

UPDATE

Woodland Pond Homeowners' Association, Inc. July 2006

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Updating the Covenants & Bylaws: Part 3 of 3

Our first article on this subject addressed the need for this change. Basically, our covenants and by-laws are no longer serving us well, and, in fact, cost us money last year.

The second article, published in May, focused on the options available to us to effect this change. One was to re-write, one was to adopt those from another, more recent sub-division, and the third was simply to modify ours where needed.

This third and final article in this series addresses the marketing challenge to accomplish anything – and this might be the steepest mountain to climb of all.

The fact is, changing the covenants and bylaws of Woodland Pond might not be the most important problem facing many of the residents of our neighborhood. But to be successful, 80% of you need to be convinced that this is something worth doing. And that's not 80% of those voting – that is 80% of all homeowners in Phase 1, or some 320 "yes" votes. No small challenge!

To accomplish that, the message has to be clear, straightforward, and meaningful. Residents need to be convinced that whatever changes are proposed are in the best interests of our sub-division

as a whole. Then that proposal needs to be followed up by a practical means to secure the votes. That probably means a series of voting dates at the Swim and Racquet Club, followed by a door-to-door campaign to get the rest of the votes needed. Again, no small challenge. We are talking manpower here – enough residents willing to put some time into getting this accomplished.

Which takes me back to the first point. The proposal has to make the case convincingly that change is needed. And it has to lay out the proposed changes, one by one, along with the reasons why each one is worth voting for. The simplest way to do that will be to simply modify the paragraphs where the current problems exist, rather than replacing the documents entirely.

The fact is, the challenge of securing enough votes in support of this will most likely cause us to adopt that approach. The case for replacing the existing bylaws and covenants entirely will have to be much stronger, if we are to gain the needed approval that way.

That will be the charter as the project begins to pick up steam in the Fall. In this regard, if you would like to be part of this group, please contact me.

Bruce Fletcher
WPHA Vice President

Architectural Review Committee: Status Report

This report will be brief, thanks to all of you. You have been discussing your plans with your neighbors and then submitting them using the Exterior Alterations Form to the ARC **before** you have built (or changed) something. That makes it that much easier for the ARC to approve them, and continues to make all the difference in the world. Keep it up! PS: Information about the rules and forms are available on our website, WoodlandPond.org.

Is Your College Grad Still Pet Sitting in the Neighborhood?

I'll bet not! But you wouldn't know that from our 2006 Neighborhood Telephone Directory.

We will begin planning for our 2007 directory in the Fall, with an objective of getting it out in the early Spring of 2007 (a bit earlier than this year).

The first step is to bring current the listings for Pet Sitting, Baby Sitting, and Odd Jobs (pages 13-15). If your child is still listed, but is no longer a candidate for any of these jobs, do us a favor by letting us know. By the same token, if you now have a candidate and wish to be listed, let us know that as well. And when you do, tell us date of birth, so that the caller can know the age of the child, year-to-year. Just drop us an email at wpha@woodlandpond.org, and we'll make sure that the change is incorporated into the new directory.

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INC.**

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Newsletter Issues???

Please check your name and address on your newsletter label. For any corrections, please call Charlie Turfboer at 796-2175.

If you know of someone who did not receive their newsletter, please notify Charlie as well.

Thanks!

Lunch



2006-2007 LUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULE

The Woodland Pond Lunch Bunch has been in existence for over 16 years. It's a wonderful way to meet new friends and enjoy great food. The group is open to all Woodland Pond and First Branch at Woodland Pond residents. Guests from outside these two neighborhoods are welcome, as space allows. If you'd like to include an occasional guest, please inform the contact person. There are sometimes changes in the scheduled restaurants due to unexpected closings, renovations, etc. You will be informed of any changes when you R.S.V.P. The schedule will appear in each WP newsletter, be on the Woodland Pond website (www.woodlandpond.org), and changes will be reflected there, as well.

