



Cheshire Chat

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MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello and Happy Spring! A few items that I would like to bring to everyone's attention.

No Trespassing- Please keep in mind that all lots within Cheshire Forest are privately owned and maintained at the owner's expense. Be mindful of all the residents within the community and go the long way to your destination if it means staying off of other residents' properties.

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.

Mold/Mildew – During my inspections I have noticed several homes in need of

cleaning and/or pressure washing. Please make sure to have any mold or mildew removed from your siding and brick as well as from your mailboxes.

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 the type of community that you will be proud to call home.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Williams, CMCA, AMS
Regional Manager, Chesapeake Bay Management

If you need my assistance, you can reach me via phone at 757-534-7751 or if you prefer, you may email me at:
jwilliams@1cbm.com



BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

The awesome job on the new picnic tables for the clubhouse patio:

Paul Corcoran, Cliff Krebs, Al Jacobs

Brew and Stew: **Jenn Groves**

Spring Party: **Jane and Mike McKlveen**

**The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday
MAY 21 , JUNE 18 , & JULY 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@1cbm.com or phone 757-534-7751.

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**NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR
SUMMER ISSUE ARE DUE NLT
JULY 1, 2019.**

**E-mail newsletter items to
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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Board conducted their regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on February 19th, March 19th, and April 16th. 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:

- 2018 financial year close-out
- Annual reserve study review
- Clubhouse trash contract renewal
- Updated Pool Rules
- Repaired dilapidated crawlspace vents
- Repaired crawlspace damage caused by rodents
- Approved a pest control service contract
- Repaired pond bench
- Replaced six picnic tables (built by Board members to reduce cost)

On-Going and Future Actions:

- Power washing the pool house and fence surrounding the pool
- Revising Architectural Control Committee Guidelines
- Obtaining estimates to resolve Clubhouse drainage issues

- Replacing playground swing chairs and chains
- Replacing clubhouse exterior light fixtures
- Replenishing volleyball court sand and replacing volleyball net
- Actively searching for a more cost-effective insurance
- Recruiting residents to serve on the Association's Board of Directors
- Executing the 2019 Reserve Study plan and operating budget

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!"

Meet Paul Corcoran, Our Newest Board Member!



My family and I were told in 2017 that we would be moving to the Hampton Roads area, and Great bridge, Cheshire Forest specifically, immediately topped the list of where we wanted to live and raise our children. Time came for the Marine Corps to move us and we loved it so much we decided to retire and stay. We participate in all the wonderful activities and events Cheshire Forest provides and have made the great friends in such a short time. We look forward to being active participants in the community and I hope that serving on the Board of Directors will enable me to do my part to keep Cheshire Forest the great place it is.

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Spring is a time of rejuvenation. A time we get to enjoy watching new life abound. The ducks, geese, rabbits and other fowl that live in and around our neighborhood begin to increase in activity. This will occasionally allow one to observe a fox doing what a fox does. It is also the season our trees come to life and I wish all well as we endure pollen season!

I also offer Spring as a time for residents to consider volunteering time to continue making Cheshire Forest the wonderful community it is. We are a very active community and each activity that is conducted needs volunteers. We appreciate all who have volunteered and have helped create wonderful and successful activities that all residents enjoy. To continue these events, volunteers for the several committees are needed.

Our HOA has a Board of Directors that works to accomplish many different things through the committees that are in existence. These include the Architectural Control, Yard of the Month, Neighborhood Watch, Newsletter, Pool, Social, and Swim team committees and each one can use volunteers to assist in their operations. The Social committee meets to plan events throughout the year and seeks volunteers to lead the planning and execution of these events for the community. Please do not feel you do it alone. There is a budget provided for these events and you will find

community members willing to help. Being the first to volunteer as the overall planner is the initial key to success.

Other reasons to consider being active on a committee include:

- Committees serve as a training ground for future association leaders.
- Committees serve as a conduit through which the Board receives grass root input - opinions and attitudes of owners.
- Committees are a vehicle through which Board actions are explained.
- Committees enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by providing research analysis and advice needed for policy decisions.
- Committees can be an instrument for initial implementation of Board policies such as with the Architectural Review Committee.
- Committees are an important linkage between the Board of Directors and owners but to be effective, committees need members! Owner input, involvement and participation is a must.

So, **SPRING INTO ACTION!** You will find a list of committee chair persons in the newsletter. Please contact them to let them know your willingness to help. Contact any board member or the management to learn more about serving on the Board of Directors or any committee. We are always looking for volunteers.

Happy Spring

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

2019 POOL RULES

In preparation for the summer pool season, the following information, to include the 2019 Pool Rules, is provided. Please keep this information available for future reference.

