

QLCA News

June 2004

The official newsletter of Queens Lake Community Association

Making living better for residents since 1952 by offering Boat Dockage, Swimming, Tennis, a Clubhouse and beautiful Queens Lake.

Acknowledge What It Takes

By Doug White, QLCA President

Let's take a moment and put the credit where it can be properly recognized. I am very upbeat about OUR Board of Directors – their leadership and enthusiasm. They have been proactive in recognizing the issues and dealing with them and we all have them to thank.

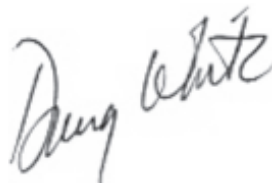
However, we need to look beyond that to the larger core of individuals who always seem to show up for the work detail. Whether it is preparing the pool area for opening, cleaning the tennis courts, rebuilding after the massive hurricane damage at the marina, beautifying our grounds with plant material and sign restoration, cleaning up the dam and lake accesses, planning and executing Queens Lake Day, or making repairs around the clubhouse...there is *always* a group which comes to the call of help.

Others rise to the occasion of committee work for membership, water study, electric power service study, financial analysis to provide us with the best bang for our buck, coordinate the newsletter publication, and plan social events at the clubhouse. The names are numerous, but you all know many of them. One comment at our last Board meeting was that our marina hasn't looked this good for years while Kingsmill hasn't even begun to restore theirs. Kind of speaks to community spirit, doesn't it? Without such spirit all our debris from storms would just sit there and wait for the next tidal surge to wash it away or further into our yards. Weeds would become our community flower, and the pool and tennis courts would....well, you fill in the rest.

The cost of a private property management firm to hire and coordinate contracted maintenance would probably be 2 to 3 times our annual budget. Yet many of our neighbors are apparently naïve or apathetic enough to believe that the quality of life would still be the same without volunteerism. Dream on. It is understandable that some cannot provide as much "physical" effort as others due to schedule, physical limitation, etc. We hope that you will simply stay tuned and help when the opportunity permits.

Now we must acknowledge the remainder...those who do not participate, do not volunteer and do not even help provide the budgetary funds to enable the volunteers to better maintain our community. We are in the midst of a "Membership Drive" to persuade families to join or re-join the community association. The dues for a community such as ours are certainly not a family budget breaker — \$21.00 or \$26.00 per month. Although it is still early in the campaign, I am not overwhelmed by the results at this point. I know we can have better response from reasonable people. Volunteers will be contacting all non-members about joining. Please listen to what they have to tell you. If you have never been a member and need more details or are interested in becoming an active member again, please contact Julia Morris at the clubhouse or a member of the Membership Committee.

I hope to see you on Queens Lake Day! (Which is subsidized with dues dollars and coordinated by Association members who work very hard so we can all enjoy the day.)



**Queens Lake
Community Association (QLCA)
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The QL Board of Directors meets the third 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 Club, including minutes of all Board meetings, are open to all members for review.

The next newsletter deadline is July 20th. Every effort will be made to print a newsletter provided content is submitted by Committee Chairs. Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email to qlclub@widomaker.com or on disk.

**Marina
Committee News**

*Submitted by Doug Olson,
Marina Committee Chair*

It is good to see increased activity at the Marina with the arrival of warmer weather. Good News — All Marina slips have been rented as of this date except the two which had piling damage during the hurricane last fall. We have not been able to get a Contractor set up to replace the pile as of this time. The pump out station equipment has finally been repaired and is operational. Bids to repair the Marina entrance road have been sent out and should be in our hands by early next month.

Several boat owners have volunteered to give short boat rides from the Marina on Queens Lake Day. Exact times and duration has yet to be determined dependant on weather and tides. Info and sign-up sheets will be available at the Registration tent on Queens Lake Day.

There has been some confusion regarding QLCA Members who wish to use the Marina boat ramp. If you have paid your \$10 “key fee” you must still complete a Ramp Use Agreement Form and attach the 2004 ID stickers to your boat before using the ramp. Agreement Forms can be obtained from Doug Olson or Al Owens. Use of the ramp by Members is limited to Member owned boats only. The only canoes and kayaks allowed to use the ramp must belong to QLCA Members and must be registered with ID stickers attached.

If you have questions regarding the Marina, please feel free to contact Doug Olson to discuss.

Membership Committee

Welcome the following new members!

Norman & Rose Chambers
174 Dennis Drive

Henry and Janie Cochran
138 Little John Road

Albert and Mary DeChristopher
152 West Queens Drive

Daniel Eucker and Kimberlee Anderson
129 Dennis Drive

Jeffrey, Heather, Jeffrey, Jr. & Jessica Graham
273 Princess Place

James and Betty Jenkins
146 West Queens Drive

Sara Nelson
104 Willoughby Drive

Robert Quirin & Ann Brunner Quirin
265 East Queens Drive

Membership Numbers as of June 1

314 paid members

14 members are in arrears
(have not paid 2004 dues yet).

