



Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MANAGER'S CORNER

Change to Association Manager

Effective immediately, Kimberly Katz is no longer our Association Manager. Cheshire Forest's "interim" Association Manager is Jennifer Williams, jwilliams@1cbm.com. Contact phone number remains the same. Once a permanent Association Manager is named, an update will be provided via the Cheshire Forest website and Nextdoor.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Cheshire Chat Distribution Change; "Opt In" Requirement

The Winter 2018 edition (this edition) of the Cheshire Chat will be the last quarterly newsletter mailed to all 508 homes in our neighborhood.

The Board of Directors has decided that going forward, the newsletter will be shared electronically. The exception to this will be any residents that desire to still receive the Cheshire Chat in the mail. Those residents will have to "Opt In" to receive the newsletter via regular USPS mailing. To "Opt In", residents must contact our Association Manager, by phone or preferably by email, no later than 28 February 2018.

By posting the newsletter electronically, there will be a cost savings of approximately \$4500.00 per year that can be programmed for other association requirements.

Future quarterly Cheshire Chats will be posted on the Cheshire Forest website, www.cheshireforest.org, and on the Nextdoor website and app at www.nextdoor.com.

If there any further questions, please contact the Association Manager, or one of the Board of Director members. ☺

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The next regular Board of Directors Meetings is scheduled for Tuesday ,

February 20, March 20, & April 17, 2018

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. Jennifer Williams, email jwilliams@1cbm.com or phone 757-534-7751.

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April 1, 2018.**

E-mail newsletter items to
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to all who were able to make it to the Cheshire Forest annual homeowners meeting during November 2017. The input received during the annual presentation is very much appreciated and all Board members enjoyed the interaction with the residents in attendance.

Because of the input during the annual meeting, the Board is working with the community's lawyer to provide a written synopsis of the restated and rewritten covenants and bylaws. Management will mail this synopsis along with the draft covenants and bylaws to each resident and sufficient time will be given before the vote on this initiative is taken. The Board has also acted on the other issues/changes on this initiative as discussed during the October meeting and posted on other sites. The community members are now closer to casting their votes.

Also, as discussed during the 2017 Annual meeting, one will find Board approved information to include financial documents and copies of minutes from Board meetings posted under the documents section on Next Door.

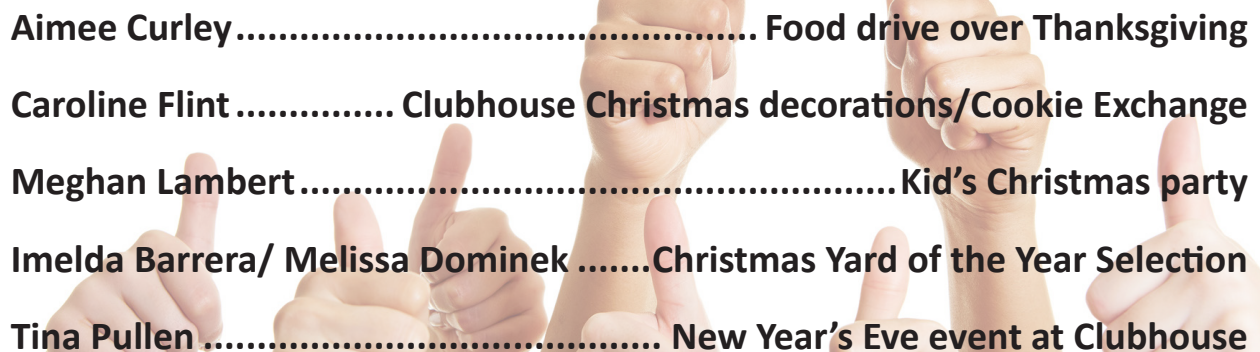
The Board welcomes back Al Jacobs, Cliff Krebs, and Steve Morien who were reelected during the November meeting to continue serving as Board members. The Board looks forward to working with our neighbors to make 2018 an exciting and successful year for Cheshire Forest.

We continue to work with Chesapeake Bay Management (CBM) but say farewell to Ms. Kimberly Katz. Kimberly is moving on to other areas and we thank her for the work she did to help create the successes for our community over the years. We welcome Ms. Jennifer Williams who is the South Side

regional manager for CBM and will be managing our account until a permanent manager is identified. The Board is dedicated to working with CBM to ensure 2018 is successful and the transitions are as seamless as possible.

The new year came in roaring with extreme cold temperatures and the significant snow fall – very similar to how last year began. I'm sure the year will bring challenges in many different areas, but we can also look forward to the many exciting events the year will surely bring for our families and our community. The Board looks forward to working with management, our many wonderful volunteers, and our great residents to make 2018 an exciting time for our community as we continue to keep Cheshire Forest a great place to live. 🐾

BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

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- Aimee Curley**..... Food drive over Thanksgiving
 - Caroline Flint**..... Clubhouse Christmas decorations/Cookie Exchange
 - Meghan Lambert**..... Kid's Christmas party
 - Imelda Barrera/ Melissa Dominek**..... Christmas Yard of the Year Selection
 - Tina Pullen**..... New Year's Eve event at Clubhouse

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on October 17th, December 19th, and January 16th. Additionally, the Board conducted a special meeting on October 5th to prepare the annual budget and the Annual Meeting on Nov. 21st.

