



# Cheshire Chat

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## MANAGER'S CORNER

**Happy New Year!** During a recent drive through your community I noticed some consistencies with the below noted trends:

•Many of the homes need to have the siding or portions of the brick and/or fence cleaned. The moisture from the fall and winter has caused algae and mold to accumulate on the dormers, front steps, chimneys, fences, and other places. Unfortunately, these exterior areas haven't received the benefit of full sun. Please inspect your home (front and back) to determine if the exterior of your property is in need of attention. If you're not sure, please contact management for assistance.

•Trash cans, recycle bins, and yard debris are being put out by the curb more than a day in advance of pick up. In some cases, trash cans and recycle bins are not being removed from the street and stored

properly after pickup. Please be a good neighbor and follow the trash rules as defined by the City of Chesapeake.

•A lot of driveways need some TLC- whether it is from settling or possible tree roots there seems to be a lot of noticeable trip hazards within the driveways/ walkways. As a safety precaution, please note and address any areas of concerns.

Cheshire Forest is an active and vibrant community with several wonderful events year-round. Be a part of the fun, volunteer today! There's something for everyone.

### Let's make 2019 AWESOME!

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

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## BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

Clubhouse Decorations : **Caroline Flint**

Coordinating the Community Food Drive and Annual Turkey Trot : **Aimee Curley**

Halloween Party: **Randi Corcoran and Meghan Lambert**

Christmas Party: **Randi Corcoran and Meghan Lambert**

New Year's Eve Party: **Randi and Paul Corcoran**



The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday  
**FEBRUARY 19, MARCH 19, & APRIL 16, 2019**

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](mailto:jwilliams@lcbm.com) or phone 757-534-7751.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Board conducted their regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on October 16th, December 18th, and January 15th. Additionally, a special Board meeting was held on October 9th to develop the 2019 annual budget and prepare for the Annual Meeting on November 20th. Your all-volunteer Board of Directors remains laser-focused on maintaining the material condition of neighborhood's assets, responsibly managing your neighborhood's financial resources, and upholding our neighborhood's standards. The following list highlights some of the Board of Directors actions.

### Recently Completed Actions:

- Repaired pool filtration system
- Conducted annual meeting
- Accounting contract renewal for auditing and tax returns
- Insurance contract renewal
- Landscaping contract renewal
- Pool Management contract renewal
- Certificate of Deposit renewal
- Replaced U.S. flag on flagpole
- Management Contract Renewal



### On-Going and Future Actions:

- 2018 financial year close-out
- Recruit residents to serve as a Director the Association's Board
- Architectural Control Committee Guidelines revision
- Clubhouse drainage resolution
- Execution of the 2019 Reserve Study plan and operational budget
- Engaging the City of Chesapeake for neighborhood maintenance
- Clubhouse Crawlspace Restoration

More detail concerning these issues and actions can be found in the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes which are published 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 insights into upcoming events, actions taken by the Board of Directors, but most importantly provides you an opportunity to voice suggestions or concerns with the Board.

We are always looking for volunteers who can help make a difference in our neighborhood. Positions are open on the board and in several of the committees. Please consider stepping forward to help keep Cheshire Forest the envy of Great Bridge and **"The Best Community in Hampton Roads!"**

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The holiday season has quickly passed, and I hope you and your families found much enjoyment during the season. We offer our appreciation once again to Ms. Caroline Flint for leading the effort of the volunteers who helped to decorate the Cheshire Forest Club House. They did a great job giving the House a festive appearance for us to enjoy during the season and as we brought in the new year.

As the year begins, the Board of Directors continue the efforts to serve our community and to keep amenities fresh and in a good state of repair. There are several key initiatives that we are working this year as we continue to execute within our budget. These include:

- Addressing the irrigation for the area between the tennis court and play ground
- Replacing tables on clubhouse deck
- Addressing clubhouse crawl space vents
- Updating Architectural Control Guidelines
- Maintaining City Engagement activities

The board is working to address these items as we continue to work with Chesapeake Bay Management to monitor the other major contractual requirements that exist to keep our community a wonderful place to live. You will find the board discussing these items when we meet on the third Tuesday of each month for the regularly scheduled board meetings.

