

QLCA NEWS

The official newsletter of Queens Lake Community Association

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October/November 2015

President's Message

The pool is closed and the kids are back to school. All these are clear signs that fall has arrived in Queens Lake. As the cooler temperatures allow for being out in the yard remember York County will pick up your tree branches. You may look in the beautification section of your newsletter for more information.

Fall is the time for getting outside. The volunteers in our community are working hard to bring you great facilities. Tennis courts have been resurfaced this year and many of the lake access points are being maintained for your enjoyment.

While many facilities are being upgraded there is still room for improvement. The lake needs our attention as well as the access points to the lake. You will see a call for volunteers to help with these projects. Please come out to help with these efforts.

The bridge and sewer project for the West side of Queens Lake is moving forward. There are no concrete dates for this project to start. It is "shovel ready" so we can expect movement any time. For those with concerns please continue to call York County. Even better you may attend a Board of Supervisors meeting. The dates are listed on the York County website.

The annual meeting package will be delivered in a few weeks. A comprehensive look at each facility will be in the packet. Read through carefully and cast your vote. Please plan on attending the annual meeting on November 10th at the Queens Lake Middle School.

My term on the board is coming to an end. Thank you to the board and committee volunteers that work very hard to make living in Queens Lake enjoyable.

Marie Homer
President QLCA

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The QL Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Books and records of the Queens Lake Community Association, including minutes of all Board meetings, are open to members for review.

The next newsletter deadline is Jan. 15, 2016. Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email QLCA@widomaker.com or to Cherrie Begley at cbegley@widomaker.com. Office 229-0973 or H: 253-0357.

ACBL Duplicate Bridge - every Monday at the Clubhouse - 11:30-3:30-\$7.00 per person. Contact Diane Morton 532-3523

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 13-Board Meeting-7 pm Clubhouse
Oct. 23-Seafood Fest-Clubhouse-6:30pm
Oct. 31-Halloween Party-Clubhouse-4pm
Nov. 7-Arts and Craft Show-9-3pm-Clubhouse
Nov. 10- Annual Meeting-7pm-Queens Lake School
Dec. 6-Christmas Brunch-11:00-Clubhouse
Dec. 8-Board Meeting canceled
Jan. 12-Board Meeting-7pm-Clubhouse
Feb. -Ladies Luncheon 11:30-to be announced

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At the Ladies Luncheon

Date to be announced

11:30-\$1 per person-RSVP

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ANNUAL MEETING

Tues. Nov. 10, 2015

7:00 PM

Queens Lake School

Yoga for Men & Women-Yoga classes Thursdays, from 6 - 7:15 pm at the clubhouse. There is no charge but donations of \$5 are accepted to cover costs. Beginners are welcome. Bring a yoga mat and blanket. Contact Kathy Devanny 871-1014

Board Briefs July 14, 2015

Sewer- All property owners in QL received a letter from York County and signed by Walt Zaremba informing them that public sewer to the west side will go forward as planned, with a pipe and foot bridge across the lake. Aqua and York County will try to work together when the sewer goes to the west side.

Grounds- Bed mulching has been completed. We will budget for 2 dam clearings. Removal of tree limbs in the pool area will be budgeted for next year.

Budgets are due the end of July.

Lake-Finalizing termination of contract with Solitude for the end of September and contracting with Clarke to maintain the lake and aerators.

Tennis-Contractor needs to paint pickle ball lines.



6th Annual Queens Lake Community Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 7th, - 9 AM to 3 PM - Queens Lake Clubhouse

The show features artisans from Queens Lake and the local community.

Items for sale include needlecrafts, handmade jewelry, prints, herbal items, ceramics, cards, baby and reusable items, photography, blacksmith, books from a local author and more.

