

# Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Happy Fourth
of July!

# 4th of July Picnic and Bike Parade

In celebration of our Nation's Birthday, Cheshire Forest will host these fun events. Be on the lookout for more details/information as the 4th of July approaches.

Great food, great fun, great time for the kids!!!

### MANAGER'S CORNER

Spring has sprung and summer is finally here. The pool is open and school is out. I hope each of you have a wonderful summer but let's stay safe.

I drive through Cheshire Forest at least once per week and, without fail, seem to annoy other drivers as I won't exceed 25 mph on Cheshire Forest Drive. Please take it slow in the neighborhood – there are lots of children, pets and ducks on the roads with us.

The Clubhouse is busy this summer with a lot of rentals. Please don't hesitate to contact me or my office to check availability for your function.

Finally, thanks to all the owners that took the spring cleaning challenge! I noticed all the clean siding, new paint and plantings.

Now that the weather is nicer, come by the Clubhouse on Tuesdays and say hello – I'd love to meet you.

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.

Sally Stamper, CMCA®, AMS®, PCAM®
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### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES**

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on 17 March, 21 April and 19 May. Below are some highlights of recently completed items and ongoing/future issues that the Board of Directors is working.

#### **Recently Completed Issues:**

- brick wall near pool, mortar joints repaired
- pool deck concrete repair (trip hazards, hand rail brackets)
- clubhouse chimney resolution
- pool showers replacement
- flagpole repair
- park bench repair
- tree trimming in entranceway off Parker Rd

#### **On-Going and Future Issues:**

- pool coping/expansion joint repair to be completed after pool season
- opt-out process for opting out of paper copy of Cheshire Chat Newsletter
- continued review of current Management contract irrigation system repair
- clubhouse rental procedures review
- clubhouse window cleaning
- clubhouse pool fence and brick fence power washing

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 Board Meetings to participate in the Homeowners Forum.

# The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for July 21st, August 18th, and September 15th, 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 or phone at 757-534-7751.

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#### A Letter from the President...

Spring has ended and brought with it many graduations and other special events. Congratulations to all of our community graduates on a job well done. We wish you the best as you begin the next phase of your life – stay safe and have fun this summer!

With the summer comes higher temperatures. Many of us have now completed the chores such as pressure washing the house, the fence, and maybe



even putting a fresh coat of stain on the fence. Some are now planning the vacations and spending more time attempting to relax. Others may be thinking of adding a new addition to the house or making a change so that you can sit and enjoy the pleasant summer evenings. These plans may include adding a gazebo or a pergola, a sun room or screening in a back porch. Please remember that such changes in our yards or to the outside of our homes must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee before any construction begins to ensure the changes are within the community's bylaws and other covenant regulations.

Mr. Tim Buchannan volunteers to chair the committee and works diligently with the board of directors and the association management to ensure the needs and requests of the community residents are met. It remains important that each of us understand the legal requirements of these types of requests within our community

and continue working together to keep our community healthy and beautiful. Sally Stamper, the association manager, can assist you if you need help obtaining a copy of the bylaws. We are grateful for the work that Tim is doing to keep our community a great place to live.

The Board continues to work to maintain the community in other areas. We have worked with management to have the concrete tripping hazard repaired in a couple of spots around the pool along with the showers being replaced. Additionally, Board member Jerry Bright led the way and trimmed the trees at the community's entrance on Parker Road - we heard the reports of the low hanging limbs and took the necessary actions. And thank you to Board member Cliff Krebs and Al Jacobs for finding a volunteer to assist in making the repairs to our flag pole.

You will find that the community has many events planned this summer and we hope you are planning to participate. Remember, come out and support the Flying Fish.

Have a great summer! Lonnie



#### **Important Chesapeake City Numbers**

Non-emergency Police Phone Number: 382-6161 City of Chesapeake: 382-CITY (2489) www.CityofChesapeake.net

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VBSL Tarpon Division swim meet on July 25th at 8 AM. Come out to support the Flying Fish as they compete for the division title and individuals compete for a spot at All-Stars. This is a large event for our community. There will be many cars and visitors at our pool from the four other teams in our division. Please show them our

Cheshire Forest hospitality! The meets are usually finished by 1:00 so the pool can be re-opened to the community. Feel free to stop by and help us set-up for the meet on July 24th from 6-8! Go Fish!

