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## MANAGER'S CORNER

*By Randy Miller, Association Manager*

It is hard to believe that 2011 is half over! Your Board of Directors and the folks at UPA have been working to keep things looking good. So far the summer heat has not come without its challenges and we have been working diligently to overcome some obstacles thereof. While it feels like the year has only just begun, budget preparation for 2012 is already well underway.

In an effort to keep the community looking its best, the Board of Directors has been working on some clean up projects. Earlier this year the Board had the common area fence spot cleaned and the community sidewalks cleaned where rust stains had accumulated. Just last month the Board hired a contractor to remove all unsightly litter and debris from all 12 of the communities' retention ponds; this work is to be completed by the end of June. Please contact UPA if you would like to follow up on the status of any ongoing projects.

The irrigation system has taken a beating this summer and your Management team has been working to keep the common area flower beds and turf well fed. Several structural problems were repaired in May and June and the effects of the damages were prominent. Management has been regularly reporting dry spots and outages to the folks at Custom Irrigation Systems and will continue to be proactive in this regard.

The Board voted to replace the medians on Currituck Dr. between Lancaster and Princess Anne with Baltic ivy in May. Management coordinated with Valley Crest and Custom Irrigation Systems to ensure that the new plants would have plenty of water once they were installed. The Board hopes to learn from this experience whether or not all of the medians around Currituck Dr. (and elsewhere in the community) should be replaced with Baltic ivy. What do you think? Please feel free to "chime in" at the next Board meeting!

2012 Budget Season is upon us - so be on the lookout for your Village Budget Meetings. Your UPA team is available to you if you are interested in helping with the budget process for your community or simply want to be kept "in the loop."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

**COMMUNITY  
YARD SALE**

**OCTOBER 1, 2011  
8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Board Meeting Schedule:

July 18, 2011  
 August 15, 2011  
 September 19, 2011  
 October 17, 2011

Location: Kellam High School Library  
 Due Process: Start time- 6:30 p.m.  
 BOD Meeting: Start time-7:00 p.m.

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## VANDALISM



Vandalism is a major problem you are faced with as a Courthouse Estates resident. Many incidences of vandalism have been reported in the last year and all of them have cost the residents of Courthouse Estates.

Whether it is your tax dollars going towards re-painting the utility boxes or your Association dues going towards the repairs, you are paying for it. In 2010 the Association spent \$910.00 on repairs to the gas lanterns in the community and \$961.00 on repairs to the common area fences - much of this can be attributed to vandalism. Please be sure to call the police if you see suspicious activity or suspect vandalism.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## APPOMATTOX VILLAGE

Greetings to our village residents and our Courthouse Estates neighbors. Summer is in full swing, school is out and so are the children. Let's drive with extra caution. Hopefully the young ones will play in the common areas, but with few sidewalks, sometimes they have to use the streets to get there. A reminder to parents, playing in the streets, while obviously dangerous, is also against the law. Please, remind our younger drivers to slow down!



neighbors.

With summer growing conditions, lawns grow fast, plants thrive, but so do the unwanted things.

Nothing responds more quickly than the weeds poking up following the afternoon thunderstorm. This applies as well to the grass and weeds growing along our curbs. An application of herbicide (Round-Up), works well to keep these areas weed and grass free.

The curbs and gutters form the frame for our beautiful lots, let us not put our masterpieces in bargain bin frames.

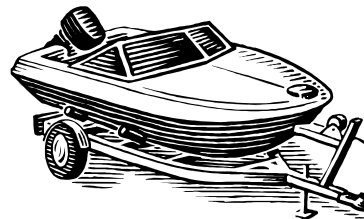
### Cautionary Notes

A new look at our village entrance. The grass, what little there was, has been replaced with mulch. Frank Waldner added some plants on the interior end cap and worked hard to keep them watered while the irrigation system was down. The board will be discussing plantings for the area between end caps at our next meeting.

