

LARKSPUR

- CIVIC LEAGUE -

April 2024

A Message from Civic League President Lindsay Johnson:

Hello Neighbors,

Can you feel it? The scent of blossoms, the warmth in the air—it's unmistakably spring! Here in the Larkspur neighborhood, we're thrilled to bid farewell to winter and embrace the sunny days ahead.

Just a quick reminder that our quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 18th at 6:30pm, and will take place at Larkspur Swim and Racquet Club. Join us for an evening of community bonding, delectable desserts, refreshing drinks, and an insightful talk by Trey Carter, a financial advisor from Wells Fargo. Trey will touch on topics such as 401K plans, offer his thoughts on various investment strategies, and perhaps even offer his own insights into the current market. Trey will speak for about 30 minutes, and a question and answer period will follow.



Also, mark your calendars for our upcoming community yard sale May 18th! Let's kickstart our spring cleaning and make this effort a huge success! If you're planning to participate, please fill out [this form](#) by May 10th. Alternatively, you're also welcome to simply join in spontaneously at the last minute!.

On another note, let's extend our support to the Larkspur Swim & Racquet Club's fundraising efforts. Following last year's repairs, the club is hoping to replenish funds with their annual Silent Auction in May. Plus, don't forget about our beloved Larkspur Lasers summer swim team! Our pool offers great opportunities to get involved and connect with fellow neighbors! Your contributions, memberships, and active participation are what make our community vibrant. Let's keep the momentum going!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 18th for our quarterly gathering!

Best regards,

Lindsay Johnson

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Civic League Meeting, Thursday January 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Larkspur Swim and Racquet Club Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Trey Carter



Trey Carter is a financial advisor with the Carter/Callahan Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. Trey joined the industry in 2008 and works closely with businesses and families to help them with their strategic planning and financial goals. Trey is also very involved with the Kiwanis club and Galilee Church. When not at work, Trey enjoys spending time with his lovely wife Katie and their 5 year old son Alton.



Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all of you that have already joined the Larkspur Civic League and paid your \$25.00 dues this year. If you haven't yet, please feel free to pay either online (please fill in the link on the newsletter), or mail your dues to Larkspur Civic League, Jody Korman, Treasurer, with the application below.

As of today, we have \$5,705.49 in our C.D. account and \$15,058.14 in our checking account. We are lucky to have such a beautiful neighborhood with so many great neighbors. Hopefully Spring is upon us; it's really nice to see all of the trees and spring flowers blooming. See you around the neighborhood!!!!

Sincerely,

Jody Korman, Treasurer

Community Yard Sale!

We are excited to announce a community yard sale scheduled for May 18th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and we invite all households to participate! This event is a fantastic opportunity for you to declutter, find new homes for your treasures, and connect with neighbors. Whether you have clothes, books, furniture, or unique knick-knacks, your contributions can help make this yard sale a success. Join us in creating a vibrant marketplace right in our neighborhood. Click [here](#) for more details and to sign up! Let's come together for a day of fun, bargains, and community spirit!



Pool Membership for a Deserving Family Your Input Needed!

Affordable Mobile TV Repair is delighted to announce that we are sponsoring a free family pool membership to the Larkspur Pool and Racket Club in Virginia Beach. In our mission to give back to the community that has supported us, we are reaching out to ask for your help in identifying deserving families within our Larkspur community who could greatly benefit from this opportunity, but may be facing financial constraints. If you know a family who loves swimming or could use a joyful and healthy escape at the pool, but might not have the means to afford it, please recommend them to us. Your suggestions will help us ensure this gift makes a meaningful difference in the lives of fellow community members.

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As the flowers bloom and the days lengthen, it's the perfect time to reconnect with your neighbors and enjoy all that Larkspur has to offer!

Join the Larkspur Civic League and be a part of the vibrant community spirit. We're your one-stop shop for staying informed about local happenings, advocating for neighborhood improvements (like those fantastic new paved roads!), and participating in fun events.

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the area, the League welcomes you with open arms. Let's make this spring a season of connection and

community growth!

