

The Powhatan Signal

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Powhatan Secondary Pool News

2013 was another awesome season at the Powhatan Secondary pool and we are looking forward to the start of what is shaping-up to be an even better year!

Pool dues and membership fees are on the website at <u>www.powhatansecondary.org</u> and this year you have the option of paying your dues and/or initiation fee with PayPal on our website. We even offer some payment options that allow you to pay in several installments or all at once.

Logan Evans will once again be head guard for the 2014 season, and we are lucky to have many returning guards as well. We are very fortunate to live in a neighborhood that has such a great group of young people who take pride in working for their neighborhood pool.

Guard certification classes are filling up quickly, so if you are interested in guarding for the 2014 season, please sign up soon.

Applications for employment can be found on the website at <u>www.powhatansecondary.org</u> and mailed to the P.O. Box listed there as well. Interviews will be held in April, so get them in soon.

One of the main reasons 2013 was such a successful season was due to the efforts of Melissa Dickinson, who is stepping down as Chair of the committee. If you see her in the neighborhood be sure to stop her and say, "Thanks".

Chris Walls is the incoming chair and has some great people rounding out the committee: Karen Quinlan, Chris and Mary Phillips, John Wells, and Dawn Broker have all agreed to pitch in and make 2014 the best year yet! Please be sure to take advantage of our Pool link on the website to learn all about the pool.

Members enjoy opportunities to be on the swim team, have private lessons, enjoy lap swim before opening hours, affordable private party pool rentals, and much more.

We have one of the nicest, most affordable pools in town, so if you are not currently a member, please come check us out at our Open House -Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th. All PCSA residents are welcome on that day as well as July 4th.

We are looking forward to the kickoff of the 2014 pool season from 4pm - 8pm on Friday, May 23rd! See you poolside!

Pool Rental

Pool members, it may be chilly outside now, but it will be summer before you know it! Is time to start planning for special occasions, such as graduation, birthday, or even a family reunion? The pool offers two rental options this year. You can rent the pool for a private party for \$75 plus the fee of the lifeguards. Or for a small fee of \$25, you can reserve the tented picnic table for your party guests during regular pool hours. Please contact Mary Phillips at cmphillips4@cox.net Locally Owned and Operated The Only On-site Pet Crematory in Williamsburg

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Annual PCSA General Membership Meeting and Election

The PCSA General Membership Meeting held on February 18 was well attended.

Three director positions were open. Kathleen Nichols, Theresa Evans, and Phil Plante were elected to serve three year terms.

Director's Awards were given to The Eagle Boy Scout Troop for their service, specifically the walking trails; Becky Kitenko for her many years of serving on boards and committees; and to Cindy Satira for her work with the pool. All parties received a monetary thank you and a plaque with their names will hang in the clubhouse to memorialize their noted contributions for the year 2013.

Here are Becky and Cindy with their certificates.



Communications Committee

Do you you need a babysitter, petsitter, or help with light yard work? We have added a new page to our website for those looking to hire a neighborhood teen for odd jobs. Visit that page on the website by clicking Bulletin Board | Hire a PS Teen, or type

powhatansecondary.org/hireAPSTeen.php directly into your browser. If your teenager would like to have his or her name added to that directory, please contact the Communications Committee at

communications@PowhatanSecondary.org.

Also, we were happy to assist the Pool Committee by adding electronic payment options for 2014 pool dues and initiation fees. Our webmaster, Dave Banks, added PayPal buttons to the membership page, giving residents the option to pay by PayPal account or any major credit card. Payments can even be spread across three months. Visit that page on the website by clicking Pool | Membership or type <u>powhatansecondary.org/PoolMembership.php</u> directly in your browser to take a look.

2014 Swim Team Registration

Submitted by Eric Dawnkaski

Families: Plan to come to our annual Open Registration for the Powhatan Secondary Seastars Swim Team on Thursday April 24, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Powhatan Secondary Clubhouse.

As a reminder, swim team membership is open to all children in the Powhatan Secondary community whose families are current PCSA Pool Members in good standing. All children between the ages of 5-18 years of age as of June 10, 2014 who can comfortably swim the length of the 25m pool without assistance are encouraged to join. Children under the age of 5 who would like to join the swim team, will be evaluated by the coaching staff on a case by case basis. Children unable to swim the required length of the pool are strongly encouraged to take swim lessons. Please see the pool website for more information on swim lessons offered at our pool.

For the 2014 season the dues will be as follows (the required insurance fee has been rolled into the dues fee):

\$85.00 for the first child \$75.00 for the second child

\$60.00 for the third child

\$ 5.00 for the each successive child

Checks can be made out payable to: Powhatan Secondary Seastars.

There will be a representative from the pool committee accepting Initiation and/or Annual Membership Dues for those needing to do so prior to joining the swim team.



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Easter Egg Hunt! Submitted by: Louise Pearson



PCSA Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 13^{rdth} on the Clubhouse Grounds from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Activities begin at 1:30 pm. There will be games, crafts and the hunt for Easter Eggs based on age groupings. Each participant is to bring his/her own Easter Basket and enjoy the egg hunt as well as planned activities.

Ages 0-3 will hunt at 1:45 pm Ages 4 to 6 will hunt at 2:00 pm Ages 7 to 12 will hunt at 2:15 pm

Girl Scout Troop 1293 in our neighborhood are hosting this event and they hope to have a great turnout. Please contact <u>troop1293@gmail.com</u> if you are willing to volunteer to help on this day.



