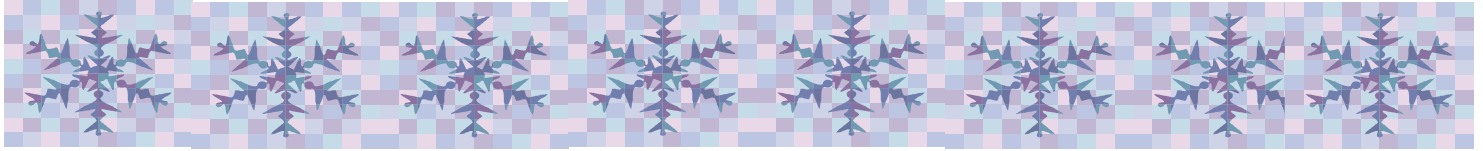




The Powhatan Signal

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ANNUAL MEETING—Feb. 20, 2018

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will be held at the Powhatan Secondary clubhouse. Detailed meeting notices will be sent to all owners of record in January.

The Association will be filling two board member positions at this meeting.

Are you interested in working with a team to maintain the best interest of PCSA homeowners and the community as a whole?

Please consider volunteering to serve!

It is not too early to start thinking of potential candidates. Please contact Louise Pearson at louisepearson@cox.net, if you are interested in learning more about these positions.

We also encourage members to consider volunteering on our committees such as the social, clubhouse, and grounds committees to help our community maintain its beauty and fun!

(See page two for more details on nominations)

ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that 2018 annual assessment notices have been sent to all members of the Association at the last address of record provided by members. If you have moved, or if you do not receive an invoice by January 10th, please contact Berkeley Realty Property Management (757-229-6810 ext. 212 Talaya Spratley, accounting) for a copy. Please remember that the annual assessment for 2018 will be \$210.00 for each lot.

You can mail payments, arrange for direct payments to be made through your bank, or go online to Smartstreet and make a credit card payment or set up automatic payments. Each of these options has some limitations that you should take into consideration. Mailed payments can get lost or delayed, which can affect your payment record and possibly result in late fees or interest – remember payments cannot be credited until they are received, not by postmarked date. Automatic payment arrangements through your individual bank, or even the Association's bank, Smartstreet, are usually set up for a finite period, and the arrangements will need to be renewed periodically. Credit card payments come with a fee cost.

However there is an option that is available to members of PCSA that has none of these limitations. This option is called ACH Debit, and is available through Berkeley Realty Property Management. You as the member of PCSA are the only one who can authorize this service, and you retain the right to cancel this service at any time. For more info please contact Berkeley Realty Property Management at 757-229-6810 ext. 212, Talaya Spratley, in acctg will help set you up properly for this service.

Powhatan Community Services Association Needs You!

2 board positions are open.

**Do you have an interest in serving your community where you live?
Would you like to be a member of the Board of Directors?**

PCSA Board Member Duties

- *Attend bi-monthly meetings, special meetings and Executive sessions.**
- *Serve on Special Committees as needed**
- *Attend Board sponsored events whenever possible**
- *Fulfill a three-year term**
- *Help prepare and pass the PCSA budget**
- *Provide oversight to Berkeley Realty Property Management**
- *Maintain the best interests of PCSA homeowners and the community.**

Deadline

Friday, January 19, 2018 – Nominations close

Annual Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2018

The annual meeting will include the election of two directors to the Board of Directors who will serve three year terms each.

In addition, the annual meeting is the forum where all of the Association Committees will present their 2017 overview of activities and projects.



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Hire a Teen

Until recently, there was a page on the PCSA website called "Hire a PS Teen". Teens or their parents were to send listings to the communications committee, giving name and age of the teen and tasks that s/he would perform.

While a very good idea, it fell into disuse. Names remained on the list for years—perhaps well past their departure for college. New names haven't been received in a year or more.

So, the web page is gone. The Communications Committee will be happy to maintain a list—name, age, tasks, email, phone—and persons wishing to find a teen, are free to email us for names.

Send names—and queries to:

communications@powhatansecondary.org

Names will be retained for one year —let's plan to start over in January of each year.

Sold in 13 Days - 202 Old Cart Road



Sue McSwain is Selling Powhatan Secondary!

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Woodworkers Wanted!

