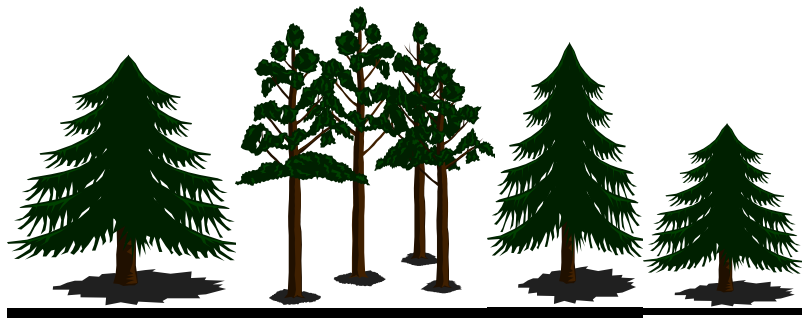


THE Woods OF Tabb



May 2020

From the Board

Fellow WOT Residents,

The “covid-19 pandemic” continues, but some State-wide restrictions were eased Friday 15 May. Please continue to practice common sense safety and stay safe. Check the York County web site for more specific guidance on openings and restrictions.

Consequently, the April Board meeting was cancelled. The May and foreseeable future meetings will be conducted on-line. Residents may attend. Contact our site manager Sarah Knaub at Victory Mgt. for log-on instructions.

Watch for neighborhood announcements on Next Door and at woodsoftabb.org.

Unfortunately, one of the other casualties of the restrictions was our neighborhood garage sale in May. We are hopeful that we will be able to hold one in September, date to be determined.

There have been “dog incidents” in the past and those have raised concerns that owners should keep dogs on leashes when out in the neighborhood. This is especially problematic in the park, playground, walking path and soccer field areas. Dogs off leash can get, and have gotten, into altercations with other dogs, and may scare or bite children or adults. We ask all owners to keep dogs on leashes outside their fenced yards. Thank you for helping keep all of us safe.

Speaking of dogs, we have a new “pet waste” station at the Chris Slade entrance to the park area. Please do the right thing and use the several stations throughout the WOT to ensure we leave no unsightly, free-ranging waste in our public areas or on neighbors’ lawns. Again, many thanks.

Please see the Manager’s Minute in this Newsletter for advice and hints on how we can all help to maintain our lakes. There is also a list of items or projects requiring ARC approval. Be proactive and get ARC approval or advice before starting a project. All fences are not equal.

As new residents move into the neighborhood this summer, please do not be afraid to introduce yourself and give them contact info for our Welcoming Committee (Bibi Laborte at Labvafaf@icloud.com). Bibi welcomes any volunteers to help her deliver the newcomer’s info packets. We still need several Block Captains who could help her deliver the packets.

There is always room for more volunteers on all our Committees. Committees require a commitment of only a few hours a year. Call or e-mail any Board member for more information or to volunteer.

We should not forget to keep the drains and drainage swales in our back yards clear as the first potential hurricane heralds the storms that can be expected now through the fall. Also, standing water only helps mosquitoes breed. And we have enough water already. Mosquitoes are coming!

The Board appreciates and applauds your efforts to maintain our safe, friendly, and healthy neighborhood.

Thank you,

Ron DeWitt,

President, WOTHA

The next Board meeting is at 7:00 on June 8th and is an on-line meeting.

Go to the website to find the governing documents, Architectural Review Request form, contact information for Board members/committee members/block captains, a convenient form to use to submit any questions you have about the neighborhood or the Association, and lots more!

Remember that the governing documents clearly define how we keep our neighborhood a place of pride for all of our residents. Please be cognizant of our do's and don'ts, especially when contemplating any changes to your property. Being familiar will help avoid potential issues and could even save you money if changes made to your property violate your agreed to covenants and must be redone.

DISCLOSURE PACKAGE INFORMATION

If you are selling your home, you are required by law to get a Resale Disclosure Package from the Association. To order, go to [HomeWiseDocs.com](https://www.HomeWiseDocs.com) and create an account. Then follow the instructions to place your order. If your agent is handling the Resale Disclosure Package request for you, please advise them to do the same.

More information is available on the Homeowner Info page of [WoodsOfTabb.org](https://www.WoodsOfTabb.org). If you have additional questions please contact Sarah Knaub, our Community Association Manager, at 757-593-0166 or send an email to Sarah at VictoryComMgt@gmail.com.



