



UPDATE

Woodland Pond Homeowners' Association, Inc. August 2009

ANNUAL MEETING

The reconstruction of part of Nash Road before East Fair Drive is finally going to happen. Mr. Dale Totten, the VDOT Engineer for Chesterfield and Powhatan will be at the Annual Meeting to address this matter. While Nash Road will not be closed during the construction, delays on Nash will increase the traffic flow on Woodland Pond Parkway.

You may also ask questions about VDOT's services. We have a good relationship with them and look forward to Dale's presentation.

The meeting is on November 16, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Swim Club's clubhouse.



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Mailboxes

The condition of a neighborhood's mailboxes makes a strong, initial impression on visitors. A recent survey indicates about 20 percent of Woodland Pond's mailboxes need attention.

Common deficiencies are:

- The mailbox is rusted or faded.
- The mailbox post is stained the wrong color (beige, blue or the wrong shade of gray).
- The mailbox post is faded and needs to be restained.
- The numerals are the wrong color or size.
- Plant material obscures the address.
- The entire mailbox leans toward the street.
- Dented mailboxes being remounted after being hit.

A simple solution is to call the individual authorized to build new mailboxes and repair existing ones. His name is Robert Taylor at 739-2841. He maintains a number of properties in Woodland Pond and is familiar with neighborhood. Treat yourself to a new mailbox or repair your existing one – you will feel better about the look of your property!

BACKFLOW CERTIFICATION

Every irrigation system that is connected to the Chesterfield County water system is required to have a *backflow prevention device* installed before the first sprinkler head.

State law requires homeowners have their *backflow prevention devices* tested and certified annually. This requirement is not new; it has been a law for 30 years. What is new is that the county is now becoming more active in enforcing it.

For more information on this matter go to chesterfield.gov, then look under departments for Utilities, then go to "cross connection control & backflow prevention program" and "backflow prevention assembly test report." Or you may simply call Braden Woods at 218-6150 for more information.

Let's keep our drinking water safe.

CELL TOWER STATUS UPDATE

A spokesman representing Pegasus was contacted regarding the status of the cell tower proposed for Beach Road near Woodland Pond. He said he is trying to get a status as quickly as he can. Unfortunately, the lines of communication with the client are not great right now, but he is trying to find out from AT&T (the anchor tenant on that tower) what the status is. He could say that AT&T is very anxious for Pegasus to get the tower up. He understands that Pegasus has filed for a site plan approval for the site, but doesn't know how far along that site plan approval is.

Woodland Pond Marathon Bridge Group

The Woodland Pond Marathon Bridge Group is looking for players. The members of the group play once a month, September through May. The opening luncheon will be held on September 23 at the Highlands Golf Club. Please call Pat Roach, 748-8512, or JoAnn Marshall, 748-5088, for more information.

ATTENTION FISHERMEN

We need your help. We recently had a fish survey done on the lake and the results showed that our lake has become slightly overpopulated with small fish. We need to harvest some. If all of us could remove some bass between 12 and 15 inches, all crappie and bluegill, the average weights of all species will increase in the long run. As many of you have noticed, we have very few large crappie and bluegill and a lot of small bass. The biologist recommended the removal of 70-80 bass by the end of August and then approximately 35 a month. If you will contact me or Fred Sundstrom with your creel numbers we will keep up with the figures and inform everyone when the harvest goal is met. Please contact us at the following addresses:

fsundstrom@msn.com Fred Sundstrom
smitty3317@comcast.net John E. Smith

Thanks for your help. If you have any questions about the fish survey please contact us.

A STOP SIGN MEANS STOP

It has been noted that many of the residents have become rather lax in their observance of stop signs in the community. We all know this can lead to unpleasant consequences.

Please pay attention to stop signs and we will have a safer community.



RES POND ERS

Have you ever known of a Woodland Pond neighbor in need? Perhaps it was something minor or temporary? That is the concept of RES POND ERS, neighbors helping neighbors in need. It might be a temporary illness. It might be the birth of a new child. It could be an errand that needs to be run. It is a neighbor who needs some assistance.

How would RES POND ERS work? A data base would be established consisting of names, addresses, telephone numbers and emails so that volunteers could be contacted. When a need is brought to RES POND ERS attention the data base would be notified to see if the need could be satisfied. Any Woodland Pond resident would be able to contact RES POND ERS. A volunteer base of 25 to 30 people will be needed to establish RES POND ERS. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Al Hallatt at 706-4960 or at aahallatt@netzero.net.



