

UPDATE

Woodland Pond Homeowners' Association, Inc. January 2007

COMMUNITY NOTES

Important Notice About Our Community Picnic & Playground Area

Lately the picnic area and playground of our neighborhood are being used as a meeting place for amorous couples. Unfortunately evidence of these meetings is being left behind for the younger children of our neighborhood to find. This has been a recurring problem but one that can be resolved with the help of willing homeowners. When you are returning home in the early or late evenings please take an extra minute to make a "drive-by" of the playground and picnic area, preferably shining your lights on these areas. If we all determine to do this even just a couple times a month it would go a long way in deterring this behavior. In this way we will be forming an unofficial neighborhood watch.

Together we can keep Woodland Pond a pleasant place to live. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bob Puleo

WPS&RC President

Over-Mulching Can Kill Your Trees

Guidelines for mulching have changed in recent years. Over-mulching is considered anything more than 4" deep and is usually the result of annual applications of mulch. Each year the mulch layer may decompose at a rate of 1", if two or more inches of mulch are added each year the mulch layer becomes progressively deeper and will exceed 4".

Over-mulching (more than 4") can be detrimental in the following ways:

- Light to moderate rainfall will not penetrate the mulch to reach the roots.
- Deep layers of mulch against the tree trunk provide a home for insects & rodents that can chew on the tree bark leaving the tree stressed and unprotected.
- Mulch build-up next to the tree trunk can retain moisture that will promote fungal & bacterial diseases that can enter the tree.

Death from over-mulching is gradual (3-5 years). Symptoms of decline include: off-colored leaves, abnormally small leaves, poor growth, and peeling trunk bark under the mulch line.

Trees and shrubs do best with mulch layers that are only a total of 2"-4" deep, with the mulch no closer to the trunk than 3" and spreading out toward the drip line of the tree. If your mulch is already too deep, spread the existing mulch out to reduce the depth. Then if you like the look of freshly placed mulch you only need to 'top-dress' with 1" of mulch. (Adapted from Gardening in the Mid-Atlantic by Andre & Mark Viette 2004).



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Woodland Pond A Nice Place to Live!



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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 Bunch



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, and will be on the Woodland Pond website (www.woodlandpond.org). 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, you contact Charlie or call the restaurant so the group won't wait for you.

February 7th Mamma Cucina (Italian) 4028 Cox Road, 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, 13115 Rivers Bend Boulevard, Rivers Bend Shopping Center, Chester, VA - 530-0013. Please R.S.V.P. by March 28th

May 2nd To be announced at a later date.

If there are any questions, please call Charlie Turfboer at 796-2175.

BON APETIT !!!!



WOODLAND POND SWIM & RACQUET CLUB



Swim & Racquet Club

January 2007

Greetings from the Woodland Pond Swim and Racket Club (WPS&RC).

Hello, My name is Bob Puleo. I have the pleasure of being President of the WPS&RC. I would like to start off by saying thank you to our outgoing President Forrest Sloan. Forrest completed four years on the WPS&RC board and has taken the club to a higher level. Forrest has decided to continue serving the club as a member of the Courts Team. I hope in the upcoming year, I can continue to improve the atmosphere and enjoyment at the club.

I would also like to thank newly elected members Arlene Hallatt (Membership Director) and Bruce Martin (Courts Director), for volunteering to serve the club in these positions. Returning board members are Bill Welener (Vice President), Diane Griffin (Secretary), Sid Jenkins (Treasurer), Barbara Roquet (Clubhouse Team), Peggy Farrar (Pool Team), Larry Austin (Swim Team) and last but not least Robin Primm (Activities Team)/ Thank you for continuing to volunteer your time and efforts throughout the year.

