



The Powhatan Signal

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POOLSIDE NEWS

Opening weekend kicked-off on Friday, May 27th, and culminated with a neighborhood-wide open house on Memorial Day. We had members and visitors from all corners of Powhatan Secondary enjoying the beautiful weather at the nicest pool on the peninsula!

Lifeguards Michaela Van Wicklin and Nick Lemmon blew their whistles to officially start the swim season, and children who had lined up at the edge of the pool jumped right in, and began their summer fun. Michael McVey was officially the first swimmer of the season, and after he resurfaced from slipping into the deep end was asked "how's the water"? "It's awesome!", he responded.

Committee member Chris Phillips, and other members and guests of the pool grilled their dinner, and ate at the pool. "Hotdogs for everyone"! Chris was heard shouting.

As the weekend progressed the weather went from sunny to rainy, and back again. But a little rain didn't dampen the spirits of a couple of pool goers pictured here. They and others, turned out in the rain on Sunday to get a little wetter.

Since then it has been more of the same- beautiful weather and great times at the pool- and the Pool committee would love to have you experience it for yourself. If you haven't joined, and would like to see what all the excitement and good times are all about, please join us Friday, July 4th, for another free open house. All residents of Powhatan Secondary are invited to use the pool that day- **NO MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED!** For more information on pool hours and memberships, please visit the website <http://powhatansecondary.org/> and click on the pool drop down.

The Powhatan Secondary Pool has joined the digital revolution! You can now follow POWSECPOOL on Instagram. Go there to check out the candid shots of pool happenings. Follow us on Twitter @PowSecPool and get daily weather tweets and other updates. *(See Pool News pg 3)*

Swim Team News

Submitted by Debbie Wright

The Powhatan Secondary summer swim team is off to a great start!

Practices began right after Labor Day, and the SeaStars are excited for the new season.

The team welcomes a new head coach, Evan Baker, as well as assistant coaches Colin Wright, Katherine Emerson and Daniel Dawnkaski. Even when school was still in session, they were already working with the swimmers daily to help improve their strokes, get to know each other, and have fun!

The SeaStars will compete in 6 regular season meets, with the home meet schedule is as follows:

July 11 vs First Colony

July 25 vs Ford's Colony

Please note that the pool closes at 4:00 on these days

The team will host a neighborhood **SPAGHETTI DINNER** at the clubhouse on Thursday, July 21st. Please mark your calendars to enjoy dinner with neighbors and friends, while supporting the SeaStars that evening. They will also have Spirit nights at Rita's on July 27th, Menchies on July 13th, and Sno-to-Go on July 18th. Stop by for a treat on those nights, and mention that you are supporting the SeaStars swim team. The swim team benefits our entire community, making Powhatan Secondary more attractive to families looking for homes

Thank you-we appreciate your support for our young swimmers!

It is not too late to join the fun! If your swimmer would like to join the Team, please contact Debbie Wright at dwright103@cox.net or 645-4866.

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Pool News

A special thanks to all members of the Pool committee, lifeguards, and others who helped get our pool ready for what promises to be another great summer swim season!

See you poolside!



Chris "Chlorine" Walls, Pool Committee Chairman

END OF SCHOOL YEAR POOL PARTY-Teens

To help celebrate the end of the school year a pool party was held on Friday, June 17th for neighborhood middle schoolers and fun was had by all. When the gates opened at 7:30 the pool quickly filled with the 35+ rising 6th-8th graders who attended. Fueled by pizza, snacks and lemonade the poolside fun continued throughout the evening dotted with raffles of gift cards to local businesses. Teens also enjoyed a fire pit complete with roasted marshmallows to help warm them in the cool evening air. The event offered our teens a safe, fun environment to spend time with friends all courtesy of the PCSA.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS DUE

Please remember that if you elected to pay the 2016 special assessment in installments, your second installment of \$100.00 is due July 1, 2016. Please remit payment in the same manner that you make your annual assessment payments. Payments should be made in a timely manner to ensure that they are received and credited to your account before the end of July.

Trash Service Increase

If you participate in the PCSA community trash program don't forget that there is a slight increase effective July 1, 2016. Participants should receive their invoice in June so if you did not get one please contact Berkeley Realty for assistance (757-229-6810 ext. 212 for Talaya Spratley or ext. 207 for C. J. Jones).

