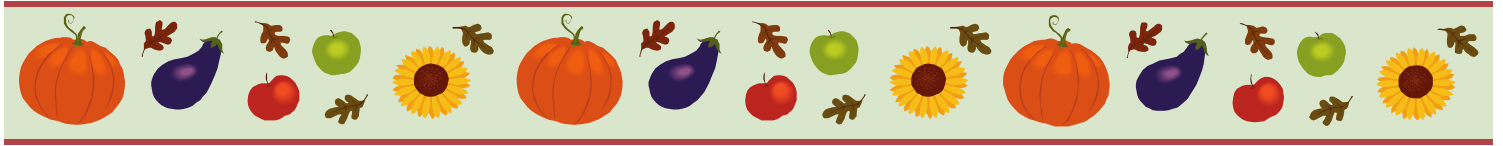




The Powhatan Signal

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GOVERNING DOCUMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Submitted by: Jim West

PCSA has added a special website for members of the Association to review the proposed governing documents for our community. As most of you are aware, this is a very important project for each and every owner in PCSA. Please continue to monitor this site for updated information.

The Association's attorney has prepared a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) area to address some of the most common elements of this project, and the importance of the support of all members. This site also provides for input from members for suggestions and ideas.

If you have not visited this site or if you need access information you may contact a Board member, the Communications Committee, or Berkeley Realty. This site is NOT the regular web site for Powhatan Secondary. Rather it is special site that was developed specifically for this project and limited to PCSA members. Its availability will be limited to the duration of this project.

The member comment and input period is scheduled to close **October 31, 2014**. All input received by that date will be forwarded to the association's legal counsel for consideration in the final rewrite of the governing documents. Once the final rewrite is completed, PCSA intends to hold further town hall meetings regarding the governing document amendment project. As a member of PCSA, your participation and input is important. Please plan to attend at least one of these town hall meetings when scheduled.

Pool Wrap-Up

Submitted by: Chris "Chlorine" Walls

All the kids have returned to their classrooms, and the leaves are starting to change – where did the summer go?

Right into the deep end of the Powhatan Secondary pool, and all the way to the steps in the shallow end! Man, what a great summer! It's over now, but we'll be able to do it all again next year.

I would like to thank all of our lifeguards for helping the pool run so smoothly all summer. We had several guards leave us this year on their way to college –best of luck to y'all – and we will have just as many returning next year. Davis Wood has assumed the responsibilities and title of Head Guard, and will continue to be an asset to the pool committee and membership.

I would also like to thank the rest of the pool committee: Dawn Broker, Cindy Satira, Karen Quinlan, and Chris and Mary Phillips. Each one is not only willing, but also eager to pitch in and do whatever is necessary to make the pool the absolute best it can be.

During the off-season the pool committee will commence a small renovation on the color scheme around the pool. Some of you may have noticed the new red and white umbrellas at the shallow end of the pool. Hopefully by Opening Day 2015, we will have updated all the umbrellas as well as the vinyl straps on the chairs.

It's not only the end of the pool season, but also the end of an era. Cindy Satira has decided to step down from the pool committee after many years of involvement. I know I can speak for the rest of the committee, Cindy, when I say your advice and guidance (especially to this committee chair) has been invaluable, well timed, and will be sorely missed. See you at the pool.

Manager's Corner

Submitted by: CJ Jones, Berkeley Realty

DISPOSAL OF DOG WASTE

PCSA has received word that some pet owners are using County storm drains to dispose of their pet waste bags. While it is very much appreciated when responsible owner pick up after their pets, it is equally important that the waste be disposed of properly. Storm water drains throughout PCSA flow straight into the Powhatan Creek watershed and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay. This means that they cannot be used for such purposes as trash and garbage receptacles and especially not for pet waste. Most of the complaints seem to be in the area of Powhatan Secondary near the entrance to Powhatan Woods. Please make sure that you pick up after your pet and that you properly dispose of the waste material.

As noted this past spring, we have a group of volunteers who make a concerted effort to make sure our doggie bag stations are stocked with disposable bags. Please take advantage of these stations and use them to pick up after your pet. Your cooperation will be appreciated by your fellow owners who have to pick up after careless owners.

