



# Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## MANAGER'S CORNER

Summer is here!!!! It is great to see everyone out and enjoying the pool and other community activities and amenities.

With that in mind, I just want to pop in a few notes and reminders:

- Please drive safely we have lots of folks out there walking and riding bikes, the Chesapeake Police enforce the posted speed limits.
- In talking with neighbors in surrounding communities we are seeing increased issues regarding car break-ins and gas being stolen from vehicles. Please make sure you are locking your vehicles and most importantly, if you see something, say something.
- All exterior alterations must receive prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee before any work begins. If you need an application, please email me at

[jkohlman@unitedpropertyassociates.com](mailto:jkohlman@unitedpropertyassociates.com).

They can also be downloaded from the community website ([www.cheshireforest.org](http://www.cheshireforest.org)). **Please do not start a project without approval**

- As always, pick up after your pet and respect other people's property.

The manager is usually on property the first three Tuesdays of each month. If you need to pick up or drop something off to the manager, the best hours are from 1-4pm. The manager does inspections and meets with vendors in the morning time frame.

**DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT, THERE WILL BE NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN JULY.**

John Kohlman  
Association Manager  
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## BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

**Spring Party** - Shout out to the Arrington and Thrift families for their efforts coordinating our spring party.

**Rib Cookoff** - Shout out to Jamie Groves for coordinating our spring rib cookout and our head judge Aimee Curley. A special congrats to our winner Jack Wallace.

**Neighborhood Yard Sale** - Shout out to Jay Connelly for coordinating another successful neighborhood yard sale.

**Schools Out Party** - Shout out to the Gallagher, Arrington, Nagy, Corcoran and Bower families for coordinating our schools out party.



The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled on Tuesday-  
July - **\*\*NO MEETING\*\***, August 16, & September 20, 2022

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](mailto:jkohlman@unitedpropertyassociates.com) or phone 757-484-0759.

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THE SUMMER ISSUE ARE DUE  
NLT SEPT. 10, 2022.

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

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Hello Fellow neighbors,*

School is out, and Summer is in full Swing. This brings so much activity to our community. Activity that is fun and exciting but additionally challenging and sometimes dangerous.

Our pool is open and ready for all to enjoy. Since our pool opened on Memorial Day, the ability to enjoy the pool has meant different things to different people. We want all our residents, young and old alike, to enjoy using the pool. To that end, we have added a sign-in sheet for all our young adult residents, 11 to 17, who arrive with guests (no more than two are permitted with residents 11-17). We require that your guest or guests sign in with their name(s) and the name of the young adult resident they are accompanying. If your guest is asked to leave by the guard for inappropriate behavior, please know that the young adult resident is also required to leave. Please review the pool rules to ensure that you and your guests know what is expected. And next season, we will return to some form of ID for your ability to enter the pool.

Rules of the Road! Our days are longer, which brings more activity to our streets. Our streets are owned and governed by the City of Chesapeake, but we must exercise caution and common sense. First, SLOW DOWN! Yes, you may only be doing 25, which is the speed limit, but that young child you see may chase that ball into the road. The slower you are moving, the easier it is to stop. Additionally, PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE! This is not just for teenagers; I have seen adults texting and driving. STOP! Not only is it the law, but distracted driving can be deadly! While we are talking about our roads, let me address our pedestrians. GET OUT OF THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD! If you are on your bike, you ride with traffic. If you are a pedestrian, you walk against (facing) traffic. The safest place to walk is on the sidewalk, if available. The last road rule we need to address is the open handicap

space in the clubhouse parking lot. That space is reserved for a motor vehicle with the appropriate handicap tag. Please, DO NOT drop your bike in that space; don't leave moving your vehicle to the person who requires access to that space.

We get by with a little help from our friends. The Board of Directors has decided that it would be beneficial to add two new committees, a Landscaping Committee, and a Documents Committee. If you want more information or to lend a little help with a friend, please email me at erinkarol3@gmail.com.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T Respect for our community, neighbors, and those of us who have chosen to volunteer in service to the community. Pick up your trash, or remind your children too. Remind your children that although language standards have changed, the only F- word you should be shouting in public is fine, funny, or something that does not rhyme with truck. Please use our Tennis/Pickleball courts for only those activities. If you have a key to the courts, please don't allow your young people to open the gate for activities that may cause damage. Most importantly, please remind your young people that we are not impressed with their artwork. If you want to make unique drawings, please, do that on paper in your home, not on our buildings or play equipment.