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12th Annual Queens Lake Christmas Tree Sale

November 27 – 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 28 – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November 29 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 5th – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Children's Holiday Party

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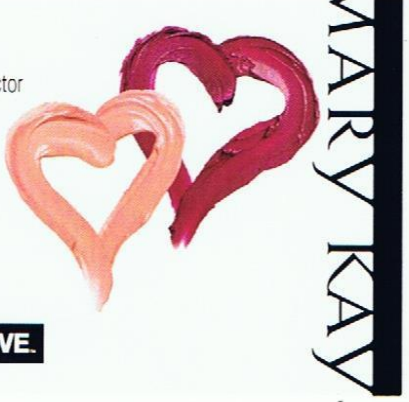
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POOL

Submitted by Bob Gaschen: Director

General: Budget numbers for this year look good. August was quiet.

Committee Meeting: The pool/swim team committee met September 9th. Topics included pool and swim team budgets, pool closing and clean up, and Fall/Winter maintenance.

Committee Members: Co- Chairman-Mark Downey & Bob Gaschen, Marie Homer, Kate Helwig, Ted Lynch, Jessie Moser, Mary McGovern, Chris Homer, Tom Rooks, John Pattisall, Dana deJager, Andy McNeil, & Craig Marcuson

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BEAUTIFICATION

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MARINA

Submitted by Chris Ferguson: Director

The gas pump at the marina is full, if you need gas please give us some advance notice. Call Pat 869-7659 or Doug 880-0512. Anyone in need of the US Coast Guard required boater education class? If so, send me an email (chrisferguson13@hotmail.com) and I'll see about arranging the class here in Queens Lake.

By Doug Olson, Chairman- It is encouraging to see that fishing and boating activity at the Marina has increased recently and slip rental inquiries and actual rentals continue to rise slowly though we are well behind previous years activity. Ramp rentals are tracking at budget for the year and we continue to have new inquires for ramp access as well.

The budgeted work to correct the drainage problems at the Marina entrance road has been completed and several recent heavy rain events have shown the fixes were successful. The parking area at the Clubhouse steps was also re-graded to provide two additional parking slots for Clubhouse patrons. The young ospreys in the nest at the Marina gas dock have learned their flying lessons well and are leaving the nest on a daily basis to look for food. They will soon be leaving the nest for good and wish them well. We continue to invite all QLCA members to visit the Marina and enjoy our facility. However, we also need to advise parents that the Marina Rules require that all children 13 years or younger must be accompanied by a responsible adult and that all young children should wear approved US Coast Guard life jackets when on the Marina docks.

Committee Members: Doug Olson-Chairman, Pat Reinecke-Dockmaster, & Danny Sumerlin -Rampmaster

Beautification/Maintenance/Playground

Submitted by Bob Yeomans: Director

All beds have been sprayed and mulched several times. Micah's 2016 maintenance contract will be sent to the office shortly. No changes in pricing or services will be made.

Several large tree limbs adjacent to the Club House parking lot have been identified as potentially hazardous. We will be getting estimates for the removal of these limbs. It has been determined that Dominion Power is not responsible for these items.

Virginia Playground Service has been contacted for an estimate to evaluate/replace the large swing set unit. We are awaiting that estimate.

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Submitted by Leah Duckworth: Director

The QL Website Committee met on August 4, 2015 and determined the following: Leah Duckworth was deputized to call Widomaker to cancel the web hosting services. Wordpress will host the site for an annual fee of \$15.99 as opposed to the \$455/year charged by Widomaker.

As the directors are doing a good job of keeping their pages up to date, it was decided to forgo appointing a webmaster.

Kate Roessler demonstrated to the committee how to view the website stats. For instance, there were 65 hits on the website on the day on which the newsletter was uploaded. Leah will put up in the Community Affairs section a copy of the letter from Walt Zaremba clarifying the county's plans for finishing the sewer project.

Leah will get in touch with Bob Gaschen to see how we might do the real estate page using Trullia or have an active MS listing by realtors. Leah will put up the QL map used on the front of the Queens Lake directory. It will go under "Contacts."

Newsletter: Cherrie completed the Aug/Sept newsletter and Jean and Phil Lien picked it up, labeled and delivered the newsletter to the post office.

