



The Powhatan Signal

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Happy New Year!

Annual PCSA General Membership Meeting and Election

The time is again upon us for our annual homeowner's association general membership meeting. This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. The meeting will be held at our own Clubhouse at 201 Charter House Lane. Registration will begin at 6 pm, and the meeting will start at 6:30.

A very important part of this meeting will be the election to the Board of Directors of three (3) PCSA members for a three-year term. If you are interested in running for office, please contact the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Kris MacKenzie, via email at kmack825@yahoo.com or by phone at 757-229-6411 very soon as the deadline for submission of the required Petition of Candidacy (with signature of ten PCSA members) is January 14, 2011.

(See page 3 for more information on becoming a board member)

PCSA ANNUAL DUES

The 2011 assessment has been established by the Board of Directors. There will be no increase in the current dues rate for 2011. The dues will remain at \$180.00 per lot for the year. All members should receive a statement by the end of December. If you do not receive a statement or if you have moved

PCSA Email Blasts

If you would like to be included in the email blasts sent out to the neighborhood related to events and information, please email your information to pcsabulletinboard@gmail.com

PCSA SWAN SONG ENDS WELL

Many thanks to everyone who helped rescue and save a juvenile female swan that lives in the community ponds. Several weeks ago she was struck by a red sports car on Powhatan Secondary Road as it crosses the dam for Rennicks Pond. Thanks to the quick actions of Maria Buchite, Louise Pearson and several others, the swan was handed over to Kevin Rhind, the owner of Wildlife Services, Incorporated. He safely delivered it to the Godspeed Animal Hospital where the hospital staff nursed the swan back to health.

After the swan was released by the hospital, Mr. Rhind met with Maria Buchite, Louise Pearson, Susanne Esch and other residents of PCSA to release the swan back to her family. She was successfully reunited with her parents and was last seen resuming her patrols around the ponds with her parents.

Wildlife Services Incorporated donated its time at no charge and the staff at Godspeed Animal Hospital also donated their time was well. We are indebted to them for their help in this matter and we really appreciate their positive response. Both of these businesses are very involved with supporting community activities when it comes to animals and both appreciate the support of residents in the County. Godspeed has a non-profit organization called The St. Frances Fund that accepts donations to be used for purchasing supplies and medicine to be used in such cases. You may contact Brenda at (757) 253-0656 for more information. (see ad on page 12)

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PCSA Board Members Duties

Attend bi-monthly meetings, special meetings and
Executive sessions
Serve on Special Committees as needed
Attend Board Sponsored Events whenever possible
Fulfill a three year term
Help Prepare and Pass the PCSA budget
Provide oversight to Berkeley Realty Property Management
Maintain the best interests of PCSA homeowners and
the community

Timeline

January 14, 2011 - Nominations close and Petition of
Candidacy is due with signatures of 10 PCSA members
Prior to February 1, 2011 - Candidates submit short
paragraph with biographical information/interests for
PCSA members to read
February 15, 2011 - Election is held at the annual
PCSA general membership meeting

If you would like more information or to offer your name for candidacy, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Kris Mackenzie, kmack825@yahoo.com or 229-6411.

Board Meeting Review

The PCSA Board of Directors met on November 16. CJ Jones advised that five RFPs had been sent out for bid to repair the stack block dam and he is awaiting responses. One contractor has declined to bid. Vegetation around the BMP's has been cleared. In addition, an RFP has been requested for an updated website which will also include the pool website. The audit for 2010 has been completed. The Board discussed and approved the 2011 Budget. The good news is that there will be no increase in the annual assessment for 2011. The Board has also been discussing capitol improvements for the coming year and the first improvements will be to the picnic area as well as a new and more substantial dock.

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Holiday Cheer Throughout the Neighborhood

Our Christmas Decorations for PCSA were the results of work by Joanne Chapman and a few workers. John and Anna Leaptrott placed most of the garlands throughout the neighborhoods while Louise Pearson and Joanne made sure the clubhouse had its final touches and the garlands had new LED lights throughout our neighborhood. Jim Moody had the help of Phil Smead in getting the clubhouse lights on timers for the holidays. The workers from the Villages did their decorations and helped with the clubhouse. Each sub-association did a great job of decorating their entrances making Powhatan Secondary a very festive place.



PCSA 2010 Social Calendar

Fundraiser

The Powhatan Villages would like to thank everyone who came out to the Holiday Gift Ideas Show held on November 13 at the Clubhouse.

Community Bingo Night

Powhatan Village will be sponsoring Community Bingo Night starting in January 2011. More information will be e-mailed on the Blast as it becomes available.

Book Club

Powhatan Page Turners Book Club is always happy to welcome new members! They meet about every five weeks at the clubhouse 7:00 on Wednesday nights.

The first meeting is January 5, and they will be discussing Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. If interested in joining, contact Madeline at 258-0370 or mmalarkey@cox.net, or just come!