4 members have resigned
2 former members have moved

One-Time Amnesty Program Offered to Former Members

So that we might have as many residents as possible be a part of the Association, the Board has voted a special provision for former members who have permitted their membership to lapse. Two new options are now available to households, which have previously paid an initiation fee at any time in the past. The offer can be exercised only once.

Option 1)

The \$1,000 stock purchase fee is waived and you may rejoin the Association if you pay the regular dues for 2004 and 2005 (\$620) and commit to two additional year's dues, payable at the usual renewal time in January 2006 and 2007.

or

Option 2)

The \$100 stock purchase fee is waived and you may join as a deed restricted property, completing the paperwork and paying the lower 2004 annual dues of \$250.

Welcoming New Comers

If a new family moves onto your street, after you have introduced yourself and welcomed them, please pass their names on to the office so that a greeting letter can be sent from QLCA. Since we are not a mandatory property owners association we are not notified of all property transactions prior to closing, but get our information from York County which can take 30-90 days. Your help is appreciated.

Board Actions

From the April 20th and May 18th Meetings of the Queens Lake Community Association (QLCA) Board of Directors.

Full minutes of all meeting available for review by members in good standing at the office.

- Motion passed to approve minutes of the March Board Meeting.
- Appointment of Hawes Helwig (104 Spur Court) and Craig Marcuson (131 Hunter Lane) as 2004 Pool Committee Co-Chairs.
- Motion passed to hire Mrs. Wanda Wallin as the Pool Manager for this summer at rate of \$2,500.
- Motion passed to approve contract with the Coast Guard Blue Dolphin team to train at the QL pool June 14 through August 3, Monday through Friday from 6AM to 9:30 AM.
- Motion passed to write off \$187.50 in uncollectable fees.
- Motion passed to accept memorial contributions in honor of Mr. Reams and to earmark them as a restricted asset to be used only for repairs and replanting at the dam.
- Motion passed to approve minutes of the April Board Meeting.
- Motion passed to allow the Pool Committee Chairs to contract on behalf of QLCA for soda and snack machines with 10% of the sales being applied to pool income.
- Motion passed to hire the list of lifeguards presented.
- Board accepted May 6, 2004 letter of engineer Robert M. Dunn, II (116 Sherwood) in which he notes that the Association has completed repairs to the Queens Lake dam to Steve Hicks, VDOT's Resident Engineer for the Williamsburg office.
- Motion to advance funds for replacement of the playground slide damaged in the hurricane with the understanding that funds are forthcoming from the insurance company.

Swim Team News

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**It is not too Late to Join...The QUEENS LAKE EAGLES Swim team
- 2003 VPSU DIVISION III CHAMPS -**

Mark Your Calendars:

PRACTICE Schedule:

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|----------|--|
| 6/1-6/11 | <u>Afternoon Practice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 4-5pm / swimmers 11 & over· 5-5:45pm / swimmers 10 & under |
| 6/12 | <u>Time Trials/ Mock Meet</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 8:30-11:00 am· Parents Needed!! |
| 6/14 | <u>Morning Practice Begins</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 8:30-9:30am / swimmers 10 & under· 9:30-11:00am / swimmers 11 & over· 11:00-11:45am <i>M W F only</i> / 4&5 yr old "Hatchlings" |

MEET Schedule:

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| 6/14* | HOME MEET with Powhatan Secondary |
| 6/21* | HOME MEET with Windsor Great Park |
| 6/28* | HOME MEET with Poquoson |
| 7/7 | @ Williamsburg Community |
| 7/12 | @ Edgehill |
| 7/19 | @ Fords Colony |
| 7/24 | Williamsburg Summer Awards Meet @ Kingswood |
| 8/7 | Champs Meet (optional for those who qualify) |

NOTE:

- Both pools close at 4:30pm for Home Meets.
- VPSU uses the following night for make-up meets due to weather.
- Hatchlings...Children as young as 4 years can learn to swim while enjoying the fun and encouragement of a team environment!

We are always grateful to our generous sponsors:

Tom Cho, Davenport & Company

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Joe Harrow and Bill Morrison,

Middle Peninsula Insurance Agency, Inc.

John Sadler, Williamsburg Legal Associates

Just Plumbing

Pool Committee News

Submitted by Hawes Helwig and Craig Marcuson, Pool Committee Co-Chairs

A great big "THANK YOU" to the following people who painted, cleaned, raked, mowed, planted, mulched and ...did whatever it took to get the pools ready for Memorial Day weekend. Each year the number of volunteers seems to grow. This is good because we couldn't have gotten the pools open without this tireless group of workers!

