

# QLCA



# NEWS

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April/May 2024

What it means to be a member of QLCA

Greetings QL Neighbors,

As your Membership Director, I'm often asked "What are the benefits of membership in QLCA and what's in it for me?" The benefits are numerous in that you now belong to a group of people striving to make Queens Lake the best it can be. You help create a sense of community and take pride in your neighborhood and you get a say in what we do. Understand that without membership our amenities would fall into decline which would directly affect everyone's home values. Did you know that QLCA members, working with state and local agencies, were responsible for getting the soundwalls installed and, more recently, getting the County to take care of our dam, spillway, and other stormwater issues?

It takes a lot of volunteers to keep QLCA running, and we have many people with amazing talents. We are fun and supportive and work together to keep our facilities, grounds, and waters in good shape. We also have many social activities, for all ages, planned throughout the year. There's no better way to meet new neighbors than to join a committee and get involved.

Membership provides access to our lake, clubhouse, playground, courts, marina and pools. Your dues help us to keep them running. For example, our clubhouse has recently had a bunch of upgrades. The marina is working on a new bulkhead and boat lifts. We also plan on resurfacing some tennis courts and converting them to pickleball!

Younger families are moving in and choosing to raise their families here and are joining QLCA so that they can be part of the community. Currently, 75% of residents in our neighborhood are members. We could do so much more if everyone joined! Have you been thinking about joining? Please contact me; [membership@queenslake.net](mailto:membership@queenslake.net) or call 757-968-6570 to discuss becoming a member. THANK YOU to those of you who are already members.

Saturday June 1st the Membership Committee will host the annual Membership Social from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Come out and enjoy cocktails and tasty hors d' oeuvres by the upper pool overlooking the Marina and Queen Creek. Connect with old neighbors and make new friends.

Julie Dooley, Membership Director

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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.

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The next newsletter deadline is May 15, 2024. Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email [qlca@queenslake.net](mailto:qlca@queenslake.net) or [newsletter@queenslake.net](mailto:newsletter@queenslake.net) or by calling 757-229-0973

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS**

- April 7- Ladies Night- 7-9pm- Clubhouse
- April 9 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- April 13 - Community Garage Sale 8am-12pm
- April 15 - Recreation Meeting - 7:00pm - Clubhouse
- April 16 - Membership Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- April 17 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- April 17 - Communications Meeting - 6:30pm
- April 17 - Ladies Night - 7pm - Clubhouse
- April 18 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- April 20 - Earth Day 10am-12noon
- April 21 - Boating Course - 9am - 11am Clubhouse
- April 22 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- April 24 - Ladies Night - 7pm - Clubhouse
- April 27 - Lakeapalooza—10am-12noon
- May 14 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- May 15 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- May 15 - Communications Meeting - 6:30pm
- May 16 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- May 18 - Spring Community Breakfast - 10am - Clubhouse
- May 21 - Membership Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- May 27 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- June 1 - Membership Social - 6:30-9pm - Pool
- June 11 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- June 18 - Membership Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- June 19 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- June 20 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- June 23 - Q L Day
- June 24 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- July 17 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- July 18 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- July 22 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- August 13 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- August 15 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- August 21 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- August 21 - Ladies Night - 7-9pm - Clubhouse
- August 24 - Adult Pool Party - 7pm - Pool
- August 26 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- September 10 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- September 17 - Membership Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- September 18 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- September 19 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- September 23 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- September 28 - Fall Breakfast - 10am - Clubhouse
- October 6 - New Member Social - 3pm - Clubhouse
- October 8 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- October 15 - Membership Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- October 16 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- October 17 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- October 26 - Trunk or Treat - 5pm - Field
- October 28 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

## Board Briefs

January 9, 2024

**Motion to approve the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:** Sean Askew made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie Dooley seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**Motion:** Chuck Hretz made a motion to increase rates for limited members. Motion passed with a 11-Yes, 0-No vote.

**Motion:** Chuck Hretz made a motion to increase member rates.. Motion passed with a 7-Yes, 3-No and 1\_Abstained vote.

**Motion:** Chuck Hretz made a motion to remove the multi-  
rental discount for members.. Motion passed with a 9-Yes, 2-No vote.

