

The Newsletter of the Woodlake Crossing Homes Association

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President's Corner



Hello Neighbors!

Wanted to give a "shout-out" to the Wilhite Family and the Chappell Family for volunteering to decorate our entrances in a patriotic manner for Memorial Day. Always glad to see folks jumping in to help out with activities that keep our neighborhood remaining one of the more desirable areas to live in York County.

As we near hurricane season, it might be a good time to check your property for any preventative steps that can be taken now. Along with the usual items that are purchased for reserves, consideration of a portable generator purchase would be easier now with many sizes and options available **PRIOR** to a storm bearing down on us. I had to learn the hard way that the shelves can empty pretty quickly at the hardware stores.

Along with items you can purchase, repairing anything that would be susceptible to wind/rain damage will be easier to schedule while contractors are not overwhelmed.

Finally check your trees for dead limbs, limbs hanging over your roof. As someone who had a large pine enter my roof (Isabelle '03), the cost of tree removal *now* pales in comparison to the cost/pain of repairs and loss of use immediately following a storm.

And finally, finally, please don't speed though the neighborhood. Lots of families with young ones are moving into our community. Obeying the stop signs and not cutting corners (especially from Lakeland Crescent onto Elm Lake Way) makes walking, biking, and driving safer for all!

Your President,



GIVE A WARM WOODLAKE WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

Qubin Qin & Xun Cai – 109 Elm Lake Way Dan Gomez & Sharon Paul – 106 Cranwood Court

MEET DIANNE BRYNILDSEN

The Currents recently caught up with Dianne who serves on our Woodlake Board of Directors. Here is what she had to say:

How long have you lived in Woodlake?

We have lived in Woodlake for almost 5 years.

Why did you decide to live in Woodlake?

When we were looking for a house in York County, we drove around different neighborhoods. We really loved the look and feel of Woodlake. It felt like a family-friendly neighborhood in a great location. The houses had a nice yard size and were not cookie-cutter.

What is your favorite part of living in Woodlake?

My favorite part about living in Woodlake is having friendly neighbors and enjoying all the lovely birds. One year, we even saw eagles in our neighborhood (right around the lake).

What neighborhood activities have you been involved in?

We have coordinated several neighborhood events including last year's visit with Santa and this year's spring egg hunt. We have also hosted luminary packing at our house for the last few years.

Who lives with you?

My husband and three children.

What other community activities/organizations are you involved in?

In the past, I have been part of an organization that preps underprivileged high school students for the SAT and have also taught kindergarteners literacy skills. Currently, I've got my hands full with our three children and have not been able to volunteer as much as I'd like to.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in the Philippines and some of my immediate family still lives there.

Describe the most interesting job you have ever had.

Many years ago, I was the Social Media Manager for the Hampton Police Department. At that time, social media for law enforcement was not yet well-received and accepted. It was a fun challenge to get their Facebook page up and running and navigate the boundaries of law enforcement when using social media. Perhaps the most exciting part of that job was being able to solve an active case using Facebook.



What hobbies do you have?

I enjoy crafting and photography.

What is your favorite place to shop?

I love Target (who doesn't?), but I do enjoy a leisurely trip to a thrift store as you just don't know what you'll find.

What is your least favorite household chore?

My least favorite household chore is definitely sorting, folding, and putting away laundry (though having a TV show playing in the background helps).

What is your favorite food?

Thai and sushi would be at the top of the list, but my husband would probably say fried chicken is my favorite.

Anything else people might be interested to know about you?

We love playing board games, especially strategy games, and would be interested in meeting others who share the same interest.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE UPDATE- RICK THOMPSON

A stormwater committee was formed in early 2021 to investigate lake overflows that occurred the previous year. The committee reports to the WCHA Board and has worked with York County to achieve the following:

- Determined and maintained the "as-designed" water level in the lake
- Removal of silt buildup at Lakeland Crescent that caused backflow into the lake and high water levels
- Cleanup of vegetation and debris along Moore's creek that threatened blockages to stormwater drainage

In 2015, York County provided Woodlake with a dedicated drainage pipe to help prevent overflows by lowering the lake prior to a storm. The pipe can lower the lake 12 inches from the current level when fully drained. Last summer, the committee determined that drainage though the pipe had slowed considerably and could not be used to lower the lake in a timely manner. The Board decided at that time to keep the pipe open during hurricane season to reduce the threat of overflows. To remedy the situation, the committee has been working with York County to complete a video inspection through the pipe and with VDOT to remove silt buildup from the culverts under Big Bethel Road. It is planned that the pipe will be opened during the upcoming hurricane season or until the drainage capability is restored.

The stormwater committee welcomes participation, comments, or questions from any Woodlake homeowner. Please contact me at WCHAStormwater@gmail.com or call (757) 945-9260.

PARK VANDALS

The Stormwater Committee recently discovered rocks at the outflow area of the lake had been moved to block water from entering the pipes. The rocks are there to protect the pipes and to prevent erosion. Blocking those pipes compromises the drainage system and could result in flood damage to those living on the lake. If anyone witnesses this kind of activity, please report it to Sarah Knaub, the Stormwater Committee, or one of your board members.