This fall our Activities Team did it again, and had a very successful Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off. There were plenty of different styles

of chili to sample. Some spicier than others, but all very good. There also were bouncy houses, games, candy and hayrides for all to enjoy. This year's Haunted House was even scarier than last year's. I would like to thank Al Hallatt and Leo Johnston for taking the time to provide the young adults of the community an attraction of that magnitude. As always the December Holiday Party was a big hit. There was caroling, hot chocolate, apple cider, cookies and a wonderful visit from Santa Clause. This year's New Years Eve Party was also very successful and provided a fun, enjoyable and safe evening for club members. The first Woodland Pond Texas Hold 'Em tournament was also played at the club and fun was had by all that attended. Thank you to all whom took the time to volunteer and make all our activities a success.

Upcoming events and activities include:

- March - Reptile March
- March - Murder Mystery
- March - Easter Egg Hunt
- April - Rain date for Easter Egg Hunt
- May - Adult Bunco
- June - End of School party 1-6pm
- October - Haunted House
- October - Fall Festival
- December - Christmas party

December - New Years Eve Party

You can find these and other events on our club calendar (see www.wpsrc.org). As always, if you can volunteer to help, please contact our Activities team.

Clubhouse rental requests are increasing and we already have bookings as far ahead as July. With the many activities planned for members at the clubhouse, party rental dates are fewer than in past years. Please call as early as possible for any dates you wish to reserve. The 2-Hour children's parties may be reserved 4 weeks in advance while the regular 24-hr. party rentals may be reserved at any time.

We invite all new residents and property owners of Woodland Pond, Gates Bluff and First Branch to become members of our recreational facility. The Board is working to provide its members with a variety of physical and social activities for the whole family as well as a safe place to enjoy their free time. Non-residents in nearby communities are also welcome and can join as non-voting members.

Membership forms are available on our website at www.wpsrc.org.

Enjoy the snow, if we get some.

Bob Puleo

WPS&RC Board President

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!



SWIM TEAM UPDATE

Our Winter Swim kick-off successfully began on January 7th with over 50 swimmers in attendance. After the fun of the holidays, everyone was excited to get back in the water. We are fortunate to have our coaches, Brian McFarlane and Sarah Hall, returning to guide not only our seasoned swimmers, but all the new ones. If Winter Swim is any indication, this year's team will be stronger than ever!

Although the summer swim season seems far away, it will be here before you know it. It is never too early to look into joining the team. If you would like to know more about us please contact Denny McDermott at 717-2123 or visit our website at

<http://www.wpsrc.org/SwimTeam.htm>.

Woodland Pond Lakefront Association

Lakefront Association Officers and Committee Chairs 2007

Joshua Jeyasingh, President
11306 Shorecrest Lane
804-717-8377

Steve Spender, Vice President
9642 Egret Lane
804-768-9538

Ted Maxwell, Secretary
10900 Pintail Place
804-748-2305

Arthur McConville, Treasurer
9041 Whistling Swan
804-748-2462

Charlie Primm, Director
11300 Taylor Landing Way
804-768-4211

Fred Sundstrom, Director
11318 Taylor Landing Way
804-796-3796

Please direct questions to Joshua
Jeyasingh at 717-8377.

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.

Mark Your Calendars

2007 WPLA Fishing Tournament

Saturday, May 5

**More details to following in
the coming months!**

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.

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.

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
REVENUES			
Association Dues	\$ 47,150.00	\$ 48,569.83	103.0%
Directory Advertising	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,965.00	78.6%
Interest	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,770.58	554.2%
Misc Revenue	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,093.57	145.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 50,900.00	\$ 54,398.98	106.9%
EXPENSES			
Welcome Baskets	\$ 150.00	\$ 166.82	111.2%
Telephone Directory	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,913.00	156.5%
Newsletter	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,934.50	154.8%
Holiday Decorations	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	100.0%
Announcements & Flyers	\$ 250.00	\$ 220.85	88.3%
Web Page	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 876.45	87.6%
Misc. Community Services	\$ -	\$ -	-
Community Services Subtotal	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 7,981.62	124.7%
Legal	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 444.20	3.7%
Accounting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	75.0%
Management Services	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 7,283.52	138.5%
Misc. Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 25.00	-
Professional Services Subtotal	\$ 18,260.00	\$ 8,602.72	47.1%
Postage	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 327.50	27.3%
Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 195.40	97.7%
Insurance	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 984.00	70.3%
Meeting Space & Storage Rental	\$ 850.00	\$ 300.00	35.3%
Misc. Administrative	\$ 1,055.00	\$ 35.26	-
Administrative Subtotal	\$ 4,705.00	\$ 1,842.16	39.2%
Common Area Maintenance	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 20,594.00	100.0%
Utilities	\$ 500.00	\$ 426.52	85.3%
Misc. Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 375.00	-
Maintenance Subtotal	\$ 24,100.00	\$ 21,395.52	88.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 52,486.00	\$ 39,102.02	74.5%
NET DIFFERENCE	\$ (1,586.00)	\$ 16,287.48	

