

Bayberry Cove Newsletter

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Holiday Safety Precautions Homeowners Should Take by Qiana Solomon: Property Manager

"In the digital age, home safety is about more than just locking the doors and turning off the oven," says Matt Ivester author of lol.OMG!: What Every Student Needs to Know About Online Reputation Management, Digital Citizenship and Cyberbullying. "It's also, for example, being careful what you share online and with whom about where you are going and how long you will be gone.

Home Security - Safety Tips Protection 1, the nation's second largest electronic security company, suggests following holiday safety tips. Remove objects that may allow access into your home, such as ladders. Turn the volume down

or off on your home phone ringer so anyone outside can't hear it ringing. Have a friend or neighbor pick up any mail or deliveries that are sent to your house. Don't leave keys outside, even if they are hidden. Cut tree limbs back from second story windows. Use lights that are on a timer and set them to turn on at nightfall.

Cooking Safety Tips Opt for the new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer instead of the traditional fryer. Clean your ovens and cook top range vents to clear them of all grease. Never leave cooking unattended, it's the #1 contributor to cooking fires according to the NFPA. Never throw water or flour on a grease fire.

Never put frozen food in boiling oil, which can cause an explosion of grease.

Fire Safety Tips Buy a fire extinguisher and learn how to properly operate it. Change smoke detector batteries. Test smoke alarms to ensure they are operable. Make sure fire alarms are located on all levels of a house and outside of bedrooms. Limit the number of appliances used simultaneously. Never use frayed electric cords or run them through a doorway.

Be Safe This Holiday Season and Happy Holidays...

ARC Wishes You Happy Holidays

Living in a Covenant Community requires more planning, thoughtfulness and consideration because there is often a bylaw that dictates how architectural issues should be handled. The ARB would like to thank those of you who have

taken time to understand what specific changes can be made to the exterior of your homes and what changes are prohibited. If you plan on making architectural changes, please remember that you must submit an application for those

changes. The ARB tries to review each application in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Happy Holidays from your Architectural Review Committee!

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Special points of interest:

- Next HOA meeting is December 13, 2011
- Annual Homeowners Meeting is the 2nd Tuesday in January (the 10th)
- Homeowners will vote on an important issue(s) at Annual Meeting

Board President Reflects

Hello BBC! Fall is indeed here. I got to take a long motorcycle ride in the mountains of western VA and NC a couple of weeks ago, it was really nice. There were no cubicles, computers, or work phones. The foliage was really awesome and I hope to make time to do that every year. Also, with my new job, I have found that my time balancing needs some refinement. I hope I can figure a way to do that better, as my wife thinks I have moved out.

These past few weeks in BBC have seen some events that I think you all need to know about. The combination Halloween party and picnic went great. The kids loved it and there was much sugar consumed. Thanks to the social committee, all the parents, homeowners, and board members who helped. We could not have done it without you. Thank you, thank you. After the party was over we placed all the party favors, new tables, new grill, and other BBC stuff in the new shed that was ordered and “installed” at the park. This has really been a great thing. We can now store all the BBC stuff in the shed rather than in homes and garages. I for one had more signage equipment in my garage than my stuff... ;) Anyway, that’s done.

Over the past year, discussions were on and off the table during our meetings as to what to do with the complaints and occurrences at the basketball court. Kids/teens, mostly from out of the neighborhood were staying there past dark and there have even been instances where the neighborhood kids were kicked off their own court by the outsiders. There have been evidence of other activities, not conducive to

a family environment. The board discussed the pros and cons of different actions and really could not come to a consensus as to what would be the appropriate action. None of us wanted to be the park police and the none of us are able to watch the park all the time to call the police when we saw something going awry. We had also heard that most of the neighborhoods around us had removed their goals, some as far back as five years ago to stem their growing problems with outside basketball players. For most of us, we did not want to take the goals down. We all had hoops growing up and played b-ball all the time with friends, neighbors and other neighborhood friends. It was just a good time to be had by all. So, the decision of what to do got tabled at just about every meeting for months as we hemmed and hawed about what to with our b-ball court issues. Month after month, the same thing, we really could not come to a consensus as to what to do. Then, there was some news about some violence on a b-ball court and that really got us all scared. Were we seeing a trend of a growing beast in our neighborhood? Were we seeing events that would lead up to some violence at our court? None of the board wanted to see on the news where something bad happened on our courts and Bayberry cove be labeled as a violent neighborhood. Especially since there had been events before the potential violence. This would certainly create avoidance for any new homeowners and would really bring our property values down. So, we unanimously voted and reluctantly took down b-ball goal a few weeks ago. I was

really pretty upset at the decision. I knew there would be push-back and I knew we would face some hard questions. But, it had to be done. We met with a few homeowners who disagreed with the decision recently about the removal of the goal and I think our position was made clear.



However, that said, I do believe we could have handled it differently. I think we might have been better off bringing this decision to the neighborhood, even though I really think it was the right decision in the end. So, that said, we are going to make this an issue for vote at the next annual meeting as to whether or not to leave the goal down or not. I hope that will stem the push back and make everyone realize we could have handled this differently, but really had the good of the neighborhood in mind when we took it down. We honestly care what the homeowners think. This is a democracy and the system we have in place does work. Hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Thanks for your time and from “a board that works”.

Todd Breeding
BBC HOA Board President 2011

Helpful Hints

Avocado Longevity

Once an avocado is cut, it doesn’t stay fresh – or vibrantly green – for long. Try refrigerating it in a sealed container with some chopped onions. The onion works like a preservative, and thekitchen.com says avocados will stay fresh for several

days using this method. (*Readers Digest*)

Safer Kids

If you purchase a new bike for your child or if your child already owns a bike, place a picture inside the handle bar before placing the grips on. If the bike is stolen and later recovered, remove the grip and there is proof who owns the bike.