This year, all R.S.V.P.s will be taken by Charlie Turfboer, 796-2175 or cturf@comcast.net. The R.S.V.P. date will appear at the end of the information about each restaurant. We request that, if you have a change in plans after responding and cannot attend, that you contact Charlie or call the restaurant so that the group won't wait for you.

September 6th Dockside (Seafood +) 700 Jordan Point Rd. Hopewell, VA (541-2600). Please R.S.V.P. by Aug. 30th.

October 4th The Positive Vibe, 2825 Hathaway Rd. Richmond, VA (560-9622). Please R.S.V.P. by Sept. 27th.

November 1st Ipanema Grill (Brazilian) Cox Rd. near W. Broad, Glen Allen, VA. (740-9083). (\$11.95/all you can eat) New Location. Please R.S.V.P by Oct. 25th.

December 6th Michelle's at Hanover Tavern, 13181 N. Courthouse Rd. (Rt. 301), Hanover, VA (804-537-5250). Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 29th.

January 3rd Topeka Steak House & Saloon, 4731 Brad McNeer Parkway, Midlothian, VA (763-0607), Please R.S.V.P. by Dec. 20th.

February 7th Mamma Cucina (Italian) 4028 Cox Rd., Glen Allen, VA (346-3350). Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 31st.

March 7th Strawberry Street Café, 421 Strawberry St., Richmond, VA (353-6860). Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 28th.

April 4th Narita Japanese Sushi Bar, 3115 Rivers Bend Blvd., Rivers Bend Shopping Center, Chester, VA (530-0013). Please R.S.V.P. by March 28th.

May 2nd To be announced or Pot Luck luncheon

BON APETIT!!!!



WOODLAND POND SWIM & RACQUET CLUB



Swim & Racquet Club July 2006

Here we are in another hot Chesterfield summer – a good time to cool off at the pool. We haven't had to deal with too much thunder so far this year, although we missed a few Wednesday Rubber-Ducky nights because of the weather and/or swim meets.

The Swim Team has had another winning season under our first-year coach Brian McFarlane, and as I write this we are looking forward to a strong showing at Champs at the end of July. Special thanks go to all of the parents that continue to make The Wave the most organized and well-run swim team in the league.

Our courts are also staying busy this season. The tennis lessons have been very successful this year, with more than 50 students signed up. The instructors are working on their own mini-tournament, scheduled for mid-

August. We also continue to have informal pickup volleyball games on Sundays at 2 pm, weather permitting.

Our Activities Team continues to work tirelessly on new events – they plan, organize, and run most of the non-pool, non-tennis activities that are sponsored by the club. Just a few examples of their recent handiwork include the Last Day of School party, July 4th parade/party, several band appearances at the club, and the recent bus trip to horseracing at Colonial Downs. In the fall look for the Fall Festival (with Haunted House and Chili Cook-off), our Christmas Party (with Santa), a Bunco Night, and other fun family activities. If you have a favorite activity or event that you think we could try, please call our Activities Team.

You will notice a few changes recently as we've spent some of our hard earned money on some overdue maintenance items like fresh paint/colors for the clubhouse exterior, a new baby pool gate, and new tennis nets. We have

budgets set aside for items like this, so please let us know if you have any ideas for other improvements.

For those just moving into the neighborhood this summer, we would love to have you join the pool! We are a private, neighborhood-focused club with lots of year-round activities for the entire family. During the summer we have a swim team for ages 4-18, and multi-level tennis instruction. You can download a membership form from our website (www.wpsrc.org) or call any board member.

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun-filled summer!

Forrest Sloan

WPS&RC Board President

SWIM TEAM 2006 REPORT

2006 was another great season for the Woodland Pond Swim Team. The "Wave" won 4 of our 6 meets and finished in third place in the Chesterfield Aquatic League "A" Division. The Swim Team Board extends our sincere thanks and congratulations to our coaches, swimmers and parents.

