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August/September 2016

President's Message

Hello Queens Lake,

The weather was perfect for Queens Lake Day this year. We had many activities including soccer, corn hole, water polo, fishing and pickle ball tournaments. We had people cheering on the Triathlon participants early in the morning, breakfast at the pool, a great parade led by the local fire truck, fun in the pool and a catered dinner with a live band. Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers that helped to make it all happen.

Work on the West side sewer project continues. J. Sanders has been working the side streets off West Queens and should move onto West Queens Drive itself this fall. Toward the end of August, they will drive test pilings in the lake in preparation for bridge construction this fall. Aqua will also begin replacing more than one mile of water main on Dennis Drive, Old Glory Court and Holcomb Drive. This project should take 8 to 12 weeks to complete.

The board is exploring options on accepting credit card payments in 2017. Earlier this year, the Communication Committee worked with the Pool Committee and the Treasurer to take credit card payment for pool dues. Thank you to Bryan Edmonds, Claudia Smith and Lana Olson who worked on this trial program.

The membership committee reports many new deeded members. Homes are selling well in Queens Lake. We look forward to seeing these new members at some of the coming events like The Halloween Party with Trunk or Treat, The Seafood Festival, The Arts and Craft Show, Christmas Brunch and a holiday Cookie Exchange. Check the website and the newsletter for all the upcoming events.

The pool, marina, tennis courts, lake and clubhouse are all doing well. This is the busy season and the volunteers have been working hard to make sure these facilities are fun for all members.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer,

Bob Gaschen
President, Queens Lake Community Association

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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 September 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 9-Cancel August Board meeting
Sept 13-Board Meeting-7 pm - Clubhouse
Oct 11-Board Meeting- 7pm- Clubhouse
Oct 21-Seafood Fest-6:30-Clubhouse
Oct 29 - Halloween Party-Trunk or Treat in the field -5 to 6 pm
Nov 5-Arts & Craft Show-9 to 3 pm
Nov 15-Annual Meeting-7 pm -Queens Lake Clubhouse
Dec 4-Sunday-Christmas Brunch-11 am

Yoga and Mindfulness Meditation - Clubhouse

Yoga-Thursdays - 6-7:15 pm -\$5.00 a class

Teacher - Mary Kashouty Joyner

Yoga - Mondays also in August - 6-7:15-\$5.00 a class

Mindfulness Meditation - Thursdays - 7:30-8:30

Mary McGovern

Mindfulness meditation: donation to help cover rental

Queens Lake residents and non-residents

Casual Creek Paddle at the Marina

One Free Creek Paddle

Please come and try us out. We hope you will enjoy the creek and join for one year, only \$15.00.

When: 10:30am on the last Saturday of each month 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24)

Why: Get outside, meet neighbors, enjoy nature, spend time with friends & family, exercise...

Who: Anyone interested in a low key, family friendly paddle down Queens Creek. Please come out to the marina and join us on the last Saturday of the month to paddle the creek. We plan to paddle down Queens Creek toward I-64 and enjoy the beautiful estuary that exists between our neighborhood and Camp Peary. All self-propelled vessels are welcome- Canoes, Kayaks, SUPs, etc. No sign up or registration needed, just bring your boat and join us. Very loose and informal- spend as much or as little time on the water as you like. Kid friendly. Life vests strongly encouraged. Don't have your ramp pass yet? Don't worry, we will have applications available at the event!

Questions? Chris Kolloff: cbkolloff@gmail.com, 757-642-7019

7th ANNUAL QUEENS LAKE COMMUNITY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW **Saturday, November 5, 9AM -3PM** **Queens Lake Clubhouse**

The show features artisans from QL and the local community with original work for sale.

Call for Artists/Crafters - Watch for the registration form by email this summer

Queens Lake member participants pay \$20 if registered by Aug. 14, then \$25 after that. - please join us!

Board Briefs May 10, 2016

There was a meeting with York County representatives about the progress of the West side sewer lines. York County held a pre-construction meeting for the west side sewer project May 6. Representatives from VDOT, J. Sanders (primary contractor), Aqua, Queens Lake and county staff were present. J. Sanders is in the preliminary planning stages of the project. While no schedule has been made, they intend to begin work on the side streets before moving on to West Queens. Clearing land near the east side of the dam began this week. This will provide lake access for the construction of the bridge. The contractor doesn't expect to begin bridge work until late August or early September so the dam should be open to traffic most of the summer. We can expect a few, brief closures this summer as they drive six test pilings and a complete closure when they begin work on the bridge.

