



The Powhatan Signal

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Based on our recent newsletter survey results we will be offering an email version of our newsletter starting with the October 2009 issue. If you would like to receive your newsletter via email as a pdf file, **instead** of by postal service, **please email your request to Mary Griffith at maryg@chocolategifts.com**. We will **not** be using the regular email list for neighborhood notifications for this process. You will need to put your request in writing. **Please provide your name, phone number and email address and put PCSA newsletter in the subject line.**

Open House Honoring Phil and Barbara Smead

The twelve neighborhoods and two apartment complexes of Powhatan Secondary are truly a community because of Phillip and Barbara Smead's selfless service for more than 20 years. Our community honored the Smeads on June 12th with an Open House, the planting of a Chinese Fringe Tree in front of the Clubhouse and presenting the Smead with a Memory Scrapbook prepared by residents. We as a community said thank you to Phil and Barbara. They can never be replaced, and will always be remembered for generously volunteering innumerable hours of service to our community.

Below are just a few of the contributions Phil and Barbara made to the community:

- They encouraged others by coordinating community-sponsored events such as annual picnics, holiday parties and other activities which brought the community together. They actively encouraged residents to run for elected positions and to volunteer for activities.
- ◆ Phil maintained our communication chain, prepared welcoming packets for residents, chaired Neighborhood Watch and made sure residents kept informed through e-mail, newsletter, and web page. Barbara and Phil walked the community and picked up trash on a daily basis. They helped make sure our monuments were decorated for the holidays and that our bulletin boards displayed upcoming events. Phil was very instrumental in planning for and erecting our various signs in the first place!

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Phil Smead Receives Special Award

Phil Smead was awarded the inaugural **Robert L. Moore Community Patriot Award**, for exemplary service to his neighborhood and the James City County community, on June 13th at the Neighborhood Connections Neighborhood Day 2009. The PCSA Board of Directors nominated Phil for his 20 plus years of outstanding volunteer service to Powhatan Secondary, Meals on Wheels, various James City County Committees and his contributions to Saint Bedes. Phil was selected for the award for his tireless efforts in making our entire community a better place for all to live. Phil, we are indeed proud of you and grateful to the committee representing Neighborhood Connections for selecting you to receive this very special award. **Congratulations!**



Summer Social Happenings

Leanne Conrad

Adult Pool Social

Leave the kids at home and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood swimming pool for an *adults only* pool party from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17th. Please bring your own drinks (no glass bottles). Sandwiches and/or pizza will be provided by PCSA. An RSVP is requested, so that we can get the proper amount of life guards to staff the event. RSVP to Leanne Conrad at 757-258-5817 or elconrads@aol.com. If you are looking for a babysitter for the pool social, check out www.powhatansecondary.org under *Teens For Hire*.

Kids Movie Night

Parents drop your kids off at the Clubhouse for a movie night on Saturday, July 25th! *Under 7 years old must have a chaperone that is over 13 years old*. The movie "Hotel for Dogs" will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. If you can help with this event, please contact Leanne Conrad at 757-258-5817 or elconrads@aol.com.

Back to School Ice Cream Social

Families, please join us for an ice cream social at the playground to celebrate going back to school! This event is for 1st graders through 5th graders and their families on Thursday, August 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Ice cream will be provided by PCSA.

Kindergarten Ice Cream Social

Do you have a child going into kindergarten this year? If so, please join us with your kindergartener for an ice cream social on Thursday, August 27th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the playground. This is a great way to meet other kindergarteners in the neighborhood and find out who will be in your kindergarten class! Ice cream will be provided by PCSA.

Annual Catered Picnic

The PCSA Board of Directors invites all residents to the annual catered picnic on Sunday, September 13th from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m at the Clubhouse. Great food and good fun will be had by all!

Capsulated Summary of PCSA Board of Directors Meetings

Our March and May 2009 meetings emphasized the following:

1. Property Management Selection Process 2009 was reviewed and adopted. The purpose is to select the best property management services available for PCSA.
2. Covering a few of the many jobs Phil Smead has performed for our community for over 20 years was a focus.
 - Volunteer Susanne Esch has agreed to do the communication chain, neighborhood watch, assembling and distribution of the welcome packet to new residents.
 - Jim Moody was hired as a handyman to perform many of the small tasks which help maintain our clubhouse, signs, etc. for our community.
 - All aspects of the Powhatan Signal will to be handled by Mary Griffith. Web page management will continue under Anne Carr.
3. Planned social events for adults and children were announced and all were encouraged to check out the Powhatan Signal and Powhatan Secondary web page for a timely schedule.
4. The results of the Powhatan Signal survey were reviewed and most of the suggestions are being integrated into future editions. Those wishing electronic distribution will be requested to provide Mary Griffith with the appropriate address.
5. The maintenance and county requirement of the second and third BMP dams (dam repairs, tree removal, and vegetation application along the spillways) were discussed. Also the remedy for erosion control for the area along and around the second BMP was discussed. [As a point of clarity, the bodies of water referenced here are the two smaller ponds adjacent to Waterford] These projects have yet to be fully defined and are potentially costly, but ones that the county requires. Therefore, we as a community must meet these needs to protect our properties and the protected areas below the third BMP.
6. The board reminded all of the Open House, June 12th at the Clubhouse to extend special thanks to Barbara and Phil Smead for their years of service to Powhatan Secondary.
7. Special thanks were given to the scout troops for picking up trash around the ponds.
8. Mark your calendars: Annual (Free/ Catered) Picnic sponsored by **PCSA** will be September 13th 12:30 pm -3:30 pm.

Tricia Dillon Volleyball Benefit

Mary Beth Hughes

On May 21st, many friends and neighbors came together in support of the Dan and Tricia Dillon family. Tricia was diagnosed with ovarian cancer last summer and recently passed away from this terrible disease. For those who did not know her, she was a giving person who played many roles in our community. Tricia, along with being a wife and the mother of four, was a Powhatan Secondary neighbor, our swim team coordinator, a community volunteer, a Jamestown High School teacher and a friend.

The volleyball benefit, which was held at Berkeley Middle School, was intended to raise awareness and money for ovarian cancer as well as raise funds to help the Dillon family with expenses. This benefit was a way for members of our community to express their thanks and show support to Dan Dillon and the Dillon children. The evening started with an informative talk given by neighbor, Karen McNamara MSN, FNP-C (Nurse Practitioner, Williamsburg Obstetrics and Gynecology) about the symptoms of ovarian cancer. The volleyball games began shortly thereafter with each team hoping for victory. There were 20 teams consisting of players ranging from elementary school aged children to teens and adults of all ages. Energy was high and competition was fierce! There were no real problems until one woman was hit in the face by a volleyball when a dad let loose a wild serve as his men's team battled the 4th grade girl's team. Even though there were varied volleyball skill levels, all had fun as battles ensued on the courts!

The evening ended around 10:30 with the winning team consisting mostly of recent Jamestown High School graduates.

The enthusiasm felt that night was a true reflection of Tricia and her positive impact on this community. Thank you to everyone in the community that supported this benefit by playing volleyball, making cookies and or donating money! Funds and awareness were raised and all had a good time.

Welcome!

Juan & Laura Rocha in the Berkeley Section. The family moved from Gloucester Point in March and they have two sons– Michael and Jonathan.

Amy & Kyle Moser also joined us in March and are in the Essex section. They enjoy sports, cooking and yard work.

Moses & Dawn Reidenbach and their child Reese moved from St. Louis to Powhatan Woods, also in March this year.

We are glad to have you all in the PCSA family!

Book Club

Madeline Malarkey

Powhatan Secondary has an organized book club-- the Powhatan Page Turners-- composed of about ten ladies. We meet about every six weeks in our clubhouse to discuss the current book selection, which all the members participate in selecting.

Our attendance fluctuates, and we would be happy to welcome new members! Our contact person is Madeline Malarkey, who can be reached @ mmalarkey@cox.net or by calling 258-0370.

Scouts are Cleaning Up!

As part of their community service and to fulfill scouting requirements Girl Scouts in Troop 1478 and Webelos from Pack 103 celebrated Earth Day in April by picking up litter around Renick Pond in Powhatan Secondary. The Girl Scouts focused on the south side of the pond along the walking trail and filled a dozen large trash bags. The Webelos worked in the retention pond on the west end and filled over 15 large bags in less than an hour. All the scouts were amazed to see how much litter was thrown into the pond and wish



POOLSIDE NEWS

Cindy Satira

The pool is now officially open and a great spot to be on these hot summer days. If you haven't taken the opportunity to join the fun, please see our website – www.pcsapool.com - for an application to join and all other pool info. Our hours are: Monday-Saturday 11:00am – 8:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm – 8:00pm. We have a great lifeguard staff returning from last year; please take a moment to check in with them on your way in the gate.

We have a great bunch of kids swimming for the Powhatan Secondary Seastars this year. Come out for one of our home meets and help cheer them on. Don't forget to check our website for all up to date pool information – www.pcsapool.com!



COMMENTS FROM THE MANAGER'S CORNER

CJ Jones, Berkeley Management

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

From May 1st through September 30th of each year James City County is under mandated watering restrictions. In general, no watering is permitted on Mondays. Even numbered houses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Odd numbered houses may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Watering is permitted only from midnight to 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM until midnight on designated days.