Beach Road Clean-Up

"The Orange Brigade" enjoyed perfect weather and, quite possibly, a record turnout on Saturday April 18th. Collecting 27 bags of trash and debris, our neighbors took a bit over an hour to clean up for us along the Parkway and Beach Rd. Let them know how much we appreciate them!

The Orange Brigade Spring 2009:

Fred Burkhardt	Molly Burkhardt
Annette Crews	Bruce Fletcher
Samantha Lydick	BJ McGee
Brian McGee	Tara McGee
Jim Pallas	Wayne Perry
Ron Peters	Forrest Sloan
Nancy Sloan	Doug Steinberg
Dennis Walker	Darren Witte
Gabrielle Witte	Henrietta Yaworsky

Hope you'll consider joining "The Orange Brigade" for the Fall Clean-Up in October!

Submitted by Annette Crews

**WOODLAND POND
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, 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.

Special thanks to Janine Benizio for supplying the labels to us for free.

Lunch Bunch



2009 LUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULE

The Woodland Pond Lunch Bunch has been in existence for over 18 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 Charlie. 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.

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 that the group won't wait for you, even if it's at the last minute.

Lunch Bunch Schedule

September 2nd Positive Vibe, 2825 Hathaway Rd., Richmond, (Stratford Hills), 560-9622. Please R.S.V.P. by August 26th.

October 7th Mimi's Café Restaurant, 11275 W. Broad Street, Glen Allen, 364-9275. Please R.S.V.P. by September 30th

November 4th Cesare's, 13127 River's Bend Blvd, 530-1047. Please R.S.V.P. by October 28th.

December 2nd Nile Ethiopian Restaurant, 309 Laurel St., Richmond 225-5544. Please R.S.V.P. by November 25th.

If you want to learn more about these restaurants, you can look at their websites.

BON APPÉTIT!!!!

**Woodland Pond
A Nice Place to Live!**





WOODLAND POND SWIM & RACQUET CLUB



Woodland Pond Swim & Racquet Club 2009

As summer comes to a close, the Woodland Pond Swim & Racquet Club is pleased to announce we had another great summer at the pool. Although membership is down about 12%, pool and general activities continue at the clubhouse.

The Swim Team did well this year finishing 2nd overall at Champs. There were 130 kids participating on the swim team from ages 4 to 18. The team celebrated the season with a spaghetti dinner and awards dinner, both held at the clubhouse. Speaking of celebration, Olivia Jenkins received the Chesterfield Aquatics League scholarship awarded to an outstanding senior to support their first year at college. Congratulations, Olivia!

While the pool is always a hit, the activities are a real crowd pleaser. On September 6, there will be an end-of-summer party held at the clubhouse. The activity will be a family event with live music, lots of food, and plenty of fun to go around. October 25 will be the Fall Festival. This event is open to everyone and will include an Arts & Crafts display & sale, haunted house, games for the children, and of course, the famous chili cook-off!

December will be a month of multiple events. On December 13th, we will have the annual Christmas party where there is always a visit from good ole Saint Nick. New Year's Eve will be a family celebration at the clubhouse. There will be adult and children games, movies for the kids, sparkling grape juice to bring in the New Year, and of course, lots of food.

For those that are not members of the Woodland Pond Swim & Racquet Club, please consider joining the fun. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a board member for details. If you are interested in becoming a board member, we would love to hear from you. Several current board members' terms will expire this year (4 year terms) and the need for new board members will be needed. Consider sharing your time and talent in support of the Woodland Pond Swim & Racquet Club.

Sincerely,

WPS&R Board

President – Arlene Hallatt

Vice President – Susan Humble

Secretary – Diane Griffin

Treasurer – Kathryn Vest

Pool Director – Garry Dudley

Swim Team Liaison – Bob Polino

Membership Director – Dana Keefer

Clubhouse Director – Barbara Roquet

Activities Director – Betty McCarthy

Woodland Pond Lakefront Association

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Check the website at <http://www.woodlandpondlakefront.org> for the latest information.

Subcommittees

Architectural Subcommittee is responsible for ensuring that lakefront structures (i.e. docks) comply with the covenants and are esthetically comparable.

Dam Maintenance Subcommittee oversees all maintenance of the dam, valve and spillway.

Covenants Subcommittee is revising the Lakefront covenants and will be responsible for communicating the changes to all Woodland Pond residents and obtaining their votes.

Fishing Tournament Subcommittee coordinates the annual fishing tournament.

