

LARKSPUR

- CIVIC LEAGUE -

April 2025

A Message from Civic League President Lindsay Johnson:



Dear Neighbors,

Can you feel it? The scent of blossoms and the warmth in the air—spring is definitely in full swing! Here in the Larkspur neighborhood, we're excited to say goodbye to winter and welcome the sunshine-filled days ahead.

A quick reminder: our next quarterly meeting is coming up on April 24th at 6:30 PM at the Larkspur Swim and Racquet Club. We're excited to hear from Joel Rubin, who will be discussing offshore wind energy. It promises to be an insightful conversation, and we hope to see you there!

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our Community Yard Sale on May 3rd! It's the perfect time to get a head start on your spring cleaning and join in the fun. If you'd like to participate, please fill out the sign-up form [here](#) by April 26th. If you decide to join at the last minute, no worries—you're welcome to spontaneously jump in!

In other exciting news, let's show some support for the Larkspur Swim & Racquet Club! Have you been thinking about joining? Now's the perfect time! They've just resurfaced the parking lot (yay!), and Tide Swim School has put up a bubble over the pool, which will stay up until May. And mark your calendars—this year's Silent Auction will be taking place over the 4th of July weekend. It's going to be a blast, and we'd love to see you there!

Finally, don't forget about the Larkspur Lasers swim team! Registration will be opening soon. For more info, visit www.larkspurswim.com. Our pool is a wonderful place to connect with neighbors, and your involvement truly helps keep our community vibrant.

Warm regards,

Lindsay Johnson
Civic League President
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Civic League Meeting on April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Larkspur Swim and Racquet Club Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Joel Rubin

“Offshore Wind Energy”



Joel Rubin, a well-respected businessman in the Virginia Beach area, will be speaking at our next Civic League meeting. Joel has a distinguished career in business, with over three decades of experience in various industries, including real estate, renewable energy, and community development. He made a significant impact in the local media sector during his tenure as a talk show host for WVEC Channel 13News Now, and as a reporter for Channel 10, WAVY-TV.

Joel is also the founder and president of Rubin Communications Group, a prominent public relations firm based in Virginia Beach. Under his leadership, Rubin Communications Group has provided strategic communications, media relations, and crisis management services to a wide range of clients, from small businesses to large corporations and nonprofits. The firm is known for its innovative approach to public relations and its commitment to helping clients effectively tell their stories and connect with their audiences.

Currently, Joel is at the forefront of *WINDSdays*, an organization dedicated to promoting wind energy and sustainability in Hampton Roads. His work with the program has significantly contributed to the region's growing reputation as a leader in renewable energy initiatives. Joel's talk, "Hampton Roads' Future as an Energy Hub," promises to provide valuable insights into the region's potential and the pivotal role it can play in the future of energy. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of Virginia Beach's most influential business leaders!



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Get Ready for the Ultimate Treasure Hunt in Larkspur!

Calling all bargain hunters and treasure seekers in Larkspur! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3rd, as our neighborhood hosts its second annual community yard sale from 8 AM to 1 PM. This fantastic event is your chance to snag amazing deals on gently used items, from vintage clothing to household treasures. With over 700 households in our vibrant community, you can expect a diverse array of goods to browse through. Whether you're looking for unique gifts, practical items for your home, or simply want to enjoy a fun morning out with family and friends, this event has something for everyone! Sign up to sell your stuff [here](#), or scan the QR code below!

A purple-themed poster for the Larkspur Community Yard Sale. The title "LARKSPUR COMMUNITY YARD SALE" is in large, bold, green letters. Surrounding the title are various line-art icons of items for sale: headphones, a backpack, a coffee cup, a book, sneakers, a video game console, a toaster, a hoodie, a stool, and a jacket. At the bottom, the date and time "MAY 3RD, 2025 8 AM - 1 PM" are in white text on a purple oval background. Below this, it says "SECURE YOUR SPOT ON THE ROUTE BY SIGNING UP WITH THE QR CODE" in green. A QR code is on the right. A purple banner at the very bottom contains the text "For more info or questions, please text Wayne 757-651-8115" in white.

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Treasurer's Report

It's here! It's here! Spring is finally here!

It's time to dust off those lawn mowers, bikes and scooters, and it's time to enjoy the fresh outdoors! As the flowers start blooming and the birds start building their nests, we all begin to realize why we bought homes in Larkspur. This is truly one of the prettiest neighborhoods in the central Virginia Beach area!

