

# The Powhatan Signal

Powhatan Secondary Newsletter Summer 2020

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE**

Date:

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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

There will be a Homeowners Forum where owners have a few minutes to relay any concerns or compliments to the Board. Please submit these in advance via email to the manager, Diane Clarcq, <a href="mailto:dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com">dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com</a>. They 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. Consider volunteering for these important neighborhood positions, contact any Board member or Diane Clarcq for more information.

#### **CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS**

As we continue proper physical distancing, limiting our chance of exposure from other people, and wear our gloves and face masks, we are closely following the Governor's Executive Updates and the tracking of the virus.

The playground and clubhouse/pavilion remain <u>closed</u> at this time, we are not able to 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 COMMITEE (ARC) NOTES

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

What are the rules and regulations in our community for signs? The excerpt from the 2018 Architectural Rules and Regulations involving signs is featured below:

- a) Signs:
- i) No signs of any type shall be displayed to public view on any Lot or Common Area without the prior written consent of the ARC, except customary name and address signs as well as lawn signs (of not more than four (4) square feet in size) advertising the Lot / Home for sale or rent (which may only be placed on the private property of the Owner).
- ii) In accordance with the James City County Sign Ordinance, temporary "open house" signs may be placed at intersections with consent of the property owner at the intersection but "open house" signs may be displayed only when the residential unit is open for public viewing under the direction of an on-site representative of the Owner.
- iii) One political sign, not to exceed six (6) square feet in size, conveying political, ideological,

religious, social or governmental messages and related to or connected with political campaigns, with the permission of the owner, shall be permitted to be displayed in the front yard of an individual property for up to eight (8) weeks prior to a scheduled election and shall be removed within five (5) days after the election to which the sign pertains.

The ARC Guidelines and Rules and Regulations are located on the website: <a href="www.powhatansecondary.org">www.powhatansecondary.org</a>

#### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Due the COVID-19 virus and the Executive Order by the State's Governor for Stay at Home, the spring social event was postponed. The recreation facilities at the Louise Pearson Community Center as well as the clubhouse are closed until further notice.

The community picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2020. Details will be forthcoming as the date draws near.



The Social Committee needs volunteers for the community picnic- staffing the registration table, the Teeny Tiny Farm area, and screening/cleaning per the Executive Order guidelines.

If interested in volunteering for the committee or this annual event, please contact the manager, Diane Clarcq.

# **Gardening Corner**

Lyn Natanski, Master Gardener



**GROW MORE BASIL** 

A classic, culinary pleasure from the summer garden is Sweet Basil. This is a sweet, fragrant annual herb that thrives in warm, sunny environments; perfect in gardens and containers. Be sure to harvest your plant often as this will make it more productive and encourage the development of more stems and leaves.

There are many kinds of basil plants but some of the top basil picks: Sweet Italian, Purple, and Thai basil. Each of these will bring a unique flavor to your summer dishes. Try growing one of each this summer. I promise you won't be disappointed.



## POOL NEWS

Our neighborhood pool is opened and being enjoyed by the residents of our community. Thank you for your support as we each take personal responsibility for cleanliness at the pool and pool deck to remain in compliance with the Phase 3 Executive Orders.

We will communicate with you via the community email blast system and post updates on the website as more information is available.

The pool will close at 4:30 p.m. on swim team meet dates: 7/13, 7/20, and 7/27.

## **FISHING IN OUR PONDS**

The Association is struggling with the conditions at our trail and fishing areas around the three ponds to include Rennick's Pond. Our community ponds are a source of enjoyment as well as an important part of the ecosystem of the neighborhood.

The Board of Directors has reopened the trail and ponds for recreational use while completing steps to eliminate the ongoing problems. These problems include individuals trespassing on the property, invading backyards, stealing away with cooler and buckets full of fish, driving on the woodland trails and dam, damaging the docks, leaving fishing line, trash and debris on the docks and banks.

New signage is being created for the entire area. Changes like trash can installation and potential parking control measures are also being considered.

Please call the police department at 757.566.0112 to report possible trespassers.

