

# Chesapeake Village News

Official Newsletter of the Chesapeake Village Homeowners Association

## Village-Wide Block Party is in Planning Stages

It's time to party!

Popular community cookouts were once commonplace in Chesapeake Village, but they eventually faded away. Now, in 2018, there has been a request to revive the tradition.

The HOA Board of Directors has agreed to sponsor a village-wide outdoor block party. It will be a chance to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old ones.

The tentative date is the second weekend in October, and the tentative location is the circle that connects Chesapeake Village Boulevard, Lawrin Court, and Cannoncade Court.

Mary Illian is heading up the party committee, and she needs your help. For contact information, send an email to the HOA Board (see Page 4).

**Dog waste stations are on the way.  
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## Neighborhood Entrance Sign Gets a Makeover

It was time for a new look.

Over the years, the bushes and shrubs around the neighborhood entrance began to obscure the sign. In response, Greener Visions – the Chesapeake Village landscaping contractor – gave the entrance a facelift.

Greener Visions removed the pampas grass, gold mop cypress, the nandina, and two of the four miscanthus. The landscapers installed two Chesapeake holly trees, five panicum, six walker's low catmint, seven daylilies, and 51 lirioppe, as well as brown-dyed mulch. Various annual flowers will be added each year.

The azaleas, knockout roses, and two miscanthus remain. Greener Visions will also look into power washing the brick.

# Pet Waste Disposal Station Proposal Approved

The HOA Board of Directors has approved funding for the establishment of a pet waste management plan for the community.

With dog waste being found on sidewalks, common areas, and residents' yards – plus the environmental concerns – the HOA Board accepted the proposal of installing four-to-six pet waste stations in common areas around the neighborhood. Once the stations are installed, the recommendation is to secure a routine service that will empty, clean, disinfect, and replenish the stations.

The proposal states that “by providing waste bags and disposal containers, the community clearly communicates the law and makes it easier for dog owner responsibility and compliance.”

An informal poll conducted on Facebook showed that about 80 percent of the Chesapeake Village residents who voted supported the initiative. The ones who opposed the measure had concerns about cost, odor, and locations.

Three companies were asked to give a cost estimate. All three recommended six waste stations for a community the size of Chesapeake Village. The stations would be made of heavy duty aluminum, and the receptacles would be weather resistant, odor controlling, and water tight. The estimated one time cost would be about \$3,375 with an annual cost of about \$1,920, or about \$37 for weekly servicing.

Installation will likely begin next spring.





## Fence Down Near Lawrin Court

A portion of the wooden fence that runs along the property line that separates Chesapeake Village and the neighboring Chesapeake Avenue homes has fallen. The fence was installed by the Chesapeake Village developer – Quality Built Homes – and the fence is now owned by the HOA.

It appears that the posts were not set in the ground deep enough for that kind of slope. The HOA Board looked at various options and decided to hire a contractor to install a retaining wall. Construction will begin this fall.

## Hillside Forest Retention?

The Greener Visions landscapers are mowing about six-or-seven mower widths from the road on the hills at the neighborhood entrance. Do we want the entire hill mowed, or let nature reclaim the upper part? The HOA Board would like to hear your opinion.



## Hide Trash Cans From Street View

During the week of May 28, the village's management company – American Community Management – conducted an exterior inspection of all 218 homes in Chesapeake Village.

The No. 1 violation? Leaving trash cans and recycling bins either in the driveway or next to the house.

According to the Chesapeake Village bylaws:

*Trash and garbage containers shall not be permitted to remain anywhere in view from public roadways except on days of trash collection.*

Almost 20 percent of the homes in the neighborhood were cited. The HOA reminds residents to hide their trash cans on nonpickup days. Trash collection day is Monday, and recycling collection day is Thursday.

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**Upcoming HOA meeting dates  
(all residents are welcome to attend)**

**Date:** September 11, 2018

**Date:** October 9, 2018

**Date:** November 13, 2018

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** TBD (either 3092 Lawrin Court  
or the Northeast Community Center)



## Reserve Study to Assess Future Community Needs

Successful community associations, like successful businesses, plan ahead. Almost every community association budget has some level of contribution to a reserve fund that pays for major capital expenditures. Will Chesapeake Village's reserve fund balance actually meet those financial obligations?

The HOA Board is commissioning a company to assess the neighborhood's needs up to 25 years into the future.

A reserve study is essentially a physical and financial analysis that takes into account such elements as fencing, storm drainage, landscaping, common area maintenance, insurance, etc., and estimates the costs associated with maintaining and replacing those items when necessary. Based on this analysis, the study will determine the funding level that we will need to maintain over time, so we will know how much to budget each year.

## Welcome Packages OK'd

The HOA Board of Directors approved a suggestion that the community provide a "welcome package" to new homeowners in Chesapeake Village. The packages are not to exceed \$50 in cost.



These packages could contain coupons and gifts from local merchants, possibly a gift from the HOA (for example, a plant), and important contact information.

If you would like to contribute to the welcome packages, help solicit businesses to donate, or help assemble the packages, contact the HOA.