POINTS OF CONTACT

Pool Committee members are Jim and Mary Bures, 757-714-0806, jebcw3retired@cs.com
Association Manager is Jennifer Williams, 757-534-7751, jwilliams@lcbm.com

POOL OPERATING SCHEDULE

May 24-27, May 31-June 2, June 7-9

Fridays: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturdays/Sundays: 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Monday, May 27 (Holiday): 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

June 13 (last day of school)

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

June 14-September 2

11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

September 6-8

Friday: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday/Sunday: 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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, swimcheshire@gmail.com. More information can be found on their website at www.swimflyingfish.com

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.

2019 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! And, we are lucky to have a head coach, Manon Romash, who is Great Bridge High School's Teacher of the Year as well as the GBHS swim team coach!

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 20th. There are two invitation-only meets after that—Divisionals (July 27) and AllStars (August 3.)

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!

Info and Registration Nights

Wednesday, April 24th 4:30-6:30

Sunday, May 5th 4:30-6:30

Thursday, May 9th 4:30-6:30

Wednesday, May 15th 4:30-6:30

Parent's Meeting: Sunday, May 19th 6:30-8:00

Questions? Contact Tracy Tucker at swimcheshire@gmail.com





Neighborhood Watch Corner: WARMER WEATHER/PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC SAFETY

The weather is beginning to warm, more people are out on the sidewalks, streets, playground, and common areas. It's a good time to review both pedestrian and traffic safety.

For the pedestrians, please be aware of what's going on around you. If there's sidewalk to walk on, recommend the use of the sidewalk. If in the road, please walk facing traffic. Too many times there are people walking and pushing strollers in the roadway with their back towards traffic. We would all like to think distracted driving isn't a problem, but it is, so be mindful of your surroundings. Would also encourage anyone out walking/riding a bike after dusk to wear reflective equipment and/or have a light of some sort.

A constant theme heard throughout the neighborhood is that too many cars speed through here as if it were a raceway. We've all seen it, and without a doubt, it's a safety hazard. Cheshire Forest Drive is a wide street, and apparently it brings out the NASCAR in some people. We coordinate with the CPD on traffic issues, and they assist as resources are available. Just a reminder, speed limit on ALL Cheshire Forest roadways is 25 mph.

Get out and enjoy the warmer weather, but please consider safety first. Thanks, and until next time, **BE SAFE!**

{ 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS }

April 27	GREAT CHESHIRE RIB SMOKEOFF	Jude Donato
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.

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

AND REMEMBER...VOLUNTEER!!!



2019 POT HOLE BLITZ

It's time for the annual Pothole Blitz! The Public Works Department repairs potholes all throughout the year but March is when we see the largest number so extra resources are dedicated towards getting them fixed. The reason we see more potholes in March is because of the wet weather and the freeze/thaw cycles. Potholes are created when moisture seeps into the pavements, freezes, expands, and then thaws. This weakens the pavement, allowing for traffic to tear it up, creating potholes.

Weather not only plays a part in creating the potholes, but it also plays a part in repairs. Public Works cannot repair a pothole when temperatures are below freezing or when the pothole is full of water or very wet.

You can help us by reporting potholes when you see them. Report them online at www.CityofChesapeake.net/Requests or by calling 382-CITY (2489). You'll be asked a few questions about the pothole such as where on the street it's located (travel lane, shoulder, etc) and how wide and deep it is. Repairs are generally made within 14 days of your request but, unless there are weather or material availability issues, they're generally repaired much sooner than that.

When repairing potholes, crews work in very dangerous locations, often right in the middle of traffic. Please help us get our workers home at the end of each day by using extreme caution through work zones. Slow down, give the crew space, and be extra alert (aka put down the phone!)

By Elizabeth Vaughn
Senior Public Communications Coordinator
City of Chesapeake

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Whole Page	\$55

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Email ads in PDF format or ask Ann to design one for you at: anndumenigo@yahoo.com

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.

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.	Julie Halsnoy	Cell 705-6466	juliehalsnoy@yahoo.com	
Yard of the Month	Selects Yard of the Month seasonally and in December.	Melissa Dominek Imelda Barrera	Home 410-4888 Cell 621-6740	m.dominek@yahoo.com imelda.barrera@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	
Newsletter	4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout, and advertisements.	Ann Dumenigo	Cell 910-554-8531	anndumenigo@yahoo.com	
Pool	Support pool functions and facility. Maintains budget. Pool open May-Sept.	Jim and Mary Bures	Cell 714-0806	jebcw3retired@cs.com	
Social	Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.	Aimee Curley	Cell 287-5698	irishamc@hotmail.com	YES
Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.	Tracy Tucker	Cell 407-963-1094	tracyltuck@aol.com	