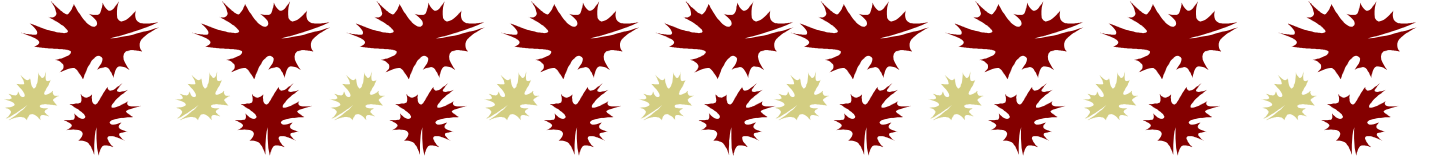




The Powhatan Signal

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Board Meeting Overview

On July 16, 2013, the Board of Directors met at the Powhatan Secondary Clubhouse. In attendance were Board members Jim West, John Chapman, Jeff Long, Diane Joyner, and John Wells. CJ Jones from Berkeley Realty Property Management was also in attendance.

The March minutes were accepted as reported.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Eastern Title to deliver title documents to attorney preparing Governing Documents Draft by 7/17/13. Draft of GD expected late in the week of 7/15/13. RFP for new property management contract have been delivered and interviews are anticipated to be held at the end of July. If there are multiple well-qualified firms for the contract a special meeting of the BOD will be convened in August to discuss the potential firms, and a vote of the BOD will be held at the September meeting. If the committee believes there is one obvious choice, no August meeting will be held and the firm will be presented for approval at the September BOD meeting. BOD approved motion for Carson Saunders to fill BOD vacancy left by the resignation of Glenda Turner. This term will expire in February, 2016. J. West announced that Carl Thompson is relocating to Arizona and resigning from the BOD effective immediately. BOD members are asked for recommendations to fill the vacancy. This person would preferably have an accounting background and would be able to assume the position of Treasurer.

Social Committee (J. Thamman)

The social committee continues to struggle to get volunteers and there was considerable discussion about which events to focus on. Those in attendance favored focusing on two main events for the year; The Easter Egg hunt, and the Holiday Party. The annual picnic held at the community center each summer is hosted and organized by the BOD and does not require significant effort from the Social Committee.

J. Wells is the BOD member liaison to the Social Committee and will contact Jodi later in the summer or early fall to discuss options for reaching out to the community to seek additional volunteers to help with future social events. One idea included using the swim team contact list to focus solicitation on those families with children to get volunteers-

Grounds Committee (Alan Burkhardt)

Motion to approve funds to complete project 1206 (Colonies Trail Trex Bridge) was approved by the BOD. Estimated cost is \$1,400.

Burkhardt will get bids to complete projects 1308 and 1309 (Berkeley Loop Bridges) based on AES design, for discussion at September BOD meeting.

Discussed plantings at median on George Wythe Drive at entrance to Powhatan Woods. Plantings have grown so large that site lines for drivers entering and exiting the development on to Powhatan Secondary are reduced. J. Chapman suggested that a hard pruning of the existing shrubs now will improve the site lines and will provide a price for V. Crest to do that work now. Motion to have the work done now by Valley Crest was approved by the BOD.

J. West asked the Committee to review the Reserve Study to make sure money is allocated in next year's budget to accommodate items in the Study for next year.

To see the complete report of the July minutes, please visit that section of the website here:
<http://www.powhatansecondary.org/minutes.php>

Communication Committee

Website

We're in the process of adding new pages to the website to highlight contributions by volunteers around the neighborhood like the Boy Scouts helping with the trails and the Jamestown students helping with the Ice Cream Social, as well as various groups that meet within the neighborhood like the book club and scrapbooking group. If you know of any volunteers or groups that you'd like to see mentioned, please contact us at communications@PowhatanSecondary.org.

