



Cheshire Chat

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MANAGER'S CORNER

It's a new year, with new faces! For those of you who were unable to attend the Cheshire Forest Annual Meeting, I wanted to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Ables, Association Manager for Chesapeake Bay Management. I will be the new Association Manager for Cheshire Forest starting in January 2016. Some of you have already met me while on site at the Clubhouse, or at one of the recent Board of Directors Meetings. I just wanted to say how excited I am to join the Cheshire Forest Community and I look forward to many years together, helping Cheshire Forest grow.

I am not the only new face to join this year. At the Annual Meeting, Mr. Dave Liddell so graciously volunteered to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors. A warm welcome to Dave, and huge thanks for volunteering his time to continue to help make Cheshire Forest the best community in Hampton Roads. Welcome aboard Dave!

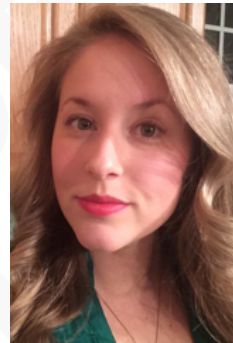
As you all know the cold weather is upon us. I have noticed recently there is a need for power washing in the Community. Whether it be siding, front steps, or

even mailboxes, we will be notating the homes that are in need, and sending notice of this when the weather warms back up. If you have received a letter and have not had the opportunity to complete the task, you will be given until the spring. I would like to thank you all for the continued hard work and dedication to the Community.

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

As always, if I can be any assistance, please feel free to contact me at Chesapeake Bay Management (757.534.7751), or via e-mail Jables@1cbm.com.

Jessica Ables
Association Manager
Chesapeake Bay
Management



BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on September 15, October 20 and conducted the Homeowners Association Annual Meeting on November 17. There were 19 Homeowners present (including the Board Members) and 36 proxies for a total of 55 homes (quorum is 51 homes) for the Annual Homeowners Association Meeting. The following are some highlights of recently completed items and ongoing/future issues that the Board of Directors is working.

Recently Completed Issues:

- Bid solicitation of Management contract
- Pool coping/expansion joint repair Closing pool for season
- Re-invigoration of community website
- 2016 Budget Preparation
- Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Preparation

On-Going and Future Issues:

- Architectural Control Guideline consolidation
- Repair of park benches that have had ground eroded from under them
- Irrigation system retrofitting

It should be noted that one of the big accomplishments of this year was the renegotiation of the management contract which saved the neighborhood thousands of dollars. One of the main focus areas for 2016 is for the Board to continue to look for ways to save the neighborhood money while accomplishing the necessary requirements.

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.

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The next regular Board of Directors Meetings is scheduled for

Jan 19, Feb 16 & Mar 15, 2016

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 Jessica Ables at jables@1cbm.com or phone at 757-534-7751.

NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR SPRING ISSUE ARE DUE

NLT MARCH 1st, 2016.

E-mail newsletter items to

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A Letter from the President...

The New Year is upon us and your board of directors are excited and prepared to support our community. I am excited to continue in the role as President and to have Al Jacobs continue executing the duties as the Vice President. Steve Morien will continue as the Secretary. Cliff Krebs will execute the duties of the Treasurer. We are pleased that Jerry Bright and Kirk Shaw continue to serve our community as members of the board and we offer a hearty welcome to the newest member of the board – Dave Liddell. We also welcome Jessica Ables to our team as the manager from Chesapeake Bay Management. We will continue to work indirectly with Sally and have enjoyed our time with her over the past year.

It is also with great fondness that the Board members say farewell to Theresa Knepper. Theresa has served our community as the treasurer of the board for over six years. She is the consummate accountant that we have relied on to guide us through many financial discussions to include energetic discussions on the development of several budgets. We appreciate her service to our community as she worked to keep Cheshire Forest a great place to live. We look forward to seeing her and her family at the community events throughout the year. Many thanks for your service Theresa!

With that, the board is set and for the residents that were able to attend the annual meeting or perhaps have reviewed the annual presentation, there are some things on the agenda that we will work to achieve. First, thank you to the residents that made it to the meeting last November. It is stimulating to see community members come to hear what is happening and ask questions of your board members. Please help spread the word to keep all informed about the exciting opportunities within our community and about the work that is being done to maintain its beauty.