The contract has been signed for Design Management Assoc. to start the Capital Reserve study.

Mulching was done and flowers planted around the signs, and weeding and pick up of limbs.

Board members to take on an event for QL Day.

Pool members were allowed to charge through Square as a trial run to see how it would work for dues.

Working for a pass through to the parkway. Keeping up with I-64 expansion, footbridge, sewer project, and storm water runoff and noise mitigation.

Erosion issues on dam at the guardrail near the spillway will be repaired by VDOT. VDOT will remove the dying tree at the dam.

Committee members will be meeting with representatives of VA Power and Colonial Soil Conservation District for a presentation and a walking tour of the upper end of Princess Pond and Queens Lake. Both groups offer assistance and grants for environmental issues that we face and can help guide us when working with the county and state to resolve erosion issues.

Marina Committee will be researching silt, repair plumbing and electrical issues. Security cameras have been installed.

New kiosk – Adjustments were made to the design and placement of a new kiosk. Meeting with contractors this week to discuss plans.

Motion was made and approved to change wording on the pool party form and Swim Test form.

FINANCE

Submitted by John Kueser: Director

The finance committee had a meeting on June 29 with the primary discussion focused on the Capital Reserve Study. The review process has begun and a follow-up meeting with DMA will take place next month.

Committee members: Gordon Angles, Bob Evans, Renny Parziale, Lana Olson, and Ted Lynch.

Board Briefs June 14, 2016

All of the 2015 financial files were delivered to the accountant's office last month and hopefully they have started the review process.

Representatives from DMA spent a lot of time measuring and taking photos of all the facilities.

Pool and Swim Team had sign-ups. Swim Team VPSU used Pay Pal and Pool members could charge this year through QL with Square, as a trial.

Phan will cut brush behind the clubhouse and pool in mid July.

Red's Tree Service removed the nine Photinia Red Tops lining the fence behind the clubhouse. They died very quickly from a leaf spot fungus.

The trial run to test the ability of the website to accept and process credit card payments was for pool members. \$7,7000 was collected by Square and the collections fees of \$217 were charged against the Communication account.

On June 8th remapped Queens Lake confirming little to no Curlyleaf pondweed. We did discover some native plants species beginning to re-establishing which provide cover for small fish and are a food source for both fish and ducks. The lake will be mapped again in October after the new weed crop sprouts so a treatment plan for 2017 can be formulated.

Lake committee will resume Holcomb new path in July.

On May 18th members of the Lake Committee met with Tim Beale, Distribution Forestry Coordinator for Dominion Power and Jim Wallace, District Manager of the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District. Pond silting is being addressed.

Membership working on letters going to members who have not paid dues yet.

CLUBHOUSE

Submitted by Emily Edmonds: Director

The Clubhouse continues to be running smoothly with frequent rentals, few repairs, and it is ahead of budget. A Clubhouse Committee meeting will be held next in August to discuss the Fall and Winter event schedule. . Special Thanks to Cherrie Begley and Lana Olson for keeping the Clubhouse tidy and organized.

Please keep a look out for our events

The Halloween Party with Trunk or Treat

The Seafood Festival

The Arts and Craft Show

Christmas Brunch

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Committee Members: Joan Swanson, Jan Snook, Judy Angles, Ann Brown-Hailey, Susan Adams, Heather Walters, Lana Olson, Stephanie Moser, Suzanne Maggio, Elise French, Cherrie Begley

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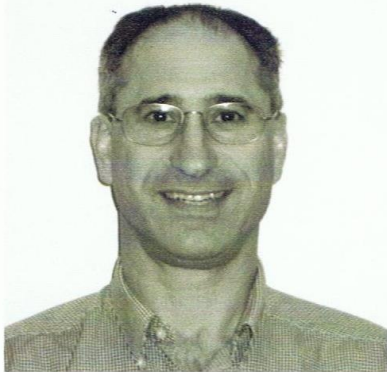
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Queens Lake '16 Eagles Swim Team



The Eagles are Flying High

130 Swimmers This Summer!

The 2016 Queens Lake Eagles swim season is in full swing: lots of fast swimming, lots of fun, lots of team spirit, and lots of friendly competition. 130 swimmers joined the team this summer, with 55 qualifying for the VPSU Championship Meet so far. Team looks to finish with a winning record this year.

