



# Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## MANAGER'S CORNER

Halfway through the 2020 year and it seems like a bad movie that we all have a roll in.

While we are all trying to figure out our "new normal", neighborhood inspections are being conducted. If a letter is received for a perceived violation on your home and you do not agree, want clarification, work has been completed, etc., please communicate in writing with management. You can either complete the owner response form that is included and submit it to me, or you can send me an email with the pertinent information.

Management and the Board of Directors are working diligently trying to get the pool open. The pool opening process relies on many agencies, it's not as easy as pulling the cover off and unlocking the gate. This pool season has been challenging, and I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

I drive through Cheshire Forest at least once per week and, without fail, seem to annoy other drivers as I will not exceed 25 mph on Cheshire Forest Drive, and make frequent stops. Please take it slow in the neighborhood – there are lots of children, pets, and ducks on the roads with us.

Finally, thanks to all the owners that took the spring-cleaning challenge! I noticed all the clean siding, new paint, and plantings.

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 [JWilliams@1cbm.com](mailto:JWilliams@1cbm.com)

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

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## Posting of HOA Notices & Updates For All Residents:

When the Board of Directors posts notices/updates that impact the entire neighborhood (most recent example are the pool opening updates), those notices are posted in these locations:



(Cheshire Forest Social Events page)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/284275111591152/>

**Nextdoor** (Cheshire Forest) 

**NABR** (Cheshire Forest site hosted by  
Chesapeake Bay Management)

**Cheshire Forest Website**  
[www.cheshireforest.org](http://www.cheshireforest.org)



The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday  
JULY 21, AUGUST 18, & SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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](mailto:jwilliams@1cbm.com) or phone 757-534-7751.

NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR  
THE FALL ISSUE ARE DUE NLT  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020.

E-mail newsletter items to  
[anndumenigo@yahoo.com](mailto:anndumenigo@yahoo.com)

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Board conducted their regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on May 19th, and June 16th. The April 21st meeting was cancelled due to COVID 19 gathering restrictions. Your Board remains focused on maintaining the material condition of neighborhood's assets, responsibly managing your neighborhood's financial resources, and upholding our neighborhood's standards. Specifically, the Board has tried to provide creative recommendations to committees and management to follow the Governor's phased restrictions and opening the community assets for use. The following list highlights some of the Board of Directors actions.

### Recently Completed Actions:

- Contracted the replacement of the 3-rail fence at the main entrance
- Contracted for the removal of fallen trees
- Revised Architectural Control Committee Guidelines
- Amended the Pool Contract with High Sierra Pools due to COVID
- Contracted for a new Reserve Study to be conducted 1st Qtr of 2021

### On-Going and Future Actions:

- Obtaining estimates to resolve Clubhouse drainage issues
- Obtaining estimates for repair/replacement of club house deck/gazebo
- Working to open the pool for use to all within Virginia Governor's phased restrictions

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. Most recently, the Homeowners forum has been used to address concerns regarding restrictions of community assets due to COVID-19.

We are always looking for volunteers who can help make a difference in our neighborhood. Positions are open 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!"

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW



### BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

- **Nancy Ritinski & Regina Baker Brittingham:**  
for making the class of 2020 parade such a success
- **Bethany Papacostas & Carrie Fair:**  
4th of July celebration
- **Jay Connolly:**  
Community Yard Sale
- **Mady Von Tersch & Lillie Reese:**  
4th of July Event
- **All the supporters** who came out to cheer on our  
graduating class of 2020

Architectural Guidelines and ACC Application. Please note that the Cheshire Forest Architectural Guidelines and the ACC application have been updated and republished effective 6/18/20. Both documents can be found on the Cheshire Forest website at [cheshireforest.org](http://cheshireforest.org) and the NABR Network at [www.nabrnetwork.com](http://www.nabrnetwork.com). These updates are relatively minor and were incorporated to add consistency and clarity. The ACC Committee encourages all residents to familiarize themselves with both documents. If you are planning an exterior project/alteration and have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the ACC Committee members.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Changing Times...

What an interesting time in which we live! The COVID-19 situation reaches all – from the national level, state level, county level, city level, COMMUNITY level, and at the individual level. Each person must decide how to respond to the mass amount of information that is shared daily regarding the virus. These actions in many ways correspond to how the different levels of governing bodies are responding. Cheshire Forest is also reacting to and in many areas, developing methods to respond to our new environment.

The Board of Directors, the volunteers leading our multiple committees, the HOA management agency, and many individual volunteers are working to develop processes that will potentially enable our community to use Cheshire Forest's wonderful amenities again. There are challenges that we must overcome as we continue this journey. These challenges range from developing a responsive understanding of the CDC guidelines to dealing with contract issues presented by vendors who are also developing methods to respond to changes. The methods we are enduring often come at an unbudgeted price. And, as we live in a litigious society, many have concerns about liabilities, real or perceived, regarding proposed approaches. Discussions that may potentially lead to an understanding and agreement regarding procedures and processes as we strive to open our facilities take time. Some situations may require changes to the vendors currently in use. All actions are worked by community volunteers and all have ideas, and all are keeping the best interest of our community in mind.