If you are interested in having lots of fun, getting some healthy exercise and making new friends; watch for news about the 2007 season. Everyone is invited to participate in "Winter Swim", beginning in early January. We especially encourage new and beginning swimmers to participate in the Winter Swim program.

For Swim Team information, visit our page on the S&R Club website at <http://www.wpsrc.org/SwimTeam.htm>.

Welcome

BLOCK CAPTAINS

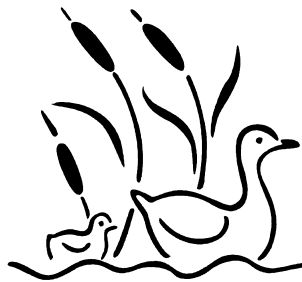
Sally Brazil	9020 Waterfowl Flyway	748-3258
Linda Kapuscinski	9131 Whistling Swan Road	796-7518
Janet Childress	8802 Whistling Swan Road	748-3199
Heather Piskowski	10709 Old Squaws Lane	706-1874
Pam Enslin	9313 Banff Court	717-9313
Bruce Fletcher	10703 Gadwell Court	748-7201
Carol Goodloe	10854 Egret Court	777-9111
Lisa Herbert	9419 Park Bluff Terrace	796-5398
Isabel Jacobs	11313 Laurel Cove Lane	796-6990
Rita Johnson	9004 Canvasback Circle	748-5608
Dale Williams	8700 Taylor Landing Place	706-6378
Kim Kohman	9000 Wigeon Way	748-4551
Jocelyn LaRocque	11330 Shorecrest Lane	768-0470
Julie Longstreet	8711 Waterfowl Flyway	796-3780
Lora Lydick	10910 Woodland Pond Parkway	706-1558
Lynn Mabe	11411 Avocet Drive	706-6223
Melanie McConville	9041 Whistling Swan Road	748-2462
Pat Merson	11231 Woodland Pond Parkway	796-1132
Melinda Miller	9410 Waterfowl Flyway	778-7794
Gloria Morelli	9124 Avocet Court	796-2042
Holly Oehrlein	9860 Waterfowl Flyway	796-5253
Kathy Petersen	9402 Gadwell Terrace	748-8536
Nancy Pugh	9340 Squirrel Tree Court	768-0092
Liz Reiber	10901 Pintail Place	796-7533
Karen Schille	9521 Waterfowl Flyway	717-5070
Linda Timte	9413 Owl Trace Drive	796-6631
Charlie Turfboer	9700 Waterfowl Flyway	796-2175
Henrietta Yaworsky	9311 Owl Trace Court	768-4693

Woodland Pond Lakefront Association

2006 Annual Fishing Tournament

We had perfect weather and an excellent turnout for our Annual Fishing Tournament this past April. More than 50 anglers showed up bright and early to enjoy the Angler's Breakfast before heading out for the morning. Almost half of this crowd was children catching just as many fish as the adults! We also had more than a hundred guests join in for the picnic at noon enjoying a wide variety of food and drinks. Following the picnic, prizes were awarded for the largest Pike, Bass and Crappie for Adults and the younger children. Jerry Llanaza weighed in a 4 lb. 10 oz. bass to win the Bass Division for the adults and Master James Morris won first place in the Children's Division for the largest bass weighing in at almost two lbs! Other first place winners included Chris Edwards, Mark Lydick and Samantha Lydick.

This fun annual event has become a tradition in our neighborhood. Plan to involve the whole family and join us next April. Until then, happy fishing and tall tales!



Boat Ramp Keys

For all dues paying members who wish to obtain a key, please contact Steve Spencer @768-9538 or Ted Maxwell @748-2305. Note: there is a \$25.00 refundable deposit required. For anyone simply needing the gate unlocked to bring in or remove a boat, you can contact Steve Spencer or any one of the other Board members.