Summer is indeed busy, and that is true for our Board. For us to conduct business on the community's behalf, we must have a quorum of four members of the Board. We will not have a quorum for our regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting on July 19th. No Executive meeting will occur. Please join us for our next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7 pm.

Respectfully,  
Erin Karol

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Board conducted their regularly scheduled Board of Director meetings on April 26th (moved from April 19th due to Property Manager availability), May 17th, and June 21st. The next monthly board meeting will occur on August 16th. 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.

### Recently Completed Actions:

- Playground drainage repairs
- Upgraded the lighting around the clubhouse
- Added Pickle Ball courts
- Pressure washed various items around the neighborhood
- Opened the neighborhood pool
- Various clubhouse repairs
- Selected a security camera system

### On-Going and Future Actions:

- Clubhouse security camera install

- Various clubhouse and pool deck repairs
- Content Management System (CMS)
- Neighborhood signage update
- Neighborhood trashcan replacement
- Renew neighborhood landscaping contract
- Replenished Volleyball court sand

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.

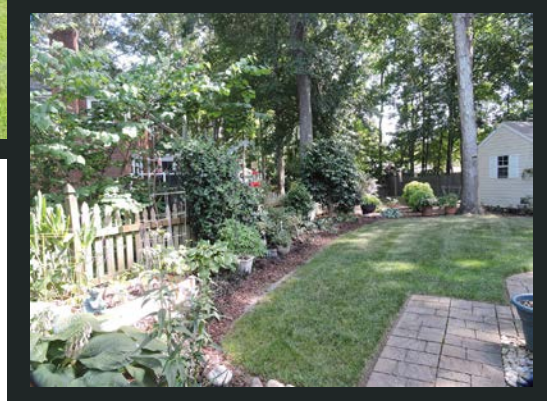
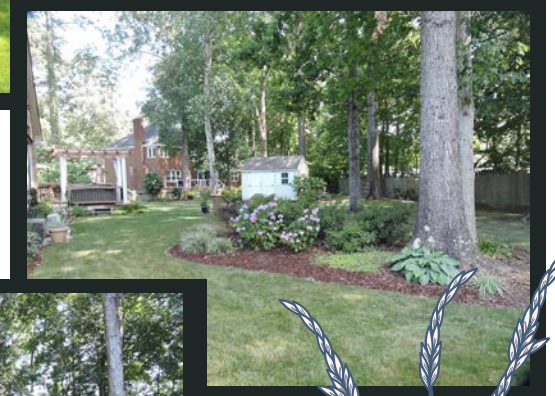
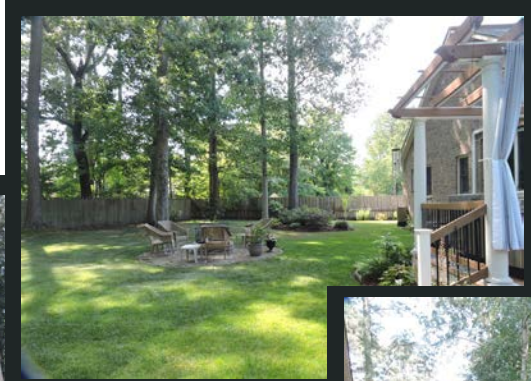
We are always looking for volunteers who can help make a difference in our neighborhood. Positions are open in several of the committees. Please consider stepping forward to help keep Cheshire Forest the envy of Great Bridge and **"The best community in Hampton Roads!"**