Checking
Money Market
Capital Reserve

Current Balance	
\$	22,823.23
\$	17,473.23
\$	23,573.43
\$	63,869.89

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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!



PAVILION

The Lakefront Board of Directions is considering building a small pavilion near the boat ramp. The structure would have a concrete floor and covered roof. It would be available, on a first-come, first served basis for family picnics and other social activities. We welcome your comments.

Holiday Decorations

The neighbors would like to thank the people who put up the holiday decorations in the subdivision. Thank you very much to the Garden Club for the wonderful swags that someone said should be photographed and sent to Southern Living. Under the direction of Theresa Tremper, many of the club members and neighbors spent numerous hours preparing and creating the beautiful arrangements.

Thank you to the neighbors who put up the garlands at the entrance. Molly and Fred Burkhardt, Bruce Fletcher, Brian Glasgow, Susan Landmann, Holly Ohrlein, Theresa Sjogren, Charlie Turfboer, and Ray Walsh helped to kick off the holidays with some red and green spirit.

BEACH ROAD CLEAN UP – A SUCCESS ONCE MORE!

It was 33 degrees when Saturday, October 14th dawned, but by 8:30 it was absolutely perfect for this one-hour clean up effort. And we had a good crew to get it done.

- Molly and Fred Burkhardt
- Mark and Samantha Lydick
- Brian and Kathy Kane
- Jim Pallas
- Dennis Walker
- Doug Steinberg
- Michael Bunda
- Harrison Frazer
- Sam Perry

If you haven't participated in the community project before, we would hope that you would consider doing so, come Spring. It is the one contribution that Woodland Pond makes to our county, and, of course, we benefit as well with a clean road to drive by each day.

Thanks, once again, to everyone who helped out!
Bruce Fletcher

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 Piskorowski	10709 Old Squaws Lane	706-1874
Sue Fagan	9413 Banff Terrace	717-5531
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
Sue Morris	8815 Waterfowl Flyway	777-9163
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
Sue VanVlack	11407 Shorecrest Court	778-7811

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.



WOODLAND POND DIRECTORY UPDATE

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this directory. However, we may have missed you or otherwise made a mistake. Especially if you are new to Woodland Pond, have a new baby, or other changes to make in your directory listing, please take a moment to complete the following information and return to:

Woodland Pond Directory Update
PO Box 136
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Or, alternately, email us the information at: wpha@woodlandpond.org.

Did you purchase a resale? If so, previous owner's last name (so we can take them out of the directory)

Your last name(s): _____

First names: _____

Street Address: _____

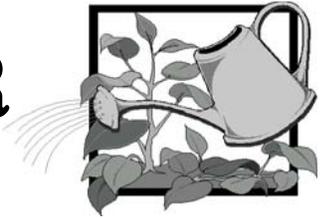
Phone: _____

Other members of your household (children will be included under parents' names along with date of birth - not ages, because it will be incorrect in the following year's directory.)

Place asterisks by the name of any member of your household who would be interested in Babysitting (*), Pet-sitting (**), or Odd Jobs (***). We'll get them listed.

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

2007 WPGC Programs

February 8 – “Best Garden Plants for Virginia” – Richard Nunnally WPSRC – 7 p.m.

March 8 – “Spring Floral Design” – Boulevard Flowers WPSRC – 7 p.m.

