



# The Powhatan Signal

*Powhatan Secondary Newsletter Autumn 2020*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE**

**Date:**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

**Location:**

Due to the COVID-19 containment, the Board Meeting will be via Zoom

**Time:**

6:00 p.m. Call to Order, Agenda to be announced

There will be a Homeowners Forum where owners have a few minutes to relay any concerns or compliments to the Board. Please submit these in advance via email to the manager, Diane Clarcq, [dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com](mailto:dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com). They will be read at the meeting.

Consider attending the Board meetings to learn about current topics in the Association.

The Board of Directors appreciates the volunteer efforts of all the Committee chairs and members who work together to keep our community running smoothly. We are looking for a leader and volunteers for the Grounds and Social Committees as well as members of the Architectural Review Committee. Consider volunteering for these important neighborhood positions, contact any Board member or Diane Clarcq for more information.

## **CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS**

The playground and pavilion are open for resident use, with the reminder that the facility is not cleaned per CDC recommendations. Please bring supplies and clean the playground equipment and tables before and after use.

The Louise Pearson Clubhouse remains **closed** at this time for residents to reserve for club meetings, parties; the association cannot meet the opening requirements at this phase of the reopening process.

Below is a list of resources for information and updates on the virus.

Center for Disease Control (CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

James City County:

<https://jamescitycountyva.gov/3753/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

State of Virginia: [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus)

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) NOTES**

*This continuing segment in the Powhatan Signal is intended to inform homeowners and to highlight recurring issues.*

The ARC is dedicated to assisting the residents in processing their plans for renovations to their home and landscape. The guidelines and forms are available on the website, [www.powhatansecondary.org](http://www.powhatansecondary.org).

The ARC encourages each owner to review the guidelines and take a look at the exterior of their home and landscape in light of the rules and regulations to ensure compliance with the community standards.

The fall inspection of the community will take place in October with compliance notices sent to owners following the review.

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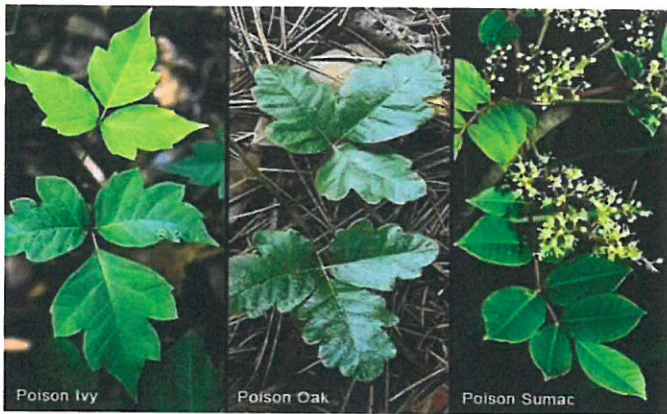
## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID-19 virus and the Executive Order by the State's Governor for Stay at Home, the annual picnic was postponed. The Social Committee continues to monitor the Executive Orders and James City County for guidance in future planning.

### Gardening Corner

Lyn Natanski, Master Gardener

#### **Poison Ivy Leaves of three? Let it be!**



#### **Identification**

Poison ivy can grow as a groundcover or small bush in woods, fields, at the edges of openings and trails, and pretty much everywhere else. Poison ivy also grows as a vine that climbs on trees, barns, and fences for support. The vine has small aerial roots along the stem that make it look like a fuzzy rope and often has much longer aerial roots as well.

Because the plant grows in so many different forms, its leaflets are the best way to identify poison ivy. The leaflets grow in clusters of three. Hence the old saying "leaves of three, let it be."

These leaflets are from two to four inches long with pointed tips. The middle leaflet is usually larger than the others. The edges of the leaflets don't always look the

same. They might be smooth, or they could have teeth. The leaflet surface can be many different shades of green and appear glossy, dull, or in between.

Poison sumac is a small tree that primarily grows on moist sites in the southern and eastern parts of the state. There are several other species of sumac that are not poisonous at all. Poison oak is a shrub that grows on dry sites, mainly in eastern Virginia. It is usually less than ten feet tall.

#### **What Causes the Rash?**

All parts of the poison ivy plant, including the roots, stems, bark, and leaflets, are poisonous year-round. The blistering rash people get is caused by an oily toxin known as urushiol.

The most common way this toxin gets on your skin is when you touch the plant, especially one that has been damaged in some way, such as being stepped on or run over with the lawnmower. The toxin is oily and sticky and is easily spread around when you touch other parts of your body.