Lakefront Association Officers and Committee Chairs

President Joshua Jeyasingh

Secretary Garry Simmons

Treasurer Jimmy Jacobs

Directors: Charlie Primm
Matt Lisagor
Russ Beck
Mike Jardina

Please direct questions to Joshua Jeyasingh at 717-8377.

Woodland Pond A Nice Place to Live!

Subcommittees

Architectural Subcommittee is responsible for ensuring that lakefront structures (i.e. docks) comply with the covenants and are esthetically comparable. Members: Joshua Jeyasingh, Garry Simmons and Aubrey Tarkington.

Dam Maintenance Subcommittee oversees all maintenance of the dam, valve and spillway. Members: Charlie Primm, Howard Roquet and Aubrey Tarkington.

Covenants Subcommittee is revising the Lakefront covenants and will be responsible for communicating the changes to all Woodland Pond residents and obtaining their votes. Members: Garry Simmons, Joshua Jeyasingh, Tom Walker, Howard Roquet, and Aubrey Tarkington.

Fishing Tournament Subcommittee coordinates the annual fishing tournament. Members: Steve Spencer, Ted Maxwell, and Charlie Primm.

Anyone interested in joining a subcommittee should contact Joshua Jeyasingh.

Boating & Fishing on Woodland Pond

Woodland Pond is a private lake therefore fishing licenses are not required. In addition, boats are not required to be registered with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Boats are required to be reported to Chesterfield County for purposes of reporting and paying personal property taxes.

Gasoline engines are allowed on boats ONLY under the following conditions:

- ▶ Gasoline engines must never be operated on the lake. Only electric motors are permitted.
- ▶ Gasoline engines must be trimmed/propped out of the water AT ALL TIMES.
- ▶ Portable fuel tanks must be removed from the boat.
- ▶ Built-in fuel lines must be disconnected or have the shut-off valve in the closed position.

Woodland Pond is to be used solely by it

due's paying members, their families and guests. ALL boats (pontoons, canoes, paddleboats, kayaks, etc.) must display a current Woodland Pond decal. This shows that you are a resident and have paid your current year's dues. Boats of non-residents or non-members of the Lakefront Association are prohibited. All guests fishing on Woodland Pond must be personally accompanied by a member of the association. Violators are guilty of trespassing.

Fisherman (and fisherwomen) are encouraged to release all bass, catfish and crappie unless mortally injured. All other species are to be removed from the lake.



Woodland Pond Homeowners Association
Financial Statement
June 2006

	Actual YTD
REVENUES	
Association Dues	\$ 48,569.83
Directory Advertising	\$ 1,965.00
Interest	\$ 1,775.79
Misc Revenue	\$ 1,039.44
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 53,350.06

EXPENSES	
Welcome Baskets	\$ 33.52
Telephone Directory	\$ 3,913.00
Newsletter	\$ 907.58
Holiday Decorations	\$ -
Announcements & Flyers	\$ -
Web Page	\$ 426.45
Misc. Community Services	\$ -
Community Services Subtotal	\$ 5,280.55

Legal	\$ 444.20
Accounting	\$ 750.00
Management Services	\$ 5,888.52
Misc. Professional Services	\$ -
Professional Services Subtotal	\$ 7,082.72

Postage	\$ 289.50
Supplies	\$ 195.40
Insurance	\$ 984.00
Meeting Space & Storage Rental	\$ 300.00
Misc Administrative	\$ 35.26
Administrative Subtotal	\$ 1,804.16

Common Area Maintenance	\$ 10,296.00
Utilities	\$ 222.53
Misc Maintenance	\$ 375.00
Maintenance Subtotal	\$ 10,893.53

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 25,060.96
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NET DIFFERENCE	\$ 28,289.10
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	Current Balance
Checking	\$ 36,810.06
Money Market	\$ 16,478.04
Capital Reserve	\$ 23,573.43
	\$ 76,861.53

WHO IS YVONNE ROYSTER?