MAIL BOX PROJECT

As most of you are aware by now, the ALPB, along with Berkeley, has completed a community survey to assess the condition of the mail boxes in the community. At last count some 200 letters were sent to owners about things that needed attention with respect to their mail boxes. Most of the letters sent were to address the need for repainting, repairs, and in a significant number of cases, inoperable lighting. Under the current ALPB guidelines mail boxes are required to be illuminated between the hours of dusk to dawn. Mail boxes do have different designs depending on where you house is located, but one thing that all mail boxes have in common as part of their initial construction is that they are to be wired to a house circuit to supply A/C power and be operated with a photo cell to regulate the light fixture operation. The ALPB also noted that there were a number of light fixtures that had been changed out from the original A/C powered design to a solar device. Under the current interpretation by the ALPB this is not an acceptable substitute for a number of reasons but the one of the most important reasons is that solar power is not as reliable as house current. Having lighted mail boxes provides needed community lighting. This arrangement was initiated by the Powhatan Secondary during the development stage as a more acceptable alternative to the standard street light poles that are in most communities.

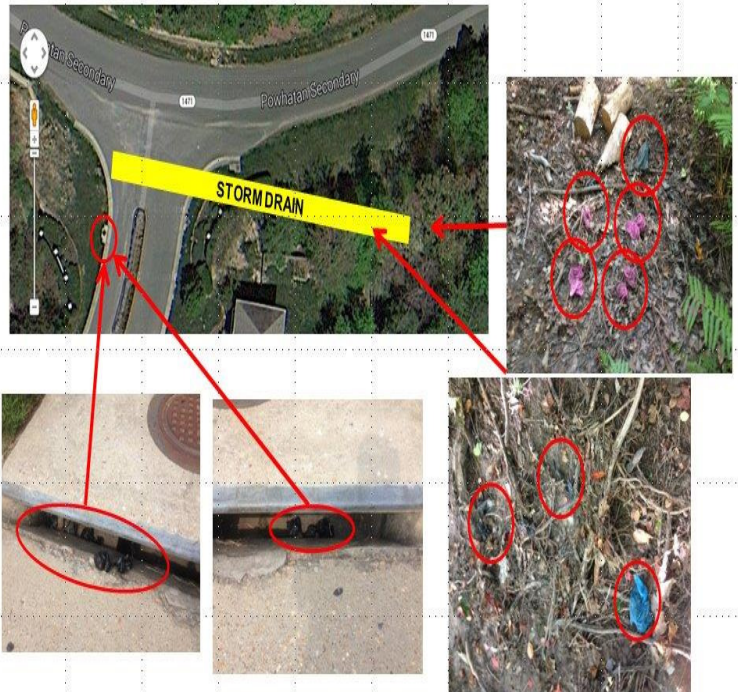
To those of you who have already taken steps to correct the noted deficiencies your prompt attention is appreciated. If you need assistance or if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Architectural and Land Preservation Board (ALPB) or contact C. J. Jones at Berkeley Realty at 757-229-6810 ext. 207.

NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Hopefully most residents of the community are getting into the swing of the new recycling schedule initiated by James City County. Under the ALPB handbook these containers are also required to be stored out of sight or be screened from view just as trash containers are handled. The ALPB is available for assistance in this matter as well if anyone is having difficulty deciding where to keep the new recycling containers. Remember, if you would like a smaller one or even a larger one, different sizes are available through the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority (VPPSA).

Discarded Pet Waste Bags

- Dog owners are discarding pet waste bags in the storm drain culvert at the corner of Powhatan Secondary and George Wythe Lane
- The waste bags are washed downstream into the green space following periods of rain and backwashing of the pool



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COMPASSIONATE CARE - Shopping List

Presented by Ed Golden, President



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Calling All Veterans!

By Jarl H. Christensen, CMSGT, USAF, (Ret),
Past Commander

In our backyard, around the corner to the Berkley Section of our Powhatan Secondary Community, did you know there is a "Veterans of Foreign War Post"? It is **VFW Post # 4639** and it is located off Old News Road on Jesters Lane, about 100 feet or so on the right side of the road.

