



The Powhatan Signal

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Spring is here!

ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

At the PCSA Annual Meeting in February, the 2017 Directors' Awards were presented to three very deserving residents of Powhatan Secondary. Each recipient received \$125 and the appreciation of the directors for their exemplary service to the PCSA community.

Doug MacKenzie served on the Architectural Review Committee from 2006-2017 as the PCSA liaison to the committee. He chaired over 200 meetings. During his tenure, he actively recruited new members to represent as many neighborhoods in the subdivision as possible. Throughout his term, Doug always reminded the committee that their responsibility was to assist the homeowners in completing their planned property additions or changes within the community guidelines. For example, he developed a low cost alternative to replacing non-functioning post lights. The PCSA and ARC thank Doug for his valuable service to the community over the years.

Jarl Christensen served on the Architectural Review Committee from 2007-2017. As a retired fire captain, his knowledge of structures was valuable to the committee in assessing requests for additions to decks, sunrooms, sheds, fences, and other building projects. The PCSA and ARC thank Jarl for his valuable service to the community over the years.

Phil Plante recently served a three year term as a Director on the PCSA Board, and continues to manage and maintain our PCSA website. The board's efforts to update and tidy the website content has meant countless hours of devoted work. Weekly directives from the board have

kept Phil busy for the past year. PCSA sincerely thanks Phil for his valuable service to the community.

Submitted by Teri Collins



Doug MacKenzie



Phil Plante



Jarl Christensen

Bikes Out of Hibernation

SAFETY CHECKS AND RIDES

SAT., APRIL 7, 2018*

9 A.M.—2 P.M.



CHICKAHOMINY RIVERFRONT PARK
(1350 JOHN TYLER HIGHWAY)



Williamsburg Area Bicyclists (WAB) and James City County Parks & Recreation are teaming up to bring you this great spring bike event! Get your bike out of hibernation from your garage, basement, etc.!

- **Free safety inspection of bikes:** pump tires, chain check, brakes/shifting and minor adjustments provided by local bike shops listed below.
- **Fun Rides of 5, 10 and 15 miles along the Virginia Capital Trail** (select your distance—rides led by WAB's experienced Ride Leaders or ride on your own)
- **Rides will depart approximately every 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**
- **Requirements: Sign-in for rides; riders under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times; bring your helmets!**

No excuses! Come out and join your neighbors to get your bikes checked and have a nice spring ride!

Teri Collins and Barbara Moody were re-elected to the board.




Social News

The PCSA Social Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with our annual events--Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, Christmas--as well as the possibility of adding to these events. Without the assistance of additional volunteers these events cannot continue to be offered. Please contact Barbara Moody at bgmoody1@yahoo.com if you are a willing volunteer.


The Girl Scouts of Troop 1293 will be sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on **Saturday, April 14** when we hope for warmer weather. It will be held at the clubhouse from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Bring your children and grandchildren, some baskets, and join in on the fun.

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Powhatan Secondary Pool News

2017 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 www.powhatansecondary.org and this year you once again have the option of paying your dues and/or initiation fee with PayPal through our website. We even have a payment option for new members that lets you pay the initiation fee in several installments, or all at once. Membership fees will be due in a single payment. Begin your payments by April 2018 and you can stretch them out until June!

Allison Monahan will be returning as our Head Guard for the 2018 season and we are lucky to have many returning guards but we have room for some new ones 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 2018 season please sign up soon.

Applications for employment can be found on the website at www.powhatansecondary.org.

The main reasons 2017 was such a successful season was due to the efforts of the life-guard staff, swim team volunteers, a dedicated membership that loves their neighborhood pool, and the all-volunteer Pool Committee. I will once again chair the committee, and I have some great people rounding it out. We have returning members Karen Quinlan, Chris and Mary Phillips, John Wells and Jen Saunders, as well as our newest member, Crystal Fowler. These great members will all pitch in and make 2018 the best year yet!

The committee would also like to thank Dawn and Joe Broker for their years of dedicated service in charge of the Concessions at the pool. If you see them in the neighborhood please stop them and say %Thanks.+

Please be sure to take advantage of our link on the website to learn all things about the pool. Members enjoy opportunities to be on the swim team, have private lessons, enjoy lap swim before opening hours, have 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 28th. All PCSA residents are welcome on that day as well as July 4th.

