

LARKSPUR

- CIVIC LEAGUE -



July 2025



A Message from Civic League President Lindsay Johnson:



Hello neighbors,

Summer is here, and it's wonderful to see so many of you outside enjoying the warm weather! Your yards are looking fantastic, and it's a joy to see everyone out walking and spending time outdoors.

Mark your calendars!

Our **Civic League Picnic** is coming up on **Saturday, August 3rd from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.** at the pool. We'll be serving **hot dogs and hamburgers**, and it's the perfect opportunity to connect with neighbors and enjoy a relaxing summer evening together.

For those of you who participated in the 2nd Larkspur Civic League Yard Sale, we hope you sold some of your unwanted items and made some money! Many thanks to Wayne Mitnick and Jody Korman, who spent hours putting out fliers and YARD SALE signs. We believe the 30 signs around the neighborhood helped to point customers right to your house. It was so successful this year, with over 30 homes participating, that we plan on doing it again next year...so start getting your stuff together!

Finally as you're out and about this summer, please don't forget to let friends and neighbors know that they are always welcome to **join the Civic League — any time of the year!** New members can join at www.larkspurcivicleague.org. **Enjoy the summer!**

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Treasurer's Report

Spring has sprung and the flowers are in full bloom, here in Larkspur! For all of you who have paid your \$25.00 dues this year, thank you!! If not, please feel free to mail them in, bring them by, or pay by credit card online by clicking [here](#).

As of today, June 11th, we have \$11,658.67 in our checking account. We also have our CD that is now worth \$5,759.29.

Let's make this a great summer in Larkspur! Also, we look forward to seeing you all at the next Larkspur Civic League meeting.

Respectfully,

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Join Us!

Hello, Larkspur Neighbors!

We're excited to share an update on our membership and extend a big thank you to everyone who has already joined the Larkspur Civic League for the 2025 calendar year! With 750 homes in our neighborhood, we're proud to report that 128 households have already signed up—thank you for your support!

Your membership dues make a big difference, helping us organize events, enhance our neighborhood, and advocate for the interests of our community.

Misplaced your invoice? No problem! You can renew or join online anytime by visiting our website. Annual dues are just \$25 per household—a small investment in building a stronger, more connected Larkspur.

Why Join the Larkspur Civic League?

☀️ Support Our Community

Your dues fund neighborhood events, improvements, and community outreach programs.

📢 Stay Informed

Members receive updates on important local issues, events, and initiatives that impact our neighborhood.

💪 Make a Difference

Your support empowers the Civic League to represent our community's voice and advocate for positive change.

Thank you for being a valued part of the Larkspur Civic League! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and continuing to work together to make Larkspur an even better place to live.

Let's keep the momentum going!

Warm regards,
Eric Johnson
Membership Chair
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VBCCO: What's in It for Me?

A trusted, 65-year-old Voice for Neighborhoods

Since 1959 the **Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)** has championed the interests of established suburban neighborhoods like ours. It is an IRS-recognized educational nonprofit—not a political action group—whose single purpose is to **educate, inform, and empower civic leaders** so we can work smarter with City government.

“One voice” carries farther than 50 small ones

VBCCO membership pulls individual civic leagues and HOAs into a city-wide coalition—now more than **100 member organizations representing 300-plus neighborhoods**. When zoning, budgeting, or public-safety decisions come up, City Council hears a coordinated message instead of scattered pleas—and that leverage matters.

Direct access to decision-makers

Monthly membership meetings routinely draw planning staff, department heads, and—better yet—City Council members who **listen first and explain second**. You get answers in real time and build relationships that make future conversations faster and friendlier.

Free, practical training & resources

Need to reboot an aging neighborhood watch, decipher a rezoning notice, or apply for a traffic-calming grant? VBCCO's **Best Practices Series** breaks it all down in plain

English, with checklists, model bylaws, sample letters, and recorded mini-workshops you can share with your board.

Focused advocacy—no side agendas

The Council's positions stay tightly aligned with neighborhood quality of life: **compatible land use, transparent budgeting, safe streets, and attainable & affordable housing that fits the surrounding community**—nothing more, nothing less.

Leadership development & volunteer power

VBCCO committees—**Community Affairs, Events & Programs, Membership**, and more—give emerging leaders from our league hands-on practice in project management, public speaking, and coalition building—skills we bring right back home.

Early alerts you can trust

Because VBCCO monitors multiple City agendas, members receive heads-up emails on rezonings, budget hearings, capital-improvement plans, and ordinance changes **weeks before they hit general media**. That lead time is priceless when you need to rally neighbors or craft testimony.

What it costs (and what it saves)

Annual dues are **literally less than one postage stamp per household** in a typical league—but the payoff can be **thousands saved** in attorney fees, traffic studies, or emergency mailers when an unwelcome project surprises the neighborhood.