Ann Duff, Jane Evertz, Nancy Feigenbaum, Dave Grant, Forest Harris, Leigh Houghland, Ray Ingleson, Dan Kammer, Mike Lopez, Craig Marcuson, Whit Richardson, Ryan Smith, Wanda Wallin, John Walters, Marc Veillet, The Dow Family, The Downey Family, The Gerdes Family, The Helwig Family, The James Family, The Julienne Family, The McGovern Family, The McMurray Family, The Morrison Family, The Morgan Family, The Robinson Family, The Sadler Family, Swim Team Coach Sandi Willard

Special thanks to Pool Committee member Ann Duff for leading the charge on the clean-up days!

Bathhouse Improvements

Sometime during the off-season the pool complex was vandalized. Items damaged included the piping in the bathrooms. Also, two nice "terracotta" flowerpots, which flanked the deck entrance, were stolen. If you have any knowledge about the incident, please call one of the Pool Committee Co-chairs to discuss. Repairs were accomplished by a professional plumber, and gave rise to a volunteer effort to overhaul the bathrooms. Both the interior and exteriors have been power washed and painted, screen windows and doors replaced, and non-skid paint added to the floor (the mats have been removed). Please thank the hardy group of volunteers listed above for their extraordinary efforts renovating the bathhouse. Patrons are asked to do your best this season to keep the bathrooms as clean and good looking as they were on opening day.

Welcome Pool Staff

Please welcome our new pool staff headed by Pool Manager (and QLCA member) Wanda Wallin. Guards for the season include: Kelly Engbersen, Christy Williard, Lizzie Dimatia, Chris James, Peter Simasek, Caroline Evertz, Jessie Rolley, Kristinia Lawless, Amy Rolley and Justin Chaffey. The guards are responsible for your safety and the cleanliness of the pool facility. Please direct any concerns you have to Mrs. Wallin or use the comment box provided at the pool.

Sign In Procedure

We ask that you please sign in daily so that we can better track pool usage. ! Pool Rules will be provided to all pool members upon joining. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pot-Luck Suppers

Back again this year by popular demand – Sunday evening "Pot-Luck Suppers". Bring, a main dish to grill for your family and a side dish to share with all. The pool will try and make it a bit easier by supplying plates/napkins/cups/and silverware. You of course, should provide your favorite beverage. Open to all Pool Members and held Sunday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on the on the pool deck overlooking lovely Queens Creek. (If it rains, we usually don't gather.)

Coast Guard Swim Team Practices

As in 2002, the pool complex is being rented for use by the Coast Guard Blue Dolphin (CGBD) swim team for morning practices from 6:00 to 9:30 am from June 14 to August 3. CGBD swimmers are not allowed to use the pool after team practice unless their family joins the pool or they are the paid guests of a member.

Parking Lot Usage

The parking lot is for clubhouse events and pool parking. Please advise the office (229-0973) if you intend to leave your car in the parking lot for any other reason. The police have been called on several occasions to verify that cars left in the lot at odd hours are not stolen.

Pool Closings

The pool will close early for three (3) Monday swim meets in June (see calendar). Please mark these dates on your calendar. Should a meet be rained out, it will be held the next day (Tuesday). While this may inconvenience some swimmers, please keep in mind that the swim team and pool have a symbiotic relationship. The Swim Team generates numerous Family Memberships because they require Pool Membership in order to participate and obviously, there would be no swim team without the pool.

Dues

Please note that if you have deed restricted your property, regardless of age or family size, the pool dues is \$270. These fees were set for two years at the 2002 Annual Meeting (**not** by the Pool Committee) when the deed restriction program took effect. The Pool dues structure will be reevaluated in the 2005 budget process. Your suggestions are welcomed. Please keep in mind that the pool needs memberships to cover operations – this is why we do not offer a cheap, one-day pass to members – we need you to join to survive.

Every Sunday
of the Pool Season is
Pool Member Pot Luck Supper
6 pm till closing
Bring your covered dish to share and grilling items
BYOB/ plates/silverware/napkins provided



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Twenty-three families participated in our community yard sale May 8. It was a very successful event, with many happy customers and sellers. Special thanks to George Crouch, Bob Long, Roger and Maria Anderson, Dory Levisay, Bob Caven, Julia Morris, and all who contributed for the ad and balloons. Our income exactly covered the expenses.

Community Relations

Submitted by Bruce McRitchie, Community Relations Committee Chair

Water System Update

We are awaiting the final proposal for our new water system from Aqua Virginia. Upon receipt, we will be prepared to discuss that proposal and the alternative of having York County install a system. As previously reported, Aqua Virginia has been very responsive and is anxious to get started on revamping the entire system as soon as their plans are finalized and approved.

