



# The Powhatan Signal

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## PCSA Annual Picnic

The PCSA Annual Picnic, sponsored by the Board of Directors, was held for the entire Powhatan Secondary Community, Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 to 3:30 at the Clubhouse. The event was well attended, and the day proved to be a beautiful, BUT very hot.

Rocco's Smokehouse Grill did an outstanding job of preparing picnic style food, and there was plenty for all to enjoy. This year the buffet was set up inside the clubhouse due to the very hot temperatures, and to keep the cold items cold.

Great music was supplied by Peter Scarola. As always, he did a wonderful job of playing music for all different age groups.

The pool was open for all residents to enjoy. This was a great time for adults and children to just relax. The lifeguards were very welcoming and all seemed to have a good time.

The annual picnic provides an opportunity for residents to gather in a relaxed atmosphere, and for new residents to have the opportunity to meet their neighbors. It also gave us a chance to see old friends.

Thank you to all the board members, as well as clubhouse committee members, under the direction of Barbara Moody, for all your hard work in making sure that the event ran smoothly from beginning to end.



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## DUMPING

Submitted by: Alan Burkhardt

Dumping of trash and lawn debris in the common areas is a chronic problem. There are several reasons why dumping is not allowed.

One is simply the appearance of the areas while folks walk on our trails. During a Rennick's Pond trail clean up by the grounds committee, five 30 gallon bags of trash were collected. If you carry something into the common areas, please be sure to carry it out with you.

The second reason is that lawn debris does not rapidly decompose and dumping it creates an eyesore that lasts a long time. Branches will take years to decompose and larger pieces of wood will take decades. While branches do fall naturally on the ground from the trees in the common area, they never fall down into stacked piles as are seen in some of the common areas. These piles of yard debris can become homes for rodents and snakes, some of whom will turn up in the nearby lawns.

The third reason is that yard waste piles in the common areas have legal and financial consequences. Our HOA Covenants (section 7.2.j) state. "No person shall place or cause or permit anything to be placed on or in any of the Common Area or Limited Common Area without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association." Most of our common areas are defined as Resource Protection Areas (RPA's) by James City County and any dumping in them might result in penalties from the county.

The fourth reason is that some of our common areas are BMP's (Best Management Practices). These are areas (depressions or ponds) where storm water collects. These areas need to be kept free of debris to function properly and James City County inspects them periodically. If the county finds debris in them, we are notified to clean them out or face actions from the county. In these cases, our association has to hire contractors to clean them out. The cost of the contractors comes out of everyone's annual dues. If you dump waste in these areas, you are transferring the cost of removal from yourself to your neighbors.

Some roadside trash can be harmful to our canine residents. Cigarette butts on the roadside contain nicotine and nicotine can hurt dogs. A few cigarette butts can sicken a dog if the dog eats them and, in the case of small puppies, can even be fatal. If you smoke, please do not toss your butts on the roadside.

Finally, what can residents do to help?

If you walk along our roads or trails, take a plastic bag with you. If everyone picked up a few pieces of trash when they walked, it would be a big step in

keeping trash out of our community. What to do with yard debris?

A solution is to bag the waste and take it to the Jolly Pond Convenience Center, 1204 Jolly Pond Road, for disposal. The cost of four 30 gallon bags of leaves/yard waste is one coupon. Coupons are sold in books of 5 for \$20. More information on coupons and solid waste disposal can be found on the James City County website, [www.jamescitycountyva.gov/](http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/) If you use a lawn service, they may be able to dispose of your yard waste for you.

### Common Area Grounds Committee

Over the summer, the grounds committee worked on some clean up and repair projects.

The committee did a trail cleanup on the Colonies Trail. Three bags of trash were picked as well as a plastic planter.



*Charles Dallachie and Ed Kist with some of the trash picked up from Colonies Trail*

Some of the boards in the fence on the Stacked Block Dam had warped and come off of the posts. They were reattached to the posts.



*Fence Before Repair*

*Fence After Repair*

The playground equipment and benches were cleaned in June and August. The pavilion floor and decks in front and behind the clubhouse were power washed in June.

Two new wood picnic tables were prepared and installed by Rennick's Pond. One replaced the broken table by the corner of Powhatan Secondary Road and Wind River Run Road. The other was placed by the fishing pier along Monticello Avenue (there had been a table previously, but was missing for some time).

