

The Larkspur News

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Did you know?

Larkspur resident Preston Carraway on Bunker Drive is a driving force in the Tidewater Virginia United States Bowling Congress. We shined the Larkspur Spotlight on this passionate bowler to get to know him better.

Best part of living in Larkspur?

I have lived in Larkspur since 1989. I enjoy the peace and quiet of Larkspur. With the majestic trees and nice homes, this is a most pleasant neighborhood.

Year retired from your profession?

I retired from the Navy in 1974 and then retired from work with a defense contractor at NAS Oceana in 1994.

Your main activity now?

I am a volunteer with the Tidewater Virginia United States Bowling Congress. I have been working with them since 1976. This is the local governing body for the many bowling leagues in our area which covers Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Franklin.

How can someone join a bowling league?

Bowling is a team sport in which anyone can play. In order to get involved in a league, an individual can visit or call any of the 16 bowling centers in this area and talk to the management about getting into a league.

The fall/winter leagues start in September and bowl for 30 to 36 weeks on a specific night or day.

Spring/summer leagues start in May or June and run through August. Some leagues are organized for 12 to 18 weeks. Individuals are handicapped according to their skill level so you can compete with individuals in all skill levels. Bowling is an excellent sport that provides much needed exercise, especially for the older patrons.

Career Track?

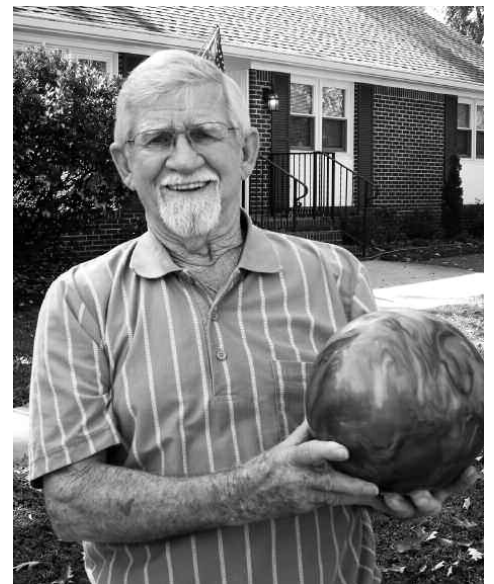
I am proud to have served in the Navy for 25 years before retiring. While serving, I traveled to many different places in the orient and in Europe. I was fortunate enough to take my family with me to Guam for almost two-and-a-half years. My five children really enjoyed the many opportunities they had while there.

Tell us about your family?

My children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have been a blessing to have close by since my wife passed away a year-and-a-half ago.

Positions you've held in the Larkspur Civic League?

Shortly after moving to Larkspur, I was elected to the Board as a trustee. While a trustee, I have served as the



Preston Carraway

membership chairman and secretary. This service has been very satisfying and I would recommend it to any resident.

Larkspur Directory Update

If the name on this newsletter is not yours, please call Maureen Humphreys at 495-1154 and she will update the Larkspur Directory. Maureen is finalizing the 2012 Larkspur Directory which will be handed out at our Jan. 25 Civic League Meeting.

Join your civic league for only \$20 per year;
contact David Rourk at 478-0150.

Larkspur Garden Club News

"A garden is a friend you can visit anytime." Author Unknown

Upcoming Garden Club Meetings

(Meetings are held 10 a.m. – noon the 3rd Tuesday each month)

Nov. 15 – Speaker - Alice Brown on "Backyard Composting"

Dec. 3 – Holiday Progressive Dinner

Jan. 17 – Floral Arranging Workshop by Joanna Euans

Feb. 21 – Speaker: Billi Parus on "Container Gardening"

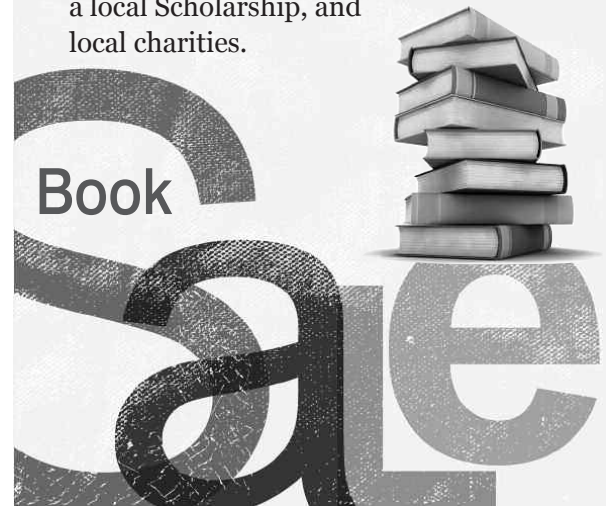
New Members Welcome

Besides learning about gardening, the Larkspur Garden Club is fun and a great way to meet your neighbors. Yearly dues are only \$15. Club functions include monthly meetings, gardening programs, potlucks, trips, annual book sale and garden tours.

