

BAYCLIFF BUGLE

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**HAPPY
SPRING!**

Dear Baycliff Friends and Neighbors,

As we move into 2009, we have chosen our 2008 Baycliff Volunteers of the Year. They are Robert Frazier and Claire Polley. These individuals will receive a VBCCO Community Service Award and they have been submitted for consideration for the VBCCO City-wide Volunteer of the Year Award. Additionally, we recognize Maddie Buis as our Baycliff Youth Volunteer of the Year. Maddie is Baycliff's nominee for the VBCCO City-wide Outstanding Youth Award. All will be honored at the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organization's Banquet on Saturday, March 14th at the Oceanfront Wyndham Hotel. We are very grateful for their service to our community.

I urge you to support Baycliff by paying your 2009 dues today! It is time to send in your annual dues to our Treasurer, Paul Rist (1999 East Road). Every family that pays their dues by April 3^d will be entered into a drawing for a great prize. The drawing will be held at the April 4th Baycliff Egg Hunt, but you don't have to be present to win. Jill Frazier (481-0088) and Meredith Hills (228-5887) need volunteers to help with the Baycliff Egg Hunt. Please give them a call and lend a hand with this wonderful spring tradition loved by all our children.

Anna Koufos-Slade has agreed to coordinate our annual Baycliff Yard sale. The Yard Sale is scheduled for May 2nd. Anna is asking for help at the entrance to hand out maps and fliers.

In my last letter, I reiterated the need for caution and vigilance in our neighborhood. Police reports in nearby communities reflect a continuing need for care. Recent events included vehicle break-ins

**CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING
 TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 7 PM
 Alanton Elementary School Cafeteria
 Two great mini-programs!**

- **Internet Child & Teen Safety
 Ms. M. Stevens
 Cox Communications**
- **Teen Speak Forum
 Baycliff Youth Share Their Views**



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to retrieve valuables including laptop computers, IPODS and cameras. Please be cognizant of your belongings and secure them.

It is difficult for me to realize that our Civic League year is nearing the end. I have been blessed with great board members and wonderful committee members. It is time to consider next year's board member and committee chair needs. Help is needed in leading the Baycliff Civic League Nominating Committee. The committee will be announced at the March Meeting, and I encourage you all to: **a.** consider serving on the board and/or **b.** to assist in identifying prospective officers. Our by-laws preclude folks from serving more than two consecutive years in the same office, and both the Corresponding Secretary and a Vice-President position will be open. I do not know now how many of our first year officers will be available for a second term. When the Nominating Committee learns that, I will get that out to you. Multiple candidates may run for the same office. I encourage all of you to consider Civic League Board membership activities.

I hope to see you at the March 17th Civic League Meeting. At the last two meetings, we have not had a quorum and as such, no league business could be acted on. Please come out, meet your neighbors, enjoy a great program, and allow your Civic League Board to work for you.

John Hogan, President
Baycliff Civic League

NEW 2009 - 2010 BAYCLIFF RESIDENT DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

If you're like many folks in Baycliff, you have been eagerly waiting for your new edition, as your old directory is showing wear from overuse, and you're eager to learn about your new neighbors.

The gathering and updating of resident information, the advertising sales campaign, and the advertising design and lay out process were huge tasks and a true collaborative effort by many civic minded volunteers! We appreciate the many, many hours of hard work given on our behalf, and we will all be grateful as we regularly refer to our handy directories over the next two years.

We sincerely thank the 2009 Baycliff Directory Committee who has made this edition possible.

Editor - Christine Westendorf (distribution of directory update form, data input, directory information and articles, and overall supervision),

Advertising Chairman - John Hogan (sales, advertising design, lay out and proofreading)

Advertising Accounts - Paul Rist

We thank **Rosalie Haight**, who updated the Community Services Directory; **Jan Wahl** and **Christine Westendorf**, who assisted with ad design; and **Bill Westendorf**, who updated the "Make Your Views Heard" section, proofread and provided computer trouble shooting and tech support.

In addition, we are extremely grateful to the following individuals for all their hard work and persistence in soliciting advertising: **John Hogan, Rosemary Hogan, Beth Johnston, Claire Polley, Paul Rist and Christine Westendorf.** We also appreciate the efforts of **Michael Reda**, 1544 Hidden Cove, and thank him for the superb job his business **Signature Printing** did in publishing our 2009 Baycliff Residents Directory. Lastly, **Sharon Haring**, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, oversaw the distribution of the directories and newsletters, counting out the correct number for each block captain's route and then taking them to all the block captains for delivery to their respective neighbors. **THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!**

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE REPORT

John Hogan, Advertising Chairman

The 2008 / 2009 advertising campaign has been a resounding success. Our budget is based upon an annual advertising income of \$3,500. Since the Directory Ad Campaign is on a two-year cycle, we needed to realize \$7,000 to carry us through 2010. With the economy on the ropes, we lost several of our loyal advertisers, but were fortunate to find willing replacements. As a result, we exceeded our goal by 14%. I would like to thank our very generous **Baycliff Resident Directory** and **Baycliff Bugle** advertisers.