Distribution List

If you received this issue of the Powhatan Signal via email, you're already on our distribution list. But we still don't have an email address for all of our residents. This is particularly important when we send out notifications to the neighborhood for safety or crime-related issues. So ask your neighbors if they're on our distribution list, especially if they've recently moved here, and let them know they can go to the website and get signed up.

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VANDALISM IN THE COMMUNITY

Submitted by: CJ Jones, Berkeley Realty

Powhatan Community Services Association received notice of vandalism to a park of the community walking trail. It appears that the railings on either side of the trail that cross the pond spillway behind Waterford were damaged and approximately 18 boards were broken or kicked in. This incident has been reported to the James City County Police and any information may be forwarded to the police or to the Association's management company, Berkeley Realty Property Management (757) 229-6810 ext. 207.

Funds used to repair vandalism could better be used to fund these improvement projects. If you have any information regarding this incident or if you witness any suspicious activity please contact the JCC Police at 911. They will investigate any report of suspicious activity.

Common Area Grounds Committee (CAGC)

Submitted by: Alan Burkhardt, Grounds Committee Chair

Activities this summer were focused on clearing trash and brush from our trails to keep them open and clean. With all the rain we experienced this summer, the brush and grass have been growing rapidly, making it a challenge to keep the trails clear. Our landscaping firm, Valley Crest, will be doing a second trail clearing and treatment this fall to clear out the trails. A wind storm in June also toppled two trees across the Colonies Trail, blocking the trail. Our Property Manager, CJ Jones of Berkeley Realty, arranged their removal and reopened the trail. As we go through the rest of our hurricane season, more uprooted trees are a possibility. If anyone sees a downed tree in our trails, please let CJ know so he can arrange to have them cleared.

The rains also caused some drainage problems in our roads. In one such case, the approaches to the drains at the intersection of Old Cart and Barley Mill had either eroded away or were blocking drainage off the roads. CJ worked with VDOT (which is responsible for the storm drains) to repair these drains, and this has helped the drainage there and prevented further erosion. It's also important to remember what CJ said in the last newsletter. Homeowners are responsible for keeping debris off of the storm drains so that they can do their jobs. If the drains are clogged, the water will end up in the roads, yards and homes nearby.



Pictures of storm drain before and after VDOT repairs.



Unfortunately, we saw some vandalism this summer. Rails and posts of the fence by BMP #3 (pond by Waterford) were knocked out and damaged. Damaging the trails, fences or bridges makes our trail system less enjoyable for everyone and the repair costs come out of the dues we all pay each year. If you see any vandalism occurring or know of acts of vandalism, please contact our Property Manager, CJ Jones, at Berkeley Realty. This particular case has been reported to the James City County Police Department.



Another common issue involves our street lights, which can burn out from time to time. Most of our street lights are maintained by Dominion Virginia Power. If you see a street light outage, you should report it to Dominion by calling **1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357)**. To help them identify the light needing work, please give them the ID on the light pole tag or if none can be found, the street location or intersection.



Looking ahead, we have two scout projects in the planning stages. These projects, done by scout volunteers with only the cost of materials charged to our association, would repair some of our trail bridges and install trail markers.



Need a Space for a Meeting? Submitted by Aaron and Toni Small

The Multi-Use Facility is a wonderful space to hold small group meetings such as Cub Scout, Brownie or Junior Girl Scout, or other small special interest groups. It is well equipped with a white board, folding tables and chairs, and it is a climate controlled space with heat and air conditioning. The area has a small bathroom with a large tub sink, and there is plenty of space to store materials from one week to the next. This is the perfect place for scout groups and other student groups to meet for their regular meetings. The flagpole and outdoor space complement the indoor space for these civic minded and physically active groups. If the leader is a resident of Powhatan Secondary and the participants are mostly from Powhatan Secondary, the space is free with HOA approval. If the group is not resident-sponsored and the space needs to be rented, the cost is only a mere \$10.00 for 4 hours with a \$25.00 refundable deposit.