For membership information, visit our website at www.larkspurcivicleague.org, or send an email to larkspurvirenia@gmail.com. Join online [here](#), or fill out the following form and deliver or mail to Jody Korman at 704 Southleaf Drive, Virginia Beach VA 23462

Thank you!

Eric Johnson

Larkspur Civic League Membership



Civic League Membership

For a small \$25 donation per year to our Civic League you can enjoy a quarterly newsletter, advocacy, and Civic League picnic. Help us get to 100% membership in the neighborhood!

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Get Involved!

Give City Planners Your Opinion on the Proposed Popeye's Plan

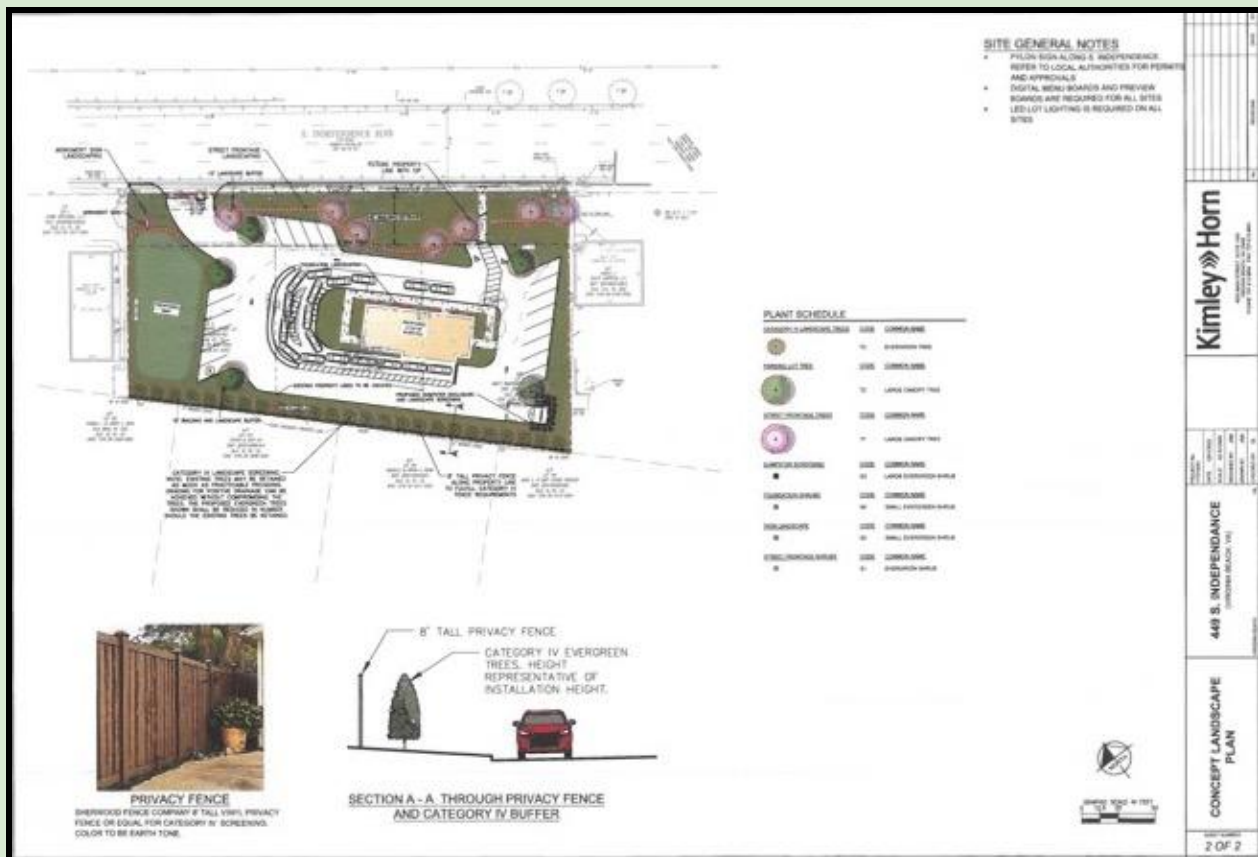
Why not express your opinion on the proposed plan to put in a Popeye's Chicken directly behind the houses located from 4624 to 4640 McGregor Drive? The project is currently in the planning stages, with discussions currently taking place between the developer's representative and City Planner Mike Anderson, who is himself a Larkspur resident and neighbor. Larkspur neighbors directly affected by the project met with both gentlemen on March 4th to express concerns about noise, light pollution, rats, traffic and the smell of fried chicken grease polluting our neighborhood. Interested in finding out more? Give us a call, or better yet, attend the upcoming meeting on this subject in mid April and let your voice be heard!