There are several ways for residents to track what is occurring and what your board is doing. The Secretary maintains a column in this newsletter that tracks the major maintenance issues the board is working, the annual presentation is found on Next Door for all to see what is on the agenda for the year, and we now have the Cheshireforest.org website that we can post information as needed. The minutes of each meeting are also posted on Next Door for all to review. But MOST IMPORTANTLY, all are invited to attend a meeting (they occur the third Tuesday of each month) to see what is happening within our community. As a general rule, the board is

Meet the Newest Board Member

In 2008 I received orders for a new assignment in the Hampton Roads area. After an extensive search to find a great neighborhood and community for raising our 2 children, my wife Greta and I decided on Cheshire Forest. We are fortunate to call this great neighborhood our home, and the privilege to be able to call many of you our friends. I look forward to serving on the Cheshire Forest Board of Directors, and I am committed to keeping our neighborhood a special place to raise a family and live.



David Liddell, Director

in executive session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. then the doors are open to the public. We largely follow "Roberts Rules of Order" to help provide some parliamentary procedure.

Some readers may now be ready to go to another article because one may be thinking that things are running smoothly in the neighborhood. The maintenance is good and I like how things appear. You may be thinking that while you would like to be more involved and attend a meeting, you do appreciate those that are able but your time is limited due to employment and other commitments. I understand that line of reasoning and the board of directors appreciate the thought that residents are confident in the work that is being done to keep our community running well and properly maintained. However, as I mentioned during the annual meeting there are many changes that are occurring outside of our community that can and will affect our way of life. We can choose to engage with city leaders as individuals or collectively with one voice as a community to show support or disagreement for issues. This idea is not entirely new as the community has engaged in the past when Dickens Place was extended and the idea of a through street was considered. The difference is that issue directly impacted the community and the issues we may be facing are outside the community yet will impact our schools, commutes, and other things.

I am only beginning to study the issues and invite input and thoughts. The monthly meeting is a great venue to share the ideas! There is work to be done this year. Work to maintain our community – both on the inside and the outside.

Hoping you stay warm throughout the winter. While I am one that has a great desire for the days and weeks to pass slower, I am ready for warm weather!

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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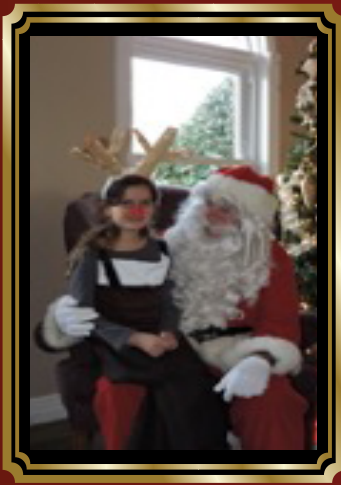
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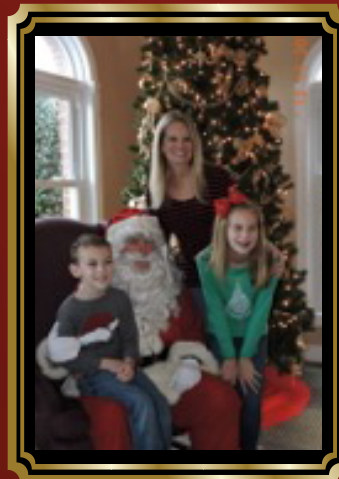
"Building Lasting Relationships Through Exceptional Service"



Santa at the clubhouse December 13, 2015



We are collecting new or gently used children's books to support local literacy programs



“CheshireForest.org” Unveiled!

Great News! Cheshire Forest has a Website again! After a few years without a website, we are happy to announce CheshireForest.org is online and operational. President Lonnie Harrelson made this announcement at the 17 November Annual Homeowners Association meeting.

A “Big Thank You!” to Lori Rattan, a Cheshire Forest resident, for volunteering to take on the task of designing our neighborhood website. Please visit the website to view Lori’s efforts.

The goal was to design an informative website for not only Cheshire Forest residents, but also for the general public looking for information about Cheshire Forest.

