



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.

Clubhouse Area- Young people loitering at the clubhouse: Over the past few months a considerable amount of trash left behind, and damage has been noticed to the Association property. Unfortunately, it appears this is the work of young people who may be from our community as well as surrounding developments. Chesapeake Police have been authorized by the Association to stop and detain anyone found loitering in the Common Areas around the clubhouse so parents, please speak with your young adults about this serious matter.

Lawns- The weather is also cooling off. Now is the time to give your yards a little extra TLC (also known as WFO – weed, feed and over-seed). Please don't forget to attack the weeds that grow between the asphalt and the curb in front of your home. Keeping the weeds clear at the street and curb line really improves our curb appeal.

Potholes- Please report any potholes on the roadways to the City of Chesapeake. A service request can be placed online: <https://chesapeake-csprodawi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntake>

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.

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).

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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**NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR
THE WINTER ISSUE ARE DUE
NLT January 10, 2021.**

E-mail newsletter items to
anndumenigo@yahoo.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON VACANCY

The Social Committee chairperson seat is currently vacant. The Social Committee is key to a successful social events calendar for our Community. To allow us to continue with our community events, we are in need of a volunteer or volunteers to lead this most important committee. The Social Committee oversees the different social events that take place throughout the year, such as the Easter Party, 4th of July, Kid's Halloween Party, and the Kid's Christmas party to name just a few. I think we would all agree that one of the hallmarks of Cheshire Forest are the Social Events hosted throughout the year.

The Social Committee can be just 1 person, but a team of at least 2 or 3 people would make it easier to manage/coordinate. Some of the duties of the Social Committee are:

- Liaison with the Board of Directors on Social Committee events
- Maintain/manage the annual Social Event Calendar
- Manage/coordinate the Social Committee budget (budget for CY 2020 was \$10,600.00)
- Coordinate with volunteers for the different events
- Advertise the different Social Events to the Community

If you would like to volunteer as an individual or team of volunteers, please contact any member of the Board of Directors. The Board's contact information is included on the Cheshire Forest website and is listed on the front page of the Cheshire Chat.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Board conducted their regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on July 21st, and Aug 18th. The Sep 15th Board meeting was cancelled due to board member availability. The September Board meeting did occur the following Tuesday, on Sept 22nd. Your Board remains focused on maintaining the material condition of the 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:

- Rolled over (2) CDs that matured on July 23rd
- Contracted the removal of fallen trees from a Tropical Storm
- Conducted Property Management Company interviews and analysis
- Had detailed discussions on Security Cameras for the Club House that included Chesapeake Police Department
- Approved the 2021 Pool Contract
- Negotiated the 2021 Landscaping Contract
- Began the negotiations to enter into a new Property Management Contract with United Property Associates

On-Going and Future Actions:

- Preparations for the November 17th Annual Board meeting
- Electing or re-electing (2) Board Members
- Addressing Homeowner concerns with Geese and Security around the club house
- Continuing to follow all COVID regulations while still remaining a social and neighborly community

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 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 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!*"

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:

Facebook: Cheshire Forest Neighbors

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

Nextdoor www.nextdoor.com (Cheshire Forest)

Cheshire Forest Website

www.cheshireforest.org



BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

• RANDI CORCORAN

For leading the Social Committee!

Thanks for a job Well Done!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

YES, 2021 Will Be Here SOON

Believe it or not, 2020 is almost over! What a year it has been. Our community has met many challenges that 2020 delivered with vigor and confidence. The year has taken us into uncharted waters but with the help and input of many different people, our community continues to do wonderful things. We continue to work through several challenges and continued communication remains paramount. Thanks to all who have engaged and to all for understanding that decisions made in support of our community consider many, many different types of input. One can always read what your board is doing by reviewing the minutes of each monthly meeting. They are posted on Cheshireforest.org and should you not find a copy please contact the community manager.