Your Board of Directors continues to focus on maintaining the material condition of neighborhood assets, responsibly managing neighborhood financial resources, and upholding neighborhood standards. The following highlights some of the recently completed and ongoing/future Board of Director actions.

Recently Completed Actions:

- Conducted Annual Meeting
- Accounting contract renewal for auditing and tax returns
- Insurance contract renewal
- Landscaping light repair / replacement
- Certificate of Deposit renewal

On-Going and Future Actions:

- Assisting with the transition of a new neighborhood Manager
- 2017 financial year close out
- Transition of Cheshire Chat to electronic with opt in option
- Execution of the 2018 Reserve Study plan and operational budget
- HOA Governing Documents consolidation and ratification
- City of Chesapeake engagement

More detail concerning these issues and actions can be found in the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes which 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. The Homeowners Forum provides residents with an opportunity to find out what is going on in Cheshire Forest, see what actions the Board of Directors are taking, and provide your suggestions and concerns to the Board of Directors. We are always looking for volunteers willing to help take on projects. We hope to see you there! ☺

HOW THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE PLOWS

Winter wasted no time bringing us a healthy dose of the white stuff, allowing us to put our snow removal plan to the test! Now that you've seen us in action, let me tell you more about how we handle snow storms in Chesapeake. Every year before winter officially begins, the Public Works Department gets together to inspect their winter weather equipment. Plows are attached to trucks, equipment is tested, salt/sand supply is checked and employees are trained and refreshed on their responsibilities. This annual training session is very important and ensures that our plan still makes sense for our City year after year.

Because we don't get snow storms all that often in Chesapeake, our resources for snow removal are limited. This year we have 38 trucks outfitted with plows and salt spreaders. We stockpile around 2500 tons of salt/sand mixture and have three 10,000 gallon tanks for brine solution. Depending on the severity of the storm, crews may work 12 hour shifts to maximize

their efforts. One of the biggest comments we get from residents during snow storms is why we can't plow residential streets. Not only do we not have the resources but neighborhood streets bring with them many challenges like narrow street width, parked cars and limited turning space. We are quite different from those northern cities that get consistent practice with snow removal throughout the year. Our main priority has to be the emergency routes which are the major north/south, east/west thoroughfares and those that provide access to the hospital and fire stations. We always start with those first.

As we see progress there we move on to primary routes, which are those important to business and government work, then secondary and connector routes. Chesapeake has around 2300 lane miles of paved streets so we're not dealing with a small city. Generally, by the time we have the emergency, primary, secondary and connector routes cleared, mother nature helps us out with the rest. You can help us during snow storms by staying off the roads when possible. If you must go out, use extreme caution around plows, give them plenty of space and avoid trying to pass them. Learn more about the City of Chesapeake's snow response at www.CityofChesapeake.net/PublicWorks and click on Weather Emergencies. ☺



Neighborhood Watch Corner: Block Captain Volunteers Needed!

Since it's a New Year, Neighborhood Watch is putting out the call for Block Captain volunteers. We currently have 25 Block Captains located throughout the neighborhood. Ideally, it would be great to have 41 Block Captains to cover the 41 separate streets, drives, courts, etc. in Cheshire Forest. With 508 homes, obtaining 41 volunteers should be easy.

Being a Block Captain is not time consuming, and to be honest, it's an easy assignment. A Block Captain acts as the eyes and ears for their respective location in the neighborhood. There are no meetings, business is primarily conducted via email. All that we ask is that if you see something suspicious, to report it to the CPD, and inform the Neighborhood Watch co-chairs.

To maintain our Neighborhood Watch status, our group must attend two Chesapeake Crime Prevention Council meetings a year (meetings are quarterly). Currently, the co-chairs attend these quarterly meetings.

The one big event the Neighborhood Watch hosts each year is the National Night Out event which takes place the 1st Tuesday in August. For this event, we ask for volunteers to assist.

If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain, please contact Al Crouch or Al Jacobs, NW co-chairs. Contact info can be found on the last page in the Committee Members chart.

Thanks, and until next time, BE SAFE!



Important Chesapeake City Numbers

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE PHONE NUMBER: 757-382-6161

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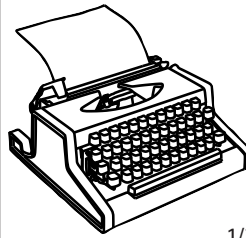
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Where you can find...

- HOA documents
- Contact Information
- Board of Directors
- Committee Members
- Clubhouse Reservation Forms

{ CALENDAR }
{ OF EVENTS }

- February 16 Cheshire Brew and Stew(Jenn Groves/Aime Curley)
- March 24 (March 25 rain make up) Kid's Spring Party(Jane McKleven)
- June-August (TBA)Pizza by the Pool(Coleen Lively)
- July 4th Bike Parade and Picnic (Volunteers needed)
- August 3rd or 10th (TBA)Adult Bash..... (Bernie and Roni Cory)
- August 7th..... National Night Out.....(Neighborhood Watch)
- September 9thKids Triathlon (Aimee Curley)
- October 28th Kids Halloween Party (Volunteers needed)
- November 22Turkey Trot and Food Drive (Aimee Curley)
- November 28th Decorating the clubhouse(Caroline Flint)
- December 9th Kids Holiday Party and Toy Drive (Volunteers needed)

If you would like to volunteer or get more involved with social events at Cheshire Forest. Please contact Aimee Curley at 757.287.5698. We are always in need of volunteers!

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



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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	
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