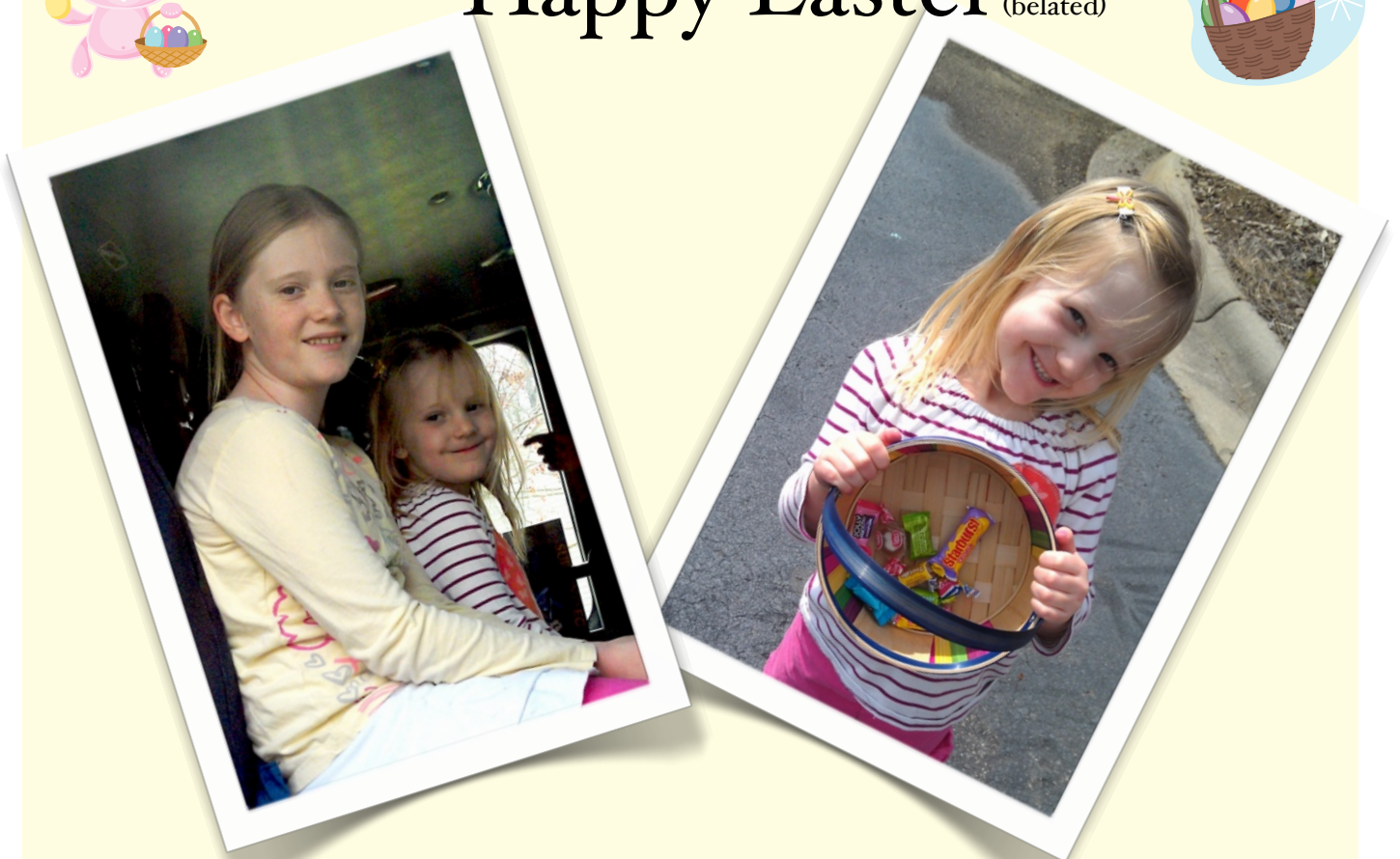


THE VILLAGER



Happy Easter (belated)



These are the Malcom sisters, Samantha (11) and Riley (4) at the Easter Egg Hunt.