It is during these meetings that we also spend considerable time reviewing information presented by the management regarding covenant or other governing document infractions. You can read about examples of such things that we discuss in this edition under the Management writings. Please remember if you are making changes to your residence to review the Cheshire Forest governing documents and contact the Management and the Architectural Control Committee should you have questions. As the months pass, and they tend to pass quickly, and the temperatures begin to rise, please remember to address the house washing that may be needed. Caring for your trash receptacles is a must and the by laws are clear where and how they are to be stowed. Please continue to be considerate as we all work to keep our community looking nice. Communication is critical to a successful understanding of many of the situations we must address. Management is willing to address your questions. Residents can address questions and issues to the board also. The intent of the process is to keep our community beautiful.

We look forward to having a great 2019 and seeing you at the numerous events that are planned throughout the year. Remember, volunteers are key to the success of any of our events. Your consideration and willingness to volunteer is much appreciated and needed. Contact the management for additional information on volunteer opportunities.

*Did you know?* Cheshire Forest has it's own website!  
**cheshireforest.org**



**Where you can find...**

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



# Neighborhood Watch Corner: CHESAPEAKE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (CCPC)

The Chesapeake Crime Prevention Council (CCPC) is a non-profit organization that works hand-in-hand with the Chesapeake Police Department and the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office to educate and inform citizens of Chesapeake about crime, crime prevention, and the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The purpose of the CCPC is to encourage citizens/businesses to participate in crime prevention and reduction programs, educate as to their roles and responsibilities in preventing and reducing crime, and identify crime problems and support community-based programs to address those problems. Lastly, the CCPC aids in improving attitudes and communication between citizens/businesses and law enforcement officials.

The CCPC holds quarterly meetings which your Neighborhood Watch personnel attend. It is a requirement to attend at least 2 meetings per year to maintain a "Neighborhood Watch" neighborhood status.

For further information on the CCPC, 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!

## { 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS }

February 9	BREW AND STEW	Volunteers Needed
April 7	KIDS SPRING PARTY	Volunteers Needed
June 13	END OF SCHOOL ICE CREAM AT THE POOL	Volunteers Needed
July 4	PARADE	Volunteers Needed
August 6	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	Neighborhood Watch
August (TBD)	ADULT BASH	Bernie Cory
September 7	YOUTH TRIATHLON	Aimee Curley
October 27	KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY	Volunteers Needed
November 28	FOOD DRIVE AND NEIGHBORHOOD JOG	Aimee Curley
December 4	DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE	Caroline Flint
December 8	CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS	Volunteers Needed
December 31	NEW YEARS EVE BASH	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](mailto:irishamc@hotmail.com).

Please check out the CF Social Events Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/284275111591152/>

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR TO: RANDI CORCORAN AND MEGHAN LAMBERT FOR STEPPING UP TO DO THE KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY, KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND THE NYE PARTY!

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# YARDS OF THE MONTH

## NOVEMBER 800 WATERFALL WAY



## DECEMBER 625 ROYAL GRANT



INFLATABLES

EVEN PRESENTS UNDER TREE

FROSTY

## YARDS OF THE MONTH STARTS IN MAY



Every month from May thru December 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.

# Out with the Old and in with the New

If you've accumulated a good haul of new items during the holidays, you might find yourself with a lot of old items to get rid of. Here are a few ways you can avoid putting them in your brown trash bin.

**Electronics** – Goodwill stores will accept your old electronics, whether or not they still work, and they'll either sell them in their stores or properly recycle them. All electronics will be refurbished using U.S. Department of Defense-grade programs to clear hard drives and erase any personal information. You can drop your electronics off to any Goodwill store during their regular operating hours.

**Clothing** – Thrift stores abound in our area, so much so that you can choose to be a little picky by looking for a thrift store that donates to a cause you're interested in. From children to veterans, there's something for everyone. There are several shelters and charities in the area that will also accept gently used clothing. A quick google search will bring up plenty of options.

**Food** – Coming out of the holiday season, food banks tend to see a decline in donations. While it's great to donate during the season of giving, there are hungry people all year round. Just remember to check the expiration date on all of the items you donate. Most food banks cannot accept expired food.

By Elizabeth Vaughn  
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City of Chesapeake

## Committee Members

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