For example, if you are weeding a flower bed and pull up some poison ivy, then wipe your face later on, the chances are pretty good that a rash will develop on your face. You also can contract the rash by picking up the toxins from animals, clothes, or other items that have been in contact with poison ivy.

#### **Symptoms**

Symptoms begin to appear within a few hours – or days – after contact with poison ivy. Your skin may start itching and burning. This is followed by a rash, redness, swelling, and even watery blisters. The seriousness of the rash will depend on how much toxin you have been in contact with, the degree of your susceptibility, and the length of time on your skin. In addition, your sensitivity to the toxin can change with your age. People vary in their reactions to poison ivy. Some people have no reaction.

#### **Prevention and Treatment**

If you suspect that you will encounter poison ivy while working or exploring, it is a good idea to wear a long-

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sleeved shirt, long pants, and gloves. Be sure to wash clothing and gloves after working in an area where poison ivy is growing. And, wash your hands immediately after placing your clothes in the washing machine. Keep in mind that poison ivy toxins can find their way through clothing. Cases of poison ivy have occurred when a person sweat through a long-sleeve shirt, thereby allowing the toxins to absorb through the fabric and onto the skin!

If you know you have been in contact with poison ivy, wash the area thoroughly as soon as possible with soap and cool water. Warm water may cause the resin to penetrate the skin faster. Because skin can absorb urushiol in a few minutes, you may still get a rash, but at least you will have contained the infected area.

Unfortunately, there is no magic cure for poison ivy, and the rash usually runs its course in two weeks or so. But if you have a bad case, those can be two long weeks. Anti-itch creams can help you get through this period.

### Control

Poison ivy can be controlled by spraying the leaves and stems with an herbicide mixture that contains dicamba, triclopyr, or glyphosate. Contact your local Extension agent for more information on preparing herbicide mixtures and applying them safely; and always be sure to follow the directions on the product label.



### POOL NEWS

The Pool Committee thanks the residents for their support this year. Working together, taking personal responsibility for cleanliness at the pool, pool deck, and bathrooms lead us to a successful swim season.

The season ended with the popular resident dog event: Drool in the Pool. The dogs and their owners had a fun, safe distance event.



### FISHING IN OUR PONDS

The Association continues to monitor the concerns in regard to the use of the ponds and parking at Lake Powhatan, also known as Rennick's Pond. The parking area remains closed at this time.

An advertisement for the Choose Home program. On the left is a photo of Maureen Ford, a Choose Home member, smiling. The main text reads: "Keep Your Lifestyle and Your Neighbors!" followed by "Continue living a full, independent life in Powhatan of Williamsburg Secondary with a comprehensive care program designed to fit your needs as they change as you age." Below this are two bullet points: "✓ Access to your own Personal Services Coordinator." and "✓ Helps cover costs of long-term care." To the right is the Choose Home logo, which includes a house icon and the text "CHOOSE HOME" and "RIVERSIDE". At the bottom, it says "Powered by Riverside and Williamsburg Landing" and "Join us for a free lunch and learn session 757-578-8898 | choosehome.com".

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## **FILE FOR LIFE AND HEADS UP PROGRAMS**

If you are a senior citizen with physical or health concerns you'll want to know more about the "File for Life" program.

If you have a special needs person living in your home, any age, you can provide added information to First Responders via the "Heads Up" program.

To register for the "Head's Up" or "File for Life" programs, go to:

<https://www.williamsburgva.gov/government/departmen-t-i-z/police/services/heads-up/-fsiteid-1>

## **ADVERTISING IN THE POWHATAN SIGNAL**

Would you like to advertise your business to the owners and residents of Powhatan Secondary? Consider an ad in this newsletter as part of your marketing plan! The Powhatan Signal is published four times a year and distributed email to the community and is also placed on the website: [www.powhatansecondary.org](http://www.powhatansecondary.org).

Contact Amy Wygans at 757.229.6810, ext.214 or by email at [awygans@berkeley-realty.com](mailto:awygans@berkeley-realty.com) for additional details.