A huge thanks to
HEAD COACH SANDI WILLARD for her
13th Season with our Team
and her crew of assistant coaches:
Asst Coaches: **Kleigh Koupal, Alice
McNeil, Jenna and Jessie Beattie, Jenny
Schuster, Trevor LeForge**

**AND a big thank you to all of the parent
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**From the
Team Coordinators:
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And our Tireless Volunteer Coordinator:
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Submitted by Mark Downey Team Coordinator

Pool Committee Update

Submitted by Bob Gaschen: Director

The 2016 Pool Season is still going strong!
Thanks to all who joined this summer and
have helped to keep QL Pools the best!

Thanks

- John Poorman, our new Pool Operator, and the Guard Staff for making QL Pools the place to be this summer.
- The Pool Committee and all the volunteers who helped get the pools ready and volunteer their time during the year to keep things running.

The Pool Committee is considering a special August Membership as well as a bonus weekend at the end of the year.

Contact Bob Gaschen, Pool Committee Chair
for details.

Thank You

Membership Cocktail Party Volunteers

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POOL

Submitted by Bob Gaschen: Director

It's been a busy start to the pool season. The swim team just finished their last home meet of the season. There was no pool committee meeting last month. We should have one within the next week. Construction continues on the kiosk. It should be completed in the next week.

Queens Lake Day – The pools supported a fantastic Queens Lake Day. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this event great this year.

Committee Members: Marie Homer, Kate Helwig, Ted Lynch, Jessie Moser, Mary McGovern, Chris Homer, Tom Rooks, Dana deJager, Andy McNeil, & Craig Marcuson

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Several Directors will be completing their terms on the Board this November. The Board will appoint a Nominating Committee which will be seeking candidates to fill the vacancies. According to our Bylaws, Shareholders may also nominate persons to run for election. These written nominations must be signed by three Shareholders in good standing, include a written statement on the part of the nominee expressing willingness to run for election, and be received in the office by October 4th in order to be included on the ballot.

The nominee must be a QLCA Member in good standing; that is, he or she is a Shareholder or an adult resident of a Queens Lake Property occupied by a Shareholder, and have all required dues and fees paid.

Directors are elected for a term of two years, are expected to uphold the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association, attend evening Board Meetings, and oversee at least one of the Association's Standing Committees.

Please contact Kate Helwig at helwigkateva@aol.com/259-1764 or contact the QLCA Office at 229-0973/qlca@widomaker.com

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Beautification

Submitted by Laura Nanartowich: Director

It's been a busy summer keeping QLCA common areas cut and maintained. Unfortunately, the beautiful, mature Photinia "Red-Tips" that lined the pool fence died very quickly from a leaf spot fungus and were removed. Many thanks to Lynn Maltinsky for grinding the stumps. Phan's Lawn Care has cut back growth on slope behind the pool and clubhouse and along the sides of the dam. York County reminds West-Side residents that yard debris piles must be removed if they interfere with the sewer project.

ENGLISH IVY-FRIEND OR FOE?

English Ivy can be a landscaper's best friend, filling large spaces with groundcover. But, it can also be an aggressive invader, killing trees and other native plants and damaging homes and fences. Here in Queens Lake, some trees are unrecognizable, as the vine can climb 90', smothering the tree and blocking sunlight to plants below as it spreads from limb to limb. The weight of the ivy can snap a tree in a storm. Left unmanaged, English Ivy groundcover forces out and kills native plants. It grows through cracks in brickwork and siding. According to the National Park Service it also acts as a "reservoir" for bacteria that is especially harmful to oaks, maples and elms. The NPS suggests that the vines on trees be cut a few feet from the ground to kill the upper portions. The lower portions can be pulled out or killed with herbicide. Groundcover can be easily pulled when the soil is damp and the vines should be disposed of in the garbage.

