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## MANAGER'S CORNER

*By Tammy Bowie, Association Manager*

There is something to be said for October in Virginia – with the exception of a little rain here and there, it's perfect weather all month long. It's also the best climate to get out and get our lawns ready for the new season. Your community landscapers have all completed their aerating, seeding and fertilizing and we suggest you do too! A healthy lawn boosts curb-appeal and makes the community look great.

Recently, you may have noticed the lake banks of the community were cleaned up. They really look and feel much more open and crisp. UPA will be working with the landscapers to keep up your new open spaces.

Coming up, the Board of Directors has approved the installation of about 38 new trees in the medians and on the road side around Currituck Dr, West Neck Pkwy and Sumter Dr. many of these trees died or were damaged by cars. UPA has been coordinating with the City of Virginia Beach to make sure all of the new trees are where they are supposed to be.

The Board and Management worked diligently with the landscapers and maintenance crews to combat the intense heat of June, July and August. Towards the end of June the irrigation system took a huge hit when 3 of the pumps that feed the system shut down. The Board acted quickly and was able to get all of the pumps working within a couple weeks time. Unfortunately, because the turf in the community is a cold-loving tall fescue, a couple weeks without water was devastating. While we lost some ground (pun intended) we were able to keep most of the grass looking great.

A huge THANK YOU to all of the homeowners in Courthouse Estates that came into compliance with the many maintenance issues that were noticed by Management during the monthly inspections over the past few months. We realize some jobs take time and money – please do not hesitate to contact UPA if you need more time than has been allotted to come into compliance with a maintenance issue.

Finally, Budget Season is upon us. Please be on the lookout for your Village Budget meetings and take the time to analyze your community budgets so you know exactly how your money is being spent. Courthouse Estates Community Association is meeting to adopt the 2012 Annual Budget on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – just days away. The meeting will be held in Kellam High School Library at 7:00 P.M.

We hope you all have a great Fall season. As always please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Thanks for the opportunity to serve you.

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## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Board Meeting Schedule:

November 21, 2011

December 21, 2011

January 16, 2012

**Location:** Kellam High School Library

**Due Process:** Start time- 6:30 p.m.

**BOD Meeting:** Start time-7:00 p.m.

## Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6<sup>th</sup>

### History of Daylight Time in the U.S.

Established in U.S. law until the Act of March 19, 1918, sometimes called the Standard Time Act.



The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provided standardization in the dates of beginning and end of daylight time in the U.S. but allowed for local exemptions from its observance. The act provided that daylight time begin on the last Sunday in April and end on the last Sunday in October, with the changeover to occur at 2 a.m. local time.

During the "energy crisis" years, Congress enacted earlier starting dates for daylight time. In 1974, daylight time began on 6 January and in 1975 it began on 23 February. After those two years the starting date reverted back to the last Sunday in April.

In 1986, a law was passed that shifted the starting date of daylight time to the first Sunday in April, beginning in 1987. The ending date of daylight time was not subject to such changes, and remained the last Sunday in October. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed both the starting and ending dates.

Beginning in 2007, daylight time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## APPOMATTOX VILLAGE

Fall Greetings to Appomattox Village residents. We can thank Hurricane Irene for the rough look to the maples, many won't show the typical fall red.

Some items of interest:

- We would like to congratulate Tammy Bowie for her promotion to become our new Association Manager. Many of you are familiar with Tammy as she has been on board as Assistant to Randy Miller since we went back to UPA. While we will miss Randy, we are excited to have Tammy in this key role! Additionally, welcome aboard to Tammy's assistant, Victor DeNapoli.
- The Annual Homeowners Meeting required by Bylaws will be December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Watch for the announcement in the next Village mailing that will include the adopted 2012 budget, annual meeting announcement, and proxy form. In order to meet quorum for our annual meeting we need 10% homeowner participation by proxy or attendance. If you cannot attend, your proxy is important.
- There will be one (1) Board Member Position (Member at Large) Open that will need to be filled.
- Your Board of Directors was

pleased to adopt the 2012 budget with no increase in homeowner assessment fees, that makes a six-peat!

- Watch for some landscaping changes at the village entrance, as the Landscape Committee completes Phase II of our planned upgrade. Phase I took place last year and got rid of the "turf" area



by replacing the weeds and bare areas with mulch. Phase II incorporates numerous plantings and tall grasses which will really enhance our entrance. Frank Waldner, our landscape chair, has been working tirelessly with the city and landscape vendors to get Appomattox the biggest bang for the buck. When completed, please let your Board or Property Manger know what you think.

- Watch for the posted signs and flyer announcing annual aeration and seeding on our common area. In the past, our children have been very

respectful of the "keep off for 2 weeks" notice that we publish. This goes far to restoring our Common Area to one that looks great and provides a safe and great play area for the munchkins.

- Some residents have recently observed teens displaying downright rude and disrespectful behavior to drivers. A number of teens congregate in the middle of the street and do not part when a vehicle approaches; they tend to completely ignore the vehicle driver. This tends to occur on Friday and Saturday nights prior to and after curfew. A few residents said some of the teens appeared to be drinking alcohol. There is no sure way to tell if they are Appomattox kids, but the odds are some are.
- Please drivers, slow down, the children are out in force. Mom and Dad please give stern warnings to your young drivers; they go in and out of the village at unsafe speeds.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season, we hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in December.