# Yards of the Month

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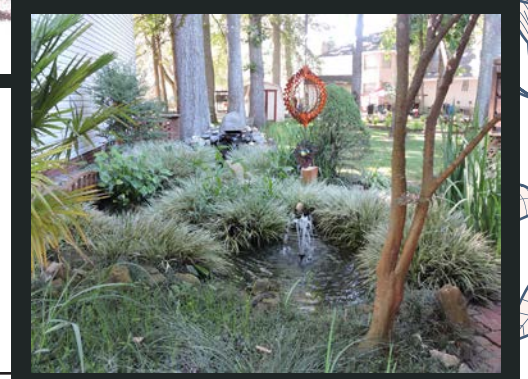
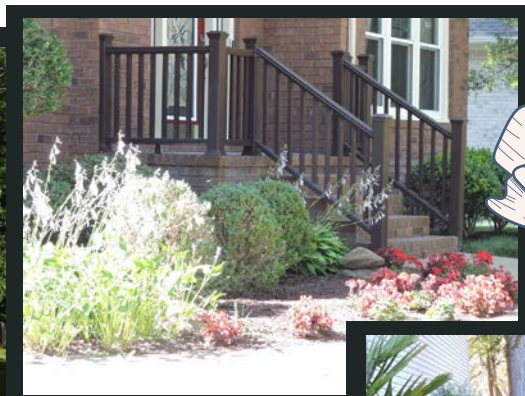
812 KEELING DR.



*Lawn Care*

**JUNE**

524 Yorkshire Dr.



*Flowers*



# COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

1. At the HOA board meeting tonight the board voted to approve a security camera system. The cameras will be installed as soon as the vendor can get us on their installation schedule. More information coming soon. A big thanks to the security committee who have been working on this for the last two years.
2. The board would like to stand up a landscaping committee. Calling all gardeners, interested members, (experienced or not) to help us oversee the landscaping contract and help us to come up with ideas to make things more beautiful. Anyone interested in helping us out please contact Erin Karrol our HOA president erinkarol3@gmail.com
3. A reminder to please don't feed the geese. We have a lot geese in the neighborhood right now and they are doing a lot of damage to the landscaping and creating a bit of a nuisance. As much as we appreciate and love our wildlife the goose population is getting out of balance and is pushing out the other wildfowl. Please let's don't encourage them.
4. Pickle Ball lines have been added to the tennis courts. We look forward to seeing the new pickle ball league in action.

Many thanks for your continued support of our efforts as your board.

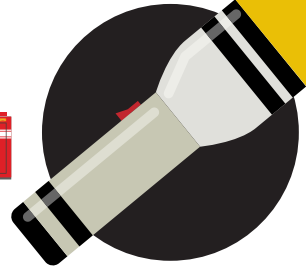
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## Neighborhood Watch Corner: **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

7:00 pm • Tuesday, 2 August 2022 • Cheshire Forest Clubhouse

Ice Cream Social, Flashlight Walk/Bike Ride, Prizes, Fire Trucks, Police Cars, you'll find it all at the National Night Out. Come join the fun!!!



Summer is here and more people are out on the sidewalks and streets. It's a good time to review pedestrian and traffic safety. Pedestrians, please be aware of what's going on around you. It's a good idea to walk on the sidewalk if one's available. If walking on 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. Bikes ride on the side with traffic.

National Night out is Tuesday, August 3, 7 PM at the clubhouse. Come learn about crime prevention, meet some of our police officers and fire fighters, and enjoy ice cream, followed by a flashlight walk/bike ride!

Lastly, the HOA board has approved a security camera system for the common areas around the clubhouse, which will be installed in the coming weeks

Working together, we can all ensure that 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)



# CHESHIRE FOREST FLYING FISH SWIM TEAM NEWS

## Your Cheshire Swim Team is 116 Swimmers Strong!

The Flying Fish have swum in two meets so far this season and won both of them! We have two more meets and then we will be hosting Divisionals again on Saturday, July 30th.

Winning meets truly isn't the focus of our swim team—our focus is improving skills, giving leadership opportunities, creating fun memories for our families, and helping to create that great sense of community that Cheshire Forest is known for.

Leadership opportunities start with our Big Fish/Little Fish program. Starting as young as 10, our Big Fish help our Little Fish learn what they need to do for a swim meet, help introduce new neighbors to other teammates, and cheer on their fish when they swim. As our swimmers move into high school, they can apply to be a Junior Coach. Our Junior Coaches help work with our 6 and under swimmers during their practices to give them one-on-one attention during instruction.

