



SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Quick Note from the President

This has been a difficult second quarter for our nation and our community is no different. Many of us have been doing our best to manage the stress from the particular circumstances of our employment as well as figuring out how to keep our kids engaged in school.

Now that summer's upon us and society is beginning to reopen, many of us are continuing to balance working from home with childcare. We should look to each other as well as friends and family for assistance with child care suggestions as well as activities to keep our kids meaningfully engaged.

Congrats to all 2020 graduates! Finishing grade levels this spring was a challenge. Regardless, we'd like to formally congratulate all graduates! I'm sure you may have heard the socially distant car parades with the honking horns.

No Spring Inspection This Year

Given everything that was going on this spring because of the COVID-19 disease, your HOA board decided not to conduct a spring inspection. We did not want to place an additional stress on our residents through having them to remedy issues that would be identified during an inspection for covenant violations.

With extra time not having to commute, that allowed us to take the time to clean the mold off the siding, keep the trash cans out of sight and spruce up the mailbox. Also the time provided one to clean off that front porch of storage of items that are supposed to remain inside the house or garage. We appreciate your efforts in maintaining your property and helping your neighbors from six feet away.

Suggestions Needed for Childcare and Kids Summer Activities!

Most pools and indoor activities like libraries and trampoline parks will not be open soon. We are certainly lucky, however, to have nice walking trails surrounding our community. If anyone in the community has suggestions to keep families active, healthy and engaged, please feel free to pass them along either to the community, either through the Board (crestbrook@crestbrook.org) or through www.Nextdoor.com.

School Options for the Fall

The summer is going to breeze by faster than we would like it to. Given the COVID-19 disease will still be affecting us regionally, the Fairfax County Public School system has been sending out regular updates to parents. In case you are not signed up for their text alerts, the announcement for the fall academic year can be found here: <https://www.fcps.edu/news/fcps-offer-choices-2020-21-school-year>. This is going to be difficult for almost everyone and we are going to need to come together as a community to ensure our kids get as much out of school as possible. Please be sure to work with your school's Parent Teacher Association to stay as informed as possible as to the particulars of your school's circumstances.

Board Position Now Available

There is currently a vacancy on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining the Board, please plan to attend the next board meeting (tentatively scheduled for July) or submit your interest to us at crestbrook@crestbrook.org. In order to be appointed to the Board, you must be a member in good standing. This means your dues should be paid and there should be no outstanding violations on your property. We encourage participation from the community and it really only takes a couple of hours per month.

Street Name History

Have you every googled your street name? Guess what; did you know the significance of "Cold Harbor" in 1864 and "Shallow Ford" in 1780? The Battle of Cold Harbor was fought during the American Civil War near Mechanicsville, Virginia, from May 31 to June 12, 1864, with the most significant fighting occurring on June 3. It was one of the final battles of Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Overland Campaign, and is remembered as one of American history's bloodiest, most lopsided battles. Thousands of Union soldiers were killed or wounded in a hopeless frontal assault against the fortified positions of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's army (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Cold_Harbor).

The Battle of Shallow Ford was an American Revolution skirmish that took place on October 14, 1780 in Huntsville, North Carolina. A company of 600 Loyalist militia, led by Colonel Gideon Wright and his brother Captain Hezekiah Wright, were attempting to cross the Yadkin River to join General Cornwallis in Charlotte, which the British forces had captured two weeks prior. Colonel Joseph Williams gathered 300 Patriot militia and laid an ambush at the ford (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Shallow_Ford).

Architectural Reviews

Keep sending in those Architectural Review forms. Chris enjoys doing the research and documenting those improvement projects. The most common projects lately have been roofs and fences. This shows your care and enthusiasm for being a homeowner. Keep it up!

Street or Sidewalk Issues?

The streets and sidewalks in Crestbrook are maintained by VDOT. Here is a link to where you can quickly and easily report an issue: <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>. You can also call 1-800-FOR-ROAD.

Next Board Meeting

Due to COVID 19, the Board has been unable to meet. We will attempt an outdoor meeting next Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm at the picnic tables by the Hiddenbrook tennis courts. Members are welcome to attend. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. If it rains, we will reschedule.

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