



Cheshire Chat

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MANAGER'S CORNER

Where did the summer go? School is back in session and fall is right around the corner.

The weather is also cooling off. Now is the time to give your yards a little extra TLC (also known as WFO – weed, feed and over-seed). Please don't forget to attack the weeds that grow between the asphalt and the curb in front of your home. Keeping the weeds clear at the street and curb line really improves our curb appeal.

I've noticed an increase in the number of lawn debris bags at the curb – thanks for all the hard work to keep Cheshire Forest looking good. However, per the City of Chesapeake, the bags should not be put out until the evening before or morning of pickup. Just another curb appeal tip.

Just before the craziness of the holidays, Cheshire Forest will hold its' Annual Meeting. Please save the date – Tuesday, November 17th. We hope each of you will give serious consideration to getting more involved in your community by serving on the Board or a committee. Reach out to a Board member or me to explore these opportunities.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at Chesapeake Bay Management (757.534.7751), directly at 757.706.3024 or via e-mail [sstamper@1cbm.com](mailto:ssstamper@1cbm.com).

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on June 16, July 21 and August 18. The following are some highlights of recently completed items and ongoing/future issues that the Board of Directors is working.

Recently Completed Issues:

- Clubhouse rental procedures review
- Irrigation system repair
- Clubhouse window cleaning
- Clubhouse pool fence and brick fence power washing
- 2014 Cheshire Forest Audit Review

On-Going and Future Issues:

- Bid solicitation of Management contract
- Pool coping/expansion joint repair to be completed after pool season
- Re-invigoration of community website
- Repair of park benches that have had ground eroded from under them
- Irrigation system retrofitting
- 2016 Budget Preparation
- Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Preparation

More detail concerning these issues can be found in the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes that are promulgated monthly. All residents are cordially invited to attend the Monthly Board Meetings (Third Tuesday of each month) and participate in the Homeowners Forum.

Board of Directors; Looking for a Treasurer

Unfortunately, the Board of Directors will be losing our Treasurer, Theresa Knepper, this year. Theresa has done a great job for the Board and the neighborhood over the past several years in this position. Thanks Theresa!!

With the loss of the Treasurer, the Board could really use someone with either an accounting or bookkeeping background to take over the Treasurer duties. As a Board member, the Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse. The Treasurer is not alone with the task of overseeing the homeowners budget; there is the Homeowners Association Manager, plus the financial/accounting department at the Management Company's office.

If you would be interested in serving as a Board member, and specifically as the Treasurer, please contact the Homeowners Association Manager, Sally Stamper, at 534-7751, or [sstamper@1cbm.com](mailto:ssstamper@1cbm.com).

In addition, a call for volunteers/nominees for the Board of Directors will be published in the early November timeframe as part of the Homeowners Association letter announcing the Homeowners Annual Meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015

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The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for

Oct 20, Nov 17, & Dec 15, 2015

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. there is a 15 minute Homeowners Forum, allowing residents the chance to address the Board with general comments and questions. Anyone with a specific agenda item must call in advance to have their topic included on the agenda.

Contact Sally Stamper at [sstamper@1cbm.com](mailto:ssstamper@1cbm.com) or phone at 757-534-7751.

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FOR WINTER ISSUE ARE
DUE NLT DEC 1ST, 2015.
E-mail newsletter items to
Imelda.Barrera@cox.net**

A Letter from the President...

New Year's Resolution...how did you do...?

Summer whizzed by and brought with it several wonderful events for our community. Many thanks go to Andrew Gray and Kelley Evans for making Pizza by the Pool successful. Julianne Baker did a wonderful job coordinating the July 4th picnic and parade to help kick off the summer. Hundreds of our community's children and other family members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Bernie Cory coordinated a very successful Adult Bash where many of our community members joined at the clubhouse for camaraderie and outstanding food. I must say the caterer for the Adult Bash did an outstanding job with the bar-b-que and sides to go with it. This is an event that we should all plan to attend next year for sure! The Flyin' Fish had a great time this season and we appreciate the work of volunteers Kara Byrd and Sharon Powell. This was their first year as swim team volunteer coordinators; they caught on quickly and we look forward to working with them again. Of note, the swim team and the community worked together to replace the large reel that houses the swim lane markers – we think the last one lasted for about two decades! The Cheshire Forest Neighborhood Watch program continues to remain vibrant thanks to the volunteer efforts of the many watch captains. Al Jacobs and Al Crouch along with their team of volunteers coordinated a successful National Night Out where members of our community were able to visit with local first responders to learn more about how they work to protect our community. Mayor Krasnoff stopped by during the event to visit with the participants. Great job Al and Al and thank you and your team of watch captains for keeping the Cheshire Forest Community Watch Program a professional, vibrant, and relative process.