Much thanks to the Spring Fling organizers, Lisa Vesely & Shannon Hanson and those wonderfully energetic teens: Bryanna Vesely, Julie Duffany, Cody Holliday & Lizzy Hanson. The attendance was great, where did all those munchkins come from, and all those eggs? It was great fun watching the children and talking with new and old

Open garage doors - some residents became theft victims when they left their garage doors open. While some of these were during the night, a few were in broad daylight while the owner was working in the backyard.

Boats & trailers in streets: clearly with summer weather, more of us will have our boats out for prepping before and cleaning after our outings. Try to remember when you park that boat for a few days in the street, it makes it difficult to maneuver around, especially with children in the streets. Also, trailers that are not connected to the vehicles are dangerous due to



the long tongues and inviting as play equipment.

Ice Cream Vendor - this is just plain scary. Recently, children were observed inside the ice cream truck. When the driver was confronted, the excuse was, "I was giving them protection from the rain." Please warn your children about this and if you observe it, go out and intervene, get the license plate info and call the police.

Finally, the Directors made some changes to the Board at our June meeting:

Frank Waldner resigned as Director and Vice President. He stays involved as the Landscape Committee Chair. Thanks for many dedicated years Mr. Frank!

Pat Davis resigned as President but was immediately appointed to Vice President. Thanks, Pat, for representing Appomattox on the Courthouse Estates Master Board.

The board appointed Steve Wilcox to fill the remainder of Frank's term (to expire in December 2012), then

appointed him as President and to represent the village on the Master Board.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 23rd, please join us. Have a safe and fun summer!

## LANCASTER VILLAGE

Hooray to all our graduates in Lancaster Village, from Pre-school to Kindergarten and High School to College. You all have accomplished much and we wish you well.



Special congratulations to our \$250 Lancaster Scholarship recipient Tyler Demetriou, we had seven extremely qualified applicants for this year's award and anyone who has not previously won and is enrolled in college can apply again next year.

With summer's arrival please remember that children are in the streets and pedestrians can be

coming around the corners. Check crosswalks before pulling through a turn and keep it slow. Encourage your teenagers and young adults who are new to the road to be extra cautious so that no one is a

risk.

We will always need to watch out for each other to help prevent further crime in the neighborhood. Police Reports Online indicates that larceny from yards and cars as well as home invasions are still a problem in Courthouse Estates and we can help each other by getting to know our nearby neighbors and exchanging contact information

with them.

Although summer is under way it's never too late to get involved in Lancaster Social Activities. Everybody who can organize and excite fellow neighbors is needed to create activities such as cook offs and block parties. While we are excited to hear that more activities are wanted in our neighborhood your Board cannot do this without your enthusiasm and participation yet no one is coming to the Lancaster Meetings to lend a hand. Contact the Board to volunteer!

Audrey Owens  
Lancaster Vice President

## MATTHEWS VILLAGE

Summer is in full swing. The kids are out of school, I ask that we all be extra careful when on the roads. Let's keep the kids safe! Along with safety: Please if you should see something that does not seem right in the neighborhood, call the non-emergency number 385-5000. We need to keep a look out for our Village.

### LAST CHANCE FOR 2011 MATTHEWS VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE EXTENDED

2 lucky college bound students will be selected to win a \$250 scholarship to their college of choice.

To qualify you must provide the following:

\*Letter of application: 1 page about yourself, academic achievements and goals.

\*2 letters of reference, 1 academic and 1 personal (non related), if you are an adult student returning to

school, please replace academic with another reference, possibly work related.

\*Student must reside in Matthews Village and residence must be in good standing with the Master Association.

Please include name, address and phone number on application letter.