The bulletin boards at entrances to Powhatan Secondary are in sad shape. Of the three, the one at the News Road entrance, is the one in the best condition-and still needs work. We need new ones! We also need a fourth board for the Colonies entrance. Replacing them with commercial boards has been checked, and found to be very pricey.

These are fundamentally very simple structures. The legs need to be treated wood, otherwise they only need to be sturdy, stable, and have a hinged door with a clear plastic window that is easy to use.

If one or more woodworkers would like a fairly simple project, building new boards would be a good winter project. We can agree on a design; materials will be reimbursed by PCSA. This could also make a good Eagle Scout project!

If you are interested, please contact communications@powhatansecondary.org or call 757-561-9444.

We are recycling. What can go wrong?

We have the best intentions when we recycle. We put our recycling items in our rolling recycling carts and put the carts out at the street on the designated days for automated collection. Recycling is a positive way we participate in doing our part. We are recycling. What can go wrong, we ask?

I learned what can go wrong as I listened to an interview with Michael Taylor, director of recycling operations for a waste management plant in Elkridge, Md. Taylor asserts, "Don't recycle plastic bags, even if they're full of newspaper. They gum up the whole processing system." Every few hours Taylor has to shut down the machines to remove all the plastic.

"Take your plastic bags back to the grocery store," he says. (full story at <https://www.npr.org/2015/07/17/421211023/reduce-reuse-remove-the-cellophane-recycling-demystified>)

Hearing this prompted me to want a local perspective, so I reached out to Tracy Hofmeyer, recycling coordinator for Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA). VPPSA is the regional governmental organization that provides solid waste management services to us here in James City County and to nine other cities and counties in southeast Virginia.

Hofmeyer's response echoes what I heard from Taylor in the interview. ANY type of plastic film causes problems at the recycling processing plant, she says. This plastic film includes:

- * Trash bags
- * Plastic grocery store bags
- * Produce bags
- * Plastic film wrapping from bottled drink flats
- * Plastic wrapping from bulk packs of paper towels, etc.

Hofmeyer explains, "The materials collected at the curb are taken to a processing plant in Chester, Virginia. There the materials are

loaded on a conveyor belt where they begin to go through the mechanical sorting process.

Plastic bags become tangled in the various pieces of sorting equipment, to the point that the machines are forced to shut down in order to clear the bags. For a plant that can sort up to 30 tons an hour, shutting down for 45 minutes to clear out plastic bags tangled in the moving parts has a significant effect on productivity!"

Because we want our participation in recycling to make a positive difference, awareness of the problematic impact of plastic film to the recycling process can help us. Take plastic bag and plastic film for proper recycling at most any grocery store in our area. Help spread the word!

Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority
website: www.vppsa.org

SIDEBAR:

Automated recycling collection

Automated recycling collection is a method in which the driver operates a collection arm from inside the vehicle; there is no need for the driver to get out of the vehicle. This method provides the most efficient collection from the largest number of carts; by offering this method, the contractor has a finite volume of material to be collected. When a contractor bids automated collection there are fewer potential cost variables, reducing the unit collection costs.

To best support our automated recycling collection:

- * Place recycling cart where the arms of the truck can grab it. If a cart is placed too close to a parked car or mailbox, or under a tree with low-hanging branches, the driver may not be able to service the cart.
- * Break down recyclables and flatten boxes to best utilize space in the recycling cart. Avoid placing recyclable materials next to the recycling cart; the driver cannot hand load materials into the top of the collection truck.

SAFETY REMINDER

The James City County Police would like to remind all residents of the importance of taking a few steps to help improve safety and security. Please don't leave valuables in vehicles. Make sure that your vehicles are always locked, even in your driveway. Make sure your mailbox light, and your porch lighting is working properly with white bulbs.

The JCC Crime Prevention unit also provides other services to residents of the county – home security evaluations, home checks while you are away, seminars on safety and avoiding scams, to name a few. You can contact the JCC Police Community Services Unit at 757-253-1800 for additional information.

Fishing at the Ponds

Opening day for fishing at the Powhatan Secondary Ponds will be April 1, 2018. No kidding, on April Fool's Day residents and their guests will be welcome to drop a line in an attempt to catch our current pond residents, largemouth bass, bluegill, shell crackers, or triploid sterile carp. Channel catfish will be added to the ponds this Spring.

