

# QLCA



# NEWS

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June / July 2024

## President's Message

Our Board recently hosted the general manager and operations director of a large homeowner association to hear how this community went about developing a strategic plan. While we're not a typical HOA - we don't have covenants, mandatory assessments, or an Architectural Review Board - we do share many of the same challenges, including managing facility expenses and capital reserves. Faced with deferred maintenance and aging facilities, this larger association board and residents came together over several months to develop a 10-year plan to use as a roadmap for critical spending, including an annual 3% assessment increase to offset inflation.

QLCA is also on the right track. Last year we conducted a resident survey to assess interests and priorities for our amenities, notably the pool, clubhouse, racquet courts and marina. If the dam remediation taught us anything, it's that we can't kick the can down the road deferring maintenance or improvements. We need a plan.

One of the most obvious needs is the tennis courts. For the past couple of years, the Recreation Committee focused on resurfacing the courts beginning with converting the upper tennis court to (four) pickleball courts. Repairs to the pool deck, clubhouse exterior and marina bulkhead are also underway or in the initial planning stages. A Strategic Planning Committee was recently formed composed of both new and old members who will use the input from the survey to better interface with the Finance Committee's annual capital reserve study to prioritize repair and replacement costs.

But to keep our facilities in top shape, we will need to manage expectations and costs over the long run. To that end, members of the Strategic Planning Committee and Finance Committee, as well as representatives of each of our four facilities (clubhouse, pool, recreation and marina) will host a special shareholder meeting at 10am, Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse to share information on budgets, short and long-term needs, and to solicit member input on priorities over the next several years.

There's a lot to love living in "Nature's Neighborhood." We're surrounded by woods and water, close to town and the river, the lake and the park. And some of the best views in Williamsburg from the pool, clubhouse and marina. Belonging to our community association (QLCA) gives you a voice in the community and a stake in the future. Come join us. See you at Queens Lake Day June 22nd!

Doug Ellis

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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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**Newsletter Layout & Design:**

The next newsletter deadline is July 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**

- June 1 - QL Members Social - 6:30-9pm - Pool
- June 11 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- June 12 - Communications Meeting—6:30-7:30pm—Clubhouse

**SPECIAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING NOTICE**

**Saturday, June 15, 10am, Queens Lake Clubhouse**

All members in good standing are welcome.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss short and long-term capital replacement or improvement plans for community facilities, including tennis courts, clubhouse, pool and marina, and other pertinent Board business.

- June 18 - Membership Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- June 19 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm
- June 19 - Pool Meeting - 6:30pm—Clubhouse
- June 20 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
- June 21/22 - Queens Lake 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
- November 02 - Arts & Crafts - 9am - Clubhouse
- November 09 - AutumnFest Smoke-Off - 1pm
- November 12 - Annual Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
- November 20 - Community Affairs - 6:30pm

## **Board Briefs**

**March 12, 2024**

**Motion to approve the February 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:** Monty Fleck made a motion to approve the minutes and Chuck Hretz seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**Motion:** Finance: Bob Gaschen made a motion that the board adopt the finance recommended 2024 budget adjustments.

Also, adopt the finance committee's reduction of the 2024 capital budget related to the dam and spillway and the addition to meet QLCA obligation in the agreement with York County. Motions were seconded and unanimously approved

**April 9, 2024**

**Motion to approve the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:** Monty Fleck made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie Dooley seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**April 9, 2024 (continued)**

**Motion:** Communications: Sean Askew made a motion to approve the QLCA Privacy Policy and Monty Fleck seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

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**Motion:** Communications: Sean Askew made a motion to approve the use of an internet-based email tool as the bulk email system for QLCA and Chuck Hretz seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**Motion:** Communications: Sean Askew made a motion to make changes to the QLCA Directors Handbook Coordinating routine bulk emails to membership with the Communications Committee Email Team. Chuck Hretz seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

**Motion:** Monty Fleck made a motion to approve the Emergency Response Plan for QLCA and Mike Turkovich seconded. All approved and the motion passed.