Unfortunately, the Virginia Gazette recently ran an article about our water system options that contains misleading information. The following facts are put forth in order to correct any wrong impressions that may have resulted from that article:

- Sydnor Hydrodynamics, a subsidiary of Dusquesne Power Holdings, is no longer our water supplier. One of the largest, most reputable and most successful water suppliers in the United States, Aqua America, purchased their assets. Aqua Virginia is the Virginia branch of Aqua America. Changing the name of a utilities company is a lengthy legal process, so for the time being, you will continue to see “Sydnor” trucks in Queens Lake and receive mail and bills with “Sydnor” letterhead. Be assured that, even though these visual vestiges of the former company have yet to be adjusted, as of June all operations will have been taken over by Aqua Virginia personnel.
- The Aqua Virginia management team is very competent and has discussed candidly the inadequacies of Sydnor and the need for a completely revamped water system in Queens Lake. They are in the final stages of designing a system to meet our needs.
- As experts in managing and maintaining water systems, the Aqua Virginia team has also discussed with us their commitment to continual maintenance of the Queens Lake system once it has been upgraded. They have a track record of doing so in other communities. There is absolutely no reason to believe that their level of maintenance would be any less than that which we could anticipate from a York County maintained system.
- Standard fire hydrants throughout Queens Lake are part of the plan under development. The plan, when complete, will be presented to local fire department officials for their input. Indeed, we have already had meetings with the appropriate York County and fire department experts to obtain their preliminary input and utilized this input in discussions with Aqua Virginia.
- We do not yet have projected rate information from either Aqua Virginia or York County. We do know that there would be a \$4,550 per household charge if the York County plan were accepted. At this point, it is not anticipated that there would be any such charge under the Aqua Virginia plan.
- Aqua Virginia has informed us that they have budgeted

the funds necessary to construct the new system yet this year, 2004. Securing approvals from regulatory agencies, such as VDOT and the Dept. of Health, may cause some short delay in their anticipated schedule.

- We have received no deadline, official or unofficial, by which Queens Lake must make a decision on which plan, Aqua Virginia or York County, we wish to accept. We have not yet received final plans. We clearly cannot make a presentation to the community on the relative merits plans that have yet to be submitted. We will expedite the process as soon as the information is available, but obviously this cannot be done until we have enough information to enable the community to make an informed decision.

The task force is working with both York County and Aqua Virginia towards the development of a vastly improved water system. We are focused on upgrades to the system as well as assuring a high level of continual maintenance. Cost is also an issue that must be factored in, since the York County proposal of a \$4,550 per household fee is hardly “nominal”. But cost is only an issue once we are assured that we will have an excellent water system.

Dominion Virginia Power

Recently, a QLCA task force met with key personnel at Dominion Virginia Power. The purpose was to discuss steps being taken to reduce the number and duration of electrical outages in Queens Lake. We were informed that, because of the frequency of problems in Queens Lake, we have been designated a target area for reliability improvements. The company shared a list of 23 outages that have occurred in Queens Lake since August 2001. They reviewed with us their analysis of each outage and the action taken to either prevent or reduce the severity of similar future outages.

We inquired as to the feasibility of major system improvements such as underground wiring, a second feed line, and underwater wiring along the causeway and dam. The company will investigate the feasibility of these and report back. They cautioned, however, that such major overhauls would be extremely expensive and most likely cost-prohibitive.

Ironically, three days after our meeting, a tree fell on West Queens and we experienced a six-hour outage.

In summary, the members of the QLCA task force (which includes two members who are retired after careers in the electrical power business) felt that we had a very productive first meeting with Dominion Virginia Power. We definitely have their attention and action is being taken. We will continue to work with them and to report back to QLCA members on our progress.

Note: Dominion Virginia Power has asked that when a power outage occurs, they would appreciate each of us calling in to report it (888-667-3000). This will allow their computers to quickly process the information and, based on phone calls received, pinpoint the place in need of repair, thus reducing the duration of the outage.

2004 Membership Events Calendar

- June 11** Swim team Time Trials / 8:30 to 11:00 am
- June 12** Membership Reception at the Pool
6:30 pm / rain or shine / pools close at 4:30 pm
- June 14** Home Swim Meet with Powhatan Secondary
Pools close at 4:30 pm
- June 21** Home Swim Meet with Windsor Great Park
Pools close at 4:30 pm
- June 26** **Queens Lake Day 2004!**
- June 28** Home Swim Meet with Poquoson
Pools close at 4:30 pm
- July 7** Away Swim Meet @ Williamsburg Community Pool
- July 12** Away Swim Meet @ Edgehill
- July 19** Away Swim Meet @ Fords Colony
- July 21** Swim Team "End of the Season" Banquet
7:00 pm at the Clubhouse
- July 24** Williamsburg Summer Awards Meet
(formerly Mini-Meet) @ Kingswood
- August 7** Champs Meet (TBA)
- October 30** Children's Halloween Party
Event coordinator – Nancy Feigenbaum
- November 16** Annual Membership Meeting



Queen's Lake Day 2004

Queens Lake Day is Open to All Queens Lake Residents and their Invited Guests!

Non-Member and Guest Fees of \$5 per adult / \$3 per child please.

