Conjurer's Neck Winter Newsletter 2014

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President's Letter

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas! Thanks to all the families that helped with the distribution, lighting and the clean up of the luminaries. Everyone in the community enjoys seeing the magical glow of the luminaries on Christmas Eve.

The snow and cold weather of Winter will soon be a thing of the past. As Spring quickly approaches and the weather warms up, we will be spending more time outside and cleaning up around our homes. Please remember to take time to paint and repair your mailbox and post. I would like to remind everyone that if you are planning to make any changes to the exterior of your home (including paint), please get permission from the Board first. Also, if you need trees removed from your property, please call a Board member to get permission before starting any work.

Remember, Conjurer's Neck is a restricted community. Our Homeowner's Association depends solely on the goodwill of its homeowners to follow the rules and thereby protect the value of our properties. We are proud of our community, and we ask all homeowners to do their part to take care of it. You must get permission from a Board member before starting tree removal or any work to the exterior of your home or yard.

Please refer to your homeowner's manual to review the established guidelines for the Conjurer's Neck community. These standards have been developed in order to provide each homeowner the maximum protection for, and assurance of, the longevity of their investment.

Yours truly, Larry Davis President, HOA

Conjurer's Neck Homeowners Association's Elected Board of Directors and Board Elected Officers

Members of the Board are elected to a three year term by the homeowners present at the annual Homeowners Association meeting held in the Fall of each year. Ten percent of all lot owners must be present (in our case that means 18 lots represented) and no proxies are allowed per the by-laws of the Association. That's why it is important to make an effort to be present when you hear there is an annual meeting scheduled. Notice of the meeting is usually included on your annual maintenance dues invoice.

Officers of the Association are elected by the members of the Board and serve at the pleasure of the Board for a one year term. Officers are usually elected at the first Board meeting of each new Association year (generally at the October Board meeting).

POSITION	NAME	TERM ON BOARD
PRESIDENT (grounds and security)	Larry Davis	Oct. 1, 2011 - Sept. 30, 2014
VICE PRESIDENT Architectural Control Committee (ACC)	Bob Conklin	Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2016
TREASURER	Bobbie Fauber	Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2016
SECRETARY	Pauline Loftis	Oct. 1, 2011 - Sept. 30, 2014
SOCIAL & WELCOMING	Lewis Fauber	Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2016
TRUSTEES	JoAnn Jones Jim O'Connell Chuck Wilusz	

New Mailbox Posts

The Conjurer's Neck *Homeowners Association Board of Directors* recently addressed concerns of how to repair our mailboxes. Over time, the existing white post with black mailbox in front of each of the 110 homes here in Conjurer's Neck has required maintenance, repairs and/or replacement.

These units have become quite unsightly and expensive to continually repair. However, there is a solution to this problem: a PVC all-weather heavy duty mailbox post. This post will last well over 20 years! We have selected a company from which to purchase these posts. The posts can either be installed by our homeowners or a qualified installer.

In a few weeks, a sample of this new post (along with a black standard mailbox) will be installed at the Old Brick House. Please take time to stop by the Old Brick House and view the sample unit. Installations of these new posts will done on a street-by-street basis after final coordination.

The price of the PVC post is around \$180.00 each (plus installation and materials). Your existing black metal mailbox will be reused on the new post. However, if any homeowners wish to replace their black metal mailbox at the time of the post installation, they are welcome to do so at an additional cost. Let's keep our neighborhood fresh and updated!

We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions as we prepare to embark on this new project. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions or suggestions.

Robert M. "Bob" Conklin Vice-President, ACC "Happy to serve our neighbors."

Old Brickhouse Foundation (OBHF)

We are working two Cameron Grants. We have a \$5000 grant for site development for the pavilion and a \$7500 Technical Assistance grant for a Strategic Marketing Plan. On the 5th of February, we hosted a Marketing workshop. Attending this workshop were representative from Colonial Heights (CH) and Hopewell Schools, CH Historic Society, CH Planning Department, The Cameron Foundation, Roslyn Farms, Board Members and Advisors. We have a contract with Studio Ammons to develop the plan and our next Board Meeting will be scheduled based on Terry Ammon's availability.

MISSION:

Our mission is to develop programs to educate the public on the history of Conjurer's Neck Field Archaeological District and restore, preserve and provide for perpetual care of the Old Brick House.

The Old Brickhouse is rented for weddings, reunions and all kinds of family social events. Conjurer's Neck Homeowners get a special discounted rental fee. To reserve a date or for more information, please call Jim O'Connell, 520-9476 or e-mail: oconelj@comcast.net