February 13, 2024

**Motion to approve the January 1, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:** Sarah Robison made a motion to approve the minutes and Sean Askew seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**Motion:** Chuck Hretz made a motion to modify the clubhouse capital funds to include up to \$4,611 to paint the activity room. Sean Askew seconded. Motion passed with 9-Yes, 1-No vote.

**Motion:** Sean Askew made a motion to modify the Directors Handbook under Association Office, Office Manager, Bulk Emails. (h.) only the Office Manager, President and Vice President may send out bulk emails, to add Communications email team. Bob Gaschen seconded. Motion passed with a 9-Yes, 1-No

## Marina

Submitted by Monty Fleck, Director

**Committee Members:** Dockmaster : Chris Kolloff, Luther Blair, Van Dobson, Jack Dooley, Bryan Edmonds, Monty Fleck, Chris Hager, Kate Helwig, Craig Marcuson, Sam Rempfer, John Hilburger and Mike Turkovich.

The goal of Marina Committee is to bring marina patrons and all Association members, a safe, clean, welcoming marina that can be enjoyed with family and friends! Enjoy the sunset sitting on our new rocking chairs put on the fuel dock.

Committee meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month, 7PM in the clubhouse. As you can see above, we have a dynamic team. If you would like to join us, we'd love to have you!

Please view the Marina page on QLCA's website for up-to-date information including forms, rules, upcoming events and FA-Q'S. The link is: <https://queenslake.net/marina>.

This year we are hoping to start work in the summer on a new Bulkhead to replace our aging one. After that a new pier to the helo-pad (in front of the spillway) so we can rebuild slips we've lost over the years from taking down the boathouse and entertain some boat lifts co-opt with members. Also, a new bathroom and outdoor shower scored high on the recent Strategic Plan survey, so we hope to have funds left over to start planning that real soon.

Come out and enjoy the marina. Walk the docks and chat with the boat owners – they are always looking for a reason to tell lies... er... sea stories! Pictures attached are from last year's Sock Burning Party. See you on the docks! Monty



# Finance

Submitted by Bob Gaschen, Director

**Committee members:** Bob Evans, Lana Olson, Sean Askew, Tom Cho, Chris Hager, Jack Dooley, Rob Loughman, Ted Lynch, Jorie Otterstein, Sally Hewitt, Dick Quirin

The Finance Committee met March 7th at the clubhouse. The committee reviewed the two 2024 budget modifications requested by board members following the February 20th meeting. There were two submitted.

1. Community Affairs requested \$500.00 to help fund new paint for the recycle bin, neighborhood and their annual Latisha's House fundraiser event. This would be a new budget item. The committee reviewed and approved this request.
2. Clubhouse requested the \$4,591.00 noted in the DMA study to paint the clubhouse's exterior. In addition to this request, the committee recommended adding in the similar line items for the repair and painting of the pool structures to support the Maintenance committee's effort to save money by having all done simultaneously. The committee agreed and approved this request.

The committee also reviewed the capital expenditures and made adjustments as a result of the agreement with York County. The committee worked on reviewing the finance committees policies and procedures.



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# Communication

Submitted by Sean Askew, Director

**Committee Members:** Cherrie Begley, Derek Bramble, Jack Dooley, Leah Duckworth, Robert Gaschen, Kate Helwig, Sally Hewitt, Kym Hretz, Jean Lien, Suzanne Maggio, TJ McGuire, Lana Olson, Julie Dooley, Jennifer Shima

You may have noticed we have a new logo and official letterhead that is now in use. This was a joint project from 2023 with professional graphic designer and Queens Lake neighbor, Leslie Stacks, who graciously donated her time and talent to this project. Many thanks to Leslie for this collaboration.

We are working hard behind the scenes to streamline and improve getting information to you, our members, in a timely and effective manner. We introduced a new email format with a third-party vendor, Constant Contact, that is currently under a pilot program. The committee is acting upon the Strategic survey to improve our overall communication by having an email option that is secure from power outages and internet issues, provides a predictable format, allows for event registration and payment, and can be sent from anywhere.

The newsletter has a new Publisher, T J McGuire. TJ is working with Bob Gaschen to learn the ropes and work to provide a fresh look. Bob has volunteered his time in the past to provide us with attractive and informative newsletter and we know TJ will do great taking over the reigns.