If you have a group and would like to see the Multi-Use room, please contact Louise Pearson at 229-7438 or louisepearson@cox.net and she will be happy to give you a special tour.



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Annual Picnic in Review

The Board of Directors hosted its Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 18, 2013. Although there was a light drizzle in the air, over 200 residents attended the event. The pool was open during the picnic for those who didn't mind swimming in the rain, and as usual, volleyball and other games were available. Our resident DJ, Peter Scarolla, played a variety of tunes while everyone sampled the barbeque and chicken dinner provided by By George Catering. It was another fun event where neighbors had an opportunity to get together to enjoy good food, music and fellowship.

Thanks to everyone who supported this event. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped organize, set up, clean up, and work the registration tables. Your efforts truly made this event a success!

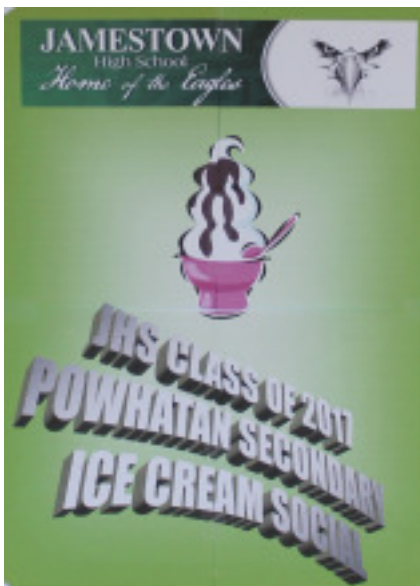
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PCSA Board of Directors



JHS Class of 2017 Ice Cream Social:

Making the Transition
by Tamra E. Elim-Durden

The kids of Powhatan Secondary are definitely growing up. A group of about 20 came together at the clubhouse on Tuesday, August 28 between their Freshman Orientation at Jamestown HS and Open House. They are the neighborhood members of JHS Class of 2017. Many of these students have been together since kindergarten, which includes two school redistrictings, starting at Matthew Whaley, then opening Matoaka then Hornsby together. Now they are off to high school and it was time to celebrate with an Ice Cream Social. Thanks to the help of Barbara Moody and other members of the Clubhouse Committee, there was plenty of ice cream, toppings, snacks, and decorations for all to enjoy. Students had fun sharing their new class schedules with one another and talking about summer vacations. Now it's time to get set for new adventures and challenges. Good luck to all Powhatan Secondary students and have a great school year! Please enjoy the photos. Additional thanks go to the parent volunteers for set-up, scooping, and clean-up: Anne Falzone, Amy Dassler, Jennifer Monohan (also a member of the Clubhouse Committee), and Ginny Van Wicklin.



Holiday Event

Submitted by: Jodi Thamman

Back by popular demand, the 4th Annual Old-fashioned Holiday will take place at the clubhouse on December 15, 2013 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. The White House Carriage Company will be joining us once again to provide horse-drawn carriage rides throughout the neighborhood surrounding the clubhouse. There will be open fire pits for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, plus all the ingredients to make s'mores. Santa's elves will be stopping by to operate Santa's Tree Ornament Workshop for the neighborhood children and Connor, our community peace dove, will be making his 4th appearance. There will be lots of activities suitable for all members of the community so please come out and join us.

Watch your e-mails, and our community billboards for further announcements. If you have any questions or are interested in helping out with this event please contact Jodi at 345-0636 or PCSASocial@cox.net.

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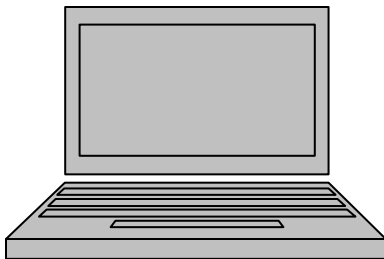
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November 19, 2013

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