



2009 Dues and Budget

The dues for 2009 have been set at \$121 per quarter for homeowners, \$163.50 per quarter for Somer Chase Townhouse owners (this equals \$121 per quarter plus \$42.50 for back door trash pick-up), \$85.50 for the condominium owners who have their own trash contract, and \$22.50 for the unimproved lots.

In 2008 we spent as a percentage of dues, approximately 31% on basic trash collection, about 12% on insurance, bookkeeping, office and mailing expenses, legal and professional fees and repairs and maintenance on the entrance sign, 14% on common area mowing and maintenance, and 3.5% on pool operations. The balance was moved to reserves. More than half of our pool income in 2008 came from non-resident pool memberships.

The 2009 budget is available in an Adobe Acrobat PDF format on www.hollymead.org in the website section "Forms/Docs." The 2008 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement will be posted in 2009 when they are prepared.

Selling Your Home?

We hate to see you go, but if you must, remember the following:

For Sale / For Rent signs are limited to one per residence and must be located on the property for sale or rent. No signs are permitted along roadways or intersections, except for one day events, such as yard sales or open houses, for a maximum of 48 hours. Signs in violation of this regulation will be removed and disposed without notice.

Next HCA Board Meeting:
Monday, January 12th, 2009
at 7:00 pm., Silver Thatch Inn

Hollymead Pool Renovations in 2008

by
Pete Chapman

You may have noticed that there were many days when workers were present at the pool this year. The Hollymead Pool went through two large projects this year. The first project was completed in May. A saltwater chlorine generation system was installed in the pump room of the pool. The saltwater system uses regular salt (sodium chloride) to create chlorine for sanitizing purposes. The system included a controller that helped keep the pool water balanced and clear all summer long. Many residents commented on how much they enjoyed the softer feel of the water. Other minor projects were completed at the same time, among them the refurbishment of the sand filter and adding an electric fan in the pump room.

The second big project was the retiling and replastering of both pools. This project took place in October and conditioning lasted into November. The waterline tiles on both pools were chipping and cracked. The coping stones on the baby pool are in need of being replaced. The coping stones on the large pool were replaced if they were cracked. Both pool bottoms were very rough and needed to be resurfaced. There was also a new legal requirement of having two main drains in any public pool. This is a safety regulation and had to be completed in order to open the pool next year. The two main drains were installed in both pools during the plastering process and the pools are now in compliance with the new law. The lifeguard chairs were also refurbished. We're hoping for another great swim season in 2009 due to these renovations.



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Neighborhood Watch Program

by
Anna Freshwater

In conjunction with the Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD), Hollymead participates in Neighborhood Watch Program. Email has become best way to communicate security matters. Block captains pass out flyers on respective streets to introduce themselves to add names to the block watch email list. Residents can also send their name, email, & street to afreshwater@comcast.net, and it will be passed on to the respective block captains. Awareness of vandalism and/or criminal activity is one of the ways to keep our neighborhoods safe.

On the evening of Saturday, November 22nd, a Hollymead family were driving through the three way intersection at Hollymead Drive and Powell Creek when a large rock was thrown by a group of teens, hitting a passenger door and causing \$1,000 damage. This incident could have resulted in serious injury to the occupants of the moving car. The resident was able to engage one of the teens, got the names (residents of Forest Lakes) and told the Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) officer who answered their call the details. The attending police officer later informed the family that under aged minors could not be prosecuted and gave the impression no investigation would be pursued.

Monitoring Forest Lakes Citizens Association neighborhood watch emails indicated that during same weekend, November 22nd-23rd, 15 similar car smashing incidents had occurred in the Forest Lakes, Hollymead, and 29 North corridor. This information was forwarded by email by the Hollymead Watch Coordinator to the supervisors of the attending ACPD officer, questioning the ACPD official policy on property damage and endangering acts of vandalism by minors. This was followed up by an uproar of resident-written neighborhood watch emails to the ACPD also questioning the policy and asking what, if any, action was being taken. In response to these emails, and to their credit after all the complaints, ACPD Lieutenant

Shawn Schwertfeger, Evening Patrol Division (available at: schwertr@albemarle.org), visited the Hollymead family at their home, officially apologizing about the responding officer's ignorance of the law, and informing the family of a new investigation in which the families of the kids involved had been contacted.

In short, this is a community in action. Had it not been for the neighborhood watch email system in FLCA and Hollymead, this case may never have been pursued. It is critical that Hollymead, already a close knit community, increase its neighborhood watch email system.

Thank you to the block captains who volunteer, but there are still streets without representation. Neighborhood security is high priority and watch email lists provide valuable information in communicating criminal activity. In addition the neighborhood watch program builds a social network within each street. Please consider volunteering if you live on one of the Hollymead streets that are currently without a block captain, or that have only one block captain (two is optimal):

Allen's Way: Larry Kemp
Broad Crossing: Walter Atkinson
Easy Lane: Deanne Foerster, Katie Van Sciver
Gateway Circle: vacant
Golden Tree Place: Tracy Byam, Deb Denning
Redwing Lane: vacant
Hollymead Drive: vacant
Lamkin Way: Jim Bone
Maiden Lane: vacant
Poe's Lane: vacant
Powell Creek: vacant
Raven's Place: Melissa Sims, Patty Berkin
Robin Lane: vacant
Sourwood: Cathy B
Tinkers Cove: J. Stoll, David Clore
Somers Chase: Kingsley Harrup-Williams

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Christmas Tree Pick-Up & Recycling Info

by
Jim Bone

The contract with Allied Waste for trash and recycling pick-up has been renewed. They will be picking up Christmas trees in Hollymead on two dates: **Friday, January 9, 2009** and **Friday, January 23, 2009**. Homeowners setting trees out for removal after the 23rd of January will incur a \$10.00 fee.

