

# QLCA NEWS

The official newsletter of Queens Lake Community Association

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June/July 2022

## President's Message

Spring has passed and with it the Easter Egg Hunt and the first Ladies Night of the year. Mid Spring is when we as a community start to become more active outside with boating, gardening, exercising, and fishing. As I type up this letter, I am thinking of all the things that happen in the summer here in Queens Lake that I look forward to... Memorial Day's pool opening, June's Membership Social (with outstanding silent auction items), swim team practice and Monday night meets, movie nights on the field, monthly food trucks, and then there is the biggest event we host coming up on Saturday June 25th, Queens Lake Day. All these events take place because someone volunteered to take them on. The Beautification committee has been working hard on cleaning up our common areas and making the garden areas come to life. The Maintenance Committee does small jobs like replacing lightbulbs to large jobs like moving 8 truckloads of debris this spring to clear more space behind the tennis courts. The Lake Committee has been working on cleaning up the accesses and getting boats registered along with documenting our stormwater concerns for the lake and Princess Pond. The Marina Committee has had a cleanup day and a Coast Guard sponsored safety class this spring. The Pool Committee has been hard at work to make sure that everything is in working order for opening day at the pool and preparing for the summer season. The Membership Committee has been planning for the Member Social on Saturday, June 4th and working in conjunction with Recreation Committee to have a silent auction with some nice items to bid on. The Recreation Committee is looking into tennis and pickle ball lessons. Have you tried pickle ball on one of our courts? You really should! Look for their survey inside. Community Affairs Committee has been busy working on our Cox service issues, looking into tree maintenance, and will be holding a bike safety course for our young bike riders. Behind the scenes the Finance and Communications Committees make sure that things are run in our best interests.

Then, there is our biggest event, Queens Lake Day, planned by the Clubhouse committee and director David Dafashy. If you have never attended, you need to. It is a full day of fun planned for our community and one of the highlights of summer. However, our committees cannot accomplish this on their own. We need volunteers to raise their hands to volunteer their help and to bring enthusiasm, energy, and sense of fun to make all of this happen. Please check out David's list for volunteers needed to help on this special day and sign up if you are able. Many hands make light work!

Finally, volunteers have begun working on By-Laws review and soon our Nominating committee will be looking for help to fill board positions for this November. As you can see there is a long list of activities and interests for everyone to be involved from the smallest participant to being a director on the board. Without our volunteers we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. Please take some time to think about how you can help the community by volunteering your time and talents. I look forward to seeing some of you at various functions and can't wait for Queen's Lake Day on June 25th.

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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, 2022. Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email [newsletter@queenslake.net](mailto:newsletter@queenslake.net) or by calling 757-229-0973

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 4 - Member Social  
 June 14 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 June 15 - Food Truck - Coastal Thirst  
 June 18 - Trivia/bingo  
 June 20 - Home Swim Meet - Pool  
 June 25 - Queens Lake Day  
 June 27 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 July 5 - Home Swim Meet - Pool  
 July 12 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 July 15 - Swim-a-thon/Movie Night - Pool  
 July 18 - Home Swim Meet - Pool  
 July 25 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 August 20 - Parrothead Island Party  
 August 22 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 September 4 - End of Summer Bash - Marina  
 Sept 13 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 September 26 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 October 11 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 October 29 - Trunk or Treat  
 October 31 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse  
 November 5 - QL Arts and Craft Show  
 November 12 - Autumn/Fall fest  
 November 15 - Annual Meeting  
 November 25 - Christmas Tree Sale  
 December - Tree Lighting in the field TBA  
 December 1-17 - Angel Tree and Yard Christmas decorating contest  
 December 11 - Christmas Brunch  
 December 17 - Cookie exchange and Christmas Caroling

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**Yoga** -Yoga: Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm, Clubhouse (with masks) along with a synchronous Zoom (ID:89474663016, password:yoga)class. Classes are \$10 each or a five class pass for \$40 ; first class free. Contact Mary Joyner ([mjyoga101@gmail.com](mailto:mjyoga101@gmail.com))

