



The Powhatan Signal

Powhatan Secondary Newsletter Winter 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE

Date:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Location:

Due to the COVID-19 containment, the Board Meeting will be via Zoom

Time:

6:00 p.m. Call to Order, Agenda to be announced

The meeting includes a Homeowners Forum where owners have a few minutes to relay any concerns or compliments to the Board. Please submit written comments or sign up to speak in advance via email to the manager, Diane Clarcq, dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com. Any written comments submitted will be read at the meeting.

Consider attending the Board meetings to learn about current topics in the Association.

The Board of Directors appreciates the volunteer efforts of all the Committee chairs and members who work together to keep our community running smoothly. We are looking for a leader and volunteers for the Grounds and Social Committees as well as members for the Architectural Review Committee. Consider volunteering for these important neighborhood positions, contact any Board member or Diane Clarcq for more information.

NOMINATIONS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

The Board of Directors, acting as Nominating Committee as no volunteers came forward, is requesting interested members of the community in good standing to consider running for a three- year term on the board. Please

complete and submit the Nomination Form attached to the newsletter.

The Board meets six times a year to make decisions on items for the Association as required in the governing documents. Volunteering is a great way to become involved in the neighborhood governance!

Stay alert to emails regarding the **Annual Meeting**-date and method/place of meeting will be announced pending updates to the Governor's Executive Orders.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

The playground, basketball court, and pavilion are open for resident use, with the reminder that the facility is not cleaned per CDC recommendations. Please bring supplies and clean the playground equipment and tables before and after use.

The Louise Pearson Clubhouse remains **closed** at this time for residents to reserve for club meetings, parties; the association cannot meet the opening requirements at this phase of the reopening process.

Below is a list of resources for information and updates on the virus.

Center for Disease Control (CDC):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

James City County:
<https://jamescitycountyva.gov/3753/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

State of Virginia: www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
(ARC) NOTES

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

The ARC is dedicated to assisting the residents in processing their plans for renovations to their home and landscape. The guidelines and forms are available on the website, www.powhatansecondary.org.

The ARC also is tasked with assisting the Board of Directors in the due process of covenant violations in the community. Many of the streets in our community are owned and maintained by VDOT, which is not under the jurisdiction of the association.

James City County has enacted a new ordinance regarding Residential Streets and Oversized Vehicles, Trailers & Boats and will begin enforcement activities in the near term. Please see the ordinance below that prohibits oversized vehicles to include trailers, boats, RV's on VDOT residential streets such as the majority of the streets in our community.

If you have a large item that you have parked on the VDOT owned streets, please make arrangements for to move these items off-site as the PCSA rules and regulations prohibits them on the private streets and all driveways and in street view.

Sec. 13-36.1. - Restricted parking in certain areas.

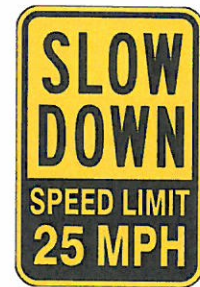
- (a) *Restricted parking.* No person shall park or leave unattended any oversized vehicle on any public highway in any residence district as defined in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-100.
- (b) *Oversized vehicles defined.* For the purposes of this section, an oversized vehicle is defined as any of the following:
 - (1) Any solid waste collection vehicle, tractor truck or tractor truck/semitrailer or tractor truck/trailer combination, dump truck, concrete mixer truck, and any heavy construction equipment,

whether located on the highway or on a truck, trailer, or semitrailer.

- (2) Any trailer or semitrailer, regardless of whether such trailer or semitrailer is attached to another vehicle.
 - (3) Any vehicle with three or more axles.
 - (4) Any recreational vehicle.
 - (5) Any vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver.
- (c) *Exceptions.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) any oversized vehicle when taking on or discharging passengers or when temporarily parked pursuant to the performance of work or service at a particular location or (ii) utility generators located on trailers and being used to power network facilities during a loss of commercial power.

(Ord. No. [66A-77](#), 7-14-20)

Neighborhood Reminder for Safety



It seems like a simple request, SLOW DOWN and STOP. But this continues to be a major concern in our community. So once again, please observe the 25 MPH speed limit and the Stop Signs posted in the neighborhood. The safety of your fellow neighbors, their children, grandchildren and pets are worthy of your conscientious observance of these rules.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID-19 virus and the Executive Order by the State's Governor for Stay at Home, the annual picnic was postponed. Residents enjoyed the various food trucks that were permitted to be in the neighborhoods this summer as well as the online scavenger hunts.

Our community supported several food drives to help the less fortunate in the greater Williamsburg area. Additional events will be scheduled for 2021. Watch for email updates on opportunities!

A Little Library was dedicated at the corner of Charter House Lane and Powhatan Secondary Road. Please drop off any reading material and browse the shelf for a new book to enjoy!

Our Steward for this new Library location is Ellen Masla. She is seeking a few additional people to assist her with maintaining the library and taking good care of it. If you have an interest, please contact her at emmasla@cox.net. To learn more about the Little Library program, visit the website at: www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Gardening Corner

Lyn Natanski, Master Gardener

Now is the Time for Cleaning Up Your Gardens

Pull dead or declining annuals. It is hard to do, but they are not going to come back, so best do it now.

