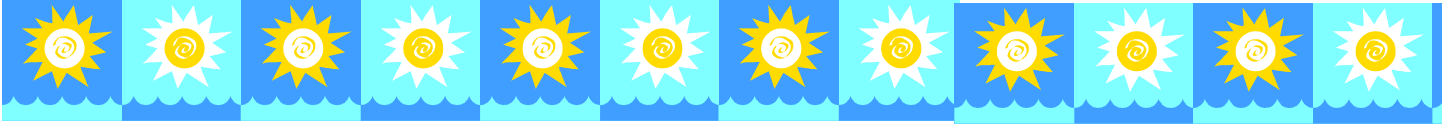




The Powhatan Signal

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GOVERNING DOCUMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Please mark your calendars for 7:00 – 9:00 PM **July 10, 2014**. Powhatan Community Services Association will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting of its membership to discuss the proposed amendment project for our governing documents. As we have mentioned in the past this project is very important to all members of PCSA and has a direct bearing on each of us who have made an investment in the community.

In late June you will be receiving a letter from the Association with further details about this important meeting. This letter will also include information on how you can review these changes in preparation for the town hall meeting. PCSA is arranging with legal counsel to provide members will access to a webinar presentation from our legal counsel to review the document changes and provide information on the importance of these changes. Access to the webinar will be available to members the week prior to the town hall meeting. The webinar will consist of a presentation format by counsel. If you have questions or need additional information please make notes for the town hall meeting.

Our legal counsel is also arranging to have drafts of the proposed revisions available through its web site for PCSA members to access these documents as well. Information regarding how to access the documents and how to access the webinar will be included in the June letter to the membership.

Please take advantage of these services and familiarize yourself with these resources so you can be prepared to discuss this project at the town hall meeting. Your participation and input is important.

See you on July 10th!

Jim West
President

SEASTARS

Our Powhatan Secondary SeaStars are preparing for another exciting season! We have about 90 swimmers from 50 neighborhood families on the team this year, and it is not too late to join the fun! If interested, contact Eric Dawnkasi at swim-team@powhatansecondary.org for more information.

Our meet schedule:

June 16th	Greensprings Spirit Night at Sweet Frog	Away
June 23rd	Indigo Park Sprit Night at Brusters	Away
June 30th	Stonehouse	Home
July 7th	Coventry	Home
July 14th	Ford's Colony	Home
July 21st	Two Rivers Spirit Night at Rita's	Away

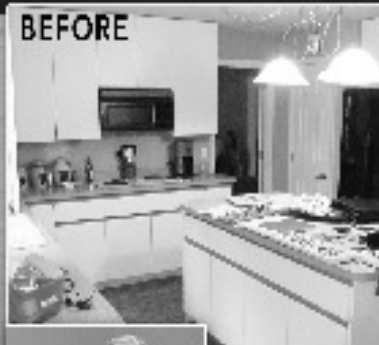
Please come out and cheer on our swimmers, or support the team at one of our Spirit Nights. Just make a purchase at the sponsoring business between 8 pm and 10 pm, and mention that you are there to support the Powhatan Secondary swim team.

Note that the pool will close at 4 pm for the home meets on June 30, July 7 and July 14.

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POOLSIDE NEWS, July 2104

Submitted by: Chris "Chlorine" Walls
Pool Committee Chairman

Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer and the opening of the Powhatan Secondary Pool. Summer always starts with a splash at the Powhatan Secondary Pool!

Opening weekend kicked-off on Friday, May 23rd and culminated with a neighborhood-wide open house on Memorial Day. We had members and visitors from all corners of Powhatan Secondary enjoying the beautiful weather at the nicest pool in town!

As soon as lifeguards Molly Jacobs and Logan Evans blew their whistles to officially start the swim season, children who had lined up at the edge of the pool jumped right in and began the summer fun. When asked what he thought of the first dip in the pool, Sean Leach, the 1st adult to brave the late-May waters said, "The first dip is always the most refreshing". His wife, Kate, agreed.

On Memorial Day the pool was teeming with residents of all ages lounging beside or splashing in the pool. "I haven't seen this many cannonballs since Gettysburg!" exclaimed Powhatan Secondary's oldest resident, 151-year-old Dave "Old Pappy" Long.

Since then it has been more of the same- beautiful weather and great times at the pool, and the Pool committee would love to have you experience it for yourself. If you haven't joined and would like to see what all the excitement and good times are about please join us Friday, July 4th, for another open house. All residents of Powhatan Secondary are invited to use the pool – NO MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED that day! For more information on pool hours and memberships, please visit the website <http://powhatansecondary.org/> and click on the pool drop down.

