



# The Hummingbird News

POWHATAN CROSSING HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
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## PCHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017-2018

PRESIDENT	KEN OWEN	2017-2020
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NEWSLETTER	JUDY FUSS	2016-2019
DIRECTOR		2017-2020

## PCHA INTERACTIVE

Get the Most Out of Powhatan Crossing

DECEMBER 2017

### CHECK THE WEBSITE

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### CONTACT THE BOARD

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### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

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### PCHA NEXTDOOR

A community bulletin board

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## PAY 2018 DUES NOW!

- **\$175 annually.**  
see [PCHA Strategic Plan 2017](#)  
for more information
- **Due by Jan 1, 2018.**
- Balances unpaid by March 1 incur 10% interest.



**Please pay promptly!**

Send payment to:  
PCHA  
PO Box 5622  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### *Your community needs YOUR help!*

Please consider serving with the PCHA Board of Directors. The Board consists of six volunteer directors who are elected for three-year terms at the Annual Membership Meeting in April (two directors selected each year).

The Board's reason for existence is to help maintain the value of your home! That overarching mission breaks down to three major functions:

1. Management and maintenance of PCHA-owned property (entry-sign and lot at Powhatan Crossing entrance, and the recreation lot on Powhatan Crossing).
2. Management and maintenance of the storm water system (swales, storm water pipes, and the storm water pond).
3. Enforcement of the Declaration of Restrictions (Covenants).

Of necessity, the Board changes - people move; job responsibilities change; age and health take their toll. PCHA needs residents to serve on the Board, OR to assist the board with its functions. The bottom line: **It is all about maintaining the value of your home.** There is currently one open position on the Board. Please contact me (or any director) for more information.

Regards,

*Ken Owen*

## WELCOME

**Dave & Charlene Daughterty**  
3453 Hunter's Ridge

## PCHA COMMUNITY PICNIC A SUCCESS!

Saturday, September 30  
delivered:

- 80 families, visitors and friends of all ages.
- A big red fire engine, a rescue vehicle and lots of firefighters.
- Hot dogs, hamburgers and sides.
- A bounce house and ball toss games.
- Seating for young and old.
- A perfect September day.

**FUN AND FRIENDSHIP**



## PCHA GETS 2018 GRANTS

For the third year in a row, JCC awarded matching fund grants to help HOA's complete projects to improve drainage, repair stormwater systems and improve water quality in county rivers and streams. Participation in the 2018 grant cycle increased substantially over that in 2017.

PCHA was awarded up to \$16,500 for three projects to be completed in 2018-2019:

- Camera inspection of our stormwater pipes (1,400 linear feet in Sections 3 & 4).
- Lining the pond's failing outflow pipe.
- Clearing and grading the pond's access easement.

As more HOA's use this program, competition for funds increases. With JCC's help, PCHA has achieved 2/3 of our restoration plan in less time and with greater fiscal efficiency than we imagined possible.

## STRATEGIC PLAN IS YOUR GUIDE

- What does PCHA do with your dues?
- What projects lie ahead?
- How much will it cost?
- What will dues be?

**PCHA's Strategic Plan** is the Board's blueprint for the future of our neighborhood.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



**THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**JAMESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

SEE [PCHA WEBSITE](#) FOR SCHEDULE

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All members welcome

## 2017 STORMWATER WORK COMPLETE

With \$3,548 in 2017 JCC Drainage Matching funds, PCHA began restoration of our stormwater system, some of which is more than 25 years old. Adding \$5,050 from our reserves to PCHA's matching share maximized the benefit provided by the County.

The following was completed in October by Longhill Excavating:

- Leaks through the pond's riser repaired.
- Debris removed from pond bottom.
- Erosion at the pond riser's base stabilized.
- Failed riser cover replaced.
- Access easement surveyed and marked.
- Pond's inflow pipes cleared.
- Trees blocking perimeter easement cleared.
- Eroded portions of pond perimeter reshaped.

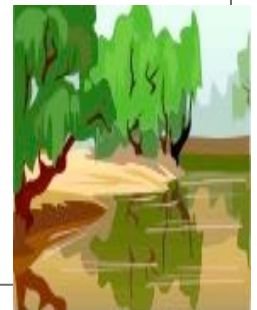
For years PCHA struggled with how to manage the complexities and expense of our long-term stormwater system maintenance. JCC's Matching Funds program, born in part from discussions with HOA's such as ours, not only seeds HOA efforts but also lends the invaluable expertise of JCC's trained staff to help us design and execute the most cost-effective projects.

For \$8,597 from PCHA reserves, we accomplished what 5 years ago we thought would cost \$61,000!

Thanks goes as well to **Ron Feigenbaum** for managing ongoing Stormwater System work.

Want to help? Contact the board:

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## MORE ON STORMWATER

Annual work will continue:

- Keep easement around the pond clear.
- Cut back vegetation by the dam.
- Remove debris from pond.
- Assess system's other components.

Wonder what's ahead?

Future tasks and projected costs are outlined in [PCHA's Strategic Plan](#), updated annually.

## KEEP STREET GUTTERS CLEAR

- Keep the neighborhood looking tidy.
- Keep our retention pond clean.
- **Sweep** up leaves and debris from gutters.
- **Trim** curbs and gutters in front of your home - so runoff can drain properly.



## THANKS VDOT!



• Storm drain sinkhole repaired by corner of Deerlope Trail & Powhatan Crossing.  
See a problem?

- [Contact PCHA Board](#) or
- [Report directly to VDOT.](#)

## GOING ON VACATION?

JCC Police provide  
Vacation Property Checks.  
253-1800

## STORMWATER DRIVES DUES

- Mapping our stormwater system in 2016 revealed [components](#) that had not previously been inventoried.
- PCHA's [5-year Strategic Plan](#) outlines immediate and mid-range operations and infrastructure expenses. It replaces our 2013 Reserve Study.
- JCC's Stormwater Matching Funds program led PCHA to build a multi-year restoration plan for our aging stormwater system.
- Raising annual dues incrementally over several years is needed to manage the restoration plan.
- The Board is obligated to set a dues amount to address the organization's needs ([Bylaws, Art. VII, Sec. 2 \(c\) \(1\).](#))
- Even after recent increases PCHA dues are among the lowest in the county.

## WE NEED YOU!

The PCHA Board of Directors is an **entirely voluntary** effort. So the Board is always delighted when a neighbor steps up to help.



We need you now more than ever.  
There is one open position on the Board.  
INTERESTED?

Let us hear from you:  
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## BRIGHT IS RIGHT

Wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight  
when walking after dark.

**You're not as visible to drivers as you think.**

## LEAF DROPOFF AND BURNING

For schedule of free leaf dropoff  
[click here.](#)  
Leaf burning is not allowed in our area of JCC.



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