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The PWSCC Newsletter



Greetings from Mike Liskiewicz, President of PWSCC

Greetings PWSCC! I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer so far. As the new President of our community corporation, this is my first newsletter submission, with hopefully many more to come. My family and I are fairly new to the community, and are very grateful for the wonderful place that we have become a part of. As president of the PWSCC I will work toward making this place better for everyone. As Rusty writes in his section, we have just opened the new 'safe swim' area that was voted for by a majority of the membership several years ago. Please come and take advantage of this area and enjoy the beach owned by all the community members. It is things like this that make our neighborhoods and the PWSCC community a better (and safer) place to live. If you ever have any questions or ideas, feel free to stop by the club house during our monthly board meetings (second Wednesday of every month), our meet and greets (third Friday of every month), or drop us a note at bod@pwsc.org or me personally at: President@PWSCC.org.

We always look forward to and appreciate the ideas and suggestions you have for making this an even more enjoyable place to live, and as my daughter says, 'Hang Out!'. Another way to interact with us is through our community website at www.pwsc.org.

As mentioned above, on Friday, July 20th, we had another successful meet and greet with a very good turnout. We talked about all sorts of things, including the new safe swim area, possible mooring balls for association members, and the best way to launch Sky Lanterns. If you have never seen Sky Lanterns, or if you have seen glowing orbs of light floating through the air and not known what they are, you should stop by to see these marvels for yourself. If you were unable to make the last meet and greet, no worries! We have another meet and greet coming up in a few weeks. Come out and say hey to some neighbors you haven't seen in a while, say hello to the board, have some chips and beverages, and enjoy our community spirit. These get-togethers start at 7 PM and last for about two hours. It is a pleasant way to spend the evening, whether we meet indoors or out. Bring a neighbor, the more the merrier, and help build our community.

So what about this weather? It sure has been a scorcher out there! Thankfully, we have finally gotten some rain, so enjoy it while you can. All of our gardens and lawns have definitely needed it. So while it's raining outdoors, stay inside, spend time with your family, play some old board games that have gotten dusty sitting in your closet. When the sun returns, go out and enjoy yourselves again. Have a picnic out on our beaches with all your friends and family. But don't forget the sunscreen!

Remember to be responsible and courteous in our community areas, including the beach. Keep your dogs on leashes and clean up after them and yourselves. Keep an eye on your kids while they are

swimming and playing. Always swim with a buddy, and be aware of what is in the water around you when you are boating. Remember that safety is always extremely important to all of us; if we avoid accidents and mishaps, we can continue to have fun not only in the summer but all year round.

I hope everyone has a great rest of the summer, it's great to be here, and I look forward to meeting all of you and to serving our community, and making it the perfect place to be.

Greetings from Edie Mann, Vice President of PWSCC

Welcome to all new and returning PWSCC Members!!!

I really want to extend a warm PWSCC welcome to all new and returning members. It is great to be able to meet so many members of our community. We now have 178 families in the community that have joined PWSCC. It is heartwarming to see so many community members show up for our gatherings. Everyone needs to put our events on the calendar. It is not too late to join, either, as we have a lot of events yet to come. If you don't think that your \$40.00 membership dues will do anything for you, please keep reading.

So what does \$ 40.00 get you, anyway??? Let me enlighten you:

Part of your dues has been dedicated to fight the water increase. As we all know, lawyers are costly and PWSCC has joined forces with our neighboring communities and paid a law firm, previously successful in fighting the water company, to represent us all, in an effort to reduce the new water bill rates. We have sent representatives to the meeting in Montross and will also be present in the Richmond hearing, this fall. We have two residents speaking at the hearing, with our attorneys and many residents attending to show support for our community. Without this fight, American water has promised us that their plans are to ask for an increase in water rates every two years, as the law allows. Everyone uses water and we all need to join efforts to be successful in the water war. Unfortunately, water is far from free. As our old rates go out and the new rates come in, instead of complaining to your neighbor, let's join our neighbors in the battle to force the water rates to be lowered, again. If we win this war, the raised rates will come back to us, in water credits, this fall. Every household that uses water needs to join PWSCC, as we need memberships to support this fight for the whole community. There are about 500 homes in our community, we all know someone that has not paid their dues. Since we are all represented, it would be good for all to either join or make a small contribution, as legal fees (to fight the water increase) do not grow on trees!!!