Committee Members: Jean Lien, Phil Lien, Cherrie Begley, Randy Begley, Kate Roessler, Joan Swanson, Mary McGovern, & Claudia Smith

TENNIS

Submitted by Jeff Anderson: Director

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Committee Members: Peter Schweitzer, Tim & Cathy Cross & Burt James



CLUBHOUSE

Submitted by Suzanne Maggio: Director

Clubhouse A/C was repaired the last week of August due to water leak. All fixed and ready for rentals.

Summer is winding down and fall events will start soon.

Hope to Have Some Workshops

Interior Design....

Master gardeners

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Cooking class.....

Cake decorating....

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Committee Members: Joan Swanson, Jan Snook, Betty Ann Griffin, Judy Angles, Ann Brown-Hailey, Susan Adams, Doug Olson, Randy Begley, Kristin Schweitzer, Maribeth Miller, Heather Walters, Emily Edmonds, Lana Olson, Vic Maggio, and Cherrie Begley

Community Affairs

Submitted by Ashley Hargrove: Director

Aqua Virginia has assigned a new contact person for the Queens Lake project. I had a call on September 15 with the new person and someone from their New Jersey office. They are working to coordinate with York County and Dominion VA Power on the West Side projects so that it will have as little interruption as possible to street paving etc. As of now, the plan is to begin in Jan of 2016. They also plan to do Willoughby at that time so that contractors will already be on site. If you have any questions, complaints about Aqua, please contact them at their customer service center.

York County is working with their consultant on the bridge project. I hope to have more information in the next two weeks.

The I-64 widening project has begun. The first phase will run from Jefferson Ave to Yorktown Rd. There will lane closures from 9 pm to 5 am. At this time there are no daytime closures planned. This phase has an estimated completion date of December 2017.

For those who have county trash pickup, they will pick up two times year at no charge for yard debris. Please call them to have a time set up to remove the piles at 890-3780. Leaf collection schedule will not be out until late October. There is a household chemical and electronics event scheduled for October 10 at Warhill High school and November 14 at York County off Goodwin Neck Rd. The list of items you can take is available on the York County Recycling website.

Sentara Hospital sponsored a talk at the clubhouse on Sept 22 by Dr. Francis on Heart Health. This was free to all residents. We hope to do more.

Committee Members: Ashley Hargrove, Ward Bourn, and Ralph Wilson.



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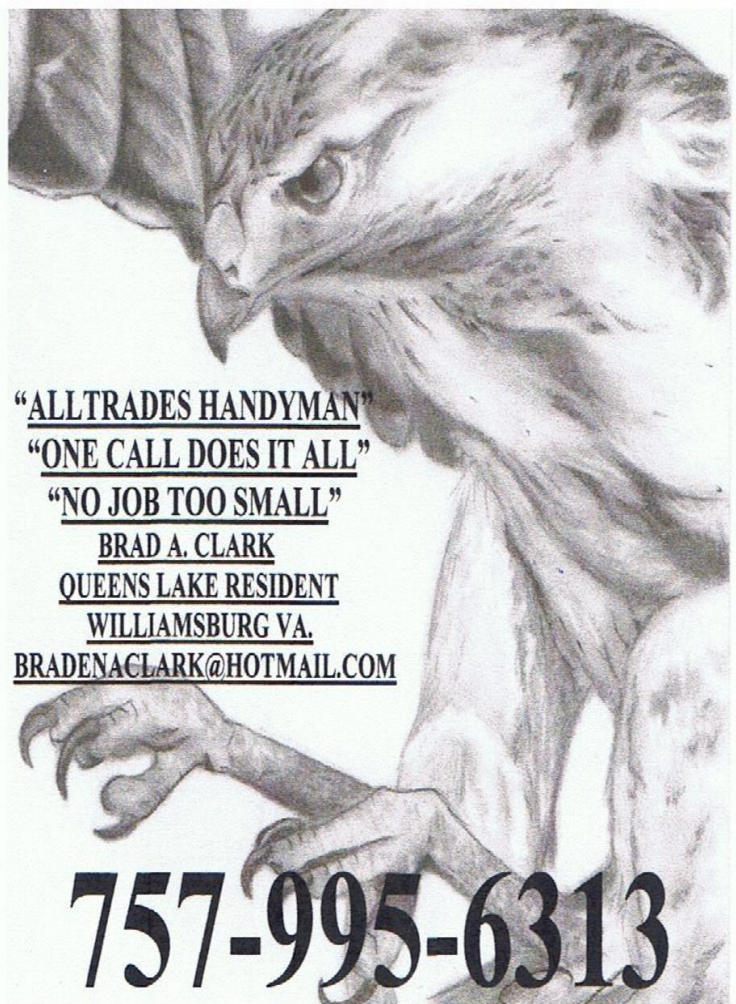
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Lake