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**SUPPORT GROUP**



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

**New group members are welcome.  
 Call Sheila Myers at 757-220-0965.**

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## **Board Briefs**

**March 8, 2022**

**Motion to approve the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting**

**Minutes:** David Dafashy made a motion to approve the minutes and John Walters seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion to approve the February 20, 2022 Special Meeting**

**Minutes:** Melanie Houle made a motion to approve the minutes and Patty Bartneck seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** John Walters made a motion to authorize up to \$3,500 to contract with Harper Pools for the VFD Drive and Electrical Hookup of Adult Pool. Rebecca Cho seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** John Walters made a motion to contract with Harper Pools for \$3,845 to install and train for the Automated Chlorine Controller. Rebecca Cho seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** John Walters made a motion to contract with Rosenbaum Fence for \$5,656 to repair the fencing from the tree damage in 2021. Insurance settlement covers this expense. Rebecca Cho seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** David Dafashy made a motion to postpone the March 30th Special Member meeting to vote on the \$36,000 to purchase Wetlands Credits; deferring further discussions to the April 12 Board meeting to hear back from York County officials before a date is setting a date. Ted Lynch seconded. Motion passed.

**April 12, 2022**

**Minutes:** Approve March 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. John Walters made a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 Board minutes and Jim McCormack seconded. All approved.

(April 12 - Continued)

**Motion :** Kate Helwig made a motion to reprice slip B-27 with C-27 for all vessel over 30' and charge 1 and ½ times the current fee; QL member price changes from \$725 per slip to \$1,088 and Limited Member from \$1,275 to \$1,913. Note: slip price remains the same if rented separately by the committee. Rebecca Cho seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** Kate Helwig made a motion to revise the Marina Rules (see attached) to remove the section dealing with kayak storage and add language noting that in keeping the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Agreement of 2021, Marina Members can show their current dash pass to access the restroom and shower facilities available at the pool bathhouse during operating hours. John McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** Rebecca Cho made a motion to appoint a 2022 By-laws Review committee to consist of Bob Gaschen, Kate Helwig, Renny Parziale, Bob Evans, T.J. McGuire, Lana Olson to review the QLCA Bylaws for 2022. Chair to be chosen by the committee. Volunteers will have Bylaws update completed by August 30, 2022 or before. David Dafashy seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** Rebecca Cho made a motion to approve seeking legal counsel to advise the board on matters pertaining to the membership and the dam and spillway repairs to include liability involved. Jim McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion :** Doug Ellis made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Special Dam Committee to pursue a collaborative partnership for both financial and technical support with York County and to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with terms favorable to Queens Lake Community Association. Any agreements are subject to Queens Lake Bylaws, legal counsel review, and shareholder approval. These actions shall not preclude engaging in discussions with other entities. Kate Helwig seconded. Motion passed.

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## **Pool**

Submitted by John Walters: Director

**Committee members:** Robert Gaschen , Mark Downey, Marie Homer, Chris Homer, Ted Lynch, David Dafashy, Lana Olson, Caroline Broun, Todd Bruner, Ryan Sanford, Mya Fields, Allen Wood, Felicia Anderson, Mary Louise Gerdes, Jonathon Croly

We are on track for a great Memorial Day weekend opening ! Pools are working great, we have our Lifeguard team scheduled, fences are mended, and flowers are planted.

Volunteering to keep the Pool running is a nice way to give back to your community. We would not be able to have such nice facilities at such reasonable prices without our Volunteers. Please contact one of us if you can lend a hand.

Please join the Pool today !

# Community Affairs

Submitted By Patty Bartneck : Director

**Committee Members:** Leah Duckworth, Lourdes and John Farley, Deb Ellis, Carolyn Campbell, Nancy Kilgore, Sheila Myers, Mary Louise Gerdes, Deb Ellis, Caroline Broun

## A Few Stray Thoughts from Community Affairs

Was it really just two years ago when all of Queens Lake was scurrying about trying to spruce up the neighborhood in order to put our best foot forward as we prepared to host Virginia Garden Week? Covid put paid to that event as the community, the state, and the nation sank into isolation. Spring has come and gone several times in the interim but that spark that had us out in our yards digging, weeding, pruning seems to have been pretty much extinguished in some of us. But fear not! The Community Affairs Committee has decided to try to rekindle that spark by talking about trees. Our level of concern as regards trees was originally raised by an inquiry about our trees and our own little power grid. One tree trimmer told someone that, in the trade, Queens Lake is called “the land of the giants.” Certainly, the arrival of hurricane season increases our “falling tree anxiety”. However, it’s not just hurricanes that trigger our tree angst. Summer thunder storms and winter ice storms have also used our tall trees to create havoc. Community Affairs is considering trying to put together with local tree trimmers and/or arborists a package deal for those Queens Lakers who would be willing to take advantage of such a package if it were offered during the times of the year when business is slow for the trimmers.

