

Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour

Columbus Day Weekend: Friday – Sunday
October 5, 6, and 7



Beautiful Setting ♦ Beautiful Homes
♦ Beautiful Cause ♦

Pick Up Your Free Tour Guide

Tour Guides will be in the Wednesday, July 29th, issue of Laker Weekly. If you don't subscribe to the Roanoke Times, please pick one up at Kroger, Food Lion, Dairy Queen, Bridgewater Plaza, or any one of many other locations. They are FREE!

Join us and Get in on the Fun

We just had a dinner with the Home Owners, the Charities, and the Board of Directors of the Charity Home Tour (picture below). A wonderful time was had by all. It is so gratifying to see all these people working together to help others in need in our community.

Want to be a part of the excitement? Become involved! The first thing to do is join our social media community at www.facebook.com/smlcharityhometour. Like our page so that you become the first to hear about upcoming events. Then buy a ticket to the Tour. Go to SMLCharityHomeTour.com and click on Tickets. Then there are lots of opportunities to get involved.

You can become a volunteer to help in a home on Tour Weekend. Go to SMLCharityHomeTour.com and click on Volunteers. You can contact one of the charities directly, and volunteer for their organization. You can volunteer for the Charity Home Tour as an assistant to a Board member helping with tickets, supplies, the Tour Guide, this Newsletter, or a host of other activities.

Contact us using any of the means listed below and we will be sure to help you find a place where you can be involved, meet new people, and help local charitable organizations.



2018 Charities

- Adult Care Center of Central Virginia
- Agape Center
- Bedford Pregnancy Center
- Children's Assistive Technology Service
- Disability Rights and Resource Center
- Franklin County Family YMCA
- Henry Fork Service Center
- SML Good Neighbors
- Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue (Alternate)

Diamond Sponsors



Highlighting the Home of Christine & David Metzger



Lake Side View

The Metzger home is in Idlewood Shores, above the bridge. It is a 7,500 square foot home reflecting European country style with asymmetrical gables, arched windows, pillars, and quoins. The great room is open to the foyer and kitchen and has a unique limestone fireplace. Beautiful Southeast Asian rosewood floors extend throughout the main level. The lake level has two guest suites, a kitchenette, and a game room with a trophy wall honoring their son, a former professional baseball player. A huge outdoor patio has abundant seating and an outdoor fireplace.

Highlighting the Disability Rights and Resource Center (DRRC)

DRRC provides advocacy assistance, peer counseling, support groups, workshops, independent living skills training, and middle to high school to post graduation transition services for individuals with disabilities. They also provide information for assistive devices, accessibility, and legislation along with referrals to local service providers to become or remain independent in the community. Their goal is to help any individual with any disability achieve and maintain a life of independence.

Jim Abbott, a former Major League Baseball Star once said, "It's not the disability that defines you; it's how you deal with the challenges the disability presents you with. We have an obligation to the abilities we DO have, not the disability."



DRRC

DISABILITY RIGHTS & RESOURCE CENTER



WebSite: <http://drrcva.org/>



Our Secretary and Supply Coordinator – Vickie Larrington



I am a “local”, born and raised in Roanoke, Virginia. My aunt and uncle, Nancy & Ben Henderson, bought property at Smith Mountain Lake in the late 1960’s, so I have been coming to the lake almost since the lake was created. When I moved to the Boston area in 1977, I never would have guessed that one day I would be living here. Our family returned to Roanoke in 1996, purchased our lake home in 1999 (one mile from the Henderson place), and became full time residents after we retired in 2016.

A few years after I returned to Roanoke, Aunt Nancy was Ticket Chair for the SML Charity Home Tour Board (a position my husband currently holds). She “encouraged” me to volunteer on tour weekend. When we became full time lake residents, getting involved in the Tour seemed like the natural thing to do. There was so much I didn’t know – the work required by the Board and the charities to make Tour weekend go smoothly, the critical nature the sponsor’s donations play in the Tour’s success, and most of all, the importance of the Tour to the charities involved and those they serve. Last year we gave away over \$169,000! So I am proud to be part of this organization and look forward to my continued involvement in making Tour 2019 a success.

Things to do at the Lake

Despite the 85 and 90 degree days, fall will soon be here. What is there to do at or near Smith Mountain Lake in the fall?

How about going to Peaks of Otter for a wonderful hike. Want to learn about the stars, and do some star gazing? Go to the Peaks of Otter Lodge on September 8th at 8:00 PM for a free presentation by Greg Redfern, a NASA JPL Solar Ambassador. After the presentation go outside for some star gazing and more information about the stars (see www.peaksofotter.com).

Interested in a Farmer's Market? Bedford has one (220 West Washington Street) every Tuesday during September and October from 3-6 PM, and also every Friday from 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM. They are also there the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM – 1 PM.

Like wine and music? There is Harvest Sunset Saturday at Hickory Hill from 7-10 PM on September 15th. Adult admission is \$10. Designated drivers and kids are free. Need more wine? Come to the 19th Annual Harvest Jubilee and Wine Festival on September 29th from 12-6 PM at Crazy Horse on Scruggs Road. (see www.visitSmithMountainLake.com)

Don't miss Trinity Treasures at Trinity Ecumenical Parish on Friday, September 21 from 1-6 PM and Saturday, September 22 from 8 AM – 2 PM. You can always find something to buy!

Bedford Pregnancy Center is hosting their second annual Golf Tournament on September 17th at the Boonsboro Country Club. See their FaceBook page for details and contact information.

No matter your age, there is always something for you at Smith Mountain Lake!

Looking for other ideas? Go to www.visitSmithMountainLake.com, the SML Chamber of Commerce web site. They have lots of ideas for fun things to do. Look at their calendar!

Construction Marketing, LLC

Construction Marketing, LLC is one of our Diamond Sponsors this year. We wanted to give you a little insight into what services they provide, and how they might benefit you personally.

Construction Marketing, LLC is a Class A Contractor. That means that they can work on any project of any value. (Class B and Class C contractors are limited in the value of projects they may work on.) They also have both General Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance. If you are in the market for a contractor, make sure that your contractor is properly insured or you may be liable if a workman is injured on your property while working on a construction project.

Do you need a room remodeled? Maybe you are looking for an addition to your home? You might even be looking for someone to build you a completely new home. Construction Marketing, LLC would like to speak with you about your job. When embarking on any project, you should always get multiple opinions, prices, options, and know the reputations of the contractors.

Speaking of reputations, ask your potential contractor for people you can call to ask about their experience using that contractor for their job. Mike Bryant, the owner of Construction Marketing, LLC, has an interesting perspective on how to make the building process a positive experience for both the homeowner and the contractor. Mike says, "Our long experience has shown us that the main weakness in the contractor / homeowner relationship is a lack of effective communication. We make sure we don't let that happen with our projects." As someone who personally had an addition put on his house two years ago, this author can tell you that communication, often daily communication, was absolutely critical to the success of our project.

Whether you are building a home from the ground up, creating an addition or a deck, renovating a kitchen or a bathroom, redesigning an outdoor living space, or simply need some general maintenance that you can't handle yourself – we encourage you to contact Construction Marketing, LLC and see how they can make your dreams become a reality.

