



Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Cheshire Forest Community Engagement

Cheshire Forest is a great and safe place to live. There are many reasons that families choose to move into the neighborhood. A clubhouse, swimming pool, parks, ponds and lots of amenities are to name just a few of those reasons.

Even in the best of neighborhoods there can be occasional problems. You may have seen or heard about groups of unruly kids at the clubhouse or the occasional issue at one of our ponds or park. Our social media sites on Facebook and Nextdoor have people reporting occasional, potential illegal activity or vandalism. At the Annual Homeowners Meeting in November, several residents had suggestions of how to potentially mitigate these issues. Neighborhood Watch has been engaged with the Chesapeake Police Department, but as an added measure, the board of directors is interested in addressing the problem by creating a neighborhood security committee to help develop potential solutions.

Jane McKlveen will lead this committee and she would like to hear from residents who are interested in finding solutions to put to the board for consideration. Please call or text Jane at 757.434.0857 or email at jane@mcklveen.com. It's another way we can keep this neighborhood safe and our neighbors engaged.

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NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR
THE SPRING ISSUE ARE DUE
NLT March 10, 2021.

E-mail newsletter items to

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BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

Caroline Flint and Friends

Clubhouse Christmas Decorating

Ann Dumenigo and Bunco Group

Front Entrance Christmas Decorating

BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled on Tuesday
JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 16, & APRIL 20, 2021

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 John Kohlman at jkohlman@unitedpropertyassociates.com or phone 757-484-0759.

MANAGER'S CORNER

New Management and Manager

United Property Associates is very excited to be partnered with Cheshire Forest Homeowners Association, and as of January 1, 2021 has taken over the management of the Association. UPA looks forward to working with the Association and will make every effort to assist you with any questions, concerns, or recommendations you have about the community.

United Property Associates is a family owned and operated organization which has been in business since 1978. Using modern technology and a human touch, UPA ensures that all services are both professional and personalized. UPA's goal is to maintain and improve the value of our client's properties.

My name is John Kohlman and I will be your Association Manager. I have been in the property management business for 17 years, all with UPA.

Originally from Long Island, New York I moved to Virginia when I joined the Navy in 1984 and retired in 2004. I have lived in Chesapeake for over 25 years. I am married with two sons, one of which now proudly serves in the US Navy. I am an avid Sports Card collector and golfer.

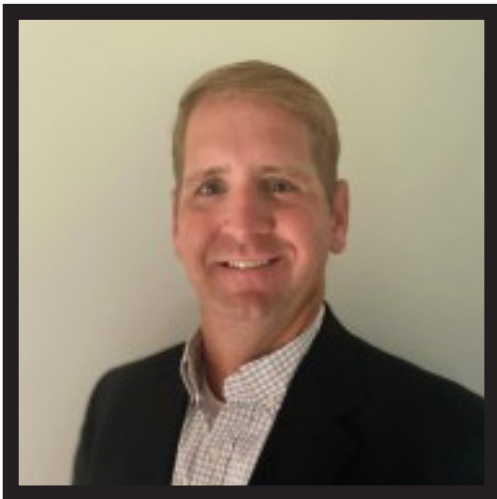
I will be working out of the Cheshire Forest clubhouse on the first three Tuesdays of each month.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you to continue to make Cheshire Forest the place to live in Chesapeake.

John Kohlman
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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Jamie Groves

My family and I have lived in Cheshire Forest since 2010. Myself, Jenn, Grayson (15) Leni (11) and our dog Sailor love living in this wonderful neighborhood! We're a military family, I'm a Naval Flight Officer with 19 years of service. I'm honored to represent our neighborhood. Don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance.



Jane McKlveen

I have lived in the neighborhood since 2011. I am a proud Navy spouse (My husband - Mike - retired in 2015) and I have three kids, a 6th grader Charlie- in the picture with me) Josie, a high school senior and one of our Flying Fish junior coaches, and Harriet who is at college and was one of our pool managers last year. I am an information technology professional and I own a local I.T. consultancy business. I have been very active and invested in our neighborhood and I often volunteer my time. I have run the Easter/Spring party for the last few years and I am our Flying Fish swim team referee as well as maintain the team web site. I am the current steward of our little free library at the clubhouse and I have been the block captain for our neighborhood watch for the last 6 years. I appreciate new ideas and new approaches to problems, and I'm looking forward to working with the board to get things done.

Contact me any time - text/call 757.434.0857 jane@mcklveen.com

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A New Year...and New Beginnings....

Happy New Year! After a year like 2020, I am sure most welcome a New Year and the promise it brings. Our neighborhood is much the same, the New Year has brought us many New Beginnings...

New President. This is my first letter as the President of the HOA, but I am not new to the neighborhood or the board. I have lived here for 20 plus years and have been on the board since 2011. I look forward to the year ahead and remain hopeful that we can soon get back to the events and activities that make Cheshire Forest such a great place to live!

New Board Members. A welcome to Jane McKlveen and Jamie Groves, both volunteers to fill board positions. New board members bring fresh ideas to the board and that's good. As we welcome new board members, would also like to extend thanks to Lonnie Harrelson and Julie Halsnoy as outgoing board members. Lonnie served on the board for 10 years, most recently as the President for many of those years. Best of luck to both Lonnie and Julie!

