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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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#### AMENDED/RESTATED HOA DOCUMENTS

#### "VOTE" on the Amended//Restated HOA documents:

All homeowners received an Amended & Restated HOA Documents package in the mail in January 2018. Included in this package was a letter explaining the vote would take place on 20 March 2018, and a proxy ballot that could be filled out in case you weren't available to vote on that date.

On 20 March 2018, a Special Meeting was held to hold a vote on the documents. At the meeting, we were short in obtaining a quorum of voters (2/3 of 508 homeowners, or 339 votes). As discussed at the meeting, the Board has "tabled" the vote to allow additional time to obtain the required 339 votes.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES**

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on February 20th, March 20th, and April 17th. The Meeting on March 20th will also be the night the neighborhood will vote on the consolidated and revised governing documents. 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:**

2017 financial year close out - Transition of Cheshire Chat to electronic with opt in option •HOA Governing Documents consolidation. •Tennis Court resurfacing (bid accepted). •Outdoor clubhouse lighting repair.

•Replacement of neighborhood entrance sign at Royal Grant.

If you have not yet voted, please vote! You can still fill out a proxy ballot and submit it to the Association Manager, or any member of the Board of Directors. Their contact info can be found on the front page of this Cheshire Chat. Proxy ballots can be obtained from the Association Manager, or found on Nextdoor, or CheshireForest.org website. We will hold the vote open for a time to allow the community to reach the guorum number.

If you have questions, please contact the Association Manager or one of your Board Members, Thanks! •

**On-Going and Future Actions:** 

•Assisting with the transition of a new neighborhood Manager

•Execution of the 2018 Reserve Study plan and operational budget.

•City of Chesapeake engagement where appropriate.

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 theHomeowners 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! •

The next regular Board of Directors Meetings is scheduled for Tuesday April 17, May 15, & June 19, 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. Contact Sharon Chittim at schittim@1cbm.com or phone 757-534-7751.

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**NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR** SUMMER ISSUE ARE DUE NLT June 1, 2018. E-mail newsletter items to anndumenigo@yahoo.com

#### MANAGER'S CORNER

#### Dear Residents:

I want to say what a pleasure it is to be serving you in Cheshire Forest Homeowners Association. In February, I was appointed manager of Cheshire Forest Homeowners Association and I have been welcomed with open arms into the neighborhood and I greatly appreciate all the words of encouragement. I would like to take this time to thank our Board of Directors for the support and dedication they give to make this Community a great place to live. Without their volunteerism, Cheshire Forest would not be able to function as a community. Thank you for your enthusiasm, commitment and support in protecting and positively influencing property values by adhering to the rules and regulations. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to let me know. The first three Tuesdays of every month I will be at the clubhouse, stop in and say hello!! Your management team is ready to assist, below is the contact information. We look forward to working with you.

#### The Chesapeake Bay Management Team is here for you.

Sharon Chittim, Association Manager Email: <a href="mailto:schittim@1cbm.com">schittim@1cbm.com</a>

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Sincerely, Sharon

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

The Spring Newsletter! 2018 is moving quickly and March came in like a lion. As usual, the weather in March is unpredictable and this year proved no different. But, the rain, snow, and high winds give way to warmer weather, eventually, as Spring blossoms into full bloom. The warmer days bring many exciting opportunities for our community.

As you read this, there is a small window of opportunity remaining to cast your vote on the HOA governing documents. You will find information on this throughout the newsletter, but I would like to thank the members of the Board for the work they did to prepare the document for the community to review and for their work to get the community's awareness of the effort. As a Board, we appreciate the comments received from members of our community throughout this endeavor. We have had several exciting sessions as we moved through the process and open communication has served all well. Regardless of the outcome of the votes, the process we have endured proves that Cheshire Forest is a great community!

We hope you can be outside with the coming warmer weather and enjoy the community's amenities. As the weather breaks, work will begin to resurface the tennis courts! So, if you plan to learn how to play tennis this year or if you are a pro at it, you will have a fresh surface soon. As always, we look forward to the pool opening and hearing about the events of the swim team. We wish them a very successful season and invite all to be a part of the team. Stop by and cheer them on.

Enjoy your gardening opportunities also as many ready lawns and flower beds for the coming season. And if that isn't your thing, enjoy planning for the summer vacation!

Have a wonderful Spring.

# BRAVO FROM THE BOARD! Aimee Curley/Jenn Groves Cheshire Brew and Stew Jane McKlveen Kid's Spring Party

## **2018 POOL SEASON**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

In preparation for the summer pool season, the following information, to include the 2018 Pool Rules, is provided. Please keep this information available for future reference.