You may have noticed some new information on the website, queenslake.net, with the new logo and more to come as we improve our communication to our members, realtors and the general community. We have also partnered with the Clubhouse committee to provide an online request form for clubhouse rentals as they work to streamline processes. This link is now embedded within our website. So far, this option has proven effective and many rentals have been secured over the weekends.



# Thank You

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS

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**March:**  
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# Community Affairs

Submitted By Sarah Robison, Director

**Committee Members:** Leah Duckworth, Lourdes and John Farley, Carolyn Campbell, Jennifer Shima, Sheila Myers (widow/widower support group)

**Dominion Energy (DE)** has been actively working on its Strategic Underground Program to enhance power reliability and shorten restoration times after major storms. Here are some key points:

1. **Objective:** Aims to move outage-prone overhead power lines underground to better protection and faster restoration during emergencies. This underground transition enhances grid resiliency and benefits customers.
2. **Progress:** Over the last 7 years DE has buried 386 miles of power lines in our area, 1,700 miles of power lines statewide, and plans to bury another 518 miles of power lines by 2028.
3. **Community Outreach:** When identifying areas and neighborhoods for undergrounding DE, collaborates with property owners and neighborhood groups.

**Project Status:** If you're curious about the status of your residence, you can check it using the online Strategic Underground Work Areas app on the Strategic Underground Program page on the DE website.

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/projects-and-facilities/electric-projects/strategic-underground-program>

QL Customer Service Relations Response:

1. The project is suffering from supply chain issues and is in a pause until transformer junction boxes are made / arrive from Taiwan.
2. The underground wiring is in place with temporary cabinets at the transformer. Occasionally, current is sent through wires, so the wiring doesn't go bad.
3. When the transformer boxes arrive, they will be installed, and the overhead wires will come down.

When asked why only 2 areas in QL are involved in the underground program, customer relations communicated that certain areas are chosen based on the rate of power outages. The electrical service provided to different parts of the same neighborhood can be supplied by different path lines, which is why some houses on the same street may lose power, while others don't. The selection process of which areas go underground is data driven and closely monitored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Thank you to Leah Duckworth, our QL Dominion Energy liaison, for her efforts in producing this report.

**Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** has been after it with spring cleaning in the neighborhood. They are clearing ditches and cleaning out filled culverts (pipes under driveways) for those who've requested service. This is a 2-step process. First, VDOT workers manually dig out the ditches and culvert access points. Later, they return with a truck with the vacuum snake tool that sucks out the mud from the culverts.

If your property's ditch or culvert has filled (like the photo below) and needs cleaning, you can request service by calling 1-800-367-7623 and submitting a service request for your specific property. Clear ditches and culverts across the neighborhood equate to better storm-water drainage for all.



## Lakeshead Safety Advocacy

Stay tuned for our QL kid's 'slow down' sign coloring contest. Contest winner's art will be turned into yard signs to distribute throughout the neighborhood as a reminder, "There are babes in these woods."

A Lakeshead Safety Advocacy subcommittee is forming with the goal to make Lakeshead safer for the community. If you would like to be involved, please join us at the Community Affairs meeting, Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30PM at 123 Will Scarlet. Special thanks to Melissa Seek for spearheading this effort.

## Widow / Widowers Support

The Widows / Widowers of QL met on Wednesday, February 28, for lunch at Tuscany Ristorante. The food was delicious (as usual) and the conversation was enjoyable. We are all looking forward to our next meeting at Berrett's Seafood Restaurant (199 S. Boundary St.) on March 27th at 11:30.

Any QL member -widow or widower- who would like to join us, call Sheila Myers at 757-220-0965.



## Other Upcoming Events

### Social Media Safety & Awareness Seminar

Monday, April 8th, 6:30PM at the Clubhouse

Join Deputy Kevin Taylor, Crime Prevention Specialist for The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, for an informative presentation on protecting yourself from Identity Theft and Scams. This is geared towards adults/seniors.

### QL Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 27th, 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Hard at work with the spring cleaning and need an assist in clearing out old items?

Join the QL Community Garage Sale. Homes that sign up will be included in Garage Sale advertisements. Stay tuned for the sign-up information coming soon.

What do you need to do the day of your sale?