The Community Affairs Committee asks that each of us spend time in our yards looking around with a critical eye in an effort to spot areas where we can quickly improve the “curb appeal” by picking up sticks and branches deposited by recent storms, trimming the grass growing up the post of a mail box, and, while we’re on the subject of mailboxes, checking to see if the post needs straightening or the box itself needs painting. Other suggestions might include trimming the grass and small saplings growing between the drainage culvert and the street and trimming back overgrown bushes especially where driveways enter the street. And, as we begin hurricane season, it is a good idea to take a look at the trees that surround the house and spot any that should be taken down before Mother Nature does the job herself.

One last suggestion is for those hard workers who are diligently cleaning out the overgrown brush in their yards and piling the debris at the curb for pick-up by the county, please call the county (757-890-3780 or go on line to waste@yorkcounty.gov ) in a timely manner to schedule the pick-up so that the brush piles don’t sit there for weeks at a time attracting rodents and creating an eyesore.

We all know deep down inside that we can be part of the solution or part of the problem. Let us all resolve to look carefully around our property attempting to see it through the eyes of our neighbors and then to remediate those areas that may be an eyesore or may diminish not just our own property values but also the overall beauty of Queens Lake.

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## **Beautification**

Submitted by Kathy Maxfield : Director

**Committee Members:** Jean Lien, Cherrie Begley, Susan Sims, Rosalynn Fernow, Mat Hogg, Libbey Oliver, Kathy Maxfield, Judy McCormack, Mat Hogg, Carolyn Campbell, Margaret Stuppy, Don Stuppy, Ed Nanartowich, Les Vrabel

In late March this committee had a great turnout of our membership for trimming shrubs, weed removal, pruning at the clubhouse and surrounding areas. Most especially to note is the guidance of Judy McCormack, Libbey Oliver, and Laura Nanartowich. With kind patience and guidance, they guided us through the plant encounters.

At that time, Maintenance Committee shared some of our volunteers for the tremendous job of removing invasive vines detrimental to crepe myrtles behind the baseball field.

Mulching of open areas as previously performed is delayed due to necessary labor and deliveries, common denominators in this time.

Tree removals - planned for one tree on pool side of fence nearest pool house, to the far left of path to clubhouse; and the other enormous tree on hillside in front of clubhouse. Apparently, the huge tree in front of clubhouse removal involves Beautification Committee funds (?). The funding for tree removal inside fence is on the onus of Pool Committee. My question is where funding comes from for these necessary maintenance items.

Libbey Oliver formed a subcommittee which will identify deserving homeowners with exceptional landscapes; QUEENS LAKE IN BLOOM. The Beautification committee will highlight the particular homes and provide plans for tours among us all to meet and learn about how these neighbors may have met challenging landscape conditions.

Judy McCormack continues to enhance the entry sign on Lakeshead. Not only does she maintain that planting and mulching space, but has noted that magically, some rocks disappear which she kindly amends. Splendid accomplishments.

Our committee was able to provide Clubhouse Committee with a neighbor who tilled an area behind baseball field so that Robin Land, of Clubhouse Committee, can continue to plant more zinnia seeds to beautify various areas.

Most especially, many thanks to Laura and Ed Nanartowich for their most tremendous, generous, acts regarding Queens Lake. We should be considered fortunate for their years of dedication in enhancing and improving this area. Many thanks.

\*\* Note that Laura requested limiting use of fertilizer on lawns this year as can compromise the lake

## **Membership**

Submitted by Melanie Houle, Director

**Committee Members:** Rebecca Cho, Julie Dooley, Emily Edmonds, Stacy Harris, Suzanne Maggio, Kerry McGuire, Carolyn Campbell, Deb Ellis

The membership committee has been hard at work planning the annual membership social scheduled for **Saturday, June 4 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm poolside**. Tasty hors d'oeuvres will be served. This year we are adding a silent auction to benefit general recreation. Please come to this annual summer kickoff event and support your neighborhood!