ARC REQUEST REMINDER

As the spring and summer home improvement season gets going, remember that before starting any exterior project on your property you probably need to obtain approval from the Association through the ARC approval process. The request form can be found easily on WoodsOfTabb.org and doesn't take long to fill out. Make sure you talk to all of your adjacent neighbors and get their signature before you turn in your form—they are signing that they are AWARE of your proposed project, not that they approve of it. *If you have a concern about a project that one of your neighbors has proposed and do not feel comfortable discussing it with them, please contact our Association Manager right away!*

Projects requiring ARC approval are:

- Sheds and other detached structures to be constructed on your lot
- Fences
- Decks, porches, sunrooms, room additions
- Solar panels
- Swimming pools and hottubs/spas
- Driveway, sidewalk and patio additions and extensions
- Dog houses/pens
- Any other structure or substantial change to the exterior of your home, your home's footprint, or your lot.

When in doubt, contact our Association Manager to discuss your project. Ms. Knaub is happy to discuss potential plans with you to make sure you are aware of relevant WOTHA guidelines and restrictions. All approval decisions are based on the Association's governing documents with emphasis on maintaining the aesthetic of the neighborhood and limiting visual impact and disturbance to neighbors.

Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT 1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can cause people to avoid or reject others even though they are not at risk for spreading the virus.

FACT 2

For most people, the immediate risk of becoming seriously ill from the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low.

Older adults and people of any age with underlying health conditions, such as diabetes, lung disease, or heart disease, are at greater risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

FACT 3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT 4

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

FACT 5

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.



MANAGER'S MINUTE —

Happy Spring, Woods of Tabb! I hope this finds you doing well. In this Manager's Minute I want to touch upon a couple of issues that are near and dear to everyone's heart—your lakes and mosquitoes!

As lawn-mowing season is in full swing it is important everyone do their part to help keep your lakes healthy. Chemicals and organic matter entering the lakes is a major cause of algae blooms. As the weather warms up, we want to keep the lakes looking nice and eliminate the need for expensive emergency chemical treatments of the water. Here are five ways each of you can help maintain the health of the lakes:

1. *Use no-phosphorus fertilizer on lawns and gardens.* Check the package for the formula of nitrate-phosphorus-potassium, such as 22-0-15. The middle number, representing phosphorus, should be 0.
2. *Keep grass clippings on your lawn.* When mowing the grass, avoid blowing grass clippings into the lake or street, where they wash into the storm sewers that drain to the lakes.
3. *Keep leaves and other organic matter out of the street.* Again, your streets drain to the storm sewers, which in turn drain to the lakes.
4. *Sweep up any grass clippings or fertilizer spills on driveways, sidewalks and streets.*
5. *Leave a wide strip of deep-rooted plants along your shoreline.* Instead of mowing all the way to your shoreline, plant wildflowers, ornamental grasses, or just let the grass grow. The plantings absorb and filter runoff that contains nutrients and soil, as well as provide habitat for wildlife.

Another problem that everyone can help prevent is mosquitoes. The best way to protect the community from mosquitoes is to prevent them from breeding, and you can do that by remembering to “tip and toss.” Mosquitoes only lay their eggs in water, and a bottle cap of water is all they need! After every rainfall it is important to tip out any standing water in flowerpots, children's toys, buckets, decorative items, etc. Clean out your gutters as these are an often-overlooked mosquito breeding ground. If there are items around your property that hold water but that are no longer needed, toss them out! York County's Department of Mosquito Control provides free yard inspections if you would like help identifying the mosquito breeding areas on your property. You can contact them at 757-890-3790.

If you have any questions about the lakes or anything else around the neighborhood, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Board!

Sarah Knaub

WoTHA Community Association Manager
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P.S. An update on Fisher Lake as of 5/15/20: the alligator weed is in full swing but has been treated, and it will be treated again by the lake maintenance contractor. The aerator compressors are out for repairs but will be reinstalled as soon as possible.