#### POINTS OF CONTACT

Pool Committee members are Jim and Mary Burres, 757-714-0806, jebcw3retired@cs.com Association Manager is Sharon Chittim, 757-491-6557, schittim@1cbm.com

#### POOL OPERATING SCHEDULE:

25-28 May, 1-3 June, 8-10 June Fridays: 4:00 рм – 8:00 рм Saturdays/Sundays: 11:00 ам – 8:00 рм Monday (Holiday): 11:00 ам – 8:00 рм

> 15 June-3 September 11:00 ам – 8:00 РМ

7-9 September Friday: 4:00 рм – 8:00 рм Saturday/Sunday: 11:00 ам – 8:00 рм

#### FLYING FISH SWIM TEAM

Cheshire Forest is proud to have our own Swim Team, the Flying Fish! For information on joining the swim team, contact the committee members listed below. Please come out and support our Flying Fish! Please remember there may be a few days and nights when the pool is reserved for our neighborhood swim team. Notice of those closures will be posted in advance.

Swim Team Committee chairperson is Tracy Tucker at 407-963-1094, <u>tracyltuck@aol.com</u>. More information can be found on their website at <u>www.swimflyingfish.com</u>

#### POOL PASSES

All residents require a pool pass for entry into the pool. Last year's pool passes (photo ID) will be used again, so please look for them. If you can't find yours, please check at the lifeguard station before requesting a new one. Many passes have remained in the lifeguard station box from previous seasons.

All residents that are in good standing with the Homeowners Association regarding payment of dues and fees, and already have a pool pass, may obtain a new "year" sticker by coming to the clubhouse, when the manager is on duty, or from the guard shack.

For those new residents, or for residents that have never had a pool pass, the Manager and/or Pool Committee will be able to issue pool passes during Manager work days at the clubhouse. Specific pool pass issuance dates to be published by the Manager on Nextdoor, or that info can be obtained by calling the Manager or Pool Committee rep. In addition, if you have a babysitter that takes care of your children on a regular basis in the summer, a pool pass can be issued for the sitter for the season. Only one sitter pass per family can be issued and it will expire at the end of the season.

If you or any family member come to the pool and do NOT have a pool pass, please bring identification, the lifeguards will have a homeowner listing.

#### POOL GUESTS

Residents bringing guests to the pool will be asked to sign guests in the guestbook at the lifeguard station. Adult residents may bring up to 5 guests at one time. Young adults, ages 11-17, may bring 2 guests at one time. 6 or more guests require being registered as a semi-private pool party, (see below for more info on how to register) and must be scheduled in advance. Remember, guests must be accompanied by a resident.

#### POOL PARTIES

#### Semi-Private Pool Party

Semi-private pool parties are scheduled 2 weeks in advance with the management company, as additional staffing may be required. Semi-private parties are held during normal pool operating hours and are confined to the pool deck. Due to space limitations during operating hours, no semi-private parties larger than 30 guests will be allowed. Semi-private events will not be allowed to be held in conjunction with community social events, (ie., pizza by the pool, etc.). Cheshire Forest HOA events will have scheduling priority.

#### **Pricing as follows:**

Refundable Security Deposit: \$100.00

#### 6 to 15 guests: \$25 for 2 hours.

#### Up to 30 guests: \$50 for 2 hours.

#### **Private Pool Party**

Private pool parties are held outside of normal pool operating hours and must be scheduled 2 weeks in advance of your event with the management company. Please note: if the clubhouse is also rented, no wet clothes are permitted in the clubhouse. Private parties must be for a minimum of 2 hours and must be staffed by 2 lifeguards. **Pricing as follows:** 

#### Refundable Security Deposit: \$100.00 Pool Fee: \$40.00 Lifeguard Fees: \$25.00 per guard per hour.

A completed Pool Reservation Agreement and the rental fee must be returned to the Manager at least 2 weeks prior to the event to reserve the pool. Pool Reservation Agreement can be obtained from the Association Manager.

#### SWIM LESSONS

Cheshire Forest's Pool Management Company, High Sierra Pools, can offer group swim lessons. Please contact High Sierra Pools at 757-595-0080 for rates and scheduling

## **2018 POOL RULES**

The following rules are for the protection and benefit of all pool patrons. Your cooperation will help maintain a pleasant and safe atmosphere for everyone. Parents are requested to caution their children to observe the rules and to obey the lifeguard's instruction. Lifeguards are asked to enforce these rules to ensure the safety of all.

#### **CONCERNS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Questions or concerns about the pool should be communicated to the on-site pool manager, pool committee or Association Manager.

