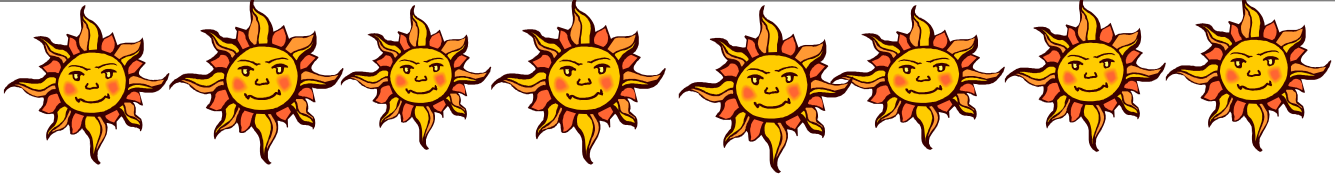




The Powhatan Signal

Powhatan Secondary Newsletter VOL. XXVIX NO. 3 July 2012



Property Manager's Corner

CJ Jones, Berkeley Realty

Recent Community Upgrades

Powhatan Secondary has been very active for the first part of this year. The Board of Directors approved two major projects that have been completed. The first project was the purchase of 213 sterile carp that were added to the three main ponds. The fish were purchased from a local fishery after the appropriate application was filed with the State. Joe Gagliano and C. J. Jones of Berkeley Realty picked up the fish and introduced them to their new homes with the help of several community volunteers. This action was taken as an environmentally-friendly option to help control the recent wide-spread growth of unwanted aquatic vegetation in these ponds that came about last year. A secondary benefit is that these same fish can also provide a source of recreation for our fishermen (fisher-persons?) in the community.

You may also have noticed that the fishing pier at Rennicks Pond was replaced with a new and larger pier this spring. It has already seen a lot of use. As part of this project the Board also approved the addition of a small boat launch structure to make it easier for residents of PCSA to launch kayaks and canoes into Rennicks Pond. Remember, motorized craft are not permitted on the pond, but canoes and kayaks are acceptable.

Other projects that are being considered by the Board of Directors for this year include some cosmetic repair to the clubhouse meeting room, as well as refurbishment of the Multi-use Building meeting facility. The plans for this building include repainting, new floor covering and furnishings upstairs. Hopefully these improvements will be scheduled after the pool season closes.

SEE PHOTOS on page 9 of the newsletter

Community Trash Program

There have been some recent changes to our community trash program. The rates stay the same and those of you who are enrolled can expect to receive your statement for the second half of 2012 sometime in June. If you do not receive a statement in June please contact Berkeley Realty at 757-229-6810 and select extension 207 for Mr. Jones or extension 209 for Kris MacKenzie. They will be glad to assist you.

One important change: SDI has a new name – County Waste. County Waste will continue to provide household trash service to the Powhatan Secondary community on Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the section of Powhatan Secondary in which you live. another important change

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If one container is not sufficient, you may order a second container by calling Berkeley Realty 757-229-6810, extension 209, or extension 207 for additional information. Remember, this program is limited to regular household trash that must be in the designated pick up toter container. County Waste cannot pick up bulk items or large numbers of plastic bags. Private arrangements can be made for special pick up needs if necessary and Berkeley can also help you with such arrangements.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO SERVE ON THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE OR COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The PCSA Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on two newly-formed committees.

If you have an expertise in one of these fields or simply a desire to serve your community, please consider serving on one of the above-listed committees.

Contact Jim West at jcwest@cox.net or any PCSA Board Member

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PCSA Teens Host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt Submitted by Louise Pearson

The PCSA Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 7th from 11 am to 12:30 pm on the Clubhouse grounds. The event was planned and run by the teenagers in our PCSA community under the direction of **Natalie Esch**. There were over 100 children ages 0 to 12 years of age in attendance with at least 150 parents and grandparents watching and encouraging. Natalie's team organized games in which the children competed for prizes. Some of the activities included: cupcake decorating, stacking peeps, hula hoop competition and temporary tattoo applications. The children hunted the eggs by age groups. The teenagers were creative in the hiding of the eggs and created quite a sense of competition with the much sought after golden eggs. This was a fun morning for all and a great example of our teenagers creating and executing a fun event for our younger community members. Special thanks are extended to Natalie Esch as coordinator and her helpers:

Dustin Bloodgood	Autumn Elim-Durden
Haley Bresnahan	John Masla
Grace Dowdy	Morgan Ridgeway
Johnny Shideler	



2012 Pool Season Submitted by Cindy Satira

POOLSIDE NEWS

Summer has arrived and pool season is off to a great start. The new white coat went in late April/early May and turned out beautifully! The pool will be running on regular operating hours starting June 16th. We will also be starting lap swimming on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15AM-8:00AM for pool members. The guards will also be putting a lane line in during the last hour the pool is open on Monday-Thursday evenings.

Billy Sharp will be conducting swim lessons again this summer. Please see the sheet at the sign in table at the pool to register your child. He will be contacting you directly to schedule lessons.

Don't forget the pool for parties! The pool can be rented out to members from 7:30PM-10:00PM for just \$50 + the cost of the guards. It's a great place to have a birthday party, team party, etc.

The pool will be open to all current PCSA residents on July 4th and Labor Day, September 3rd. Come on out and enjoy the pool and see for yourself why it's a great place to spend time this summer.

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Board Meeting Overview

Submitted by Jim West, President



JAMES CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

An informational meeting was held on the future site of James City Community Church, located at the corner of Old News Road and Powhatan Parkway, on Saturday, May 12th. Pastor Sam Goins presented site plans and conceptual drawings of the church to the Powhatan Secondary community. The church's contractor and other representatives were also in attendance.

This meeting gave the neighborhood an opportunity to ask questions of the church leader and his representatives. Many of the concerns presented focused on buffers, landscaping and traffic. Lighting and noise were also topics of concern. Pastor Goins explained that the church will sit toward the rear of the property facing Powhatan Parkway. An entrance/exit will be constructed on Old News Road at the existing intersection with the shopping center while the temporary entrance/exit on Powhatan Parkway will be used for construction vehicles during the construction phase. The main entrance/exit will be utilized by all church traffic once the building is occupied. The parking lot will be located in front of the church, leaving green space between Powhatan Parkway and the parking lot. A church sign, constructed of the same materials as the Powhatan Secondary entrance monuments, will be erected at the main entrance to the church lot. The materials used on the outside of the church will match those of the Berkeley Section of Powhatan Secondary; brick or stone façade with some vinyl siding. The back of the church will be completely vinyl to support future expansion if necessary.

Pastor Goins indicated his desire to be a good neighbor and to work diligently in keeping the PCSA Board informed of any significant events that might have an impact on the community. Pastor Goins has also promised to keep Powhatan Parkway clean and free of debris, in addition to working within the hours allowed by James City County. Awaiting the permitting and approval process, construction could begin at any time.

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. All board members were present. The following items were discussed:

OLD BUSINESS

Completed Projects

- Rennick's pond recreation area dock project
- Hydrilla (Carp have been purchased and placed in ponds)

Capital maintenance projects for 2012 (items will be given to a newly-formed Grounds Committee)

Entrance Signs – paint, letter replacement, lighting and landscape

- Signs painted (completed)

Suggested that the new Grounds Committee look at the following projects and make recommendations:

- Repair/replace Bulletin Boards
- Trail markers, work in ravines, and work on trails
- Railings along path to the Colonies
- Concrete sidewalk repair

Approved of parking lot reseal and striping

Seal-coat for Cluster Way (determined that milling, ground work and repaving need to occur; the

- Grounds Committee will get like estimates and discuss with residents of Cluster Way)

Phase I of poison ivy treatment has occurred. Phase II should occur around the middle of June.

- Clubhouse/Multi-Purpose Building work
- Review of Reserve Study for 2013

Approved PCSA Mission and Vision Statements

Rewrite of Governing Documents

Held Work Session on April 2, 2012

Formed and approved a Grounds Committee

- Volunteers are needed for this committee

Annual Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 30th with a rain date of Sunday, October 7th

Selected By George Catering as the food vendor

NEW BUSINESS

Formed and approved a Communications Committee

- Consolidated the Newsletter, Email Blasts,

Website and Bulletin Boards into one committee;

Phil Plante will chair this committee

- Volunteers are needed for this committee

Approved the PCSA Committees Organizational Chart

Discussed BOD meetings protocol

Recommended tree removal of two dead trees near the pavilion

Recommended immediate repair of bench located inside gazebo

Meeting adjourned around 9 pm.