Date	Time	Event	Details
Friday, June 25	6:00 to 7:30 PM	Children's Fishing Tournament	Bring your poles & worms to the dam on Little John. Organized by Mark Frankel.
	5:00 to 6:00 PM	Soccer at Queens Lake field	All ages are invited to play and have a blast! Organized by Ray and Linda Ingleson.
	7:30 to 10:00 PM	Poolside Teen Party - \$2 per person	Rising 6 th thru 9 th graders / Bring a friend! \$23.00 / Parental Release form need for guests. Music, movies, swimming, good food and FUN! We will need parent volunteers, please call Whit. Organized by Whit Richardson (570-0498).
Saturday, June 26	7:00 to 9:00 AM	1 & 3 Mile Fun Run – Prizes!	(start at Tennis Courts) 1 and 3 mile runs for children, women, & men. Start at the tennis courts. Organized by Bill Morrison.
	8:00 AM	Registration Tent Opens!	Free admission to all QLCA members. Other QL Residents & guests are \$5.00 (12 years old & under are \$3.00). Manned by the Membership Committee. Free admission and free gourmet dinner to any new members who have joined since May 1, 2004!
	8:00 AM	Clubhouse Breakfast	Juice, Coffee, Tea, Bagels and Spreads provided; Bring a dish to share Organized by Jane Stewart (564-1897)
	8:00 AM to Noon	Bake Sale	To Benefit QL Garden Club (clubhouse)
	8:45 AM	Float and Bike Parade	Pull a float behind your tractor or decorate your bike, wagon lawn mover or stroller! Anything with wheels accepted. Awards for "Best Float," "Most Unusual," "Best in Show," "Most Patriotic," "Prettiest" etc... Meet at the corner of Will Scarlet & E. Queens & join the motorcade to the clubhouse - Organized by Kate Helwig (259-1764).
	9:15 AM	Opening Ceremonies and Flag Raising	Flag raising by our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with, Patriotic Songs
	9:45 AM	Double Tennis Tournament	Senior & junior players, all playing levels. Parent/child and senior/junior players can pair up for this fun day. Advance registration by June 18 to Hubert Evertz (phone 220-8410), e-mail HevKoeln@aol.com ; or sign up at the clubhouse.
	10:00 AM	Field Games for Children ages 2-10	Organized by Martha Richardson (258-2505)
	9:30 to 11:30 AM	Bicycle Trail Ride at Quarterpath	New Quarter Park Safety Station. Bring your bike and helmet or your children's for a free safety check. Organized by Whit Richardson and Doug Ellis., meet at QL clubhouse (9:45 or park entrance (10:00). Six mile trail ride, moderately challenging, about one hour. Riders must be at least 12 years old.
	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Boat Rides	Free boat rides from the Queens Lake Marina! Time subject to change depending on weather and tides. Organized by Doug Olson
	11:00 AM	Pools Open!	Beverage carts open. Beer will only be served to persons 21 and over.
	11:30 AM	Poolside Lunch with Nancy and Bob	Hamburgers \$2.50/Hot Dogs \$1.50 - Organized by Nancy Feigenbaum-564-6331
	11:30 AM	Volley Ball Courts open for free play	
	12 NOON	Hey Kids... Giggles the Clown!!!	
	12 NOON	Basketball Free Throw and & 3 Pointer Contest	10 yrs old & under, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, 15 & older. Organized by Jay Wallin.
	1:00 PM	Poolside Children's Cake Walk	Organized by Bev Frankel.
	1:30 PM	Pool Games	
	3:00 PM	Adult Softball Game - East vs. West	Men and women ages 16 and up, bring a glove!. Organized by Steve Griggs.
	7:00 PM	Nantucket Style Dinner/ Dance by the Pool \$17.50 Reserve by June 21st	After a long day of sun and fun, give the kids a break and join us for the adults only dinner and dance! Enjoy a Gourmet Mixed-Grill of chicken, pork, sausage, roasted seasonal vegetables, crusty bread, salads, and non-alcoholic Nantucket Nectar! BYOB – Dance from 8:00 to 11:00 pm to a DJ playing music from the 60s and 70s / \$17.50 per person for the dinner & dance /. Paid reservations required by Monday, June 21 (to Jane Evertz (or call the clubhouse @ (229-0973) and leave message. The cost is \$17.50 per person for the dinner and dance (BYOB). Picnicers are welcome (no charge). Should you choose to set up your own picnic, we ask that you contribute The Dance is from 8:30 to 11:30pm featuring DJ and a night of dance music from the 60s and 70s. For anyone wishing to attend the dance only (or if you picnic and stay for the dance), the cost is \$5.00 per person to cover the expense of the DJ. Adults only for dinner and dance. No grills available.

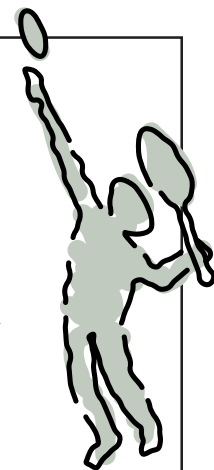
Tennis Committee News - Submitted by Bob Long, Tennis Committee Chair

All four tennis courts are now ready for use. New net posts have been installed on court 4 and a new net on court 1. Locks have been changed and new keys issued to paid-up members. If you have not received your key let the club secretary know.