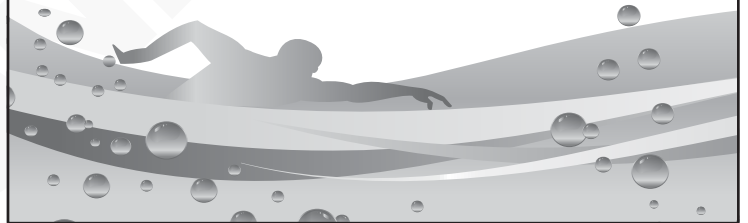
Now that the website is online, we would ask that if you have ideas or suggestions for items to be included on the website, please contact the HOA Manager, or Lori, the website administrator. Contact information is listed under “Contact” on the website.



Flying Fish Announcement

Spring will be here before you know it and that means it will be time to sign up for the summer Flying Fish Swim Team!! Put the following dates on your calendars as possible dates to stop by the clubhouse to sign up for the swim team.

March 15 6-8pm
March 16 6-8pm
April 21 6-8pm



**THINK
SAFETY
FIRST!**

Neighborhood Safety Tips

For those people who enjoy walking/running during twilight (morning and evening), or when it’s dark, please ensure you are visible to traffic, especially if there is no sidewalk, and you are in the roadway. Recommend wearing a safety belt/ vest, and/or a light of some fashion. As we know, distracted driving is a problem, so please ensure you are visible to drivers. Another safety practice is if walking/running in the roadway, please do so facing traffic. Always remember, Safety First!

Bravo From The Board

- ❄ Thanks to Tracy Tucker, with help from many, for coordinating the Children’s Halloween Party!
- ❄ Thanks to Caroline Flint for taking charge of decorating the clubhouse for Christmas!
- ❄ Thanks again to Tracy Tucker for coordinating the Children’s Christmas Party!





NW Corner: It's a New Year, so let's Volunteer!

To start the New Year off right, Neighborhood Watch is recruiting volunteers to become Block Captains. We currently have 28 Block Captains spread throughout the neighborhood. Since there are 41 streets/drives/courts/etc. in Cheshire Forest, ideally we would like to have Block Captain volunteers to cover all 41!

The following streets/drives/courts/etc. currently do not have a Block Captain from the respective street/drive/court/etc.:

Archer Ct	Archer Drive	Ayrshire Ct	Bradford Ct	
Dickens Place	Flax Mill Dr	Fryar Place	Glasgow St	
Guisborne Ct	Hedgerow Ct	Keeling Ct	Lobdell Ct	
Lords Landing Ct	Loxley Ct	Orkney Ct	Pleasant Way	
Queens Grove	Royal Grant Dr	Waterfall Way	Yorkshire Ct	Yorkshire Dr

Being a Block Captain might seem like a daunting task, but it is not. A Block Captain is instrumental within the NW, acting as the eyes and ears for their respective street, or section of the neighborhood. There are no meetings to attend; we primarily conduct business via email and/or Nextdoor. The one big function the NW sponsors every year is the National Night Out event in August. During that event, we ask for volunteers to help out.

If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain, even if your street is not listed above, please contact Al Crouch or Al Jacobs, co-chairs of the Neighborhood Watch. Contact info can be found on the last page of this Cheshire Chat in the Committee Members chart.

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



CHESHIRE FOREST CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

February 19.....	Brew and Stew.....	TBA
March 20.....	Children's Spring Party/Egg Hunt.....	TBA
April 15.....	Wine & Cheese.....	TBA
Jun - Sep.....	Pizza and Movie by the Pool.....	TBA
June 4.....	Community Yard Sale.....	TBA
July 4.....	Neighborhood Picnic and Bike Parade.....	TBA
August 2.....	National Night Out.....	Neighborhood Watch
August (Date TBD).....	Adult Summer Bash.....	TBA
September 11.....	Cheshire Challenge Youth Triathlon.....	TBA
October 23 or 30.....	Children's Halloween Party.....	TBA
November 4.....	Chili Cook Off.....	TBA
Nov (Date TBD).....	Social Committee Meeting and Annual HOA Meeting.....	TBA
December 7.....	Decorating the Clubhouse.....	Caroline Flint
Dec (TBD).....	Christmas Party and Toy Drive.....	TBA

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 at 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.	Melissa Dominek Imelda Barrera	Home 410-4888 Cell 621-6740	m.dominek@yahoo.com Imelda.barrera@cox.net	
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 anljacobs@cox.net	
Newsletter	4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout, and advertisements.	Imelda Barrera	Cell 621-6740	imelda.barrera@cox.net	
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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	