I am particularly grateful to the committee members who gave so generously of their time and talents: **Christine Westendorf, Claire Polley, Paul Rist, Beth Johnston and Rosemary Hogan.**



MARCH FAMILY BINGO & ICE CREAM SOCIAL HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LOW RESPONSE

CIVIC LEAGUE OFFERS TWO FREE SCHOLARSHOPS FOR THE 2009 NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE!



The Neighborhood Institute: Leadership and Development Course is for you if...

- You have a desire to become involved in our community and want to learn how
- You want to improve our neighborhood and make our civic league more effective
- You want to develop more effective leadership skills
- You are interested in learning more about what Virginia Beach has to offer and how it works

The City of Virginia Beach Neighborhood Institute Leadership and Development course provides current and prospective community leaders with the tools and knowledge that will help them more effectively develop and lead neighborhood-based civic organizations. The goal is to strengthen citizen participation in the development of solutions to neighborhood problems and concerns. Attendees from many neighborhoods city-wide will be attending, allowing you the opportunity to interact and learn what other communities are doing.

Participants will be taught effective interpersonal and leadership skills.

- Community organizing
- Impacting change
- Conflict resolution
- Communication strategies

Participants will also learn more about our city government and how to access community resources.

- Safety and emergency preparedness programs
- City code enforcement
- Update on municipal laws and ordinances
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- City Council, Boards and Commissions
- City's budget and decision-making processes
- Virginia Beach economic development

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation invites you to get answers and tips on these issues and more by enrolling in the next session of its Neighborhood Institute Leadership and Development Course. Classes are held Thursday evenings for eleven weeks from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning April 2nd and concluding June 11th, with the exception of one Monday class held in City Council chambers and three Saturday tours. All Thursday night classes are held at the Advanced Technology Center located at 1800 College Crescent in Virginia Beach.

The Neighborhood Institute connects participants to city officials, community leaders and other citizens from different neighborhoods to gain skills in community leadership and strengthen citizen participation in the development of solutions to neighborhood problems and concerns. Citizens also gain an insight into how the city is run and what programs and services are available to them. Participants will meet and hear presentations by city leaders, tour the city and its neighborhoods, and participate in a simulated City Council session.

The Baycliff treasury is available for course fee reimbursement for up to two participants. This includes all course materials, tour transportation and lunches. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come basis, so if you would like to attend and represent Baycliff, please call President John Hogan immediately at 481-3581 or e-mail him at ntrudr@cox.net The application and registration fee for the Neighborhood Institute is due by March 20th so please do not delay in contacting John Hogan if you are interested. For more information, you may also contact the Department of Neighborhood Preservation at 385-8132 or visit www.VBgov.com/housing



TIME TO PAY YOUR 2009 CIVIC LEAGUE DUES!



The Civic League Membership Year is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Please send your check (\$50.00, payable to Baycliff Civic League) to Treasurer Paul Rist, 1999 East Road.

Your financial support keeps Baycliff a great place to live. Dues pay numerous community expenses, including the maintenance of the commonly held land at our front entry (grass mowing, plants, mulch, tree trimming, boat ramp clean up), the electric bill for our entry lighting and irrigation system, and liability insurance. Dues also underwrite repairs and renovations, special events, the newsletter and resident directory.

SPRING CLEAN UP OF BAYCLIFF FRONT ENTRY LANDSCAPING THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 9:30 a.m.



Report from Landscape Committee: Barbara Hancock and Jack Donahue

It's time to tidy our front entry after a cold and blustery winter! Soon it will be time to plant our flowers for the spring and summer seasons. Help is needed!

Branches and debris must be raked and picked up, shrubs need trimming and weeds need pulling. Working together, no more than an hour or two will be needed. Come join us, make new friends and help keep our community looking well groomed and lovely!

Please call **Barbara Hancock** at **481-2817** today and sign up to come. It is important that she know in advance that she has adequate man/woman power to get the job done. Please wear your gardening gloves and bring your gardening tools, such as rakes, trowels and pruning shears.

A second work date to plant our flowers and apply Preen to prevent weeds will be scheduled later in April. If you'd like to help plant our spring begonias or have questions, Barbara Hancock will be happy to provide you with further information.

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Tammy has treated us as customers and as friends. We couldn't be more pleased with the whole experience."

Thanks Tammy!!
Pete and Elaine Galanides

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BAYCLIFF EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th

4:00 PM at BAYCLIFF ENTRY

Raindate: Sunday, April 5th

ALL BAYCLIFF KIDS & GRANDKIDS

TODDLERS THROUGH 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED.

ALL CHILDREN MUST REGISTER AHEAD...

NO WALK-INS! You register your child by donating
24 CANDY FILLED PLASTIC EGGS per youngster.

EGGS MUST BE TAPED SHUT so candy will not spill out!

Please attach completed registration form below to your bag.

Drop your bagged eggs off Saturday, March 21st through
Wednesday, April 1st at Jill Frazier's home, 1500 Baycliff Lane.
Use **DROP BOX** on her front porch... please don't ring her bell.
Questions? Call Jill at 481-0088 or Meredith Hills at 228-5887.

2009 BAYCLIFF SPRING EGG HUNT REGISTRATION

Please fill out a form for EACH CHILD and attach it to the bag of 24 EGGS.