Yvonne Royster is that very faithful, friendly, and reliable lady who has been delivering mail to most of Woodland Pond for 8 years. She's been a resident of Chesterfield for 25 years and considers all of WP residents to be her friends. She's a member, Sunday school teacher, bell ringer, and past elder of the Greenwood Presbyterian Church. She adores animals, especially dogs, loves reading, painting, drawing, crocheting, and spending time with her five rescued pups. She has one daughter, Lori, and four grand dogs.

She has been especially gracious and cooperative with the residents with special favors like calling if there's a package or letter that needs a signature and bringing large items to our doors are part of her routine. She's been very patient with us during our yard sales and has helped tremendously with the labels on our newsletters and the names in the directory. She has saved us work and time and we're all very grateful to her. Please give a big "hello" to her when you see her drive by Tuesdays through Saturdays. She plans to retire on August 31, 2008.

We'd like to introduce you to members of our neighborhood who have accomplished special things and have been assets to the community. If you know of someone who deserves recognition, please let me know at cturf@comcast.net.

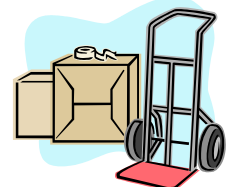
Charlie Turfboer

Attention New Residents

Sometimes new neighbors can "sneak" in without the block captains being aware. So, if this has happened to you, please call Marcia Lee so a welcome basket can be prepared for you. When you receive your basket, please complete the information sheet and return it a.s.a.p. so that you will be added to the WPHA mailing list, and be included in the next Woodland Pond Telephone Directory if you so desire. Also, if you would like to advertise your business by way of the welcome basket, please contact Marcia Lee at 768-8770.

Moving?

Please remember when selling your home, it is a legal requirement to supply the prospective buyer with a disclosure packet. The WPHA (remember, that means Phase I) packets may be obtained by you or your realtor through the management company, ACS West, at 282-7451. Phase II disclosure packets can be obtained through the developer, Midlothian Enterprises.



Please drive safely!
Our children are out riding
bikes and playing in our
neighborhood streets!



Annual Woodland Pond Yard Sale

When: Saturday, September 16th, 8:00 a.m.

Where: At Our Homes

Cost: \$10.00 per family. Payment is requested from all participants.

Money will pay for the newspaper ads, signs, and balloon kits. Remaining money will be donated to the George Orr Memorial Garden/John Fegely Community Playground.

Please fill out the following application and send it, with your check made out to the **George Orr Memorial Garden/John Fegely Community Playground**, to Charlie Turfboer, 9700 Waterfowl Flyway, Chesterfield, or Peggy Farrar, 9518 Owl Trace Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23838

Please remember to leave the area around your mail box free of vehicles so that the mail carrier can deliver the mail that day. Also, please alert your neighbors that you plan to have the sale so that they can protect their grass from ruts. Thank you very much and good luck with your sale.

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Name _____

Address _____

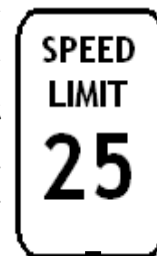
Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Since we do not have curbs in Woodland Pond, it is easy to take corners a little too sharp, running over the grass in well kept lawns. Please watch your turns and keep off of your neighbor's grass! Let's work together to keep Woodland Pond looking nice!



Stop signs and street signs are not to be used for the posting of miscellaneous signs. This ruins the appearance of our nicely kept community! If you must display a sign in the neighborhood, please do so on an independent 'stand' and remove the sign when the event is over.



Thank you from the entire neighborhood!