A special thanks to all members of the Pool committee, lifeguards, and others who helped get our pool ready for what promises to be another great summer swim season!

See you at the pool!

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Manager's Corner

Submitted by: CJ Jones, Berkeley Realty

RECYCLING CHANGE UPDATE

As noted in the last newsletter, James City County's new recycling program is scheduled to start July 1, 2014. In June, the County will be distributing new containers and printed information to all county residents about the changes. Please make sure that you have reviewed your storage arrangements for these new containers. The ALPB Handbook does require all trash containers and recycling containers to be stored out of sight from common areas and not objectionable to other residents of the community. If you need assistance, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Architectural and Land Preservation Board (ALPB) for assistance, or contact C. J. Jones at Berkeley Realty at 757-229-6810 ext. 207.

COMMUNITY TRASH SERVICE

The billing statements for the voluntary community trash program for the third quarter were sent out to participants in June. Payment is due July 1, 2014 and is delinquent after 30 days. Please make your payments in a timely manner to ensure that your payment is credited to your account before this deadline. Your cooperation will avoid any interruption in service.

MAIL BOXES

The Architectural and Land Preservation Board (ALPB) is reminding everyone to check the condition of their mail boxes. They need to be kept in good repair and repainted when necessary. Please refer to the handbook for specific details for your section of the community. Note: any exception must be approved in writing by the ALPB before installation. If you are having trouble with a light not working the ALPB or Berkeley can provide assistance.

The Season of Cricket

Submitted by: Phil Plante

The residents of the Wythe Section of Powhatan Secondary will remember the past few months as the Season of Cricket the dog. Her saga is well known to those residents who subscribe to our lost pets emails, but for those of you who don't, here's her story.

Cricket was adopted from the Humane Society on April 1st and made her first escape just two days later. She was on the run for over a week, before she fell for the oldest trick in the dog catcher's book, the baited dog trap.

Before another month went by, Cricket made her second escape and settled comfortably into the woods along News Road. Cricket kept busy nights, entertaining sleeping residents, howling with the beautiful voice of a hound that can carry for miles, and stealing old shoes and slippers from back decks and dropping them off elsewhere. It became a daily routine for residents to swap-back stolen items like they were letters delivered to the wrong mail box. And on garbage day, it was with great trepidation that residents left their bins at the curb.

Cricket lived in the woods for a month this time. Residents and Animal Control hatched various schemes to capture her, but without success. The baited dog trap did not work this time and neither did tranquilizer laced dog food. Her undoing finally came about when she got a little too confident, or maybe just tired of life on the run, and fell asleep in plain sight right by the stoop of a house. She was so sound asleep, her owner was able to sneak up and grab her before she woke.

Cricket has been returned to the Humane Society in hopes of finding a home a more suitable to a dog who likes to free range. Maybe a farm in the country or a homestead on a hundred acres in the Ozarks.

While Cricket's story is an outlier, we routinely do have animals that get lost in our neighborhood. If you'd like to have your name added to our lost pet email list, send an email to the communications committee at communications@powhatansecondary.org.



Pool Party for Middle School Students

Wonderful in spite of the rain

Thursday, June 12th, was the last day of school, and the Last Day of School Pool Party for middle school students. It was a great success! Forty seven rising 6th through 8th graders gathered at the Powhatan Secondary pool, in spite of the rain. Fun in the pool, pizza, drinks and raffles were held throughout the evening. The students were relaxed and truly loved having fun playing. They were so happy to have the school year over!

A huge thanks goes out to Leanne Conrad and Diane Joyner who volunteered to plan the party and execute all the details needed to make it a success. They had a wonderful helper in Marbury Abella. Marbury made sure the students had plenty of pizza and drinks. As a community, we thank Leanne, Diane and Marbury, for making this event possible.



Girl Scout Troop 1293 Hosts the PCSA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The PCSA Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 13th on the Clubhouse grounds. The entire event was planned by Girl Scout Troop 1293 under the direction of their leader, Paige Kufro and was run by the scouts, Key Club members, and parent helpers. There were about 90 children from 0 to 12 years of age in attendance with an equal number of parents and grandparents watching and encouraging. Over the past several months, this teenage Girl Scout troop used their regularly scheduled meetings to brainstorm and plan out the afternoon's activities. They organized games in which the children competed for prizes such as: hoop throwing over bunnies, and bunny hop races. Some of the activities included: crafts, cupcake decorating, guessing numbers of jelly beans in jars, face painting, and washable tattoo application. The children hunted eggs by age groups. The teenagers enjoyed hiding the eggs and then watching the children find them. This was a fun afternoon for all and a great example of how our teenagers created and executed a successful event for our younger community members.