The two picnic tables located in the pavilion were repaired and repainted. Over time the tables had become wobbly due to missing or loose bolts. They were tightened and missing ones replaced. The paint on the wood tops and seats had begun to flake off. The tops and seats were sanded to remove the old paint and new paint applied.

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## MAILBOX LIGHTING

The mailbox lighting tour by the ARC was completed, and the re-inspection will be scheduled for the first week of October 2016. If you are continuing to have problems repairing your mailbox lighting, please contact the Association Manager, Diane Clarcq, at 757-229-6810, ext. 209, or review the requirements on the website: [www.powhatansecondary.org](http://www.powhatansecondary.org). Mailbox lighting is required in PCSA and a new low voltage option is available. Unfortunately, solar fixtures for mailboxes are not approved for use, and must be removed and replaced with the proper lighting to have your home be in compliance.

## DISPOSAL OF DOG WASTE

Improvements have been noted on the picking up and the proper disposal of dog waste; however, it is very important to the health of our community, and our ponds to have 100% compliance! Concerned residents have noted this problem to be concentrated in the area of Powhatan Secondary near the dam and picnic areas. Please make sure that you pick up after your pet, and that you properly dispose of the waste material.

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 is appreciated by your fellow residents who have to pick up after careless pet owners.

## CLUBHOUSE CODE CHANGE

Please note that effective October 1, 2016, there will be a new clubhouse code programmed for the front door. If you have booked the clubhouse for a reservation after that date, please contact Berkeley Realty Property Management for the new code. Call Stephanie Fose—229-6810, ext. 211.

## SOIL TESTING AND THE HEALTH OF YOUR TREES

Fall is the perfect time of year to test your soil, and check the health of your trees. The hot weather and lack of rain have many of our trees in distress from soil compaction. Contact the James City County Cooperative Extension Office at 757-564-2170 for assistance, and advice on the best way to test your soil. Their office is located at 3127 Forge Road, Toano, VA 23168 with business hours Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## POOLSIDE NEWS

Submitted by: Chris Walls,  
Pool Committee Chair

Just as Labor Day ends the summer for school age children everywhere, it also ends the daily excitement at the Powhatan Secondary Pool. We had a great summer for swimmers, parents and guests, and are already planning for next year!

We said good bye, and good luck to graduating guards Colin Wright, as well as Head Guard David Dawnkaski. Their contributions to the pool and its members are greatly appreciated.

We welcomed Chris Monahan as the new Head Guard for the balance of the 2016 season, and look forward to his leadership next year as well.

A successful season would not be possible without all our members and their support for the pool, the committee, and overwhelmingly positive feedback. The pool committee has some ideas for next year and we can't wait for you to learn about them!

Lastly I would like thank the Pool Committee for all of its efforts, which began in February of this year, as we planned our opening work day, furniture repair, and purchases to upgrade the look of the pool.

Enjoy your Fall, Winter, and Spring and we'll see you at the pool on Opening Day – May 26, 2017!

## Social News

Girl Scout Troop 1293 will again host the PCSA **Halloween Party**. They have chosen to do an "almost scary" family movie night on Saturday, October 22. There will be two films, the first will be at 7:15 pm, and is appropriate for those up to 7 years old. It will last approximately an hour, and families/adults are encouraged to attend with their children. The second film will be shown at 8:30 pm for older children.

If the weather is favorable the movies will be shown outside--please bring blankets for sitting on the grass. The scouts will offer popcorn, hot chocolate and water. Come have a fun time celebrating Halloween!

The annual **Holiday Party** will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 4:00-8:00pm. Plans have not been completed as of yet, but be prepared to enjoy the festivities!

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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> [Bev Franz, Tel: 345-6400]
“ “ “ “ Powhatan Place HOA	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Ed Robbins Tel: 229-6810]
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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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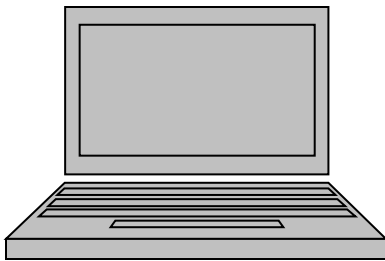
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**Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting\***  
**July 19, 2016**

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



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