For more details or to join, contact Katy Cashman at mikekatc@aol.com or 351-2091.

Annual Book Sale Update

We encourage Larkspur residents to donate gently used books to our annual book sale (May 2012). To do so, please contact Marie Bauckman at 499-5719 or Marie Booz at 497-1055. Proceeds from the book sale go towards our programs, a local Scholarship, and local charities.



Larkspur Student Spotlight

Larkspur Student Mia Germanos on Player Lane is a Kindergartner at Kempsville Meadows Elementary School. She was recently selected for the Cub Kindness Award. We shined the Larkspur Spotlight on this outstanding student.

What is a Cub Kindness award?

The class representatives are chosen from each grade level - they are kindness cubs.

How did you feel when you won it? Happy!

What's your favorite part of school? Doing crafts.

What other activities are you in? Soccer and tennis.

What do you do for fun?

Play Scooby Doo, read, play with friends, go to beach, parks, swimming, and movies.

Best part about our neighborhood?

Some of my best friends live here.



Mia Germanos

GOT A STORY IDEA – Contact David Rourk at david@rourkpr.com or by calling 478-0150.

Larkspur **crime** on the increase

By Maureen Humphries, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Larkspur is being targeted again by burglars. The MO (method of operation) used is:

- One man comes to the door and rings bell or knocks.
- If no one comes to door, a second try is done.

After several moments, another fellow comes up the drive and they go around to the side garage door and break in, or they break into the kitchen, or sun room in the back.

- Jewelry is the main item they are looking for, but memorabilia, and easy items to pawn are also taken.
- In one instance the owner was home and called police but she scared them when she went to the kitchen where they broke in. They ran before the police arrived.
- I myself halted a burglary when I opened the door and asked what they wanted, and they stammered and said they were looking for the Smith family, which doesn't exist on my entire street. They left and I didn't think much of it, until I received a message from Police Officer Leta Krieger, 4th Precinct Neighborhood Watch Program, who described the exact MO. There are two other cases where the owner came home while the burglars were in the house.

Another way burglars are stealing from Larkspur homes involves two men walking throughout the neighborhood, stopping frequently. One of our neighbors followed them and found that they were stopping at homes where the garage door was left up. When the police were called, the men said they were lost. **NOTHING WAS DONE.**

If your garage faces the street you are a potential victim. Keep the garage door down even if you are working in your front yard. One resident lost a generator when he moved from working in the front to working in the backyard.

There are many instances in which burglars knew exactly what to take and where to get them from the garage. Unfortunately, the residents did NOT have an inventory, pictures, etc.

To be on the safe side, other behaviors that you should deem as suspicious are:

- Cars parked on the street with individuals just sitting in the car. Report it to police.
- A boy carrying a skate board and not using it.
- High School "boys" with almost empty duffel bags

trying to sell you one of the few candy bars or box of crackers so "I can go to camp". They may be "casing the place." I questioned one who said he was from Lake Taylor H.S. (Norfolk). Others are bused from Portsmouth. None of them have peddler permits or any identification. If your neighbor is handicapped and uses a walker, offer to bring his or her mail to them so no one sees the walker. That is a sign that this might be an easy target for this burglar ring/gang.



More safety tips

If you have pictures, appraisals, or movies of your valuables, do not keep them in your house. Put them in the bank's safe deposit box or mail copies to yourself registered mail. When you get the envelope back, do not open it. It is sealed and dated proof for your insurance company and the police that you did indeed have a houseful of antiques, paintings, expensive jewelry, etc. Give the unopened envelope to a trusted person/relative in case your house burns down, or you are robbed.

There are several pages of suspicious activities and tips to safeguard your valuables in the Neighborhood Watch booklet. The last page has an inventory where you can list the serial numbers of electronic items and your tools.

We will be delivering the Neighborhood Watch booklets for the next two weeks and need volunteers. If you don't receive your booklet, you may pick one up at my house. Please call in advance to Maureen Humphreys 495-1154 or 748-8739.

Remember: WATCH OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES.

Call 911 if needed.

Local Hero: Master Firefighter Mark Hundley

This month, the Larkspur News would like to recognize Virginia Beach Master Firefighter Mark Hundley.

Mark joined the Virginia Beach Fire Department in 1998, and he is currently assigned to the Virginia Beach Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team as a Master Firefighter and a certified Hazardous Material Specialist. He is directly responsible for 30 other Hazardous Material Specialists. This position is usually reserved for a Fire Captain, but because of Mark's expertise in Hazardous Materials and his proven leadership skills, the Task Force Leaders felt comfortable promoting Mark to Component Leader.

In addition, Mark is a member of FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue Team, Virginia Task Force 2, and serves as the Hazardous Materials Component Leader.