You will also receive within the next couple of weeks, a copy of our community's budget for 2021. Several major areas such as management, landscaping, and pool management have increased by three to five percent, however, our community remains in a strong fiscal state. We will conduct our annual meeting in November presenting an opportunity for those who attend to hear a review of our budget and of the things we did during 2020 along with the plan for 2021. The new year currently has us reviewing plans and preparing for updating several key areas. These upcoming initiatives will work to keep our community looking fresh and increase its already existing beauty. To do these things, our community needs volunteers!

In November, we will need to fill two Board Director's seats. If you have an interest in working to keep our community a wonderful place to live, please inform management of your desire to serve. In addition to the Director seats, we are also seeking replacements for several committee chair personnel. All are welcomed to announce their willingness to serve and participate in our election process we will conduct during the annual meeting.

Remember, we need to have a quorum representing our 508 homes to have an official annual meeting. Please attend if your calendar allows, and if attendance is not possible, please complete a PROXY. A proxy allows your voice, your vote, to be heard by giving any existing board member, or a neighbor if you desire, to cast your vote. Again, it is important to have participation. I know we will all do what is necessary to enable a successful annual meeting.

In closing, I wish all the best as we see the conclusion of 2020 and prepare for 2021. I know the holiday season will be different as we live in a changing environment. Nevertheless, we will overcome and find safe, healthy ways to enjoy family and friends.

Thanks for all that is done to keep Cheshire Forest a great place to live. I have enjoyed serving our community and know that it will continue to flourish as new volunteers join to maintain a positive course.

Stay Healthy!

REMEMBER, WE NEED A QUORUM REPRESENTING OUR 508 HOMES IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OR PROVIDE YOUR PROXY.



BOARD MEETINGS

**The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday
OCTOBER 20, NOVEMBER 17, & DECEMBER 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 or phone 757-534-7751.

Upcoming Social Events



Please consider volunteering a little of your time for neighborhood events



October 25th
Kids Halloween Celebration
~Canceled~

November Food Drive
There will be a bin placed at the clubhouse, please consider donating

November 26th Turkey Trot
Aimee Curley (9am beginning at the clubhouse)

December 2nd Holiday Clubhouse Decorating
Caroline Flint

December 6th Cookies and Cocoa with Santa
Volunteer Needed

December 31st NYE Potluck
Volunteer Needed



Neighborhood Watch Corner: Neighborhood Engagement

Over the last several months, there have been issues with young people hanging out around the clubhouse area. We know many of you are aware of this issue as we see comments on Facebook and Nextdoor. What should be noted is that not all the young people are causing trouble, some are just meeting friends there or hanging out. If the young people are respectful and not causing damage, all is good, but when there is foul language, littering, taunting younger kids, vandalism, etc., that is where the issues begin.

Neighborhood Watch has been/remains in communication with the Chesapeake Police Department on these and other situations. Vandalism reports on damages around the clubhouse area have been filed with the CPD. Neighborhood Watch does not patrol the neighborhood so we would ask that if any resident sees anything illegal or suspicious, please call the CPD non-emergency number at 757-382-6161, or 911 if an emergency. Increased neighborhood engagement will only assist in reporting issues as the issues take place. There have been residents that have reported suspicious/illegal activities, and to them we say Thank You!

Working together as neighbors, we all can ensure our neighborhood remains 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

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE NEWSLETTER!

(All newsletters will be distributed electronically)



Business Card Size\$15 1/2 Page Size \$40
1/4 Page Size\$25 Whole Page \$55

Mail Checks to:

Cheshire Forest Homeowners Association
860 Greenbrier Circle, Suite 302
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

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

YARDS OF THE MONTH

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

505 Yorkshire Dr.

517 Archer Place





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.	Mitch Gold	Cell 277-5617	Mrgold1@cox.net	
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	
Pool	Support pool functions and facility. Maintains budget. Pool open May-Sept.	Jim and Mary Burres	Cell 714-0806	jebcw3retired@cs.com	
Social	Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.				YES
Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.	Tracy Tucker	Cell 407-963-1094	tracyltuck@aol.com	