Simply attach your balloon to your mailbox and set out your sale items roadside. With multiple sales in the neighborhood, we are bound to draw a bigger crowd.



## **Clubhouse**

Submitted By : Chuck Hretz, Director

**Committee members:** Chairperson: Jorie Otterstein. Ann Brown-Hailey, Barb Timko, Bev Webb, Blake Kowalczyk, Cherrie Begley, Chris Schott, David Dafashy, Emily Edmonds, Julie Dooley, Kevin Hall, Leslie Stacks, Melanie Houle, Tom Houle, Kym Hretz, Patricia McDermott, Sally Hewitt, Sarah Robison, Stephanie Moser, Susan Adams, Susan Maggio, Tom Cooper, Chris Cooper, Tom Coffey

2024 is off to an awesome start. We have had a cornhole gathering, BINGO event, Mystery night,(FUN FRIDAY), St. Patty day party/Pi day, Ladies night coming up mid-April, Easter egg hunt. We have many more mystery events popping up. Some will be fun( game night, etc.) and some educational (talking QL budget with the treasurer). If you have any ideas, please let us know and we will discuss doing them.

We have maintained many of our traditional things like Thursday night yoga and have added a new member monthly book club called the Narrative Neighbors.

Activities are all part of a member benefit that your dues has helped provide for our entire membership. Please take advantage of this lovely amenity.

The clubhouse also has had a major facelift in that we have painted the interior of the clubhouse, put new carpet down, landscape lighting and fixed up the benches on the back patio with additional seating including a new outdoor table and chairs.

All of this could not be done without your dues and the volunteer efforts of many committees, volunteers. Last month we did a volunteer spotlight and this month there isn't enough space to spotlight the people that have spent many hours getting the clubhouse to look spectacular. Here is a list of those helpers:

Craig Marcuson, Bev Webb, Tom Houle, Vic Maggio, Jorie Otterstein, Julie Dooley, Kym Hretz, Tim Hretz, Kevin Hall, Chuck Timko, Jeff Otterstein, Ellie Otterstein, Doug Ellis, Mike Turkovich, Jack Dooley, Cherrie Begley.

All of these things bring me to the goal of the clubhouse committee: To build community through fun, work and food.

The clubhouse stands very strong with recent updates to the following functions handled by the clubhouse committee:

- Rent the clubhouse out to gain rental income
- Moved to online rental base using the Marina website.
- Non QLCA, non residents (limited Members) - \$550 weekend rental rate
- QLCA members get a 55% discount - \$250 weekend rental rate
- Legal forms and disclosures were updated in 2023
- Raise in rental income is to more align costs with competition and also to cover credit card fees
- Use the clubhouse out to build community
- Socials – Mystery nights, community breakfasts
- Traditional – Ladies night, Arts & Crafts Show, Cinco de Mayo
- Educational – Community Affairs and Beautification Water Conservation, summer seminars (working on this one)
- Fun – Cornhole, member pop up events

There are around 20 events clubhouse is planning along with a goal of 9 “mystery events”

Maintain the clubhouse

Physically show the members tangible results of their dues

Working with Maintenance committee to collaborate on synergy with other committees that will be doing similar work

Use the DMA report to engage maintenance committee to evaluate if work budgeted for in DMA is required

Clubhouse must be maintained as it is used as an outside source of income

Consult the strategic survey of 2023 to see if we can improve the clubhouse

The last thing I would like to communicate with the community is an ongoing effort to maintain and upgrade the QLCA Clubhouse. We are paying attention to the results from the Strategic Planning survey that took place last year when deciding where to focus. The Clubhouse committee has plans this year to implement survey priorities such as replacement/upgrading amenities like carpeting, painting, landscape lighting, and expanded seating outside the clubhouse to take advantage of the beautiful view overlooking our marina. We have implemented many of the ideas for operations and are well on our way. We hope to make our Clubhouse as exceptional as it can be.

The goal of the clubhouse is to build community through social events, maintaining the clubhouse, improving the clubhouse and using the clubhouse.

No one person can do this job. There are over 20 volunteers on the clubhouse committee and many other collaborations with other committees that make our clubhouse great and enhance QLCA for the better.

Together we are STRONG!

As always, this organization is driven by our volunteer members, ideas and energy. If you feel inclined, please take the time to help, lead and attend events. We welcome your ideas you would like to have as an event or what would improve our community.

