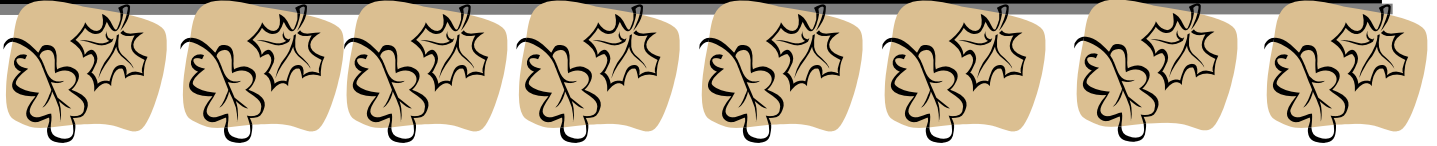




The Powhatan Signal

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Unwelcome Visitor– My Storm Story

Submitted by Aaron Small, President

We received an unwelcome visitor at the end of August. My family and I were on vacation in Myrtle Beach when we first heard that she was going to pay us a visit. We headed back home a day early so we could be prepared. The drive started out pretty miserable but we made it back home in record time! Once we got home, we unpacked the van, and then started to get ready for our visitor who was scheduled to arrive the next day. She came at 4am. UGH!

Irene started off innocent enough with a little rain. By 7am, the winds were up and so we made sure anything that could fly around was secured (like the basketball hoop). Since we'd been gone, I had to go pick up the dog at the kennel so I decided to try and fill up the truck as well as the gas cans for the generator in case the electricity failed. Since I was out, I'd also try to fill up the propane tanks that had ran out a few days before we left on vacation. I got the dog, found gasoline, but no propane... anywhere. Not a good omen.

Around 2pm, things started to look pretty good. The winds weren't as bad as predicted and didn't seem to be coinciding with the tides, the central pressure was higher, and we still had electricity! I was starting to think this was going to be just hype from the Weather Channel. At sundown (earlier than normal because of the heavy clouds) it looked like we were in the clear as the storm was now on our same latitude and moving north. Electricity went out at 9:40 so we put the kids to bed and hoped it would be a replay of Isabel when we got power back after a day or so.

The next morning, I expected to come outside and pick up a few downed limbs and such since the worst had been the night before. Boy was I wrong. The place looked bad. My only tree left in the front

yard (a 12" hickory) was listing about 10 degrees (luckily not towards my house). My neighbors weren't so lucky, as trees were down everywhere.

So after brewing some coffee with the newer generator (which my neighbor had started before we returned from Myrtle Beach – just in case) and breaking out "Ol' Bessie", a small generator we had acquired from my wife's grandfather (I swear this thing had N. Tesla inscribed in it), I went to help out. We fired up Ol' Bessie and rigged up cords for two neighbors to save their refrigerators. My neighbors and I then started on the tree clearing. Just like it was in Isabel, this neighborhood banded together and got it done. We worked hard all day, shared tools, gasoline for chainsaws, food, and sweat. At the end of the day, we still didn't have electricity, so we did what needed to be done: we had a barbeque with the entire street invited. I was out of propane, but my neighbor wasn't, so my family was fine.

On Monday, we had more clearing to do. While making a trip out to check on things at work (no power either), I received a text (phone service being mostly unusable) from one of the neighbors that a friend down the street whose deck was smashed by a 30" oak was quoted an exorbitant price to have it removed so the neighbors were assembling to help out. When I got home, I immediately went over to help and we had the tree off his house and deck in two hours (great work, Rick) saving our friend a ton of money. I heard many other stories such as my own over the next few days from others but none quite as poignant as those coming from our neighborhood. Sticking together through thick and thin is what we do and it makes me very proud to live here. Thanks to all of those neighbors who helped out.

As soon as we finished Monday evening, the power came back on! Hallelujah! Finally things started to get back to normal, except now it was back-to-school time, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Fall Ball, etc...

