



The Hummingbird News

Powhatan Crossing Subdivision Newsletter



September 2004

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Board Shorts

The PCHA Board met on Jul 1 & Sep 2:

- . elected officers for 2004-2005 as listed above
- . approved continuing to retain Hampton Jesse as PCHA Treasurer in an off-board capacity until a replacement can be secured
- . appointed to the Architectural Review Committee: Jay Sexton, Paula Gamble, JD Wright
- . learned that one resident volunteered to be a block captain (see below)
- . addressed continuing problems with operation of the sprinkler system at the neighborhood entry
- . heard a report on the proposed expansion of the Oak Tree Office Park on Ironbound Road and formation of the Five Forks Study Committee (*see below*)
- . heard a report on responses to Rec Lot survey (*see below*)
- . in accordance with residents' expressed wishes, agreed not to pursue further enhancements to the Rec Lot at this time (*see below*)
- . approved launch of an online newsletter, as an addition to the quarterly print newsletter (*see below*)

The Board will meet on Oct 7 at the home of Judy Fuss.

A Word on Neighborhood Covenants

Restrictions and covenants, drafted and approved by Powhatan Crossing homeowners and filed with the court, run with the land and are binding on present and future owners of all 116 lots in the subdivision. These were last updated and revised by homeowners in Feb 1999 along with Association by-laws.

Sections often overlooked.

Boats and Other Recreational Vehicles must be garaged

Section 5.3 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.

Overnight In-Street Parking Not Permitted

Section 5.1 Overnight parking in the street is not permitted except on an emergency basis. Arrange to park all household vehicles in your garage or driveway each night.

Add-on construction must be approved

Section 4.1 Add-on construction of such amenities as decks, fences and sheds must be approved by the board before construction begins. Sheds must be a minimum of 150 square feet, have a pitched roof, and be of similar materials and color as the house.

If you do not have a copy and wish one, please contact Judy Fuss 220-6760 or jfuss@mail.wrl.org.

Community Work Day Saturday, October 9 8:30 a.m. - noon

Join your neighbors, meet new friends and help spruce up the community by lending a hand on Saturday, October 9, 8:30 a.m. - noon. Gather at the Rec Lot with gardening tools to plant annuals, prune crepe myrtles, remove dead trees and other needed tasks.

Want The Latest Word?

Sign up for Powhatan Crossing online news Briefs

Have an email address? Want to receive information on matters of interest to our subdivision in between publication of the quarterly print newsletter? Send your email address to: [Judy Fuss, jfuss@mail.wrl.org](mailto:jfuss@mail.wrl.org).

Get Involved

Report of Rec Lot Survey

Four responses were received to the Rec Lot survey, included in the Jun newsletter. Comments were positive on the current appearance of the lot, including the newly installed benches, but there was no support for further enhancements nor volunteers to help maintain the appearance of the lot or the front entryway. Due to this lack, the board decided not to move forward with further improvements to the Rec Lot at this time.

One person requested development of a neighborhood pool. Building and maintaining a community pool is an expensive and labor-intensive operation. With the current level of resident support, the board does not see this as a viable option at this time.

Block Captains Wanted

Only one brave soul volunteered as a captain for her section. To be successful, seven captains are required. The board will pursue other means to distribute newsletters and other information to residents.

Welcome Committee

No response was received to the idea of establishing a welcome committee.

Our Newest Neighbors

Extend a warm welcome to neighbors new to our community this year.

Michael & Elizabeth Esser

3428 Indian Path

Jones & Debra Davis

3465 Hunter's Ridge

Todd & Michelle Smith

4424 Powhatan Crossing

Matthew & Renate Bose

3400 Hunter's Ridge

John & Tina McPherran

3420 Indian Path

John A Lyons II & Lynda Meyer

3452 Hunter's Ridge

Community Concerns

Five Forks Planning

JCC Board of Supervisors appointed seven citizens to serve with Supervisor, Jay Harrison, and Planning Commission member, Joe McCleary, as the Five Forks Study Committee. Hampton Jesse, PCHA Treasurer, was one of the committee members. The committee met three times during the summer. After listening to public input, they drafted principles that "seek to protect the watersheds and safeguard the village character of the area" and "address residential growth, commercial development, traffic concerns, and alternative transportation." The principles will be recommended to the **JCC Planning Commission** at its **Sep 13 meeting**. When approved, they will serve as an addendum to the county's Comprehensive Plan. You may view the draft principles at the following internet site:

http://www.jamescity.va.us/pdf/planning/FiveForksAugust2004/Primary20Principles_Five_Forks_081504_Clean%20Copy.pdf

Third High School Bond Issue

This election day, Nov 2, you will be asked to vote on a bond referendum to finance a third high school for James City County. Confused by the rhetoric? Want more information? Attend an educational forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Williamsburg Area on **Thursday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Williamsburg Library, 515 Scotland Street.

Oak Tree Office Park Expansion

Action by the Planning Commission on a proposal to add a two-story office building and four-story mini-storage warehouse to the Oak Tree Office Park on Ironbound Road has been deferred. The board continues to follow this proposal.

Coping With Hurricane Stress

Colonial Services Board has resources available to help residents deal with lingering stresses from Hurricane Isabel and prepare effectively for a new storm season through **Project Rebound**. Call **220-3200** or go online at <http://www.colonialcsb.org/hurricane/index.htm> for information.

County Tour Friday, October 22 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ride a Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) bus and learn about current and future developments in James City County and needs and issues that face our community. A boxed lunch is included. Space is limited. Call 229-7630 for more details and to register.

Water Smart Workshops Sep - Nov 2004 10:00 a.m. - noon

James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road

Fall Turf Management September 11

Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels October 9

Designing with Nature - A New Aesthetic November 13.

Register To Vote!

The last date to register to vote in the upcoming November 2 election is **Monday, October 4, 2004**.

Contact or visit the James City County Registrar at 101 Mounts Bay Road for information or to register.

To submit information to the newsletter

The newsletter will be published: Jun, Sep, Dec, Mar

Additional information through Powhatan Crossing Online News Briefs

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