For more information:

<https://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/hehe1.htm>

Committee Members: Judy McCormack, Susan Sims, Cherrie Begley, Sherry Sumerlin, Jean Lien, Carolyn Campbell, Roslyn Fernow and Matt Hogg



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Submitted by
Jeff Anderson: Director

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CARP DERBY Fishing Tournament

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Community Affairs

Submitted by Tom Rooks: Director

The National Park Service has agreed to meet to discuss establishing an access point between Lakeshead Drive and the Parkway. The other topic to be discussed is the upcoming expansion of I-64 in terms of the impact to the two roadways mentioned and the shared frontage space between QL and the NPS.

In response to an invitation from VDOT to give public comment regarding the I-64 expansion. A letter was submitted highlighting community concerns over storm water management, noise reduction, Lakeshead Drive access during construction and its condition overall. Several members of the committee and community joined in responding to VDOT.

The first scheduled planning meeting for the community is anticipated to be held in March of 2017, for the I-64 phase 3 expansion. Community Affairs hopes to schedule an open meeting in the end of August or early September (details to be communicated once determined) at our clubhouse to ensure we understand the full range of concerns and can address them with VDOT in a coordinated manner.

Residents on the West side and near the dam are reminded that it may be beneficial to take pictures of door frame corners and other areas of their homes that would show cracks before pile driving and road paving occurs during the sewer project.

If people have concerns about these or other topics they'd like to have community affairs engage on, please reach out via email (Tom.J.Rooks@GMAIL.COM) or whatever means works best for you.

Committee members: Ashley Hargrove, Ward Bourn, Mike Indovina, Dave Malmquist, Renny Parziale, and Ralph Wilson

Maintenance/Playground

Submitted by Andy McNeil: Director

Playground equipment has been inspected and is in good condition.

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MARINA

Submitted by Chris Ferguson: Director

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The Marina has 20 open slips.

Accomplished objectives:

1. A boat in disrepair has been removed from the Queen's Lake Marina by a group of volunteers. The fee was \$0.00.
2. The Marina is now a Certified ValvTech Marina. We just received a shipment of ValvTech gasoline and had our gas pump-system filters changed.

Projects the committee is working on:

1. Conducting an electrical survey of the facility. The goal is to bring the marina's electrical service up to today's standards.
2. Dredging of the boathouse.

For Communications:

1. Change Dockmaster contact on the QL webpage from Ferguson to Chris Kolloff our new Dockmaster.

Committee Members: Chris Kolloff, Chris Eckols, Bryan Edmonds, Pat Reinecke, Danny Sumerlin, and John Robinson

Thank You

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SEPTEMBER-Jeff Oliver & Tom Mills

Communications

Submitted by Leah Duckworth: Director

Cherrie completed the June/July newsletter, and Jean and Phil Lien labeled and delivered it to the post office. The next newsletter is the Aug/Sept issue. It will include pictures of the Member Social, Queens Lake Day, Paddle on the Lake, and Marina Day. Cherrie has submitted a photo of the Member Social, Queens Lake Day, and Marina Day to the Gazette.

There will be a notice calling for 2017 Board members, the Arts and Craft show, and hold the date for other socials coming soon.

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

Membership

Suzanne Maggio: Director

The Membership committee continues to welcome new neighbors and encourage membership. We had a great turnout at Queens Lake day by many neighbors. One told me they have lived here 15 years and this was their first Queens Lake Day!! The membership committee has received some new wine glasses with QL Dogwood logo from one of our membership committee members, Stacy Harris. I put a list out at QL day and have interest for 30 already. I would like to put this out to the community on a larger scale if board is okay with it. Will need to determine where funds can be best used.

We have gained 4 new members this year (2 traditional and 2 deeded). We are working to collect current years dues from traditional and deeded members. The Membership Director is personally reaching out to each of these neighbors before the mandatory certified letter goes out in US mail next week. I am working to revise the wording of the letter to offer a softer but effective approach.

We will also be filing 2 new deeds this week at York County courthouse.

Committee Members: Kate Helwig, Stacy Harris, Leah Duckworth, Gale Gutierrez and Lisa Legaspi

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Lake

Submitted by Lynn Maltinsky: Director

Paddle Board Lessons on the Lake



Lake Management On June 8th Clarke remapped Queens Lake and the good news is that little to no Curlyleaf pondweed was found. We did discover coons tail a native plant species beginning to re-establishing and also chara algae which looks like a plant. Both provide cover for small fish and are a food source for both fish and ducks and will help filter the lake. In October Clarke will remap the lake to determine any new growth of pondweed that may have sprouted from dormant turions in the lake bed. After the new plant population is determined a treatment plan for 2017 will be formulated. Even though the lake is a bit green the most current water tests are within the normal ranges for nutrients, ph., and dissolved oxygen.