## **Marina**

Submitted by Monty Fleck, Director

**Committee Members:** Dockmaster : Chris Kolloff, Luther Blair, Van Dobson, Jack Dooley, Bryan Edmonds, Monty Fleck, 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 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 FAQ'S. The link is: [www.queenslakemarina.net](http://www.queenslakemarina.net). We currently have 7 available slips.

This year we are going to start work in the fall 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 (funding to be co-opted with interested 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 boaters. This year's Sock Burning party resulted in 42 new pairs of socks donated to a worthy local charity, FISH. See you on the docks!



## **Daniel Hager**

*Daniel Hager is graduating from Hampton Roads Academy and will be attending the Honors College at North Carolina State University.*



## **Nehemiah Barrett**

*Nehemiah Barrett graduates from Bruton High School and plans to study Mechanical Engineering.*



## **David Marcuson**

*David Marcuson is graduating from Bruton High school and will be attending Rowan University in New Jersey. Studying Civil Engineering*





## Graham Gaschen

*Graham is graduating from York High School. He will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall.*



## Grayson Nelson

*Grayson is graduating from the Governor's School for Science and Technology and York High School. Grayson will be studying Math and Data Analytics at the George Mason University Honors College in Fairfax, VA.*



## Kate Houle

*Kate Houle is graduating from Roanoke College with BS. She will be attending JMU graduate school to get a MS in kinesiology.*





## **Collin Gaschen**

*Collin Gaschen is graduating from Dickinson College with a BA in History.*



## **Gina Lynch**

*Gina Lynch is graduating from Colorado College. She plans to pursue an M.S. in Kinesiology (Sports and Performance Psychology) at the University of Illinois*



## **Trudy Horsting**

*Trudy Horsting graduated from Arizona State University on May 6th, 2024 with her PhD and is currently employed as a Senior Research Manager with MMR strategy group.*



# Kendall Stewart

*Kendall Stewart has received the degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and will be in a 1-year Residency Program, specializing in Geriatrics.*

## Adieu!

On behalf of the Board, Association members, neighbors and friends, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Lana Olsen.

Lana is retiring as bookkeeper after a total of 25 years of service to QLCA. She is a tireless advocate for our community and has served in numerous capacities since she and her husband Doug moved into the neighborhood over 46 years ago.

We wish her all the best.

Doug Ellis,  
Board President



# Thank You

ADOPT A HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS  
For Cleaning Lakeshead Drive

**June:**  
**Paul Marcus**

**July:**  
**Doug King**

Margaret Stuppy - Picker-Upper-In-Chief

**PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THESE  
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Please contact Maggie Stuppy at 757-561 - 9395 if you and family or a friend are able

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LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30PM AT THE QUEENS LAKE CLUBHOUSE.

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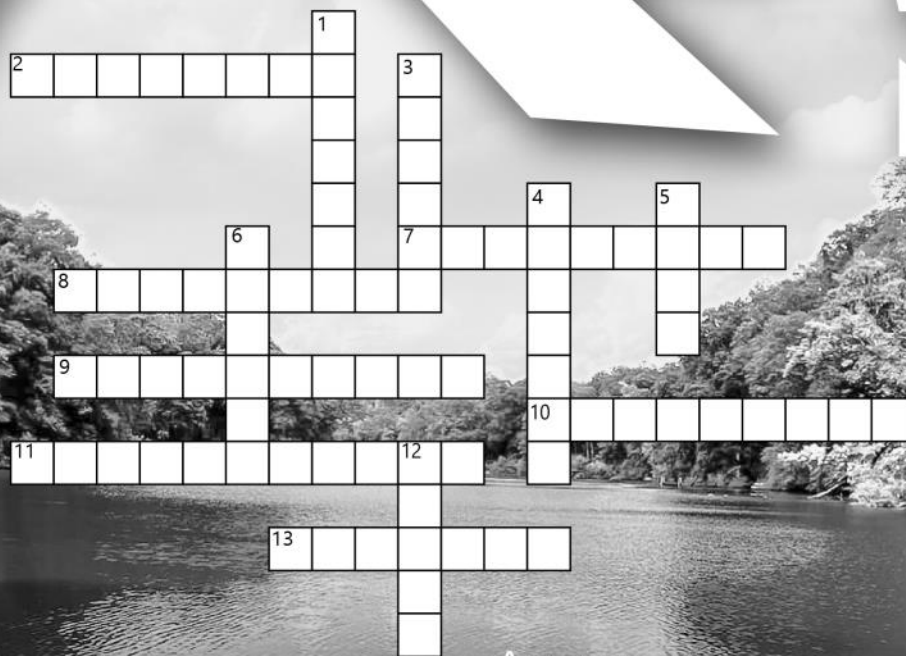