**This year's Junior Coaches are: Amber Bowers, Savannah Bowers, Trinity Carter, Davis Curley, Sam Dumenigo, Annika Lavin, Parker Lavin, Nathaniel Miller, Mary Frances Monnikendam, Rachel Monnikendam, Atiima Senthill, Madelyn Von Tersch, and Jack Williams.**

You may see some Flying Fish of the Week signs moving from lawn to lawn this summer. Our Flying Fish of the Week are recognized for their team spirit, their tremendous effort, great growth over the prior week, sportsmanship, helpfulness. They may be a fast swimmer, but they don't need to be to get this recognition. If you see a sign in your neighbor's yard, be sure to congratulate their swimmer! We will post their names weekly on Facebook and on Next Door.

**Lastly, as a thank you to all of our neighbors for their support of our team, we would like to invite you to a Movie Night at the Pool on Saturday, July 23rd 8:00-10:00 p.m. We did this last year for the first time, and it was a great success!**



## Upcoming Swim Team Dates:

**Saturday, July 2nd:** Fun Meet (at Cheshire but pool opens on time for all neighbors.)

**Saturday, July 9th:** AWAY meet

**Saturday, July 16th:** HOME meet (pool will open for all neighbors by 1:00 p.m.)

**Saturday, July 23rd:** Movie Night at the Pool for the WHOLE neighborhood 8-10.

**Sunday, July 24th:** End of Season Swim Team Party—pool will close at 6 for the neighborhood

**Saturday, July 30th:** Cheshire Forest hosts Divisionals—pool will open at 1:30 at the latest for the neighborhood.







# Upcoming Social Events



\*\*\*Please consider volunteering a little of your time for neighborhood events\*\*\*



The following community events are tentatively scheduled for 2022. 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 16th .....	Pizza by the Pool for Families
August 2nd .....	National Night Out hosted by the Neighborhood Watch
August 6th .....	Adult Bash
Sept 10th .....	Youth Triathlon
Sept 24th .....	Rib Cook-off
October 23rd .....	Kids Halloween Party
Nov 24th.....	Turkey Trot / Food Drive
Dec 4th.....	Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
Dec 31st.....	New Year's Eve Bash

**AND REMEMBER...VOLUNTEER!!!**





## Committee Members

COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS	PHONE	EMAIL
Nominating Committee	Coordinates and oversees the election process of board officers up for re-election and those wishing to run for office during our annual meeting held in November of each year.	Cassie Nash	Cell 757.679.3117	<a href="mailto:cassie.nash@gmail.com">cassie.nash@gmail.com</a>
Architectural Control	Evaluation of applications for improvements (new additions, fences, etc.) for compliance with existing guidelines/standards.	Mitch Gold	Cell 277-5617	<a href="mailto:Mrgold1@cox.net">Mrgold1@cox.net</a>
Communications	Coordinates Neighborhood Engagement via online comm./social media.	Jane McKlveen	Cell 434-0857	<a href="mailto:jane@mcklveen.com">jane@mcklveen.com</a>
Yard of the Month	Selects Yard of the Month seasonally and in December.	Ric & Imelda Barrera	Cell 621-6740	<a href="mailto:imelda.barrera@cox.net">imelda.barrera@cox.net</a>
Neighborhood Watch Security	Network of Block Captains. Collaborate with local law enforcement. National Night Out sponsor.	Cheryl Griner	704-619-3727	<a href="mailto:cherylgriner@bellsouth.net">cherylgriner@bellsouth.net</a>
Newsletter	4 editions per year. Coordinates article submissions, editing, layout, and advertisements.	Ann Dumenigo	Cell 910-554-8531	<a href="mailto:anndumenigo@yahoo.com">anndumenigo@yahoo.com</a>
Pool	Support pool functions and facility. Maintains budget. Pool open May-Sept.	Rebecca Monnikendam Courtney Von Tersch	Cell 501.837.9830	<a href="mailto:monnikendamchoa@gmail.com">monnikendamchoa@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:cheshire@vontersch.com">cheshire@vontersch.com</a>
Social Committee Chair	Coordinates social events. Maintains budget.	Christopher Bowers	330-431-8545	<a href="mailto:christopher.bowers@gohpt.com">christopher.bowers@gohpt.com</a>
Swim Team	Coordinates team events. Maintains budget. Season is May-July.	Tracy Tucker	Cell 407-963-1094	<a href="mailto:swimcheshire@gmail.com">swimcheshire@gmail.com</a>