Marina Day - ON The Lake Day - Posted on the Queens Lake web page is a short video of the neighborhood shot from a drone. The footage is spectacular and will give you a new appreciation of our community.

Carp Derby - Get your dough balls, boiles, and corn ready. The Lake Committee will host a carp derby On August 6th. Please refer to the Queens Lake web page under the lake tab for more information.

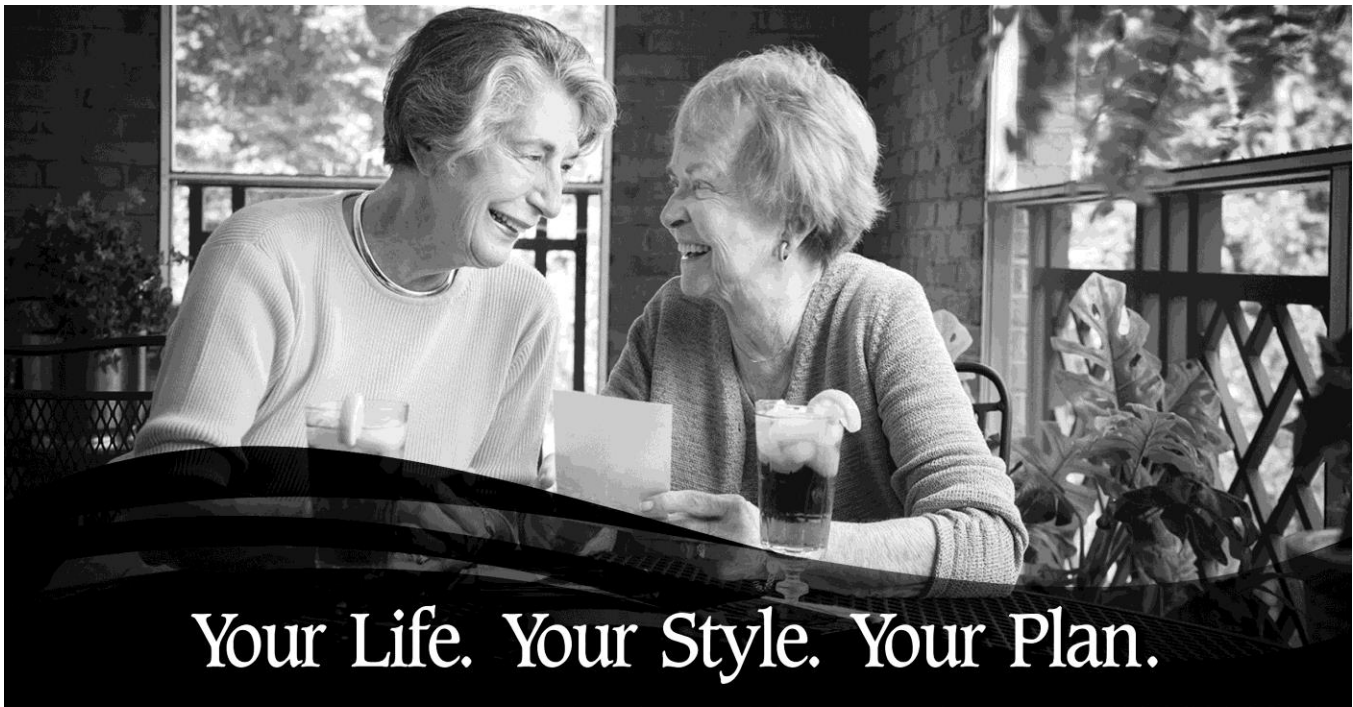
Committee Members: Rick Toth, Richard McCluney, Bruce Kenner, Ralph Wilson, John Hilburger, John Blommel, & Craig Marcuson. **Access Path Volunteers:** Gerry Mauer, Lynn Maltinsky, Anne Rose, Sue Roberts, & Jeff McKinney.

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