#### LIABILITY

All persons using the pool do so at their own risk. The Homeowners Association (HOA) assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury, or for any loss or damage to personal property. Individuals using the pool area agree not to hold the HOA liable for any actions of whatever nature occurring within the pool area. All residents shall be responsible for the actions of their children and guests.

#### POOL AREA RULES

1. The pool is for the use of all Cheshire Forest residents and their guests. Your annual Homeowners Association fees help to cover the cost of our pool; therefore, all residents must be current with all fees and dues before use of the pool is authorized.

2. Pool passes (photo ID) are used to control entry into the pool. Each resident entering the pool deck must present his or her pool pass to the lifeguard at the pool entrance:

a. Children ages 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older

b. Children ages 6 to 10 must be accompanied by a responsible person age 14 or older

c. No photo ID is required for children ages 4 or younger

d. Babysitters (that are not residents of Cheshire Forest) can obtain a pool pass. See Pool Pass information above. Absent a pool pass, babysitters are considered guests.

3. All persons shall obey the rules, regulations, and instructions of the lifeguards. No person shall use the pool/ pool area unless it is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty.

4. Swim Test. A swim test may be required for any individual who does not appear confident in the water. Lifeguards will administer the test, one on one. Test will include swimming a distance equal to max width of the deep-water swimming area, jumping into the water and treading water for one minute, and exiting pool independently.

5. A resident MUST accompany all guests. Guests may leave the pool area and return to the pool during the day of swimming.

6. Admission shall be refused to all persons having any infections, disease, sore or inflamed eyes, colds, nasal/ ear discharges, or any communicable disease of any kind. Persons with excessive sunburn or open sores, poison ivy or bandages of any kind will not be permitted.

7. All persons must take a shower before entering the pool.

8. All children in the wading pool MUST be supervised by an adult within the wading pool fenced area. There is NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY IN THE WADING POOL AREA.

9. The pool may be closed at any time by the on-duty lifeguard or pool manager in case of inclement weather, breakdown of equipment or operational malfunctions.

10. Children who cannot swim must be accompanied by an adult in proper swim attire while in the pool/pool area. Flotation devices may be used at the discretion of the lifeguards, however an adult in proper attire must be within arms' reach of the child always.

11. ONLY DISPOSABLE SWIM DIAPERS will be allowed in either pool. Cloth diapers or training pants will be worn with plastic/rubber pants, swim panties.

12. The following are NOT permitted in the pool or pool area:

a)Hard sole shoes

b) Glass containers and breakable objects

c) Pets

d)Chewing gum

e)Tobacco products

f)Intoxicated persons

13. I-Pods and MP-3 players with ear buds/ headphones only (no speakers), will be permitted. Exception is during private pool parties/events.

14. All persons must stay clear of life guard stations and not loiter at the check-in area.

15. No running, pushing, dunking, rough play, jumping, diving or profane language will be permitted in the pool/ pool area.

16. All trash must be removed upon leaving pool area and put in the proper containers. Recycling containers are also available.

17. There is no diving into the water from the poolside. Feet first entries only.

18. The use of kick-boards, tubes, balls, rafts, etc. will be regulated by the lifeguards based on the size and character of the crowd. The lifeguards will regulate all play and other equipment.

19. Spouting of water and similar non-hygienic actions are not permitted in the pool/pool area.

20. Standing or sitting on another's shoulders is not permitted.

21. A 10-minute break will be called each hour to accommodate bathroom inspections, water/equipment testing, and clean-up. During this break, all swimmers must be out of the water.

#### SUSPENSION OF POOL PRIVILEGES

If a person fails to respond appropriately to lifeguards for infractions of pool rules, the lifeguard may ask the person to leave the pool area until the following day.

The Homeowners Association Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the lifeguard, may suspend individual pool privileges. The lifeguard will prepare a written report stating the name, date, time, restriction, and the violation, and provide to Pool Committee Chair no later than close of business on the day offense occurred. Pool Committee Chair will review and inform the Board of Directors, via email, of recommended suspension no later than the day following day of offense. The following actions will be taken:

1st offense - 1 day suspension
2nd offense - 5 days' suspension
3rd offense - Suspension for the remainder of the pool season

Appeals of suspension of privileges may be made in writing to the Board of Directors, via email, addressed to the President with a "cc" to all members of the Board. The Board of Directors will have 5 days to review and respond.



## **Cheshire Forest's Summer Swim Team is Forming!**

Come join one of our favorite summer activities, Cheshire Forest's Flying Fish! Whether your child is a beginning swimmer, a summer competitor or swims all year long, this swim team is for you! The only requirement is that you live in our neighborhood. It's a great way to get to know more of your neighbors, give your children a healthy summer activity and lots of family fun along the way! In addition to practice and meets, you never know when we will have a Muffin Monday, Fun Friday or Wacky Swim Night!