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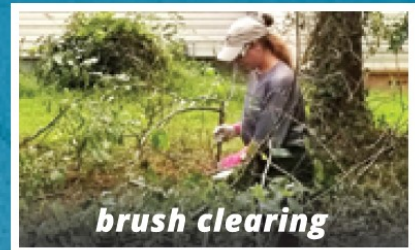
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Carpenter Bee



Bumble Bee

CARPENTER BEES

Carpenter bees get their common name from their habit of boring holes and channels into softwood to make nests for rearing their young. This habit can be particularly destructive to your home. Where you see one bee, there is likely to be many more...

What to look for...

Carpenter bees are similar in size and color to bumble bees. While bumble bees are black, yellow and fuzzy all over, the abdomens of carpenter bees are solid black and shiny. In case you do not notice the bees themselves, you may notice the damage which can look like this...



Carpenter bees enter the wood by making a nearly perfect hole approximately 1/2 inch in diameter. You will see round holes and coarse sawdust but not necessarily the channels. The above right picture is the damage once woodpeckers get involved and drill for the bee larvae.

Prevention is the key...

Your best defense is a good offense. Carpenter bees prefer to excavate untreated, unfinished wood. You can prevent carpenter bees from nesting in the first place by using hard, treated wood. The next best option is to regularly paint or varnish your home's exterior.

Treatment options...

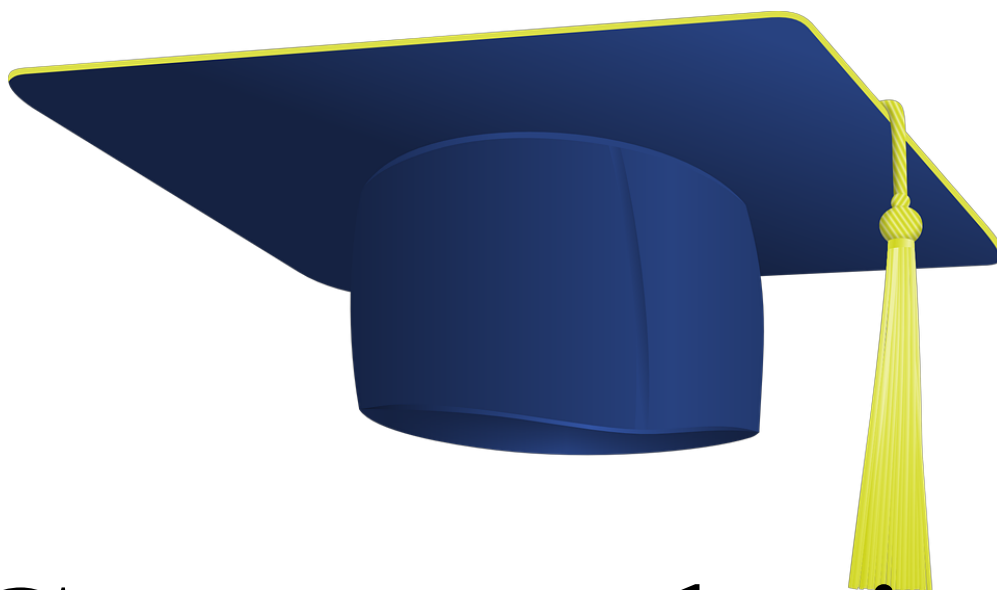
- 1) If an infestation has occurred, you will need to treat the wood with an [insecticide](#) dust or spray (especially the entrance holes) to eliminate the carpenter bees, then fill the holes and paint.
- 2) If you are looking for a more environmentally friendly way to eliminate the carpenter bees, you can make a [simple trap](#) or purchase one online. It is essentially a block of wood, a mason jar or plastic bottle, a couple screws, and a bracket to fasten it to your home. The design

of this trap uses 1/2 inch holes and angled "tunnels" that lead the bee to the light in (in this case) the mason jar where it is then unable to exit. The trap should be mounted to your house in areas close to the infestation. This will not attract bumble bees or honeybees. Simple step by step instructions can be found on:



<https://www.wikihow.com/Build-a-Carpenter-Bee-Trap>

Alternatively, there are many sites that can be used to purchase a trap. Simply search for "carpenter bee trap" in your search engine and browse for your desired price and style. Carpenter bees begin nesting in April/May, so plan to get your traps up before then.



Congratulations

To all of
Woods of Tabb's
2020 Graduates.

We wish you all the best!



Ask Angie:

How has COVID-19 impacted the housing market?