Send applications to: 3133 Amador Drive VA BCH VA 23456  
attn: SCHOLARSHIP

You don't have to be starting your education, if you are already in College, you can still apply!  
**DEADLINE extended for this publication. GET APPS IN ASAP!**



**YARD OF THE MONTH**  
Congratulations!!!!  
**JUNE WINNER**  
**2668 ALAMANCE**

### VOLUNTEERS

Matthews Village is always looking for volunteers. We still have 2 positions to fill.

If you would like to see activities planned, please get involved **WE NEED**

**YOU!**

**Matthews Village of Courthouse Estates is on Facebook.** LOOK FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFO COMING SOON. Any questions about the village or master association please post. If you want to promote your business, please add that info to our group. We would love to support our neighbors.

Respectfully,  
Tresa Box, President

## PRINCESS ANNE VILLAGE

Our Annual Meeting was held in June with the comfort of sun rays, ice tea, water, and exciting discussion topics. The Board thanks all the homeowners that attended the meeting and provided enthusiastic input to UPA and the Board. Neighborhood Watch and Social Subcommittee were two hot topics discussed.

If you desire to establish a Neighborhood Watch in Princess Anne Village we need 80% participation (60 residents). The Neighborhood Watch consists of Watchers, Block Captains, and a

Coordinator. In order for us to be recognized by the City of Virginia Beach Police Department and earn the neighborhood watch signs posted in our neighborhood we need to provide a yearly update and participate with the Citizen Advisory Committee and Steering Committee. If you would like more information about the program contact Officer Brad Detrich @ 385-1371 or [bdetrich@vbgov.com](mailto:bdetrich@vbgov.com)



Allison was selected as the Social Committee chair. In this role she will plan and coordinate activities in our Village. Be on the look out for posted notices of upcoming events! Please contact Allison if you have any great ideas or just want to volunteer.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011! Good luck on your next journey in life.

Daren Williams

## SUSSEX VILLAGE



Congratulations to all the Sussex Village "Yard of the Month" winners! Everyone keep up

the good work. Remember the little things are what count in curb appeal, for example, painting your mailbox post and keeping your mailbox shiny and white! We will be starting up a Neighborhood Watch soon so someone may be

knocking on your door with more information! Please help us all be safe!

Helen Rivera

## WESTMORELAND VILLAGE

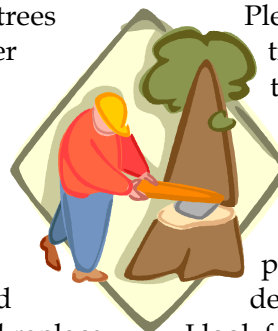
Welcome to the many new neighbors we have in the village as well as "fair winds and following seas" to those that have moved elsewhere.

A few quick notes; We're having two trees removed from common area due to lack of "life" left in them, one is a pine and the other is a willow. All of the retention ponds will be cleaned soon of debris as well as unwanted foliage. You may see someone in a row boat of sorts undertaking the task. As your village representative I have voiced our opinion of the replacement of trees along Cur-

rituck and both the entrance and exit roads. You may have noticed the empty spaces where trees once were and have either been hit by cars, died, or just removed. We'd like to be covered by a nice canopy as walk or drive the "big loop". We have been in contact with the city of Virginia Beach and are hopeful that they will replace them this fall. This will not be a free job by the city but a much needed expense from our Association dues.

We should be having our annual meeting some time in July, keep a

lookout in your mailbox for information from management.



Please remember to be cautious while driving through the neighborhood by letting your foot off the accelerator and close to the brake pedal. This should be done year round, but especially now with the students out of school.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Teresa Wooden President- Westmoreland



Neighborhood Watch Signs have been seen in America's neighborhoods for a few decades now. Everyone has seen one or at least heard of the program. It is commonplace and hardly noticed any more by the daily driver. Moreover, the members themselves may even forget that they are or were at one time participants.