Dues also provide some funds for meet and greet events, a family picnic and a fall festival (games and contests for the whole family). Betse Lewis helps us all by keeping the children smiling and happy at Christmas with the Santa Workshop (pictures with Santa, super discounted gift shopping, crafts and lunch for the youngsters). Thanks to Ralph Cook and Margaret Bowen, we are planning to have pot luck, big screen football gatherings. This fall/winter, we have hopes to have a family movie night, too!!!

1. Members may purchase a key to use the NEW and IMPROVED boat ramp/pier.
2. Reduced rates for the civic center rental, we have started to spruce the building up for all.
3. The marina is available for slip rentals by members. There are some smaller slips that are available, as well. This would be perfect for jet skis or small fishing boats.
4. We still have a couple dozen "PWSCC" and "PWSCC Marina" caps for \$15.00, profits will go to PWSCC. Contact Edie Mann if you are interested in purchasing them, they make great gifts for and show community support. Several colors and two different styles are available.
5. There are two annual yard sales in the Community Clubhouse and members may sign up to rent a table (spring and fall). We just had one for the spring!! The fall yard sale is coming soon, so write the dates down!!!
6. We are trying to keep the membership updated with new yellow 'sandwich' announcement boards, the quarterly newsletter, and information posted at pwsc.org. Please be sure to update all your contact information, so we may keep you informed of events, news, etc.
7. Our Community Action Chairman, Ted Terrell, has successfully gotten new street signs installed at many of our intersections. He is constantly calling the highway department on our behalf trying to

improve the quality of many of our streets, get the state maintained ditches cleaned out and the grass cut back for better visibility. He addresses community safety concerns, as they arise. He has also taken many community questions to the county to get information for our members. We are lucky to have our own "go to board member."

We have more members and plan to have more community events. Please watch the Community Board and the yellow 'sandwich' boards posted on the streets for events or important information. Also, please visit our website at: pwsc.org for more information.

The more members we have, the more events we can plan. As always, we are anxious to hear all suggestions from our members. Any member that wishes to get involved in our community is always welcome. We would like to be able to have more activities. We do need more volunteers to help with all events and any new membership activities. We appreciate all of our volunteers. If everyone pitches in a little, then no one has to do a lot. If you are coming to any event and want to know if you can bring something or help out, just call one of your board members or e-mail us! Remember, even the board is a community volunteer position. We are trying to help everyone in the community and allow everyone to enjoy being part of this community.

I thank you for allowing us to represent you, as a PWSCC board member. I thank you again for the overwhelming support shown to your board at the annual meeting. I will try to meet more of you, as time allows. I look forward to seeing you and all your neighbors at this meeting and for all of our future events. We have a wonderful community. Let's work together to keep it that way. Again, thanks for your support

Rusty Mann, PWSCC Buildings and Grounds

It has been an interesting year! If you have been to the beach, recently, you may have noticed a new safe swim area. As always, anyone may swim anywhere along the beach front that they choose, but now there is one area where motorized crafts will stay clear to prevent and swimmers from accidentally being hit by these crafts. A copy of the permit can be found on the community boards. As many of you are aware, this has been a two year project with many bumps. Finally, as requested by the community, it is here. I hope everyone; the very young to our older adult residents will enjoy this for many summers, to come. We wish to thank Lloyd Alspaugh @ Rankin's Hardware for his donation of buckets and cement (for the anchors) and everyone making donations or purchasing PWSCC hats for their contributions (we still have some to sell). Our thanks to this year and last year's board for all of their help and due diligence for making this possible!