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The Wildlife in Your Yard: Helping the injured or orphaned

Submitted by Jane Hohensee

In our suburban neighborhood, we co-exist with wildlife that may live as close as our backyards. At sometime you have discovered or will discover a young wild animal in your yard that is injured or perhaps orphaned and you will want to help it. I recently had this experience, so I talked to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator in Williamsburg and an agent at the James City County Animal Control office for some advice.

Some general guidelines to follow when assisting young wild animals that are injured or orphaned:

*Do not try to handle foxes, raccoons, or opossums, as they are more likely to bite or scratch. Foxes and raccoons can be carriers of the rabies virus.

*Only adults using gloved hands should handle wild animals. If possible, provide a quiet, warm, dry, dark place for the wild animal away from domestic animals.

*As soon as possible, take the injured or orphaned wild animal to a veterinarian or to a licensed animal rehabilitator. Local veterinary hospitals that will accept and treat wild animals are Godspeed Animal Hospital, the Animal Clinic and Wellness Center, and Anderson's Corner Animal Hospital.

*Contact these local licensed wildlife rehabilitators for free advice or assistance with injured or possibly orphaned wildlife: In Williamsburg: Joyce Smith 757-229-2978. For 24-hour assistance, call the hotline for Wildlife Response, Inc. a network of licensed wildlife rehabilitators: 757-543-7000.

*Do not assume that a young wild animal is orphaned, if you see it without the parents. Some young wild animals like rabbits and deer are left alone for extended periods. For instance, mother rabbits come to the nest only twice a day for feeding the young. By the time young rabbits are as large as a tennis ball they are able to live independently.

We share our suburban neighborhood with wildlife. When you find a young wild animal that is injured or perhaps orphaned you can refer to these guidelines and lend a helping hand by contacting a veterinary hospital or a licensed animal rehabilitator for assistance.

WOUNDED WARRIOR MENTOR PROGRAM Submitted by Glenn Rother

In 2004 the West Point class of 1958 initiated a mentorship program for wounded warriors at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. when it became apparent that wounded soldiers needed more individual attention than the Army could provide. The volunteer organization, called the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program, has evolved to provide much-needed guidance and assistance to wounded soldiers. Since its creation, the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program has expanded to include the Warrior Transition Unit at the McDonald Army Health Center at Fort Eustis.

Somewhere between 70-80% of our wounded warriors will leave the military service after recovery and rehabilitation. Many of those that do stay must be reclassified into a new military career specialty. Mentors are asked to bond one-on-one with their wounded warrior in a surrogate parent relationship – one that is based on trust so that the wounded warrior has someone to turn to for help and guidance.

At Fort Eustis, the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program enjoys the full support of the hospital commander and staff, and the Warrior Transition Unit commander and his entire chain of command. While the dedicated medical staffs at the military facilities have excelled in medical treatment, they do not have the resources to provide one-on-one support to help the wounded warrior make life decisions after recovery. Volunteer mentors are able to orient wounded warriors on a new profession and a new way of life, as well as counsel them on benefits, educational opportunities, job search, interview techniques, and handling of finances, just to name a few. Our effort to improve the breadth, quality and integration of Army transition services comes at a time when departing wounded warriors face one of the toughest job markets in years.

Mentors are all volunteers and most are former military officers or senior noncommissioned officers. Due to numerous wounded warrior requests for mentor assistance, a continual need exists for additional mentors. For more information, contact local program director, Tony Nadal, at Rnadal9@cox.net or 757-258-3999.

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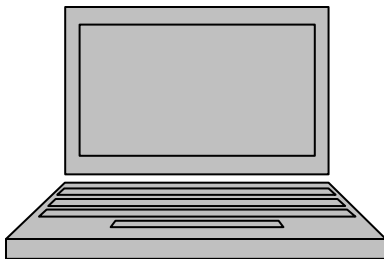
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