

# THE LARKSPUR NEWS

## **The Larkspur Garden Club**

### **Yard/garden work in the Fall will pay off in the Spring (contributed by Elizabeth Savage)**

The summer heat will soon be easing up and it will be a perfect time to head back out into the yard/garden, so grab your shovel and garden glove and get to work planting!

Fall is a great time to plant. Most trees and shrubs do best when planted in the fall. Planting trees, shrubs, and perennials in the fall gives the plants a chance to become well established in a dormant season before the stressful heat of the following summer. Planting in the fall is also easier on the gardener because the weather is more pleasant for outside activities. Lots of perennials look better in the fall after the heatwave is over. A lot of plants take on a whole new vigor. It can be a beautiful time of year!

Fall-blooming perennials to consider for your yard include mums, pansies, violas, black-eyed Susans, or certain sedums. Autumn is also the time to plant spring bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths which need the long period of cooler temperatures before they bloom in the spring.

As for your vegetable garden, beets, carrots, turnips, kale, cabbage, collard greens, spinach, lettuce, radishes, onions, and garlic all flourish in the cooler weather. These veggies tend to grow better in the fall when there is less heat as well as less of an insect problem. Wait until there is a week of 70 degrees or cooler before planting.

There is also a fair bit of clean-up work to accomplish in the fall, such as trimming back dead brush and flowers, clearing up debris left behind from the summer season, and prepping the yard for the upcoming winter season.

Preparing the garden/yard for winter should include removing any plant material that has become diseased over the summer; including leaves on the ground, to help prevent disease in the following year. Any plants that are especially prone to winter damage should be mulched.

When the leaves start to fall from the trees, don't bag them after you've raked them. Chop up your leaves with the lawn mower to mulch around your plants to keep down the winter weeds and conserve water. This also make great compost.

### **Bringing plants in for the winter**

Many houseplant owners move their plants outside in the summer so they can enjoy the sun and outdoor air. But as winter approaches they will need to be moved back inside.

One of the most common issues houseplants have when coming back indoors is bringing unwanted pests with them. Check your plants thoroughly for small insects like mealybugs and spider mites, and then remove them. These pests can hitchhike on the plants you bring in for the winter and infest all your other houseplants. You may even want to use the hose to wash off your houseplants and use insecticidal soap to help remove the bugs.

If the plant has grown over the summer, you may want to consider either pruning or repotting the houseplant. If you are pruning it back, don't prune back more than one-third of the plant.

The light and humidity changes from outside to inside and dramatically different. When acclimating your houseplant, start by moving the plant to an indoor porch/garage/or more shaded area. You can also move the plant indoors in the evening and then put it back outside in the morning for a week...gradually, over the course of one to two weeks, increase the amount of time the plant spend indoors until it is indoors full time

**LARKSPUR GARDEN CLUB**  
(Member of the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs)

We would like to invite you to join our community's garden club. It is open to all Larkspur residents (men and women). We meet at 9:45 AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at a member's home. We will have an evening meeting at 7:00 PM on 16 October to accommodate those who work during the day. We usually have a speaker to provide information on gardening matters at each meeting. We award the "Yard of the Month" to residents who show their commitment to improving and making their yard attractive. In December we give a daytime and nighttime award for decorations. We hold at least one fund raising event a year to fund the charities we support and to pay for the gift certificates awarded to the Yard of the Month winners. We would love to welcome you as a member. Just contact one of the members listed below and they will let you know when and where the next meeting will be held. Annual dues are \$20.00.

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Congratulations to the following Yard of the Month Winners:

August – 545 Rosalie Ct – David and Rosemary Brown  
September – 4713 Driver Ct – Bill and Tere Gustafson

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On March 14<sup>th</sup>, a general membership meeting was held to discuss the recent episodes of theft from cars and garages. With the implementation of more exterior lights at night, residents being diligent about locking their cars, not leaving garage doors open when unattended, and everyone just being more aware of their surroundings, we have seen the trouble slow to a halt. It is imperative that we all continue to stay on our toes – we want to keep Larkspur a safe neighborhood that we can all enjoy and be proud of!

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Larkspur Civic League General Membership Meeting - 19 Sep 2018 ... Mark your calendars now!!

The Larkspur Civic League holds General Membership Meetings three times a year. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 September 2018, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Kempsville Meadows Elementary School, 736 Edwin Drive.

In addition to civic league/neighborhood interest items, we usually host one to two guests at each meeting to speak on topics relevant to our neighborhood and the city.

A number of residents have expressed interest in exploring how to ask for a sidewalk on Edwin Drive to connect to the park, pool, and school. We are working on having a representative from Public Works on hand to address the criteria and the process that would have to be followed.

We are also working to line up an update on the plans for the Historic Kempsville District along Witchduck Road and Princess Ann Road for everyone's general interest.

Additionally, a representative from Rep Scott Taylor's campaign has asked to attend and make some short remarks. We have not received any other requests from candidates, but would accommodate them as well if contacted.

This should be an interesting set of topics. We hope you will plan to make it to this meeting. Come, and bring a neighbor. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, the Larkspur Civic League Points of Contact are: Mike Anderson -- League President at 757-585-5695, or Jody Korman -- League Treasurer at 757-467-1800."

**Larkspur Civic League Membership Application 2018**

**We want your participation in our community!**

**Address**

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**Names**

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**E-Mail**

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**Comments**

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Please join the Larkspur Civic League if you haven't already! The Larkspur Civic League continues to have a strong membership throughout our neighborhood. A strong membership allows us to send out newsletters, print the neighborhood directory, maintain and improve the Larkspur entrance signs at both Independence and Princess Anne Road, as well as having a yearly free picnic at the pool for everyone who wants to attend! Dues are only \$20.00 per calendar year for new and renewing members. Please send checks payable to the Larkspur Civic League to Mrs. Jody Korman, Treasurer, 704 Southleaf Drive, Va Beach VA 23462.

