# Merifield Acres Landowner's Association

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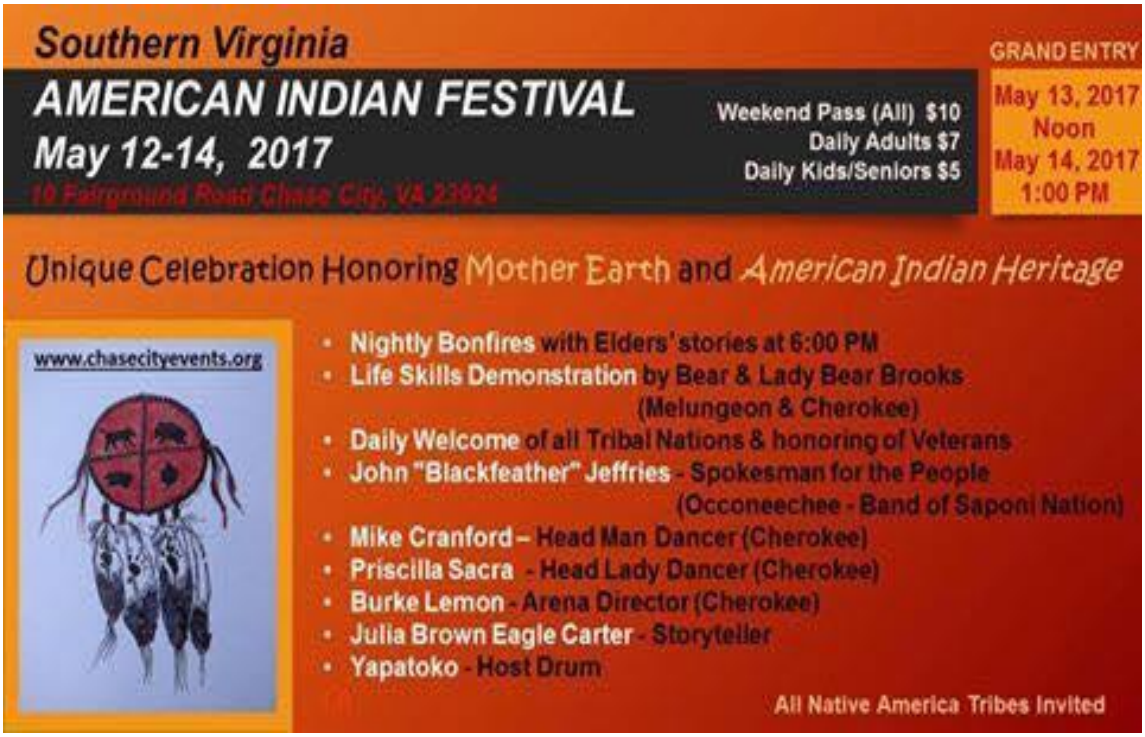
# Estate Sale – This Saturday!

Home of Chris Crouse
Saturday, May 13
Address: 173 Briarfield Rd. Merifield
For more info, contact Chris @ 804-704-3768 or chris@sovarealty.com

# More fun this weekend!

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*slwarren1962@gmail.com*

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# *New Event Coming to Clarksville:*

**Clarksville Community Players:**

**http://www.clarksvilleplayers.webs.com/**

**MALA WEBSITE:**

**http://merifieldacres.org/**

**Clarksville Lake Country Chamber of Commerce:**

**clarksvilleva.org**

**Town of Clarksville:**

**http://www.clarksvilleva.org/**

**Virginia's Lake Region:**

**http://www.virginiaslakeregion.com/**

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Close Encounters: 50th Anniversary of South Hill UFO Landing

Public · Hosted by Visit Mecklenburg County VA

Monday, June 12 at 8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Parker Park
1598 HALIFAX St, South Hill, Virginia 23970

**Mecklenburg County, VA – The Official Visitors Guide:**

**http://www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/visitmeckvaguide/mecklenburgcountryvisitorguide/2014071601/#0**

**Lake Map:**

*http://www.kerrlake.com/map/map.htm*

**Lake Country Regional Airport:**

**http://lakecountryregionalairport.org/**

Close Encounter: An encounter with a UFO or with extra-terrestrials

Visit Mecklenburg County VA has partnered with Chapel Hill Astronomical and Observational Society (CHAOS) and the Town of South Hill, VA to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the UFO Landing! It's been 50 years since we last made contact so it seems we are long overdue for a reunion!