April 12 – “All About Herbs” – A Thyme to Plant at Lavender Fields WPSRC – 7 p.m.

May – Installation Banquet – Date/Time – TBA WPSRC

There are no WPGC meetings in June, July, and August.

WPGC wants to thank WPHA Phase I, Phase II, and First Branch for their continued support of the beautiful swags that decorate the neighborhood during the holidays. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Theresa Tremper for chairing this project, to WPGC members and their spouses, and to Woodland Pond resi-

dents for helping make this project very successful.

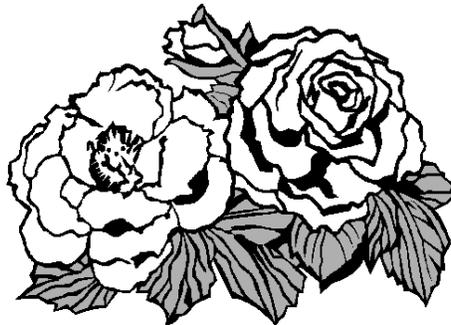
433 poinsettias were sold by WPGC! Many thanks go to Jo Ann Marshall and Theresa Tremper for chairing the poinsettia sale. WPGC also wishes to thank the residents of Woodland Pond for their support.

The foyer, staircase, and three mantels at Magnolia Grange were decorated for the holidays. Thanks go to Kathy Petersen, chairman.

30 holiday wreaths were made by the residents of Lucy Corr at the fall floral workshop. The wreaths decorated the residents’

doors for the holidays. Thanks go to Lea Wyche for chairing the workshop.

America’s 400th Anniversary Celebration takes place in May, 2007. WPGC is encouraging residents of Woodland Pond to plant a red, white, and blue garden this spring. Please contact the Chesterfield County Extension Service for information on America’s Anniversary Garden.



Please continue to recycle used ink cartridges and old cell phones by dropping them in the recycling box at Annette Crews’ home, 10700 Gadwell Court. Many thanks go to Annette for chairing this project. The garden club appreciates the neighborhood’s continued support.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Woodland Pond Garden Club, please contact Sheila Huddle, membership chairman, at 777-9956.

Please drive safely!



*Our children
are out riding
bikes and play-
ing in our
neighborhood streets!*

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!



Who is Al Hallatt?

Al Hallatt, one of the first residents in Phase II, Timber Point, has been working for our community since he moved here. He's been on the Phase II Board ever since its inception. He and his wife, Arlene, moved here from New York. After working for Eastman Kodak and Whitehall Robbins (Wyeth), Al decided to retire in 2000. He was in the Navy from 1968 to 1971 and stationed in Norfolk. Because he liked Virginia and chose to return, he and Arlene settled in Woodland Pond. Arlene is working for Philip Morris and Al is working for us.

While being a Board member, Al has worked with the developer to upgrade the Nash Road entrance. He is the liaison to the Phase I Homeowners' Assoc. He's on the Swim & Racquet Club social committee and did a wonderful job helping to plan and set up the "Haunted House" at Halloween, and he worked on the "Fall Festival". He and his wife catered the last party of the summer for the adults. They also served "Al's Famous Cookies" (his own recipe).

One of Al's hobbies is woodworking. He's responsible for the wooden sign that announces the S & R Club events. He also helps young people learn how to properly use power tools and he assists them with small projects. He's done home improvement projects in his own home and he helps his neighbors with projects and repairs.

Al is very active in his church. He co-leads a weekly bible study group, he's a Lector Eucharistic Minister, Mass Coordinator, and Mass Scheduler. He's "adopted" a 94 year old church member and assists her with weekly transportation, household repairs and more.

While doing all this, Al's primary formal volunteer service is working with Bon Secours Hospice. He does in-home care to provide respite for the primary care giver and the family. He gives support to the families and helps to allow the patient to die with dignity and comfort. He's been offering this amazing service for five years.

Who wouldn't want this man living next door to them? The first time I met Al, he was helping neighbors move into their second home in Woodland Pond. It seems that service and lending a helping hand is his way of life.