PCSA Annual Picnic

September 11 proved a wonderful day to have the Board of Directors host our Annual Picnic! Fully catered by ByGeorge Catering, residents were invited to come out and socialize with their neighbors and enjoy some southern comfort food. There was both pulled and sliced barbeque, all the fixins, and plenty of drinks and desserts. For the kid's enjoyment, there was a large jump and slide inflatable.

Approximately 240 adults and children came out to enjoy the afternoon.

Peter Scarola provided the tunes to set the mood.

Unfortunately the pool's pump gave out right before the picnic, so we couldn't enjoy one last dip before the pool season ended. Over the winter there will be a lot of work being done on the pool.



Irene Photos



The Enterline's garage (above) and HVAC units uprooted by trees (below).



The Embley family helping out a neighbor behind Jones Mill Road

Social Committee News & Events

Submitted by Jody Hamman

The mission of the Powhatan Secondary Social Committee is to foster a cohesive community by providing an environment for our residents to meet and interact. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or volunteering at one of our events please contact Jodi at 345-0636 or jthamman@cox.net. All events and activities sponsored by the PCSA Social Committee are free to all Powhatan Secondary residents and their guests. Residents must be in good standing with PCSA.

Come out and join us for **Family Night Friday September 30th** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Clubhouse. We will be roasting wieners and making S'mores. There will be games and activities for all to enjoy.

The annual **Halloween party** will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday **October 22** from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. There will be lots of activities, games and entertainment. Please wear your Halloween costume.

The annual **Holiday Celebration** will take place on Sunday, **December 15th** from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Activities include Horse Drawn Carriage rides, pictures with Santa, holiday ornament making for the children, fire pits with S'mores and plenty of Holiday music and cheer.

Please come join us for these wonderful and fun events.



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Board Meeting Overview

Submitted by Barbara Moody

The Board of Directors of Powhatan Community Services Association held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 19.

Most of the evening was spent in discussion regarding the severe damage to the Stack Block Dam and drain and the contracts to be let to make much needed repairs as soon as possible. Additionally, work is underway to repair eroded banks at the Powhatan Secondary Road Entrance, BMP#2 and Powhatan Secondary Road at Cluster Way.

The Eagle Scout project to build new bridges along the Trails are also underway and should be completed by summer's end.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Alan & Mary Burkhardt will join the Essex section on Old Carriage Way in April 2012, after they both retire and move here from New City, New York. They enjoy reading and car trips! We look forward to your arrival!

Also on Old Carriage Way, we welcome Andrew & Nancy Shaffer and their three children!

POOLSIDE NEWS

By Cindy Satira

As the kids head back to school, another pool season comes to a close. It was a great season for the pool with lots of sunny weather, pool parties and exciting swim meets. I would like to thank Dawn and Joe Broker for keeping our concessions well stocked and Susanne Esch for making sure our guards, coaches and bills get paid. Letty Arbogast is a never ending source of help and support and Jim Lynch is always willing to throw in a helping hand. Thank you to a great committee!

Swim lessons were a big hit again this year and will pick back up next season. The most exciting thing to look forward to is reminder postcards for pool dues will go out the first week in May.

I would like to wish our graduating guards, Kyle Evans and Billy Sharp, the best of luck on their endeavors in college. Our lifeguard staff was amazing this summer. They were a huge help to both clear the deck in preparation for Hurricane Irene and reload after she passed through. I owe them a huge thank you for a job well done all summer! Miles Little will be replacing Kyle as head guard next season. Congratulations Miles!

Anyone interested in guarding next season should make sure to book their lifesaving/CPR class early because they fill up quickly. The pool committee will be taking applications for guard positions in April. Please check the link on the community website for further information. Reminder postcards for pool dues will go out the first week in May.

Seastars Swim Team

By Andrea Freeland

The Seastars had a wonderful season! We went 1-4 in Division 1. That may not seem that great but we swam teams like Kingsmill and First Colony better than ever before. We are looking forward to improving our record next year.

On behalf of the swimmers and parents, I would like to say a huge thanks to all four of our wonderful coaches; Matt Dryden, Lauren Freeland, Kyle Evans and Olivia Freeland. They spend hours with the swimmers improving their skills but more importantly, helping build their character and giving our neighborhood kids good role models to look up to.