I know I speak for the entire committee when I say we are looking forward to the kickoff of the 2018 pool season from 4pm - 9pm on Friday, May 25th!

See you poolside!
Chris Walls, Pool Committee Chair

Want to Have a Party?

Consider renting our clubhouse!
We have a modern kitchen and a large entertainment area inside.

What do all homes need for a party? We have it -- lots of parking space!
Renting our clubhouse is easy.

Fill out a short application and make a quick visit to our property manager at
Berkeley Property Management.

A refundable deposit and a small fee will hold the clubhouse for your event.



Steps to follow to use the clubhouse and have a hassle-free Event!

1. Check the clubhouse calendar to see if the date you will be requesting is available.
2. Make a trip to Berkeley-Realty to complete the paperwork and the financial obligation.
3. Plan your party.
4. Use the facility (We hope your party is a great success!!)
5. Leave the Clubhouse clean and set up as you found it.

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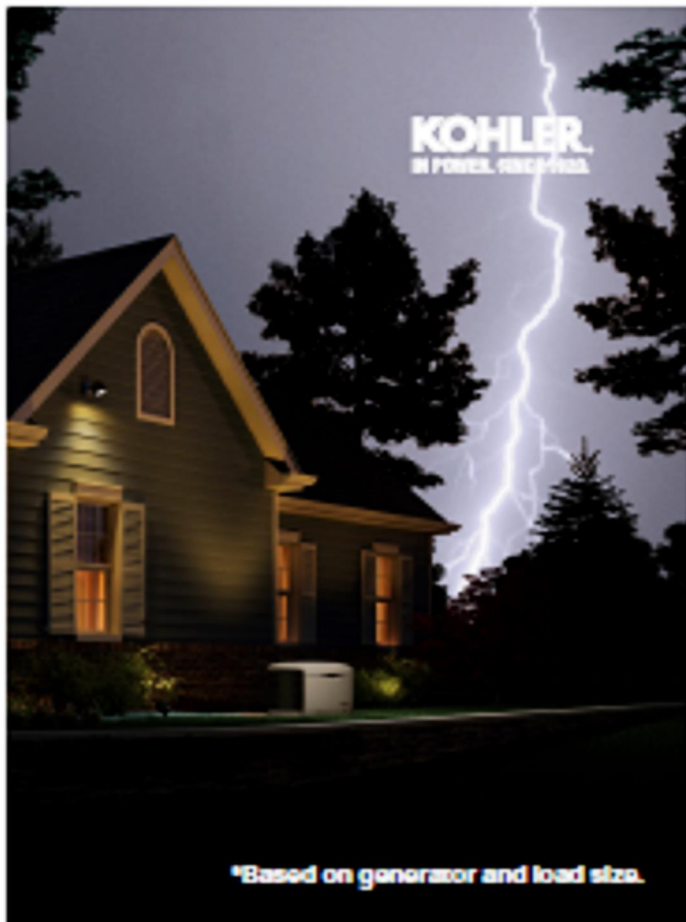
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Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Notes

This new segment in the Powhatan Signal is intended to inform homeowners and to highlight recurring issues.

The Architectural Guidelines were created to assist Powhatan Secondary homeowners in adhering to the Covenants and Restrictions and serve as the primary guide of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

All homeowners are responsible for requesting and obtaining ARC approval for projects prior to the start of work. Projects should be completed within ninety (90) days of the approval. Please don't forget to check with Miss Utility (<http://va811.com/>) if you (or your contractor) plan to do any digging. We've seen a number of cut cables because they weren't marked.

The Architectural Guidelines and Attachments were recently updated with an effective date of January 31st 2018. This update offers improved readability, clarification of mailbox post and light replacements, and addition of hardscape requirements. You may download a copy from the PCSA website - powhatansecondary.org/index.php# Under the %Documents+Tab, select Governance and you will find the Guidelines, Attachments (with examples of acceptable

fences, mailbox posts and lights, and storage sheds), and the ARC Application form. The following items (discussed in more detail in the Architectural Guidelines) are provided this month to highlight spring and summer projects. All require ARC review and approval:

Landscaping: No pavement, plantings or other landscaping materials may damage or interfere with any easement for the installation or maintenance of utilities.

Hardscaping: Hardscape involves stonework including stone retaining walls, patios and walkways, grading and drainage including terracing, site grading, and storm water management.