# National Night Out 2015

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 4 August 2015 (at the Clubhouse)





Ice Cream Social, Flashlight Walk, Prizes, Fire Trucks, Police Cars, you'll find it all at the National Night Out. Come join the fun!!!



# It's Good to Know Your Neighbors



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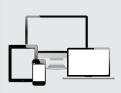
## **Neighborhood Watch Corner**

#### **Summer Safety Tips**

Summer time is a great time to be outside, go to the beach, take vacations, or just plain relax. Unfortunately, summer time also brings out the criminal element. Every summer the crime-related activity in the neighborhood increases. This can be attributed to many factors, but what we should focus on is how to be safe. Here are some good tips for summer crime prevention:

- First and foremost, be observant of people and happenings around you.
- Lock your car doors. Every year there are unlocked car entries, or what the CPD calls "Crimes of Opportunity". Individuals walk around and check car doors to see if they're locked.
- Ensure any valuables left in a "locked" car are out of sight.
- Lock your house doors and windows. With the nicer weather, many people have opened windows for fresh air, but did the windows get locked upon closing?
- Garage doors left open. If you're out in the yard, and can't see your garage door, this is an easy entry point for suspicious individuals.

If you are the subject of a crime/vandalism, please ensure to contact the CPD. The non-emergency number is 382-6161. You can also file a report online using the Citizen's On-Line Reporting System. Google City of Chesapeake, then go to Police Department, and you will find the On-Line Reporting. Have a great summer, and hope to see you around the neighborhood, at the pool, or at one of the social events. Thanks and until next time, BE SAFE!



# Looking for a Cheshire Forest Webmaster?

In the past, there was a neighborhood website, CheshireForest.com. Over the years, the former residents that maintained the site have moved on, and the website is no longer active.

This website served as a good tool for prospective home buyers or people looking for neighborhoods in the Great Bridge area of Chesapeake. We currently utilize Nextdoor.com for much of our on-line neighborhood business, but this site is only available to homeowners.

The Board of Directors is interested in reviving CheshireForest.com, but we are in need of a volunteer to assist in establishing and maintaining the site. Fees to establish/maintain the website will be covered within the existing Homeowners Association budget.

For those Webmasters/IT people out there, if you have time and would be interested in helping the neighborhood out, please contact Sally Stamper, HOA Manager, at 534-7751, or sstamper@1cbm.com.

Thank you to
Jay Connolly for a
successful Community
Yard sale held on June
6, 2015. Thank you
for a job well done!







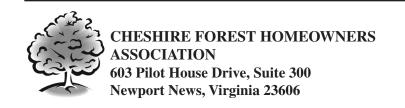


#### CHESHIRE FOREST CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

July 4th	Neighborhood Picnic and Bike Parade	Julianna Baker
July 10th	Pizza by the Pool	Kelly Evans and Andrew Gray
July 31st	Adult Summer Bash	
August 4th	National Night Out	Neighborhood Watch
August 21st	Pizza by the Pool	Kelly Evans and Andrew Gray
September 10th	Pizza by the Pool	Kelly Evans and Andrew Gray
September 13th	Cheshire Challenge Youth Triathlon	Evans, Curley, Griesi
October 24th	Children's Halloween Party	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
November	Social Committee Meeting and Annual HOA Meeting	
December 2nd	Decorating the Clubhouse	
December 13th	Christmas Party and Toy Drive	Tracy Tucker

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 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.	Tim Buchanan	Home 819-7873	tjbucky@aol.com	Yes	
Gardening	Selects Yard of the Month seasonally and in December.	Jennifer Fowler	Cell 439-4501	jjcefowler@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	Yes	
Newsletter	4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout advertisements.	Imelda Barrera	Cell 621-6740	imelda.barrera@cox.net	Yes	
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