We had a blast this summer with Movie Mondays, pancake breakfast mornings, sweet treats at local shops, pizza parties, tie dye events, WeeStar Meets and night swims. None of these activities could happen without help from many volunteers. Some of the people that I need to give special thanks to include Dawn/Joe Broker, Cindy Satira, Beth Robles, Kim Squire, Molly Dry, Eric Dawnkaski, Susanne Esch, Denise Webster, Kendy Wood, and Dan Wood. I am always so proud to be a part of this neighborhood team and it takes a lot of great people to keep it going. As always, I would like to encourage new families to join next summer and can't wait to see everyone else in the water next summer. GO SEASTARS!





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CJ Jones, Berkeley Realty

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c/o Berkeley Realty Property Management
150 Strawberry Plains Road Suite A-1
Williamsburg, VA 23188

If you are not sure about your current address information please give us a call. It will only take a moment to check the data we have on file. When you call Berkeley (757) 229-6810, you can ask for Kris Mackenzie or C. J. Jones. We will be glad to help update your information to ensure that notices and mailings are sent to the proper address.

STACKED BLOCK DAM REPAIRS UNDERWAY

PCSA has started modification and repairs to the stacked block dam located between The Colonies and the Berkeley sections of PCSA. The main drain inlet structure has been replaced with one that is designed not to clog up as quickly with floating debris and be easier to maintain. Currently work is being done to the main block structure to fill voids within the dam to preserve its core. Plans are also under consideration to add a concrete sidewalk across the top of the dam if funds permit. This will permit easier access for trail walkers. In the meantime parts of the trail system in this area may be closed from time to time due to contractor requirements. Please respect the barricades or warnings if the trail is closed. Trail access will be restored as soon as work is completed and conditions are safe for pedestrians.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

During the recent visit from Hurricane Irene PCSA experienced a lot of tree and brush damage. Thanks to those volunteers who helped clear a lot of fallen trees and debris from our walking trail system. Their efforts were led by Rick Monahan, Aaron Small, John Chapman and **MANY** others in the community. Their efforts are appreciated and their work saved a lot of clean up expense for PCSA.



Clubhouse Committee Report

By Louise Pearson

The PCSA Clubhouse experienced much activity this summer. Many of our residents used the facility for community events and meetings. We also had numerous residents who rented the facility for private parties. The oversight of the clubhouse continues to be the main mission of the Clubhouse Committee. This oversight primarily consists of inspection of the facility before and after a paid event. We report our findings to Berkeley Management Company for any needed repairs. We presently have 7 members of the committee and are looking for additional members to assist in the oversight. If you have an interest in making sure our clubhouse remains in excellent condition, please give Louise Pearson a call (757-229-7438) or send her an e-mail at: louisepearson@cox.net to find out how you can assist.

Board of Directors-Announcements

By Aaron Small

- ◆ We would like to request volunteers to serve on the holiday decorating committee & the election committee (also be thinking about serving on the PCSA Board of Directors)
- ◆ We are open for nominations from the community for the 2011 Director's Award and Youth Award (The Board votes on these in January, to be awarded in February)
- ◆ The timeline for work on the PCSA budget for 2012 is as follows:

Sept. meeting- discuss needs/review reserve budget

October—work sessions as necessary

November 15—approve budget and set annual assessments

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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>Chesapeake Bay Management, Inc</i> , [Dori Kiraly Tel: 706-3019]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Village HOA <u>and</u> Waterford HOA	<i>Chesapeake Bay Management, Inc</i> , [Diane Clarcq, Tel: 757-969-0718]
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]
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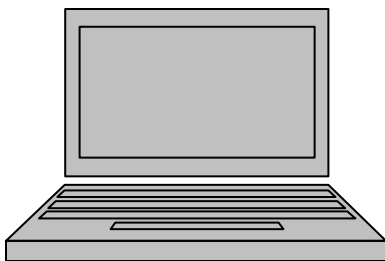
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