

Hummingbird News

Greetings from the President,

We are about midway through 2022 and in the midst of a hot Virginian summer. Lots of fun and exciting activities happen during the summer months. It is very important to plan ahead for these activities to prevent heat stroke and dehydration which are very dangerous and serious. When doing outdoor activities appropriately plan when the activity occurs. If possible, strenuous activities should be planned in the morning or late afternoon to avoid the hottest part of the day. Keep a close eye on any pets that are outside and make sure cool water is available for them. Check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they are okay and do not need anything. When parking your vehicle keep in mind that the inside of a car can quickly heat up (when the windows are up) and make sure there is no one else in the vehicle, especially babies, family, and pets.



Our HOA has members who are of all ages. Our streets are enjoyed by everyone. Kids play in the streets, neighbors walk the street, bike riding occurs, and pets are walked. Please do not speed in our neighborhood and obey all traffic laws. There have been occurrences where people speed and run stop signs, and this could be disastrous for anyone on the streets. Also to help prevent any accidents, its recommended that you follow our Covenants about parking restrictions and avoid parking on the road overnight or during the day if possible, especially around curves.

As summer ends, I wish the best of luck to all the students, families, and faculty on the new school year. Our next Meeting Board of Directors will be September 15th at our normal meeting location along with Zoom. Thank you for everyone who has and will participate, along with everyone's feedback on our website.

David Daugherty, President,
Powhatan Cross Homeowners Association

Summer Safety: HVAC check-ups, are they worth it?

While it can seem like a cash drain to have routine maintenance done on a working HVAC System, it can also be very helpful in avoiding a system malfunction during extreme weather conditions, when HVAC companies have long wait times for repairs. If you have a HVAC system that's 10+ years old, it might be a good idea to have your system checked two times a year.



Dogz in the H_ow

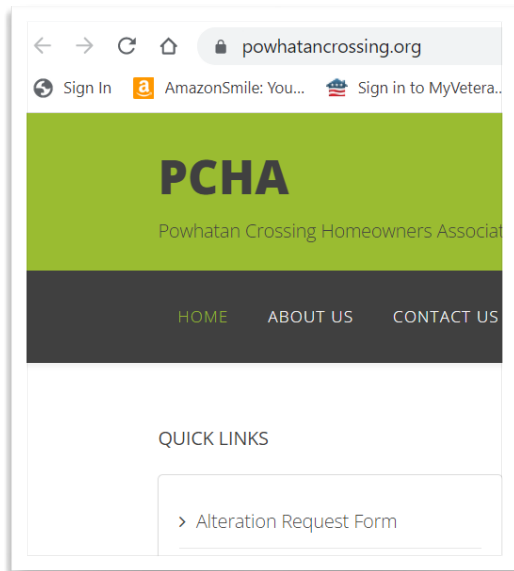


Do you love your pet and want to share a little about him/her to the neighborhood? Starting this quarter we'll be sharing posts about our furry friends in Powhatan Crossing. If you would like to submit a post about a current or past beloved pet, please send their name, their owner's name, type/breed and a little about him/her to pcha.news@gmail.com.

Alteration request reminder:

Summer is the time when we start making updates or repairs to our properties. If you're planning to install structures or hardscaping to your landscaping that will be seen from the front yard, an alteration request must be submitted to PCHA for approval beforehand, per our community declaration. The request form can be found on our website's homepage under Quick Links, at the top left corner of the page.

<https://www.powhatancrossing.org/>



Creating Curb Appeal in Minutes!

Part of maintaining a clean and clutter-free exterior is hiding your garbage cans, recycling bins, garden hose, children's toys, and other clutter that could detract from your home's beauty. Keep those things tucked away in your garage if you have extra space, camouflage them with fencing and plants, or just simply move them out of sight. This way, the focus is more on your home's features and other improvements you made.



Lawn watering days:

So far, rain has been pretty lean this year and our lawns are feeling the brunt of it! Fortunately, we don't have a watering restriction in place this year (as we had last summer) however, JCSA does have some watering restrictions in place. From May 1st to September 30th, please remember to follow JCSA's water restrictions when setting automatic systems to water your lawn.

- Irrigation systems, sprinklers, and hoses without automatic shutoff systems are not permitted to run from 9am to 5pm or at any time on Mondays.
- For the rest of the time, the systems can only be run on certain days as listed below.

	Odd # Addresses	Even # Addresses
Monday	Recovery Day	
Tuesday		●
Wednesday	●	
Thursday		●
Friday	●	
Saturday		●
Sunday	●	

- JCSA customers may use water outdoors for any purpose, at any time, on any day when using only a container or hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle, and the hose is attended at all times.
- New turf can be watered for 60 consecutive days from installation, with prior approval from JCSA (in writing or online at jamescitycountyva.gov/jcsa)
- All irrigation systems installed within James City County with water supplied by the JCSA require a plumbing permit for a backflow prevention device from James City County Building Safety and Permits (757-253-6626) before installation.
- Backflow prevention devices must also be tested and certified annually.
- Call 757-259-4138 for more information about JCSA's Backflow Prevention.
- A rain sensor is also required by JCSA.

