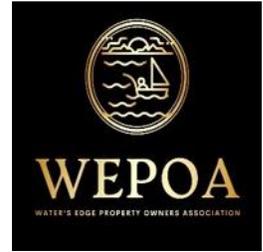


*Water's Edge Property Owners Association (WEPOA)  
March 30, 2021 Newsletter*



**Boat/PWC Trailer Parking Area Update:** Reminder: All Water's Edge property owners who have trailers in the boat/ PWC trailer parking area must identify them. Please use the plastic holders, forms, pencils, and ties you can now find in a plastic container near the entrance to the Western Virginia Water Authority easement (found in the middle of the lot – pictured left) to provide your contact information. The plastic holders, with your contact information inside, should be tied to the front of your trailer. Trailers not identified by July 15 will be assumed abandoned and shall be removed to make room for others.

**Driving/Pedestrian/Biking Safety on State Roads:**

In spite of state laws, there still seem to be safety issues between drivers of vehicles, pedestrians, and bikers – especially along Water's Edge Drive. Some of our readers have asked WEPOA to explore options to install pedestrian/bike paths along the road. Be advised, the WEPOA is not responsible for the ROW along Water's Edge Drive. That said WEPOA took the initiative to explore the following safety program sponsored by VDOT and is looking for volunteers from any of the 6 Associations in TWE to lead this effort. Please send volunteer contact information to [wepoacontact@gmail.com](mailto:wepoacontact@gmail.com) so we can publish it in the next newsletter.



*The Additional \$200 Speeding Fine Program provides for a county or town to request the installation of signs on certain residential streets maintained by VDOT indicating that an additional \$200 fine applies where a documented speeding problem exists, in accordance with VDOT's policy. Source: <https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/programs/is-VDOTCommunityPrograms.asp>*



Don't make us put up one of these signs!!!

**Safety Tips for Drivers, Pedestrians and Bikers.** All roads in TWE Sections 1-8 are state-owned (this does not necessarily apply to the other 5 Associations in TWE). Hence, Virginia state driving laws apply.

**Drivers:** Drivers of motor vehicles are ultimately responsible for yielding to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street. Be extra cautious when backing up—pedestrians can move into your path.

**Pedestrians and bicyclists:** Walkers walk against traffic and bicyclists ride with traffic. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road. Cross streets at intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots. You can view the complete list for drivers and pedestrians at this link: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety>

**Boating Safety & Education:** Source: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/boating/lifetime-boater-card/> All personal watercraft (PWC) operators age 14 and older and all operators (regardless of age) of motorboats with a 10 hp or greater engine need to take a boating safety course. Also, <https://dwr.virginia.gov/boating/wog/> has lots of information about speed laws, navigation rules, PWC regulations, towing another boat, capsizing, and environmental laws.



*Smith Mountain Lake Fire and Rescue volunteers trained recently for ladder deployment from the boats and for proper techniques in positioning, ascending and tool transfer using ropes.*

Any questions?

Any suggestions for newsletter topics?

Please write to us!  
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With Best Regards

The WEPOA BOD

Remember these boating safety tips:

- Wear your life jacket
- Carry all required safety gear
- Know your boat and its limitations
- Follow the boating "rules of the road"
- Be aware of weather and water conditions
- Boat sober and be considerate of other boaters

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