

Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello and Happy Fall! My name is Jennifer Williams. For those of you I haven't had the opportunity to speak with yet, I am the Association Manager for Cheshire Forest.

House Numbers- While driving through the community, I see that several homes do not have their address numbers displayed. Please remember that having your address visible from the street can make a difference to emergency vehicles finding your home. For every extra minute they take to find your home, they take an extra minute to potentially save your life.

Waste Management – I would just like to remind everyone that just like trash containers, yard debris should not be placed at the curb until the night before trash pickup. I know it is an inconvenience to those of you who perform their yard work on the weekend however it is very unsightly to your neighbors and community to view throughout the week. Trash cans are also being left in view throughout the week. Please remember that trash cans and yard debris are to be stored out of view from the street or behind the rear foundation line of the home.

Board Meetings-As always, please remember that you are welcomed and encouraged to

attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the clubhouse (Executive Session begins at 6:00pm).

Annual Meeting-The 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018. If you are unable to attend please send in your completed proxy-this will be included in the Annual Meeting Mailing that is being mailed out to all Owners of Record.

Your community is what you make it. I would urge each of you to get involved in the community in one capacity or another. Whether you serve on a committee or run for the Board of Directors, your input is valued and will continue to make Cheshire Forest is the type of community that you will be proud to call home.

I look forward to meeting each of you in the months to come. If you need my assistance, you canreach me via phone at 757-534-7751 or if you prefer, you may email me at: jwilliams@1cbm.com

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BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

4th of July Picnic/Bike Parade: Julianne Baker

Pizza by the pool: Coleen Lively

Adult Bash: Bernie & Roni Cory

National Night Out: Neighborhood Watch Team

Rib Cook Off: Jude Donato

Triathlon: Aimee Curley and Jim Griesi

The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday OCTOBER 16, NOVEMBER 20, & DECEMBER18, 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 Jennifer Williams at jwilliams@lcbm.com or phone 757-534-7751.

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOTES

The Board conducted regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on August 21st and September 18th. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16th. 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:

- •Completion of pool season and winterization of the pool
- •Clubhouse window repair
- •Plumbing repairs- Playground mulching
- Tree trimming
- •Fire extinguisher replacement
- •Renewing Certificate of Deposit

On-Going and Future Actions:

- ·Assisting with the transition of a new neighborhood Manager
- •New Management Company options investigation
- Preparation of the 2019 budget
- •Preparation for the 2019 annual meeting scheduled for

November 20, 2018

- •Clubhouse drainage
- •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 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! Lastly, the Annual Homeowners Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Come out to see what is happening in the neighborhood, voice concerns, and possibly even volunteer to become a Board Member.

A Letter from the President...

he last writing mentioned thoughts about being a board member. I trust a few of our wonderful residents have pondered the decision and are ready to come on board if nothing less than to assist with a committee to get a better understanding of how the board operates. Your time and efforts will and are always appreciated.

Just as we appreciate the wonderful volunteers who made the summer of 2018 a huge success. Beginning with the end of the school year party at our pool and including events such as pizza by the pool; national night out; 4th of July Parade/picnic; Rib Cook off; community yard sale; Adult Bash; and the awesome community triathlon. Residents of our community enjoyed each of these events to include adults and children. These events happened because of the unselfish giving of many residents volunteering their time and efforts. They gave hours to organize and plan these successful, fun, and exciting times for our community. Our thanks go out to all! Remember, our Social Committee is chaired by Ms. Aimee Curley. She will happily show

you how to assist in many different areas and methods. Again, many thanks to all who continue to make Cheshire Forest an exciting place to live.

As with any business, running our community so that we can enjoy such events takes a budget. As I write this, your board members are busy reviewing the many different facets needed to manage our community so that we can present to you an acceptable community budget. We will have an approved budget to our community before the annual meeting in November. We consider the usual bills such as management, community maintenance, utilities, and what should the replacement reserves and operating reserves balances need to be at the end of 2019. Each of these will drive the amount the community needs for assessments. We have been fortunate, and our dues have not increased for many years. Nevertheless, our community continues to age, and costs are impacted by inflation. This last month we had an unexpected water bill of over \$4000 which of course is very unusual. Upon inspection, we

found faulty valves associated with the pool flow system. The repair for this expense is approximately \$6000. Fortunately, our reserves are sufficiently healthy to cover such unexpected costs. As we plan the next budget, considerable thought goes into monitoring deposits to keep the reserve balances at sufficient levels. All will be pleased to know that the audit conducted by our auditing firm showed all financial matters for our community to be beyond reproach. We will continue to execute our fiduciary responsibilities for our community as we go through the budgeting process.