This spring, more homes in the neighborhood have come up for sale, and they do not stay on the market long. Definitely a tribute to our desirable neighborhood! If you are planning on moving this summer, please let the membership committee know. We have a professional Queens Lake brochure that we are happy to share with you or your agent. The membership committee makes every effort to welcome all new neighbors to Queens Lake and to answer their questions.

It is time to prepare our biennial membership directory. The directory lists the members' names and contact information. Please take a moment to look over the yellow 2020 directory. **Is your information up to date? Do you use a different phone number? Is the email address current?** If not contact Cherrie at [qlca@widowmaker.com](mailto:qlca@widowmaker.com) to make sure everything is current. Also, we are looking for businesses that would like to advertise in the directory. This is a great way to share your business information with your Queens Lake neighbors. Contact Melanie Houle at [mel\\_houle@hotmail.com](mailto:mel_houle@hotmail.com) to secure your spot.

New members are always welcome to come join this dedicated group of volunteers!

## **Maintenance**

Submitted by Rebecca Cho : Director

**Committee Members:** Bev Webb, Buz Wilson, John Blommel

Bev Webb helped to replace the attic light bulbs at the clubhouse and one of the flood lights on the memorial flagpole. Rebecca Cho is currently involved in the ongoing issues with the QLCA Dam and Spillway and monitoring meetings with the Special Dam Committee is having with York County concerning the issues with the dam and spillway, as well as the drainage up lake into Princess Pond.

Thanks as always to Bev Webb for his continued observation of our QL properties. If you would like to be a part of our Maintenance committee, please email Rebecca Cho at [tombeccho@cox.net](mailto:tombeccho@cox.net).

# Communication

Submitted by Jim McCormack: Director

**Committee Members:** WEB SITE: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Julie Dooley, Carlos Tricoche, Kate Roessler. NEWSLETTER: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Jean Lien, Mark and Yvonne Schmidt. SOCIAL MEDIA LIAISON: Suzanne Maggio.

**2022 GENERAL INFORMATION:** The Communications Committee responsibilities consists of two subcommittees, the QLCA Newsletter and the QLCA Website. The QLCA streamlined communications process is outlined below.

**STREAMLINED COMMUNICAIONS:** Summary below of communication sites include:

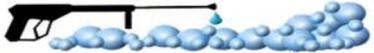
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**Members and non-members:**

1. <[www.queenslake.net](http://www.queenslake.net)> For members and non-members alike, this is the official QLCA website for pertinent Association information.
2. <[www.facebook.com/groups/queenslake](http://www.facebook.com/groups/queenslake)>  
This is a greater-QL-Facebook-page intended for community exchange of information for all QL and surrounding areas residents. Although not sponsored by the Association, it is used by the Association to post general notifications to members and non-members alike
3. <Queens Lake Marketplace (formerly Queens Lake News) > This FB group is for residents of Queens Lake and surrounding areas to post buying, selling & trading notices. Although not sponsored by the Association it is an appropriate site for marketplace activities.

**May Activity:** Thanks to Bob Gaschen for putting the newsletter together and to Mark and Yvonne Schmidt for picking the newsletter up, labeling and delivery to the post office.

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## **General Recreation**

Submitted by Doug Ellis : Director

**Committee Members:** Carlos Tricoche, Peter Schweitzer, John Harding, Terry Harding, Cherrie Begley, Dawn Griggs-Mullenax , Gale Gutierrez, Burt James, Bev Webb

Committee discussed options for offering tennis lessons to include nearby neighborhoods – Cobble Creek, Royal Grant and Creekside Landing, but decided to wait until we could solicit interest via a participation survey to be distributed at the May 7 social, as well as online.

The Committee hosted a free “Field and Court Day” on May 7 to promote interest, and provided refreshments and food, as well as tennis, pickleball, badminton and cornhole. Attendance was limited due to inclement weather. The Committee also hosted a “Community Garage Sale” fundraiser, May 7th. Twenty households signed up and attendance was satisfactory despite the rain. Proceeds will support purchase of recreational equipment.