Anyone interested in joining a subcommittee should contact Fred Sundstrom.



Boat Ramp Keys

For all dues paying members who wish to obtain a key, please contact Robert Vest @ 796-7577 or John Smith @ 751-0889. 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.

Woodland Pond Lakefront Association (WPLA) – Summer 2009 Fred Sundstrom - President, WPLA

In May, we held our annual Fishing Tournament with 40+ anglers participating and they were joined by 70+ family members for the follow-on picnic. An award ceremony followed with prizes for most fish, and largest Bass, Crappie, and Pickerel in the under 13, 13-18 and over 18 age categories. Next year, the Tournament will be held on Saturday May 1st. Same day registration, a free angler's breakfast, at the boat ramp, will start at 7:00 am and the tournament will start at 7:30 am. Weigh-in and a picnic start at 12:00 noon. More information will be coming this spring.

In July, the dam was recertified in accordance with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and found to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Code of Virginia, 2008 Dam Safety Act, and the other state regulations.

In August, we will have the lake's water quality tested again by Aquatic Services. I expect the results will be as positive as they have been the past 5 years. Their report will be in the 2009 Fall WPLA Annual Meeting newsletter and discussed at the meeting in January 2010.

To maintain the level of water depth with little rain, we closed the pond drain in early June, but the lack of rainfall has caused the lake level to fall to low levels. We are now down approximately 9 inches below normal. We will keep the drain closed until "Mother Nature" intervenes and lake levels rise to normal levels. Lakefront homeowners should use this time to have repairs/maintenance done on their docks, as necessary, to maintain them in accordance with (IAW) the Association's covenants. Any new dock plans will need to be approved by the Architecture Committee IAW with Covenants; please contact me with other issues.

All registered boat owners should have received their 2009 "Red" Sticker(s); please put them on your boat (s). If you didn't receive the sticker(s) or you have had problems putting them on your boat(s) contact Robert Vest. All boats on Woodland Pond must have a current 2009 sticker.

Animal control issues: I have received calls from Lakefront homeowners concerning water level issues, addressed above and wild animal property damage issues (geese, beaver and deer). Home owners can get a trapping permit from the state for any beaver issue they may have; there is not a "control" program for the deer in Woodland Pond or Chesterfield County but, geese can be captured and removed through a US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services program. Cost of the program for removing the geese is \$12.06 plus \$5.50 per goose; I think there are approximately 100 geese on the pond. If geese are an issue with your property, please let me know if you are interested in participating in this program next year (May – July).

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 its 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.

GEORGE ORR MEMORIAL PARK

We have scheduled a clean up of the park on November 21, 2009 at 9:00 am (rain date will be November 22nd).

The park is funded only through the proceeds of the Annual Yard Sale. Consequently, volunteers are appreciated to help with maintaining it.

We don't ask for your help very often and this is a chance to provide a valuable service to the community. Labor rates to do this type of work are high. We will have a dumpster at the site to deposit branches and other debris.

Please bring any or all of the following: wheelbarrows, rakes, weed eaters, chain saws, blowers, safety glasses, gloves and strong backs!

Because of the powered equipment, please leave children at home.

Ray Walsh



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

Living with Black Bears in Virginia

A young, black bear visited Woodland Pond this past spring. It appeared to be a year old and weighed about 150 pounds. It most likely had just been sent on its own by its mother and wandered into our neighborhood by mistake. Once it arrived, its main objective was to leave.

Following are guidelines if this happens again:

- Notify your neighbors.
- Notify the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or local law enforcement.
- Do not approach the bear.
- Do not chase the bear.
- Bring pets into the house.
- Do not let dogs out while the bear is present.
- Black Bears are naturally afraid of humans and when left alone will leave on their own. Never intentionally feed a bear – it is illegal to do so!

Raccoons

There is abundant wildlife in Woodland Pond. One of the animals present is the raccoon. While some people consider the raccoon a nuisance animal, it is important to note law protects them.