Practice starts the Tuesday after Memorial Day. During school, practice is in the early evening. After school is over, practice moves to the morning with nighttime practices for those who can't make their morning practice due to camp or work. We compete in the Virginia Beach Swim League and have 6 meets. Our last regular season meet is over by July 21st. There are two invitation-only meets after that-Divisionals (July 28) and AllStars (August 4.)

Want more information or ready to register? We are hosting Info and Registration Nights at the clubhouse. These are stop by and get your info/ register—you don't need to be there the whole time! Parent's Meeting: Sunday, May 20th 6:30-8:00 Questions? Contact Tracy Tucker at gbiptatracy@gmail.com

#### **Registration Dates:**

Thursday, April 12th 4:30 pm-6:30 pm Sunday, April 15th 4:30-6:30 pm Thursday, April 26th 4:30-6:30 pm Sunday, April 29th 4:30-6:30 pm Thursday, May 17th 4:30-6:30 pm



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## Neighborhood Watch Corner:



## **Speeding & Traffic Safety**

It was 9:15 am Thursday, and here comes a pickup truck down Cheshire Forest Drive traveling every bit of 50 mph. The truck was moving so quickly, I couldn't get a good look at the license plate.

Wish we could say this is not the norm, but it's happening all too often in our neighborhood. The most frequent complaint we receive is the number of speeding vehicles on our streets. Speeding is a problem everywhere but is close to home when you are out walking or riding bikes with your family and witness this activity. It is infuriating to say the least.

Most recently, there have been reports of speeding vehicles on Pleasant Way, and vehicles passing stopped (and lights flashing) school buses in the Pleasant Way/Keeling Drive area. Neighborhood Watch has been in contact with our CPD Precinct Captain, and he understands our frustration level. Many cars pass through our neighborhood, so that doesn't help with the number of vehicles on our neighborhood streets.

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What can we do? First off, if you're one of the speeders, please slow down. Secondly, if you witness reckless driving, attempt to obtain vehicle/license plate information, and call it into the CPD nonemergency line, 382-6161. We have all heard the old saying, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease", and this applies when it comes to neighborhood traffic safety. If you see something, say something.

We wish we could say this is an easy problem to fix, but it's not. We can't control how everyone operates their vehicles, but we can report reckless vehicle traffic to the CPD. Thanks, and until next time, BE SAFE!

### Call Before You Dig by Elizabeth Vaughn

We are not far away from the official start of spring and I, for one, can't wait to get working in my yard! If you're planning on any big yard projects that require digging, make sure that you plan ahead with the most important first step – calling Virginia 811 (Miss Utility)! Call Before You Dig by Elizabeth Vaughn Underneath your yard there could be a maze of wires and pipes delivering services into your home. Some of these are just inches from the surface of the ground. You do not want to hit them with your shovel! Virginia state law actually requires anyone who digs to notify Virginia 811 before starting. Once you call, someone will come out

## Know what's **below. Call before you dig.**

and mark your yard with different colored lines that denote different underground utilities, such as red for electric or yellow for gas/oil. It takes no time at all to request the marking and they generally respond within 48 hours. If you're planning to plant, plan to call. Just call 811 or visit VA811. com for more information. Dig with care, everyone!

Important Chesapeake City Numbers

Non-emergency Police Phone Number: 757-382-6161 City of Chesapeake: 747-382-CITY (2489) www.CityofChesapeake.net





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## **{CALENDAR** OF EVENTS

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 9th	Kids Triathlon	(Aimee Curley)
October 28th	Kids Halloween Party	(Volunteers needed)
November 22	Turkey Trot and Food Drive	(Aimee Curley)
November 28th	Decorating the clubhouse	(Caroline Flint)
December 9th	Kids Holiday Party and Toy Drive	(Volunteers needed)

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//

## WHICH IS RISKIER?

## Rock climbing is risky.

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## Where you can find...

HOA documents

Contact Information

Board of Directors

Committee Members

•Clubhouse Reservation Forms

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Every month from May thru September a Cheshire Forest "Yard of the Month" is selected.

Criteria for the YOM includes but is not limited to neatness consistency in keeping the yard well groomed, overall beauty, landscaping and so on...

A YOM sign is placed on the yard and a photo is taken. The homeowner will receive a Home Depot gift card in recognition of the hard work it takes to create and maintain a beautiful yard.

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Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.	Tracy Tucker	Cell 407-963-1094	tracyltuck@aol.com			