# The 17 Year Cicadas are back!

With warm summer weather and outside activities, stay tuned for the cacophonous whining like a field of out-of-tune car radios.

That can only mean one thing: the <u>cicadas</u> are back. This year, that alien-like wail of the insect world will be even more pronounced, as millions of cicadas from brood IX emerge after 17 years underground.

#### Fun Facts:

Cicadas — large, clear-winged insects with bulbous eyes — occur either annually (every year) or periodically (every 13 or 17 years) depending on the species. Periodical cicadas spend most of their lives as immatures, called nymphs, living in the soil and feeding on tree roots.

This year, 17-year cicadas emerge in Southwest Virginia, parts of North Carolina, and West Virginia. The noise we hear is the mating call of the males who are attempting to attract females.

Adults appear in mid-late May (a few individuals may be heard as early as late April in Virginia).

They appear around sunset, males slightly preceding females. Adults are active for about 6 weeks.

Eggs hatch 6-10 weeks after being laid, whereupon nymphs leave the twigs and drop to the soil. Nymphs tunnel to the roots where they establish themselves for feeding.



# **Powhatan Secondary Graduates on Parade**

Powhatan Secondary celebrated the accomplishment of many of our 2020 community graduates recently with a neighborhood parade. We wish them great success with whatever wonderful adventure comes next!



Aiden Kirby – Jamestown H.S.



Colin Wright – William & Mary



Caden Wright – Jamestown H.S.



Will Friedrichs – Amherst College



David Dawnkaski — Rensselaer



Polytechnic Inst.

Tyler Ende – Jamestown H.S.



Sarah Jones – Jamestown H.S.



Laurna Atkins - Jamestown H.S.



Victoria Hughson - James Blair M.S.

#### Charisma Richard – Jamestown H.S.



Lucas Salinas – Matoaka E.S.



Katherine Emerson – Randolph

Macon College & Peyton Emerson – Jamestown H.S.



## FILE FOR LIFE AND HEADS UP PROGRAMS

If you are a senior citizen with physical or health concerns you'll want to know more about the "File for Life" program.

If you have a special needs person living in your home, any age, you can provide added information to First Responders via the "Heads Up" program.

To register for the "Head's Up" or "File for Life" programs, go to:

 $\frac{https://www.williamsburgva.gov/government/departmen}{t-i-z/police/services/heads-up/-fsiteid-1}$ 

# 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: <a href="https://www.powhatansecondary.org">www.powhatansecondary.org</a>.

Contact Amy Wygans at 757.229.6810, ext.214 or by email at <a href="mailto:awygans@berkeley-realty.com">awygans@berkeley-realty.com</a> for additional details.

Important Contacts for Powhatan Secondary homeowners and residents

# **Master Association**: Berkeley Realty Property Management, 757-229-6810, for

- Dues/money owed to PCSA contact Talaya Spratley, ext. 212 <u>tspratley@berkeley-realty.com</u>
- Clubhouse and multi-use building reservations contact Stephanie Fose, ext. 211 <u>sfose@berkeley-realty.com</u>
- Architectural control/covenant enforcement, all areas, <u>except</u> the sub-associations, contact Diane Clarcq, ext. 209 dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com

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

#### **Board of Directors**

Teri Collins, President Mike Fisher, Vice-President Alison Carney, Secretary Dave Banks, Treasurer Kevin Fleming, Director Kathy Varacalli, Director Kathy Skube, Director

#### **PCSA Committee Chairs**

Frank Varacalli, Architectural Review Kathy Varacalli, Clubhouse Dave Banks, Communications Barbara Moody, Social Chris Walls, Pool



## **Sub-association contacts**







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# When it's time to find a new home for your loved one

# Call Me First

We all know how challenging it is to find a new place for Mom or Dad to live when they can no longer take care of themselves at home. Deciding where they will be happiest and what you can afford is a daunting task. There are so may choices.

That's where I come in. I can help you explore and understand the most appropriate senior living options for your specific needs and budget. My experience and connections to the living options available for your loved ones will help you save time and give you the peace of mind knowing you have made the best plans for the future.



My name is Dawn Michelle, and I am your neighbor, right here in Powhatan Secondary.



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