Tennis lessons will begin the first week of June. Instructors Cora Demeo (229-5016) and Burt James (598-0110) are eager to begin. Call them for more specifics.

Don't forget the parent/kid tennis tourney for Queens Lake Day. Call Hubert Evertz (220-8410), Alex Andrews (259-0867), or Dan Wardrop (220-0870) to sign up.

Two portable basketball goals have been placed on court 4 and many kids are enjoying play. Thanks to Jane Evertz, Jay Wallin, and the 12 families who contributed. Plus...we have six new tennis members as a result. Jay Wallin persuaded Dick's Sporting Goods in Richmond to discount the professional quality back board some \$200. To use the basketball courts you must sign up for a tennis key - key are \$10 and available to paid members at the clubhouse.



Gardener's Notes For June

Question:

I am having difficulty getting a wisteria vine to bloom.

Answer:

The biggest frustration gardeners face when growing wisteria is that the plants have a longer than average juvenile period and fail to bloom as expected. Start with grafted plants or those produced from cuttings rather than those grown from seed. A plant will also fail to bloom if: 1) it does not receive full sunlight; 2) there is excessive vegetative growth that may have been stimulated by excess nitrogen fertilizer; 3) it is pruned heavily in winter and spring, which encourages vigorous, vegetative growth; and/or 4) it is pruned improperly. Also, in severe winters, flower buds may be injured or killed. The following practices may help induce non-blooming vines to flower: a heavy application of super phosphate (0-20-0) in early spring, severe pruning of new growth in late spring or summer root pruning in late fall. *Source: May Raleigh Garden.*

Of Note...

The **six-hour power outage on May 16** was caused by a tree falling on the Dominion Virginia Power overhead line, taking it to the ground at 175 West Queens. The 19,000 volt line shorted but did not trip, causing a fire which damaged the pole and cross members. The outage was prolonged because York firemen, who responded immediately, could not tackle the blaze until the power had been cut. VDOT took two hours to respond to clear the road, sending a crew from Seaford in the absence of any response from the Toano base. By the time VDOT personnel arrived, West Queens neighbors had cleared the road with the aid of Dominion's power saws. Remedy of the lack of an automatic cut-off of power in such situations has been requested; there was a similar incident near the same spot in August 2003.



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POOL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Association Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name

Phone #

Relationship

Emergency Contact: _____

Name

Phone #

Relationship

Please list all family members who plan to swim on this membership.

NAME	DOB	Medical Conditions/Allergies/
Disabilities/		

QLC MEMBER RATES: Please Indicate Membership Level

☐ \$270 flat fee for members of a Deed Restricted Property

☐ \$300 Family

☐ \$230 Couple (adults only)

☐ \$195 Single (age 18 or older)

☐ \$210 Senior Couple (one spouse age 65 or older)

☐ \$175 Senior Single (age 65 or older)

Ck#: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

The undersigned hereby agrees to hold harmless Queens Lake Community Association, Inc., and all its members, officers, directors, agents, volunteers, successors and assigns, and any quest sponsored or invited by any person listed hereon, from any and all actions relating to emergency or rescue situations taken by the Queens Lake Community Association, Inc., and any of its employees, members, officers, directors, volunteers, agents, successor and assigns (hereinafter "the Association"). All licensed physicians, nurses, hospitals and health care providers of any type, and all employees thereof, are hereby authorized to admit, and administer medical and surgical care to, any of the persons listed on this form, which health care is necessary and appropriate in the discretion of the health care provider. The undersigned hereby agrees to be totally, jointly and severally liable for all health care, emergency and other related services, including all supplies and costs associated therewith, regardless of which person or entity initially signs as the obligated party. Should the Association pay for any such costs, the undersigned shall promptly reimburse in full the Association.

Date: _____ Applicant Signature: _____

Legal Guardian Signature (if necessary): _____

Queens Lake Community Association

Eagles Swim Team!

BE A PART OF THE FUN!

Come join the gang! Hang out, play games, have fun, and, yes, SWIM!!!
Until you experience it, you don't know what you're missing.

Parent or Guardian Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Names of Swimmers

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| 1. | _____ | DOB _____ | AGE _____ | M / F |
| 2. | _____ | DOB _____ | AGE _____ | M / F |
| 3. | _____ | DOB _____ | AGE _____ | M / F |

DUES PER FAMILY

Make checks Payable to **Queens Lake**
(Please Note: You must be QLCA Pool Member to join the Swim Team)

\$45.00 1 st Swimmer	Remit Application and payment to
\$40.00 2 nd Swimmer	<i>Queens Lake Community Association, Inc.</i>
\$25.00 3 rd Swimmer	<i>234 East Queens Dr.</i>
	<i>Williamsburg, VA 23185</i>

PARENTS

Please indicate on the line below how you can help. We are a small team but require the same volunteer force as a large team. We need each family to volunteer at each meet to make this a great season.