GARDEN

CLUB CORNER



WPGC Officers for 2006 – 2007

President – Pat Merson

1st Vice-President – Patricia O’Berry

2nd Vice-President – Sheila Huddle

Treasurer – Betty Waltman

Recording Secretary – Lea Wyche

Corresponding Secretary – Tara Hudson

Historian – Dale Williams

This spring Woodland Pond Garden Club members planted, weeded, and mulched the wheelchair gardens and knot garden at Lucy Corr. A red, white, and blue flower garden was planted in the wheelchair garden to celebrate America’s Anniversary Garden. Henrietta Yaworsky, a master gardener, chaired this project.

tion. Congratulations to Theresa Tremper, the newsletter editor. Also, WPGC received a certificate of perfect attendance at the Richmond Council of Garden Clubs.

Please continue to recycle empty computer ink cartridges (except Epson) and old cell phones. Please place these in the container at Annette Crews’ home – 10700 Gadwell Court. WPGC appreciates the neighborhood’s continued support of this project, and Annette Crews for chairing this project.

The first WPGC meeting for 2006 – 2007 will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodland Pond Swim and Racquet Club. This meeting will be a “Red, White, and Blue” dinner celebrating America’s 400 year anniversary. The program will be “America’s Anniversary Garden” by the Chesterfield County Extension Service. Bring a friend and join us as we learn more about gardening and our nation’s 400th anniversary. WPGC is encouraging everyone to plant a “red, white, and blue” flower garden during 2006 – 2007 to celebrate America’s anniversary. Please contact the Chesterfield County Extension Service for more information.

If you are interested in joining WPGC, please contact Sheila Huddle, membership chairman – 777-9956.



WPGC donated a handprint to the Children’s Garden at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden this spring. Look for the handprint as you enjoy the Children’s Garden with your family.

Three students were recipients of a WPGC Nature Camp Scholarship to attend Nature Camp for a week this summer. Congratulations to Zak Holten, Ben Waterland, and Daniel Waterland on receiving the scholarships! Ben and Daniel are residents of Woodland Pond.

At the VFGC state convention, WPGC received two awards. 1st place for the club newsletter and 2nd place for Bird Apprecia-

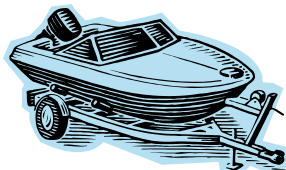


ATTENTION RESIDENTS!



Remember, it is against the **Woodland Pond Covenants** (that you agreed to and signed when you bought your home in Woodland Pond), to park

boats, campers, trailers, old cars, etc. in your driveway or yard—anywhere that is visible from the street or a neighbors yard or home. Let’s help keep our neighborhood beautiful, protect our property values, and adhere to the neighborhood covenants. It’s only fair that **everyone** follow the rules!



Lawn Protecting Pylons

Virginia Department of Transportation recently confirmed that the lawn protecting pylon guidelines outlined in the previous news letter are not in compliance with the VDOT regulations. No rigid structure such as the wooden pylons presently in use are acceptable under the Land Use Permit that is required from VDOT. All such pylons need to be removed to avoid further action from VDOT.

A misunderstanding in the communication with VDOT leads to the confusion that the pylons in use would be in compliance if a Land Use Permit were obtained. The Woodland Pond Phase II Board would like to acknowledge Lauren Rough of Woodland Pond for her efforts with VDOT in clarifying the standards and regulations.

Woodland Pond Phase II Board
Al Hallatt
Joanne Marshall
Barbara Roquet

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE ARMED FORCES

We'd like to recognize, honor and give thanks to the young people from our neighborhood who are currently serving in the armed forces.

Scott Landmann, 31, son of Susan and Jim Landmann, has been in the Navy for eight years and has three more years of service. He was on a Fast Attack Submarine in La Jolla, CA, and is now teaching "nukes" in Charleston.

Ryan Landmann, 29, also the son of Susan and Jim Landmann, has been in the Air Force for eight years. He's a flyer trained in a B1 bomber. He's now in Abilene, TX, and is training to fly the F15E fighter plane. He will be going to Afghanistan or Guam.