Make extra copies of this form, if needed. Please drop off your eggs **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST** at 1500 Baycliff Lane.

Child's Name _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parents/Grandparents Names: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Can you help set up, hide eggs, sign in kids as they arrive, apply tattoos or face paints, or assist with clean up?

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BAYCLIFF'S WEEKLY WEEDER PROGRAM

A small investment of time with **BIG RESULTS!**



This is the fifth year of Baycliff's very successful Weekly Weeder Program, which was originally suggested by former Baycliff resident Anne Howard. Here is how it works! Two weeding volunteers are needed each week for the months of May through October. Volunteers are only asked to work **1/2 hour any time during their chosen week.** You can come any day and whatever time you choose. This small commitment fits into the busiest schedule and allows you full flexibility and spontaneity in when you come to work.

This regular attention works wonderfully in keeping our entry weed-free for two reasons: the first is that the front entry is regularly weeded one hour each and every week, and the second is that the civic league also puts down a heavy application of preemergent weed control Preen early in the season to assist us in keeping weeds in check.

WE NEED YOU! This is such an easy way to make a real contribution to keeping Baycliff a beautiful place to live!! Janice Ray, Weekly Weeder Coordinator, is seeking volunteers who are willing to come weed the front entry for **1/2 hour on one day** sometime during the next six months. Two workers will be scheduled per week and weed at their convenience anytime they want. To participate, **please give Janice Ray a call at 481-7799 today.**

THANKS FOR WORKING WITH US TO KEEP BAYCLIFF BEAUTIFUL!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAYCLIFF EGG HUNT!

Get ready to dust off your baskets, the annual egg hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at 4:00 PM! Lots of fun and excitement is in store for your young ones. In order for this day to be successful though, we need your help! Teens, dads, moms - anyone interested in helping with set-up, sign in, filling treat bags, face painting, tattoos, handing out goodies, and everyone's favorite, clean up, please call **Jill Frazier at 481-0088** or **Meredith Hills at 228-5887**. Community service hours will be given to teen volunteers, upon request. Thank you!

JOIN US IN IMPROVING BAYCLIFF STREET SAFETY!

"Be part of the solution, not part of the problem."

- **DRIVE SLOWER.** Drive 25 mph or less to give yourself more time to react to the unexpected, such as children darting out from behind parked cars, pets or obstacles in the road, and pedestrians. Remain aware. Unless you make a conscious effort, you may easily drive faster than you should.
- Encourage children to play in the yard, not the streets, and supervise play. Teach traffic safety.
- Make sure others who use your vehicles also drive 25 m.p.h. Remind your kids and neighbors.
- Be aware that studies show that driving at a lower and more responsible speed on residential streets has very little effect on the time it takes to complete your journeys.
- Avoid using neighborhood streets as short cuts.
- **Observe ALL RULES OF THE ROAD.** Make full stops at Stop signs, be cautious at Yield signs, and don't take chances, even on short trips. It's true that most accidents occur close to home.
- Ride bikes on the right side of the road, and walk on the left, facing oncoming traffic.





RECENT BAYCLIFF TRAFFIC NEAR MISSES!

This winter, there have been increasing reports from Baycliff drivers of frightening encounters with children on bikes or skateboards, joggers and folks walking dogs. In many of these instances, the “near miss” incident happened at dusk or after dark, when visibility is greatly restricted.



A common thread has been that the driver did not see the biker or pedestrian until the last moment when their car was dangerously close. Drivers have noted that a surprising numbers of individuals on foot after dark are dressed in dark colored clothing with nothing reflective and that flashlights are not carried. This makes it especially difficult to spot walkers with dogs, joggers, and kids on bikes at the side of the road, especially at bends and turns.

Parents need to directly teach their children traffic safety. Nevertheless, always keep in mind that kids are not small adults and therefore cannot deal with traffic in the way that adults can. Youth on bikes are sometimes unaware of coming cars and unpredictably cross the street or suddenly swerve into driver’s paths. Bear in mind that children have difficulty judging a car’s speed and distance, and most think that a car can stop instantly. Children’s peripheral vision is narrower than an adult’s so they don’t see a car approaching from the right or left as quickly as an adult. Kids also think that if they can see the driver, the driver can see them. Since kids are also more impulsive in their actions, motorists should reduce speeds when driving through residential areas. Our Baycliff speed limit is 25 miles per hour.

All drivers want to avoid accidentally hitting another person or a beloved family pet. In light of this concern, here is some safety advice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

BICYCLE SAFETY

- **Avoid biking (and skateboarding) at night. Young children under age 10 should never bike at night.** For all ages, it is far more dangerous to bicycle at night than during the day, especially since most bikes are equipped for daylight use only. If you must ride at night, you should do the following: ride with permanently installed reflectors and add the brightest lights you can find to the front and rear of your bicycle. Wear clothes that make you more visible, such as white or florescent colors with reflective tape.
- **Go with the flow. The safe bike way is the RIGHT Way. Ride on the right side of the street in a straight, predictable path. Always go single file in the same direction as other vehicles.** Riding against traffic puts you where motorists don't expect you. They may not see you, and may pull across your path, or turn into you.
- **Learn the Rules of The Road. Obey traffic laws, and check for traffic.** Bicycles are considered vehicles. Bicyclists must obey the same rules as motorists. Always be aware of the traffic around you. Over 70 percent of car-bicycle crashes occur at driveways or other intersections. Before you enter any street or intersection, check for traffic. Always look left-right-left, and walk your bicycle into the street to begin your ride. Never wear headphones while riding as they impair your ability to hear traffic.
- **Never ride a bicycle without a helmet.** Bicycle helmets can reduce head injuries by 85%.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