Stroke and Turn, Lineup, Scoring and Ribbons, Timing, Sweep Judge, Concessions,
Setup, Cleanup, Event Planning, Donations

Team Coordinators- Mary Louise Gerdes(229-3655) and Patrice Sadler(220-4683)

Five Frequently Asked Questions of QL Office?

by Kate Helwig and Julia Morris, QL Staff

1. *The Jimmy Buffet night at the clubhouse was a lot of fun. How does a member sponsor an event so we could have more fun evenings for our community?*

In one word...VOLUNTEER! Our organization has sponsored many successful functions for members over the years. These "socials" need your help if they are to continue. Keep them similar — make them different – or, come up with a new idea. The point is, members make the difference and keep Queens Lake a vibrant, fun community for seniors, couples, families and children. Pick a project and commit yourself today! Just call the office at 229-0973 and let us know how you can help.

2. *When will all the hurricane debris be picked up in the triangle coming off the Colonial Parkway from Yorktown?*

Joanne Andrews spoke to Dorothy Geyer, Landscape Architect for CNPS in early May and she reported that the Park Service is still taking down dangerous trees. They are getting closer to taking care of trees that are on the ground, but are waiting for more funding. They do not have a truck like the York County truck with a grabber-loader and will have to contract out for such projects.

3. *Why do new members have to pay a \$1,000 stock fee or deed restrict in order to join QLCA – why can't they not just pay the annual dues?*

The \$1,000 stock fee and deed restriction are designed to keep people from joining and dropping out (the "yo-yo" effect). Most people are not likely to quit after paying a \$1,000 and of course, deeding binds the property to membership. So why is it so important to know how many members will contribute? Because most of the expenses covered by the "Annual Maintenance Dues" (currently at \$250 or \$310 per year) are fixed such as the annual property tax, insurance, utility bills (power, phone, electric and water), landscaping of common areas, playground and lake maintenance, postage, printing, administrative salaries, pool debt, office supplies, audit review and funding for replacement reserves. These expenses do not change regardless of the number of members. In order to set the annual dues, the

Board needs to know how many members will contribute. Think about it this way...when a household drops their membership in our association, the expenses do not decrease, only our income decreases – thus making it more expensive for the remaining members.

4. *Why does the Board continue to allow QL resident who are not Association members to walk their dogs on the ballfield, slide down QLCA property on snowy days, use the playground, keep a pier on Queens Lake or come to QLCA functions at the clubhouse. Don't the non-members understand that it is we, their neighbors, who pay the property tax and insurance on the lake, common land and clubhouse?*

Over the years, different Boards of Directors have taken different approaches to addressing those residents who use the Association's property without paying dues. Hopefully the current "Membership Drive" will remind non members of their obligation to carry "their fair share" of the operating expenses for those all those amenities that don't generate income to cover their existence. If the membership drive does not result in an increase in membership, this year's Board of Directors will have to consider other means of pursuing those who use the Association property without participating in QLCA.

Question Follow-up...

In response to a question in last QLCA newsletter concerning additional traffic that will be created by Creekside Landing, we received the following email from Tim Cross—a QLCA member.

Mr. Cross had this to say:

As one who reviewed the traffic impact analysis submitted for this development, I may be able to help with that one. When Creekside Landing is complete, it can be expected to generate an average of 2,574 vehicle trips per day. Of these, 201 can be expected to occur in the morning peak hour and 272 in the evening peak hour. (Trips are one-way; when you drive from home to work and then back home again, it counts as two trips.)

Queens Lake Beautification Committee News

Submitted by Joanne Andrews, Beautification Committee Chair

Queens Lake is looking good again! What Spring can do for the soul! We had a spur-of-the-moment work day at the clubhouse: Carolin and John Shoosmith, Heather Graham, and George McKenzie staked-out a weeping hose, weeded, mulched on the front bank of the clubhouse and straightened the severely leaning evergreen facing marina. Dan Wardrop and Heather Graham donated mulch for this project. Kathleen Pock helped plant four azaleas (donated by the Houghlands) on Lakeshead at the end of E. Queens. The Beautification Committee extends its appreciation to all these good workers. If you would like to participate in a work group and see something that needs doing, give me a call and we will go to it (Joanne Andrews at 259-0867).

Here's an idea! I was talking to Heather Graham, a new member of QLCA. She likes to volunteer and is willing to give a couple of hours a week to the community. She learned that one of her new neighbors needed help in the yard and went over and gave her a hand. Following Heather's example I thought it would be a great benefit to old and young if we could pair such neighbors. If you are in need a hand or would like to volunteer a few hours to help a neighbor, call Heather (at 565-1126), who will try to coordinate some assistance. If we have too much demand for yards in need then Heather is willing to pair a teenager for a wage. This is a wonderful way to get to know folks in your neighborhood. Let's give it a try.

