



# The Powhatan Signal

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## **PCSA's new Pond Watch committee to help ensure health and beauty of our ponds**

The three PCSA ponds are not only for our enjoyment, but also home to fish and wildlife, and essential Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater management (see sidebar for more on BMPs). Maintenance of our ponds' health and beauty means they will continue to be valuable assets of PCSA and for our community. In addition, because our ponds are BMPs, their maintenance is a PCSA responsibility to James City County.

### **Background**

The PCSA board appreciates the importance of implementing prompt, appropriate response to and treatment of pond-related problems, such as beaver activity, undesirable aquatic growth, litter, shore erosion, etc. After evaluating several pond maintenance proposals, interviewing contractors, and much consideration and discussion over the past several months, the board came to agreement at the July 18, 2017 board meeting to move forward by establishing a Pond Watch committee. The board's decision factored in the need for prompt response, as well as good stewardship of our PCSA money.

Pond Watch committee volunteers are interested residents who make observations and stay in touch regarding concerns about the ponds. The Pond Watch committee reports to the PCSA board regularly about any concerns so that appropriate action can be arranged promptly when needed.

## **Pond Watch Kickoff**

Volunteers from Powhatan Place and Waterford gathered with PCSA president Teri Collins at the Pond Watch committee kickoff meeting on September 5, 2017. Held at the Clubhouse on Charter House Lane, the meeting allowed these volunteers to get to know one another, learn more about the committee responsibilities, and share their passion for the ponds and our community. Bob Myers is the committee's leader and point person for reporting at board meetings. Pond Watch volunteers include Bob Myers, Wes Batten, Marta Johnson, Mike Farr, Jodie Vishton, Susan Walkley, Thom Mansfield, and Alison Carney. PCSA residents interested in joining the committee are welcome.

Many thanks to Teri for getting the committee kicked off, Bob for his leadership, committee volunteers for their willingness to get involved, and Diane Clarcq of Berkeley Realty Management for drafting committee guidelines.

### **SIDE BAR:**

Stormwater Management Facilities (SWMFs) or Best Management Practices (BMPs) are a key component of any land development project whether it is a residential community or a shopping center. BMPs help improve water quality of streams by removing pollutants from rainwater. As rainwater falls on the ground and runs across the surface as stormwater, it collects leaves, grass clippings, pet waste, litter, lawn fertilizers, pesticides and more; whatever it meets washes into our streams by stormwater. Virtually all new development in the County includes facilities known as BMPs, to treat the stormwater and minimize the negative effects on our waterways. (Source: JCC website)

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## SeaStar Swim Team Wrap-Up

Did you know?

Our SeaStars swim against 18 other local area teams each summer. We had another great season with 71 swimmers this year. Ben VanTasel and Colin Wright did a terrific job as co-head coaches, with Katherine Emerson and Daniel Dawnkaski as assistant coaches. All of our swimmers improved their skills: some made it across the pool for the very first time while others broke long standing team records. There were celebrations galore with the team pancake breakfast, pizza party and awards banquet.

A few highlights from the championship meet: Bridget Wilson broke the SeaStar team record in the 13-14 Fly at champs with a 30.85!! She took SECOND place in that event and also placed 6th in the 50 free. Our 6&U age group really rocked the meet with 2 first place ribbons and many other top finishers! Will Dabney took FIRST in the 25 Backstroke and 6th in the 25 Free. Charlotte Kerkela took FIRST in the 25 back and 6th in the 25 Free. Hannah McConky took SECOND in the 25 Free and THIRD in the 25 Back. And Katie Tompkins took 6th in the 25 back at just 5 years old! It was so awesome to see our SeaStars take half of the top 6 medals in the back stroke. Morgan Vaughan had a great meet for the 7-8 age group taking THIRD in the 25 free and Sean Thomas had some great swims in the 11-12 age group, taking THIRD in the 50 Back.

Sign up for next year's team is planned for the last Thursday evening in April. Mark your calendars to come out and get some information to join the fun!

## POOLSIDE NEWS

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 guard Nick Lemmon, as well as Head Guard Chris Monahan. Their contributions to the pool and its members are greatly appreciated.

We welcomed Allison Monahan as the new Head Guard for the balance of the 2017 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 already 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! They began working 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 25, 2018!

Chris Walls, Pool Committee Chairman



## Social News

### Annual PCSA Picnic

The PCSA Board of Directors hosted the Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 20, after being rained out on August 13. We had a great turnout of over 200 people who came to enjoy the pool and the food.

The food was prepared by Rocco's Smokehouse which served it's usual tasty fare. Rocco will return again in 2018.