In the months going into the virus, we were experiencing an incredibly strong spring market. At Liz Moore & Associates we posted 78 sales, which was up 25% over last March. That's an important factor moving forward, as the foundation of the housing market is very strong and it is likely to be what will lead the country out of recession in the coming months.

As anticipated, market conditions began to deteriorate in April, and we saw a drop off in pending sales. This was undoubtedly due to buyers delaying plans until after the virus threats have eased or those who are finding themselves either furloughed or unemployed and, as a result, were not in a position to buy. However, as the stimulus money is absorbed into the economy putting people back to work and military moves are released, we expect to see buyers re-enter the market in waves between June and the end of the year.

New listings also slowed down in April which created even more pressure on our limited inventory market. Those sellers who are considering a move now (or in the near future) will definitely benefit from the pent-up demand. Even now, we are experiencing multiple offers on many properties below the \$300,000 in Hampton and Newport News and for York County and Poquoson that number is \$400,000 and price appreciation for sellers has continued to be strong this year.

What has changed in terms of showings, processing contracts and closings due to the Governor's stay at home order?

With all of our virtual platforms, we are able to limit in-person showings and keep our clients safe during this trying time. Fortunately, in today's digital world, we were able to pivot quickly as the virus situation developed. We are working remotely to get transactions from contract to closing while keeping our clients safe. Getting people closed and moved during a pandemic has turned out to be less challenging than we initially feared as we quickly introduced new technologies such as the ability to make earnest money deposits online and increased our use of digital signatures.

How are sales going in Woods of Tabb?

So far, there have been 7 homes on the market; 2 have sold and 2 more are under contract. The average time on the market for the two closed sales was 7 days. Also, both homes sold for full asking price. There are huge opportunities right now. Low inventory means competition and with high demand and price appreciation, the forecast is quite positive for those needing to sell.

Call me for a complimentary market analysis which offers a current assessment of how much your home has appreciated recently and what your equity position is. I can accomplish this virtually without the need to meet in person. Just give me a call!



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Emerald Ash Borer Cost-Share Program

Cost Assistance for Protecting Ash Trees

Forestry Topic 32

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February 2020

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is the most destructive forest insect ever to invade the United States, and has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in urban, rural and forested settings. This wood-boring beetle is particularly dangerous to our native ash species because it: reproduces in large quantities, matures quickly, disrupts the trees' uptake of water and nutrients, and spreads rapidly via human transport and natural dispersal.

The devastation is clearly visible in many counties across Virginia, but healthy ash are still present at the forefront of EAB invasion. After witnessing widespread ash mortality in the United States for more than a decade, a few things become clear: without intervention, Virginia's ash resource will face near extinction, and certain chemical treatments are effective when applied correctly.

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) is offering a reimbursement cost-share program in 2020 to support injection treatments of approved pesticides on genetically-, ecologically-, historically- or publicly-valuable ash. A single treatment is often costly for a landowner or organization, yet removal costs are often more expensive when considering the long-term value live trees can provide. The incentive covers **50 percent** of treatment costs charged by the Certified Pesticide Applicator, not to exceed \$7.50 per diameter breast height (DBH) inch or \$1,250 in cost-share payments per landowner or \$5,000 in cost-share payments per organization.



Program Details

- ◆ Ash (*Fraxinus*) species must be green, white, black, pumpkin, Carolina or blue ash.
- ◆ Tree(s) must be at least 12 inches diameter at breast height (DBH).
- ◆ Estimated percentage of live crown at the time of treatment must be at least 70 percent (no more than 30 percent canopy loss).
- ◆ A VDOF forester must assess the tree(s) prior to treatment to be considered for cost-share funds. Contact your local forester today.
- ◆ Only trunk injection treatment of emamectin benzoate products will be cost-shared.
- ◆ Open enrollment will take place April 1st through June 22nd, 2020.
- ◆ Cost-share payment will not exceed 50 percent of the bid/treatment quote submitted with the application prior to treatment.
- ◆ For organizations conducting treatments internally, the incentive payment covers 50 percent of direct project costs, such as supplies, chemicals and labor (not to exceed the volunteer rate, \$25.43/hour).
- ◆ All treatment applications approved for cost-share must be conducted during the appropriate time period of May 15th through July 31st by a Certified Pesticide Applicator in good standing with VDACS.
- ◆ All treatment applications must be conducted in accordance with the directions for use as they appear on the product label that has been approved by the EPA.