Vehicles and the Speed Limit

Powhatan Secondary is a residential neighborhood and the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour. Please consider the safety of the pedestrians and bike riders as you make your way to and from your home.

Reporting Concerns to VDOT (The Virginia Department of Transportation)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for the care and upkeep of the roads (except for Cluster Way) and road drainage inlets in our community. We are asked to report problems by accessing their website. The local office has been very responsive, though it may take time to actually make the repairs. You are issued a tracking number and can see where the repair is in the system.

To access the site:

Go to <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>

Select I need a road repaired

Select Fix a drainage program...

Select Drop Inlet, Pot Hole, Other (additional choices are available)

Enter address

Follow the remaining prompts to report the situation

Social News

It was a busy but fun day on Sunday, 12/10 for the PCSA Holiday Party, starting with the movie "Elf" at 3:45pm, followed by carriage rides, a hot dog roast, and making s'mores. More than 50 children were in attendance, and about 75 adults. The Board of Directors, as well as several very willing volunteers kept everything moving right along. Hopefully there will be more in attendance in December 2018!

We now have a Social Committee--and again, thanks to those who stepped up and volunteered--Diane Devlin, Kerry Johnson, Geyra Meadows, Alison Carney. They were ready to assist for the PCSA Annual Holiday Party. We welcome more volunteers -- please contact Barbara Moody at bgmoody1@yahoo.com if interested.

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PCSA had another successful Halloween gathering at the clubhouse thanks to Girl Scout Troop 1293--and many thanks to all of them. The weather was balmy enough that the Halloween movie, "Hotel Transylvania" was shown outside on our new portable screen. The girls served hot chocolate and water, along with popcorn.



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 regarding plans submitted for modifications, alterations or additions made to any new or existing structures and any significant alteration or improvement to any lot undertaken in Powhatan Secondary. These Guidelines have been incor-

porated into Powhatan Community Services Association's (PCSA) Book of Resolutions and serve as the primary guide of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

It is the responsibility of all homeowners to request and obtain ARC approval for projects.

If you did not receive a copy of the Architectural Guidelines at settlement, or if you have misplaced your copy, you may download a copy from the PCSA website - <http://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 two items are provided this month to highlight issues the ARC has seen on a regular basis:

Mailbox Exterior Post Lights. Each home having its own mailbox is required to have an operating exterior post light of a design and at a location designated by the ARC (Refer to Architectural Guidelines dated September 2016). Post lights are to operate dusk to dawn, using a clear white or frosted white incandescent 60 watt bulb or equivalent CFL/LED bulb. Post lights are controlled by photo electric cells. Replacement photocells can be purchased at local hardware stores for \$10 - \$15. On a case-by-case basis, the ARC will consider an acceptable low voltage replacement for the original post light. However, solar lights are not acceptable.

Trees. No live trees with a diameter in excess of five (5) inches, no flowering trees in excess of three (3) inches, no live vegetation on slopes of greater than 20% gradient, may be removed without the consent of the ARC. Removal of any tree or trees deemed a danger to any home will be approved if requested.

James City County residents may drop off leaves free of charge Jan. 2-21 at the Jolly Pond Convenience Center, 1204 Jolly Pond Road, daily from 7 a.m.- 5 p.m, in clear bags no larger than lawn or leaf-size (40 gallons or less).

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Powhatan Secondary Concerns & Who to Contact

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Dues/monies owed to <i>PCSA</i>	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarq, Tel: 229-6810]
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]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Village HOA and Waterford HOA	<i>Property Management Association</i> , [Katelynn Voorhes, Tel: 646-6247] <i>Chesapeake Bay Mgmt</i> [Jennifer Smith, Tel: 534-7751]
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!

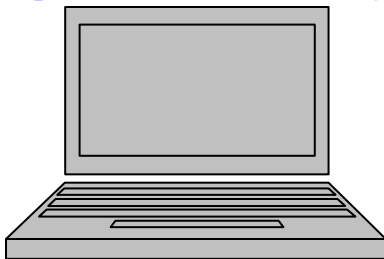
March 9, 2018 is the deadline for all submissions for the **April-June 2018** issue of **The Powhatan Signal**.

Please mark your calendar!

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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*
January 23, 2018

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