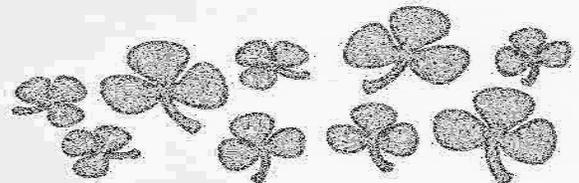
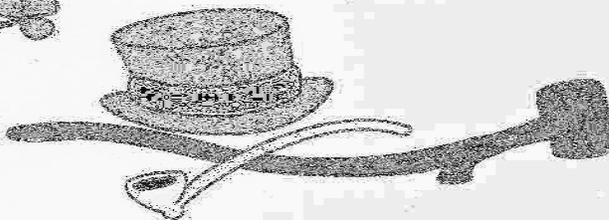
- **Be a responsible walker. Always walk on the far left side of the street, facing traffic.** This way, motorists can see you better and will not be approaching you from behind.
- **Take extra care at night and at dusk.** Walking at night increases your chances of death or injury. Drivers cannot avoid what they can't see. **When walking at night, wear retro-reflective outdoor clothing, shoes or lights to make yourself more visible.** Avoid wearing dark clothes, and if you do, consider wearing a vest or arm bands that have reflective properties.
- **Most importantly, don't assume that drivers can see you.** Make eye contact before moving in front of a car.

WIN A BROOKSTONE GIFT CARD!



We 're having a SPECIAL DRAWING to reward YOU for paying your Baycliff Civic League dues promptly. Every family that has paid their dues by April 3rd will be automatically entered to win a \$50.00 Brookstone Gift Card! We will draw the name of the lucky winner of at our Baycliff Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. You do not have to be present at the egg hunt to win.

SEND IN YOUR \$50.00 DUES TODAY AND YOU MAY BE THE LUCKY WINNER! Please send your check (payable to Baycliff Civic League) to Treasurer Paul Rist, 1999 East Road today. Thanks!



2009 Baycliff Civic League Dues

- _____ Enclosed is \$50.00 for Annual Civic League Membership
- _____ Enclosed is \$35.00 for my Boat Ramp Key (please pay \$50.00 due Before paying additional \$35.00 boat ramp key fee)
- _____ Enclosed is my DONATION toward: General Community Improvements Fund, Spring Entry Flower Planting or Family Egg Hunt (circle choice)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: The Civic League Membership Year is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Please make check payable to Baycliff Civic League.

Mail to Treasurer Paul Rist, 1999 East Road.

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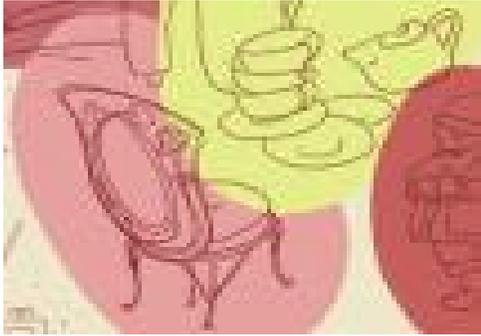
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BAYCLIFF COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, May 2, 2009

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE!

Our NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING YARD SALE is here! Clean out your attics, closets, and garages. Have some FUN and turn those unwanted treasures into cash. Our Community Yard Sale attracts many buyers, and the more homes that participate, the bigger the draw! So get your stuff ready to sell, and your Civic League will advertise and bring in the customers.

- The fee to participate is \$8.00. We'll use these funds for advertising expenses, and any money left over to purchase bedding flowers for the Baycliff front entry, benefiting us all.
- The week prior to the sale, the Civic League will run a BIG AD in The Virginian-Pilot advertising our COMMUNITY YARD SALE. We'll also distribute fliers and post large signs. Maps identifying the location of all YARD SALE HOMES will be handed out to shoppers as they enter Baycliff on the morning of April 26th. We will also provide you with colorful balloons to tie to your mailbox and help shoppers easily locate your home.
- DON'T DELAY! Please make checks payable to the BAYCLIFF CIVIC LEAGUE, attach it to the completed form below, and mail it to: Anna Koufos-Slade, 1536 Bay Point Drive.
- A charity truck will be scheduled to pick up yard-sale leftovers that Saturday afternoon. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR YARD SALE BALLOONS TIED ON YOUR MAILBOX to assist the driver in locating houses interested in having items picked up. Donations must be clearly visible and marked with a DONATION sign. *(Please keep in mind that some homes may be missed by the driver of the charity truck. We cannot control this, and you can always call the charity of your choice and arrange for your leftovers to be picked up.)*

**Shoppers, mark your calendar for May 2 and invite all your friends.
EVERYONE IS GOING TO FIND SOME GREAT BUYS!**

BAYCLIFF COMMUNITY YARD SALE, MAY 2, 2009

Please attach a check for \$8.00 (payable to Baycliff Civic League)

and return form To: Anna Koufos-Slade,
1536 Bay Point Drive. DEADLINE IS APRIL 19th.