Over forty donations from local businesses contributed items for the upcoming Member Social Silent Auction, June 4th to support recreation.

Volunteer signup for Playground cleanup will take place in June.

Estimates for upper court refinishing (\$26,000), fence (\$22,000) and replacing lights (\$12,000) were received. The Committee also received a quote and samples for a modular grid (Versacourt) as an alternative for the upper (#4) court, potentially modified for pickleball.

There is some interest in pursuing memorial donations (“in memory of”) as part of a capital fundraising campaign for amenities (benches, etc.), and to bring at least one court up to standard.



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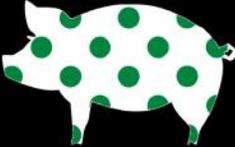
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## Lake

Submitted by Adrienne McKinney : Director

**Committee Members:** Bruce Keener, Richard McCluney, Richard Toth, John Blommel, Jodi and Neal Hernandez, Jessie Allen, Mark Phinney, Lana Olson, Chris Hager, Neil Griggs, Rick Lowry, Richard Sebastian, Doug Ellis, Marie Homer, Jeff McKinney, Mark Frankel, Jack Dooley and Rebecca Cho

The Lake Committees encourages all Queens Lake community members to vote YES for the \$36,000.00 Wetlands credits. The dam embankment needs to be repaired (as does the spillway). Because there are multiple agencies involved, the permit process needs to move forward now.

The understanding of the committee chair is that the Memorandum of Understanding with York County does not bind us to any final agreement with the country, but it is a step in building a relationship with the country to assist the community with funding to fix the dam and spillway, and address the other major issue facing our community, the comprehensive stormwater damage.

Here is a brief overview of the 4 strategic objectives currently in play that fall under the lake committee:

- Repair and Maintain Queens Lake Earthen Dam
- Repair and/or replace the spillway
- Repair and maintain Princess Pond, and the supporting structure (dam). This includes the silting causes by erosion.
- Restore and maintain Queens Lake (and Princess Pond) to their shorelines and depths. This includes upper lake silting.

The blue algae or cyanobacteria scum recently spotted on Princess Pond and the lake does not seem to be spreading. All members need to be aware that this toxic.

Two aerators are not working on Princess Pond, the company who installed them has been contacted.

Several volunteers have offered to build kayak racks on the lake. Thank you.

If you have any expertise in project management or specific knowledge in silting, erosion and restoration. Please contact me at [avmckinney@gmail.com](mailto:avmckinney@gmail.com).



# Enjoy the pool this summer

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**Pool Cleanup**

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## **Marina**

Submitted by Kate Helwig-Hobert: Director

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

- 14 slips left - please share the word and let's see if we can get them rented. We can do the process completely on the QLCA marina website.
- Be sure to have you marina "Dash Pass" or your blue/white QL sticker on your car when parked at the marina.
- Water is off to B/C-Dock at this hour. A-Dock is up and all 3 standpipes are operational. Will get it restored ASAP.
- Electric off to the pier lights (working on that too).
- Fuel is selling at \$4.43
- Thanks to Mike Turkovich for the professionally potted planters by the gazebo

A very special thank you to the volunteers who came out on Saturday to remove the old electrical (picture below).

- Mike Turkovich
- Monty Fleck
- John Pattisal
- Sam Rempfer
- Todd Brunner
- Richard Shimabukuro
- David Cole
- Chris Kolloff





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Margaret Stuppy - Picker-Upper-In-Chief

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## Special Committee Report and Recommendation for Dam Improvements From April 9, 2022

The Special Committee met with York County on March 4 and April 5, 2022, to discuss dam and drainage remediation issues in Queens Lake.

Attendees included the County Administrator, Neil Morgan; Director of Public Works, Brian Woodward; Director of Stormwater Management, Joe Brogan; Deputy Public Works Director, Rob Krieger; Civil Engineer, Travis Rhodes; and QLCA Special Committee members Jack Dooley (chair), Doug Ellis (QL Board), Mark Frankel (Lake).

