



# The Hummingbird News

POWHATAN CROSSING SUBDIVISION NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2006



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A covenant is a pledge, a promise, a contract. Community covenants, with legal authority from the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act of 1989, bind homeowners in agreement to uphold the value of their neighborhoods. Our neighborhood covenants were written by homeowners of Powhatan Crossing and approved by vote of homeowners.

Each time you park your car or truck on the street or the grass instead of in your driveway, when you store your mower, boat or camper for your neighbors to see, you weaken the power of the promise you made by purchase of your property and make it harder to convince your neighbor that he should move his bus, truck or camper to honor his pledge.

Covenants – agreements – are made in good faith for the benefit of all. A clean, safe, attractive neighborhood is not only a joy to come home to but protects the investment you made when you purchased your home. Rules can be enforced, but without co-operation the journey is painful.

Please be a good neighbor. Read & understand the neighborhood covenants that were provided at closing. If you no longer have a copy, contact any board member. If a section seems outdated, work within the framework to amend it. Maintain the fabric of our neighborhood by upholding the pledge made by us all.

### OUR THANKS TO ...

**Bob & Rosemarie Whiteman** for repairing the street sign at Hunters Ridge & Indian Path.

## - MAINTENANCE DUES TO INCREASE

PCHA Board has approved annual maintenance dues of \$65.00 per household beginning July 1, 2006 to assure that the association's income is adequate to meet expenses. Dues fund grounds care and landscaping of common areas, upkeep of the sprinkler system and lighting for the entryway, the newsletter and other expenses outlined in the budget. Dues also build the escrow account required for maintaining the pond. Dues have been level at \$50.00 for more than 12 years. Expenses have exceeded income for several years; funds from the escrow account have been used to cover the shortfall. This practice threatens our ability to adequately maintain the pond, a responsibility mandated to secure the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Homeowners who have already paid 2006 dues in full will be exempt from new charges until Jan 1, 2007.

## PCHA ANNUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006**

**JAMESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**7:00 P.M.**

## HELP WANTED ...

Trimming, planting, weed spraying on the Rec Lot.

If you can lend a hand and bring a shovel, call:

**Sarah Kadec 259-0358**

Schedule to be set based on volunteers' time

## **BOARD SHORTS**

The PCHA Board met on Dec 15, Feb 9, Mar 9:

- . contracted for refurbishment of entryway sign & replacement of missing street sign at corner of Hunters Ridge & Powhatan Crossing Drive
- . contacted rental agents regarding upkeep of rental properties in the neighborhood
- . approved 2006-2007 association budget for presentation to members
- . scheduled Annual Meeting for April 27, 2006 at Jamestown Presbyterian Church
- . noted that terms of office for JD Wright & Paula Gamble conclude in April
- . learned that sign post & street sign at Hunters Ridge & Indian Path were repaired & reseated by Bob Whiteman
- . responded to complaints of various covenant violations throughout the neighborhood
- . reviewed & approved various applications for improvements by homeowners

## **FRIENDS OF THE POWHATAN CREEK ...**

### **WORK FOR ALL OF US**

'Powhatan Crossing' means that we live in the Powhatan Creek watershed. Water that falls on and around your home ends up in the creek. Did you know that Powhatan Creek is the most diverse natural area on the Lower Peninsula for plants and animals? Did you know that James City County is the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest growing locality in Virginia?

*Friends of the Powhatan Creek Watershed* are presently the sole environmental advocacy group in James City County and a voice for environmentally sound development practices. Members monitor water quality, clean up streams and roadways, raise and restore underwater grasses and work actively with the County to promote good stewardship of our natural resources.

To learn more or join their efforts, visit:  
<http://www.wm.edu/environment/FOPC.html>

## **GOOD NEIGHBORS ...**

Here are a few reminders:

### **VEHICLES IN DRIVEWAYS AT NIGHT**

Overnight parking in the street can be a safety hazard and is not permitted by our covenants. Arrange to park all vehicles at your house in your drive each night.

### **GARAGE BOATS AND RYS**

Watercraft and other recreational vehicles must be garaged or stored behind the house on a parking apron and screened to minimize unsightliness. Parking and screening must be approved by the board. Please keep your neighbor's view in mind.

### **KEEP VEHICLES OFF THE GRASS**

To maintain the suburban residential character of the neighborhood, covenants cite that vehicles must be parked on the drive or a paved parking apron. Please do not park vehicles in your yard. Large vehicles must be garaged or screened.

### **VEHICLES NO BIGGER THAN 3/4 TON**

Vehicles larger than 3/4 ton exceed the capacity of drives and garages and are too big to be parked safely on our residential streets. Please arrange to house such vehicles outside the neighborhood.

If you do not have a copy of the covenants, please contact a Board member.

## **JAMES CITY COUNTY 101**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28 8:30 A.M – 3:00 P.M.**

JAMES CITY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

Learn more about your county. Visit exhibits from County departments. Meet County Administrator, Sandy Wanner. Tour the county by bus. Lunch is provided.

Register by April 21, 2006 by calling 259-4022

### **TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be published:

Jun, Sep, Dec, Mar

To submit information, please contact

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