# Conjurer's Neck **Spring Newsletter 2018**

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#### **HOA President's Notes**

Thank goodness Winter is officially over and Spring has finally arrived! The fresh start of Spring is the best time to begin beautifying lawns, planting flowers and cleaning yards--all to inspire hope for a fruitful spring and summer.

Front gate entrance damage: On April 7th, the front entrance was severely damaged by a car that jumped the curb thus resulting in the removal of the Conjurer's Neck granite sign and brickwork for safety purposes. Currently, we are collecting bids to redesign the sign similar to what previously was there and to rebuild the brickwork. This is a slow and painful process, so please be patient with us. The sign will be replaced with something with even better and with the standards by which our homeowners are accustomed to.

Winter's end brings hope for brighter days and warmer temperatures: It is the homeowners responsibility to maintain minimally all their property including undeveloped land from debris, dead trees and leaves, brush and road trash. Start mowing the lawn and trim bushes, grasses and landscaping. Don't forget dead trees! It is the homeowner's responsibility to remove dead trees from their property. Dead trees do not require prior permission or an ACC form for removal; however, a courtesy call or an email is much appreciated.

May 19th, Belated Earth Day Curb collection: Brush, dead leaves and trimmed limbs (that can be carried) will be collected on Saturday. May 19th and taken to the City dump. Please have everything on your curb between the hours of 9-3 pm. If you would like to help or volunteer with this project, please call Bob at (804)895-1961 or send an email at Conjurersneck@gmail.com. Last year, our Earth Day collection was a big success and we hope to repeat it this year!

Sincerely.

Robert M. "Bob" Conklin, HOA President

### **Upcoming Events**

May 11, Friday: Baked goods dropped off at OBH between 4-5 pm (see OBHF article)

May 12-13, Sat-Sun. Fort Clifton Festival

May 19th, Sat. 9-3 pm: (Belated) Earth Day Clean-up

August 12, Sun. Neighborhood Cook-out at the Old Brick House

#### **Violation Procedures**

Your HOA Board of Directors has contacted a local attorney who will begin legal procedures for homeowners who have failed to comply with our covenants and ordinances.

For example, we still have boats with trailers that must be parked in a garage only. As a reminder, these are the steps when in violation:

- 1. Homeowner will be notified in writing of his/her covenant violation and given a time frame in which to correct the violation.
- 2. If the violation is not rectified within the specified time frame, the homeowner will be charged with a fine.
- 3. If the homeowner refuses to correct the violation and/or pay the fine, our HOA attorney will begin correspondence and collection procedures to enforce the covenants.

#### **Event Coordinator & Social Media Advisor**

Only in Virginia is it 35' and snowing in April, and hitting the 90' mark the next week!

With the warmer weather finally settled in, PLEASE be cautious of your speed throughout the community. Many people are walking, riding bikes, and children are playing outside.

SAVE THE DATE!! The HOA is planning a neighborhood cook-out on Sunday, August 12th. This is going to be a family friendly event. Activities are being planned for the children and adults alike. This will be held at the Old Brick House and we need volunteers for the committee. Please contact Rita Feasenmyer. We want this to be FUN for everyone and what better way to get to know your neighbors.

Regards, Rita Feasenmyer Event Coordinator & Social Media Advisor

#### **HOA Dues**

For planning purposes, our fiscal year begins October 1, 2017 with September 30, 2018 as the end of the fiscal year.

HOA Dues will be \$150 per year. **Deadline to pay:** October 1, 2018 Statements will be sent out the first of September. Payments can be by PayPal on Conjurersneck.com or by check.

### **Old Brick House Foundation (OBHF)**

Ft Clifton Festival (May 12-13) OBHF Bake Sale

We ask for your help again this year by providing Baked Goods for the Bake Sale.

This is an opportunity to raise funds for the non-profit organization and participate in an event sponsored by the City of Colonial Heights. The proceeds support the mission of the organization.

Please drop off baked goods by Friday, May 11 at the Old Brick House between 4:00 to 5:00, where a group of volunteers will price the baked goods for sale and prepare for delivery on Saturday, May 12, and prior to 10:00 a.m.

We appreciate all of the help and assistance of our Conjurer's Neck neighbors, and look forward to working with you all to help make this the best community it can be! Please check out our website and Facebook pages:

- oldbrickhouse.org
- https://www.facebook.com/OBHFoundation

## **Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain Notes from CHPD**

The Colonial Height Police Department is starting a "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Events" (CRASE). This training is being started within the city government, school personnel, and to churches. This training should be available to the public later in the year. During this class you will learn about the shooters, disaster response and how to prepare for and respond to being trapped inside a building during an active shooter event. You will also learn steps to take to assist law enforcement and to limit casualties. This is a 2 hour class, and will be taught by a trained CHPD officer. If anyone has any questions please call Career Officer Scott Whirley.

Thank you, Career Officer H.S. Whirley III Law Enforcement Services Division Accreditation/Crime Prevention Colonial Heights Police Department

### **Attention: Dog Owners**

There have been several reports of homeowners that have put their dogs outside and they begin to bark aimlessly and excessively, thus disturbing the peace. There have also been dogs loose and wandering around the neighborhood. If this becomes your situation, you can contact the owner of the dog (if known) or if the disturbance continues uncontrolled, homeowners are encouraged to call Colonial Heights Animal Control at 804) 520-9397 or CHPD 804-530-9300 (non-emergency).

### **Architectural Control Committee (ACC)**

#### "IF IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT!"

#### Are you making any changes to your home or property?

You must contact the HOA. Please remember that ANY kind of extension (deck, porch, etc.), replacements, exterior paint color changes (shutters, doors, etc.)all require prior approval and permission.

What are the steps? The HOA will direct you to find the fees and forms that are available on our website www.conjurersneck.com, and the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) will do their best to expedite any request and make this process as simple as possible.

If you have any questions about our covenants or are unsure if you need Board approval for a specific project, please contact a Board member or ConjurersNeck@gmail.com

### **Additional Notes**

- Attention Homeowners RENTING Out Homes: Homeowners MUST provide Conjurer's Neck HOA
  Board with their current address / phone / contact information if renting out their Conjurer's Neck
  home. In addition, Conjurer's Neck Homeowners must also let us know any time there is a change
  regarding the rental. You can email us at ConjurersNeck@gmail.com
- No access to a computer? If you would like a printed copy of our Newsletter (and any other important notifications) which is typically sent by email, please give your name, address and phone number to a Board Member or your Block Captain so we can keep you up to date.
- "If in doubt, we'll check it out!" If you notice any unusual activity within the community (tree removal, construction, etc.) or on a specific Homeowner's property, do not hesitate to contact a Board member or email ConjurersNeck@gmail.com with any questions or concerns (your name will remain anonymous).

### 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, security, ACC)	Robert "Bob" M. Conklin 804-895-1961	Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2019
VICE PRESIDENT	Cindy Latham	Oct. 1, 2014 - Sept. 30, 2017
TREASURER	Bobbie Fauber	Oct. 1, 2012 - Sept. 30, 2018
SECRETARY	Pauline Loftis 804-520-6854	Oct. 1, 2011 - Sept. 30, 2019
SOCIAL & WELCOMING	Lewis Fauber	Oct. 1, 2013 - Sept. 30, 2019
SPECIAL BOARD MEMBER/ CONSULTANT	Larry Davis	Oct. 1, 2014 - TBA
EVENT COORDINATOR & SOCIAL MEDIA ADVISOR	Rita Feasenmeyer	Jan. 25, 2017 - TBA
TRUSTEES	JoAnn Jones Jim O'Connell Chuck Wilusz	