You will see the 2019 approved budget soon. We will have it ready for the annual meeting mail out. Remember, we need your representation at the annual meeting; either in person or by proxy. We must, in accordance with our by-laws, have a quorum to officially conduct our annual meeting. Additionally, we will either re elect or elect several board members. Look forward to seeing all soon.

Cheshire Forest































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Neighborhood Watch Corner: FALL SAFETY

"Thanks" to the volunteers, and to those that attended the National Night Out event on 7 August! There were several first responders present, plus a CFD fire truck display. This was the first year we've attempted a bicycle ride along with the flashlight walk, and by the numbers of bicycles and riders that showed up, we'll have to make this an annual ride. For those that didn't make it this year, we hope to see you next year, 1st

Tuesday in August!

School is back in session, so please be mindful of school buses, and kids at the bus stops. Also, as we move into the fall season, the days are shorter, and it's darker earlier and more often. For those that enjoy walking, running, or biking during the darkness, please ensure you have some type of reflective gear or even a light of some sort, so you are visible to those drivers navigating the streets. For the drivers on our neighborhood streets, remember, the speed limit is 25. When I see cars hitting their brakes as they go around curves in the neighborhood, that's a dead giveaway that those cars are driving too fast.

As always, be vigilant, and report any suspicious activity to the proper authority. The CPD non-emergency number is 382-6161. You can also file a report on-line using the Citizen's On-Line Reporting System. To access the on-line system, google City of Chesapeake, then go to Police Department, and you will find the on-line reporting system. Only specific activities can be reported on-line, and those are listed.

Thanks, and until next time, BE SAFE!

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{CALENDAR OF EVENTS}

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	e(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

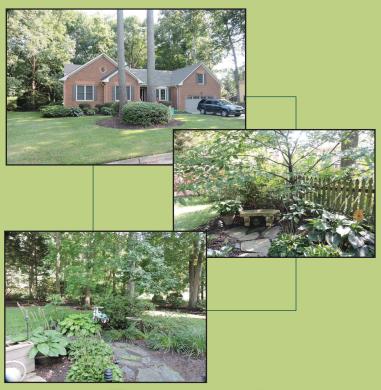
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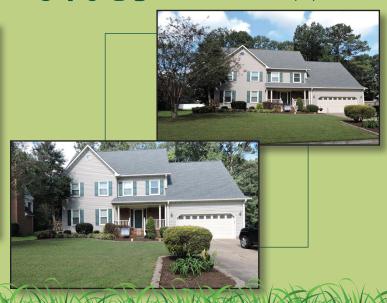




September
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October
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Scoop the Poop

It's a stinky situation but we need to talk about it. I'm personally seeing this happen in my neighborhood so I know it's probably happening in yours, too. I'm talking dog poop.

When dog poop is left on the ground, rain gathers bacteria and particles from the poop, which contaminates the water. Contaminated rain then flows into the stormwater system which flows directly into our waterways where we go fishing/swimming/boating. Gross! Here are a few things to consider:

Dog poop is not fertilizer. Do not make the cow manure connection! Most dogs eat processed foods and high protein diets which lead to acidic poops. All poop is not created equal.

•Dog poop is full of bacteria. If you've ever heard the announcements about sections of the beach being closed due to high bacteria levels, guess where some of that bacteria comes from? You guessed it. This means that the dog poop you leave on your lawn has successfully made it to the beach (along with other bacteria sources) in such high levels that humans are warned to stay out of the water or risk getting sick. Gross.

•Dog poop can contain parasites. Dog poop can spread parasites and worms on to other dogs and even to humans. Letting it lie around your backyard or leaving it around the neighborhood increases your chance of infection and the chances you might infect a dog or child. Hookworm and roundwork are a couple of gross examples of what you could catch.

So be a responsible dog owner and scoop the poop!

By Elizabeth Vaughn Senior Public Communications Coordinator City of Chesapeake

Committee Members							
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