Don't forget to list any special items that may attract shoppers to your sale!
We will include these in the Shoppers Map.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

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PLEASE HELP US PLAN AHEAD....
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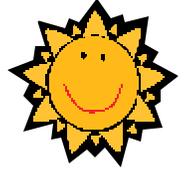
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JOIN THE POOL FOR SUMMER FUN!

Brian C. Baker, President - ABRC Board of Directors



Hello Friends and Neighbors! Thanks again for a great 2008 season at the ABRC Pool. Preparations have already begun for the 2009 season, and here is important information.

The Alanton-Baycliff Recreation Center is located at 1500 Stephens Road, across from Alanton Elementary School. The pool is open Memorial Day through Labor Day from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., and later on selected evenings. The ABRC offers a large pool for recreational water activities and lap swimming. Other amenities include a waterslide, bath house, separate fenced-in baby pool, covered pavilion, and nine hole putt putt golf course. The pavilion has picnic tables and a grill for family dining and parties, and there are many lounge chairs around the pool deck for sunning. Cold drinks, ice cream and food are sold at the well stocked snack bar. Certified life guards are on duty at all times, and children's swimming lessons are offered. Social events are offered for both adults and children, including parties and water volleyball.

Children, ages 6 and under through 18 years, may join the Alanton-Baycliff "Lightning Bolts" Swim Team, which competes in the prestigious Dolphin Division of the Virginia Beach Swim League. There is a separate sign up and fees for the swim team. No prior experience is necessary, but children are expected to have basic mastery of swimming. Experienced coaches demonstrate strokes, turns and other racing techniques during daily practices. Five swim meets will be held in June and July this year, followed by the Divisional and All-Star meets. The swim team season closes with an annual family awards banquet.

We invite you all to become a member and join the fun at the ABRC facility this year. If you are new to the area or are just interested in finding out more about ABRC, visit our website www.abrcpool.com for pictures of our facility, pool schedules, Mighty Bolts swim team information, job opportunities, and news and events for the season. Feel free to contact any of the Board members for a tour. Registration and payment for the 2009 pool membership and swim team season will be handled on-line again with the option to use a credit card for convenience. Follow the **Membership/Info** link on our homepage for fees and additional details.

All ABRC members are invited to attend our annual meeting.

Date/Time: March 9, 2009 7 p.m.

Location: Alanton Elementary School Cafeteria

Agenda: Approval of 2009 year Officers and Board of Directors
Review 2008 Financial Results and 2009 Forecast/Budget

The ABRC Pool needs your talents! We are actively looking for a couple of new members to join the Board this year. We also routinely use the skills, contacts and talents of our pool members and neighbors. Please e-mail me or any Board member (see **Board/Staff** link on www.abrcpool.com) if you are interested or have information or contacts that may help the ABRC pool.

Be sure to review the list of **important dates for 2009** below. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting as we prepare for another great summer!

Date	Event
March 9 7:00 p.m.	Annual Membership Meeting * Alanton Elementary School Cafeteria Approval of Officers and Board of Directors Review 2008 Financial Results and 2009 Forecast/Budget * 10% of membership must be present per bylaws
March 1	Pool Membership and Swim Team Registration Opens On-Line
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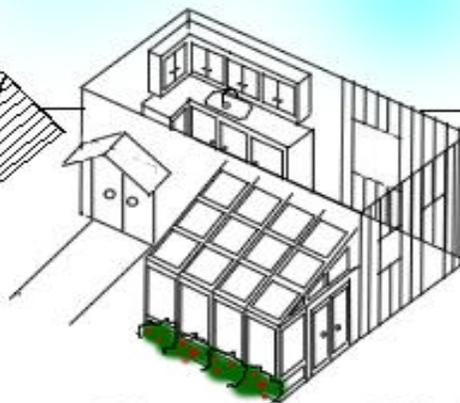
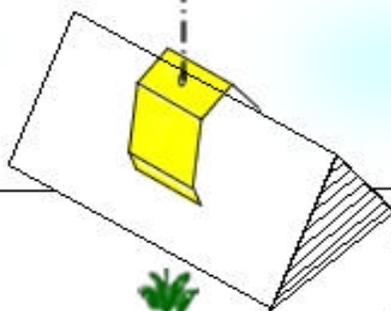
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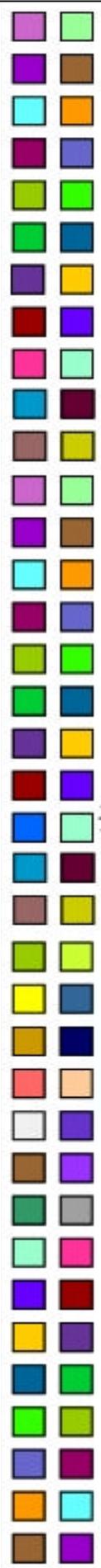
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BAYCLIFF READING CLUB UPDATE

Mary Daddio, Leader

The Baycliff Reading Club meets 7:00 p.m., the second Tuesday night of the month, usually at the Westendorf home, 2028 Sunset Point. We had a terrific year together in 2008, and now have read a total of 66 books together since our inception in 2003. Our upcoming reading schedule includes:

March: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

April: The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski (annual Outer Banks weekend)

May: The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

June: The Female Brain by Louann Brizendine (annual Broad Bay boat cruise)

For information about joining our club, please call **Mary Daddio** at **228-1175**.

