

WOODLAKE CURRENTS

The Newsletter of the Woodlake Crossing Homes Association

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Hello Neighbors!

Lots going on at the park in case you have not been by recently. Since having a playground and park area is an asset for our subdivision, the board decided a few months ago to invest in it in the following ways:

- 1) Pressure-wash the playground equipment—after having it inspected for safety and making any recommended repairs
- 2) Add more stone dust to the areas already covered and to also cover the bare areas next to the playground where children/parents/grandparents walk. As folks use it and we get rain, the rock should settle for a smoother surface.
- 3) Tackle the erosion of the surface next to the lake by removing two large gumball trees, grading the area, and planting Bermuda grass. We are having to use sprinklers on timers to water the area until the grass is established. If you (and the children) can please refrain from walking on those areas we hope to have the grass growing by the end of summer--- it is a work is progress.
- 4) Added back the fence blocking vehicle access to the park. This is a safety issue and also prevents tire tracks/ruts. Golf carts are also not allowed in the park.
- 5) Last, but not least, we are aware of all the algae in the lake. There is not a quick or easy solution. We have in the past evaluated adding aerators but they have their pros and cons. Carp that eat certain types of algae were added a few years ago. We are hoping that after we have received a couple of good rains the situation will improve as it has in the past. The biologists we have consulted maintain that keeping leaves and lawn waste out of the lake is important along with a vegetative barrier (not trees) along the edge.

As you can see, your assessment dollars are being reinvested back into your neighborhood. Stay cool and have a great summer!

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MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS!



GIVE A WARM WOODLAKE WELCOME

104 Lake Herrin Ct - Jared Fernandez & Christina Kang

310 Lakeland Cres - Brian & Leigh Wood

502 Lakeland Cres - Thomas & Carrie DiCarlo

Request your Free Inspection

Call Mosquito Control at 757-890-3790



York County is committed to managing the mosquito population and educating the public to help keep our area safe and enjoyable.

Mosquitoes grow in water - reducing the mosquito population is done by removing their breeding habitat - standing water. York County residents can contact Mosquito Control to request a free yard inspection to identify areas of standing water or prime habitats where mosquitoes may be breeding. Mosquito Control staff will discuss findings with the residents and make recommendations to eliminate the breeding locations. Call Mosquito Control at 757-890-3790 to request an inspection.

VDOT Service Requests

Services: Driveway culvert cleaning

Report: Pothole | Other road damage | Problem with a stop sign

Complete the form: <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/#0>



Golf Cart Regulations



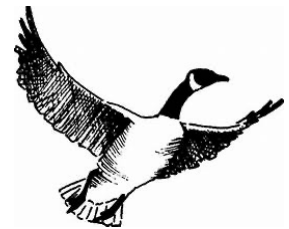
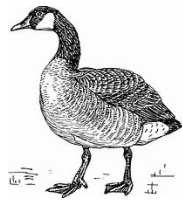
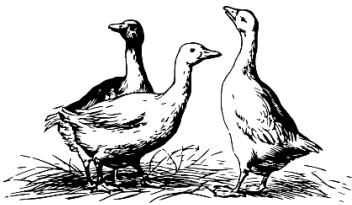
- Golf carts are allowed on any street where the **speed limit is 25 mph or less**
 - Driver must have a **valid driver's license**
 - Must follow the rules of the road
 - There may only be as many passengers as there are seats
 - Extra passengers may not hang off back, sides or ride on the roof of the golf cart
- Play it safe and drive with caution. Thank you for looking out for your neighbors.*

Why NOT to feed geese and wild animals

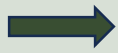
Did you know that by feeding the geese, ducks and other wildlife found here in Woodlake you are harming them? Wildlife that rely on humans for food lose their natural fear and may place themselves in dangerous situations, such as crossing roads in search of food. They also become aggressive toward humans.

Other reasons not to feed the wildlife:

- Their droppings contain bacteria that pollutes the lake
- Their droppings contain bacteria and parasites that are harmful to people – especially young children
- Geese damage the grass along the shorelines which leads to erosion
- By not sticking to their natural diet, they will suffer from poor nutrition and disease
- Feeding encourages them to stick around and will eventually lead to overpopulation

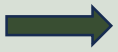


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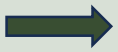


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COMMUNITY COMMENTS

FLYING THE UNITED STATES FLAG



Ladies and Gentlemen of Woodlake Crossing:

As a former member of the United States Army, and having retired after 20+ years of service, it is extremely pleasing to see the number of households in Woodlake that are flying the US flag, as I do.