Built in 1970, and chartered in 1975, this concrete block building was built by the hands of returning warriors from World War II, and Korea. It is now occupied by around 150 or so members from all the services from that era, as well as Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. As you may not know, we are losing more than 600 veterans a day of the 16.1 million World War II veterans, with fewer than 1.7 million that are still alive. If you see a veteran from any service, please thank them for serving!

We hold our monthly **Business Meetings on the Second Monday of every month, @ 1900 hrs (7:00pm)** We have a combined meeting with our Ladies Auxiliary Post Members, and then go into our regular meeting at 1930hrs (7:30pm). We welcome all honorably discharged veterans, active duty, reserve force members, who have or are serving our great nation in or at a foreign country that we classify as a war zone! We are a government recognized non-profit organization, and our mission here on this Peninsula and Tidewater Area is to help our growing family of returning veterans, as well as those veterans that are in need of present day assistance. Some of our present members bear the scars of War with PTSD or TBI (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) or (Traumatic Brain Injury), while others have succumbed to old age wounds, pains and arthritis discomfort, causing them to be house bound. There is one common factor which binds our members in unison and that is; Our Love for our Country, The love of our Flag, and Our unanimous commitment to fight for, and protect, the benefits that were promised to us as we took up arms in defense of our nation's enemies! We do this to keep the faith and tradition to our fellow comrades, and to those who sacrificed their lives to protect our way of life!

Some of our monthly events are; along with some Ladies Auxiliary members, visiting the **Hampton VA facility's Spinal Cord Injury Ward**. On that day we try to bring some happiness to its patients with cookies, sandwiches, magazines, and occasionally books. We also believe that the most enjoyable and appreciative event; besides our company, is the playing of **Bingo w/cash prizes!** We are also

involved with our community schools where we hold contests among the local elementary and high schools, with our **"Voice of Democracy"**, and **"Patriots Pen"** contests where cash prizes are awarded, as well as recognition dinners given each year. We also fund a **"Teacher of the Year"** award where the best teacher is selected from among all the High School Teachers from the schools associated in our community. We donate time, or money, or both, to the USO, Honor Flight, Wounded Warrior Project, and recently The Travelling Vietnam Wall, arriving early this October! Each year in our Post, we participate with the **"Combined Veterans Organization Committee"** (CVOC) in the planning of the **Memorial Day** and **Veterans Day celebrations!** Our Post has our own **Honor Guard Team**, which participates in Memorial and Veterans Day Ceremonies with a Rifle Volley salute prior to Taps! We are also asked to perform at funerals with the folding of the American Flag Ceremony over the Casket! If you feel that you would like to participate in our Post, in some capacity, we are always looking for new members to join.

You might be asking where do we get our funding to accomplish all those endeavors, and that is where our **Buddy Poppy Program** comes in. All monies, and I stress all monies that are collected from the Poppy Distribution, are mandated to only go towards the funding of our Veteran Programs!

Just recently we started having a **Canteen on weekends**, where you can enjoy conversation, or watch sports games on our large flat TV screen in the friendly atmosphere of our Post.

As a member of our great Powhatan Secondary Community going on 11 years, I invite you to attend any of our meetings and see if you would like to join our very special Band of Brothers! If you have any spare time or energy, and/or want to participate in some of our programs, or join some of our committees, or just want to hang out with a great bunch of guys, please stop by and say hello! Oh yeah, I almost forgot, **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!**

P.S. Our Post Telephone Number is (757)258-9802, and our **web site is: [www.vfwpost 4639.org](http://www.vfwpost4639.org)**

They say that the most important meal is your Breakfast, so we are happy to mention that **we serve breakfast at the Post every third Saturday of the Month for \$6.00!**

ANNUAL PICNIC

The PCSA annual picnic was a success again this year. We had approximately 180 in attendance (maybe a few more who did not sign in!). Good food and games for everyone!! We also had a good response to our sign-up sheets; four signed up to help with our Halloween social, and four also signed up to help with our Holiday season social in December. More about these events will be posted on the community web site and also advertised through our email notification system. Others signed up to help with ...” anything to do with kids”, and also working with the clubhouse.

We had ten people add their names to the PCSA email notification list. This service is provided through our Communications Committee and is very effective in getting out information to residents in a timely manner. If you have not signed up yet you can find the sign up information on the community web site www.powhatansecondary.org.

