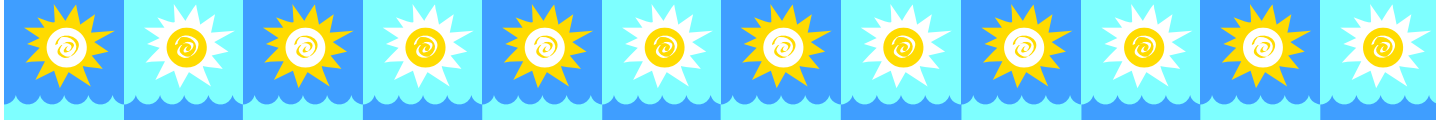




The Powhatan Signal

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SUMMER VACATION(?)

Submitted by Aaron Small, President

Summer is here and, for anyone under the age of 18 or most school teachers, that means 2 months of vacation. However, the PCSA board of directors isn't in either of these categories making summertime one of the busiest time for the board and Summer 2011 is no exception.

Numerous improvements are now in the works. First is repairs to some of our aging infrastructure at the Stacked Block Dam located between the Colonies and Villages and the Berkeley section. This structure serves as a stormwater management facility for the entire area including the adjacent sections mentioned above, Monticello Apartments and the James City Community Church parcel along Powhatan Parkway. It stores this runoff and releases it over time so the downstream area does not flood. This facility also allows pollutants, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, to settle to the bottom of the swampy area and be taken up by the vegetation who use it as food. This keeps these pollutants out of our streams and helps protect the Chesapeake Bay from further degradation. Unfortunately, some portions of the structure were not built fully, and poor maintenance practices have resulted in clogging of the outlet pipe. Water built up and stayed behind without draining. Because of its construction with modular blocks, the stored water then seeped through the dam creating internal damage. Rainfall on the top surface also created ruts along the edge which must be repaired. The wall has been reviewed and is still functioning but the damage must be repaired and other improvements made to prevent the clogging. This work is scheduled to begin in late June or July after multiple bids are received and a contractor selected.

Another change will be in the neighborhood website. The new website will be live by mid-June. The website is being revamped and updated to

allow for easier maintenance and up to date information for residents. The new site will also incorporate an overview of past PCSA Bulletin Board e-mail announcements sorted by date. Descriptions of each section in the neighborhood will also be included as well as incorporation of the pool website. Past issues of the Signal, PCSA Board of Director minutes, and a numerous documents and forms will be available in easy to download PDF format. The same reservation calendars for the Clubhouse and Multi-Purpose room will remain as well as an overall neighborhood events calendar. Please check it out at

<http://www.powhatansecondary.org>.

The third project occurring over the summer is improvements to the trail system behind the Colonies. Many areas of the nearly 5 miles of trails in the neighborhood become impassable after a period of wet weather. This July, an Eagle Scout Candidate from Boy Scout Troop 103, has offered to relocate three sections of trail to drier areas as well as build two timber bridges where we cross short sections of wet spots. PCSA will provide the material and he will organize the labor as part of his community service requirement. Other areas will be repaired as opportunities present themselves including the remainder of this trail along News Road, replacement of bridges in the loop behind the Berkeley Section, as well as the repairs to the Powhatan Woods trail. If anyone is aware of a civic group, social club, or another candidate for Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold Award looking for a project, please have them contact any member of the Board of Directors.

The last major project is to repair the existing dock and install a new pier with small boat launch at the large lake (known as Rennick's Pond or Lake Powhatan). This project has been "on the books" for a few years but has been delayed due to emergency improvements needed to Dam #3 (at the western end of Waterford) and engineering on the Stacked Block Dam. In the preparation of this project, we
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discovered a section of old Powhatan Secondary Road right of way that was never abandoned when the new entrance and Monticello Avenue was extended to the west nearly 10 years ago. We are in the process with James City County to acquire this piece of excess land to allow for easier access to this facility and possibly a picnic table or two. The new pier and repaired dock are expected to be installed this fall depending on the outcome of bids on the other three projects.

If you have questions on any of the above projects, please contact any member of the Board of Directors or our property manager, Mr. C.J. Jones with Berkeley Realty Property Management, at 229-6810.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We wish to welcome Peter and Jodie Vishton to Powhatan Secondary! They live in Powhatan Place and moved here from Media, PA. Glad to have you here!

Annual Picnic

The PCSA Annual Picnic, sponsored by the PCSA Board, will be held on Sunday, September 11 from 12:30-3:30. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 18 at the same time.

Catering ByGeorge will be provided at no charge to residents. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket if you want to spread out. Inflatables will be available again for the kids to enjoy.

Mark your calendar!!

Social Committee News & Events

Submitted by Jody Hamman

The mission of the Powhatan Secondary Social Committee is to foster a cohesive community by providing an environment for our residents to meet and interact.

The social committee will be hosting several summer activities for your enjoyment. All events and activities sponsored by the PCSA Social Committee are free to all Powhatan Secondary residents and their guests. Residents must be in good standing with PCSA.