Crispy Reheated Pizza

Tired of reheating pizza in the microwave only to find it soggy? Try heating up your leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove. Just set the burner to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy

Oatmeal Cookie Mix In A Jar

Ingredients

6 cups rolled oats	1 ½ teaspoons salt
4 cups all-purpose flour	1 pound shortening
3 cups packed brown sugar	2 cups raisins
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon	1 ½ cups shredded coconut
2 teaspoons baking powder	1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 cup chopped pecans



Directions

1. In a large bowl combine oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt. With a pastry blender cut in shortening until crumbly. Stir in raisins, coconut, chocolate chips and pecans.
2. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 10 weeks.
3. Attach a tag that reads: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet, or line with parchment paper. Measure 4 cups of the mix into a large bowl. Whisk together 1 egg, 2 tablespoons milk and 2 teaspoons vanilla; stir into the mix. Roll into 1 1/2 inch balls and place on prepared baking sheet. Flatten with a fork dipped in sugar. Bake in preheated oven for 15 to 18 minutes, or until golden. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Fun for Everyone

What fun to see a Suffolk police cruiser and fire engine gently strolling down Rabey Farm Road with a small stream of Bayberry Cove children following close behind! This was the sight seen by many residents when we kicked off our annual Halloween event. At first it seemed that there was little interest, but shortly, more and more children and adults filtered to the park to enjoy the games, fun and food. There were lots of goodies for everyone. As usual, the cakewalk was a hit. Surprisingly though, one of the most exciting games involved teams of adults and children searching to find the buried

dismembered skeletons whose bones were scattered all over the playground, then putting the skeletons together again. Both teams displayed much energy and enjoyment as they challenged each other. The “Pumpkin Weight Guess” and “Candy Jar Guess” resulted in the same young child outguessing everyone. What luck! It seems that the decorations were a hit with many, according to their comments. The members of the Suffolk Police and Fire Departments expressed their pleasure for being invited to our community event and felt it was very well organized. They also stated that the residents of Bayberry Cove were fortunate to have such a hard-working Social Committee to put on events of this nature. “Impressed” is the word I heard them

speak often. It was an event to be enjoyed by all. But, if you missed it, Don’t worry. We’ll see you next year!



Bayberry Cove

Board Members

President - Todd Breeding

V. President - Jamie Rivoir

Treasurer - Scott Ramsay

Member-at-Large - Richard Curtis

Secretary - Laura Fleming



We're on the WEB

www.bayberrycove.org

Up and Coming Events

Suffolk

Downtown Suffolk Holiday

Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Time and route change; marching units, motorized units, floats, bands and of course Santa Claus

For more info call (757) 514-7267

The Nutcracker presented by Ballet Virginia International

December 3 and 4, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

A holiday classic and family tradition

Adults \$25, Children \$15

Call (757) 923-2900 for ticket info

Winter Wonderland at N. Suffolk Library

Monday, December 12, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Contest and Pajama Storytime included

Call (757) 514-7150 for more info

Virginia Beach

MacDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach

Now through January 1, 2012; Opens at dusk daily (cash only at gate)

Sunday – Thursday \$10 per car; Friday – Saturday

and Christmas Day \$15 or enjoy the Holiday Lights aboard an

elegant horse-drawn carriage (Jingle Bells included)

Call (757) 971-6200 for more info

Holiday Parade at the Beach

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Begins at 5:30 p.m.; travels North on Atlantic from 15th to 25th St.

For more info call (757) 425-9283

Chesapeake

Rotary Club Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Location and route to come

For more info call (757) 382-2489 or

visit CustomerContactCenter@cityofchesapeake.net

Norfolk

A Christmas Carol: Virginia State Company

December 2- 24 at the Wells Theatre

110 E. Tazwell St.

A whole new look for this holiday favorite, with updated costumes, a bright new set design and even more music!

For ticket info call (757) 627-1234 or

visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com/venue/8301?brand=vsc>.

Polar Express: Norfolk Botanical Garden

Now through December 22, 2011

Take a tram ride through the Garden of Lights Display

Tickets \$10; Reservations preferred (best bet)

6700 Azalea Garden Rd.

For more info call (757) 441-5830 or visit norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

Hampton

Cirque Du Soleil – Quidam

8 performances December 7 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., 2011 at Hampton Coliseum;

Seeking to fill the void of her existence, a young girl slides into an imaginary world – the world of Quidam - where she meets characters who encourage her to free her soul.

For ticket info visit www.cirquedusoleil.com

Candy Cane Lane

Peninsula's largest illuminated holiday parade (televised live)

Route goes from Eaton St. and Setters Landing to Darling Stadium

Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

For more info call (757) 727-8311 or visit www.hampton.gov/parks

Newport News

Star of Wonder: Christmas Star Holiday Planetarium Show

Now through December 31, 2011 at Virginia Living Museum

524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.

Experience the journey of the Magi from a new perspective - all around you!

For ticket info call (757) 959-1900 or [Click here to visit us online](#)

Celebration in Lights

Now through January 1, 2012; 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Newport News City Park, 13560 Jefferson Blvd.

Over 700,000 lights illuminate the beauty of Newport News Park's forests, fields, and ponds in this, Virginia's longest running drive-through light event. For more info call (757) 926-1400 or [Click here to visit us online](#)



Neighborhood Watch

BBC Homeowners!!!!!! □ □

Calling on all homeowners to volunteer in our Neighborhood Watch Committee. We are looking for homeowners to help make our kids, homes, and streets safe. Our Mission is simply "We Love BBC." I, Yolanda Boone, will be coming around to our neighborhood the second weekend of December looking for volunteers. I want this to be our community. We need to count on each other and every one to keep our community safe.



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