*Important Contacts for Powhatan Secondary homeowners and residents*

**Master Association: Berkeley Realty Property Management, 757-229-6810, for**

- Dues/money owed to PCSA contact Talaya Spratley, ext. 212 [tspratley@berkeley-realty.com](mailto:tspratley@berkeley-realty.com)
- Clubhouse and multi-use building reservations contact Stephanie Fose, ext. 211 [sfose@berkeley-realty.com](mailto:sfose@berkeley-realty.com)

- Architectural control/covenant enforcement, all areas, except the sub-associations, contact Diane Clarcq, ext. 209 [dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com](mailto:dclarcq@berkeley-realty.com)

### **Sub-association contacts**

- Cromwell Ridge Condo Association –Diane Clarcq/Danielle Cooke, Berkeley Realty Property Management, 757-229-6810
- Waterford HOA- Chesapeake Bay Management, 757-706-3019
- Powhatan Place HOA – Ed Robbins, Berkeley Realty Property Management, 757-229-6810
- Powhatan Village HOA – Beth Pryor, Community Partners VA, 757-327-0037

### **Board of Directors**

Teri Collins, President  
Mike Fisher, Vice-President  
Alison Carney, Secretary  
Dave Banks, Treasurer  
Kevin Fleming, Director  
Kathy Varacalli, Director  
Kathy Skube, Director

### **PCSA Committee Chairs**

Frank Varacalli, Architectural Review  
Kathy Varacalli, Clubhouse  
Dave Banks, Communications  
Barbara Moody, Social  
Chris Walls, Pool







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**PERFORMING THE ANNUAL JCSA BACKFLOW TEST >> \$35.00**

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**BACKFLOW AND WATER METER REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS**

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**WINTERIZING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE FALL**

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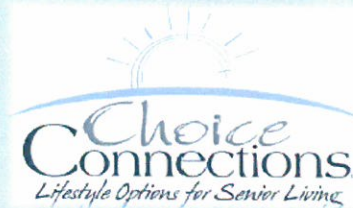
# When it's time to find a new home for your loved one Call Me First

We all know how challenging it is to find a new place for Mom or Dad to live when they can no longer take care of themselves at home. Deciding where they will be happiest and what you can afford is a daunting task. There are so many choices.

**That's where I come in.** I can help you explore and understand the most appropriate senior living options for your specific needs and budget. My experience and connections to the living options available for your loved ones will help you save time and give you the peace of mind knowing you have made the best plans for the future.



**My name is Dawn Michelle,**  
and I am your neighbor, right here in  
Powhatan Secondary.



[www.ChoiceConnectionsVA.com](http://www.ChoiceConnectionsVA.com)

The search to find the "perfect fit" senior residence has never been simpler, whether you are looking for:

- Independent Living
- Assisted Living
- Residential Care
- Alzheimer's/Dementia Care
- Nursing Home

Choice Connections of Virginia can help you understand the differences between the many choices you have in Williamsburg as well as surrounding areas.

**Call me today.  
(757) 570-3357**

[DMichelle@ChoiceConnectionsVA.com](mailto:DMichelle@ChoiceConnectionsVA.com)

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# VOTER GUIDE 2020



## CAN I VOTE?

You must be 18 or older on Election Day, a U.S. citizen, and registered to vote.

Register or check your registration status by **Oct. 13** (link below).

## WHAT VOTER ID DO I NEED?

Bring your ID with you when you early vote, if you drop off an absentee ballot in person or if you vote on Election Day.

- Photo ID no longer required.
- Acceptable IDs: Virginia driver's license, voter registration card, utility bill, other documents containing your name and address, employer-supplied ID with photo, or college-issued student ID.
- Voters who do not have an acceptable ID may sign a sworn ID confirmation.



## WHEN & WHERE DO I VOTE?

### VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

Sept. 18 - Oct. 31 | Monday-Friday | Two Saturdays, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 | Curbside voting available You must vote at the early voting location(s) for the locality where you're registered.

*Registered in Williamsburg:*  
Williamsburg Municipal Center  
8 am - 4:30 pm  
401 Lafayette St.  
(757) 220-6157

*Registered in James City County:*  
James City County Rec Center  
8 am - 5 pm  
5301 Longhill Rd.  
(757) 259-4949

*Registered in York County:*  
6614 Mooretown Rd., Suite A OR  
5300 George Washington Mem. Hwy  
8:30 am - 5 pm Monday-Friday  
9 am - 5 pm Sat. | (757) 890-3440

### VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL

Request a ballot online or by mail before Oct. 23. Use Citizen Portal (link at right) or call your Voter Registrar.

Vote your ballot, put it in the supplied envelope, **sign the envelope** and return it ASAP

- By mail, postmarked no later than Nov. 3
- Hand-deliver to early voting location by Oct. 31
- Take it to Registrar's Office by Nov. 3
- Bring it to your polling place on Election Day, Nov. 3 Your

ballot does not need to be witnessed.

### VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, NOV. 3

Polls open 6 am - 7 pm - Curbside voting available.



[vote.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/)

## INFO/UPDATES

Use the Citizen Portal link or scan the QR code with your phone camera to check for updates, track your absentee ballot, find your polling place and more.