As I often do when preparing comments for the newsletter, I review input from past years. I reflect on my submission for the summer of 2018 that included an article discussing what is necessary for a community to have a "great board." The following paragraph is very appropriate for our current situation:

"Great boards know that liabilities are a risk to the HOA and to themselves, and always face that risk head-on by dealing with potential and evident liabilities quickly and surely, according to their set policy. Great boards understand, and never shy away from, risk management. They obtain information and direction from insurance, legal and management experts to guide them on the safest path, which starts with a heads-up approach to running the HOA."

The Board we have today along with many wonderful volunteers continue working to guide our community into uncharted waters and are meeting many risks head-on. Cheshire Forest volunteers are freely donating time and mental efforts to address risks and overcome obstacles to develop methods to approach our new environment. A few of these wonderful volunteers include Tracy Tucker, swim team representative; Randi Corcoran, social committee

chairperson; and Jim and Mary Burres, pool committee chairs. These people are developing or have developed acceptable ways to keep Cheshire Forest a wonderful place to live. The graduation parade organized for our community, the food trucks at the clubhouse, and the bike parade celebrating our Nation's wonderful freedom, are examples of what volunteers are doing within our community. Randi, our social committee chairperson, has led the efforts on these social events and continues to do a wonderful job. Tracy has led the development of methods that will assist the Cheshire Forest Flying Fish (our community's swim team) to have a 2020 season and will it ever be different! Jim and Mary along with two wonderful volunteers, Chris Bowers and Natalie O'Conner, are developing procedures designed to address CDC guidelines as we work to open our pool to enjoy remaining time the summer days offer. Board volunteers are giving much effort to address contract issues that impact the opening of the pool and our clubhouse. It is often frustrating and it may feel like the community is doing nothing especially after a long, hot, day in the house enjoying spouses, children and siblings; however, many volunteers are doing wonderful things to keep our community strong.

As Virginia continues to work the phased approach to the current pandemic, our community works to address methods to operate within the changing conditions. Some methods come with an additional price, some are moving at a pace that one may not agree with, but all methods include thoughts that keep the best interests of our community up front.

In closing I recall a recent conversation with a potential new resident. As I sat in my garage enjoying the heat and humidity that only Virginia can offer, the potential buyers stopped to ask me about the community. I easily told them stories about the wonderful things our community offers, and from where I sit, our clubhouse and its surrounding amenities are easily observed. I discussed the initiatives of our social committee, the swim team opportunities, tennis, and many other things. I then had to reflect on why I was able to have such a positive conversation with this family. It is because of the wonderful volunteers serving and because of the many wonderful people who live in our community. Thank you for your understanding that as we continue to navigate in our changing environment, many volunteers are working to overcome obstacles and challenges. The pace may not be as quick as we desire, but nevertheless, the efforts continue.

Thanks to all who continue to make Cheshire Forest a great place to live!

Lonnie Harrelson

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee is dedicated in providing fun opportunities to come together as a community, get to know our neighbors and enjoy social events together with, typically, all costs covered by the budget. Our community is great, and most members spend a lot of time enjoying the benefits, however often with the same group of people and friends. The Social Committee supports events to create opportunities to socialize, while keeping with COVID restrictions, and meet other neighbors that may not yet have had the opportunity to be introduced.

A portion of each homeowner's annual HOA dues goes toward the Cheshire Forest Social Committee to fund events. There is a schedule of events planned throughout the year which can be found on the neighborhood website. These events are budgeted for and planned in September for the upcoming year. All community members are welcomed to join the planning process. If any community member has an idea, they wish to organize, or want to volunteer to support an event please contact the social committee chair, Randi Corcoran, [rjcorcoran8@gmail.com](mailto:rjcorcoran8@gmail.com).

As everyone anxiously makes it through the phased re-opening restrictions, your Social Committee has continued to try and plan for alternative events. During the last few months the neighborhood held social distance scavenger hunts, chalk your walk, class of 2020 parade, 4th of July bike parade, and eat the streets 757. Great events like these and the creative approach, within the phase restrictions, critically relies on the creative input and volunteering from the community members. If you have ideas and would like to lead the volunteering to help get other events planned and scheduled for our community, please contact the social committee. Together we can continue to think of creative, fun, and all-inclusive events for our neighbors through all ages.

Please stay up to date with our social events and efforts via our Cheshire Forest Social Events Facebook page and through Nextdoor. Our Facebook page is for all our community members to use. It is not a requirement for an event to be funded or planned by the Social Committee to be announced on our Social Events Facebook page. However, if you post there, the event should be available for anyone in the community to participate. Thanks for being part of our social community, thanks for volunteering with social events, and thanks for all the creative ideas to keep our community connected, social, and entertained during these new normal times.

## { Upcoming Social Events }

(subject to change due to COVID restrictions)

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE** | Saturday **July 11th** 8:00-12:00 (rain date July 18th)

**EAT THE STREETS 757** | There will be a different food truck parked at the clubhouse every Saturday from 4:30-7:30 during the months of **July and August**. Please check out the neighborhood social media pages for the schedule and menus.