## LANCASTER VILLAGE

Welcome all of our new neighbors! Many new families have moved in this year and we are excited to have your participation at our meetings and events. We NEED your help.

It's time to look at the annual budget for 2012. Hopefully you have received a copy of the proposed budget and an invitation to add your input at our annual budget meeting. Please join Lancaster board members on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at 3101 Barbour Drive.

Those of us who have dogs and cats need to be considerate of our neighbor's and abide by the laws of Virginia Beach. Dogs and cats that get out of their yard disturb neighbors by

soiling and tearing up yards and frightening people. Please keep your animals in your yard and under your control.

When neighbors are walking their leashed dogs it is very frustrating to have your dog or cat run out of your yard into the street and cause a disturbance. The city has a leash law that must be observed. Once your animal leaves your yard, it is considered at large and can be removed by Animal Control. When a neighbor asks you to be considerate, please be considerate.

The recent graffiti at the entrance to our village costs us to clean and shadows remain de-



spite our best efforts. Parents please talk to your children about the cost, embarrassment and ugliness of vandalism to our neighbors and our-

selves. Our CHE board has approved the hiring of off duty police officers to protect all villages and common areas. These officers will have full authority to perform all duties of active officers. Undisclosed patrol days and times will begin soon. We hope this security will keep us safe and free of destruction and theft.

Sincerely,

Diane Hoople,  
Lancaster President

## WESTMORELAND VILLAGE

Congratulations to our village for their upkeep of their homes and yards. Your pride in homeownership is reflected in the reduction of due processes this

year. The lawns of our village are still a welcome sight as we return from our jobs. With the turnaround of homeowners in the village we are in need of updating our neighborhood watch program. If you were a captain or are interested in be-



ing a captain please let me know at hobbycakes@cox.net and we will try to get onboard once again.

On a solemn note the loss of Seal team 6 servicemen in Afghanistan touched us all personally with the loss of one of our villages' family member. Many of you may have noticed the yellow ribbons and flags placed throughout our village at the time of the tragedy by those closest to the grieving family and might have

been wondering if there were something you could do as well. A website was established to help provide meals for the family and its extended family members. If you are interested please feel free to visit the attached link.

<http://www.foodtidings.com/SignUp.aspx?ScheduleGuid=046ffa6b-ee4f-4dbe-ac90-e8669b45d396>

Teresa Wooden  
Westmoreland Village  
President



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Virginia Beach Police Department**  
 Municipal Center  
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**7/1/2011**

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**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS:  
 CHECK THEM OUT!**

Summer is here and folks are out and about, including commercial solicitors and individuals requesting charitable donations. One charitable group, Teens Against Drug Abuse out of Richmond, VA has been in our City recently requesting donations on behalf of the organization that claims to support youth programs and summer trips to keep kids off drugs. Several teens have been dropped off from vans and have been going door to door, unattended, selling candy on behalf of the organization. Upon investigation, the police department discovered this particular organization is not permitted to solicit in the Commonwealth of Virginia. While charitable organizations may not need a City Solicitor's Permit, they do need other documentation and permits. Do you know how to verify the legitimacy and status of a charitable organization?

The Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs has a website where you can search the name of a charitable organization and ascertain their status. Simply go to: <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/> and click on "searchable databases." By entering the name of the organization, you can determine whether they are "non-profit" or "for profit," as well as whether or not they are permitted to solicit anywhere in Virginia. As always, if you encounter a suspicious individual or someone soliciting who does not have proper identification or permits, please call the police non-emergency number (385-5000) and ask for an officer to check them out.

For more crime prevention tips, please call the Virginia Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 385-1006 or visit [www.vbgov.com/police](http://www.vbgov.com/police) and select Crime Prevention.

**SEARCH OUR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DATABASE**

<b>Primary Name:</b>	Teens Against Drug Abuse
<b>Other Names:</b>	
<b>Federal Employer ID Number (EIN)</b>	753223246
<b>Address:</b>	101 Poe St., Apt. 40 Richmond VA, 23222
<b>Current Registration Expires:</b>	
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<b>Registration Filing Status:</b>	Organization is not authorized to solicit in Virginia
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## VANDALISM COSTS EVERYONE!!



A great deal of vandalism has been occurring in your community over the last few months. Glass panes on the gas lights as you enter your village are being broken on a regular basis and one gas lamp had to be replaced as it was severely damaged from large rocks being thrown at it. The cost that has been spent to fix these items over the last few months was quite significant. Your Association (you the homeowner) has spent over \$1,000.00 to fix the gas lights this year.

Another act of vandalism that has been occurring is the spray painting of fences, sidewalks, stop signs, speed limit signs, the pump house (located in the field), and the brick signs at the entrance of the villages. To have the fences and brick signs cleaned has cost you the homeowner almost \$150.00 in one month. Thankfully, the City assumed the expense of cleaning the pump house and traffic signs. However, keep in mind your taxes pay for the City to do this.

Your community needs you to help keep a watchful eye. If you see anything that does not appear on the up and up, please call the police non-emergency line @385-5000 and report what you see.

## **EIGHT THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU!**

- 1) Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best never, ever to look like a crook.
- 2) The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
- 3) I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- 4) I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
- 5) I love looking in your windows, I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TV's or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
- 6) Avoid announcing your vacation on your facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- 7) To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation into your house.
- 8) If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.





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**January 6, 2012**

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