

Hummingbird News

Greetings from the President,

Spring is a welcomed relief for the HOA, as everything is green and blooming. We have had an interesting year with the pandemic, and we're all looking forward to leaving this pandemic behind us in 2021. There are some new things happening in our HOA and we thought it would be a good time to bring back the 'Hummingbird News' to help share this information. The Hummingbird News is a team effort with content contributors and the Board is looking forward to releasing the newsletter quarterly going forward.



*David Daugherty, President,
Powhatan Crossing Homeowners Association*

First Quarter of 2021 Recap:

- The first quarter of 2021 involved water projects throughout the neighborhood, due to abnormal amounts of rainfall that we received over several months. The HOA and Williams Landscaping and Design, Inc., performed maintenance on our drainage swale along Ironbound Road and cleaned out debris for better drainage in the front common area.
- The rainy Spring also became a concern in the woods nearby our common area on Powhatan Crossing, especially earlier this year where it almost looked like a pond. After a few months of hot Virginian days, the area has dried up. The Board will keep monitoring the water and will act accordingly if necessary, with the HOA, James City County, Colonial Pipeline, and nearby homeowners who could be affected.
- Last year, Colonial Pipeline performed maintenance along the pipeline, removing some foliage and trees along their right-of-way. Part of the removal that Colonial Pipeline deemed necessary included the bushes on the berm in front of our subdivision. However, after the bushes were removed and before the berm was flattened, Colonial Pipeline reversed its decision and offered to help the HOA with replanting the berm. Williams Landscaping and Design, Inc., along with Vice President, Ron Feigenbaum worked with Colonial Pipeline on steps to replant new bushes, with Colonial Pipeline agreeing to pay for the work and plants.
- Special thanks to Williams Landscaping and Design, Inc. for the great work they do in keeping our entrance cleaned and our neighborhood looking beautiful.



As warmer temperatures continue, our neighborhood streets are getting busier and busier with many young children, walkers, runners, and pets; and with this added traffic comes safety concerns. Please park off the street whenever possible to help decrease obstacles for neighbors walking and playing outside and please obey the speed limits. With all of the sudden turns and hills, we want to make sure everyone is safe in our neighborhood. If there is ever a concern about safety and speeds, you can reach out to the HOA Board at pcha.news@gmail.com or contact James City County Police to seek assistance. If there is an emergency please dial 911.



A shout out to the neighbors for reporting road conditions and contacting Dominion when light posts are out in the neighborhood. We are also contacting VDOT to see about repaving our roads. Thank you to everyone who signed the petition. The letter has gone out. Let's hope the roads get fixed!

Also, thank you for participating in our Zoom board meetings!

Trailers, Boats and RVs:

Trailers, Boats and RVs, **must** be parked behind a privacy fence in the back of your home and screened from view. The Declarations of Restrictions that everyone agreed to and signed when purchasing their home in the Powhatan Crossing Homeowners Association, covers these rules and restrictions for the parking of these vehicles.

For additional information, the Declarations of Restrictions are available at <https://www.powhatancrossing.org/> under Resident Resources.

Additionally, last year James City County passed **Parking Ordinance Sec. 13-36.1 - Restricted parking of oversized vehicles in R1 Residential zoned areas**. Vehicles included in this new parking ordinance include trailers and recreational vehicles, and well as other oversized types. Parking these type of vehicles on Powhatan Crossing's streets is a violation, and can result in a parking ticket from JCC Police. For more detailed information on this JCC parking ordinance visit: https://library.municode.com/va/james_city_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodetd=CD_ORD_CH13MOVETR_ARTIIIISTTPA_S13-36.1REPACEAR.

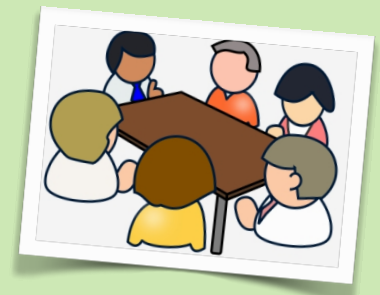
Also, because JCC new parking ordinance is now in effect 24/7, the County asked if they could remove the restricted parking sign they granted to the HOA, since it was in effect from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am, to avoid any confusion with their new ordinance – the sign was removed.



Annual Meeting Rescheduled:

The Annual Meeting in April, did not make Quorum, which is roughly 15 proxy votes or participants. This means the Annual Meeting never officially occurred and is now rescheduled for September. While the agenda for April's Annual Meeting was to approve the Operational Budget for 2021 and nominate two new board members, the rescheduled Annual Meeting in September will now also included voting on new Amendments to the By-Laws and Declarations of Restrictions.

Over the last several months, almost years, the Board has tried to adopt several changes to our governing documents. The initial presentation was confusing and created many more questions than answers. To help prevent confusion and provide as much information as possible before the vote, the Board will be providing a PDF document that outlines the proposed changes to our governing documents via email. (We will also provide printed documents, if requested.) In addition, May's Board Meeting will be an online ZOOM meeting that will be a 'Town-Hall Style' with a question and answer session, about these changes, instead of a formal Board Meeting. If you are interested in participating, please look for the meeting information in your email or if you cannot make the meeting, please contact us pcha.news@gmail.com.



The changes being proposed are:

1. The creation of a fines and due process policy the HOA could enforce for violations of the Declaration of Restrictions.
2. Reduction of the number of board meetings in the year (from 10 to 4).
3. Change the approval process for our operating budget to be approved for January 1st of each year (instead of April).

Our tentative PCHA Board of Directors Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year:

May 27th ~ Town Hall Session for Proposed Amendments
 June 17th ~ Board of Directors Meeting
 August 19th ~ Board of Directors Meeting
 September 16th ~ Annual Meeting
 October 21st ~ Board of Directors Meeting; Board Re-organizational Meeting