I want to remind you, this is our community beach for all residents to use. We have benches, picnic tables, and volleyball net. There is a doggie station set up, as many residents have four legged family members that enjoy playing there too. We should also be respectful and clean up your area, as you leave. This will help keep it nice for everyone. PWSCC does pay to keep the access grass cut and the trash cans emptied- thank you for using them.

**Please note there is a LEASH LAW in Westmoreland County and our Community.
Your dog is required to be on a leash at all times, even when on the beach!**

PWSCC did replace the roof on the community civic center building, last fall. We did the kitchen and hallway floors, last year. We wish to thank Dan Rosario for replacing the broken window in the community center. We are planning to spruce up the main floor, this year. The washout at the back deck has been repaired. We also had work done on the marina, last year and we are working on the lighting this year.... to keep it safe for everyone using the marina.

It was great to see everyone at the last annual board meeting. I hope we answered everyone's questions. We try to keep you informed with mailings and announcements posted on the community board or yellow sandwich boards. Please read them and try to join your community at all of our functions.

THE PWSCC SAFE SWIM AREA

On Thursday, July 19, 2012, the PWSCC Building and Grounds Chairman, Rusty Mann and your Community Action Chairman, Ted Terrell, installed the PWSCC safe swim area.



This area is designated as free of any motorized vehicles. Please be advised that the PWSCC accepts **NO** responsibility for mooring balls along its beach, outside the safe swim area. **You** own the mooring ball, **you** are responsible for it.

Ted Terrell Community Action

Recently, I met with VDOT to review the drainage issues (clogged ditches) in the community as well as the overhanging tree limbs on some of our streets. They are scheduled to begin work on the drainage ditches in August. They have not given us a specific time for trimming tree limbs. Some of the drainage problems are a result of material being dumped (leaves, clippings, branches) in the ditches. Our community is basically flat and in some cases water has to move as much as three blocks to get to a 'carry out' place. Please refrain from allowing any debris to get into the ditches and ultimately blocking the flow of water.

Road work on Piney Forest and Westmoreland is still scheduled to be done; however, at this time I have not been given a start date. I am hopeful that it will be done before the end of the year.

We are getting numerous complaints about trash being left on the beach. I like to think that it is not left there by members of our community. Reminder: There is a trash can at each walk-through. They are emptied on a regular basis.

Thanks to Earl King for keeping the grass cut on the curve at Shore and Beach Drive making it safer for vehicles and for pedestrians.

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WATER RATE INCREASE

**September 25th in
Richmond, VA**

Remember, YOUR Board will be in attendance to represent you and bring back the latest news

Richard Eggeling, Dock Master's Summer 2012 Update

Slips are still available!

Slip numbers 5, 9, 8, 10, 12 are available and there is no waiting list. Take advantage of this rare situation by simply reviewing the slip list posted in the cabinet at the marina showing new slip numbers, check the slip, and call me (or leave a message at 804-224-0592).

Our slip fees have not changed since 2009:

Up to 9 ft wide \$247.50;
9 – 11 ft wide \$302.50;
12 ft plus \$385.00.

Regarding decals on trailers:

Everyone using the PWSCC boat ramp must have a PWSCC decal on their trailer – to prove PWSCC membership. If you check each other's trailers you will be surprised how many of your fellow members have no decal displayed (best displayed at the tongue, a foot or two from the hitch). If we all choose to ignore this form of identification we are making it easy for non-members to use our facility – which could lead to much unhappiness and gnashing of teeth. Not good. Let me know if you need another decal or two.

New PWSCC members please note:

- Pickups w/trailers left in the marina parking area must not encroach on the turning circle simply because fellow boaters will then have difficulty maneuvering into a position to access the ramp. Be prepared to park your rig at the upper parking area at the end of Avalon Drive (approximately 300 yards from the marina).
- The upper parking area is ideal for parking long truck/trailer rigs but since this is not PWSCC property we must observe the kind owner's request not to leave rigs overnight.