The bottom line

VBCCO converts local concerns into city-wide solutions, magnifies our influence, and equips each of us to be better stewards of Virginia Beach. For the price of a neighborhood yard-sale ad, we gain a 65-year-old advocacy network, direct lines to City Hall, and a toolbox full of practical know-how.

That's what's in it for you, for me, and for every neighbor who calls this community home.

Larkspur's representatives to VBCCO:

Mike Anderson (757) 585-5695 * Wayne Mitnick(757)651-8115



🍻 Dive Into Fun & Flavor! 🍻

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 24th** from **12–8 PM** and head over to Voodoo Brewing (300 Constitution Drive, Suite 109) for a day of good vibes, great brews, and giving back! 🍻🌊

10% of all proceeds during the event will go directly back to support Larkspur Civic League!

Whether you're poolside regulars or just love supporting local community spots, this is your chance to enjoy amazing drinks and eats while helping the club we all love.

- ✅ Just mention this ad or print this flyer to participate!
- ✅ Bring friends, bring family — everyone counts toward the cause!

🍻 See you at Voodoo Brewing on August 24th! 🍻
Let's make a splash for a great cause!

Larkspur Garden Club News

The members of the Larkspur Garden Club would like to thank all the Larkspur residents and guests that stopped by The Garden Club's annual plant/bake sale on May 10th making it a success for our club!

Arguably the most dazzling shrub is the hydrangea. The Larkspur neighborhood is fortunate to have so many beautiful hydrangeas planted throughout. There are several varieties, colors and sizes. Like the azaleas, when they are in bloom, the hydrangea adds so much beauty to Larkspur.

Hydrangeas can flourish in sun or shade, they are easy to cultivate, tolerate almost any type of soil, and produce abundant blooms. Huge bouquets of hydrangea flowers, which vary from mophead to lace cap types, show beauty from summer to fall. Varieties of hydrangea differ in size, flower shape, color, and bloom time. Make sure your hydrangea is planted in well-draining soil, water them regularly to keep them consistently moist, especially in the hot and dry weather. Fertilize them once in the spring.

If your hydrangeas aren't blooming, the culprit might be an early frost, lack of sun, or improper pruning. Of course, you want your hydrangeas to look their best and trimmed up, without dead growth and spent flowers. When you deadhead the old blooms, be sure to just clip them off and remove as little of the stem as possible. Another good reason to prune is to stimulate regrowth and increase flowering. You also want to keep an eye out for leaf spot disease—prune off infected leaves and destroy them.

Don't forget to put your cut hydrangeas in water immediately so that you can enjoy them for a long time.

Here's a tip: When trimming back stems, make your cuts just above a set of leaves with sharp, clean pruners. For best results, use rubbing alcohol, heat, bleach, or hydrogen peroxide to clean your pruners. Cleaning the pruners keeps your plants healthy. Never use baking soda to clean gardening tools; it can disrupt the soil.



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 are 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.

Recent Yard of the Month Winners!

April 2025: Millie Rogers, 532 Glen Eagle Drive

May 2025: Daniel and Sharon Cronin, 4633 Hoylake Drive

June 2025: Randy and Renee Jackson, 4633 Player Lane

Congratulations to all, and many thanks for making our neighborhood a place we can all be proud of!

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LSRC Silent Auction 2025!

Larkspur Swim and Racquet Club Silent Auction

As summer kicks off, we are excited to announce our fifth annual silent auction that will take place July 4th, 5th, and 6th in the clubhouse. It will be open to club members as well as to the public on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Saturday from noon until 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon until 3:00 p.m. Bidding will close at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

As in past years, the auction will feature an impressive array of items that appeal to a diverse range of tastes and interests. As many of you know, this is a fun and lucrative fundraising event that helps the club offset the costs of lifeguard salaries, unexpected repairs or maintenance costs, community events, and the upkeep of our premises. We look forward to seeing you at this event! If you have any last minute items to donate please contact one of your auction coordinators.

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The Larkspur Lasers

A big congratulations to our beloved Larkspur Lasers, who kicked off the 2025 summer swim season with a splash, handily defeating the Mallory Dolphinson Saturday, June 14th at their home meet. In addition to their awesome victory, the team also displayed fine sportsmanship, and enjoyed good, old fashioned camaraderie with their teammates, friends and family.

The final meet results meet were as follows: Larkspur Lasers 423, Mallory Dolphins 324

Keep up the great work, Lasers!

Want to find out more about the Larkspur Lasers? Check out their website [here!](#)



*The Larkspur
Civic League
2025*

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Save the Dates!

July 4th-6th	LSRC Bike Parade	10:30 a.m.
	LSRC Silent Auction in-person bidding	noon-6:00 p.m.
July 20th	Larkspur Lasers End of Season Banquet	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 3rd	Civic League Picnic	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Aug. 17th	LSRC Member Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Aug. 24th	Civic League Cashola Day Voodoo Brewing	12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 25th	VA Beach Schools start	
Sept. 18th	Civic League Meeting LSRC Clubhouse	



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