### Halloween Party

Girl Scout Troop 1293 is planning this year's Halloween Party, but the date and program have not yet been determined. Keep an eye on the PCSA Email Blast for more info--should be showing a movie along with all the other festivities.

### Holiday Party

Our annual PCSA Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, **December 10**, from 4:00-8:00pm. Come join us for hot dogs and s'mores around the fire pits, a holiday movie, and horse and carriage rides.



### Spotlight on PCSA Rules and Regulations

#### Trash Receptacles:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Trash containers left at the street for pick up shall be returned to their storage location by the end of trash collection day.

Please see the PCSA Architectural Guidelines located at [www.powhatansecondary.org](http://www.powhatansecondary.org) for the complete listing of Rules and Regulations.

### Courtesy Public Safety Reminder

The police state that residents of the City of Williamsburg and James City County area have reported that cars are being entered and valuables taken. There have been garages entered as well. In some cases the cars were left unlocked and the garage doors open, and there have also been actual breaking into cars, homes and garages to steal items. It is timely to remind everyone to take precautions to lessen the chance of being a victim of a crime. Everyone is encouraged to:

1. take valuables out of the cars, make certain the windows are "up", and lock the vehicle doors
2. make sure garage doors are closed and secured as well as the door leading from the garage into the home
3. keep home exterior doors locked even when you are at home during the day, and that the downstairs (ground level) windows are secured and exterior lights on during the night to help prevent the opportunity for a crime to occur

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## **When Daylight Savings Ends, Remember to Change your Smoke Detector Batteries!**

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, **November 5, 2017** at 2:00 a.m. Mark the calendar and remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector!

### **Call Before You Dig**



### **Be Safe, Call First**

Underground power lines, communication cables, gas lines, water lines or other utilities may be at various depths. It's important to be safe before excavating by alerting the appropriate state notification center and allowing time for area utilities to mark the location of their underground facilities. Injuries and even death can be avoided by taking this one simple step **and it's the law.**

**Respect Marks** – Excavation should be carefully done only after confirming all utilities have marked the location of their facilities. Locating underground utility lines is not an exact science and location marks have varying bands of required accuracy, depending on a particular state's requirements. These can range from 18 to 24 inches from the actual facility.

**One-Call System** – In addition to the national [One-Call number 811](#), all states provide a One-Call communication system providing one phone number for excavation contractors and the general public. **Please:** Always call when you intend to excavate, blast or do any tunneling work.

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National One-Call: 811 Virginia: 800-552-7001

**Call 811** -- this automatically routes you directly to the one call center in your area within the United States.

**Call VA811 – 811 or 800-552-7001 (24 hours/7 days a week)**

**Check Ticket Status/Positive Response – 811 or 800-552-3120**

Utilities with facilities in the area of proposed excavation will respond within 48 hours, beginning at 7 a.m., the next business day. Excavation can commence anytime after the caller has verified all utilities have marked or responded to the notification center, and that their facilities are clear of the intended areas of excavation.

Excavate tickets obtained from the Miss Utility notification center should be no larger than an area that can be excavated within 15 working days from 7 a.m. on the next working day following notice to the notification center or no greater than one mile. Excavate tickets can only be updated one time, meaning the life of a ticket (if updated) can be up to 30 days.

### **Commercial Information**

For major landscaping, foundations or piers, big construction projects, or fence posts, you must first find out where the utilities are. A call to 811 will bring out crews from all member utilities to clearly mark their underground facilities in your work area. You'll quickly learn precisely where you can dig, and where you can't. For more detailed information, request a Facility Location Map.

### **Attention Homeowners!**

For an explanation of the 811 message or to find out more information about markings on your property or adjacent properties, visit [va811.com](http://va811.com). VA811 also has a [GPS enhanced ticket search tool](#) for your use.

## **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 Clarcq, Tel: 229-6810]
Clubhouse & Multi-Use Bldg Reservations	<i>Berkeley Realty Property Mgmt</i> [Diane Clarcq, Tel: 229-6810]
<u>Sub-Associations:</u>	
Dues/monies owed to Cromwell Ridge Condo Assn	<i>Community Group</i> [Bev Frantz, Tel: 345-6400]
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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> [Diane Clarcq, Tel: 229-6810]
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### **NEXT DEADLINE!**

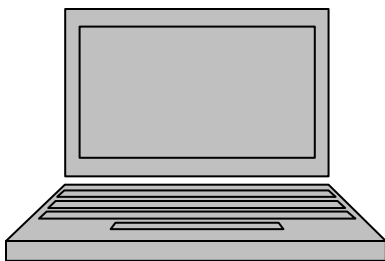
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**Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting\***  
**November 21, 2017**

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