Alex Waterland, 18, son of Sarah and Jerry Waterland, is just beginning his training at Paris Island for the Marine reserves. He will then go to Marine combat training and military occupational specialty training. While still in the reserves, he plans to go to West Virginia University and study petroleum engineering.

Alan Yankowski, 34, son of Shirley and Tony Yankowski, has been in the Marines for twelve years. He is now a Major who is teaching helicopter pilots in Pensacola, Fla. He was primarily stationed on the west coast, has been on several carrier floats, and was a forward air controller during the latest Iraq war. He spent nine months in Iraq.

Brian Weir, 21, son of Brenda and Don Weir, is currently in Korea serving in the Army. Brian was trained at Fort Leonardwood in Missouri and had AIT training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. He's currently a "BOSS" (Better Opportunities For Single Soldiers) representing his post in Korea. He's done public speaking and arranges social events for fellow soldiers who are overseas. He is working on his degree at the University of Maryland.

BRAVO to you all!!!!

If you know of other young neighbors who are currently serving our country, please contact Charlie Turfboer at cturf@comcast.net.

KAYAK/CANOE GROUP

If enough people are interested in starting a Woodland Pond Kayak/Canoe Group we can explore the exceptional places in this area for paddling. Group trips add the advantage of car shuttling to allow down stream trips. There are streams, reservoirs, lakes and two great rivers to explore practically at our front door. We would probably plan a formal outing once a month. If you are interested just let me know (Jan Steinberg - steinysr@aol.com - 715-9425).

MOTORCYCLE AND CAR ENTHUSIASTS

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 to noon, the WPHA and S&R Club will sponsor a gathering of motorcycle and car enthusiasts at the WP Swim & Racquet Club. Bring your favorite street bike or vehicle to show off and be ready for some "engine and body talk". Stop by even if you don't have a vehicle to show. Maybe you'll get the bug. If you have any questions, please call Wally Turfboer at 796-2175. Check www.woodlandpond.org to see if there's been a postponement due to inclement weather. VROOOOOOM!!!! Hope to see you there!

BEACH ROAD CLEAN-UP COMING IN OCTOBER

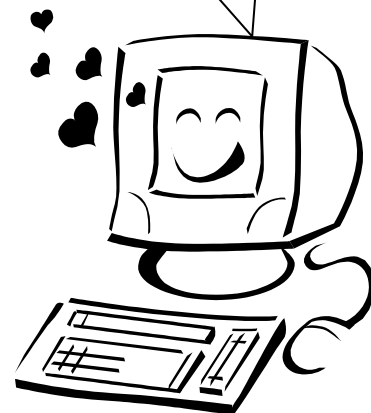
Saturday, October 14th is the date. 8:30 AM, meet at the Clubhouse

A special request to anyone who has not yet participated in this community program. It's the way for our sub-division to contribute to the beautification of the county in which we live - and of course we all benefit from it as well. Over the years, literally hundreds of our residents have turned out for this volunteer effort. (Fortunately, they did not all turn out on the same day.)

If you are not one of them yet, please consider joining us on that second Saturday in October. It takes about an hour.

We would sure appreciate it!
Bruce Fletcher
WPHA Vice President

Check out our website at
www.woodlandpond.org



The Birds of Woodland Pond - a 20-year retrospective

The first homes in Section 1 of Woodland Pond were built in 1986, and we were among the first occupants. When we selected our lakefront lot, one of our first bird sightings was an Osprey perched in a pine tree at the edge of the water. Since then we've enjoyed many interesting sightings (the current list stands at 145). These have included rare birds such as the Red-necked Grebe that showed up on the lake in March of 1994, and again in 1996; the Rufous Hummingbird that visited our feeder in the fall of 2001; the Snow Goose that showed up for one day in January 1997, and my first ever sighting anywhere of an American Tree Sparrow in December 1993.