TURNING PAGES BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Sharon Smith, Leader

On Thursday evening, February 19th, book club members enjoyed a dinner meeting at G.F. Keagan's restaurant at Hilltop, after which our members enjoyed a lively discussion of Louanne Brizendine's book **The Female Brain**.

For our March meeting, we are reading **The Reader** by Bernhard Schlink. At the current time, our date and meeting place for March have not been yet set.

New members are always welcome! Please contact **Sharon Smith** at **961-3579** if you would like more information about our club. Happy reading!



BAYCLIFF SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENTS

A contractor for the city of Virginia Beach Public Utilities will be replacing sanitary sewer lines and laterals in Baycliff, beginning the third week of February. It is estimated that this project will take about ninety days. Work will be done during daylight hours only and will not take place on weekends or holidays. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to households.

All work will take place in the City right-of-way. Some traffic delays may be experienced. If you can detour around the work, it will make the process go quicker and more smoothly.

The contractor will repair any damage to driveways or grass that take place during construction.

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Bruce Striffler	City Inspector	641-4398 (cell)	385-4175 (office)
Belinda Wilson	Project Manager	bbwilson@vbgov.com	385-4485 (office)



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!



Help us find Baycliff capable and dedicated leadership for 2009-2010! Please volunteer to be a member of the Nominating Committee. The slate of potential new officers will be presented in the May newsletter and voted upon at the May meeting. Please call John Hogan at 481-3581 if you would like to be on the Nominating Committee or are interested in an office.

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Program: "Herbs in the Garden" with Barbara Brawley

When: March 12, 2009

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Evelyn Kiebert's Home, 1616 Bay Point Drive
481-7924

Program: Gardens Tour of Norfolk Virginia Zoo

When: April 9, 2009

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: 3500 Grandby Street, Norfolk
441-2274 (Zoo)

Program: Flower Show, Luncheon & Officer Installation

When: May 7, 2009

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: Lily Kamp-Casto's Home, 1604 Cutty Sark Road
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BAYCLIFF STUDENTS WIN CHARACTER AWARDS!

The Virginia Beach Council of PTAs developed the Principles of American Citizenship S.T.A.R.S. Award to recognize students of high character. Teachers, school representatives or community leaders can nominate students who they feel best demonstrate the character trait designated each month by the Virginia Beach City School System. The character trait for November was "Respect," and "Kindness" was selected for December. We are proud to announce several recent Baycliff winners from Alanton Elementary School.

In November, second grader **Josh Beavers** and fourth grader **Hannah Hildenbrand** were honored for the character trait "**Respect.**" **Angie Giuffree**, a third grader, was honored for **Kindness**" in December. This is a great honor, and we congratulate these exceptional students!

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VIRGINIA BEACH COUNCIL OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Craig Gallagher, Baycliff's VBCCO Representative



The Baycliff Civic League has belonged to the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) for over a decade. This organization, which today represents 100 civic leagues and associations, was founded in 1959 as a means to unite civic leagues and ensure that the voice of member organizations was represented in local governance. The VBCCO has influenced city policy on diverse issues, including the Resort Advisory Commission, Public Voices on Redevelopment, Open Space Advisory Committee, Workforce Housing Taskforce, Clean the Bay Day, residential tax relief, public safety pay compression, and controlling the emergence of local gang activity.

The Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations presents topics of citywide interest at its monthly meetings. The meetings are held at the Virginia Beach Central Library at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. Upcoming meetings are: **March 11th - "Mortgage Crisis"** and **April 8th - "Legislative Assembly Update"**. You are welcome to attend these free informative programs. For more information about the VBCCO please visit: <http://vbcco.org>

Neighborhood Watch Information

Sharon Haring and Paula McGowan, Neighborhood Watch Coordinators



If you note any suspicious activity, call the police immediately! For a crime in progress or activities of concern, please call **911**. Your quick actions may save you or a neighbor from being victimized and also help apprehend the criminals.

If you discover you are a victim of crime, but an immediate response is not indicated, please call the police as soon as possible at **385-5000, Option #1**. This is the Virginia Beach Emergency Communication Center and you will speak to a dispatcher. It is very important that you file the brief crime report, as this allows the police to determine patterns of crime in our area, is the basis for additional patrol cars being sent out to prevent future incidents, and is a requirement for property loss insurance claims. Once you have spoken to the police, notify **Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Sharon Haring at 481-5508** so she can broadcast a Baycliffwatch message to alert residents throughout the neighborhood to take protective actions to prevent further incidents. You can also contact Sharon at SMHaring@aol.com



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10 Top Places Germs Lurk in Your Home

By Kathleen Doheny, Article reprinted from WebMD



With flu season here, we are all interested in avoiding getting sick. One way that the flu and other illnesses are transmitted is through touching surfaces contaminated by someone who is sick or getting ill. Below is an interesting article with many facts and new tips to help you prevent illness in your home. "These are 10 top spots where germs may lurk - some probably surprising even to Martha Stewart - and how to send the bugs packing."