Members from CHAOS will have their telescopes for the public to view celestial bodies and possibly extraterrestrial lifeforms! All are welcome to attend this FREE event being held in Parker Park.

Event starts at 8:30PM or after dark. If you have a telescope you are more than welcome to bring it and learn alongside real astrologoical observers. Please bring chairs or blankets and enjoy the beautiful Southern Virginia night sky!

***This event is weather-driven and we will announce a rain date if necessary***

Free Admission  Kid Friendly

**If you have Facebook, Check out the Visit Mecklenburg County Va page. Here is an interesting exchange of messages with details of the event:**

**Shane L.J. Ryan** What's there now at the location of the landing? Is the patch of burnt road, and the four holes in the tarmac, still visible?
Like · Reply · 1 · April 21 at 9:23pm

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**Cathy Townsend** It has since been paved over, regretfully. I'm unsure of the exact location, but it was not far from the current Post Office.
Like · Reply · 2 · April 21 at 10:23pm

**Cathy Townsend** I wish someone who knows the exact spot would go paint a white "X" on the road before the location is lost forever.
Like · Reply · April 21 at 11:04pm · Edited

**Cathy Townsend** Or, better yet, go set the road on fire at the original spot.
Like · Reply · April 21 at 11:11pm

**Shane L.J. Ryan** Are none of the original people involved still around?
Like · Reply · April 21 at 11:55pm

**Cathy Townsend** Many who were involved have passed away (such as Cliff Crowder, who reported the sighting, and Shine Tolbert, police chief at the time). There are many of us still around who visited the site in the days after the incident. But, the Ferrel street area has built up considerably in the last 50 years, and it's difficult to pinpoint where the original site was located now. There are a few people still around who should know. For example, Robert L. Harris, the photographer who took the pictures you always see, is still alive and well.
Like · Reply · 1 · April 22 at 9:23am · Edited

**Shane L.J. Ryan** Cathy, here's a map showing the location of the circle, provided to me today by Michael Huntington.

**Lake Country SPCA:**

**http://www.lakecountryspca.org/Home.html**

**Mecklenburg's Veteran's Memorial:**

**http://www.kerrlake.com/memorial/**

**Clarksville Government:**

*http://www.clarksvilleva.org/government/*

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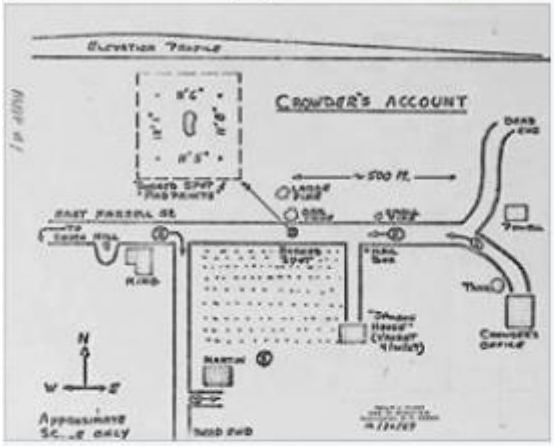


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**Shane L.J. Ryan** And here's a photo of the location also from Michael Huntington.

# SCAM ALERTS:

Here is some info on current scams going around:

**https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts**

## Clarksville Food Pantry Open House

**An Open House has been scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 3 PM at the Community Center. All members and public will be invited. The agenda will include discussion of administration of organization of the Food Pantry, reducing the interval of receiving foods and a tour of the renovated Food Pantry. Members and guests will be asked to bring canned goods to restock the Food Pantry.**

**LIVE WEBCAM FOR CLARKSVILLE:**

http://clarksvilleva.com/live-webcam/web-cams-large-view/

# Need your carpets cleaned?

A resident wants to go in with several others to get Zerorez from Raleigh. They want a 4-house minimum. Looking for a May date.
They normally offer a 3-room for $99-129 deal, but that figure normally goes up as you add rooms/hallways or special treatments such as stain protection. Please contact Norwin Fischer if interested. Email address is fishusna89@aol.com and cell phone number is (919) 602-3569.