The clubhouse committee would love to have you join us. Watch emails for dates and times of meetings.

For any clarification you are interested in, email [qlcaclubhouse@gmail.com](mailto:qlcaclubhouse@gmail.com) or call 757-707-9704.



**Hop on over to  
QLCA Ladies Night!**

**Wednesday, April 24  
7—9 PM Clubhouse**

**Snacks and dessert provided; BYOB**

By request we are collecting for FISH again this spring. FISH specifically requested shampoo (doesn't have to pair with conditioner), razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and travel size hygiene products. Cash donations are also accepted.

To read more about FISH, located in the Edge District, visit [fishwilliamsburg.org](http://fishwilliamsburg.org).



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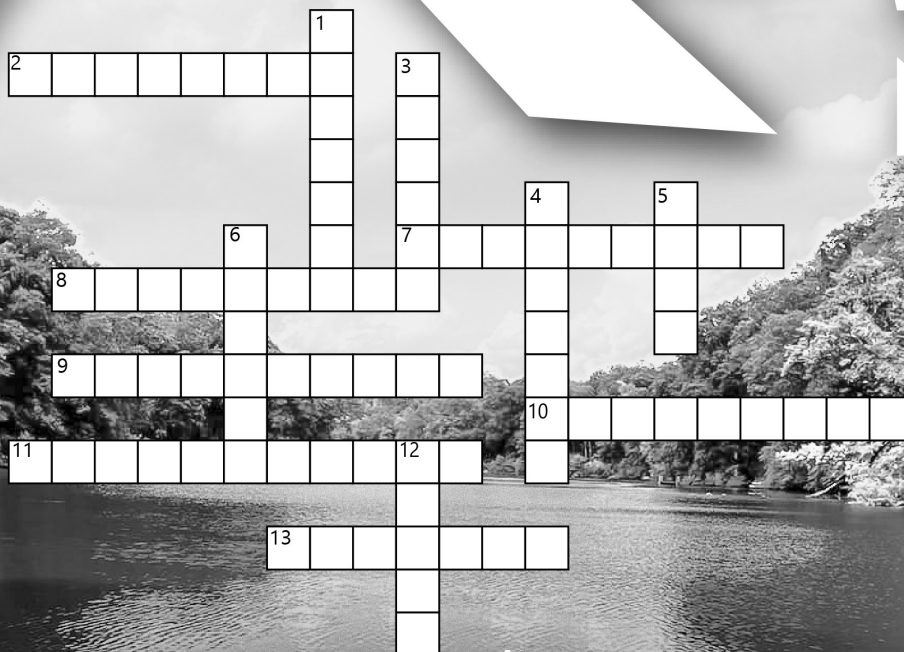
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## Clues

### Down:

- 1. Enjoyed at the marina
- 3. In QL you are surrounded by...
- 4. Relaxing activity off bridge
- 5. Summer fun place
- 6. Racket court activity
- 12. Realtor who has lived in Queens Lake for over 20 years

### Across:

- 2. Year QLC was incorporated, 19\_\_
- 7. Most streets are named after
- 8. Swim team mascot- often seen here.
- 9. Best neighborhood in the 'burg!
- 10. People who you can count on here
- 11. Body of water that flows with the tide
- 13. Fun events at the clubhouse



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## Upcoming Events

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April 20

Pool Clean-up day #2

May 18

Pool Opening Weekend!