RENNICKS POND UPDATE

Rennicks Pond continues to be a subject of interest for the community. Earlier this spring PCSA approved treating the pond for algae growth at a cost of \$1,634.00. Currently PCSA is working with Solitude Lake Management to treat an undesirable influx of water primrose. This is the green plant material you see over the lake. One treatment has been completed and a second one will be applied as necessary. The cost for this treatment was \$1,630.00. Getting rid of the water primrose takes longer than the algae treatment but our lake company is monitoring the progress of the treatment. This could take several more weeks depending on the conditions.

Once the water primrose is brought under control and the lake has had a chance to restore normal oxygen levels PCSA will be restocking this lake as well as the smaller middle pond. The cost for restocking will be \$4,501.00. The timeline for this will probably be late summer or early to mid-September. Once this is done we need to allow time for the new stock to get acclimated to the pond. We have posted NO FISHING signs as a reminder. Hopefully we can allow fishing to resume after this winter.

The Association received a comment last week about pond dredging and why this was necessary. Please note that NO pond dredging has been requested or authorized. There was some boat activity last week on Rennicks Pond, but this was related to mapping the lake bottom, not dredging. PCSA was approached by a lake company with an offer to map our lake bottom at no cost to PCSA in exchange for allowing them to use a James City County location for their work. Since Rennicks Pond was in existence before PCSA was developed the Association has no data with respect to the current conditions or depth of the lake. This survey will provide PCSA with a base line for future reference if and when later testing is necessary if dredging is needed.

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Clubhouse Committee Update

Our Clubhouse Committee is filled with very generous volunteers. We have eleven reviewers, and one substitute. Some of our members have full time jobs, some are VERY busy Moms, and some are retired ladies. Our purpose is to keep our Clubhouse in the very best condition possible. We have a full rental program which is controlled by Berkeley Property Managers. Our charge as a committee is to review the condition of the clubhouse before, and after each private party usage. This review by volunteers saves our community much money.

How does this work? Each August the members sign to be responsible for the oversight of the private parties booked at the clubhouse for one month in the coming year. These private events vary as to day of the week, time of day, and length of rental so each reviewer has to keep informed of last minute changes on the clubhouse calendar. In reviewing the clubhouse, a committee member checks the facility to make sure that the renter leaves the facility in good order and send their findings to Berkeley.

Special thanks to the present Clubhouse Committee Members: Teri Collins, Kelly Ann Kelly, Anna Lind, Mary Garrett, Madeline Malarkey, Kris Mackenzie, Jennifer Monahan, Barbara Moody, Minnie Morales, Dot Pulaski, Debbie Wright, and Louise Pearson.

Common Area Grounds Committee

With the return of spring, the grounds committee worked on some clean up and repair projects.

There were some exposed tree roots under the swings in the playground, which could pose a safety hazard if children caught their feet on them while playing. The grounds committee removed them.

Jeff Long, Charles Dallachie, Kerry Johnson & Alan Burkhardt did a trail cleanup on the Rennick's Pond Trail. In addition to the five 30 gallon bags of trash, a shopping cart from across News Road was pulled out of the pond fore bay (the small pond area between the trail and the corner of News Road and Monticello Avenue). Jeff Long went above and beyond by going into the fore bay to fish it out.



Kerry Johnson and Charles Dallachie with some of the trash picked up from Rennick's Pond Trail

The Stacked Block Dam trail marker on the west side of the dam had been broken off and could not be replaced in the ground. The grounds committee attached the remaining part of the marker to the fence on the dam.



THE CURB APPEAL CHECKLIST

Roof

A dirty, stained roof makes your entire house look dingy and first impressions are everything! Cleaning your roof will make it look brand new and save you thousands of dollars over replacing.

Windows

According to a survey in Money Magazine, window cleaning is the #1 presale improvement that generates the best return on investment as measured by a higher selling price.

House Wash

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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]
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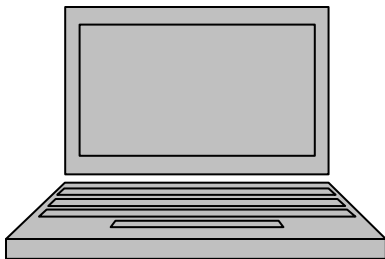
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