Please say hello to Al, and let him know how deeply he's appreciated. He might even break down and give out his secret recipe for his wonderful cookies.

We'd like to introduce you to neighbors, young and old, who have accomplished special things and have been an asset to the community. If you know of someone who deserves recognition, please let me know at cturf@comcast.net. Thank you, Charlie Turfboer



Please Recycle!

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECY-
CLE YOUR NEWSPAPERS AT
THE S&R CLUB PARKING LOT
CONTAINER.**

**FUNDS GENERATED ARE USED
TO MAINTAIN THE PLAY-
GROUND AND ADJACENT PARK.**

Check out our website at
www.woodlandpond.org



The Birds of Woodland Pond

If your yard is like ours then you have spent a good deal of time and, possibly, money picking up and disposing of all those leaves.

Thinking positively, one advantage of leafless trees is that you can really observe and study our winter birds. Many of our winter visitors have unique habits and traits that will help you identify them, either with or without binoculars.

Our year round woodpeckers have been joined by the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. This bird is quickly identified by the long, white, vertical stripe down its flanks and relatively slow movement about the tree compared to Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers. The Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers are easily distinguished when side by side as the Hairy is much bigger. But, when they are alone it is a bit tougher as their markings are indistinguishable. However, the Hairy has a very long bill which is as long as its head-from forehead to back-compared to the very short bill of the Downy.

Brown Creepers and White and Red-breasted Nuthatches are in the same family, but they feed a little differently. The Brown Creeper flies from tree to tree starting at the base of each tree and works its way up towards the top. It then flies to another tree and repeats the same procedure. The Nuthatches work their way up and down (which is unique) the tree trunks and may start to look for food anywhere on the tree. The Red-breasted Nuthatches are not year round, as are the White-breasted, and may or may not be in the area

since they are irruptive or sporadic winter visitors.

That Finch on your feeder with the reddish breast and cap-is it a Purple Finch or year round House Finch ?

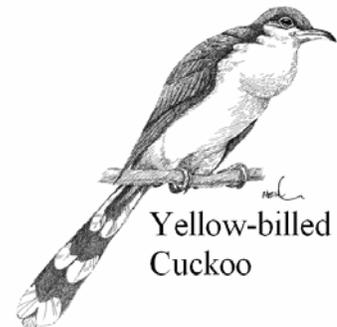
In the winter the Purple Finches also visit us. The male Purple Finch has more extensive red coloring on the head, breast, back and lower flanks—best described as “ a Finch held by the tail and dipped in a pitcher of raspberry juice”. Brown and streaked, the female House and Purple Finches are very similar in coloring and markings, but look for a whitish eye stripe on the female Purple Finch.

Small and highly energetic, Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglets look for food on small tree twigs and leaves while seemingly suspended in mid air by fast, frenetic wing beats. Their distinctive, colored crowns are often folded back and are particularly tough to see unless you have binoculars.

For those of you who live on the lake front, the Pied-billed Grebes are small members of the Loon family. When surprised or startled, they will dive underwater and pop up just their head to observe any perceived threat while keeping their full body submerged. Any Diving Ducks or other Grebes on the lake this winter do not exhibit this trait. They may dive underwater when surprised, but will soon pop back to the surface in their entirety.

And finally, those large Vultures (they are not Buzzards) that fly above us. Both Turkey and Black Vultures breed in the area and sometimes co-mingle while in flight. Look for the quick, subtle, rocking of the wings of the Turkey Vulture as they soar above us and note their lower wing feathers are silver tinged. The Black Vultures do not rock their wings and, as they soar, their wing tips are often on a line slightly forward of their head. The wing “ tips ” of the Black Vulture are silver tinged. If you want to see a Black Vulture up close , go down to the boat launch area just past the turn off to Henricus Park—the power plant is on your left. However, just do not get out and leave your car unoccupied as they have a propensity for vinyl roofs and rubber windshield wipers.

Randy Suhl



Yellow-billed Cuckoo

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!



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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