



The Hummingbird News

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PCHA INTERACTIVE

Get the Most Out of Powhatan Crossing

DECEMBER 2018

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PAY 2019 DUES NOW!

- \$225 annually.
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- Due by Jan 1, 2019.
- Balances unpaid by March 1 incur 10% interest.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PCHA has been busy the past few months. Some things are evident; others not so.

- The association, with help from James City County, has completed significant repairs to our stormwater system to improve its performance. Thanks to the PCHA stormwater team AND cooperating homeowners.
- The Board has selected a management services company (through a competitive bidding process). A transition team will manage the process of bringing our contractor on board over the next few months.
- In response to continuing concerns from PCHA residents about boats, trailers, and RVs, the Board is working with James City County to implement available legal parking restrictions on such vehicles. This is NOT a quick process, so please bear with us.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE watch your speed and insist that young drivers in your household do the same. It would be tragic to have one of our young children – or anyone – hit by a vehicle.

Regards,

Ken Owen
President
PCHA Board of Directors

MANAGEMENT SERVICES SELECTED

Increased state regulations have made managing an HOA increasingly complex and time-consuming while member's time is constrained. PCHA is among a dwindling number of HOA's in the area that is self-managed.

69% of member households at the 2018 Annual Meeting supported using a management service to reduce the workload and tasked the Board to seek bids for service.

The Board developed an RFP that was sent to four agencies in August. After assessment and discussion, three agencies were interviewed. At its November meeting, the Board unanimously selected Brooks Real Estate Community Management to assist us. A low key yet consistent approach, a competitive price point and support for PCHA's existing online functions were key factors in the decision.

Look for more information as we transition to these services in 2019.

PCHA AWARDED 2019 GRANT

For a fourth year, 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. JCC funding for the program increased for 2019 but so did competition as more HOA's participated.

PCHA will receive funding in 2019-2020 for:

- Repair of a sinkhole behind 4476 Powhatan Crossing.
- Lining the entire pipe causing the hole.

PCHA repaired a failed joint along this piperun in 2011. Other defects were identified through the camera inspection done in August as part of our 2018 grant project. Lining the pipe will preclude more failures in the future.

With assistance from JCC Stormwater Division through this program, PCHA has achieved 2/3 of our system restoration plan in less time and with greater fiscal efficiency than we previously thought possible.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ...

coming soon to PCHA Rec Lot.

Take a book ...

Share a book

Want to help?

Contact Kim Nicholson

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(757) 298-9561

[Read more ...](#)

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

2018 STORMWATER WORK

PCHA was awarded a total of \$9,698 in JCC Matching Grant funds for continuing work on our stormwater system. PCHA will add an estimated \$20,000 of reserve funds to complete the 2018 work.

BMP Repair Grant provided \$7,500 toward:

- Restoring the riser's failed outflow pipe.
- Stabilizing sinkholes around riser outflow pipe.
- Replenishing riprap at pipe's end.
- Clearing surveyed pond access easement of trees and brush.

Inspection Grant provided \$2,180.25:

- Camera-inspection of PCHA stormwater pipe.
- Grant covered 75% of inspection cost.
- A covered-over drop drain was identified.
- Video report identifies sections to monitor.

Annual work will continue:

- Keep easement around the pond clear.
- Keep access easement clear.
- Cut back vegetation by the dam.
- Remove debris from pond.
- Treat pond for duckweed.
- Clear V-ditches and drop drains.

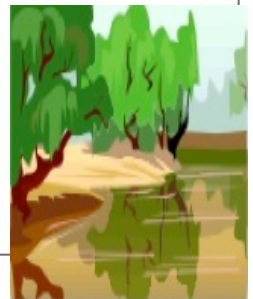
What's ahead?

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

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

Want to help? Contact the board:

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

The editor of *The Hummingbird News* is retiring in 2019. A volunteer is needed to carry on this neighborhood publication, that has been around since 1995!

- Publish four editions per year.
- Gather content.
- Draft articles.
- Prepare PDF for printing and emailing.

WE NEED YOU!

Without a volunteer *The Hummingbird News* will cease as of April.

To volunteer send a message:
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GOOD NEIGHBORS ...

keep property values strong.

- Garage or screen trailers.
- Garage boats or store off-site.
- Park un-garaged cars in the driveway.
- Trim grass at curbs and around posts.
- Cut back shrubs and bushes that extend into the street or that block drivers' view.

It takes village to BE a village.

What YOU do matters.

LEAF COLLECTION AND

One-time free pickup: Dec 12-19

Free drop off at Jolly Pond Convenience Center:
Jan 7-20

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Leaf burning is not allowed in our area of JCC.



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NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ...

Scott Stevens began work Oct 1, 2018.

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RENTING YOUR HOME?

Please complete the [Rented Property Information Form](#) included with this newsletter or download it online. Email or mail the completed form to the PCHA Board.

Also visit [Renting Your Home?](#) on our website for more information.



BRIGHT IS RIGHT

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

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



DON'T BE A VICTIM!

Most thefts are from UNLOCKED cars.

CHECK OUT JCC POLICE SCAM ALERTS!
[Click here ...](#)

GOING ON VACATION?

JCC Police provide Vacation Property Checks.
253-1800

THANKS VDOT!



- Paved roadway subsidence near 3453 Hunter's Ridge.
- In progress – repair of sinkholes in VDOT right-of-way at 3433 Hunter's Ridge.

See a problem?

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