As a result of ongoing discussions between our committee and the County, and Supervisor Walt Zaremba, the County Administrator has agreed to partner with the QLCA to provide substantial financial and technical assistance for the dam and spillway repair/replacement as an extension of the planned drainage remediation beginning in the FY23 (July 1, 2022). Per our discussions, the County will increase funding and the scope of work planned for Queens Lake erosion control to include a substantial share of the expense of dam and/or spillway remediation. The County will likely cover expenses related to the spillway (and QLCA, the dam) as they can justify taking care of the stream flow from the upper lake through to the spillway.

### Recommendation

1. Enter into a partnership with the County for both financial and technical support.
  - a. Permit County engineering staff to review consultant's assessment of the dam to confirm condition and safety concerns
  - b. Obtain an extension from DCR based on our partnering with the County and addition of spillway work
  - c. The County is prepared to draft a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement (MOU/MOA) which should be reviewed by QLCA legal counsel, and designate desired outcomes, timetable, respective responsibilities and cost-sharing parameters
  - d. QLCA should grant/sell an easement to the County for design and construction access to cover the proposed project areas, i.e., dam, spillway, etc. (QLCA will retain ownership)
  - e. The County can assume responsibility for design approvals, permitting and environmental impacts and best practices
2. Take a comprehensive approach to the project beyond the immediate improvements for the dam, to include the spillway, lake/pond drainage, dam road/bridge.
  - a. Integrate the dam, spillway, drainage remediation into a single project scope
  - b. Identify areas of neighborhood water erosion for County drainage remediation
  - c. Invite VDOT to the project management team to share dam/spillway design improvements for consideration of road widening and bridge weight-limit increase
  - d. Limit the related road closures and interruptions to a single project
3. Develop a Communications Plan.
  - a. Designate QLCA person(s) to sit on a project management team with stakeholders (i.e. County Public Works/Stormwater Management staff, Consultants and contractors), to provide (monthly) progress and expense reports to the Board and serve as a point-of-contact for Committee and the Board.
  - b. Develop a formal communications process to disseminate information to the Community (i.e. construction schedule, road closings, inspections, etc.)
4. Leverage financial opportunities to preserve capital reserves and limit Member dues increases.
  - a. Designate a QLCA representative to pursue potential grant applications for grants (i.e. DCR Dam Safety and Floodplain Management grants)
  - b. Compile all dam, spillway and related expenses since 2020 for submission to the County in consideration for our "match"
  - c. Provide revised cost projections to the Finance Committee to update the Capital Reserve Study and budgets

These recommendations acknowledge not only the contributions of the volunteers on the Lake Committee and the ongoing consultant's work, but recent collaborative input of County engineering staff, DCR staff. The expectation is a more cost-efficient, comprehensive and sustainable long-range solution to preserve and protect the Lake and our property values for the benefit of the entire Queens Lake Community. Partnering with the County will relieve QLCA of a tremendous financial burden which will allow us to fund other much needed improvements within the association.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Dooley, Chair Doug Ellis Mark Frankel

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## NOTES FROM THE EAGLES NEST



### QUEENS LAKE SWIM TEAM SUMMER 2022

#### PRACTICE GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

**HATCHLINGS:** Ages 4 - 8; Swimmers learn how to safely be in the water, general comfort with floating on their back and beginning to kick.

**FLEDGLINGS:** Ages 4 - 8; **Entry Level-** Swimmers able to swim one length of the pool with a kickboard. The coaches will determine readiness for swim meets. **Advanced Level-** Swimmers able to comfortably swim one length of the pool on their front (25 meters) and kick the entire length of the pool comfortably on their back with a board.

**EAGLETS:** Ages 9 - 12; Swimmers able to comfortably swim one length of the pool on their front and back. It is expected swimmers will have the strength, endurance, and maturity to swim repeated lengths for an entire practice session.

**EAGLES:** Ages 13 - 18; Swimmers able to comfortably swim two lengths of the pool on their front and back without stopping; have rudimentary knowledge of two strokes; possess the strength, endurance and maturity to swim repeated lengths for an hour and 10 minute practice session.

#### SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

Swim meets are Monday evenings:

- 6/13 away vs. Wellington
- 6/20 home vs. Kingsmill
- 6/27 away vs. Kingswood
- 7/5 home vs. First Colony
- 7/11 away vs. Greensprings
- 7/18 home vs. Fords Colony
- 7/23 Summer Awards meet at Kingswood
- 7/30 Champs meet at 757Swim Aquatic Center

#### SWIM TEAM WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

[qleagles.swimtopia.com](http://qleagles.swimtopia.com)  
[facebook.com/QL Eagles](https://www.facebook.com/QL Eagles)

The Queens Lake Swim Team is off to another great summer! If you are not already attending the meets, come down Monday evenings. The swimmers work hard to continue to be one of the top teams in the Virginia Peninsula Swim Union.

#### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach - Sandi Willard  
Head Assistant Coach - Christy Hutto  
Assistant Coach - Mary Lynch  
Assistant Coach - Chloe Anderson

#### PRACTICE TIMES

AS OF MONDAY, JUNE 13TH

Eaglets: 8am-8:55am  
Fledglings: 9am-9:45am  
Eagles: 9:50am-11am  
Hatchlings: 10:15am-10:45am

#### SWIM-A-THON & MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH 6PM

Support the swim team by donating for the swim-a-thon. Swimmers may knock at your door and ask for donations. They will be swimming laps and enjoying social time with each other. Feel free to come down to the pool to count laps and/or to cheer swimmers on as they swim! Join the team for a family friendly movie afterwards.

#### BE A SWIM TEAM SPONSOR

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Interested in sponsoring the swim team? Contact Stephanie Cleary. See the contact information below.

#### SWIM TEAM COORDINATING CREW

Mark Downey - 757-570-2360  
[mcdowneydoc@gmail.com](mailto:mcdowneydoc@gmail.com)

Felicia Brown-Anderson - 757-254-8422  
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# Clubhouse

Submitted By : David Dafashy

**Committee members:** Cherrie Begley, Susan Adams, Ann Brown-Hailey, Pat McDermott, Carolyn Campbell, Rebecca Cho, Jessica Pinciario, Barb Timko, Bev Webb, Robin Land, Suzanne Maggio, Chuck Hretz, Tim Hretz, Nancy Burkhart, Stephanie Moser, Emily Edmonds, Les Vrabel, Patty Bartneck, Robert Cruz, Doris Cruz, Leslie Stacks, Marie Homer, Jennifer Shima, Melanie Houle, Tom Houle

The weather is warming up, and the activity at the Clubhouse is picking up!!

A huge THANK YOU to Chuck and Kim Hretz, and Robin Land. The Hretz family took on the gargantuan task of putting together a delicious and thoroughly enjoyable community breakfast on the morning of April 30th. Everyone had a great time, and we can't thank these two culinary geniuses enough!!! Thanks also to the many who contributed delicious items to the wonderful feast!

Robin has tilled and planted two zinnia gardens—one in the adult pool area and a second behind the baseball backstop. The recent rain means that we may soon be enjoying bountiful zinnias--- all summer long!! Way to go, Robin!! The monthly food trucks have been well-received. There will be one monthly through the summer months. Many thanks to Suzanne Maggio for arranging and advertising them at Lakeshead and on Facebook.

Upcoming food trucks:

June 15 Coastal Thirst

## QL DAY 2022

The theme for QL Day 2022 is "The wonderful, WATERFUL world of Queens Lake" Thanks to Leslie Stacks for the fantastic graphics for this year's celebration that you will find in this newsletter. Leslie, your incredible creativity and artistry over the last couple of years has been so appreciated!!!

When we think of all of the ways that water makes this community so beautiful and unique, from serene Queens Lake, to lovely Princess Pond, to wild and wonderful Queens Creek—and even our two magnificently positioned pools—it seems appropriate to celebrate and showcase our waterful resources!!!

We are in HUGE need of volunteers to help with the herculean task of pulling off an incredible QL DAY. If you are interested in helping out—even in a small way—remember that every task helps. Please see the following list of activities and contacts. Feel free to send them a text, and they will find a job for you!!