Back by popular demand, **Ice Cream Socials** will be held Sunday, July 17th and Sunday, August 21st from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Clubhouse. We will be serving ice cream with all the toppings.

Beat the summer heat and have some indoor fun with **Family Game Night**. Game Nights will be held Friday, July 22nd and September 30th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Clubhouse. We have a variety of board games and card games suitable for both adults and children. Attention all Bridge players, we need you! We need a few more people to form a Bridge Group.

Open House day at the Pool – the pool will be open to all Powhatan Secondary Residents, in good standing with PCSA, on July 4, 2010 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm

The social committee is looking for committee members and event volunteers. If you are interested in helping out and giving back to the community please call Jodi at 345-0636





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Board Meeting Overview

Submitted by Barbara Moody

PCSA Board met on March 16 . Per our bylaws all committees must be re-established and all were and reports given.

C.J. Jones, property manager gave his report which centered around the stack block dam and the repairs needed. C.J. and Aaron Small will prepare an RFP for the work to be done. The Board is to review the Reserve Study Update in order to approve.

Bank erosion behind Waterford as well as Powhatan Secondary at Cluster Way and Powhatan Secondary and Monticello were discussed and Board decided that mulching needs to be done as soon as possible.

Valley Crest presented a proposal for a new irrigation system at the clubhouse at no cost to the community. They will upgrade the existing system and use it as a testing and training area for employees.

Date of September 11 was chosen for the annual picnic with a rain date of September 18. Picnic will be from 12:30-3:30pm. We will again have inflatables, volley ball and great food from the caterer, By George.

The Board met again on May 17. The RFP for repairs to the Stack Block Dam is complete and will go out shortly.

The trails need some work, especially replacement of the bridges which will become an Eagle Scout project.

4th of July will be here before we know it so here are a few suggestions on **Proper Flag Etiquette**

The American Flag

With Independence Day, July 4th approaching, it is a good time to review some Flag etiquette.

It is the universal custom to display the American flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open. However if a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed if it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

The American flag should not be displayed in inclement weather unless it is made of an all-weather fabric.

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally, or at an angle from a window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union (blue field) should be placed at the peak of the staff. When displayed horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner. The Boy Scouts of America, The American Veterans, and Ace Hardware are good sources for disposal.



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A WORD FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL AND LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Just a reminder for all folks who live around or near one of the many BMP (Best Management Practices) ponds in the Powhatan community: During a recent inspection with James City County storm water representatives it was noted that some of these ponds have been damaged from being used as play areas. Please make sure that your children understand that these facilities are not designated play areas and are designed to collect storm water runoff and slowly release excessive water flow downstream at measured rates to prevent or reduce downstream erosion. These ponds are part of the entire drainage flow into the James River and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay. When trash and other debris accumulates as a result of recreational activities these ponds cannot operate the way they were designed. Removing the trash and repairing the earthworks for these ponds has to be funded through the operating budget for the Association. This translates into increased maintenance costs to the Association. Your help in keeping these ponds clear unauthorized activity and unwanted trash will be appreciated.

PCSA ANNUAL DUES

As you know the Association went to a coupon payment system that offers more payment options. We have experienced a number of issues with assessment payments being properly credited to an owner's account. This is not unusual when a new payment system is introduced, but it is something that the Association is working on to correct as quickly as possible. From current research it appears that some payments to the master Association, PCSA, may have been inadvertently credited to one of the sub-association accounts. Many properties within PCSA also belong to a sub-association which also require periodic assessment payments. PCSA will be sending assessment statements to all accounts with outstanding balances. If you have paid for 2011 and receive a statement please contact Mr. Jones or Mrs. Spratley at (757) 229-6810. Your assistance in making sure that you receive credit for your PCSA payment will be appreciated.

The Powhatan Secondary Swim Team is working hard behind the scenes and getting everything ready for the new season. We would like to welcome back our coaching staff: Matt Dryden, Lauren Freeland, Kyle Evans and Olivia Freeland. It looks like we will have about 115 swimmers this season and we will continue to be in Division 1.

Please visit our website link through www.pscapool.com for information on meets, practices and events.

Practices began on May 31st. If you would like to sign up your swimmer, please give me a call at 345-6147.

Let's go Seastars!

The Seastars hosted the Kingswood Klams for their first meet on June 20. Unfortunately we were defeated 320 to 172, but we had so many great swimmers competing!

Here are a few highlights:

Triple Winner- Sarah Jones (Free, Breast, Back)
Double Winner- Katherine Quinlan (Free, Back)

Other top performers-
Emma Wood, Caden Wright (two wins 50 breast and 100 IM), Christian Shaner, Olivia Wood (one win 50 back), David Dawnkaski, Katie Wilson (one win 50 fly)

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<u>Sub-Associations:</u>	
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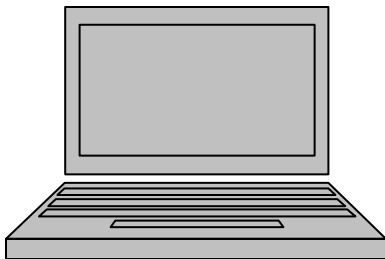
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