## **General Manager's Report**

*Denny W. Kelly*

Another 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. 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.

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

Be sure your chimneys are 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 prohibitive 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.**

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 2016 Ridge Utilities water tests to date as prescribed by the Virginia Office of Drinking Water were submitted and approved.

**Should you experience problems with the gates not working properly after normal working hours or the weekends please call the Louisa County Dispatch, 967-1234 and report this. They in turn will notify the appropriate people to make repairs and adjustments. Please do not assume someone else has called.**

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. Check the article in this edition.

**Staff Members welcome David Armentrout to the BRPOA Board and pledge our continuing support to the BRPOA and RU Boards of Directors!**



### **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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