This information can also be found on PCHA's home page; near the bottom of the page.

Recipes:

A cool summer soup is perfect for the dog days of summer. Tina Santos shares two recipes to try!

Taste of Home

Chilled Squash and Carrot Soup

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. + chilling
YIELD: 4 servings.

"This smooth soup is colorful as well as nutritious and filling. Served chilled, it makes an elegant first course when entertaining. But it's also good warm."

Elaine Sabacky of Litchfield, Minnesota



Ingredients

- 1-1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cubed (about 3 cups)
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 medium carrots, sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup fat-free evaporated milk
- 3 tablespoons reduced-fat sour cream

Directions

1. In a large saucepan, combine the squash, broth, carrots, onion and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until vegetables are very tender. Remove from the heat; cool.

2. In a blender or food processor, puree squash mixture in batches. Transfer to a bowl, stir in milk. Cover and chill until serving. Garnish with sour cream.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/chilled-squash-and-carrot-soup/>

Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your neighbors?

Send to: pcha.news@gmail.com and we will feature it in our quarterly newsletter.

Food & Wine

Cold Cucumber Soup with Yogurt and Dill

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 25 min. + chilling
YIELD: 5 cups

"This cool, refreshing cucumber soup from Andrew Zimmern gets tang and creaminess from Greek yogurt and big, summery flavor from lots of fresh herbs."



Ingredients

- 2 large European cucumbers (2 1/4 pounds), halved and seeded—1/2 cup finely diced, the rest coarsely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups plain Greek yogurt
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 small shallot, chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- 1/3 cup loosely packed dill
- 1/4 cup loosely packed flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 2 tablespoons loosely packed tarragon leaves
- 1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Salt
- Fresh ground white pepper
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped

Directions

1. In a blender, combine the chopped cucumber with the yogurt, lemon juice, shallot, garlic, dill, parsley, tarragon and the 1/4 cup of olive oil. Blend until smooth. Season with salt and white pepper, cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

2. Season the soup again just before serving. Pour the soup into bowls. Garnish with the finely diced cucumber, red onion and a drizzle of olive oil and serve.

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/cold-cucumber-soup-yogurt-and-dill>



Like to read eMagazines?

Access over 3,200 digital magazines on the Overdrive website or using the Libby app on your smartphone or tablet through the Library of Virginia's (LVA) site.

Click here for instructions on how to add LVA.

In the Libby app:

- Tap the Libby icon (in the bottom center of the app).
- Then click the "Add Library" button.
- Search for the Library of Virginia in Richmond.
- When this appears you have the option to put in your library card.
- First click "Choose Another Location" directly underneath.
- Then choose "Williamsburg Library" and then enter your Williamsburg Library card number. This will then add LVA's collection to your app.
- You will need to switch between the libraries to view the magazines. This is accomplished by clicking the Libby icon and then choosing LVA from your list.

In the Overdrive app:

- Tap the icon in the top left corner to open the Home menu.
- Click on "Manage Libraries".
- Tap the "+" sign in the top right corner.
- Search for the Library of Virginia in Richmond and add it.
- Under "Manage Libraries" the Library of Virginia will appear, click on it to be taken to that collection.
- Click the three line icon on the right under the "Find It Virginia" logo.
- Click the blue "Sign In" button.
- In the "Select Your Library" drop down menu, choose Williamsburg Library.
- Enter your Williamsburg Library card number.
- You will need to switch between the libraries to view the magazines. Choose LVA for the magazines.

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Don't become a victim!

Remember to take your valuables & lock your car when parked outside.

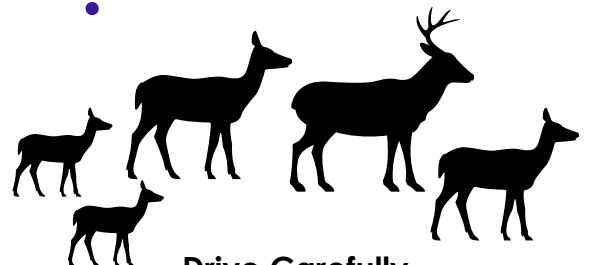



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Michael Kwiatek is PCHA's Community Association Manager and the contact person at Brooks Management regarding any Homeowner's Association issues. He can be reached at 757.345.5105 or by email at michaelk@brooks-re.com.

PCHA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2022:
September 15th ~ 7:00 pm.
November 17th ~ 7:00 pm

Meetings are held at
Jamestown Presbyterian Church
3287 Ironbound Rd., Williamsburg VA



Drive Carefully

Please take care when driving through our neighborhood and keep an eye out for people and their pets walking along the street, particularly around blind corners. Also, please keep an eye out for deer on our streets, especially at night. There has definitely been a lot more deer sightings in the neighborhood!