Great to see folks out on the water despite the record-breaking summer heat – do not forget your hats and sunscreen. Skin cancer (melanoma) is widespread, can be deadly – yet so easy to avoid. A wide-brimmed hat may not be to your liking, or very flattering, but will save you spending your twilight years looking like an old, wrinkled tortoise....!

Safe boating!

Greetings from Margaret Bowen, Entertainment Chairperson for PWSCC

It was GREAT to see everyone at our first two Meet and Greets. For those who don't know what this is, this is an opportunity for everyone to get together with neighbors and socialize. We meet our new

neighbors and greet our old neighbors. They are 7-9 PM on Fridays when you see the yellow sandwich board up!! We have music and light refreshments. BYOB! Inside for extreme heat, otherwise out on the deck overlooking the water! (Two more this summer... 8/17 will be a special pizza party and the last one is on 9/21)

We are having the PWSCC Family Picnic on 9/2 starting at 1:00 PM. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers provided with chips, baked beans and soft drinks, water, tea or lemonade. We will try to have some games available. We welcome anyone that wants to help out with deserts, please call me.

Last year, everyone had a great day of fun and friendly competition at the Fall Festival. We hope that 10/20 (1 - 4 PM) will be an even better afternoon for everyone. Anyone that has a new game or family competition that thinks we should try should contact me and I will see what we can do. We have corn hole games, field events, balloon toss, wheel barrel races, three leg races and other games. This should be a blast to watch and even more fun to participate.

Everyone hates to get up and cook pancakes and all the fixings for the family on Saturday mornings. Well, I will do all that for you on November 10th (7 - 11 AM). You can eat and run to the early morning football game or sleep-in and come join us for a morning of leisure, as my guest. I will cook the pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs and make coffee, tea and juice. So show up hungry and \$ 5.00 will buy you a great breakfast and be a good way to make money for more events for the community.

For a new event, we are going to have FOOTBALL Gatherings. We will all bring a dish to share and turn it into a feast for all to enjoy. The game will be on a BIG SCREEN. So BYOB and we know that we can pack the community center with happy, excited fans. Once again, let me know if you wish to help out.

The Santa workshop will take place on 12/08/12 (second Saturday in December). Betse Lewis is now accepting donations from the community for the children to give as gifts to their family. This is the day the children can shop for the whole family for 25 cents to a dollar per gift, they feel like they are picking out the perfect gift to put under the tree. They see Santa, have their picture with Santa, eat a light snack, do a craft and get a door prize to take home for themselves. This is a real treat for the children and in these economic times, it may be the only way some children get to give gifts to their family. The children truly enjoy this event.

If anyone would wish to donate or help out, then please call Betse Lewis at: (804) 224-3153. You can drop off items in her carport or call her to arrange a pick up. We thank you for your support.

So, KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN, OR YOU WILL MISS OUT ON OUR FUN. If we come up with more events, watch the community board and for the yellow sandwich boards posted around the community for announcements.

You may contact me @ (804) 224-7923..... Thanks for all of your support!!!

HEADS UP- CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

The PWSCC BOD received an email from a community member as follows:

"Just wanted to let everyone know that our golf cart was stolen last night ~~ luckily it was found just a block away undamaged. HOWEVER, according to the Deputy there are some Juveniles as well as young adults that have recently returned to the neighborhood and have created issues before and he suggested placing an article in our newsletter to advise people there have been some problems and to make sure you lock everything up."

BE AWARE PEOPLE!

PWSCC UPCOMING EVENTS

All Civic Corporation Events are held at the Clubhouse

**Meet and Greet
August 17-Pizza
Greet
September 21st**



7 - 9 PM

**Labor Day Picnic
September 2nd**



1 - 4 PM

**Fall Festival
October 20**



1 - 4 PM

**Pancake Breakfast
November 10th**



\$5.00

7 - 11 AM

**Santa Shop
December 8**



10 AM - 2 PM

**Pot Luck
Dinners**



**Football Nights
At the Clubhouse
BIG SCREEN**



**Have an idea for an event?
Let us know!
Call Margaret Bowen
at (804) 224-7923 or
send an email to:
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