Already have an opinion? Give the Virginia Beach City Planning Commission or Mike Anderson a call and them know:

Mike Anderson: (757) 585-5695
miAnderson@vb.gov.com

Virginia Beach City Planning Commission: (757) 385-4621

We will keep you posted on this situation as details become available, so be sure to check your email. As soon as we know the exact date and time of the next meeting we'll get the word out! In the meantime, here is the latest drawing of the proposed plan (click [here](#) for a downloadable .pdf version).





Become the Larkspur Representative to the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)

The newly reorganized VBCCO is doing some great things in the city! Their stated purpose, according to their website, are:

- To create a forum whereby the civic organizations throughout the city can work together to educate, inform, and empower civic leaders, support and assist member organizations, and advocate for stronger neighborhoods.
 - To help organize neighborhood civic organizations, and to support the activities of member organizations when requested.
 - To unite Virginia Beach neighborhoods for the common good.
- To study and discuss important issues and problems that affect our community and to work toward mutually agreeable solutions.
 - To provide a forum for the discussion and debate of current topics and to provide educational programs that will enable member organizations to better serve their residents."

The organization enthusiastically invites community members to "Join the Movement," to "Reinvigorate and Revitalize the VBCCO" and to "Become the People's Voice!" **With this in mind, Larkspur needs one or two volunteers to attend these meetings and report back what they are learning.** Interested? Check out the VBCCO website [here](#) for more information, or contact us at larkspurvirginia@gmail.com.

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Do you have a graduating senior who attended KMES? If so, he or she may be eligible to apply for two KMES alumni-only scholarships. The first is the Janice Capps Scholarship, named for a former teacher at KMES, and the second is the PTA scholarship.

Capps scholarship: <https://www2.vbschools.com/scholarship/view.asp?sid=7065> furthering the student's education, pursuing a career in education, at an accredited college, university, business or technical school.

General scholarship: <https://www2.vbschools.com/scholarship/view.asp?sid=7064> Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. Have attended Kempsville Meadows Elementary School for a minimum of 2 years. The scholarship must be used for furthering the student's education at an accredited college, university, business or technical school.

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Larkspur Garden Club News

We are glad that Spring is right around the corner and we're looking forward to a better, healthier, and (hopefully) greener garden season this year.

Here are some 2024 Green Resolutions that the members of the Larkspur Garden Club hope you will consider adopting:

1. Plant a tree
 2. Add native plants to your garden/yard
 3. Ditch Disposables-use reusable bags, and water bottles for example
 4. Compost yard waste. Your plants will thank you!
 5. Reuse, repair and repurpose.
 6. Recycle, but recycle the correct way. AskHRGreen.org has great recycling tips on their website.
 7. Love aluminum more. Consider purchasing products in aluminum cans instead of plastic bottles and containers. Coffee and soda are two examples.
 8. Turn off lights.
 9. Eliminate Styrofoam from your life
 10. Volunteer with a local environmental group such as Lynnhaven River Now or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.
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We also want to inform you that Larkspur Yard-of-the-Month judging will begin again in April! Yards are judged April-November, and judging is generally the last couple of days at the end of the month, so ideally the award can be presented around the 1st week of the next month.