For all of those who have already paid their Civic League dues, THANK YOU!! Your support is greatly appreciated! If you haven't paid yet and would like to do so, please pay online [here](#), or mail a check for \$25.00 to Jody Korman/Treasurer 704 Southleaf Dr. Va Beach, VA 23462. Don't forget to include your phone number and email address, so we can add you to our email list. We have been lucky to have had over 125 people sign up this year so far, but we would love to get **all** of our neighbors to join!

Our balances are \$12,319.21 in checking and \$5,748.53 in our CD account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Both scholarships are \$500 awards to be granted to a graduating senior of a Virginia Beach Public High School (including the Vocational Technical Center) who has a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and who attended Kempsville Meadows Elementary School for at least two years.

For more information on how to apply for these scholarships, head over to the Virginia Beach Public Schools “Search for a Scholarship” webpage [here](#), and search for the **Janice Capps Memorial Scholarship** and the **KMES PTA Scholarship**.



Join Us!

Hello, Larkspur Neighbors!

We are excited to share an update on our membership and thank those who have already joined the Larkspur Civic League for the 2025 calendar year! With 750 homes in our neighborhood, we currently have 125 members—thank you to everyone who has already paid dues. Your support is crucial in helping us continue to organize community events, improve our neighborhood, and advocate for local causes.

Misplaced your invoice? Don't worry! You can easily renew or become a member by visiting our website [here](#). Membership dues are only \$25 for the entire year—a small investment in making Larkspur a better place for everyone.

Why Join the Larkspur Civic League?

- **To Support Our Community:** Your dues help fund neighborhood events, improvements, and community outreach.
- **To Stay Connected:** As a member, you'll be in the loop on important local issues, events, and initiatives that affect our neighborhood.
- **To Make a Difference:** Your membership empowers the Civic League to advocate for the needs and interests of our neighborhood, ensuring we continue to thrive as a vibrant community.

Thank you for being a part of the Larkspur Civic League. We look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing to make Larkspur a great place to live! Let's keep the momentum going and work together to make Larkspur even stronger!

Thanks!

Eric Johnson
Membership Chair



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!

Name: _____

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Let me be your guide to finding (or selling) the perfect home in Larkspur!



Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)

Operational Framework and Advocacy

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) is a pivotal entity in Virginia Beach, serving as a bridge between neighborhood civic organizations and the city government. Founded in 1959, it has evolved into a robust platform for advocating suburban neighborhood interests, promoting educational initiatives, and fostering collaboration among civic leagues. The VBCCO's organizational structure includes a diverse leadership team and specialized committees focused on governance, community affairs, and educational programs. This framework enables the organization to address a wide range of community issues effectively.

The VBCCO operates under a four-pillar framework: authentic communication, civic education, collaborative problem-solving, and representative advocacy. It facilitates dialogue between residents and city officials through forums like "Conversations with the City," offering educational workshops on topics such as zoning and tax increment financing. The council also engages in policy advocacy, submitting policy briefs to influence city council decisions. In 2024, it played a significant role in shaping the city's housing study, advocating for measures like accessory dwelling unit allowances and neighborhood conservation districts. The VBCCO's stance on housing policy balances support for affordability with neighborhood preservation, emphasizing principles like density bonuses and buffer zones.

As Virginia Beach navigates challenges such as growth pressures and infrastructure needs, the VBCCO continues to adapt its strategies. It aims to enhance digital engagement through platforms like participatory budgeting and expand its outreach to underrepresented communities. The council's future directions include developing a resiliency corps for climate adaptation and an equitable development scorecard to evaluate projects on affordability and sustainability. By maintaining its role as a trusted intermediary between residents and city governance, the VBCCO remains crucial in shaping the city's development while preserving neighborhood character. Its model offers a valuable template for civic league empowerment.

Larkspur Garden Club News



For over thirty years, the Larkspur Garden Club (LGC) has been sponsoring the Larkspur Yard-of-the- Month award , a program that recognizes neighbors who demonstrate exceptional effort in maintaining and improving their properties in ways that contribute to the overall appearance of our neighborhood.

Yard-of-the-Month candidates will be judged solely on the overall exterior appearance of their property as viewed from the street. All Larkspur properties are automatically eligible for the Yard of the Month award.

Yards are judged in April-November for overall appearance, and in December the Garden Club judges look for the most smartly decorated yards and the best holiday displays. There is no judging January through March, and then things pick back up again in April. Judging generally occurs during the last 1-2 days of the month, and awards are presented during the first week of the following month.

