



Cheshire Chat

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR CHESHIRE FOREST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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MANAGER'S CORNER

With winter upon us, we are certainly looking forward to the warmer days of spring.

It is always a pleasure for me to note the obvious pride in community and ownership as I drive up and down the streets within our Association.

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

• 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. They can also be downloaded from the community website www.cheshireforest.org.

• As always, pick up after your pet. Respect other people's property.

• Drive safely, the posted limits are enforced.

• Board Meeting dates, times and prior meeting minutes can be located on the community's website at www.cheshireforest.org

• Clubhouse rental request for 2023 are now being taken. The Cheshire Website has all the forms you need. ***The manager is in the clubhouse the first three Tuesdays of each month to receive forms.*** If you want to check a date please email me at the below address.

If you need any assistance do not hesitate to call or email me.

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BRAVO FROM THE BOARD!

Thank you to the following families who helped make our social events so great!
Lambert Family, Corcoran Family, O'Conner Family, and Bowers Family

Adult Bash - **O'Conner & Bowers Families**

Triathlon - **Lambert, Cocoran, & Von Tersch Families**

Halloween Party - **Lambert & Cocoran Families**

Holiday Party - **Bowers Family**



**The next regular Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled on Tuesday-
January 17, February 21, & March 21, 2023**

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.

**NEWSLETTER INPUTS FOR
THE SPRING ISSUE ARE DUE
NLT March 15, 2023.**

**E-mail newsletter items to
anndumenigo@yahoo.com**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow neighbors,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish our Membership a Happy New Year. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2023, including renovation to the Clubhouse bathrooms, inspection, and replacement of the roof of the Clubhouse if needed. The implementation of our new Community Management System, and of course, all the great activities planned by our Committees.

At the Annual Meeting of our membership, held in November, we elected two Directors, Mrs. Jane McKlveen and Mr. Matthew Merritt. Jane begins her third year on the Board, and Matthew begins his first. Each of these Directors brings enthusiasm and dedication to our Board of Directors. As a reminder, the Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting and contact information for all of us can be found on our website <https://cheshireforest.org>.

Following the Annual Meeting of the Membership, a brief Executive Board Meeting was held to elect the officers of the Board. The results of the election were as follows:

Mrs. Erin Karol	President
Mr. Mitch Gold	Vice-President
Mrs. Jane McKlveen	Secretary

Mr. Cliff Krebs	Treasure
Mrs. Rebecca Monnikendam	Director
Mrs. Casie Nash	Director
Mr. Matthew Merritt	Director

We, your Board of Directors, invite you to join us on the third Tuesday of every month for the Board's Regular Meeting. The open session of the meeting always begins at 7 pm.

As we begin a new year with resolutions, I would like to add one to your list, "Get to Know Three in 2023". Make it a point this year to step outside your comfort zone and purposefully get to know three new neighbors! Come to a Board Meeting or a Book Club Meeting, cheer for our swimmers at a home meet, take a dip in the pool, and why not introduce yourself to that person you have walked or run past every morning for the last year? Introduce yourself to me. My yellow lab, Kylo, and I can be found most mornings walking the big loop of Cheshire Forest Drive. Take up the challenge! Get to know three in 2023!

Happy New Year.
Respectfully,
Erin Karol

Meet our Newest Board Member

Matthew moved to Cheshire Forest in 2021 with his wife Lauren and three children; James (10yo), Lilly (7yo), and Olivia (2yo). They have been in Chesapeake since 2019; prior to that they resided in Bedford, PA and Virginia Beach, VA. Matt has enjoyed being a part of the Cheshire Community and wanted to be a part of ensuring the future of this wonderful neighborhood remains a beautiful and positive place to live. He brings to the board several years of experience in property management after spending a decade in the hospitality industry. He currently works for Classic Wire and Cable as a Regional Sales Manager. He enjoys spending time with friends and family; coaching his children's sports teams, cooking, and watching college football. You can often find his family walking the Cheshire loop with their two mini Goldendoodles, feel free to say hello.





cheshireforest.org

Where you can find...

- HOA Documents
- Contact Information
- Board of Directors
- Committee Members
- Clubhouse Reservation Forms



****WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS****

We are excited to announce that we will have a new way of communicating with our neighbors!

THE NEW CHESHIRE HOA APP AND WEBSITE IS BEING IMPLEMENTED NOW!