PCSA Holiday Party

The Powhatan Secondary holiday celebration took place at the Clubhouse on December 18th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. It was in the theme of "An Old Fashioned Christmas." Party goers experienced horse-drawn carriage rides with real sleigh bells, fire pits for roasting marshmallows and making s'mores and Christmas caroling provided by members of the James City Community Church. Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves operated a Christmas tree ornament workshop for the children. Hot chocolate, spiced apple cider, egg nog and lots of cookies and cakes were served.

Halloween Party

The PCSA Halloween party was held on October 24. The children played Halloween games, made trick or treat bags, and participated in a costume competition. Everyone had a great time. I would like to thank Mary Lorenzen, Barbara Moody, Vanessa Di Leo, Samantha McLaughlin, Mary Anne Wells and her daughters, Karen Quinlan, Tamra Elim-Durden, Leanne Conrad, Jim and Lena Craft and their children Karen and Ken for volunteering their time to make the party successful.

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Submitted by Kay in Powhatan Woods



Powhatan Page Turners

The neighborhood book club, The Powhatan Page Turners, enjoy a holiday lunch at Opus 9 together.



See page 5 for more information on how to get involved with this group.

Safety Warning

Submitted by Aaron Small

Parents— please talk with your children about the dangers of walking on ice covered lakes. We had a few incidents in the past but so far our luck has held out that no one has been hurt. While the ice may look thick enough and hold the swans, ducks and geese, it is not thick enough to hold a person. It takes very little time to die from hypothermia after falling in.

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NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS

By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received information about new options being offered to members to make assessment payments. The old options such as regular mail, ACH banking, and direct pay through your bank will all still be available. In addition, you will also be able to go online and make your assessment payment if you do online banking. You can also pay your annual assessment with a credit card (note: the credit card option does require a user fee if this option is used).

You will then receive your annual assessment statement. If you have any questions please contact Berkeley Realty for assistance.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

2010 has been a busy year for the Powhatan Secondary community. The Board of Directors has been working on a number of common area projects, many of which are required by the County or the State. One of the most important projects is upgrading the pond facilities (Best Management Practices – BMPs) by completing required maintenance. The County has started a three year program to inspect all BMP facilities in the County and advise owners of those facilities if they have minor or major maintenance issues that need to be addressed. To date, PCSA has seven of these facilities that require maintenance and attention. In addition, the Board is

working or making repairs to the stacked block dam in the BMP between the Colonies and the Berkeley sections of PCSA. Other projects that are under consideration for the upcoming year include improvements to the walking trail system that encompasses the community, and upgrading the picnic area next to Rennicks Pond.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We wish to welcome Margarita Marinova and Enrico Rossi to Powhatan Secondary! They live in the West-over section and have a daughter young daughter named Eleanor. Glad to have you here!

Clubhouse Committee

The Clubhouse Committee is already in its fourth year. The purpose of the committee is to oversee the clubhouse use in order to maintain an acceptable level of upkeep. The committee members review the condition of the clubhouse before and after each rental use. The committee is composed of 7 homeowners. Each takes the review of the clubhouse a month at a time. Committee members are committed to keeping the clubhouse in good order and to report any needed usage repairs and the occasional misuse of the clubhouse by a user to Berkeley, our management company.

The Committee also makes recommendations to Berkeley about enhancements to make clubhouse entertainment easier and more attractive for homeowners. This year the committee ordered four extra carriers for the portable chairs, purchased four new light weight tables, two smaller tables, and oversaw the installation of railings on the steps leading off the back porch. These railings were requested by residents. In January we contracted to have a massive cleaning of all the rugs and carpet, cleaned the grout and put sealer in the bathrooms, and had all the upholstered furniture steam cleaned.

We are indeed fortunate to have Jim Moody who does repairs and helps with keeping the facility running, from refrigerator to furnace repairs. He so often drops everything and comes to help out in an emergency. All of this is in order to maintain the clubhouse as a beautiful facility and a true asset to our community.

If you are interested in joining this Committee, please contact Louise Pearson at 229-7348 or louisepearson@cox.net. We would love to have 12 on the committee so that each person only has one month to review.

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Wildlife

Each day, community residents bring in orphaned or injured animals such as possums, turtles, songbirds, foxes, raccoons, raptors, waterfowl, owls and even mice. There is no such thing as "important" or "unimportant" animals. Each is treated with the same respect, be it a swan or a turkey vulture. There are no charges billed for veterinary examinations or services rendered, hospitalization, nursing care, or in some cases euthanasia. The fund covers the costs of medications, appliances and food.

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How Can You Partner With Us?

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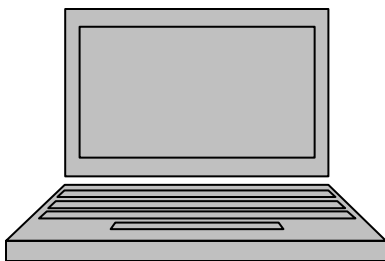
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Next PCSA Board of Directors Meeting*
Tuesday, January 18, 2011

**Any PCSA member may attend. Meetings are held at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M.*



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