Memorial Day Weekend

May 25

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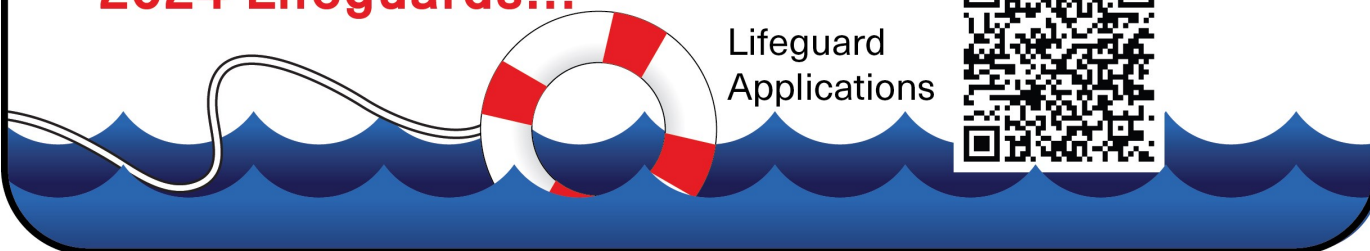
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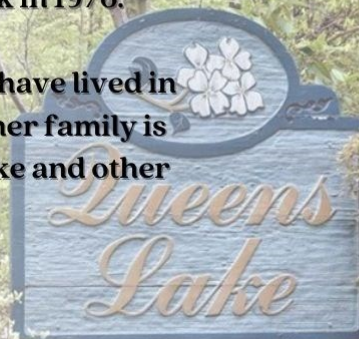
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## **Beautification**

Submitted by Mike Turkovich, Director

**Committee Members:** Jean Lien, Cherrie Begley, Libbey Oliver, Kathy Maxfield, Judy McCormack, Terry Harding, Sally Hewitt, Roz Fernow, Matt Hogg, Susan Sims, Rebecca Cho, Maggie Stuppy, Adrienne McKinney, Jennifer Shima

Spring has brought a lot of beauty to Queens Lake. If you've walked, biked or driven around the neighborhood, you've probably noticed the blooming flowers and wildlife. If you're curious about what's blooming or what kind of plant is growing in your yard, you're in luck! Earth Day 2024 is coming up on April 20th, and we will be hosting guest lectures on the plants and wildlife found in Queens Lake. Bring your kids along to learn about the birds and other wildlife in the area. If you're interested in gardening, sign up for the 1st annual plant sale. You can pick up your plants on Earth Day. Take a break for lunch and then join your neighbors for an afternoon of garden tours. There will be three stops to enjoy from 1-3 pm on April 20th.

Sheila Myers of 102 Montague Circle - This backyard garden is best described as serene, and it has been in existence for over thirty years. The entrance to the garden is marked by an arched, cedar-stained wooden bridge. The sunny lawn at the back of the garden is bordered by woods and an assortment of evergreen shrubs.

Wilmot Phillips of 105 Sherwood Drive - Will's backyard is separated into two fenced sections, each containing three water features like fountains and koi ponds. The ponds add a natural touch to the garden paths that meander through fruit trees, shrubs, and ground covers. In the front yard, Will has a mossy area, with a newly planted Japanese Maple encircled by mature trees and shrubs.

Derek Bramble and Mike Turkovich of 108 Saxon Road - Derek and Mike's backyard is best described as prairie landscaping. A prairie garden encapsulates the beauty and dynamism of nature's open spaces. By carefully selecting a diverse mix of grasses, and a mix of perennials, you can create a low-maintenance, wildlife-friendly oasis. Only (1) year old this garden will continue to develop over the years. If you need a break from the day relax under cover at 37° North.

\*Gardens on tour will be designated with a flower balloon. Park on the street or walk.

Tips for the gardens in April:

- Divide and repot houseplants. Fertilize if necessary.
- Mulch your garden well to preserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- Ensure that your garden receives 1 inch of rain per week. Set out an empty tuna can to measure the amount of rainfall.
- Watch out for insects such as aphids and use an insecticidal soap spray if needed.
- Plant an herb garden. Basil, parsley, oregano, chives, sage, rosemary, and thyme are good choices.
- Remove any weeds in your garden, as they compete with your plants for water and nutrients.
- Plant new annuals and bedding plants, such as coleus, geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, phlox, salvia, and zinnias.
- Divide herbaceous perennials, clumps of bulbs, and ornamental grasses if the garden looks too crowded. Replant or give away!
- Remove any dead flowers from plants to encourage new growth.
- This is a great month for planting shrubs and trees.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after they finish blooming. Fertilize azaleas, camellias, and any other shrubs that need fertilizer.

Year Round, York County residents have the opportunity to schedule a special yard debris collection for items such as limbs, branches, and clear bags of natural yard waste by calling 757-890-3780

Watch for updates and emails from your beautification committee over the next weeks for more details on these and upcoming events.