Unless a resident possesses a kill permit issued by the Department of Game and Inland

Fisheries (which is unlikely) or is licensed to hunt this animal, which is not practical since firearms cannot be discharged in Woodland Pond, this animal must not be harmed. Killing a

raccoon is a violation of state law. The best course of action is to remove the food attractants that lured them to your property initially- especially pet food.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Committee Chairperson: Marcie Lee		768-8770
Megan Barnett	10703 Old Squaws Lane	706-6858
Sally Brazil	9020 Waterfowl Flyway	748-3258
Janet Childress	8802 Whistling Swan Road	748-3199
Megan Barnett	10703 Old Squaws Lane	706-6858
Sue Fagan	9413 Banff Terrace	717-5531
Sonja Johnston	10849 Egret Court	768-8828
Bruce Fletcher	10703 Gadwell Court	748-7201
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
Amy Blehm	11420 Avocet Drive	706-5895
Tara McGee	9040 Whistling Swan Road	748-6119
Greg Lupsha	9131 Whistling Swan Road	687-5404
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
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

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AT THE HIGHLANDS

The Highlands-Massey Classic is proud to offer a Bridge Tournament in support of the VCU-Massey Cancer Center. This wonderful event will take place on Monday, October 5, 2009 at The Country Club at the Highlands.

For Contract Bridge, you may register either as an individual player, with a partner, or as a foursome.

For Duplicate Bridge, you may register either as an individual player or with a partner.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 - Registration (Valet Parking)

11:30 - Seated Luncheon

1:00 - Play Begins

Beverages and Snacks Provided

Prizes

Format: Contract and Duplicate Bridge

Awards: 1st and 2nd Places

For more information please contact:

Susan Gray

804-748-7720

suzturtle69@comcast.net

Or

Marilyn Schaarsmith

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m.schaarsmith@att.net

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.



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!



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.

UPDATES NEEDED FOR WOODLAND POND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Are you new to the neighborhood? Do you have a new baby? Do you have a teen-ager (or former teen-ager) who should be added to (or taken off of) the pet-sitting, baby-sitting and/or odd jobs listing?

If you can answer “yes” to any of the above questions, and would like that change to be reflected in the next telephone directory, please use the last page in your current directory to let us know about it.

There is also form on the last page of the newsletter.

Please check out our
website at
www.woodlandpond.org



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!



Real Estate Signs - Rules and Regs



Folks, when you put your home on the market please encourage your agent to adhere to the COUNTY AND STATE SIGNAGE LAWS.

COUNTY:

Only generic lead-in signs are permitted in Chesterfield : blue /white or red /white displaying only the REALTOR logo and the FAIR HOUSING logo. Brokerages are not to advertise on these signs.

Open House lead-in signs may advertise the brokerage. Open House signs can be installed in the seller's yard at any time. However, open house lead-in signs are to be installed 1-hour before and removed 1 hour following the open house.

STATE:

Because of the growing incidences of damaged underground utility cables, the State of Virginia requires that the agent or whomever will install FOR SALE signs (steel or posts), must call Miss Utility (dial 811 or visit www.missutilityofvirginia.com) to get the utility service lines marked before such signs are installed. There is no charge for this service and should take no more than 48 hrs to get this done.

Prior to installing a curbside info box, Miss Utility must also be contacted. You are not required to contact Miss Utility if you are installing a wired sign by hand. Metal or plastic tent signs can also be used without calling Miss Utility.

These signage regulations have been on the books for years; however, they are now being enforced and stiff fines may apply. The Virginia State Corporation Commission is charged with enforcing Virginia's Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act which gives the SCC the authority to investigate alleged violations and levy a fine up to \$2500 if a violation is found to have occurred.

Submitted by Annette Crews

GARDEN

CLUB CORNER



WPGC Officers for 2009

President – Melissa Damiano

1st Vice-President – Jan Steinberg & Henrietta Yaworsky

2nd Vice-President – Trisha O'Berry

Treasurer – Karol Cline

Recording Secretary – Molly Burkhardt

Corresponding Secretary – Shelia Hecker

Historian – Dale Williams

Woodland Pond Garden Club received the following awards at the Piedmont District Spring Meeting:

2nd Place – Newsletter – Medium Club

2nd Place – District Meeting Attendance

Honorable Mention – Bird Protection, - Medium Club

Honorable Mention – World Gardening Donation

Honorable Mention - Landscape Design School

Individual Award – 1st Place – Butterfly/Hummingbird Habitat – Kathy Petersen

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Award of Excellence for President's Report

Do you need plant ideas for that shady corner of your yard? How about plants that will provide four seasons of interest? Would you like to know the tricks to creating a simple floral design from the bouquets you find at the grocery stores? You can find the answers to these and other questions when you join the members of the Woodland Pond Garden Club this year as we go back to basics with 'Gardening 101: We have Everything from Roots to Nuts'!

