SAFE DRIVING SIGNAGE

There will be another DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS LIVE HERE sign campaign this spring. Signs will be up around Lakewood and Barrington during the school Spring Break April 10-14 and again the week of May 15 (before the Yard Sale on the 20th), and again the last week of school, June 5-9. When the weather warms, and neighbors are out in the streets more often, we cannot remind drivers often enough to SLOW DOWN as they make their way along our streets.

KIDS BIKE RODEO

The Rockingham Sheriff’s Department is committed to safely and prevention and we are fortunate to have deputies available to come out to our neighborhood and hold a safety program for our elementary and middle school children who ride bikes. The goals are increased safety practices and riding rules awareness on neighborhood streets. It is called a "rodeo" because it is taught using deputies' one-on-one and group interaction to include fun individual competition. Our neighboring subdivision, Barrington, has enough interest in that neighborhood for a sheriff's deputy to come out one Saturday morning during the next few months.

We can certainly hold an event like this in Lakewood if we have interest. All we need is a cul-de-sac where the event can be held. If anyone is interested in either holding an event like this in your cul-de-sac or if you have children who would be interested in attending, please email Page Shields at: pageshields4@gmail.com or call her at: 746-8494.
We have several new neighbors to welcome to our Lakewood family. We wish you all much happiness and peace in your new home!

Mert and Wendy Tokman, 3360 Seneca Road  
Ryan and Heather Chico, 1375 Cumberland Drive  
Charity Neer, 1380 Massanetta Springs Road  
Petr and Alla Borodin, 3475 Seneca Road

ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Our Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 7 am to 3 pm as a joint community activity with our neighbors in Barrington and Kentshire.

Why not take this opportunity to simplify your life. How about the kids’ old toys and games that they have outgrown and are just taking up space in your basement, garage, attic, or playroom? Have you redecorated a room and now have drapes, curtains, furniture, décor that no longer fits your new “stuff”? Are your kitchen drawers and cabinets jammed with more pots, pans, utensils than you can ever use? Start cleaning out those basements, attics, garages, and closets....Free yourself from all the clutter and enjoy a day outdoors meeting neighbors and friends....maybe even make a few bucks!

A PLEA FOR BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

As we think about planting flowers and trees and shrubs in our garden this year, please consider using some native plants – plants that have growing in Virginia for hundreds of years. There are lots of benefits to native plants, but this is a plea for the birds and the butterflies. Baby birds feed almost exclusively on insects and
caterpillars. And caterpillars and insects feed mostly on native plants – plants that they have an evolutionary history with. Believe it or not, non-native plants do not serve as hosts for the species of insects/caterpillars that our birds feed on. As a result, the birds will not come to areas that do not provide the right food for them. So – native plants = greater diversity and numbers of birds and butterflies. Think about it. Not every plant in your landscape needs to be a native plant, but planting a redbud or a dogwood or an oak or a perennial like black-eyed Susan (or several natives) will help bring more butterflies and songbirds to your yard. You can go to www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants and enter our zip code and actually find lists of plants native to Rockingham County. How easy is that!!!

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

**“SPRING HAS SPRUNG” SOCIAL ON APRIL 29**

A "Spring has Sprung " Wine Social will be held at the home of Lorelei and Joseph Avery, 3135 Lakewood Drive, on Saturday, April 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring a favorite appetizer to share and B.Y.O.B. to celebrate longer days, and the end to winter. Please RSVP to Lorelei Avery at Oliver1Duffy2@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Our two book clubs welcome all residents of Lakewood. In addition to our daytime Book Club, we now have an active Evening Book Club!! If either – or both – of these clubs are of interest to you, please come to a meeting and enjoy a morning or evening of wonderful book discussions, fun, and fellowship.

>>Our new evening Book Club met on March 29 at the home of Laura Albertson to discuss The Good Guy by Susan Beale. The next meeting will be on April 26 at 7 pm at the home of Kathy Iudica, 3470 Lake Pointe Drive. The book selection is Astrid & Veronika by Linda Olsson.

>>Members of the daytime Book Club meet the first Thursday of each month at 10 am in the home of one of the members. If interested, please contact Phyllis Hamilton at 434-7001 or uvapch@comcast.net. It is not necessary to have completed reading the book selection to participate in the meetings.

Our April selection is Ed King by David Guterson. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 6 at Lucy O’Meara’s home, 1454 Cumberland Drive. Looking ahead to May, the selection will be Confederado by Casey Clabaugh.
**LUNCH BUNCH**

We had a great time and a good turnout at Cuban Burger on March 15th (check out the pics on the Lakewood Facebook page!). During this past year we have been enjoying foods from many different parts of the world; and so our next lunch bunch will be at **Taste of Thai**, **on Thursday, April 20, at 11:45 a.m.** They are located at 917 S. High St, Harrisonburg; there is ample parking behind the restaurant. Enjoy the Satay (peanut sauce) on some wonderful Thai dishes. Check out their menu at [www.taste-of-thai.com](http://www.taste-of-thai.com). Hope to see you there! Please let Lorelei Avery know if you plan to come at [Oliver1Duffy2@gmail.com](mailto:Oliver1Duffy2@gmail.com) by April 18.