Mark has responded to numerous national security events and natural disasters, including the 2002 Winter Olympics, Hurricanes Hugo, Floyd, George, Ivan, Wilma, Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike, as well as the Haiti earthquake. In Haiti he assisted with the rescue efforts of two young children trapped under a collapsed home and a UN worker who was entombed in a six-story collapsed hotel.

In 2008, Mark was part of a group of Firefighters who kayaked from Ft. Lauderdale to Virginia Beach, raising funds for the Shriner's Burn Hospital.


Mark has known his wife Lisa since he was 8 years old and they have been married for 21 years. They live in Virginia Beach with their four Rottweilers. Mark's father is a retired Battalion Chief for Virginia Beach and his brother is a Virginia Beach Police Officer.

The Virginia Beach Fire Department selected Mark Hundley as the 2010 Firefighter of the Year. Most firefighters feel this is one of the highest awards in the fire service because it represents the recognition and admiration of one's peers.

If you would like the Larkspur News to recognize a hero who serves Larkspur and Virginia Beach, please email the information to David Rourk at david@rourkpr.com







Master Firefighter Mark Hundley in Haiti.



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Other homes sold in Larkspur:

765 Southleaf Drive \$270,000 Bed:3 Bath:2
741 Pinebrook Drive \$272,200 Bed:4 Bath: 3
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By Drew Miller, President, Larkspur Swim & Racquet Club

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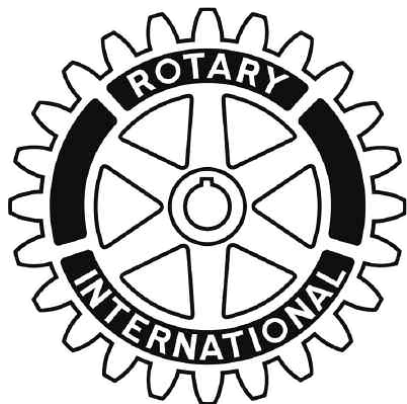


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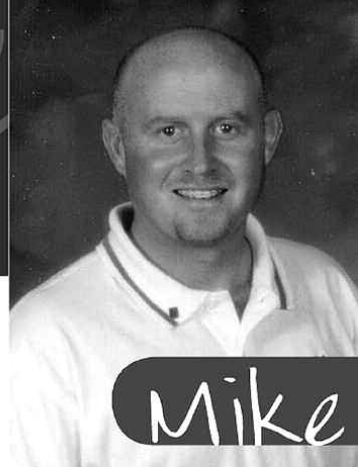
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Larkspur Business Spotlight

Larkspur resident **Pam Rogers of Leatherwood Drive** has been a realtor for more than 30 years and is known for finding that dream house or selling one quickly and profitably. We shined the Larkspur Business Spotlight on this professional to get to know her better.



Services Offered?

I have been a realtor in Virginia Beach for more than 30 years. My son, Mike, and daughter, Kim, round out my team – with more than 12 years experience each.

Tell us about your family?

We moved to Virginia Beach from San Diego (a military move) in 1974. My husband, at that time, flew in the first F-14 squadron. I moved to Larkspur 10 years ago with my wonderful soul mate, George Poffenberger, and we love it here.

Best part about living in Larkspur?

I love Larkspur due to its accessibility to everything. Plus, it's a nice, quiet neighborhood. Folks take good care of their

yards, which attracts many people to this well established community.

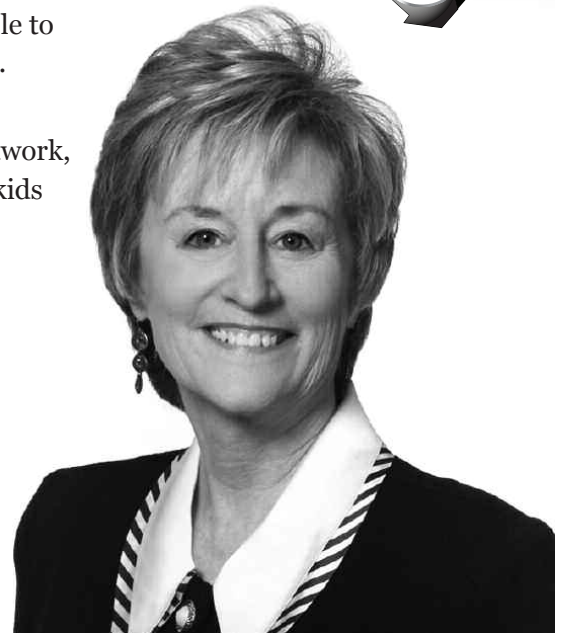
Community involvement?

I support Children's Miracle Network, St. Jude's and the SPCA. I love kids and animals!

Favorite hobbies?

When not selling homes, I enjoy spending time with my two grandsons, Matthew, age 5, and Sean, age 4. I also love to read and do crossword puzzles.

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