These informative programs are held at the Woodland Pond Swim and Racquet Clubhouse at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. This year we also have occasional field trips planned to local gardens and garden centers. At our first meeting, September 10, we will learn the floral design tricks to create a simple eye-catching arrangement from the basic grocery store bouquet! As a bonus we will have horticulture exhibits from our members' own gardens!

Our Garden Club also gives back to the community in several ways. We plant and maintain wheelchair gardens and a knot garden at the Alzheimer wing at Lucy Corr Assisted Living Facility. Twice a year we have a design workshop for the residents of Lucy Corr; these workshops are very popular with the residents and have grown from 8 participants to as many as 35! There are also many organizations that we support through donations. These include Maymont Foundation, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, and our newest project, the Chesterfield County Juvenile Detention Center.

This year we will be supporting new pro-

grams of the National Garden Clubs. 'Plant it Pink' is one such program that is a national partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure®; we will be working with local youth to plant pink flowers to promote breast cancer awareness and to remind their mothers, grandmothers, and all women to have mammograms to save lives.

We will be hosting our annual Swag Workshop in early December and everyone is invited to get in the Holiday Spirit with us as we use live greens to create decorations that can be hung outside or placed on your table as a centerpiece.

All these projects need financial support to make them happen. Our club is a non-profit with 501(c)3 designation and has only has one fund raiser each year – our annual Poinsettia sale. We do need your support, so plan now to use our beautiful quality plants in your Holiday decorations and gift-giving. You will find more information about both the Swag Workshop and Poinsettia Sale on the traditional green and red flyers that will be placed in your paper-box in November.

Once again we try to improve our environment by recycling printer cartridges & cell phone; join our efforts by placing any spent cartridges and old phones on Judy Tumlin's porch (11207 Timber Point Dr).

All Chesterfield County residents are welcome to attend any of our meetings, or join our club – we're actually quite friendly! A flyer listing all officers and programs will soon be in your paper box. For more information contact: Trisha O'Berry, Membership VP, 748-3578 or Melissa Damiano, President, 796-3287.

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!



The Birds of Woodland Pond

This is an article about the birds of Woodland Pond, but I will start my discourse about the surge of small mammals that have infested our yard this Spring and Summer. We have always been home to numerous families of gray squirrels, especially in the Winter months when the feeders are chock full of a variety of delectable seeds. For us, this is also the year of the voles, chipmunks, and rabbits. The soft furrows running through our lawn and our flower gardens, the subtle shaking of our plant and flower stems as they are being nibbled away (right in front of us) by the voles and rabbits, the small, single bites taken out of our cherry tomatoes on the deck by the chipmunks were a wake up call.

However, I also noticed that this mammalian activity tied in directly to the increased presence and activity in our yard of Red-shouldered Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Barred Owls, and Screech Owls. The calls of the hawks during the day was complemented by the owls calling during the night. The tell tale nightly call of the Barred Owls “ who, who, who cooks for you -- who cooks for you-all ” was a sign that our pest activity was also going to have to contend with the laws of nature. Especially, when there were hungry, young hawks and owls in the nest awaiting their nourishment. This is not to say they totally controlled our problem, but surely they helped make a dent in it.

I think we sometimes fail to realize how much our avian friends assist us in controlling the pests around us. Hummingbirds

consume large quantities of mosquitoes, gnats, flying ants, flies, insect eggs/larvae, and other small flying insects. Their high metabolism requires a lot of nourishment and protein that flowers and feeders cannot totally provide. The various birds from the Flycatcher family- Eastern Phoebes, Eastern Wood PeWees, Acadian Flycatchers, and the Eastern Kingbird consume vast amounts of the flying insects all around us. The Phoebes are very versatile and will not limit their diet to the flying insects. Earthbound insects such as a variety of beetles, ants, grasshoppers, crickets, and various larvae are also fair game. If you live on or near the lake, the aerial acrobatics of Chimney Swifts and different types of swallows are enjoyable to watch as they feed on flying insects throughout the day. For several years, our resident Bluebirds have been raising 2-3 broods a year right off of our deck. I am always amazed at the amount of insects they capture on the ground right in front of us in order to feed their hungry offspring.

Our residents woodpeckers, including Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, are also major assets in controlling pests as they feed primarily on insects that live on or bore into trees. However, the Northern Flicker is often spotted on the ground feeding on ants and grubs as well. The large Pileated Woodpeckers favor snacks such as carpenter ants and termites. Although not a woodpecker, the White-breasted Nuthatch also feeds on tree residing insects during the Summer months before returning to seeds and the backyard feeders in the Winter. This is the positive side of our

resident woodpeckers as compared to the negative reaction they create when they decide that the side of ones house or the deck railings are a good place to find insects or drum up a mating call for the local females of their species.