- **Germs in Your Home: Kitchen Sponges**

A kitchen sponge can carry more than 134,000 bacteria per square inch, according to a 2007 survey funded by Reckitt Benckiser, the maker of Lysol, and performed by the Hygiene Council. Researchers swabbed 35 U.S. homes for bacteria in 32 different sites.

What makes a sponge so buggy? Using sponges for more than one purpose is common, and people tend to keep their sponges too long, allowing bacteria to multiply, says Kelly Bright, PhD, assistant research scientist at the University of Arizona. "It's a moist environment, and a sponge is a nice breeding ground."

Cross-contamination of sponges is common, Bright tells WebMD. You cut raw meat, wipe it up, then prepare another dish and wipe with the same sponge. On a typical sponge you're likely to find *Salmonella* (which can cause food-borne illness) and *Campylobacter*, which can cause diarrhea and abdominal pain, Bright says.

- **Remedy:** Replace your sponge once a week or so, Bright suggests. Or put it in the dishwasher regularly or soak it in bleach for 15 minutes. "The dirtier the sponge, the longer you have to soak it to be effective."

- **Germs in Your Home: Kitchen Sink**

Whether empty or full of dishes, the kitchen sink is a germ hot spot, says Bright. "People do a lot of food preparation there," and that food can lead to contamination, with kitchen drains having more than 500,000 bacteria per square inch, according to the Hygiene Council survey.

- **Remedy:** If you think the last bit of soap suds from washing dishes will take care of things, think again, says Philip Tierno, Jr., PhD, director of clinical microbiology and immunology at Tisch Hospital, New York University Medical Center, and associate professor of microbiology and pathology at NYU School of Medicine. "Soap doesn't kill bacteria," says Tierno, the U.S. representative for the Hygiene Council. His favorite cleaning solution: bleach and water. The FDA suggests kitchen sanitizers or a homemade solution of one teaspoon chlorine bleach in a quart of water, then letting it sit on the surface you're cleaning for 10 minutes.

- **Germs in Your Home: Faucet Handles**

- Both bathroom and kitchen faucet handles are germ-catchers. In the Hygiene Council survey, kitchen faucet handles carried more than 13,000 bacteria per square inch and bathroom faucet handles had more than 6,000 bugs per square inch.

- **Remedy:** "Use a disinfectant cleaner spray every time you clean up," suggests Charles Gerba, PhD, professor of soil, water and environmental science at the University of Arizona, who has researched microbes extensively. In the kitchen, that should be once a day, he says. In the bathroom, at least once a week.

- **Germs in Your Home: Home Offices**

Surprise: your home office is germier than the typical work office, says Gerba. In a recent study, he compared the average number of bacteria in work and home office to find the numbers of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), which can cause serious skin infections. In his sampling of 60 home offices and 91 work offices, five sites were tested in each. MRSA was isolated in 15 home offices but no work offices. And overall, more bacteria were found in home offices than work offices. Germiest spots in the home office were the keyboard, mouse, phone, and desktop. "Probably people eat more in the home office," Gerba says, partially explaining the larger bug population. "You turn your desk into a bacteria cafeteria."

- **Remedy:** "Use disinfectant at least once a week" on home office surfaces, suggests Gerba.

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10 Top Places Germs Lurk in Your Home (continued from page 23)



- **Germs in Your Home: Toilet Bowl**

Not surprisingly, the top germ winner in the Hygiene Council survey was the toilet bowl (but not the seat) with 3.2 million bacteria per square inch. Still, Gerba insists, kitchens are dirtier overall. "There are about 200 times more fecal bacteria on a cutting board," he says, "than on a toilet seat."

- **Remedy:** Toilet bowl germs form a biofilm, that slimy layer that develops when bacteria attach to a support such as the bowl, says Tierno. Tackle that film with your chlorine bleach and water solution.

- **Germs in Your Home: Bathtub**

Never mind that you think the bubble bath left you and your tub squeaky clean. Lurking near the drain of the bathtub is nearly 120,000 bacteria per square inch, according to Hygiene Council Survey calculations.

- **Remedy:** Give your bathtub a buff with bath cleaner or a chlorine-water cleaning solution mixed at home.

- **Germs in Your Home: Shower Curtain**

The crud or soap scum that collects on your shower curtain probably contains *Sphingomonas* and *Methylobacterium* bacteria, says Norman Pace, PhD, professor of molecular, cellular and developmental biology, University of Colorado, who collected biofilm from four vinyl shower curtains that had been in place more than six months in Boulder-area homes. They found an abundance of *Sphingomonas* and *Methylobacterium* bacteria, and both could pose a problem for people who are immune-compromised, such as those who are HIV positive, or who have other diseases that make them prone to infections.

- **Remedy:** Regular cleaning or replacement of the curtains is advised.