**ADULT BASH** | scheduled for **August 1st**, volunteers needed to coordinate and organize event. Please contact the social committee to volunteer.

**PLANNING MEETING** | **September, TBA**

**YOUTH TRIATHON** | **September 12th**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** | **October 6th**

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT** | coming soon, *volunteers needed*



## AND REMEMBER... VOLUNTEER!!!



Please check out the CF Nextdoor and Facebook Social Events pages at:

Nextdoor

<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/feed/>

Facebook Cheshire Forest Social Events

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



# CHESHIRE FOREST FLYING FISH SWIM TEAM UPDATE

## Cheshire Forest's Swim Team—Making Memories Even in 2020!

Our summer swim team has formed and will be 100 swimmers strong! Once the city pool inspection is completed, practice will begin and end before normal pool hours. We are looking at hosting one virtual meet or black-red meet where our swimmers can see their progress at the end of our shortened season. We are excited that a number of volunteers are stepping up to organize fun activities where we can maintain social distancing while providing some fun and good memories for families—outdoor movie, rock painting/scavenger hunt, chalk art, and a Big Fish/Little Fish parade. While it won't be a “normal” season, we are figuring out ways to keep the “social” in our distancing! We thank all of our neighbors for your continued support of our neighborhood team.



# AROUND CHESHIRE





# YARDS OF THE MONTH

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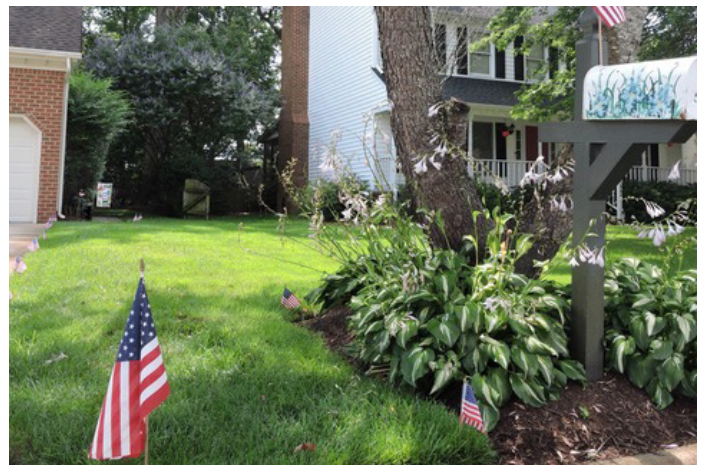
JUNE

601 SHEFFIELD COURT



JULY

505 ARCHER PLACE







# Neighborhood Watch Corner: Neighborhood Awareness/Reporting

Cheshire Forest is an active family neighborhood, with many residents out and about, and we want to keep it that way! Neighborhood Watch Block Captains keep an eye out for suspicious activity, but as there are only 23 Block Captains, the more eyes/ears, the better. We ask that all residents do their part and be aware of what is happening around us. Chances are if you see

something that doesn't look right, it probably isn't right.

In May we had our front entrance sign and signage on Sheffield Rd vandalized (painted). It was reported to a Block Captain, and CPD was called. CPD responded, filed a report, and even had the forensics unit capture photos to ensure it was not gang related (which it was not). The cleanup/paint removal was done by four of our board members.

The CPD has told us on many occasions, if something looks suspicious, call the CPD and let them do the investigative work. Non-emergency number is 382-6161.

Working together as neighbors, we can all ensure our neighborhood stays safe! Thanks, and until next time, **BE SAFE!**



### Important Chesapeake City Numbers

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

## ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE NEWSLETTER!

*(All newsletters will be distributed electronically)*



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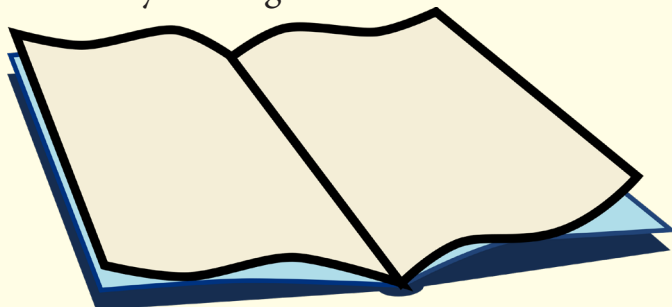
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Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

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## STORY CORNER

Do you have an interesting story to share with your neighbors? A funny story, a serious story about an event that has happened in your life or just a shout out to a neighbor of yours? Share your stories with all of your neighbors!



**This is NOT Nextdoor so no complaining allowed!**

Submit all to  
[anndumenigo@yahoo.com](mailto:anndumenigo@yahoo.com)



## Committee Members

COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS	PHONE	EMAIL	VOL NEEDED
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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 anjacobs@cox.net	
Newsletter	4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout, and advertisements.	Ann Dumenigo	Cell 910-554-8531	anndumenigo@yahoo.com	
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Social	Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.	Randi Corcoran	Cell 912-414-1518	<a href="mailto:RJCorcoran8@gmail.com">RJCorcoran8@gmail.com</a>	
Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.	Tracy Tucker	Cell 407-963-1094	tracyltuck@aol.com	