**Lakewood FUN night was a huge success!!!**

The Lakewood Fun Night at Ruby’s Arcade on March 19th was well attended and a huge success. We had an overwhelming response, and unfortunately, could not accommodate everyone due to the Arcade’s limit for the reserved room. The kids loved the duck pin bowling and even the adults got in some fun playing darts, foosball, and throwing a (gutter) ball or two! Watch for more "Fun Night" info in upcoming newsletters as LHA will be sponsoring this again! There was plenty of food on the menu to choose from - and with the half-price specials it was easy on the family budget for the kids to eat! Thanks to all who came out.

**Upcoming Events: The Lakewood Summer Picnic and Annual Meeting** is planned for Saturday, June 3. More details in the next newsletter. Put it on your calendar!!

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Late-breaking news:** Due to the recent entry of vehicles and a report of a suspicious vehicle seen in the early hours in Lakewood, Lt. Danner from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department has requested extra patrols for our area.

On March 15 we were provided with some information regarding the theft of articles from vehicles in Lakewood that occurred several months ago. A resident informed us that he had been contacted by the Rockingham Sheriff’s Department. The policeman stated that they had received numerous accounts from people identifying the two individuals that entered vehicles here. A search warrant was issued and their
property was searched. No stolen items were recovered. Therefore, no charges were pressed against these men. We contacted Lt. Danner, our liaison for the Neighborhood Watch program. He forwarded the email to the detective in charge of this case. Detective Harlow emailed that the above facts are correct. The home was searched "with negative results". He assured us that the case is still active. They are monitoring all pawn receipts and other sites that sell merchandise. Detective Harlow asked that we continue to provide any new information regarding these men to him. Please LET US KNOW if there is information you have regarding these thefts or individuals. Please continue to report occurrences to our alert site. Lt. Danner also urges all residents to call the 434-4436 number to report any suspicious activities you observe. They are more than willing to send a deputy to check our neighborhood.

You received an alert recently regarding the driver of a speeding Jeep on Cumberland Drive. THANK YOU to the resident that stopped this young man and asked him to observe the 25 mph speed limit. Unfortunately, the young man chose to ignore this request. Since that alert was sent, our alert site has received emails from other residents concerned with vehicles going at a high rate of speed on Cumberland Drive. The corner of Arrowhead Road and Cumberland has also raised concerns due to vehicles on Arrowhead not coming to a complete stop. PLEASE observe the 25 mph limit and come to a complete stop at all of stop signs. This is for the safety of all those who live in our area.

Empty wine bottles continue to be found in our subdivision. One resident also reported seeing three on Massaneteta Springs Road and on Taylor Spring Lane. Several of the bottles, if not most of them, have the label Liberty Creek Chardonnay. Please let us know if you have found any of these and the location of the bottle. We have reported this information to the Rockingham Sheriff's Department. They are willing to provide Lakewood with extra patrols if we are able to provide information regarding the time of day these bottles are being tossed along our roads. If you see someone throw an empty bottle out of his/her car, please email us at LHAWatch@gmail.com and let us know the time of day you witnessed this happening. A description of the vehicle and/or driver, and a license plate number, would also be helpful. We will forward any information to the police.

Thank you for keeping Lakewood a safe place to live! We couldn't do it without each of you!

**NEIGHBORHOOD TEENS AND ‘TWEENS FOR HIRE**

As homeowners we always seem to have too much to do in the yard and too little time to do it. Perhaps you should consider hiring a young person from the neighborhood to help you with some of these yard jobs. We will publish the names and contact information of neighborhood youth interested in helping you.
Or perhaps you have a **young member of your household** - teenager or ‘tween - who would be interested in earning a little pocket money by doing some mowing, yard work, pet sitting, snow removal, or babysitting, etc. in the neighborhood. Surely there must be some youngsters eager to earn some extra spending money!! Please let us know if you do and we will publish the information in our newsletters. Go to www.lhanews.com and click on “Contact” and send us an email.

**We will add names and contact information to this list as we receive them.**

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

**Albertson’s Lawn and Pet Service**  
- Dependable High School student located near you  
- Offers lawn mowing and pet sitting services  
- Lawn Mowing offered Spring through Fall  
- Pet Sitting offered only in summer  
- Prices can be worked out  
- Flexible schedule to meet your time needs  
- Lawn mower and gas do not need to be provided.  
Please Call or Email: Kyle Albertson - 574-2288 - kylejalbertson@gmail.com

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April Thoughts

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.” –William Shakespeare

“The sun was warm, but the earth was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You’re one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
And wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you’re two months back in the middle of March.”
- Robert Frost, Two Tramps in Mud Time, 1926

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