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How to Apply for the Emerald Ash Borer Cost-Share Program



Complete Application

- ◆ Fill in Sections 1-3
- ◆ Attach quote from a pesticide applicator/arborist
- ◆ Attach supporting information (e.g., Form 6.5 supplement, photos) (optional)



Qualifying Tree

- ◆ Has 70 percent live canopy
- ◆ Minimum 12 inches diameter breast height (DBH)

Qualifying Treatment

- ◆ Trunk injection
- ◆ Emamectin benzoate product



Helpful Resources

- ◆ VDOF Forester Contacts
- ◆ Find an Arborist
- ◆ EAB Cost-Share Application Form
- ◆ Is it an ash tree?



Questions

Contact
Meredith Bean,
Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator
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434-220-9034



Vehicle Parking

Just a reminder that per the WOTHA governing documents, no trailers, boats, campers or other mobile equipment except automobiles and small trucks may be parked on the streets or on front driveways in the neighborhood. Parking of these types of vehicles in any other location on lots requires ARC approval. Exceptions are made for no more than 48 hours at a time if you are actively loading/unloading, cleaning or repairing a recreational vehicle. Trailers are allowed to remain in a visible area on your lot while in active use for the purpose of home repairs, landscaping projects, or moving.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Knaub, WOTHA Community Association Manager, at VictoryComMgt@gmail.com or 757-593-0166.





Woods of Tabb New Residents

We know there are new residents in our neighborhood we haven't formally welcomed. If you are new to the Woods of Tabb or you didn't receive an official Welcome Packet with our neighborhood directory inside, please contact our Welcoming Committee Chairperson, Bibi Laborte (848-5225 or labvafaf@icloud.com). We have a great community and we want to share details about it with you as well as give you some points of contact in our neighborhood.



BIG **Announcement** **BIG**

With 90% of our Woods of Tabb households as members of NEXTDOOR, the Board voted as of May 2018 to publish the Woods of Tabb newsletter online. Residents will receive the newsletter via NEXTDOOR. The newsletter will also be available in paper, but only for those homes that notify the editor (ME) to tell me that they still want a paper copy delivered to their home. For a paper copy provide your name and address to me at:

dpine2222@gmail.com or you can call me at 766-7931. If I am not notified my assumption is that you will be getting the electronic version of the Woods of Tabb newsletter via NEXTDOOR. **Please be sure to remove yourself from NEXTDOOR when you move out of your home as it makes it easier for the new owner to sign on.** Editor



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Have Road Issues?

If residents have any issues with the roads in our subdivision, remember that our roads are the property of the Virginia Department of Transportation. Please use the VDOT website or call or write VDOT to make them aware of any issues in our Woods of Tabb neighborhood. Unfortunately, it is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease. The more that we make VDOT aware of problem areas, the closer we get to having VDOT address neighborhood issues.

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Art Classes: Private, small group art classes for adults and children ages 9 and up in my Woods of Tabb Home. Karen Woodward, former Tabb Middle School art teacher, certified K-12 in Virginia. Also now offering Painting Parties for Adults and older teens at your location or in my home. Call Karen for information: 757-865-4779 or call or text 757-810-0982. e-mail: Artladykaren8@gmail.com

Honey - raw/unfiltered for sale. Contact Ron Davis, 406 Willards Way; 757-865-7641

Tutoring: Private math and science tutoring for middle and elementary school students. Noah Simsic a ninth grader at Tabb High School, with a history of straight As and experience helping younger siblings and classmates.

See NextDoor version for contact details.

A PET [FRIENDLY] REMINDER

From the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Woods of Tabb, Article VI, Section 9:

"No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats or other similar household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose and do not constitute a nuisance to their neighbors."

Thank you!



Pet Sitting

See NextDoor version of the newsletter for names and contact details

Baby Sitting

See NextDoor version of the newsletter for names and contact details.

Lawn Care Services Available:

Attention potential volunteers:
The Welcoming Committee has two Block Captain Openings. Block Captains primarily welcome new residents to the neighborhood and provide a friendly first contact. It only takes a little bit of time. When a new resident moves in, WOT ensures we set a friendly tone. Please email Bibi Laborte (labvafaf@icloud.com) if you are interested in volunteering to be a Block Captain.