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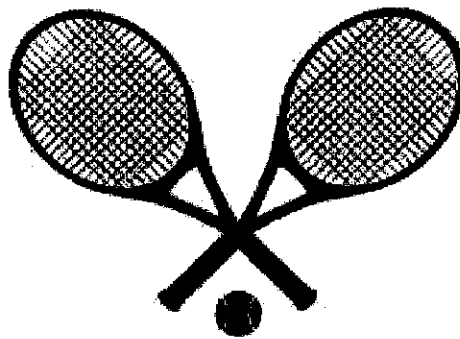
Larkspur Swim and Racquet Club would like to thank everyone who attended and participated at our annual Night Out. It is truly you that make these events possible and as successful as they are. We look forward to another successful season next year!



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**Prescription Cuts Lawn**

## TENNIS LESSONS



LSRC will be offering tennis lessons starting this Monday from 4:30 to 5:30. The lessons are scheduled to run through the Fall weather permitting. Parents can sign their children up for as many classes as they would like. Any lesson missed can be made up on another Monday. The cost is \$12 per session. You do not have to reside in Larkspur or be a member of LSRC to participate in the tennis program.

Please email our tennis rep. Kristine at [ksisson1127@gmail.com](mailto:ksisson1127@gmail.com) for additional information.

**WWW.LSRCVB.ORG**

## The Larkspur Community Mourns the Loss of Two Neighbors, Friends, and Patriots

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***Clyde Holmes brought joy and happiness to all lives he touched through his generosity, kindness, sense of humor, and selfless empathy and caring he always exhibited – through thick and thin.***

On 28 July, 2018, this world lost yet another member of “*The Greatest Generation*” – Mr. Clyde Holmes. In “*The Greatest Generation*,” Tom Brokaw argues that the World War II generation’s perseverance through difficult times is a testament to their extraordinary character. That certainly applies to Clyde. Along with his fellow countrymen, his remarkable actions, during times of war and peace, ultimately made the United States a better place in which to live.

Born and raised in a tumultuous era marked by war and economic depression, Clyde developed values of personal responsibility, duty, honor, family, and faith.

After being drafted into the Army at 18, just before completing his senior year in high school, Clyde was off to basic training and thence to the Pacific where he would spend countless days in a tin can at sea awaiting orders to commence the land invasion of Japan – a certain path to carnage far worse than that encountered on the beaches at Normandy.

As fate would have it, “The Bomb” was dropped on Hiroshima and then Nagasaki, and Clyde and hundreds of thousands of other young American Soldiers were spared.

Clyde would frequently holler over the fence to join him for lunch, and wherever we went, folks would light up when *Mr. Holmes* entered the establishment. During these lunchtime conversations, Clyde would sometimes share his historical accounts, and whenever we touched on his tin in Japan, it was all he could do to hold back tears – he had been on the train going across the Nagasaki aftermath, and to say it made a lasting impression, is a woeful understatement.

Following the War, Clyde married his longtime wife, Ruth, and had three sons which he absolutely adored. He retired from Noland Corporation and was a member of the Larkspur Community for over 30 years.

He loved his garden and would always tootle around town each day sharing what was always a bountiful harvest each spring and summer. After the harvest, he and his wife would spend countless hours “putting-up” succulent jars of sweet and dill pickles that they would share with friends, neighbors, and many local merchants around town.

He was always like that – giving without any notion of taking from anyone... and he was always there, be it physically or psychologically... and asked nothing in return.

Clyde, we know your up there, and from all of us trying to get through this life on earth, we love you and miss you, but more importantly, we thank you for being here for us in so many ways. Our lives have been forever enriched by your life. Condolences may be sent to [www.apexfuneral.net](http://www.apexfuneral.net).

***Contributed by: John and Frances Germanos, Next-door neighbors, Friends, and Beneficiaries of Clyde’s Unconditional Goodwill.***

### **Floyd Morris Gilbert, a long time Larkspur neighbor, displayed his pride for God and Country every day - with Flags -**

On 28 August, 2018, we lost another great friend and neighbor. Floyd enlisted in the Army in 1948 and retired as a Colonel almost 28 years later.

He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Gayleen, his son Steven Gilbert, and three sisters.

He served various commands and staff positions in Europe and Korea. His contributions to our neighborhood, church, city, and country are too numerous to mention here. He was active in the following groups: Retired Officers Association of Hampton Roads, National Retired Officers, Disabled American Veterans, National Sojourners, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Khedive Temple, Legion of Honor, Kempsville Masonic Lodge #196, Eastern Star #173, past National president of Presbyterian men, Moderator the Presbytery of the Synod Council of the Mid-Atlantic, Elder and Trustee at Providence Presbyterian Church, Board of Directors at Atlantic Fleet Credit Union and Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands, past president of Membership Senate Mid Atlantic and Virginia Retired Officers and Hampton Roads Veterans organization, Va. Beach mayor’s veterans committee and emceed the Memorial Day program. Floyd also volunteered at City hall and for Virginia Beach Meals on Wheels. He also provided transportation for cancer patients.

In 1997 he received the National Sojourners highest award, Legion of Honor. Condolences can be offered at [www.woodlawngroup.com](http://www.woodlawngroup.com).

We were very blessed to have both of these fine men in our community.

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