Remember that Allied Waste provides weekly pickup of trash and recyclables, that is, aluminum and tin cans, plastic bottles/containers with a “1” or a “2” inside the triangle, glass bottles, newspaper and coated paper inserts, magazines, used copy and printer paper, and cardboard including coated paperboard such as cereal and other boxes. Allied Waste does **NOT** accept pizza boxes. Report trouble with trash pick-ups to Allied Waste by calling 295-4177.



Grounds Update

by
Anna Freshwater

In upgrading the Hollymead Playground area, the Grounds Committee had Frazier Tree Service remove the tree that was growing through the oldest section of the fencing surrounding the playground. This section of fencing was being damaged by the tree as it moved closer to the ground. The fence was an eyesore.

Henderson Tree Company from Sunset Avenue Extended, has been hired at a cost of \$1,300 to remove and dispose of all the old fencing, to concrete in new posts and construct new fencing. They'll also retamp posts and straighten sections of the fencing on the Silver Thatch and Maiden Lane side of the playground for an additional cost of \$200. Of the three estimates we received, one for \$1,650 and the other for \$1,600, Henderson Tree was the best price and included stabilizing the undamaged fencing. Jason Henderson of Henderson Tree gave me many references for his fence

work and the committee believes his work will result an improvement of our playground area.

If any families have any ideas on new play structures, please volunteer for or contact the Playground Committee through Jeff Boutet at his email: jeffcb1605@yahoo.com.



Need an HOA Packet?

The Code of Virginia requires that all sellers provide a disclosure package for all properties which are part of a subdivision governed by a homeowners association **before** the closing. These packets require a certification related to the individual property and must be specifically prepared. To order a disclosure package, the charge is \$100.00 for the preparation of the Disclosure Packet. Make the check out to the Hollymead Citizens Association and send it to Trish Cuthbert, the HCA Treasurer at the address listed on the masthead of this newsletter. Include a note telling Trish which property the packet is for, and the address to which the packet should be sent. Remember HOA packets take **about two weeks** to assemble and mail. Don't wait until the day before closing and call for an HOA packet!



Volunteer for Hollymead

The Hollymead Citizens Association Board has a vacancy now, and will have three seats up for re-election in April of 2009. Are you interested in the look of the neighborhood? Your neighbors could use your service on the Design Review Committee. Are you a gardener? Some who is concerned about the forested common areas? The state of the ponds and dams? Do you have the expertise to join Beautification or Grounds? Do you have other skills that would help your neighborhood? Submit your name to the Nominating Committee for the current vacancy or to be considered for one of the Board seats coming up in April of 2009. This is your neighborhood! We'd love to have you more involved!!!

Hollymead Citizens Association

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Hollymead Website

For more information on what's up in the neighborhood, check the Hollymead website at www.hollymead.org. The website contains the names, committee assignments and emails of Board Members, information on our joint efforts with the Forest Lakes Homeowner's Association to maintain the quality of Hollymead Lake, the Board meeting schedule, maps of the neighborhood, and a number of documents and forms of interest to everybody including: the Hollymead Lake Sediment Study, the Hollymead Reserve Study and Inventory, the Design Review Request Application, the Code of Conduct for Board Members, the Articles of Incorporation for Hollymead Citizens Association, and its Bylaws and Declarations of Covenants.



Yahoo Group

Keep in touch with the neighborhood by joining the Hollymead Neighborhood Yahoo Group. There's no charge to sign up and Hollymead residents can use the Group to report problems, look for babysitters, advertise yard sales and receive information and updates from the Board and the Association, among other things. It's really easy to join! Just go to the home page of the Hollymead Citizens Association website (www.hollymead.org) and click on the "Yahoo Groups Join!" button on the right side of the page. Or log on at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Hollymead/join!>

Important Dates for Hollymead:

Friday, January 9th

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Monday, January 12th, 7 pm

HCA Board Meeting, Silver Thatch

Friday, January 23rd

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Hollymead Citizens Association Board of Directors

Name	Term	Committee Assignments
Jim Bone 2905 Lamkin Way 872-0555 Home jbone@hollymead.org	4/2009	Pool (Chair) Trash (Chair)
Anna Freshwater 3160 Turnberry Circle 973-3308 Home afreshwater@hollymead.org	4/2009	Beautification (Chair) Grounds (Chair) Neighborhood Liaison Neighborhood Watch
Nancy Zingrone 1060 Somer Chase Court 973-4743 Home nzingrone@hollymead.org	4/2009	Secretary Grounds Communications (Chair) Townhome Liaison
Jeff Boutet 1605 Derby Lane 973-9105 Home jboutet@hollymead.org	4/2010	Design Review (Chair) Grounds
Pete Chapman 1590 Robin Lane 964-1765 Home pchapman@hollymead.org	4/2010	Nominations (Chair) Pool
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Carole McIvor 1027 Somer Chase Court 964-1600 Home cmcivor@hollymead.org	4/2011	Townhome Liaison (Chair)
Vacant	4/2011	
Trish Cuthbert 516 Jester Lane 975-2188 Home tcuthbert@hollymead.org		Treasurer Finance