Submitted by Lynn Maltinsky: Director

BOAT AUCTION - A total of 10 boats were sold at auction for a total of \$972.00

BOAT ACCESS AREAS – 3 aluminum dock ladders have been installed on the docks in the boat access areas.

LAKE MANAGEMENT – Clarke Aqua Management will start monitoring the lake this month. A lower fee of \$400 a visit was negotiated which includes water testing, aerator maintenance, and lake inspection. Visits have been reduced from 12 to 8 annually. The final estimate for the first treatment of the Curlyleaf pondweed is \$29,745.00.

The cost was higher than anticipated based on several factors such as Queens Lake is larger than earlier stated, almost 80 acres, the density of the Curlyleaf and the type of herbicide being used. In the contract is a guarantee of a 95% or better reduction or spot treatment will be performed at no additional cost.

CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE – If there is enough interest in participation the Lake Committee would like to host a lighted boat parade the first or second weekend in December. Participants would decorate their boats in holiday themes and colors and parade them across Queens Lake. If you are interested in participating please send an email to info@Queenslake.com

Committee members: Rick Toth, Richard McCluney, Bruce Keener, Ralph Wilson, & Craig Marcuson.

Access Path Volunteers: Gerry Mauer, Judy McCormack, Lynn Maltinsky, Anne Rose, Sue Roberts, Jeff McKinney, & Whit Richardson.

FINANCE

Submitted by John Kueser: Director

The finance committee met on September 3rd to review the budgets.

Questions and recommendations were discussed with the Lake chairman. A letter to be written by Bob Evans and the committee to focus on the long-term health of the lake and raising funds to be used for lake projects only and will be an annual fundraising effort.

Pool budget recommendations: Great job with getting the 2015 finances in much better than planned and a positive flow to reserves. Review chemicals line for 2016 and determine how much was on hand at the start of the season to help determine the 2016 plan number. - Swim Team budget recommendations: Review being made to determine the final outcome for the 2015 year. 2016 plan will be modified and work will be done to maintain a self-sufficient plan.

Committee Members: John Kueser, Gordon Angles, Lana Olson, Bob Evans, Renny Parziale, & Ted Lynch

Pool Committee Update

Submitted by Bob Gaschen
2015 Pool Committee Chairman
rgaschen@gmail.com or 229-2495

***Swim Season 2015 was a
Tremendous Success! Lots of New
Pool Members!
Lots of Fun!***

*Thanks to everyone who joined this summer
and have helped to keep QL Pools the best!*

THANKS

- Our Pool Operator John Poorman and to the Guard Staff for making QL Pools a welcoming, safe, and clean place to swim.

- To all the pool committee members and countless volunteers who pitched in throughout the summer to minimize costs to the association and donated not only their time and expertise but also their hard earned dollars to support the pools!!!

- ***We hope to see everyone at
the 12th Annual Christmas Tree
Fundraiser/Christmas Party Friday
November 27th Thru Sunday
November 29th and Saturday Dec
5th and back next year to enjoy
another great summer.***

***Tell all your neighbors
to join next summer to see
what they are missing!!***

Queens Lake 2015 Eagles Swim Team



The 2015 Queens Lake Eagles had Another Great season in Division 1 this summer, finishing in 4th place in the division.