A big Thank You to Jessica Moore and her team for a very successful Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt.

I borrowed her Bunny and Easter basket (above).

Be sure to check out the Swim Team flyer in this issue.

More about Easter than you ever wanted to know

I know that Easter was last month but St Patrick day came first so the Easter edition is a little late. And, Easter is often in April.

Have you ever wondered why certain holidays are always on a certain date, like Christmas and the 4th of July, some holidays are normally on a given date but are moved to Monday or Friday to give us a long weekend, Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday of November and Easter seems to float all over the place. I decided to do a little research on why Easter can vary by several weeks. I thought there would be an easy explanation. I was wrong. It is complicated.

To begin with, Easter is the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion. He was crucified after he celebrated a Passover meal with the disciples. Tradition also states that the resurrection was on Sunday.

So far it is easy. The early Christians celebrated the resurrection on the first Sunday after Passover. That makes sense. However, Passover is determined by the Jewish calendar which is based on astronomical events like the rotation of the earth (one day), the rotation of the moon around the earth (29.5 days--a month) and the rotation of the earth around the sun (365.25 days). The Jewish calendar will have 29 or 30 days in a month and 12 or 13 months in a year. Each month begins on a new moon. Passover will occur on a full moon. Are you seeing why the calculations may get complicated?

When Christians adopted the Julian calendar, around 325 AD, additional calculations had to be added to keep Easter about the same time of Passover.

This was fine until it was discovered that the Julian calendar was not very accurate and in the 1500s Pope Gregory, with his scientific team, came up with the Gregorian calendar that we use today. Thus a new set of calculations had to be put in place. To add a little to this complication, the Eastern Orthodox Christians still use the Julian calendar in calculating Easter and they normally celebrate Easter on a different date than do their Western counterparts. Also, in the 4th century AD, the Jewish calendar was updated.

This is a greatly simplified version of the calculations.

An easier answer is Easter is always (I think) on Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring.

The bottom line is this, if you want to know when Easter will be next year, look at the calendar. Let someone else worry about the calculations.

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HOA and Leacroft Committees

Message from the HOA President

By the time you read this, many of the below items will already be completed as it's been a busy few weeks for all and Len is publishing this month's newsletter a touch early. Thanks Len "0)

Front Entrance / Pine needles; Over the last couple of months, BOD member Beth Degrassi who also serves on the landscaping committee has been working with our landscaping contractor to develop a plan to "spruce up" our front entrance at Prosperity Church and Billingham. The two sides of the entrance as well as the island at that location will be rejuvenated with more colorful and different kinds of plant material that will beautify the areas as well as reduce overall long term maintenance costs by reducing the amount of money we spend on seasonal flowers that must be replaced every few months. I have seen the "plans" and although not the most visual person in the world, I do believe it will look great when complete. Thank you Beth and all others involved in this project.

In order to pay for the above entrance rejuvenation without materially affecting the overall 2013 operating budget the Board decided to stay with pine needles for this year rather than pine bark/wood mulch for the various common area "borders" as was originally planned for 2013. We anticipate converting all mulched areas to a wood based mulch in 2014 but felt this was a logical short term compromise in order to make the entrance improvement a long term success.

All of the hardware for the pool access control system has been installed and we are waiting on the punch list items as well as the software install to be completed during the week after April 6. As previously mentioned, a separate mailing to all owners will take place to distribute more detailed information and access fobs to all eligible homeowners. We anticipate the information and fobs to go out late April or very early May well in advance of Memorial Day weekend.