Special thanks are extended to each member of the troop, volunteer helpers, and especially to their moderators.



Girl Scout Troop 1293 and Volunteers



Congratulations Graduates!



Powhatan Secondary has so many wonderful 2014 graduates living in our community. We have residents who have been awarded their PhD, Medical, Masters, or Undergraduate College degrees. Some have succeeded in earning a trade school diploma or special skills certificate and license. We offer our congratulations!

To the High School graduates this is a most special time of the year. We are thinking of you and your accomplishments. The road ahead is an open slate for you, full of possibilities. We thank so many of you who have assisted in the various social and pool activities of Powhatan Secondary; you have helped to make them possible.

To our middle school and elementary school graduates, you are moving ahead and we are so proud of you, and will follow your accomplishments through the next few years. We hope that each of you will become involved in the activities of our community.

Congratulations to all the graduates of Powhatan Secondary on a job well done!

Welcome to the Neighborhood

We would like to WELCOME our newest neighbors!

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Common Area Grounds Committee

Submitted by Alan Burkhardt

Some of the integral parts of our community are the BMP's (Best Management Practices). BMP's are areas constructed to protect the quality of the storm water runoff in the area as well as to serve as buffers, collecting water during heavy rains and minimizing flooding. If you are interested in learning more about BMP's, there is an excellent presentation on the James City County website (<http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/%5C/pdf/stormwater/documents/BMPMaintWS-020911-d.pdf>).

We have 11 of the over 600 BMP's in James City County in our community. Their locations can be found on the James City County GIS maps site:

(<http://property.jamescitycountyva.gov/JamesCity/>). Powhatan Secondary is responsible for maintaining the BMP's in good working order and the BMP's are inspected periodically by the county staff. The most noticeable of our BMP's are the three ponds located between News Road and Monticello Avenue, covering 21 acres in total.



One challenge facing the owners of ponds is vegetation control. Left unchecked, most ponds will become overgrown in a relatively few years. As you can see from the pictures, we have kept vegetation under control in our ponds. To do this, our community has chosen a biological method (Sterile Asian Grass Carp) to control the weeds, as opposed to chemical control. This minimizes both the cost to us and the impact to the environment. Grass carp are an increasingly popular solution to the issue of pond vegetation across the USA. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries oversees the use of grass carp in ponds and stocking ponds requires a permit from them. To prevent the danger of these imported fish reproducing beyond control, the fish eggs are treated to produce sterile offspring. The sterile carp can reach a size of 20 pounds in Virginia ponds and they can eat 4 – 5 pounds of vegetation each day. We stocked our ponds in 2012 and we can normally expect the fish to last 5 or more years before restocking is needed. So, if you see one of these large fish as you walk along the ponds, you will know that they are working to keep our ponds clear of vegetation.

The CAGC has also been working on a walkway design to cover boggy areas in our trails which do not cross a stream. This design will be used for the boggy areas in the Berkeley Loop Trail and may be done by the Boy Scouts later this year. Our goal is to eliminate any area in the trails which make the trail difficult or impossible to use.



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> [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>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Ed Robbins Tel: 229-6810]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Village HOA and Waterford HOA	<i>Property Management Association</i> , [Gail Blecher, Tel: 757-646-6247 gail@thinkpma.com]
Architectural control and covenant enforcement for all areas <u>except</u> the four sub-associations (as noted above)	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [CJ Jones, Tel: 229-6810]
Architectural control and covenant enforcement for Sub-Associations:	
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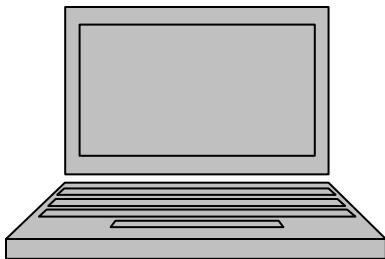
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Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting*
July 15, 2014

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



*Powhatan Community Services Association
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PCSA Annual Family Picnic

The PCSA Board of Directors would like to invite all residents to the Annual Picnic on **August 17th**, with a rain date of August 24th.
This is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and reconnect.
The pool will be available to all residents that day.

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