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**Eastern Bluebirds** Abundant in QL. Drawn to feeders w/meal worms, suet & "no-shell" seeds. Very Likely to use Nesting Boxes Think of these iconic insect eating birds and choose to limit use of pesticides in your yard. As bugs go, so do bluebirds! Fun Fact: Bluebirds may nest up to three times from late February to August!



**Woodpeckers** QL is home to all prevalent woodpeckers of VA including: Downy, Hairy, Red-Bellied, Flickers, Sapsuckers, Pileated & Red-Headed Woodpeckers. All eat Suet & Nuts. All benefit from the presence of both healthy & decaying trees for nesting cavities and food sources!



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## Membership

Submitted by Julie Dooley, Director

**Committee Members:** Rebecca Cho, Emily Edmonds, Deb Ellis, Stacy Harris, Suzanne Maggio, Kerry McGuire, Denise Fleck and Kym Hretz

Testimonials:

Each time I kayak on Queen's Lake, I feel an immediate sense of calm. The abundant wildlife, including the bald eagles, herons, egrets, cormorants, buffleheads, king fishers, ducks, and turtles, vary by the day and the season, but a great show is guaranteed. As an added bonus, paddling is a fantastic and relaxing way to tone those arm muscles! I highly recommend taking advantage of this amazing neighborhood asset.

Kia R.

When people ask me why I moved to Williamsburg (Mayberry) I say "I didn't; I moved to Queens Lake". When they ask what Queens Lake is, I say "I call it the Land that time Forgot". 164 to the QL Marina is probably the closest thing to Time Travel that I'll ever experience.

New Member: Andrew H.

From the first day we moved to Queens Lake we felt welcomed and part of the community. Always greeted by waves and smiles.

Denise F.

From a Realtors perspective, I always market the neighborhood and it's amenities along with the property I am selling. Maintaining the neighborhood assets...lake, marina, clubhouse, tennis courts, fields increases the value of our personal properties. Most importantly membership gives you a voice in the decisions made by our BOD, involvement is necessary to keep our neighborhood one of the best in Williamsburg. I find that type of membership attached to the home has no bearing on one's decision to buy the home as Queens Lake is a sought after neighborhood.

Emily E.

We moved to Williamsburg in 1970 and began hearing about a community called Queens Lake. Finally in 1978 we built our home here and it's been a long and terrific experience. Such a wholesome neighborhood to raise our family. Look at the number of people who grew up in QL and have come back to give their children the benefit of this unique neighborhood. QLCA takes care of all our amenities and common areas. It's a caring community and we are so glad we call this HOME!

Nancy K.

### Yoga



Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm, Clubhouse  
along with a synchronous Zoom class.  
(ID:89474663016, password:yoga)

Classes are \$10; first class free.  
Contact Mary Joyner (mjoyoga101@gmail.com)

### Support Group



The Widow/Widower support Group meets and discusses topics of interest, meets for lunch, and participates in various outings.

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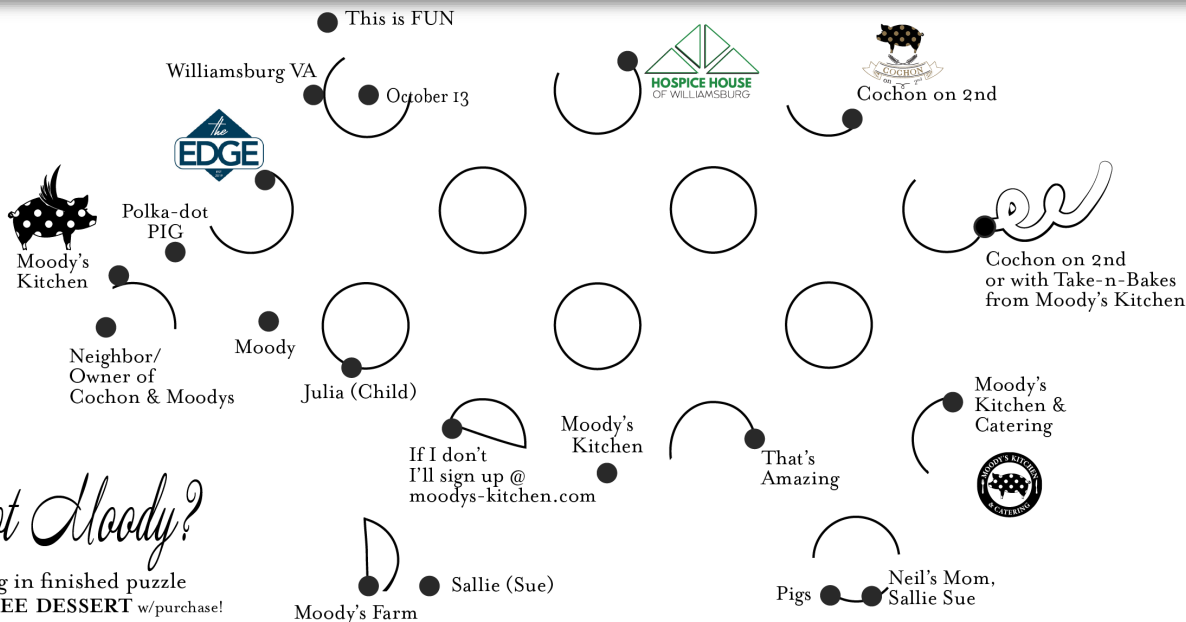