The pool parking lot is (or was) being completely repaved over the week of April 1 thru April 6. Access to the parking lot will be (or was) blocked until late in the day on Sunday April 7 at which time the "construction cones" will be removed to allow for vehicle access the morning of April 8, 2013. I hope that all will appreciate the much better appearance of the Lot as it will (or does) look much "fresher". After its completion and with normal and ordinary application of sealer every few years, we look to enjoy the new pavement for the next 15-18 years. This completes virtually all necessary capital improvement projects that began way back in 2008. Thank you to all past/current BOD members and other community volunteers who over that time planned and executed these necessary projects for the benefit of all of us.

For additional community information please visit www.leacroft.org, or register with our Facebook page "Villages of Leacroft", and if you enjoy the newsletter and want to share it with other neighbors who may not get it, have them sent an email to LeacroftVillager@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

Till next time stay safe,
Paul A. Greiner, CMCA, AMS
President - Leacroft HOA

Message from HOA Vice President

The entrance at the front is running a bit behind from what I had said in the last newsletter, but it's OK, at least by next month at this time I am sure we will not be too ashamed to come into our subdivision.

As you can see our parking lot is getting a new coat and should be finished soon, the pine needles should be finished this week and am hoping by this time next week we will be looking good.

I am asking each of you step up to the plate and the reason is ' I am going to need someone to finish a term for one of our members who is moving to another location in Charlotte'. When we get a board member set in we always hate to loose her or him. Please think about it and call me at 704-503-0887 or 704-763-4044.

Also if you see some one riding bikes or what ever on the new parking lot please ask them not to until the entrance is open. If you have any problem with them and I don't think you will please call me at the numbers above.

Thanks and have a wonderful summer.

Bob Matthews

Snakes

Did I get your attention?

I know that some of you have had some issues with snakes.

One of our neighbors has a recommendation for a snake removal service. See a new entry in the Leacroft List in this issue under Pest, Rodent and Snake services



Events Planning Team



Villages of Leacroft Swim Team wants residents ages 5 - 18 to be a part of an exciting fun filled summer of swim!

Email us now for a registration packet or with questions at www.leacroftswimteam@gmail.com.

The deadline for registration is May 24th.
All practices/home meets will be at our pool.

Last years team raised enough money to purchase new starting blocks which are being installed now, as well as stanchion posts for the backstroke flags. Our food vendor is returning to provide another summer of poolside treats that helps make every home meet a community event. Our schedule will be as follows:

Summer Swim Schedule

- *Registration Deadline: May 24, 2013
- *Practices while school is in session:

Tuesday	May 28, 2013	June 4, 2013
Thursday	May 30, 2013	June 6, 2013
- *After School is out, practices will be Monday thru Friday at 6pm
- *Meet Schedule

Tuesday	June 11, 2013at Wynfield Forest
Wednesday	June 19, 2013at Latta Springs
Tuesday	June 25, 2013at Leacroft
Monday	July 1, 2013at Leacroft
Monday	July 8, 2013at Leacroft
- Championship July 14, 2013at HFFA

Can't make every practice or meet? No problem, we want you to participate anyway and will work with your schedules. Please contact us if you're interested. We can't wait to hear from you!

Travel

For you that have been following my tale about our South Pacific and Hawaii cruise, the tale is about finished. On our next to the last day in Hawaii, we were in Maui, in the town of Lahaina. Again, this is another beautiful island. Once the capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom in the early nineteenth century, Lahaina was also a historic whaling village during the whaling boom of the mid-1800's. Up to 1,500 sailors from as many as 400 ships took leave in Lahaina including Herman Melville, who immortalized the era in his classic novel Moby Dick.

Today, Lahaina is on the National Register of Historic Places. You can still get a feel for old Lahaina as you stroll down lively Front Street and visit historic stops like the U.S. Seamen's Hospital, Hale Paaho (Lahaina Prison), the Pioneer Inn and other sites on the Lahaina Historic Trail.



One of the fun thing we did here was sailing on a yacht that was in the Americas Cup race a few years back. It was a lot of fun but you do get wet.