Shaune and Steve Reams lost Steve's father recently. He had enjoyed living in Queens Lake during his last six months and, in his memory, Shaune and Steve have donated the Elwood H. Reams Memorial Fund to Queens Lake. This fund will be used to beautify the dam and areas leading up to it, which were so devastated by the fury of Isabel. The plantings will be done in the Fall when they will have a better chance to get established. What a wonderful memorial to Mr. Reams!

The Board at its May meeting passed a motion giving the go-ahead to replace the slide at the playground. It was too severely damaged by the hurricane to be repaired. We are working on getting the new slide in place soon.

Queens Lake Day is fast approaching and we would like to have our community put forth its best face for the event. If you still have debris in your front yard or on the street, please call York County Waste Management at 890-3780 to have it taken away. (In most instances, the fee will be \$10.) You can bundle your smaller cuttings and tie them ready for the regular trash pick-up on Wednesdays. I hope you have a wonderful community day on June 26th.

The new little tree in front of the clubhouse is a dwarf Confucius Gold Hinoki Cypress. It was donated by the Queens Lake Garden Club in honor of Arbor Day. We are lucky to live in such a generous community!

Finance Committee

Submitted by Ward Bourn, Finance Committee Chair

Thanks to the fifteen contributions from friends of the Steve and Sharon Reams family, the Elwood Reams Hurricane Isabel Woodland Restoration Fund has been established. Elwood was Steve's dad, who often stayed with them on East Queens, and lived there the last six months before his death in March. Saddened by the devastation along the dam, and knowing his time was short, he requested that, in lieu of other memorials at his funeral, donations be made to help restore causeway plantings. Initial gifts totaled \$700; additional gifts are welcome. Checks should be made to Queens Lake Community Association, with the notation "Reams Memorial Fund" in the memo space. The Beautification Committee anticipates doing the plantings in the fall when conditions will be more favorable for success.

An ad hoc sub-committee has been formed at the Board's request to update the Capital Improvement Reserves study first completed in 1995. The study evaluates the major maintenance and repairs needed to all QLCA facilities over the next decade. Chaired by Harry Hager, the sub-committee includes representatives from each committee including John Horsting (*Lake Committee*), Pat Reinecke (*Marina*), Dan Wardrop (*Tennis*), Jerry Clarke (*Clubhouse*), and Craig Marcuson and Hawes Helwig (*Pools*). After a meeting with the Finance Committee, the ad hoc sub-committee will present its recommendations to the Board at their July meeting.

The Association notes the recent passing of 30 + year Association member **Mrs. George (Lelah) McConnell** of 106 Copse Way. She is truly missed by neighbors and friends.

The Association notes the recent passing of **Charlie Drubel** (May 14) and extends its sympathy to Pat and the entire Drubel family. The Drubels have lived on Holcomb since 1966.

Dogs and What They Do

Residents are reminded that dogs should not be permitted to run loose, and that owners should "scoop the poop" left on any mowed area.

Wanted to Buy

A used jon boat. Please call Fred Tillman at 220-2312

Lost and Found

An AlumaCraft 7ft. boat was found. It has no QL sticker on it so it cannot be identified. If it belongs to you please call 220-2233.

Playground, Playgroups and Other Fun Stuff!

Submitted by Mary McGovern

Do you have young children (or grandchildren) and would you like to connect with other young families for fun and friendship in a safe, creative environment?

I recently volunteered to head up the playground "subcommittee" and I'd also like to organize regular playgroups and perhaps other activities for younger children and/or families. If you'd like to participate, if you have ideas or opinions about what could make our playground or community more "little person friendly" or if you'd just us to let you know about our activities as they're planned, please contact me at 220-1455 or MSMcGovern@aol.com. I'd love your input, and I can't wait to meet you!!!

As a thank you to All QLCA members
for your continued support
the Pool Committee
cordinally invites you to attend...

THE 4TH ANNUAL POOL-SIDE MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Saturday, June 12 - 6:30 PM
at the Pool Complex

- hors d'oeuvres • refreshments •
- music by Chateau Strings
- cocktail attire

This event will be held rain or shine

Queens Lake Community Association, Inc.
234 East Queens Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23185

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**Last
Issue for
Non-Members**

Lake Committee News

Submitted by Bob Caven

The repair and preparation for the reopening of the road across the dam has been certified as satisfactory in a letter to VDOT contact Steve Hicks. The actual reopening of the road for travel will take place once the potholes and shoulders are repaired by VDOT. The QLCA Board of Directors is doing everything to facilitate the reopening of the road. The end is in sight.

Lake Committee members will be repairing the West Queens access dock at Holcomb within the next two weeks.

Decals for Lake watercraft are available now (the decals ordered last year faded in the sun). Please come down to clubhouse or call the office to update your records and receive a new decal.