Common Area Grounds Committee (CAGC)

Submitted by: Alan Burkhardt

Chris Monahan has finished his Eagle Scout project. These three bridges (two in the Berkeley Loop Trail and one in the Colonies Trail) have significantly improved the access on the trails. Our other Scout project by Will Friedrichs, placing trail markers along all our trails with the trail name and distance on them, is almost complete. All markers are in the ground and only final painting remains. Thanks again to all our Boy Scouts who have donated their time and labor to improve our trail system.

To improve the safety of entrance into Powhatan Woods along George Wythe Lane, our property manager, CJ Jones, arranged to trim down the hedges in the median at the intersection of George Wythe Lane and Powhatan Secondary. The tall hedges there blocked the view of motorists at the intersection, particularly of pedestrians walking.

The trees in our community are beautiful, but in the course of time, some fall down. The Grounds Committee removed a fallen tree on the Colonies Trail, another leaning precariously across the same trail and one across the drainage swale alone Old Cart Road.

Finally, this winter not only brought trees falling on our trails, it also saw trash being dropped along the trails and common areas. Please enjoy the trails (they have a special beauty in the winter), but take out any trash that you have with you. Keep these areas clean for all our residents' enjoyment. Also, the winter winds have scattered the leaves from last fall. If you have a storm drain by your house, please clear the drain of leaves and other debris so that the drains will work properly when the spring rains come. It will prevent flooding on your streets and lawns.

Looking ahead to the rest of 2014, the Grounds Committee will work on improving access on the trails over boggy areas, replacing old, narrow bridges on the trails and continued clearing of brush along the trails. To control weeds in our ponds, they will be restocked with sterile carp this year.

Chris Monahan with his dad, Rick on one of the bridges the scouts built.



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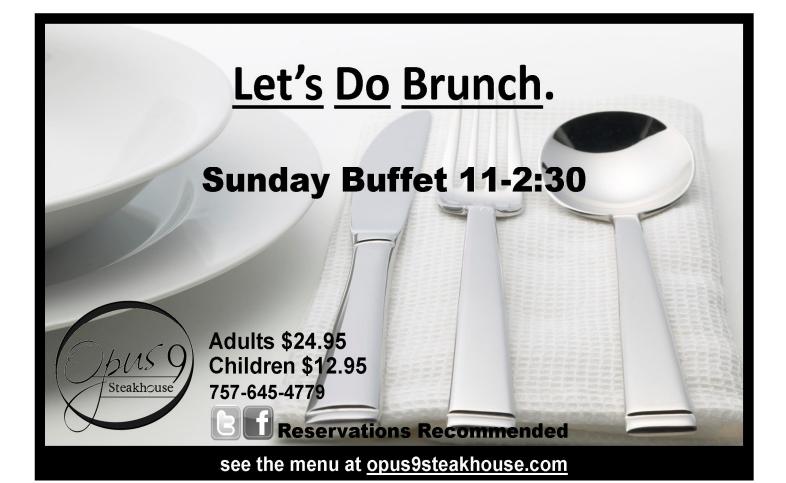
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NEW ALPB HANDBOOK

The 2013 edition of the Architectural and Land Preservation Board (ALPB) handbook is available on the Association's web site for member reference. Most of the changes are minor but there are two main points of interest for all owners. The approved exterior paint color reference has changed. The approved palette was previously manufactured by Pratt and Lambert as the Colonial Williamsburg Collection. The Colonial Williamsburg Collection is now produced by Benjamin Moore. The new collection has added colors that were previously not available. The ALPB is requesting that any exterior paint project that involves any change in paint color be submitted for consideration by the ALPB to make sure that the requested colors are acceptable. The Association's management office can help with any application question.

Exterior paint projects that are matching the existing color do not need ALPB approval. If you are not sure about your project the best recommendation is to ask for assistance.

The second main point of interest is with respect to mailboxes and mailbox lighting. All mailboxes need to be kept in good repair and painted when necessary. Mailbox lights are also supposed to be operational each evening and illuminated with a clear white or cloudy 60 watt bulb. Please no colored bulbs. There are specific mailbox and mailbox light standards for each section of Powhatan Secondary. Please refer to the handbook for specific details for your section of the community. Note: any exception must be approved in writing by the ALPB before installation. If you are having trouble with a light not working the ALPB or Berkeley can provide assistance.

2014 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

The annual assessment for 2014 was due at the beginning of the year. Invoices were mailed to all owners of record in December at the correspondence address on file with the Association. If you have not paid, or if you need assistance please contact Talaya Spratley at Berkeley Realty at 757-229-6810 ext. 212.

Her email address is

Tspratley@Berkeley-realty.com.

Your cooperation by the end of March is requested.

RECYCLING CHANGES COMING

James City County is planning on a significant change in its recycling services for communities such as Powhatan Secondary. As of this date the County plans to change recycling to once every two weeks, instead of the current weekly service. This change is planned to take place July 1, 2014. The day of the week will not change and your recycling day will remain the same.

The County is planning to offer a 68 gallon rolling tote for recycling, much the same as what you have for regular trash service, but slightly smaller. After an initial trial period residents will be able to opt for a larger tote or a smaller tote, depending on household needs. Special pickup arrangements will still be offered on an "as needed" basis upon request. Updated information will be posted on the County web site as details are finalized. One this that each owner should check is how these new containers will be stored on your property. The current architectural standards require trash and recycling containers to be stored in a manner that makes them essentially not visible from the street or objectionable to neighbors. If you have a trash container enclosure you may want to see how the new tote will fit and if you need to make other arrangements to accommodate a new container. If you need assistance or if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Architectural and Land Preservation Board (ALPB) for assistance, or contact C. J. Jones at Berkeley Realty at 757-229-6810 ext. 207.



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