That was the impression I got from the hundred or so people I called or emailed last September when I first came to this Crime Prevention Unit. I have to admit that even I as a 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Patrol Officer I never noticed the signs in the neighborhoods that I drove through looking for burglars. All I knew as a patrol officer was that crime was seemingly getting worse and all the citizens seemed to be oblivious to the fact that they were next to be victimized. I could not believe how frequently I would go to a case where badguys had just walked into a home or went through vehicles simply because the doors were unlocked. There had to be a way to tell everyone in the city about the crime happening right next door.

The whole time, the answer was right in front of me. We had the tool but the information was not getting out as it is starting to now. Today, we are in a new era. The new police chief, Chief James A. Cervera, is using communication as a predominant weapon to fight crime. The

## Neighborhood Watch

### *A cost benefit analysis*

Crime Prevention Unit is spearheading that effort with all of our programs. The Neighborhood Watch is the primary tool of the Crime Prevention Unit to shift this Center of Gravity back to the people. Neighborhood Watch helps the police form a better relationship with the citizens of Virginia Beach through the simplest means, two way communications. Neighborhood Watch helps members of the community form a better relationships with each other through meetings. The Romans use to say "Divide and Conquer" when discussing their tactics to over throw a country. Without good communications, the criminal has us already divided and can prey on us at will. United with communication, the people can be made aware of trends, certain suspects, scam alerts, community events, functions, meetings, stats or anything.

Your Neighborhood Watch is designed to link the community together so everyone can be informed and better prepared to protect themselves from becoming a victim. Having meetings allows everyone to meet their neighbors face to face. This establishes relationships and trust. It also allows everyone to identify strangers on their block. By their nature criminals do not like being watch. If they think you care and are watching they will move on. Consider wolves, they hunt the straggler or lone sheep that is not with the herd. Safety in numbers, security through strength, these are applicable to the unity of a Neighborhood Watch. And the cost is simply an email address and looking out the window. Let's keep that Sign meaningful, participate! Stay Active!

*Officer Bradley Detrich*

## SPEEDING

*How can you help address speeding in your neighborhood?*



Drive 25 mph or less to give yourself more time to react to the unexpected, such as children darting out from behind parked cars, pets or obstacles in the road, and pedestrians. Unless you make a conscious effort, you may drive faster than you should on residential streets.

Remind neighbors to drive 25 mph. Make sure that others who use your vehicles also drive 25 mph. Do not speed on major streets, and avoid bad driving habits.

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**THANK YOU FOR  
 CLEANING UP  
 AFTER YOUR PET!**

## JULY LANDSCAPE UPDATE

It is nice to finally have some rain – although spotty – for a bit of relief from our drought conditions. Let's hope it continues on for a while!

We will be completing the second pruning round on the Wax Myrtles by July 9<sup>th</sup> which put us at about 5 weeks to complete this task. The summer prune is always a bit longer than the spring prune and the late summer prune due to the growth spurt that the wax myrtles have in June.

Next week (beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>) we will be clearing dead wax myrtles, invasive trees in the wax myrtle hedges and dead wood

throughout the site in the hedges. We will be accessing the shrubs from your yards and a notice will be mailed out to you regarding our work schedule. We will not be in your yards long, but it is needed as we cannot access the problem areas from the street side of the fence. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

The Poison Ivy spray went well and we had very good results. There are a few spotty areas that

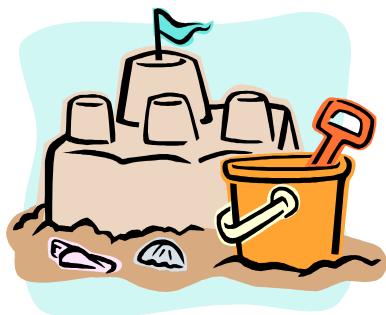
will be needing retreatment and we will address those this month.

We realize that you are having some irrigation pump challenges and we do have many dry areas throughout the property but hopefully all will be back up soon and these rains will indeed help. Keep in mind that the trees will take up the water first so we need quite a bit of watering down in order for the turf to remain healthy.

Hope you are all having a nice summer!



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