The criteria for earning the Yard-of-the-Month award as as follows:

- General Appearance: Grass should be mowed, edged, weed free, and green (no brown spots).
- Beds should be cleaned and edged.
- Walks, driveways, and curbs should be neatly edged and swept.
- Shrubs should be neatly trimmed and pruned.
- The yard should have plenty of seasonal colors (flowers and flowering herbaceous plants and shrubs).
- Overall appearances: Garbage cans should be out of sight with no toys, bikes etc. on the front lawn; hoses should be rolled up; air conditioners should be hidden by shrubs, and boats and RVs should be out of sight.
- The front lawn should have a discernible, intentionally-balanced landscape design
- The house and property must be in good order and upkeep.

While the same judging criteria is used each month, judges change monthly and remain anonymous. The LGC encourages residents to take pride in their homes and neighborhood, and looks forward to celebrating those who maintain their yards in such a way that they enhance the overall curb appeal of the entire community!

For more information about an upcoming meeting please contact Mary White at (757) 407-6211.

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- SWIM & RACQUET -



Summer is Almost Here!

Don't miss out on the fun and join Larkspur Swim & Racquet Club today to beat the summer rush! Sign up now at larkspurswim.com

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events:

- **March 29:** Tide Grand Opening, 10 AM to 2 PM
- **April 5:** Spring Cleaning, 10 AM to 1 PM
- **April 12:** Easter Egg Hunt, 11 AM to 1 PM
- **April 17 and 18:** Spring Tennis Camp, 3 PM to 5 PM
- **April 28:** Laser Registration Opens for Returning Members
- **May 5:** Laser Registration Opens for Public
- **May 10:** Open House, 12 PM to 4 PM
- **May 13:** Members Meeting, 6:30 PM
- **May 16:** Trivia Night, 7 PM to 10 PM
- **May 24:** Pool Opens for Members, 12 PM to 8 PM

LSRC Silent Auction 2025!

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 from now until June 1st, and online bidding will take place from June 14th-28th. 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 over the Fourth of July weekend, July 4th-6th, in the LSRC clubhouse, and will close at 3:00 p.m. on July 6th.

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 or
ericlindsayjohnson@gmail.com.

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 |

Attention Larkspur Lasers!



Get ready, Lasers! Registration for the Summer Swim season of 2025 is just around the corner! Registration for LSRC members opens on April 28th, and non-members can register on May 5th!

Thinking about joining the team, but still not sure? Read on, and check out our website [here](http://www.larkspurlasers.com)!



Larkspur Lasers Swim Team Basics

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- Swim Buddies
- Family Fun Nights
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 - (Mon-Thurs EVENINGS)
 - (June 17-July 18: 8-under: 9-10am; 9-11: 8-9am; 12&up: 7-8am)
 - (Mon-Thurs MORNINGS)
 - (June 20-July 18 8-under: 8:15-9pm; 9-11: 8:15-9pm; 12&up: 9-9:45pm)
 - (Mon-Thurs EVENINGS)
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Save the Dates!

Now-June 1st	LSRC Silent Auction donations accepted	
April 5th	LSRC Spring Cleanup	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
April 12th	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
April 17th-18th	LSRC Spring Break Tennis Camp	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
April 24th	Civic League Meeting	6:30 p.m.
April 28	Lasers Registration (members)	(online)
May 3rd	Community Yard Sale	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
May 5th	Lasers Registration (non-members)	(online)
May 10th	LSRC Open House	12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
May 13th	LSRC State of the Club Members Meeting	6:30 p.m.
May 16th	LSRC Trivia Night	7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
May 24th	Pool opens for members (weekends only)	12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
June 14th-28th	LSRC Silent Auction online bidding	(online)
June 15th	Pool opens for summer	12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
July 4th-6th	LSRC Silent Auction in-person bidding	noon-8:00 p.m.



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Questions? Concerns? Ideas?

Have a question, concern or idea about the Larkspur Neighborhood? Let us know so we can bring it up for consideration at our upcoming board meeting on April 10th! Our current agenda includes the following items:

- Revisiting sidewalk petition on Edwin Drive
- Landscaping at the entrances to the neighborhood
- Painting the brick columns on the Larkspur entry signs
- Creating and distributing membership mailers for 2025

Send your thoughts, ideas and/or questions [here!](#)