If you would like to participate, please send your email address to our communications chair - Jane@mcklveen.com with a note stating your address.

When the system is up and running you will be able to:

- *Pay your HOA dues*
- *Submit architectural requests*
- *Reserve the clubhouse or tennis courts*
- *Directly communicate with all board members and the property manager with the touch of a button*
- *Sign up for security alerts and so much more!*

Everything HOA related will be in one place. We are excited for the opportunity to communicate more easily and make everything HOA related more transparent to our membership.

Jane McKlveen

757.434.0857





Neighborhood Watch Corner:

Keep unattended vehicles locked. Vehicle thefts increase in the winter months when people leave their unlocked cars running to warm up in the driveway. This can allow an auto thief to hop in and steal your car. Many vehicle "break-ins" are not break-ins at all but were left unlocked. If you leave valuables in your car, lock them in the trunk or hide them from plain view.

For those evening outdoor exercisers, as it is dark earlier in the winter, remember to carry a flashlight. It is helpful to wear lighter colors and/or reflected gear. Remember to walk/run facing traffic and use sidewalks when possible.

Continue to lock your homes and keep your garage door closed and secured.

Be a good neighbor, when you see something say something. The Chesapeake Police non-emergency number is 382-6161, or you can file certain incidences on-line using the Citizen's On-Line Reporting System on their website. And of course, in an emergency call 911.

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



Christmas around Cheshire!



2023 Social Events from the Social Committee

Help Wanted:

Do you love the sense of community from our HOA's Social Events?

Do you have a flare for the fabulous and want to add a unique twist to an event this year?

Do you have a favorite Holiday/Season/day you want to make sure we celebrate? (we can have more or different events!)

Maybe you REALLY LIKE Decorating or Cleaning?

There is a spot for you on the Cheshire Forest Social Committee!

Email christopher.bowers@gohpt.com or text (330)431-8545 and let us know what events you'd like to help with (or Chair) and we will make sure you have an opportunity to help!

Feb 25th	5PM	Adult Winter Social – Chili Cook-off & Karaoke
April 2nd	12PM	Kid's Spring Party
April 29th	8PM	Teen Outdoor Movie Night
Jun 15th	3PM	School's Out Pool Party (for teens)
June 24th	5PM	Pizza by the Pool for Adults / Movie Night
July 4th	11:30AM	Bike Parade / Cookout
<u>July</u>	TBD	Pizza by the Pool for Families
August 1st	7PM	National Night Out hosted by the Neighborhood Watch
August 5th	7PM	Adult Bash
Sept 9th or 10th	TBD	Youth Triathlon
Sept 23rd	All Day	Rib Cook-off
October 22nd	4PM	Kids Halloween Party
Nov 23th	8:30AM	Turkey Trot / Food Drive
Dec 3rd	4PM	Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
Dec 31st	10PM	New Year's Eve Bash



Yards of the Month

It's not too early to think about Yard of the Month!
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.

Flowers *Lawn Care*

Leaf Season Reminder

Please remember that trash, including leaf bags, can only be put to the curb 24 hours prior to trash pickup on Thursday morning. Leaving leaf bags left out on the curb from the weekend through Thursday not only makes our neighborhood look unsightly, it blocks the flow of water into the storm drains. Please leave all trash and yard debris behind the rear foundation of your home and out of sight until Wednesdays - as per our HOA governing documents. Many thanks for your help in keeping our neighborhood the best in Hampton Roads





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.	Casie Nash	Cell 757.679.3117	casie.l.nash@gmail.com
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
Communications	Coordinates Neighborhood Engagement via online comm./social media.	Jane McKlveen	Cell 434-0857	jane@mcklveen.com
Yard of the Month	Selects Yard of the Month seasonally and in December.	Ric & Imelda Barrera	Cell 621-6740	imelda.barrera@cox.net
Neighborhood Watch Security	Network of Block Captains. Collaborate with local law enforcement. National Night Out sponsor.	Cheryl Griner	704-619-3727	cherylgriner@bellsouth.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.	Rebecca Monnikendam Courtney Von Tersch	Cell 501.837.9830	monnikendamchoa@gmail.com cheshire@vontersch.com
Social Committee Chair	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.	Courtney Von Tersch	757.635.3761	swimcheshire@gmail.com