# Recall on Garbage Disposals

**https://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Anaheim-and-Moen-Recall-Garbage-Disposals**

# Looking to BUY:

**Youth life vest for 50-90 pounds.**

**call Ken Catlett 374-2413**

# Jet Ski FOR SALE:

**2005 Yamaha Waverunner FX Cruiser. 4 Stroke.**
**Very low hours: 64.7**
**Great condition. Just serviced. Never had any issues. Only reason selling, my son joined the Army and he isn't here to ride it anymore. Fairly new battery. Comes with new jet ski cover, Triton aluminum trailer with spare tire and Hydroport 2 dock. $6000 for all - FIRM.**
**Call Cindy Meadows 434-265-6952**

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# Army Corps of Engineers Senior Pass:

**FYI from the website:**

**America the Beautiful Senior Pass is a $10 lifetime pass available to U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older.**

**Discount Passes:**

**The Corps now issues the America the Beautiful Interagency Senior Pass, Interagency Access Pass, Interagency Annual Pass, Interagency Military Pass, Interagency Every Kid in a Park 4th Grade Pass, and Interagency Volunteer Pass. These passes are available at the Corps of Engineers' Visitor Centers or Corps' gate houses and allow half off of camping fees and free day use entry.**

# April Board Meeting Minutes

**Merifield Acres Landowners' Association**
**April 11, 2017**
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

1. **Our Board meetings are not an open forum, and only Board business is to be discussed.**
2. **Any resident issues with other residents should not be discussed at Board meetings unless there is a specific covenant or by-law violation reported that needs to be discussed. Violators of this rule may be ruled out of order.**
3. **Repetitious complaints that have been previously addressed by the Board may be ruled out of order.**
4. **Personal attacks on other residents will be ruled out of order.**
5. **The proper procedure is to make a motion first, then open for discussion.**
6. **The only time motions can be made is during old business and new business.**
7. **In order to maintain control in our meetings, we need to cut down the cross talk and speaking out of turn.**

The meeting was called to Order at 7:20pm.

We owe thanks to the Hensley's for hosting our meetings, saving us travel time to and from town, as well as the expense of renting space**.**

**Attendees:**
**Board Members:** Butch Cheatham, Kent Galvin, Bud Divens, Rusty Bishop, F.J. Hale, John Stinson, Rick Baldwin, Phil Beck, Mike Compton, Kevin Hensley, Carolyn Ferguson, David Hammer. **Guests:** Jim Gordon, Andy Ferguson. Sambo Lewis, Mike Chandler, and Ken Catlett.

**Treasurer's Report: -** Chair Annie Hensley was not present. Butch read the report that showed there is $158,519.26 in the Carter's Bank checking account and $161,370.78 in the Merrill Edge Account. The latest P&L Statement was provided**.**

## Old Business

**Minutes**: A motion for approval of Minutes from the February 7 Board meeting was seconded and passed.

**Lien Procedure**: After receiving legal opinion(s) from MALA's lawyer that support our current lien procedure, the Board will continue using that procedure. It considers the matter closed, therefore no more discussion on that subject will be held in the Board meetings. The Board needs to spend its time focusing on other MALA business.

**USACE Easements:** There is good news. Butch received an email from Shannon Crews of the USACE indicating that, after they reviewed the deeds for the four locations where MALA roads cross USACE property, MALA does not need to have easements for those locations. MALA'S cost for those easements would have been substantial. Copies of the deeds for those locations have been given to the Board for recording in our permanent records.

## Committee Reports

**Appearance and Beautification -** Chair Chip Overton was not present. Residents continue to compliment Chip for the great job he is doing at the front entrance. Thanks again to all of our residents who help MALA by picking up litter and tree debris around their property. Fence repair at the entrance will be ongoing during the coming year. Residents who are interested in volunteering to help with the fence repair should please call Chip at 374-5867. The more volunteers we have, the faster the repair will go, and the quicker we can get back onto the lake.

**Architectural Committee Report -** Chair Kevin Hensley reported that there was one approval for a detached garage on Goat Island Court. He also addressed a complaint about a tent on a resident's property.

**Aviation** - Chair F.J. Hale reported that the debris from widening the airstrip will be cleaned up at a later date, TBD. Volunteers are welcome to help.