Fencing: Allowable types of fencing and installation requirements are treated in detail in the Architectural Guidelines.

Storage Buildings: Separate, small structures for storage of such items as garden tools are discouraged, but will be allowed in selected instances where the ARC is satisfied that the structure can successfully blend into the environment. You will find useful planning information in the Guidelines.

Children's Play Structures: Playhouses, swing & slide sets, and similar recreational structures are to be located in the rear of the property, ideally behind the house so as to be screened from the street and have adjoining neighbors approval.



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Coffee with Courtney

Hi neighbor! I would like to introduce myself. My family and I moved into the neighborhood July 2017 - I am a local REALTOR, my husband works for James City County, my daughter attends Hornsby Middle School (James Blair next year!) and we have a Yorkie named Hazelnut. As a resident of Williamsburg for over 20 years, I love what our area offers and have enjoyed selling homes here since 2003. My skillful negotiation, tenacity, resourcefulness, and integrity have proven key to being successful in my real estate career. If you know anyone who is looking to buy or sell, please don't hesitate to call me! Let's do coffee (or tea)! Even if it's just to sit down and chat to get to know you better or discuss the neighborhood, I would love to meet you.



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Computer Security is a Shared Responsibility

Imagine, you went to bed early, had a great night's sleep, woke up and realized someone had walked into your house and went through your things while you were sleeping! All your precious things have been touched, tossed, broken and stolen. You feel angry and violated. For the next few days you will have to spend most of your time and energy on the phone contacting the police, bank and credit card companies.

The Internet has brought us so many benefits: email, electronic messaging, personal websites allowing us to stay connected, informed, and involved with family, the ability to pay bills and make purchases. Along with increases in technology comes increasing risk. Just as you use safeguards to keep criminals out of your home, you also need safeguards to secure your computer. Many scammers target older Americans because they are more vulnerable and less computer skilled.

Scammers use different methods to exploit:

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- Telephone
- prescription medication sites
- Auctions
- websites for charitable donations
- student account sites
- dating sites
- health care sites

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Don't communicate or reveal any personal information to strangers- online or by phone. Personal information includes your name, address, age, phone number, birthday, email address, social security number, and insurance policy numbers . even your doctor's name. Be wary of emails offering %free+ gifts, prizes, or vacations. These are tricks designed to get you to give up personal information. Personal information can be pieced together to steal identities, money, or credit.

Every Internet user, no matter how young or old, is our Nation's first line of defense against people who want to do harm. If we all become more aware of who we talk to, what we say, and what we share online, we can all make a big difference.

Have you been contacted by phone where someone says they are calling from Microsoft, Apple, or about a computer virus you have without you contacting them first? Did you accept their services and pay them via check or credit card? This is happening every day and has happened within your own newsletter community. This needs to **STOP**. If any of these things have happened to you, a family member, friend, or neighbor, please have them contact Anne Carr at acarrmal@gmail.com. If we have multiple victims we will have a stronger voice to stop these crimes.

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Clubhouse & Multi-Use Bldg Reservations	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarq, Tel: 229-6810]
<u>Sub-Associations:</u>	
Dues/monies owed to Cromwell Ridge Condo Assn	<i>Community Group</i> [Bev Frantz, Tel: 345-6400]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Place HOA	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Ed Robbins Tel: 229-6810]
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Architectural control and covenant enforcement for all areas <u>except</u> the four sub-associations (as noted above)	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarq, Tel: 229-6810]
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NEXT DEADLINE!

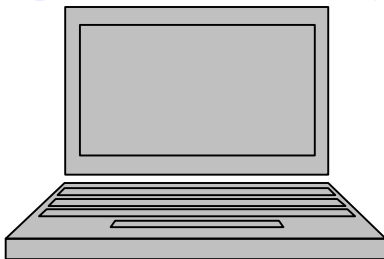
June 9, 2018 is the deadline for all submissions for the **July-September 2018** issue of **The Powhatan Signal**.

Please mark your calendar!

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Always new information!

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Nestled among the rolling hills of James City County! Well, you probably know the rest of the story if you have paid a visit. If not, sit back and relax and let your mouse take you on a tour of one of James City County's best kept secrets.

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Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting*
May 15, 2018

**Any PCSA member may attend. Meetings are held at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M.*