The LGC would like to make you aware of the criteria for earning the Yard-of-the-Month award. The longstanding guidelines are:

- General Appearance: Grass mowed and edged, weed free, green with no brown grass
- Beds cleaned and edged
- Walks, driveways, and curbs edged and swept
- Shrubs neatly trimmed and pruned
- Seasonal colors (flowers)
- General neatness: Garbage cans out of sight; no toys, bikes etc. on front lawn; hoses rolled up; air conditioners hidden by shrubs, no boat or R.V. in the driveway (those items have to be hidden behind a fence).
- The front lawn has a discernable, intentionally balanced landscape design
- House and property must be in good order and upkeep.

The same judging criteria is used each month; the judges change monthly and remain anonymous.

The LGC encourages residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. In turn, we look to celebrate those who do a superior job in maintaining their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community and one of which we can all be proud of!

The Larkspur Swim & Racquet Club Silent Auction is Back!

As summer approaches, the LSRC is once again preparing for its annual Silent Auction. As most of you know, this is a fun and lucrative fundraising event that helps the club offset the cost of lifeguard salaries, unexpected repairs or maintenance costs, community events, and the upkeep of our premises. Please consider donations of money, gift cards, services or goods that the club can auction! Have an idea for a themed basket? Let us know! Even a modest donation can make a significant impact. Your generosity will not only provide much-needed financial assistance to the club, but will also serve as a way to build community.

The auction will feature an impressive array of items that appeal to a diverse range of tastes and interests. In past years, auction baskets have included items ranging from one-week beach house rentals in Sandbridge, to skate time at local rinks, to dance lessons at local studios, to menu items from local restaurants. In addition, many baskets offered a selection of beautiful and unique homemade/handcrafted offerings from our members. There is truly something for everyone!

Auction items are available for bidders both online and in-person.

- Online auction: The club is soliciting donations until April 20th, and online bidding will take place from May 3rd -May 17th. Please share this information with your friends. Anyone can bid and the more bidders we get the more money we can make.
- In person auction: The in- person silent auction will take place Memorial Day Weekend , May 25th, 26th, 27th in the pool clubhouse. The in-person auction will close at 3:00 p.m. on May 27th.

Both online and in person auctions are open to the public. Some items will only be available online, and some only in person. If you have a preference for your donation you may let us know.

Should you have any items that you would like to contribute to the auction, please contact us at kabedinger@gmail.com. You can also use this link to donate your item to our online auction website.

We are deeply grateful for your consideration of our request. Let us collectively contribute to making this spring auction an extraordinary success.

Ideas for auction baskets



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| • Summer Fun | • Birdwatching |
| • Movie Night In | • Workout |
| • Movie Night Out | • Social Distancing |
| • Redecorating | • Survival Kits |
| • Sand and sun | • Date Night |
| • Sports | • Wine and Dine |
| • Gardening | • Tea Time |
| • Dining out | • Chocolate Celebration |
| • Baking | • Craft Beer |
| • Barbeque | • Pets |
| • Puzzles and Games | • Camping and S'mores |

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Auction 2024

Help us reach our fundraising goal to purchase an automatic vaccum! Our membership fees only cover our operating expenses so we must fundraise to meet our additional expenses.

Auction
Dates

April
1-20

Online Auction Set Up and
Donation Gathering

May
3-18

Online Auction Open for
Bidding

May
25-27

In Person Auction



Website for donations
and bidding

How can you help?

- Donate a service or goods
- Make a basket to donate
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- Give a donation



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March 30th Easter Egg Hunt

April 1st-3rd LSRC Spring Break Tennis Camp

April 13th LSRC Spring Cleanup
LSRC Jam Night

April 18th Civic League Meeting

April 22 Lasers Registration
(members)

April 29 Lasers Registration
(non-members)

May 3rd - 17th LSRC Silent Auction Bidding

May 4th LSRC Open House

May 5th LSRC Moms Love Tacos Event

May 18th Community Yard Sale

May 25th Pool opens for weekends

May 25th, 26th, & 27th LSRC Auction In-Person Bidding

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