A special thank you to the Pool Committee for hosting an open house as part of the annual picnic. The pool was busy, and the kids enjoyed the many yard games provided. Special thanks to those members of the Clubhouse Committee and the Board of Directors who manned the setup detail, sign-in tables and the cleanup after the event. Volunteers make this event very special and the success of this event is due to their contributions.

UPCOMING SOCIALS

If you would like to help organize or plan the Halloween Social or the Holiday Season Social please contact our Social Chair at Social@Powhatansecondary.org. Your help will be appreciated!!

Welcome to the Neighborhood

We would like to WELCOME our newest neighbors! Looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and getting involved with our many committees!



PCSA Board & Committee Chairs

Submitted by: Kris MacKenzie

The PCSA Board members and committees are such a great group of neighborhood citizens. All Board Members attend six meetings per year plus the Annual Meeting. The board members may have executive sessions when needed. Each new year the 7 elected members decide among themselves who will serve in what capacity. In addition to their responsibilities, the board members host the Annual Picnic at the end of the summer for the entire community.

Below is a brief synopsis of each board position:

Board President – Attends and oversees all meetings and makes sure all tasks are completed in a timely manner. Works closely with the Property Manager and manages all vendors to ensure financial as well as quality control of the association.

Vice President – Attends all meetings and for any reason the President can't make a meeting, this person steps in to perform this function.

Secretary – Attends all meetings. Compiles and distributes all the meeting notes and makes sure they are then posted to the website. This Secretary also attends monthly Architectural review meetings and reports to the board on any issues.

Treasurer – Attends all meetings. Reviews monthly financials, meets with Property Manager prior to the quarterly meetings to discuss any actions or motions necessary. Reviews audit information and works closely with Property Manager on any necessary approval of invoices, payables, etc. In addition this Treasurer is the oversight for the Elections Committee and the Clubhouse Committee.

Board Member – Attends all meetings and is assigned to one of the committees below. One of these members presently is the Communications Committee oversight.

The PCSA Committees are as follows:

Architectural Review – this group of individuals with Board oversight makes sure that our neighborhood maintains the structural integrity and real estate values of our homes based on our documents.

Clubhouse – these individuals with Board oversight and help from the Property Manager maintain the clubhouse calendar (they check the clubhouse before and after each party to ensure the facility is left in good order and that the alarms are set); Attends meetings as assigned and continues to work on the upkeep of the clubhouse.

Grounds – these individuals are responsible for all the lakes, trails and bmp's. Work with groups of volunteers (like the Boy Scout troops) to help on various projects as well as working closely with the property

Social – always looking for volunteers. These members plan and execute social events for the entire community. Some of the parties given in the past were an Easter Egg Hunts, Teen Pool Party, Halloween and Holiday Parties.

Pool – busy in the summer season setting up pool for swimmers, setting life guard schedules, etc.

Swim Team – Great community sponsored team, Sea Stars, compete during the swim season.

Elections Committee – sends out announcements to members about board openings, meets once in person and many emails. Makes contacts (calls, emails) to various members answering questions about the positions, etc. At annual meeting counts votes and reports to the whole.

Communication Committee – coordinates the varying means of communication to the entire PCSA: the Web Page, E-Mail notices, Powhatan Signal Newspaper, and Welcome Packets to new homeowners.

Thank you to everyone that helps out in the community, whether you are on the board, committee or a neighborhood watch. We all bear the responsibility to keep our neighborhood safe and thriving.

And, in February when we have the PCSA elections, think about what position you would like to volunteer for!

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]
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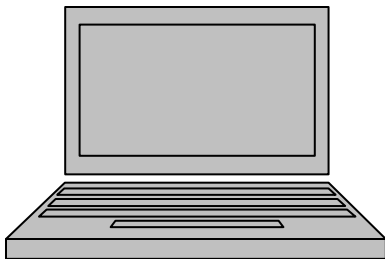
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Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting*
Nov. 18, 2014

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



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Please SAVE THE DATES:
PCSA Halloween Party,
Saturday, October 25th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.,
and PCSA Holiday Party for Saturday, December 20th
from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

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