- **Germs in Your Home: Wet Laundry**

What are germs doing in your washing machine? Probably contaminating other clothes. A load of just-washed clothes may look sparkling clean, but guess again. Researchers at the University of Arizona found that intestinal viruses like hepatitis A are readily transferred from contaminated clothes to uncontaminated clothing during the washing.

- **Remedy:** Bleach and drying time. The use of bleach reduced the number of infectious viruses on swatches after washing and drying by nearly 100%, the researchers found. Putting clothes through the drying cycle helped reduce viruses, too, according to Bright, and a hot water wash is good. "If you use the dryer, put it on hot," she says, to kill remaining germs. And "separate adult clothes from kids' clothes."

- **Germs in Your Home: Vacuum Cleaner**

It's supposed to clean, but your vacuum cleaner is also a source of contamination, Gerba tells WebMD. "We looked at 30 vacuum brushes. Fifty percent contained coliform fecal bacteria and 13% E. coli," says Gerba. E. coli can cause diarrhea and other health problems. Coliform bacteria don't typically cause illness, but are often found in the presence of other disease-causing organisms. "Vacuums become meals on wheels" for the bugs, Gerba says.

- **Remedy:** "There's not much you can do about the brush," he says. "Vacuum the cleanest areas first and the dirtiest last," he suggests. That way, you'll be less likely to spread around as much bacteria. And if you use a bagless vacuum cleaner, wash your hands afterward, since bacteria can remain in the receptacle.

- **Germs in Your Home: Beds**

Mattresses and pillows provide food for dust mites, Tierno tells WebMD, and bedding can also be a reservoir for molds and spores. "In the mattress core there are all sorts of human secretions and excretions," he says. "Fecal matter as well as sweat and semen." What's the problem? "Bedroom debris is probably one of the biggest causes of allergic rhinitis," Tierno says. "Allergy from dust mites is also a problem."

- **Remedy:** Place an "impervious" outer cover over the mattresses and pillows, Tierno says, to keep the debris contained. Then wash bedding regularly in water hot enough to kill the bugs.

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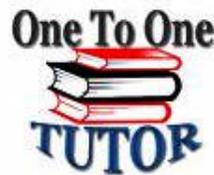
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Fall Festival	Marian Buis	1317 Baycliff Drive	962-5632
Holiday Luminaria	Debbie Stephens	1360 Baycliff Drive	481-3133
Adult Holiday Party	Marian & Chuck Buis	1317 Baycliff Drive	962-5632
Hospitality	Rosalie Haight	1605 Bay Point Drive	481-2559
Landscaping	Jack Donahue	1340 Baycliff Drive	481-4743
Landscaping	Barbara Hancock	1532 Seafarer Lane	481-2817
Neighborhood Watch	Sharon Haring	1561 Bay Point Drive	481-5508
Neighborhood Watch	Paula McGowan	1505 Baycliff Court	496-9977
Newsletter Editor	Christine Westendorf	2028 Sunset Point	481-5589
Santa Visit	Susannah Uroskie	2004 Seafarer Cove	233-9201
Santa Visit	Pam Gallagher	2009 Seafarer Cove	496-2500
Spring Egg Hunt	Jill Frazier	1500 Baycliff Lane	481-0088
Spring Egg Hunt	Meredith Hills	1372 Baycliff Drive	228-5887
VBCCO Representative	Craig Gallagher	2009 Seafarer Cove	496-2500
Webmaster	Bill Westendorf	2028 Sunset Point	481-5589
Yacht Club	Jim Cecelic	2005 Inland Cove	481-5465
Yacht Club	Weaver Wrenn	2001 Echo Cove	481-7638
Yacht Club	Chuck Buis	1317 Baycliff Drive	962-5632

WORK WITH US TO KEEP BAYCLIFF A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE!

Every person makes a difference. Our community is strong because individuals, like you, are willing to help with a event or participate on a committee. We are enriched by your new ideas, involvement and contributions. Please call any officer or chairperson and offer to help for an hour or two. If your personal schedule is too hectic to participate, please consider making a financial donation or placing an ad in the civic league news.

Bugle Briefs - Upcoming Meetings and Events

Participate, make friends and work with us
to make your community the best it can be!



2009 CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Tuesday, May 19, 2009



MARCH

- 12 Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club, Thursday, 9:30 AM
- 17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!
- 17 CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING, Tuesday, 7 PM
- 21 Egg Drop Off begins

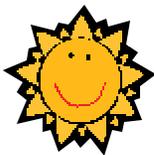


APRIL

- 1 FINAL DAY to drop off your candy eggs!
- 4 BAYCLIFF SPRING EGG HUNT, 4 PM
- 9 Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club, Thursday, 9:30 AM
- 10 School Staff Day - No Public School
- 13 -17 Public School Spring Holiday

MAY

- 2 Community Yard Sale, Saturday, 8 AM - 2 PM
- 7 Alanton-Baycliff Garden Club, Thursday,
11:30 AM
- 19 CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING, Tuesday, 7 PM
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY- Public Schools Closed



WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in serving as a Baycliff Civic League officer or chairman of a committee? Do you have a new idea or suggestion for our neighborhood? **WE NEED YOU!** Please e-mail John Hogan at ntrudr@cox.net or call 481- 3581. Residents who take an active interest in our community are why Baycliff is a great place to live!