New Management Company. After 15 plus years with our old management company, the board felt it was time for a change. We welcome our new management company, United Property Associates (UPA). John Kohlman is our new property manager, so please feel free to drop him a note or stop in the clubhouse to say hello. John has a wealth of property management experience, and we look forward to working with him and UPA.

New Social Committee Chairperson. We welcome Christopher Bowers as the Social Committee chairperson. Christopher volunteered to take over the duties and has begun planning events/activities for this coming year. Of course, we will remain in line with federal, state, and local health directives as we move forward through the year. A note for our residents, one thing Christopher could use is volunteers. If you have the time and interest and would like to plan/assist or just be involved with an event(s), please contact Christopher.

As you can see from the above, 2021 has many new beginnings for our neighborhood. Would also like to thank those residents that took the time to attend our Annual Homeowners Meeting that took place in November. Even though we hosted the meeting at an off-site location, the turnout was great! As a segue to that point, neighborhood engagement is important, and we rely on the neighborhood to communicate with the board. I cannot guarantee the board will adopt all ideas, but I can guarantee we will listen. The board is comprised of seven volunteers, and we do our best to ensure the neighborhood remains the place we all want to live.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood. Remain safe and healthy as we begin 2021!

Regards,
Al Jacobs

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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Board conducted the 2020 Annual Board Meeting on November 17th, and regularly scheduled Board of Director meeting on December 15th. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th. During the annual meeting two homeowners, Jane McKlveen and Jamie Groves, volunteered their time by self-nominating to join the Board of Directors and received unanimous voting for appointment. Your all-volunteer Board of Directors continues to operate with all positions filled. The following list highlights some of the Board of Directors' actions since the last newsletter.

Completed Actions:

- Transitioned to United Property Associates for management services
- Approved winter maintenance contract for the pool
- Approved the contract proposal for independent accounting services
- Approved the contract proposal to grade the area between the playground and tennis courts for proper drainage
- Addressed ten homeowners' forum topics
- Provided support to a group who decorated the neighborhood entrances for the holidays
- Provided an Annual HOA presentation to the attendees of the Annual HOA Meeting.

On-Going and Future Actions:

- Continuing the encouragement for residents to participate on the different committees
- City of Chesapeake engagement when appropriate
- Executing the 2021 Reserve Study

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 to participate in the Homeowners Forum during these meetings. The Homeowners Forum provides residents insights into upcoming events, actions taken by the Board of Directors, but most importantly provides the homeowner an opportunity to voice suggestions or concerns with the Board. During the Annual Board Meeting several important topics were covered with homeowners present, such as the challenge with teenagers hanging out around the playground and discussions on potential security measures that could be implemented.

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!"*



Neighborhood Watch Corner: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

During the winter months, darkness comes early in the afternoons, and remains until early morning. During these hours of darkness, it's important that pedestrians ensure they can be seen by oncoming traffic. As we don't have sidewalks throughout our entire neighborhood, there will be times when it will be required to walk/run in the street. Please ensure you're

walking/running facing traffic. Too many times we see walkers/runners in the roadway with their backs towards traffic. Given the issues with distracted driving, walking/running with your back towards traffic is not safe. To enhance your visibility, a reflective or lighted vest or belt would aid in ensuring visibility by oncoming traffic.

This is a great walking/running neighborhood, but we also have our fair share of speeding vehicles, and vehicular traffic cutting through to get to their neighborhoods, so please be cautious. Enjoy the time outdoors, but don't forget safety!

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

2021 Social Events



Please consider volunteering a little of your time for neighborhood events



The following community events are tentatively scheduled for 2021. Events will be held in accordance with state and local health regulations. If you would like to volunteer for any of the listed events, please contact Christopher Bowers, Social Committee Chair (phone: 330-431-8545, email: christopher.bowers@gohpt.com)

March 27th or April 3*

Kid's Spring Party

April 3rd

Teen Outdoor Movie Night

Jun 17th or Jun 18*

School's Out Pool Party (FOR TEENS)

June 26th

Pizza by the Pool for Adults

July 4th

Bike Parade / Cookout

July 17th

Pizza by the Pool (FOR FAMILIES)

August 7th

Adult Bash

August 3rd

National Night Out hosted by the Neighborhood Watch

***Rain Date**

September 11th

Youth Triathlon

September 25th

Rib Cook-off

October 24th

Kids Halloween Party

November 25th

Turkey Trot / Food Drive

November 27th

Decorating the Clubhouse/Entrance

December 5th

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

December 31st

New Year's Eve Bash

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

Facebook:

Cheshire Forest Neighbors

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

Nextdoor:

www.nextdoor.com (Cheshire Forest)

Cheshire Forest Website:

www.cheshireforest.org

YARDS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER

701 Lords Landing Ct



NOVEMBER

651 Edgewood Arch



DECEMBER

732 Parker Road





Committee Members

COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS	PHONE	EMAIL
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
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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 Burres	Cell 714-0806	jebcw3retired@cs.com
Social	Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.	Christopher Bowers	330-431-8545	christopher.bowers@gohpt.com
Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.	Tracy Tucker	Cell 407-963-1094	tracyltuck@aol.com