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# YOUR DREAMS DON'T HAVE TO BE JUST DREAMS. WHERE'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?



## 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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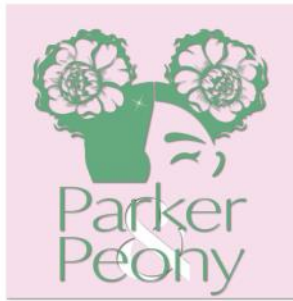
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# Pool

Submitted by John Walters, Director

**Committee members:** Lana Olson, Robert Reining, Bob Gaschen, Jonathan Croly, Jason Malucci, Felicia Anderson-Brown, Mark Downey, Carl & Mary Claire Sabol, Ted Lynch, Caroline Broun

Pool clean up went well! There were over 30 volunteers helping to ensure the pool is ready for the season. Thanks to all who have been able to help with various pool projects.



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# Community Affairs

Submitted By Sarah Robison, Director

**Committee Members:** Patty Bartneck, Leah Duckworth, Lourdes Farley, Michael Boulas, Dana DeJager, Patrick Garman, Melissa Seek

**Special Projects Volunteers:**

Trex Plastic Film Recycling-Chris Cooper, Lourdes Farley, Todd Bruner, Paul and Becca Marcus

Utility / Roadway Liaison-Patty Bartneck, Leah Duckworth, Skip Ferebee, Sarah Robison, Melissa Seek

Widow/ers Support Group Coordinator-Sheila Meyers

Woodland Education- Cynthia Abbott

## Short-Term Rentals (STR's)

### What is happening with STR's at the State level?

According to an excerpt from our District 1 Supervisor, Doug Holroyd's March newsletter: Senate Bills 304 and 544 were brought forward by Airbnb and the Virginia Realtors Association to promote Short Term Rentals (STR) and Auxiliary (Garage) Apartments. These are essentially neighborhood hotels created out of homes within a subdivision and rented on a weekend or weekly basis. The two bills seek to eliminate local jurisdiction and take away citizen's ability to voice their position over Short Term Rentals in residential neighborhoods. HB 304 has been delayed for the season and shifted to 2025. Virginia Governor Ralph Northam adopted the recommendation on April 17, 2024 for Senate Bill 544 (SB544) which is about short-term rental properties and localities' ability to prohibit the use of accessory dwelling units. HB 1461 is also on the Governor's desk. This bill allows localities to restrict an Owner to one STR in a community.

### What is happening with STR's at the County level?

According to an excerpt from our District 1 Supervisor, Doug Holroyd's March newsletter: The Board of Supervisors (BOS) recently reviewed the status of York County's current guidelines and rules for STRs and were asked to submit proposed changes to the Planning Department. I (Doug Holroyd) have submitted three recommendations:

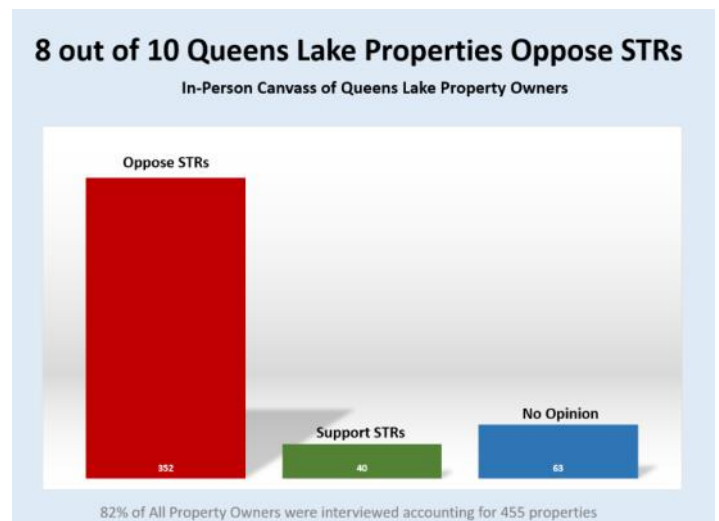
1. For whole house rentals, Owner must be present onsite or in an adjacent home on the same street. I do not accept a solution where a neighbor is expected to look after the STR while the Owner resides in an entirely different city. I call this 'skin in the game'. The neighbors need to have confidence that the Owner is present and managing the STR operation.
2. Density limit or cap to be applied within each subdivision. I've recommended 1% as currently being debated by City of Hampton. We are seeing far too much of our low to middle cost "affordable" housing being snapped up by investors. It's creating a crisis for younger homebuyers being able to afford starter homes in our community. This issue will, if unchecked, accelerate the migration of youth out of our County.
3. Limit of 1 STR per Property Owner within a Locality. Owning in the City of Williamsburg, with a JCC or York County address, all are within the same community and would not be permitted.

### What is happening with STR's in the QL Neighborhood?

Although STR's are not currently in the neighborhood, the zoning has not changed. The county Short Term Rental regulation limit is the entire home, with absent owners (who can be a corporation), with a designated responsible party who shall be available to promptly respond to and resolve problems or complaints that arise. Large events are possible with additional permitting. An example is a recent STR approval in Yorktown where a corporation owns the townhouse, and the entire home is rented. In residential zoning, this is all subject to the BOS approval.

In other words, there is no distance or residency requirement for owners/managers to be nearby, and owners don't have to be people. The STR can also be changed annually with approval from the BOS. In other words, if an STR were approved in the neighborhood for just one room in a home, the owners could come back at any time and ask for further expansion of the STR into the whole house. So, in any scenario, we as neighbors must be vigilant in observing changes to STRs because there is no requirement to notify neighbors of STR amendments.

In 2020, over 80% of property owners in Queen's Lake were surveyed about their position on STR's in the neighborhood. Here are the results:



## **Clubhouse**

Submitted By : Chuck Hretz, Director

**Committee members:** Chairperson: Jorie Otterstein. Ann Brown-Hailey, Barb Timko, Bev Webb, 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

I hope you have enjoyed the various events thus far. Ladies night, Meet the Treasurer, Pi Day / St Patrick's Day party, corn-hole, paint the interior, carpet prep and spring community breakfast. It is always nice to see new and familiar faces and share our community resources with you. We have added 2 recurring groups at the clubhouse in the Narrative Neighbors book club and the new Mom's of Queens Lake club. Please look these up on Facebook and join if you are interested in participating.

There are more events on the horizon. Soon we will have mystery nights and days for folks to enjoy. We are in need of a person to run a game club that will meet once a quarter at least to throw Bunco, board game, card game, etc nights. If anyone is interested, please email me at [qlcaclubhouse@gmail.com](mailto:qlcaclubhouse@gmail.com).

There are some important business items that are coming to the forefront for our community and I encourage all members to please join a committee, come to board meetings or simply voice your view to one of our directors. Your input is crucial in determining the path forward.

Clubhouse is also looking for someone to lead an effort to put a permeable paver patio next to the clubhouse. Please contact me for details on how you can help.