Over the years we have seen many changes as the neighborhood developed. Dense wooded lots gave way to manicured lawns and non-native trees and shrubs. People brought their boats and their pets, as well as bird feeders and nest boxes. Some bird species such as Canada Geese, Robins, House Finches, Cardinals and Bluebirds thrived and increased. Others did not fare so well. Ground-nesting Towhees fell victim to cats; we no longer hear the call of Whippoorwills, probably because of the loss of wooded habitat, but possibly also due to the use of insecticides that removed their food source. Some of the shyer species such as Common Loon may have been affected by the increased boat

traffic; fortunately the Bald Eagle seems to have tolerated the increased human population around the lake. The beautiful Red-shouldered Hawk has also graced us with its presence by nesting in various yards over the years.

Some of the population changes that we have noticed are also being seen on a statewide and even a national scale. Milder winters and the increasing use of bird feeders have encouraged species such as the Cardinal, Carolina Wren and Red-bellied Woodpecker to expand their ranges northward. At the same time, species more typical of northern forests, such as Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches and Pine Siskins, appear to be in retreat. Our first winter here, the lake froze over completely (people were skating on it), and we had many Pine Siskins at our thistle feeder. We haven't seen them here in the last 10 years. Purple Finches were much more frequent visitors to our feeder; in our first few winters, they outnumbered the House Finches. Now it's the other way around.

Many of these changes (southern species moving north, northern species retreating) are consistent with predictions of the effects of climate change. Another prediction is increasingly severe storms such as those that devastated the Gulf Coast last summer. While our local bird population was probably

not directly affected at the time, the destruction of critical resting and feeding habitat used by many of our summer visitors during their migration from their wintering grounds in Central and South America may well be reflected in the future.

This will be our last column, as we are moving to Powhatan in the fall, to a new lakefront house. We are hoping that one of our neighbors will take over the column. We have enjoyed the compliments from our readers, and discussions about birds that we have had with many of you as we've walked around the neighborhood.

John and Wendy Ealding



Please keep your pets on a leash.

It's the law!

Please pick up after your pets when you are walking them. Residents have complained about remains on their lawns and in the street where everyone walks, runs, and children play.

Let's work together to keep Woodland Pond a friendly place to live!



BAD NEWS!!!

We have checked recently with the folks at the Guinness Book of World Records, and have confirmed that there is no record kept for the largest pile of newspapers ever accumulated in anyone's garage.

That being the case, we would like you to bring them to our Recycling Bin set up in the parking lot at the Swim and Racquet Club. Many of you do that now, and to those people we would like to thank you. As you know, the proceeds from the sale of these newspapers are used to maintain the Children's Playground next to the swimming pool.

If you haven't joined in yet, please do. We know that you can put them out for recycling at the street, but this is even better. And when you do, make sure that it is newspapers only. Anything else, like the paper bags that you bring them in, has to be extracted, with that cost deducted from our proceeds.

Thank you. And keep those newspapers coming!

Bruce Fletcher

WPHA Vice President

Service Providers Nominations from Woodland Pond Homeowners

The Woodland Pond Homeowners' Association Board of Directors published, in previous newsletters, a list of contractors and other service personnel who have provided quality work for Woodland Pond residents. Recommendations from you, the residents of this community, serve as the basis for the list. If you have nominations, use the form below. Nominations received will be published on the website.

The service provider list is not an endorsement of these businesses by the Woodland Pond Homeowners' Association.

This list identifies quality services received by Woodland Pond homeowners from businesses they feel warrant recommendation to others.

The homeowner submitting the nomination will be indicated. Individuals should contact these persons for specific recommendations and details.

Please note that recommendations will be posted on the Woodland Pond website at www.woodlandpond.org.

Send nomination to: **WPHA Recommendations, P.O. Box 136, Chesterfield, VA 23832**

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone #'s: _____

Address: _____

Description of service provided: _____

Your name and phone # as nominator: _____

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