Harvest everything above ground in the vegetable garden and under fruit trees. Do not leave fruits and vegetables out all winter to rot, attract animals, and set seed.

Clean up overgrown areas to prevent animals and pests moving in and to make it easier in the spring. You know that out of control area behind the shed or where you piled some brush last spring? Tackle it now. Left messy, you will not just invite animals and pests, you will invite weedy trees and shrubs.

Do not forget your tools and containers. It is tempting to wait until spring, but who has time in spring to disinfect or clean tools? Empty, clean, disinfect, and bring in containers. You can store the soil elsewhere if you plan to reuse it. An easy way to disinfect containers is by spraying them with a bleach cleaner.

Clean and store stakes, cages, and garden ornaments. They will last longer if you do not leave them exposed for the winter.

Clean and sharpen tools before storage. Remove all caked-on soil, sharpen edges with a file, and give them a protective finish with a light coating of oil. And don't forget to clean, oil and sharpen your pruners.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Don Reeves, a volunteer with the PCSA Communications Committee, received the District Award of Merit, the highest award a Boy Scout of America District can give to a volunteer. Congratulations Don, Troop 103 Scoutmaster!



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FISHING IN OUR PONDS

The Association adopted rules and regulations for the use of the ponds. Please see these rules below:

Fishing

Fishing on waters in Powhatan Secondary is an activity open only to our residents and their guests. Fishing is allowed only in these four designated areas:

- (1) The docks and shoreline on the south/southeast side of Lake Powhatan (roughly parallel to Monticello Avenue)
- (2) The shorelines of Lake Powhatan and pond two that parallel Powhatan Secondary (Road)
- (3) The isthmus between pond two and pond three.
- (4) The walkway/bridge leading onto the woodland trail from Vintner Court in the Waterford neighborhood.

“Catch and release” is the required fishing practice in Powhatan Secondary waters. Per the National Park Service definition, this means that, after capture, the fish are unhooked and returned to the water, so the fish are able to remain and reproduce in the ecosystem.

Docks

The docks on Lake Powhatan are an amenity for residents and their guests only.

Watercraft

Lake Powhatan: Only non-motorized, resident owned, watercraft are allowed.

Pond two and pond three: No watercraft of any kind are allowed.

Swimming

For safety and health reasons, swimming is prohibited in Lake Powhatan, pond two, and pond three.

Trails

For the purpose of maintenance, only authorized motor vehicles are allowed on the woodland trails.

Dogs must always be leashed on all Powhatan Secondary trails and common property.

Littering is prohibited.

The Association continues to monitor the concerns in regard to the use of the ponds and parking at Lake Powhatan, also known as Rennick’s Pond. The parking area remains closed at this time.

NEW LAW REGARDING CELL PHONES

Virginia enacted a new law effective on January 8, 2021 requiring drivers in the Commonwealth not allowing the operation of a motor vehicle with a hand-held communication device. For more information on this new law, please visit: www.phonedown.org.

ADVERTISING IN THE POWHATAN SIGNAL

Would you like to advertise your business to the owners and residents of Powhatan Secondary? Consider an ad in this newsletter as part of your marketing plan! The Powhatan Signal is published four times a year and distributed email to the community and is also placed on the website: www.powhatansecondary.org.

Contact Amy Wygans at 757.229.6810, ext.214 or by email at awygans@berkeley-realty.com for additional details.

Powhatan Community Services Association Inc. (PCSA)
150 Strawberry Plains Road, Suite A-1
Williamsburg, VA 23188
(757) 229-6810

The members of the Board of Directors are elected by the homeowners of the community at the annual meeting. Due to Covid-19, the date of the Annual Meeting is tentative at this time, arranged to be held on February 16, 2021. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, and are a member in good standing, please fill out this form and return to the Association Manager, Diane Clarcq.

NOMINATION FORM FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Qualifications and Experience:

Goals – How I Feel I Can Contribute to the Community:

Interests:

Signature: _____

Name printed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in serving your community!

Please return to the association manager, Diane Clarcq, dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com or drop off/mail to: PCSA, 150 Strawberry Plains Road Suite A-1, Williamsburg, VA 23188

Important Contacts for Powhatan Secondary homeowners and residents

Master Association: Berkeley Realty Property

Assessments/money owed to PCSA contact Talaya Spratley, 757-229-6810, ext. 212 tspratley@berkeley-realty.com

- Clubhouse and multi-use building reservations contact Danielle Cooke, 757-229-6810, ext. 204 dcooke@berkeley-realty.com
- Architectural control/covenant enforcement, all areas, except the sub-associations, contact Diane Clarcq, 757-229-6810, ext. 209 dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com

Sub-association contacts

- Cromwell Ridge Condo Association –Diane Clarcq/Danielle Cooke, Berkeley Realty Property Management, 757-229-6810
- Waterford HOA- Chesapeake Bay Management, 757-706-3019
- Powhatan Place HOA – Ed Robbins, Berkeley Realty Property Management, 757-229-6810
- Powhatan Village HOA – Beth Pryor, Community Partners VA, 757-327-0037

Board of Directors

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