

CHARLESTOWNE

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION:

Is to encourage residents to become more active and engaged citizens and good neighbors.

GET INVOLVED:

Join the CACL for only \$20 per year, per household!

[Click here](#) to join or mail a check to:
Charlestowne Area Civic League
Attn: Mary Lawrence
5313 Hogge Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Please make the payable to:
Charlestowne Area Civic League

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UPCOMING

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP JUST GOT DIRTIER AND WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP!

Identifying, educating, and restoring are the main objectives when it comes to local organization Lynnhaven River NOW (LRNow), and their vision of clean and healthy waterways in Virginia Beach. With over 12,000 members, LRNow is committed to ensuring that the progress they're making "now" benefits everyone for generations.

With Charlestowne's bi-annual clean-up just around the corner, there is no better time than now (pun intended) to enlist the help of the experts!

LRNow's assistant director, Helen Kuhns, has been working alongside CACL President Susan Downs to create an amazing course of action for the neighborhood clean-up. Helen has rallied around 100 volunteers who will focus solely on our retention ponds and canals, while our residential volunteers continue to concentrate on the more inland areas, like our medians and entrances. We need your help! Become a volunteer simply by showing up on **Saturday, April 13th, at 9 a.m.** Volunteers will meet at Charlestowne East Park (1760 Legare Ln.) and be given supplies and a specific area to focus on. No need to sign up or bring anything, other than your desire to lend a helping hand, although closed-toe shoes and long pants are strongly recommended. Kids are welcome to participate, with adult supervision.

For more information on LRNow and their community programs, you can visit them at www.lynnhavenrivernow.org.



MEMBER NEWS

CACL is now offering ad space

Take advantage of our new neighborhood newsletter

Advertising your local business, within your community, is now easier than ever! The civic league is currently offering three sizes to suit your local business needs:

- 1) One line mention: FREE and only available to CACL members. **Must be current on membership dues.*
- 2) 1/8 page ad (*business card size*): \$100 per year
- 3) 1/4 page ad: \$200 per year

Please reach out to Samantha for inquires, at snroaquin@gmail.com.

**Ads will be starting on page 3, beginning with the next issue.*

EDITORS NOTE

Tallwood high school's principal asks our neighborhood for a favor

Principal O'Meara reached out regarding foul balls that may occasionally go into the yards of the nearby homes that back up to their ball fields. Graciously, most residents collect the baseballs and then return them at the end of the year. However, with the need to replace any missing baseballs being almost immediate, he is hoping residents would be willing to throw them back into the field right away, rather than wait. Let's help the teams spirits, *and their budgets*, by sending those foul balls back over the fence!

Next meeting details:

The next civic league meeting will be held at Tallwood High School on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!



BLOOMING

It's not quite time to start your planting

But it is time to start your planning

The Charlestowne Garden Club is just a couple weeks shy of hosting their bi-annual plant sale. Coordinating perfectly around the last frost date, their members are ready to help you make the most out of your flower garden this year! The sale will take place next Friday, April 19th and last until Sunday, April 21st. Swing by and check out their vibrant selection. Keep in mind, your support to the garden club not only goes towards local projects within our neighborhood, but also in Centerville Elementary School, and their annual scholarship program.

The plant sale will be at:
1997 Livingston Oak Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

EVENTS

Make sure you have these dates ready on your calendar

April 13th -
Neighborhood Cleanup,
with LRNow

April 19th - Charlestowne
Garden Club Plant Sale
(runs through the 21st)

April 20th - Bake Sale

April 20th - Yard Sale

April 27th - Yard Sale

May 14th - General civic
league meeting, Tallwood
High School