It is interesting to note that certain rules governing the flying of the flag are actually set forth in the United State Code (law). Specifically, Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, contains rules for handling and displaying the U.S. flag. While the federal code contains no penalties for misusing the flag, states have their own flag codes and may impose penalties. The language of the federal code makes clear that the flag is a living symbol.

The federal flag code says the universal custom is to display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open, but when a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. While “properly illuminated” isn’t further defined, it has been customarily determined to be that a light is dedicated to illuminate the flag and only the flag. Porch lights and other incidental lights are not usually considered adequate to provide the “proper illuminated” effect required by the Code.

The above requirements have been extracted nearly verbatim from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Flag Etiquette pamphlet: <https://www.vfw.org/community/flag-etiquette>. I could not find a Virginia reference to the US flag.

In my meanderings around Woodlake before and after the hours of daylight (for exercise purposes only), I have noticed several flags being flown after sunset and before sunrise without any light on them of any kind. Some that have light fixtures visible must have burned-out bulbs since the lights are not on during darkness.

I respectfully request that more Woodlake homeowners (everyone?) display the American flag and that those that do, please do it in accordance with the US Code and in general respectfulness of our American flag. We’ve gotten our community written up in the newspaper in the past for our Christmas candles; why not for every house flying the American flag?

Thank you.

Frank Hudson, Jr
Frank Hudson, Jr
LTC, USA (Retired)
& Woodlake Resident



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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Owners: Stone Lake Ct residents Brian and Ashley Martin

DISCLOSURE PACKAGE INFORMATION

If you are selling your home, you are required by law to get a Disclosure Package from the Association. To order, go to HomeWiseDocs.com and create an account. Then follow the instructions to place your order. If your agent is handling the DP request -please advise them to do the same.



WOODLAKE WEBSITE

Board meeting minutes
Issues of *The Currents*
Board member contacts
Committee member contacts
The Association's governing documents
www.WoodlakeCrossing.org

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REQUEST APPLICATION

Section: _____ Lot Number: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of Alterations: _____

IN ORDER FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO PROPERLY REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS:

WRITTEN PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS

PLAT (SITE PLAN) with drawing of exact location, configuration, and size of alteration(s)

(Including driveways, landscaped areas, setback lines, buffer areas and other features under the Zoning Ordinance)

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS/ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMPROVEMENTS

(Exterior elevations, construction materials and exterior colors)

PHOTOGRAPH(S) and/or DRAWING(S)

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please specify):

HOMEOWNERS: By signing below you are indicating that you understand **you must wait for receipt of your written approval of this application before beginning the foregoing alteration(s)**, and that approval of such alteration(s) by the Architectural Review Committee does not release you from your obligations to ensure that such alteration(s) is (are) in compliance with the applicable Building and Zoning ordinances for York County.

I/We understand that any damages that may occur during the course of this alteration are my/our responsibility, whether the damage is done to common property or private property (to include underground wiring, landscaping, roadways, etc.).

Homeowner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Homeowner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The signatures of all immediate neighbors must be obtained before your application will be considered.

NEIGHBORS: Your signatures must be obtained for all "improvements" (these include, but are not limited to, room additions, decks, fences, storage sheds and major landscape changes). BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ARE INDICATING YOUR AWARENESS OF THE ALTERATION, NOT YOUR APPROVAL. If, as a neighbor, you have concerns regarding this application we encourage you to contact a member of the Association Board of Directors or the Association Manager as soon as possible.

Neighbor: _____

Neighbor: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

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Address: _____

Address: _____

All applications must be submitted to the WCHA Association Manager, Victory Community Management at the above address. Applications are reviewed monthly, so please allow adequate time to receive a response.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date of Receipt: _____ Date of the ARC Review: _____

- APPROVED
- APPROVED WITH COMMENTS/CONDITIONS
- DISAPPROVED
- DECISION WITHHELD
- OTHER: _____
- COMMENTS: _____

Signed: _____