Reservations



Tickets

1. Who is **Chef Neil**?
2. What is the name of Chef Neil's grandfather?
3. What is the name of Chef Neil's Older Dog?
4. Where is the wood inside Cochon on 2nd taken from?
5. What is the name of Chef Neil's younger dog?
6. Do you get our emails about our take and bake specials from Moody's Kitchen & Cochon events?
7. Where can I get take and bake meals from with fresh local ingredients?
8. Have you heard that Moody's Kitchen now has indoor & patio seating 11-2 for lunch?
9. What did Chef Neil's Grandfather farm?
10. Who was Sallie-Sue the dog named after?
11. Where is the best place to get **catering** from?
12. Where can you go for a dinner that is sure to please all?
13. Where can you listen to Jazz during dinner on a monthly basis?
14. Where does Cochon on 2nd's **Fly Me to the Moon** event raise money for?
15. When is this year's Fly Me to the Moon event?
16. Do you like interactive advertising?
17. Where did Chef Neil grow up?
18. What is the area called where are both restaurants located?
19. What is the official 'mascot' of Moody's Kitchen and Cochon on 2nd?
20. Who was the lead sponsor of the **Queens Lake Eagles** last summer?



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## Lake

Submitted by Doug Ellis, Director

**Committee Members:** George Allison, Patty Bartneck, Russell Campbell, John Farley, Greg Hanson, Rob Miller, Kia and Greg Rippel, Sarah Robison and Chuck Timko

LAKE COMMITTEE Report:

The Lake Committee met on February 27th and assigned areas of interest for the upcoming year to Environmental, Recreation, Maintenance, Advocacy and Enforcement. Outreach to Congressman Wittman's office and the National Park Service regarding the Colonial Parkway construction was facilitated. The Parkway Project Manager confirmed that section (F) parallel to Queens Lake will not start until late 2024 or early 2025 and improvements to stormwater outlets is planned to further reduce runoff. To monitor changing conditions, lake-front members will document conditions with periodic photos and drones.

The Committee has reviewed a list of lake consultants to develop a long-range lake management plan and will be soliciting recommendations and proposals in the next few weeks. Regular maintenance is expected to be done in collaboration with the County Dept of Public Works.

2024 Boat decals are available at the office with a June 1st deadline to pick up. If you have non already registered your canoe or kayak, forms are available on the website at [https://queenslake.net/documents/lake//Boat\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](https://queenslake.net/documents/lake//Boat_Registration_Form.pdf) and decals can be picked up at the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12-3pm. As suggested in the strategic survey, abandoned or unregistered boats may be offered to members to check out for recreational lake usage.

### 2024 BOAT REGISTRATION DUE

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# QueensLakeAPalooza!

Saturday, 10am-Noon, April 27, 2024

The Lake Committee is hosting a family-fun event, April 27 with a beginner Kayak/Canoe tutorial and lake race, a freshwater fishing clinic and derby, food and beverages. Valid freshwater fishing license (ages 16-65 required). Bring your own fishing equipment and fish from boat or shore. BYOB (Boat). A limited number of boats may be available to borrow (first-come, first-serve). Food and beverages will be available for purchase following the event.

The event is FREE for active QLCA members.

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