



# Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## MANAGER'S CORNER

The New Year is a perfect time to start anew whether that means a new diet, a new board member, or a new manager. I would like to take a brief moment to introduce myself and express my excitement about joining Chesapeake Bay Management and Cheshire Forest Homeowners' Association. My name is Chavon Fryske and as your new Association Manager look forward to being a fresh set of eyes and assisting the community in setting and achieving its goals for 2017.

I would also like to welcome Julie Halsnoy who was recently elected to the Board of Directors at the November 2016 Annual Meeting and to thank Jerry Bright for his service on the Board. 2017 is sure to be a fantastic year and if there is anything I can do to assist in making it even better don't hesitate to give me a call.

Below I have included a few items to start the year off right:

### Schedule for Lawn Treatments

- End of Feb. beginning of March – Pre-emergent
- Beginning of May – Post emergent & Fertilize
- End of June beginning of July – Insect treatment and fertilize
- Mid Oct. – Winterize, fertilize, aerate & seed.

### Minimize Weeds in the Landscape Beds

- Research shows that spraying the weeds and letting them die completely before pulling them increases the effectiveness of the treatment.

### Power Washing Schedule

- Late March and Early April will give you the best rates.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Director Meetings on October 18th, and December 20th and January 16th. The Annual Meeting was held on November 15th and a quorum was established with 18 homeowners present and 41 proxies for a total of 67 votes. Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board held its organizational meeting to determine Officers for the upcoming year. The Board voted to keep the current Officers in their positions for another year. The following are some highlights of recently completed items and ongoing/future issues that the Board of Directors is working.

### Recently Completed Issues:

- Pool management and winterization contract renegotiation-

- Annual meeting preparation -
- 2017 budget preparation
- Several clubhouse repairs

### On-Going and Future Issues:

- Executing 2017 Reserve Study plan
- HOA Governing Documents consolidation and ratification
- City of Chesapeake engagement

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 2017

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March 1, 2017.

E-mail newsletter items to  
anndumenigo@yahoo.com

The next regular Board of Directors Meetings is scheduled for  
January 17, February 21, & March 21, 2017

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 Chavon Fryske at CFryske@1cbm.com or phone 757-534-7751.

# A Letter from the President...

**M**aking Any Changes? Don't Forget to Obtain Approval First!

The new year has come and is bringing many changes with one of the most significant being that our Nation has a new President. Closer to home, we welcome our newest Board member, Ms. Julie Halsnoy and our new manager Ms. Chavon Fryske. We look forward to working with them. And as 2017 continues, many of our residents may consider changes for their homes in the manner of an upgrade or possibly an addition. Such architectural changes are mostly welcomed and our declarations and guidelines provide guidance that help keep Cheshire Forest a great place to live.

Our governing documents require that the Association approve all proposed architectural changes before any work is started. The importance of this requirement cannot be overstated when you consider the reason for such a restriction. Membership in a community association requires compliance to pre-existing conditions and regulations. One of the biggest advantages of these conditions is the protection of our property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearances and aesthetics of our community. By regulating the kind and types of architectural changes that can be done, our Association is better able to maintain our property values. Getting our Association to approve all proposed architectural changes is not just a good idea to protect your investment, it is a requirement! There is also the requirement to get city permits that residents must do but that is in addition to the HOA requirements.

As you consider your architectural changes, please review the Architectural Control Guidelines. The Architectural committee is willing to assist. Communication is important as information is needed for the committee to make informed decisions on presented requests.

Have a safe and warm winter!



## **BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!**

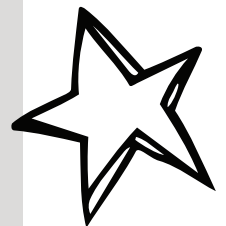
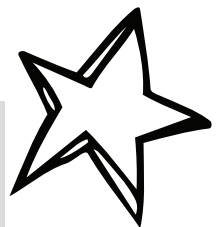


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| Tracy Tucker   | Halloween and Christmas Party! |
| Sarah Shelton  | Chili Cook Off                 |
| Caroline Flint | Clubhouse Decorating           |
| Aimee Curley   | Food Bank Drive                |

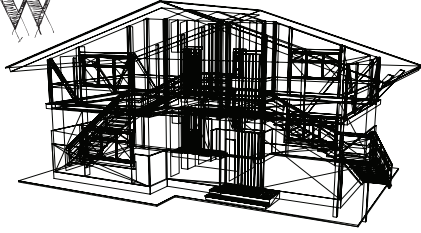
## **Meet Our Newest Board Member!**

### **Julie Halsnoy**

**M**ilitary orders originally brought my family to Hampton Roads, and then away again. When we had the opportunity to come back again, we jumped at it and spent a lot of time looking for a house that was perfect for us, in a wonderful community. Last December my family found both, here in Cheshire Forest. We have thoroughly enjoyed the year we have lived here and look forward to many more. I have had the privilege of being a part of the Architectural Committee since the beginning of 2016 and am very excited to have the opportunity to be a member of the Cheshire Forest Board of Directors.



# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW



## Committee Volunteers Needed!!!

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) reviews homeowners' exterior alteration applications to ensure requests follow the HOA's governing documents. Examples of applications are requests to build fences, sheds, room additions, screen porches, etc. The ACC is currently a one-person committee that could use additional members to aid in processing applications. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact the HOA Manager, Chavon Fryske, at 757-534-7751, or [cfryske@1cbm.com](mailto:cfryske@1cbm.com).