Other watering restrictions for car washing, washing driveways and sidewalks, etc. also apply. For additional information visit the County's website at www.jccgov.com and check the topics in the "What's New in James City County" box. This could help save a possible fine of up to \$2,500.00.

WATER QUALITY TESTING

The JCC Environmental Department has notified PCSA that it will be conducting water quality testing during the summer and fall months this year. This work will be done by volunteers and limited primarily to weekends. Water samples will be taken from watershed streams and should not involve any private property.

UTILITY EASEMENT CLEANING

James City Service Authority (JCSA) has also advised the Association that it will be performing easement cleaning in its easement areas throughout PCSA. Access to such easements will be made from common areas and should have no impact on private property. This work will also be conducted over the next few months.

Walking Trails

Residents and their children are reminded that the various walking paths in our community are on HOA property and those using the trails should remain on that property and not use residents' yards/driveways to access the paths. An example is the path between The Colonies and Berkeley section. That portion off Powhatan Secondary Rd is unfortunately steep as it approaches the street, but cutting across the grass and using the driveways on either side is trespassing. This has been a recurring problem and with the summer approaching, we beg your consideration as residents are trying to maintain their private lawns.

- Phil served as a past Powhatan Community Services Association officer and a member of the Board of Directors. He was the liaison with the property management and advisor to the current board.
- Phil promoted resolution of conflicts as he personally engaged all parties to resolve many situations. Whether a problem of vandalized signs or the need for children's play areas, he helped families bring about solutions.
- Phil and Barbara helped to oversee the building, extension, furnishing and decoration of our present clubhouse. We as a community dedicated the Clubhouse to Phil Smead two years ago. Phil is responsible for the formation of an ongoing Clubhouse Committee to oversee the facility for years to come.
- Barbara has consistently offered her extensive artistic talents to the community. Being very knowledgeable about plants and trees, she made suggestions as to which plants should go where around the clubhouse and other community areas, as well as planted daffodils about the area and the clubhouse entrance. She also made wreaths and other floral decorations for the clubhouse and participated in its expansion plans and selection of rugs and furniture.

We will greatly miss the Smeads and hope that their example of volunteerism will continue to inspire others in the community to carry on the work they have so selflessly started and exemplified. We need help to carry on the work the Smeads performed for Powhatan Secondary, making it such an outstanding place to live. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any member of the board at any time.

Louise Pearson, our President, coordinated a wonderful reception for the Smeads at the clubhouse on June 12. Although she had a little help from her "friends", she is truly to thank for that very nice event!



Powhatan Secondary Concerns & Who to Contact

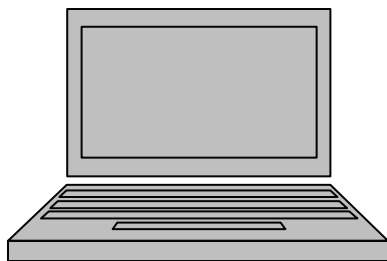
<u>Issue</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Dues/monies owed to PCSA	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [CJ Jones, Tel: 229-6810]
Clubhouse & Multi-Use Bldg Reservations	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [CJ Jones, Tel: 229-6810]
<u>Sub-Associations:</u>	
Dues/monies owed to Cromwell Ridge Condo Assn	<i>Community Group</i> [Gina Combs, Tel: 873-1800, x-306]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Place HOA	<i>UPA</i> [Bill Van Elburg, Tel: 345-5383, x484]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Village HOA and Waterford HOA	<i>Chesapeake Bay Management, Inc.</i> , [Ann Ingram, Tel: 757-879-0040]
Architectural control and covenant enforcement for all areas <u>except</u> the four sub-associations (as noted above)	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Joe Gagliano, Tel: 229-6810]
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NEXT DEADLINE!

September 4, 2009 is the Deadline for all submissions for the October 2009 issue of The Powhatan Signal. Please mark your calendar!

Have you visited our Website recently?

www.powhatansecondary.org



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*

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

****Any PCSA member may attend. Meetings are held at the Clubhouse at 6:00 P.M.***



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An Expression of “Thanks” to the Powhatan Secondary Community

Barbara and I want to thank everyone who planned, “executed”, and attended the farewell reception in our honor on Friday evening, June 12th. We were humbled by the turnout and especially appreciative of the efforts put forth by some wonderful teens and a host of their elders to make this event one of the more memorable in our lives. Powhatan Secondary in its entirety is a great community and we are so proud of what has been accomplished by many, many dedicated residents these past 21 years. We have been blessed by the friendships developed with so many neighbors since our arrival in 1988.

Phil Smead

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