## **Finance**

Submitted by Tom Cho, Director

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

I stepped in as the finance committee chair after the resignation of Bob Gashen. Since then, Jorie Otterstein, Chuck Hretz, Yasmin Tricoche and I met to finish the job of advertising for the bookkeeping position and presented it to the Board. I have corresponded with Dick Quirin about his inquiry to get a handle on the health of the capital funding in our accounts. I mentioned that Ted Lynch composed a comprehensive report last year addressing the issue and we are awaiting a current copy from him so Dick and I can go over it. As a supplement I can compose a present value analysis to give the Treasurer and the Board a general idea of our long term financial health.

We are preparing for the transition to a new bookkeeper and/or office manager as well as employing some outsourcing services as we deem suitable. We will keep The Board posted on the progress.

## **Queens Lake Day**

Submitted by Tom Coffey, Chair

Welcome to the best day of the year, QUEEN'S LAKE DAY!!! Where this year it will be Olympic!

We cannot wait for you to join us in an epic event, first held in Athens Greece and this year held in Paris and Queens Lake, VA.

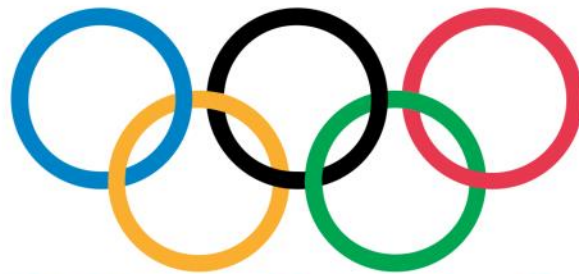
We have some new things planned for this year with revamped field games and pool games, scavenger hunt, opening ceremony parade, free lunch by our neighbor Moody's, gladiator events and culminating in a Greek dinner. Please check out the schedule at <http://tiny.cc/qlday2024> or use the QR code to register and pay for your events. Check Facebook and email announcements for your specific interested events.



# IT WILL BE OLYMPIC!

## QUEENS LAKE DAY

# 2024



## JUNE 21 & 22

QLCA Members: Free    Non-Members & Guests: \$25/adult and \$15/under 21

### FRIDAY - JUNE 21

6 am - 6 pm Fishing Tournament \*\*    6-10 PM Teen Pool Party\*    7 - 9 PM Olympic Trivia\*

### SATURDAY - JUNE 22

All day	Scavenger Hunt	11:30 am - 1 pm	Lunch by Moody's Kitchen
7 am	Fun Run/Decathlon	1 pm	Pool Games
8 am	Pickleball Tournament **	4:30 pm	Pool Closes for the Evening
9 am	Parade	6:30 - 9 pm	Greek-Themed Dinner*
10 am	Opening Ceremony/Flag Raising/Torch Lighting		<i>Togas Encouraged</i>
10:30 am	Field Games & Face Painting		Entertainment
11 am	Pool Opens		Closing Ceremony
	Cornhole Tournament **	Medal Awards:	
	Dunk Tank & Jousting	10:30 - 12:30 - 2:30	

*Dates & times are subject to change.    \* Additional fee required.    \*\* Registration required.*



event registration & dinner reservations

Information: [QLCAClubhouse@gmail.com](mailto:QLCAClubhouse@gmail.com)

## QUEENS LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENT



# 2024 SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Instructor: Cindy Timberlake: American Red Cross instructor:  
WSI, lifeguarding, CPR, first aid  
Assessment on first day to place swimmer in appropriate group

## Session I – June 17 – June 28

Lessons – Monday -Thursday  
Makeup Days – Friday June 21 and June 28

### **LEVEL 1 / 2 RED CROSS**

8:45 – 9:30 – 6 swimmers (group)  
9:30 – 10:15 – 6 swimmers (group)  
10:15 – 11:00 – 6 swimmers (group)

## Session II – July 1 – July 12

Lessons – Monday -Thursday  
Makeup Days – Friday July 5 and July 12

### **LEVEL 1 / 2 RED CROSS**

8:45 – 9:30 – 6 swimmers (group)  
9:30 – 10:15 – 6 swimmers (group)  
10:15 – 11:00 – 6 swimmers (group)