**Common Areas and Facilities -** Chair Alan Weyman was not present.

**Deer Control** - Chair Scott Diamond was not present.

**Roads and Maintenance:** Chair Mike Gupton (Kent Galvin is standing in for Mike). Mike Gupton is scheduling paving contractors to bid on 2017 MALA road repairs and resurfacing. A prioritized list of roads slated for repair and / or resurfacing will be provided to the Board via email.

Rick Baldwin has volunteered his help and his tractor to work with Kent and Mike Hite to move the traffic island at the intersection of Lakepoint and Merifield Drives over to improve the visibility of oncoming traffic for residents entering that intersection from Merifield Drive. It will be coordinated with the scheduling of the road paving to allow proper patching of that area. The Sheriff's department will continue to randomly patrol Merifield for dangerous drivers, especially at that intersection.

**Security –** Chair David Hammer has nothing to report.

**Welcoming / Email -** Chair Cindy Meadows was not present.

**Directory -** Chair Susan Warren was not present.

**Website -** Chair Susan Warren was not present. We thank Hal Norman for all of his work on our website. Hal was given the approval to proceed with switching our website over to a new hosting company, not to exceed $200. He suggested that we use Lunar Pages. MALA is fortunate to have Hal's support, with his years of experience managing websites.

## New Business

**MALA Issues**

March 13th: I received a text from Hal Norman regarding a Shentel truck driver speeding in excess of 50MPH in Merifield. The complaint, which included the license number for the truck, was forwarded to Shentel. One week later, Hal said he saw the same truck driving the speed limit in Merifield.

**Reporting speeding contractors to their employers, highlighting the liability that driver presents for the employer, is a viable option to help stop contractors from speeding in Merifield.**

April 1st : I received a call from Phil Beck that Hal Norman had brought him a copy of a lien against his property that had been filed on a previous owner. Our Treasurer will address this issue with Phil and work to resolve it.

April 2nd: I received an email from Hal Norman regarding a tent in front of a house on Lakepoint Drive. Kevin Hensley investigated and found that it was a tarp covering a motor home. No further action was required.

April 2nd : I received a copy of a 1991 deed from Sambo Lewis for two of his lots for which the deed excluded those lots from MALA assessments. The Lewis Family had been billed by MALA and assessments had been paid for those lots for years. In lieu of a reimbursement of those paid assessments, Mr. Lewis said that he will donate that money, approximately $3,000, to MALA. He only asks for a letter acknowledging that donation in return. That deed was forwarded to the Treasurer for action. MALA owes a huge thanks to Mr. Lewis for his generous contribution to MALA.

**Stepping Down:**

Butch announced that he is stepping down from the MALA Board, and that Vice President Chris Crouse will assume that responsibility:

MALA Residents:

I regret to say that due to recent health issues, I am stepping down from the MALA Board. I have enjoyed working with the MALA Board members, most of whom are now friends. They are some of the most generous, fair minded and professional people I have associated with. I certainly could not have made it through the last few years without their support. The Board has accomplished a lot for MALA during that time.

Communication is critical for a successful HOA. The MALA newsletter keeps you abreast of Board activity and it keeps the Board in touch with the needs of our residents. The positive feedback we have received from the MALA residents has reflected your appreciation and support for the current Board and for the MALA newsletter, recognizing the work that is done. I am confident that the Board will continue to do what is best for the MALA community.

We are a neighborhood of volunteers. Many of the people you see maintaining our common areas, or picking up trash along our roads, or helping clear downed trees and tree debris off our roads, are your neighbors who volunteer to help. Without our volunteers, much of the MALA funds needed for maintaining our roads would be spent to hire contractors to do the work that many of us are capable of doing. I hope that you will continue to volunteer your time to help with the projects that are needed to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. Most importantly, MALA needs your help identifying dangerous trees and dangerous drivers that are a threat to the safety of our residents.

I wish you all a happy, healthy year.

Respectfully,

Butch Cheatham
President, Merifield Acres Landowners' Association

Adjournment was at 8:30 pm.

# MALA Board Meetings

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming 2017 MALA Board Meetings scheduled the 2nd Tuesday of every EVEN month and held in the Hensley's garage: Left at tennis courts, 2nd drive on the right on Occoneechee.