The Eagles also had a strong showing at the end of the year Championship Meet placing 3rd out of 19 teams. The team had a total of 137 swimmers this summer with a 54 qualifying for Champs.

2015 Top Awards:

- 1. Male High Point Swimmer: Elijah Fields**
- 2. Female High Point Swimmer: Charlie Scogna**
- 3. Wilke Award: Alice McNeil**
- 4. Record Breakers: Zach Wallace (50 Back), Evan Lynch (100 IM and 50 Back), Elijah Fields (100 IM, 50 Free, 50 Fly), Charlie Scogna (25 Back, 25 Fly)**
- 5. Champs Meet Record Breaker: Charlie Scogna (25 Fly), breaking a 30 year old Champs Meet Record**
- 6. Evan Lynch and Charlie Scogna were also High Point swimmers for their age group at Champs**

Once again a huge thanks to HEAD COACH SANDI WILLARD for her 12th summer leading the Eagles and her crew of assistant coaches:

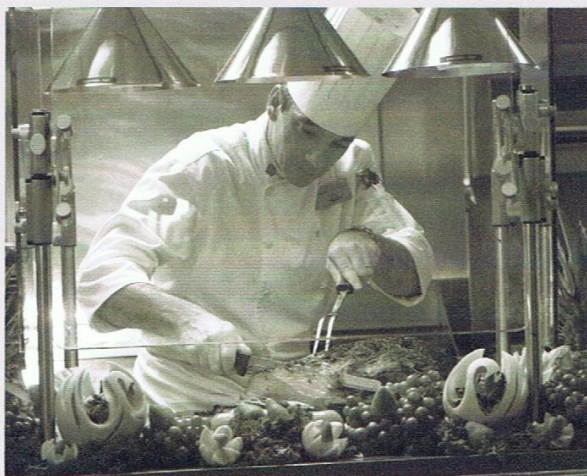
**Emily Gerdes and Alice McNeil
Jessie and Jenna Beattie and Jenny Schuster
Zach Wallace and Trevor LeForge**

**Volunteer Coaches as well:
Branch Fields, Kathryn Lerman, Caroline Helwig, Chris Homer**

AND a big thank you to FELICIA ANDERSON for her endless energy organizing all of the parent volunteers and team events!!

See you next summer!!! Mark Downey and Marie Homer

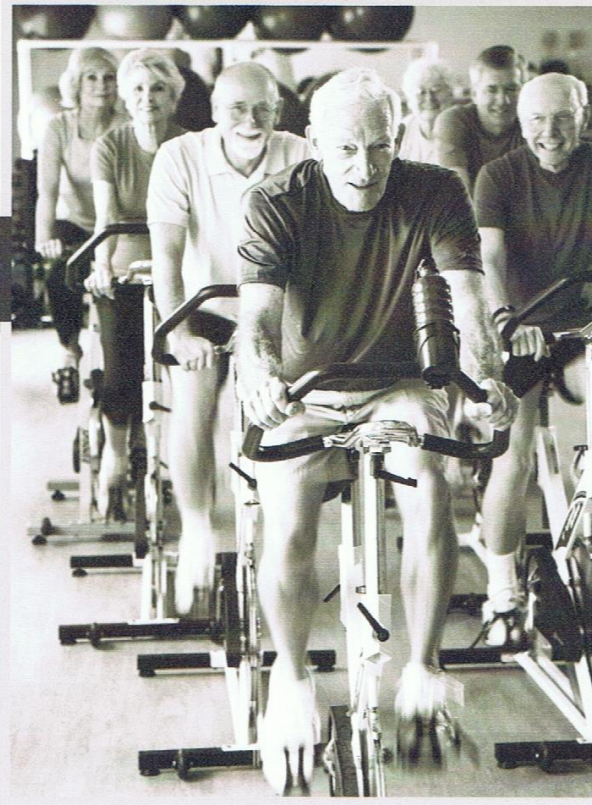
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