## Session III – July 15 – July 26

Lessons – Monday -Thursday  
Makeup Days – Friday July 19 and July 26

### **LEVEL 1 / 2 RED CROSS**

8:45 – 9:30 – 6 swimmers (group)  
9:30 – 10:15 – 6 swimmers (group)  
10:15 – 11:00 – 6 swimmers (group)

## TENTATIVE SESSION DEPENDING ON INTEREST:

### **Session IV – July 29 – Aug 9**

Lessons – Monday -Thursday  
Makeup Days – Fridays

### **LEVEL 1 / 2 RED CROSS**

Time Slots:  
10:00–10:45  
Assessment on first day

**\$70 / Swimmer / Session**  
**Must be QLCA Pool Member**

### **CONTACT:**

CAROLINE BROUN at 614-462-9879 //  
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### **ADDITIONAL DETAILS:**

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## **Beautification**

Submitted by Mike Turkovich, Director

**Committee Members:** Jean Lien, Libbey Oliver, Michael Adams, Susan Sims, Rebecca Cho, Maggie Stuppy, Adrienne McKinney, Jennifer Shima, Terry Harding

The Beautification committee held earth Day 2024 for the members. We had a native plant talk by one of our own Cynthia Abbott. Members learned about the native plants in our area and why they are beneficial. We then moved into a lecture by Megan Ernst, the co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited. Members learned about what seed draws what birds and what are some of the birds we will see around Queens Lake. During the day, members who participated in the plant sale could stop by the clubhouse and pick up their new plants to add to the beauty surrounding Queens Lake.

In the afternoon, three gardens were open for neighbors to tour. The weather cooperated and everyone observed what can be done with the challenges many of us face in Queens Lake.

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## Membership

Submitted by Julie Dooley, Director

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

Queens Lake's location is key, and our amenities are priceless not only for your own use but for potential resale. Membership with QLCA is growing (currently 414 members) and dues-paying members and volunteers, like you, are making the difference by volunteering on committees, spreading kindness, igniting change and lending a helping hand to neighbors.

If you are planning on moving, please give our office a call and let us know. We can supply professional brochures as well as be there to answer any questions your realtor or buyer may have. We strive for Queens Lake to be a welcoming community.

It is time to prepare our biennial membership directory for 2025/2026. The directory will have useful information as well as contact information for all members. Please take a moment to look over the 2023/2024 directory. ***Is your information up to date? Has anything changed?*** If it has then please contact Cherrie at [qlca@queenslake.net](mailto:qlca@queenslake.net) to update your information. We are also looking for businesses to advertise in the directory. Contact Julie Dooley at [membersip@queenslake.net](mailto:membersip@queenslake.net) to secure your spot.

For those of you who took advantage of splitting your annual dues into two payments, remember that your second half is due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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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

The Lake Committee sent out an RFP for lake consultant services last month and will be reviewing proposals and qualifications to make recommendations for annual contract services. The Committee will also initiate a discussion with York Co Director of Public Works to ensure services include monitoring water quality. York County Public Works staff is finalizing plans for stormwater project to include identification of private easements to access ravines necessary for construction access and to avoid project delays.

Discussions are continuing with Congressman Wittman’s after his site visit on April 3rd. York Co District 1 Supervisor Doug Holroyd, is taking the lead to obtain a cost estimate from consultants that will be used to solicit federal support. A community forum will be scheduled to provide details.

The Lake Committee hosted first ever “Lakeapalooza” family day on the Lake with a fishing derby, canoe/kayak race and refreshments April 27. Many thanks to Kia and Greg Rippel, Monty Fleck, and Chris Hager for organizing. Here’s hoping for better weather next year!

The Lake Committee has sent reminders via email regarding 2024 Boat decals, available at the office by June 1st to pick up. We will be checking all lake accesses to ensure compliance. Unregistered boat owners will be notified and abandoned watercraft may be offered for sale.



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