As you can see, many things happened over the summer months and it was only because of the efforts of so many wonderful Cheshire Forest residents. Thanks to everyone for making summer at Cheshire Forest a wonderful time! Now we are resolved to end the year with just as much enthusiasm!

With only a few months left in 2015, have you given thought to those resolutions you may have made last January? I suppose the key to hitting these things is to never quit working toward whatever resolution or goal you may have set. Whether it is regarding a fitness goal, a professional goal, a personal goal, or something to do with a hobby, we are not able to reach it if we do not continue the effort or make the commitment. One of my goals is 3,000 miles on the bicycle this year. As I write this I am at 75% of the goal and I have to maintain commitment to keep riding to reach and with a little push, even exceed that goal. School has started and I listen to my boys as they discuss their desires to do well in high school and in college. I enjoy listening to them as they make their commitments to their studies and to their sports . . . commitments to put forth the efforts to do well. As a parent, it's music to my ears and I'm there to encourage them as much as possible!

For Cheshire Forest, as a community, we have made commitments to activities, community safety and fiscal diligence to keep our neighborhood as a wonderful place to live. Our social committee chairperson, Aimee Curley, is looking for volunteers to lead the efforts for events scheduled for the last quarter of the year. There is an event for Halloween that can use some help and is always a huge hit with the community's youth. As the fall and winter holiday season sneak up on us, there are additional events where your help is needed– this includes the annual luminary event. The luminary event is the time to line the entrance to our community with candles creating a festive atmosphere. There are many exciting opportunities that volunteers fulfill to keep this community a remarkable place.

We will also need volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. Specifically, Theresa Knepper, the community's treasurer, is leaving at the end of her term this year. She has been a dedicated board member and served the community well. The election process will take place during the community's annual board meeting in November. We are looking for volunteers so please call any board member or Sally Stamper, the manager, to express your desires be a part of the Board of Directors.

The Board resolved in 2015 to execute its fiduciary responsibilities faithfully and the annual presentation will show you how well we were able to accomplish that task. We are busy now reviewing the management contract to ensure we get the best support available for the cost and to help support the 2016 budget. The 2016 annual budget will be in your hands soon and all are encouraged to review and attend the November meeting to discuss as needed. It has been several years since our community has seen an increase in the annual HOA dues. This was accomplished through much effort by many over the years who devotedly executed their duties as volunteers. The Board intends to enter the 2016 budget discussions with the desire to keep the HOA dues the same, yet each member understands that price increases for the services and products in our budget may impact the extent to which we can keep HOA dues as is. Please keep the meeting date in November open (17 Nov 2015) and should your calendar find you available, come to the club house to see how well the community met its resolutions during 2015 and to see what is planned for 2016.

As always, thank you for your commitment to making Cheshire Forest a great place to live. Your active involvement in community events, board meetings and other community actions will help see 2015 go out in a bang and bring in 2016 ready for continued success!

It's Good to Know Your Neighbors



There's nothing like working with a mortgage professional you can trust to make your financing experience a successful one. As someone who actually lives in your neighborhood, I offer more than low rates and good service. I actually care. Call or stop by anytime, whether you have a financing need or concern, or just want to say "Hi".



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4th of July



National Night Out



Thank You!

Thank you to Neighborhood Watch, Al Crouch and Al Jacobs for a successful National Night Out. We were delighted that Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff was able to stop by and mingle with the neighbors.



