



The Powhatan Signal

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Your Community Needs You!

Powhatan Community Services Association (PCSA) is your community homeowner's association, and includes almost 900 residences. Powhatan Secondary is one of Williamsburg's largest communities!

When I drive around, I'm always so proud to call Powhatan Secondary home. The clubhouse, trees, trails, the signage and lake, are all beautifully maintained, along with each homeowner taking tremendous pride in their properties.

Because we have so many acres, a lovely clubhouse, lake and pool, we rely heavily on volunteers. We are in serious need of volunteers. Some require very little time and/or commitment.

The PCSA board members have a three-year commitment. Presently, we have one open board position, and are looking to fill it. Also, the grounds, social, and election committees are in need of a chair.

Descriptions

Grounds – form a committee and walk the trails to make sure that no debris or downed trees need to be removed. The past chair did an amazing job of keeping the board involved, and has a full map of areas and/or walk through schedules that he has passed onto the board.

Social – Halloween, Easter and movie night parties to coordinate a few times a year for the whole community. Plan activities, buy supplies (although we have a lot in storage) and gather volunteers for a fun day! This position can be one person or several, plus you could coordinate with area teens who may need volunteer hours.

Your community needs your help! Please contact Kris MacKenzie at kmack825@gmail.com or 757-784-3429 for more information.

How to Prevent or Resolve Conflict with Wildlife

As human populations continue to rise and move into traditional wildlife habitat, human/wildlife contact is becoming more prevalent. This section provides general information and techniques for Virginia property owners when wildlife becomes a problem.

Below are some easy techniques which will usually solve the problem and prevent it from re-occurring:

- **If you are feeding wildlife, stop.** This will cause them to lose their natural fear of humans.
 - Keep trash inside until the morning of trash pick-up or place trash in an animal proof container, such as a metal trashcan with latches on the lids.
 - Do not leave pet food outside; keep pet feeding areas clean.
 - Remove bird feeders when problem species, such as bears, have been seen around them.
 - Close up all openings under and into your buildings. Animals look for places to den and raise their young—don't give them that opportunity.
 - Clear overhanging tree limbs and branches which may be providing wildlife access to structures.
 - Clear fallen fruit from around trees.
 - Pass along this information to your neighbors. **If anyone in the neighborhood is feeding wildlife directly, or indirectly, it can cause trouble for everyone.**
 - Reflective tape, lights, or noise sometimes works, but they will eventually grow accustomed to these methods, so this is only a temporary solution.
 - Electric fencing can be very effective in keeping wildlife out of crops, beehives and structures. It is illegal in the State of Virginia to trap and relocate an animal to another area.
- If these techniques do not solve the problem, you can contact a [licensed trapper](#) or a critter removal service which you can find in your local phone directory.

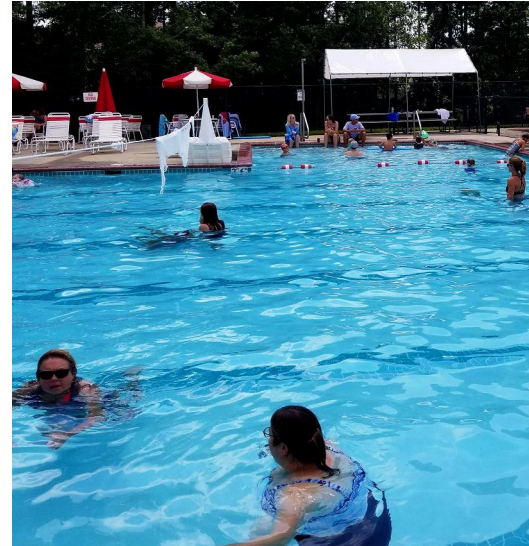

If you are experiencing a problem with wildlife, please call our toll-free helpline at 1-855-571-9003.
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Social News

It may have been hot on Sunday, August 12, but 155 residents joined the PCSA Board for our annual picnic. Everyone enjoyed great food provided by Rocco's Smokehouse, and time in the pool! The rain held off until we closed the clubhouse doors! Thank you all for coming, and we hope to have more of you join us in 2019.

Our annual Holiday party is planned for Sunday, December 9. Time to be determined. Activities are still in the planning stages, but we will have a hot dog roast and s'mores over fire pits. Hopefully we will have a holiday movie as well.

The social committee is looking for volunteers to assist with a variety of activities they wish to offer during 2019. Please contact Barbara Moody at bgmoody1@yahoo.com to help!