WOODLAKE DITCH UPDATE



VDOT is continuing to work on reshaping the ditches in Woodlake. There are a few streets that have not been addressed yet as they are waiting for the utilities to be marked. If they have reshaped your ditch and cleaned out your culvert pipe, then they are probably finished working in your area. It is up to you now to maintain the ditch and keep it clear of debris. It is also recommended that you plant grass (if VDOT did not put down seed) or some sort of groundcover with a root system that will support the banks.

York County will be addressing drainage issues with their ditches as a result of the lowering of the VDOT ditches along the roads. York County drainage easements are those that run alongside or behind your property.

Thank you for your patience and efforts to support this longoverdue project! If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Knaub at VictoryComMgt@gmail.com.

RVs & Trailers

Just as a reminder, from the Woodlake Residential Restrictions paragraph 15c:



"From May 1st through September 30th of each year, recreational vehicles, including but not limited to boats, trailer-mounted water craft and campers, each such recreational vehicle not to exceed twenty-five (25) feet in length and twelve (12) feet in height, may be parked on driveways ahead of the Minimum Building Set-back Line provided the recreational vehicle is parked no closer than ten (10) feet from the street and, provided further, the recreational vehicle is so parked only on an occasional and temporary basis, but in no event for a period of time longer than five (5) consecutive days."



MEADOWLAKE FARMS POOL INFO

Looking for an enjoyable way to spend your summer? The Meadowlake Farms Pool is **open daily from 12 – 7 PM** through September 5th.

A limited number of seasonal memberships are available for purchase <u>online only</u> at https://swimmingpoolpasses.net/meadowlake. Once the online application is completed, passes will be received within 7-10 business days. There is no entry without passes so don't delay and apply today!

Initial cost for the 2022 membership is \$190 for an individual membership or \$300 for the family and includes use of the tennis courts. On July 1 the fees will reduce to \$130 for individuals and \$200 for families, and on Aug 1 they will reduce to \$65.00 and \$100.00 respectively. Check out additional pool information on **meadowlakefarmshomes.com**.



The Victory Family YMCA is preparing for their 2022 Bright Beginnings program. Since 2003, the Bright Beginnings program has served to identify children in our community who may be in need and equip them with the resources necessary to ensure they have clothes, shoes, and school supplies to start their school year on the right foot.

HELP KIDS SUCCEED

Be a Bright Beginnings Backpack Buddy

You can help us serve more children than ever before by helping in one or more of the following ways:

- Sponsor a child or children by making a generous contribution to ensure that eligible families can participate in this program. A donation of \$200 sponsors one child for a full Bright Beginnings experience.
- Collect school supplies to fill backpacks to be sure these students have the essentials for their school year.
- Volunteer by becoming a Bright Beginnings shopping buddy and partner with a child for three hours on our August shopping trip.

More at ymcavp.org/brightbeginnings



Woodlake Classifieds

SERVICES:

Brian and Ashley Martin are owners of **Power House Painting and Home Improvement** and live on Stone Lake Ct. With over 200 Five Star Reviews online they want you to experience what so many others have. They are offering \$100 Off any wood rot project over \$600. Call the office at 757-310-2926.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

- Mens Ig frame Giant 21 speed bike \$250
- Mercury 5 hp O/B \$450
- 16ft canoe \$400
- 16ft boat trailer \$275

Contact: Chris Merritt - 757-218-1899

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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 for you please advise them to do the same.



WOODLAKE WEBSITE

Visit www.woodlakecrossing.org to find information like minutes from the monthly Board meetings, past issues of *The Currents*, how to contact Board and committee members, and the Association's governing documents.

WOODLAKE COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE Our neighborhood Facebook page is set up as a closed group. If you would like to join, search for "Woodlake"

NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAIL LIST

Crossing" and ask to be added to the group.

Please send an e-mail to WCHASocialCommittee@gmail.com to be added to our neighborhood e-mail list *or if your e-mail address has changed*.

VDOT REQUESTS

If you need your culvert pipe cleaned out, need something removed from a road or live near a pothole that needs to be filled, go to https://my.vdot.virginia.gov and submit a request.

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Woodlake Currents

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The editor and Board reserve the right to edit and reformat articles and ads, and to reject articles or ads deemed offensive or inappropriate for the community.

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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 COMMITT THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS:	TEE TO PROPERLY REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE
O WRITTEN PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS	
O PLAT (SITE PLAN) with drawing of exact location, column (Including driveways, landscaped areas, setback lines, b	nfiguration, and size of alteration(s) ouffer areas and other features under the Zoning Ordinance)
O ARCHITECTURAL PLANS/ILLUSTRATIONS OF IMPROV (Exterior elevations, construction materials and exterior	
O PHOTOGRAPH(S) and/or DRAWING(S)	
O ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please specify):	
approval of this application before beginning the fore	that you understand you must wait for receipt of your written egoing alteration(s) , and that approval of such alteration(s) by the from your obligations to ensure that such alteration(s) is (are) in dinances for York County.
I/We understand that any damages that may occuresponsibility, whether the damage is done to common wiring, landscaping	property or private property (to include underground
Homeowner Signature:	Date:
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The signatures of all <u>immediate</u> 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:____

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Neighbor:__