CHESHIRE CHALLENGE YOUTH TRIATHLON

September 13, 2015





Neighborhood Watch Corner

Report Suspicious Activity

First, a big THANK YOU to all who turned out for our National Night Out event on 4 August! We would like to especially THANK the volunteers who helped serve ice cream, supervised the gift give-away, and helped monitor the flashlight walk! As a reminder, if you see something that looks suspicious in the neighborhood, the best way to handle that is to report it to the Police. The non-emergency number is 382-6161, and if you can't remember that number, please call 911. We have had many conversations with the CPD, and they want citizens to report anything of a suspicious nature.

There have been Nextdoor postings about suspicious vehicles, homeless people, etc. In these cases, please pick up the phone and call the CPD. There is no reason to confront anyone or put yourself in danger, let the Police handle those situations.

You can also file a police report utilizing the Citizen's Online Reporting System. The below chart lists those acts that can be reported online. You can find Citizen's Online Reporting System by going to the City of Chesapeake website, then the Police Department, and then Citizen's Online Reporting.

Obscene Phone Calls	Vandalism (destruction of property / value under \$1000)	Lost Property
Annoying Phone Calls	Theft from a vehicle (value under \$200)	Other theft (value under \$200)
Vehicle Tampering	Credit Card Theft	Bad checks
Barking Dog Complaint	File a supplemental report (must know your case number)	Damaged property (not criminal)

Thanks and until next time,
BE SAFE!



Important Chesapeake City Numbers

Non-emergency Police Phone Number: 757.382.6161

City of Chesapeake: 747.382.CITY (2489) • www.CityofChesapeake.net

"Yard of the Month" Volunteer Coordinator?

For the past several years, Cheshire Forest has had a "Yard of the Month" selection process to award deserving homeowners recognition for keeping their yards in great shape.

In the past, the Beautification Committee and/or the Gardening Committee have taken on the responsibility of the selection process. After this year (2015), we will need someone to take on the responsibility of selecting the Yard of the Month. We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) that would like to be involved in the selection process.

Historically, Yard of the Month selections are made for the months of May through September. Once a selection is made, a sign is placed in the homeowner's yard, and the homeowner is awarded a \$25 gift card to either Lowe's or Home Depot. This is not a time consuming task, and it's a great way to reward homeowners that go the extra mile with their yards.

If you would be interested in helping out with this committee, or being the coordinator, please contact the Homeowners Association Manager, Sally Stamper, at 534-7751, or [sstamper@1cbm.com](mailto:ssstamper@1cbm.com).

CHESHIRE FOREST CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

October 24th	Children's Halloween Party	Ladies BUNCO Group
November	Annual HOA Meeting	
December 2nd	Decorating the Clubhouse	Caroline Flint
December 13th	Christmas Party and Toy Drive	Tracy Tucker
December	2015 Christmas Yard of the Year	Yard of the Month

Please consider volunteering your time and effort for some of the worthwhile neighborhood events.

If you are interested in helping with upcoming events- please contact Aimee Curley @ irishamc@hotmail.com.

Please check out the CF Social Events Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/284275111591152/>



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COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	CHAIR / CO-CHAIRS	PHONE	EMAIL	VOL NEEDED
Architectural Control	Evaluation of applications for improvements (new additions, fences, etc) for compliance with existing guidelines / standards.	Tim Buchanan	Home 819-7873	tjbucky@aol.com	
Yard of the Month	Selects Yard of the Month seasonally and in December.				Yes
Neighborhood Watch	Network of Block Captains. Collaborate with local law enforcement. National Night Out sponsor.	Al Crouch Al Jacobs	Cell 560-7816 Cell 478-2965	alancrouch@msn.com anjacobs@cox.net	
Newsletter	4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout advertisements.	Imelda Barrera	Cell 621-6740	imelda.barrera@cox.net	
Pool	Support pool functions and facility. Maintains budget. Pool open May - Sept.	Jim and Mary Burres	Cell 714-0806	jebcw3retired@cs.com	
Social	Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.	Aimee Curley	Cell 287-5698	irishamc@hotmail.com	Yes
Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May - July.	Sharon Powell Kara Byrd	Cell 685-1279 Home 482-8282	powelljs@verizon.net kbyrd5@gmail.com	