All meetings start promptly at 7pm
June 13
August 8
Oct – picnic date TBD
December 12

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN CLARKSVILLE:

**Big Lake Flea Market** – May 13, 2017

**Memorial Day Observance** – 10:30 am Meck Co. Veterans Memorial Monument

**Lake Life Live Summer Series** – June 3, 5:00 pm-8:30 pm

**Rosemont Wine and Art Festival** – June 17, 10am – 5 pm. Rosemont Vineyards

**Lake Life Live Summer Series** – July 1,

**4th of July Parade** – 11 am.

**Lakefest** – July 20-22, 2017

**Lake Life Live Summer Series** – Aug 5

**Lake Life Live Summer Series** – Sept 3

**Harvest Days Festival** – October 7, 2017, Downtown Clarksville is alive with vendors, music, food, an auction.

**Trick or Treat the Streets of Clarksville** – Oct 31 5:30-7:00 pm

**Veterans Day Observance** – 11 am. Meck Co Veterans Memorial Monument

**Christmas Holiday Open House** – Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. 1-5 pm: Downtown merchants offer special holiday deals and treats.

**Christmas Parade** – Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. 6:30 pm.

# Virginia Lake Festival, July 22, 2017

**Voted by the Southeast Tourism Society in 2016 as "One of the Top 20 Festivals In The Southeast", LakeFest (as it is known locally) attracted nearly 80,000 visitors in 2015 to view hundreds of attractions including hot air balloons, arts and crafts, live entertainment including music and dancing, great local and ethnic food, and the traditional 'Gathering Of The Boats' and fireworks show!**

- Antique Auto Show
- 20+ Food Vendors!
- 5k Run
- Fireworks over the Lake
- Juried Arts & Crafts Show
- Children's Entertainment & Activities
- Helicopter Rides
- Sand Sculptors
- Live Bands on Stage

## Weekly/Monthly events:

**Friday Night Dance –** Clarksville Ruritan's Thrift Shop – Every Friday Night! 7pm. $5.00 admission.

**Clarksville Ruritan's Bingo** – EVERY Tuesday night 7pm – 9 pm at the center.

**Lake Country Cruisers Cruise In** – 1st Saturday of each month April – Oct. 4pm.

## Occoneechee State Park calendar

**Occoneechee State Park**
**1192 Occoneechee Park Rd., Clarksville, VA 23927**
**Phone: 434-374-2210 Email Address:**
**Occoneechee@dcr.virginia.gov**
**Web Site: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/occoneechee.shtml**

# Virginia Region 7 Calendar of Events:

**JUNE 3** Youth Event Munden Point (Free Fishing Weekend) Children's Hospital Foundation of Richmond Fundraiser, James (Osborne Landing) 11-16 BN Eastern Regional, Upper Chesapeake Bay (Maryland) 17 TBF Eastern Mid Atlantic Tournament, (West Virginia Host) 25 TBF Board of Directors Meeting (South Hill)

**JULY 12** Region 7 Presidents Meeting 7:00 (Glass Baron), pre-register Chick tournament, 1 check 15 Region 7 Tournament Chickahominy River, Riverfront Park Rt.5

**AUGUST 6** BN Board of Directors Meeting (Clarksville) 19 Region 7 Presidents Meeting, 7:00 (Glass Baron Office) *******Discuss Fall Classics******* 20 TBF Board of Directors Meeting (South Hill)

**SEPTEMBER 9-11** TBF National Semi-final Tournament hosted by West Virginia 30-1 BN Fall Classic, Kerr Lake, Occoneechee State Park (Clarksville)

**OCTOBER 3** Youth Event, Munden Point Park 4 Region 7 Open Team Tournament, Munden Point Park. (PENDING) 20-23 TBF Fall Classic, Chickahominy River, (Hosted By Region 8) 27-29 State Championship for State Team, TBA

**NOVEMBER 5** TBF Board of Directors Meeting (South Hill) 12 BN Board of Directors Meeting (Clarksville) 15 Region 7 Presidents Meeting, 7:00 (Glass Baron Office) ?? BN National Championship, Old Milwaukee

# Got any news to share?

## Send it to me and I'll include it in the next newsletter!