This is one strange tree. This Banyan tree is in a park near the harbor in Lahaina and is the largest Banyan tree in the US. It is a single tree that is over 100 years old. As the limbs grow horizontal to the ground, shoots from these limbs grow to the ground, root and become another section of the tree. It now covers a large city

block. I found a video on Youtube that shows the tree. Check it out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfe1AFhZQx8>

Next month we will finish the trip in Oahu and fly back to the mainland. I almost said fly back to the US. You do get the feeling that you are in a different country.

In fact, many tourist have asked travel agents if our money is good there, do we need a passport to go to Hawaii and will our cell phone work there without paying an extra fee? (The same people ask the same questions about Alaska.)

Leacroft People**The Peters Family**

Stan and Deb Peters met in high school and became high school sweethearts.

They married in 1974 right after Deb graduated college. This year they will celebrate their 39th anniversary. They followed their childhood dreams and Stan aside from being director of fixed operations at a prestigious car dealership in Princeton, NJ, he also became a race car driver. Deb working as a director at a large childcare center also in Princeton, NJ Became an integral part of Stan's race team.

After Deb's debilitating stroke in 1992 they decided that they wanted a more simple life. They moved to Charlotte in 1999 and became active members of the Villages of Leacroft community. You can usually see them after dinner walking their chocolate lab Mitzy, around the neighborhood picking up garbage.

Deb is a published author and recently finished her first full length novel." How I Slay the Dragon", the true story of her journey to find normality after her stroke. It can be purchased from www.lapublishing or directly from Deb.

GARDENING BY DEB PETERS

It's here!! It's here!! You made it! Winter is over and Spring is finally here. The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. Kids are riding bikes; even after dinner. Moms and Dads are relaxing on the patio and looking at their imaginary garden box. Oh you mean there isn't one there, Well in that case, it's time to build one. You already have all the materials; so let's get this puppy moving.

Since you bought all your materials and wood (and had it pre cut) all you will need is a hammer, a drill,

The corner joints, the stakes and 16 outdoor decking screws. Lay out the wood the way you want it.

Now

Putting together one corner at a time connect the two sides by placing the corner bracket on the top and side pieces of the wood. Drill the 4 holes and screw the decking screws in place. Repeat this on the other 3 sides

And Viola! You're finished. Now carry the box over to where you dug out the red clay and place it down. It's that easy Since the thickness of the wood is two inches thick we felt that it was strong enough on its own so, we didn't even use the stakes we purchased. If you want to return them to the store (22.50) you can, but we usually just hang on to them since we are always doing projects around the house and yard.

NEXT PART---FUN GETTING DIRTY

There are several ways for you to fill your garden box, and once again it's your preference. There are places that deliver; however, we usually pick up a truckload of compost from the recycle center. Those of you who know us also know that we usually have a pile of compost on the side of the house. Whatever you do; DO NOT fill it with that infamous N.C. red clay or you won't have anything grow. Instead; fill it about halfway with that rich compost you picked up. NOW is the time for you to dump in everything you've been saving over the winter, the coffee grounds, the eggshells, and whatever else you have in your compost pail.

(Remember no fat or meats; these will attract rodents) With a rake or a hoe mix it all in, The kids will probably love helping you with this part. Then cover the remaining space with more of the compost. Leave the soil loose, don't pack it down or it will have trouble "breathing" and letting the water run through.

Now take a step back and admire your handiwork. There are other ways you can take to get the same result. This is the way we did it. In this weeks Sam's Club Flyer there is a 5x5 garden bed kit for \$45.00 Dollars. Our total cost was \$82.50 minus the return of the garden stakes(20.55) which made it \$61.95. Approximately \$16.00 more but almost twice the size and you have the extra bonus of customizing it and also having the kids help you create it from start to finish.

Hmmmm....Now what to plant. Poll your family. What do they like to eat? Tomatoes are an easy starter, so are zucchini and peppers. I'll let you know next month what I planted. Until then...

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