Located in Cheshire Forest

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# Neighborhood Watch Corner: Speeding & Neighborhood Safety

Speeding is a constant issue in our neighborhood. Just in the past month, I have seen cars passing on Cheshire Forest Drive, a 25mph zone. Both times it was between 7:30 and 8:30 am, just when there are kids waiting at bus stops, and the traffic is the heaviest. It is understood that all traffic on our streets are not our residents, but we do have residents that are part of the problem. As mentioned in previous articles, it's not just young people speeding, it's men, women, young, and old. Please be mindful of the speed limit, and let's keep our neighborhood streets safe!

At the HOA Annual Meeting in November, there were residents present concerned with neighborhood safety. Incidents of crime in the neighborhood were discussed, and what we can do to help prevent crime. It is understood that we can't stop bad people from doing bad things, but what we can do is be alert and report any suspicious activities to the Police. Nextdoor has been a great tool for sharing information throughout the community, but Nextdoor does not take the place of reporting suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities.

Preventative safety measures like locking house doors and windows, installing security lights/cameras, and locking car doors aid in keeping the neighborhood safe. By far though, the best deterrent to crime in our neighborhood is us, the residents. There are 28 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains spread throughout the neighborhood, but you don't have to be a Block Captain to see/report suspicious activities.

Thanks, and until next time, BE SAFE!

## CHESHIRE FOREST 2017

# {CALENDAR} {OF EVENTS}

|                   |   |                    |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| FEBRUARY 17 ..... | BREW & STEW .....                               | TBA                |
| MARCH 17 .....    | ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY .....                   | TBA                |
| APRIL 2.....      | KIDS' SPRING PARTY & EASTER EGG HUNT.....       | TBA                |
| MAY 5.....        | CINCO DE MAYO HAPPY HOUR.....                   | TBA                |
| JUNE -AUGUST..... | PIZZA/MOVIE BY THE POOL.....                    | TBA                |
| JULY 4.....       | NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE PARADE AND PICNIC.....        | TBA                |
| AUGUST TBD.....   | ADULT BASH.....                                 | Bernie Cory        |
| AUGUST 1.....     | NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.....                         | Neighborhood Watch |
| SEPTEMBER 10..... | YOUTH TRIATHLON.....                            | TBA                |
| OCTOBER 22.....   | KIDS' HALLOWEEN PARTY.....                      | TBA                |
| NOVEMBER 3.....   | CHILI COOK-OFF.....                             | TBA                |
| NOVEMBER 23.....  | THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE & JOG.....              | TBA                |
| NOVEMBER 29.....  | DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE & COOKIE EXCHANGE..... | Caroline Flint     |
| DECEMBER 10.....  | CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & TOY DRIVE.....     | TBA                |
| DECEMBER 31.....  | CHESHIRE FOREST NYE PARTY.....                  | 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](mailto:irishamc@hotmail.com). Please check out the CF Social Events Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/284275111591152/>

# Reporting a Broken Street Light

by: Elizabeth Vaughn

Remember when we were little and our parents used to tell us to be home when the street lights came on? We all appreciate street lights for many reasons. So what happens when one goes out?

First of all, let me point out that most of the street lights in Chesapeake are owned by Dominion Virginia Power. You can always report any street light outages directly to them using their online form here or by phone at 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357).

But we understand that sometimes you just want to tell the City about the outage so that we can take care of it from there. We're totally fine with that too! You can send in your report online through the Customer Contact Center's service request system or you can call them at 382-CITY (382-2489).

There is some specific information that will help expedite the response to your service request. Be as specific as possible about the location of the street light. Give an exact address or intersection and as much detail about the light's location as you can. If possible, include the pole number (e.g. C-0417-VF-04) that you can find on the plaque attached to each pole. Please only try to get the pole number if you can do so safely. The pole number is not a requirement to report an outage, it just makes it easier for crews to respond.

After you report a street light outage through the City, we'll make sure the issue is reported directly to Dominion Virginia Power. Once we report it to them, the timeline for when it gets fixed is out of our hands. They'll balance it with their current work load and will get to it as soon as possible. The amount of time it takes for the light to get fixed also depends on what's wrong. If it's simply a broken light, it could take just a couple of weeks. But if underground cable needs to be replaced, you could be looking at 45 days. We appreciate you reporting these outages as we won't always find them ourselves. Please continue to be our eyes and ears throughout the City!

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## Important Chesapeake City Numbers

Non-emergency Police Phone Number: 757-382-6161

City of Chesapeake: 747-382-CITY (2489)

[www.CityofChesapeake.net](http://www.CityofChesapeake.net)





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### Committee Members

| 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. | Julie Halsnoy                     | Cell 705-6466                  | juliehalsnoy@yahoo.com                        |            |
| Yard of the Month     | Selects Yard of the Month seasonally and in December.  | Melissa Dominek<br>Imelda Barrera | Home 410-4888<br>Cell 621-6740 | m.dominek@yahoo.com<br>imelda.barrera@cox.net |            |
| Neighborhood Watch    | Network of Block Captains. Collaborate with local law enforcement. National Night Out sponsor.                               | Al Crouch<br>Al Jacobs            | Cell 560-7816<br>Cell 478-2965 | alancrouch@msn.com<br>anljacobs@cox.net       |            |
| Newsletter            | 4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout, and advertisements.                                   | Ann Dumenigo                      | Cell 910-554-8531              | anndumenigo@yahoo.com                         |            |
| Pool                  | Support pool functions and facility. Maintains budget. Pool open May-Sept.   | Jim and Mary Bures                | Cell 714-0806                  | jebcw3retired@cs.com                          |            |
| Social                | Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.   | Aimee Curley                      | Cell 287-5698                  | irishamc@hotmail.com                          | <b>YES</b> |
| Swim Team             | Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.   | Tracy Tucker                      | Cell 407-963-1094              | tracyltuck@aol.com                            |            |