Some pest problems are still too tough to handle for our flying friends. I one time observed a young House Finch try to eat a few Japanese Beetles, but to no avail. And unless there are a few Pterodactyls still out there, I see no immediate solution to the deer problem.

Randy Suhl



ID'S FOR DOGS

There have been several occasions when a dog has been found in the neighborhood and there is no ID tag on it. Some people don't keep a collar on their dogs when in the house or tied up in the yard. If the dog accidentally gets out, it can take a long time to identify it. Sometimes, the dog ends up at Animal Control. If you've watched the news, you understand what might happen to the animal. Please take the time to buy a tag that gives the owner's name and a phone number and keep a collar on your beloved animal.

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!





**Phase I Residents
Want to Build a Shed?
Pool? Fence?
Respect your neighbors
Protect yourself**

Notify the Architectural Review Committee before you do it. And most of us are doing just that. Saves a headache for everyone.

The procedure is easy.

- Go to our website: WoodlandPond.org
- Click on “Homeowners’ Association”
- Review the Architectural Standards applicable to the changes you want to make, and then download the Exterior Alteration Form.

Fill it out, attach required supporting documents and send it to us.

And Folks, when your neighbor asks you to sign the form acknowledging the intended alteration, **KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING. ASK TO SEE THE PLANS BEFORE YOU SIGN.** Often this simple step will alleviate “surprises” when the project is complete. Saves another headache for everyone.

TREE REMOVAL

One of the nicest features of Woodland Pond is its beautiful trees. The mix of hardwoods, evergreens and native flowering trees exist in few other communities.

An important responsibility of each homeowner is the removal of dead and dying trees promptly. This is stated in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. There are a number of qualified companies to assist in this process; some are listed in the web-site under ‘Homeowners’ Recommendations’. Most residents do a good job in fulfilling this important responsibility.

It is also stated in section C. 12. of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions that “ No clearing of trees 8” in diameter or larger may take place on a lot unless it is within 10’ from an existing house on said lot, without approval from the Architectural Control Committee.”

When approvals are granted for home additions or new structures, it is understood that trees to accommodate the structures must be cleared; however, when a homeowner wants to convert a wooded area to a lawn or to create a vista, and trees greater than 8” are involved, prior approval must be obtained.

Let us keep the neighborhood’s trees standing.



Please Recycle!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECYCLE YOUR NEWSPAPERS AT THE S&R CLUB PARKING LOT CONTAINER.

AND REMEMBER, NEWSPAPERS ONLY. THE EXPENSE OF REMOVING ANYTHING ELSE, INCLUDING THE PAPER BAGS, IS DEDUCTED FROM OUR PROCEEDS.

FUNDS GENERATED ARE USED TO MAINTAIN THE PLAYGROUND AND ADJACENT PARK. THANK YOU.

HELP STOP UNWANTED NEIGHBORHOOD SOLICITATIONS

As you all know, visitors to our neighborhood are advised that no solicitations are permitted in our subdivision. And, also, as you all know, it does not stop everyone.

But there is action that you can take to help discourage this activity. The Chesterfield Police Department has suggested that if anyone comes to your home uninvited, a call to 911 will cause a county police officer to come out to intercept the unwanted solicitor. (You can decide what role you want to play in helping the officer locate the offender, who has presumably left your premises by now.)

As for flyers, you can present those at the Police Department, and those companies will be contacted by the Chesterfield Police, again to discourage their continuing of this unwanted solicitation.

We’ll probably never be able to eliminate this problem completely, but if enough people join in this effort, perhaps we can at least reverse the trend that lately has seen more and more of this.

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, tell us previous owner's last name (so we can take them out of the directory).

Your last name(s): _____

First names: _____

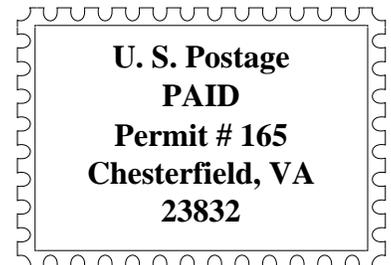
Street Address: _____

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.

Woodland Pond Homeowners' Association
Post Office Box 136
Chesterfield, VA 23832



Annual Woodland Pond Yard Sale

When: Saturday, September 26th, 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, 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.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____