Here is a list of events with their coordinators thus far:

### **Friday, June 24th**

*Teen Dance:*

Amy Americo 757-968-0031

Leisa Eckols 757-350-1606

Nicole Loughman-757-880-5099

*Fishing tournament :*

John Blommel 757-784-4014

### **Saturday, June 25th**

*Triathlon/Fun run :* Mya Fields 347-601-6512

*Tennis tournament:* Carlos Tricoche 757-636-5510

*QL Day Breakfast :* Mary Louise Gerdes 757-810-0141

*Parade coordinators:* David Dafashy 757-570-3190

Suzanne Maggio 757-849-3330

*Opening Ceremony:* Need an organizer!!!

Text Dave at 757-570-3190

*Art show judges (2):* Susanna Pearson and Mariangela

Dafashy 757-645-7122

*Field Games:* Kolloff/Waldron 757-642-7300

*Scavenger Hunt:* Leah Duckworth 757-968-3562

*Popcorn Machine:* Need junior volunteers!!

Text Dave at 757-570-3190

*Lunch/beverages:* Marie Homer 757-784-4769

*Corn Hole:* Melanie and Tom Houle 757-525-5960

*Beer truck monitors (60 minute shifts):*

Chris Kolloff 757-642-7019

*Pool Games:* Scarlet and Corey Miller 757-525-0012

*Cake Walk:* Maribeth Miller 714-417-4817

*Dinner :* Neil Griggs--- Once again, Neil has kindly agreed to provide a delectable feast for everyone to enjoy. All proceeds will again go to Williamsburg Hospice House.

Thanks, Neil!!

*Musical entertainment:* TBD (need ideas!!)

*Iron Chef judges:* Janice and Steve Chisholm 703-772-0364

*Clean-up crew:* Need lots of volunteers! No need to sign up - just stay until the festivities end and help out!!!

# QUEENS LAKE DAY 2022

# Our waterful world!

QLCA Members: Free

Non-Members & Guests: \$10/adult and \$5/under 21

## FRIDAY - JUNE 24

5-8 PM

Fishing Tournament

6-10 PM Teen Swim Party

## SATURDAY - JUNE 25

7 am

Fun Run

1 pm

Pool Games

8 am

Clubhouse Breakfast, Tennis Tournament

2 pm

Corn Hole Tournament

9 am

Bicycle Parade

2:30 pm

Adult Water Polo

10 am

Flag Raising/Opening Ceremony

3 pm

Cake Walk

10:30 - 11:30 am

Field Games

4 pm

Iron Chef Contest

11 am

Pool Opens

5 pm

Pool Closes for the Evening

11 am - 5 pm

Art Show in Parking Lot

6:30 pm

Supper

Noon - 1:30

Lunch

7:30 pm

Music & Dancing

*Dates & times are subject to change.*

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

**PLEASE CONTACT DAVID DAFASHY  
DDDAFASHY@WM.EDU OR 757.570.3190**



## Scott Marcuson

*Scott is graduating from Bruton High School and the Governor's School of Science and Technology. He will be attending Rowan University to study Mechanical Engineering.*



## Elena Evans

*Elena Evans, graduating May 2022 from Georgetown University - Nursing & Health Studies*



## Charlie Sabol

*In the fall, Charlie is heading to the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio to play baseball and major in Accounting.*

*Godspeed Charlie, we will all miss you!*



# Chloe Anderson

Chloe Elisabeth Brown Anderson will be graduating from Bruton High School. Chloe will be attending the University of Virginia fall 2022 as a pre-med, kinesiology major, 1 of 50 1st year students accepted out of 1,000 applications.

## Queens Lake in Bloom Event

**Date: June 11 (June 18 rain date)**

**Time: 9-11 AM**

**A balloon will be floating above each mailbox**

**The Beautification Committee has created an opportunity to visit the gardens of four QL members. These homeowners will meet and chat with you to share tips for gardening in the shade, sun and various soils of QL. 1-3 Are directly across the street or adjacent to each other**

- 1. Sally Hewitt and Bob Reinig 141 Horseshoe : transformed their grounds in 3 short years behind a new picket fence**
- 2. Janna Fitzgerald & Hans Tiefel 262 E Queens : as a couple divide their yard into his and her gardens**
- 3. Nancy Jo & Richard Hubbard 103 Montague: landscaped with stone and brick to enhance a sloping front yard**
- 4. Lucile Kossodo 229 W Queens: grows native plants but also has a palm tree in bloom Is close to the dam with access to parking at the clubhouse**



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