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Powhatan Secondary Pool News

Just as Labor Day ends, the summer for school aged 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 Head Guard, Allison Monahan. Her contributions to the pool and its members are greatly appreciated!

We welcomed Grace Walls as the new Head Guard for the balance of the 2018 season, and look forward to her 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! We began in February planning 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 24th, 2019!

Chris Walls, Pool Committee Chairman



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Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Notes

This continuing segment in the Powhatan Signal is intended to inform homeowners and to highlight recurring issues – in this instance, unauthorized additions and construction to properties and the persistence of trash and recycle containers left on the street or visible from the street.

The Architectural Review Committee was created under Article VI of the Covenants & Restrictions to assist Powhatan Secondary homeowners in adhering to requirements for maintaining property in good condition, adding improvements or modifications, and meeting community standards.

Improvement Projects: The Architectural Review Committee appointed by the Board of Directors has the authority for reviewing and, as appropriate, approving or disapproving plans submitted for storage units, fences, playsets, and hardscape modifications among numerous other items. Complete guidance can be found in the ARC Guidelines and Attachments. It is the responsibility of each Homeowner to request and obtain ARC approval for any exterior additions or modifications prior to commencement of such alterations.

The ARC has noted an increase in projects constructed without application, or projects completed prior to approval of an application. Doing so can result in homeowners being required to remove or remediate the improvement. The members of the ARC are always willing to meet with homeowners on-site to review plans and discuss options. This helps avoid any misunderstanding among the parties and speeds the review and approval process.

Trash and Recycle Receptacles:

Trash containers left at the street for pick up shall be returned to their storage location by the end of trash collection day. All trash receptacles shall be stored in a manner making them essentially not visible to those passing by on the street and not objectionable to neighbors. For those who do not wish to store them inside the garage, the recommended solution is a four-foot high picket, or wooden, or vinyl lattice enclosure.

The full text of Article VI of the PCSA Covenants & Restrictions can be found on the PCSA website - www.powhatansecondary.org/ under "Documents". Search "Governance" and you will find "Covenants & Restrictions 2015" as well as the ARC Guidelines, ARC Attachments with examples, and the ARC application form.

Movie night at the pool



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Maureen Ford

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Snake Safety

The association has been made aware that several residents have encountered copperhead snakes in their yards as well as during hikes on the nature paths throughout the community. While snakes are very beneficial to the environment, please be aware and practice safety precautions as copperheads, adults and babies, are both venomous snakes.

Steps should be taken to help prevent snake encounters and snake bites, a few are listed below:

- Maintain your lawn and landscape beds. Trim all trees, shrubs, and be sure to remove piles of brush, sticks, and debris
- Use work gloves and wear shoes/boots while working in the yard or working near stacks of firewood
- Clear areas around bird feeders of any spilled bird seed, do not feed wildlife by leaving suet, or other food items on the ground to deter rodents & small animals that are common food for snakes
- Do not put your hands/feet into areas where you cannot see such as wood piles, under rocks, into shrubbery/heavy vegetation
- At night, use a flashlight & watch where you step

Residents are encouraged to learn more about the common snakes in our area of Virginia. One of many sources: The Virginia Herpetological Society- http://www.virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com/reptiles/snakes/snakes_of_virginia.htm

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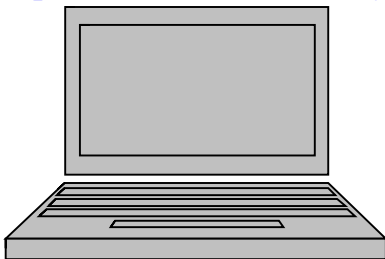
Powhatan Secondary Concerns & Who to Contact

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Dues/monies owed to <i>PCSA</i>	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarq, Tel: 229-6810]
Clubhouse & Multi-Use Bldg Reservations	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarq, Tel: 229-6810]
<u>Sub-Associations:</u>	
Dues/monies owed to Cromwell Ridge Condo Assn	<i>Community Group</i> [Bev Frantz, Tel: 345-6400]
“ “ “ “ 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> , [Angela Rawlings, Tel: 621-8914] <i>Chesapeake Bay Mgmt</i> [Jennifer Smith, Tel: 534-7751]
Architectural control and covenant enforcement for all areas <u>except</u> the four sub-associations (as noted above)	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarq, Tel: 229-6810]
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Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting*
November 20, 2018

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