
NEWS LETTER

Next Board Meeting: November 19, 9 a.m. at Fulford Residence

Welcome New Residents

We are pleased to welcome two new families to The Green:

Tom & Kay Somers at #38
Muirfield Ct. and

Barbara Hensler at # 16
Troon Place.

Green Reminders:

* The next quarterly Association dues of \$1005 are due October 1. Send payment to:

The Green Association
P.O. Box 218
Irvington, VA 22480

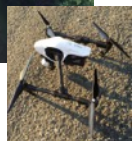
- * Exercise water shutoff valve at least annually.
- * Please refer to p. 7-8 in the handbook if considering an exterior change. Complete the Modification Request form and submit to Claude Davenport.

Join us for the 2nd Annual Tartan Peninsula Fall Festival on October 29

Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Tartan Peninsula gathering held at The Green cul de sac at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and the beverage of your choice. Join neighbors from the Green and surrounding areas as we celebrate the season. Roasted oysters provided by The Green.

Beer courtesy of Waterview Point.

Hope to see everyone there!



A Bird's Eye View

David Zimbardo, of Zimbardo Aerial Drone Integration, visited The Green early one morning to take drone photos for our new website. Most interesting was the sheer number of trees which shelter our little enclave. Additional shots are visible throughout the website.

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS

Charles Fulford - President

Vikki Marek Young

Barbara Flannagan

Finlay Smith

Maggie Nickel

For questions, concerns or requests for modification, please contact our property manager.

PROPERTY MANAGER

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804-592-2282

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1315 E. Cary St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Please

watch your speed in the neighborhood.

We have many neighbors walking, jogging, or biking on the roads.



The President's Corner

Since the July 1 start of The Green's fiscal year, the board has organized efforts around two themes: doing things right and doing the right things. Both have been carried out through our support of Claude Davenport, our property manager, and Shockoe Management, a large and experienced association and property management firm retained by The Green shortly before the start of the new year. In the quarter just ended "doing things right" includes initiating or completing:

Repair and painting the three clusters of electrical circuit cabinets on the property (if you can't see them it's because they have been camouflaged to blend with the surrounding greenery); updating the color theme to carry the entrance sign theme to other utility fixtures (including the new mail box supports when the wood has cured). (If anyone wants to color coordinate it's Benjamin Moore #448, satin.); scheduling the removal of trees recommended by Arborscape; filling cracks and sealing the surface to maintain and preserve the surface of our new roads, and enhancing the shoulders with soil and seeding (when weather permits); evaluating several requests for modification – most of which involve major upgrading of two residences; completing remediation of a long standing drainage issue, and seeking ways to improve the flow of information to all residents. The centerpiece of which will feature the first web site for our community. Thanks to Finlay Smith, the website will be "on the air" in the very near future.

"Doing the right things" includes topics of longer term value raised by the board members, the management company, and members of the association. As recent examples: two major assets of The Green are the mature stock of trees on the property and our location on (and with access to) Carters Creek. Since July, your board has approved continuation of the program to trim and thin the large trees identified by Arborscape; scheduled and completed an inspection of the creek banks, and is awaiting a proposal for the uniform care and maintenance of all creekside vegetation in the Green. These, and other long term ideas, will make our neighborhood an even better place to live. We can't always afford everything we want, so setting priorities is needed in both doing things right and doing the right things.

Charles Fulford - President

A Green Tip



For those who use Romaine lettuce, consider using this tip for extending the life of your lettuce. Cut leaves approximately 3 inches from the base. Wash the leaves and store in a ziplock bag. Place the remaining stalk in a glass of water and watch your lettuce grow! This picture demonstrates growth after 9-10 days. Make sure you change water frequently.

Bald Eagles

King & Betsy Carter, our resident nesting eagle pair, have produced an heir! The three have been sighted over the Tartan Deer and Dog Park.

The Canada Geese are late!

By this time last year, we had already started seeing large flocks of Canada Geese on the creek. Does this mean our winter will be milder this year?

Goose facts:

- *Their migration season is from October through March.
- *Their flight range can be from 2,000 to 3,000 miles.
- *They eat between 1-5 pounds of grass per day.
- *They weigh 20-25 pounds.
- * They mate for life.

Around the Grounds

- *Arrowhead will aerate, fertilize and over-seed our lawns within the next few weeks. In addition, leaf pickup will occur as leaves begin to fall. Weed elimination will occur one last time before winter.
- *Arrowhead will continue work on verge areas to reduce steep edges on our roadways by filling with topsoil.
- *Claude Davenport is scheduling the removal of deteriorating asphalt from the beginning of Troon Place. The area will be regraded and surfaced with gravel.
- * Tree work behind several units has been scheduled. This includes branch removal and the removal of dead or dying trees.

Submitted by Vikki Y.

Edible Shrimp

The NNAC (Northern Neck Anglers Club) reports we may well be able to add edible shrimp (not grass shrimp) to our bounty from the bay, rivers & creeks. Use of a cast net in shallow waters or a specifically designed shrimp trap have been successfully used.

A Farewell to Summer

On Sunday, September 4th, many Green residents gathered in the cul de sac for hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by Peter V. Neighbors contributed side dishes and wine. New residents, Tom and Kay had an opportunity to meet their neighbors. While the crowd was smaller than in years past, a good time was had by all.



Coming Up Locally...

October 4 - December 31 - Rockfish (Striper) season
October 15 - 15th Annual Community Oyster Roast
October 29 - Wine & Oyster Tasting - Good Luck Cellars
October 29 - 2nd Annual Tartan Peninsula Fall Fest - 5pm
November 5 - Last Irvington Farmers Market of year
November 4-5 - The Urbanna Oyster Festival
November 25-26 - Steamboat Museum Holiday Market
December 17 - VA Symphony Holiday Brass at LMS
Rappahannock Foundation 438-5555



Fall Chores To Protect Your Investment

Disconnect Garden Hoses:

Never leave a garden hose attached to an outdoor faucet/hose bib over winter. Any water left in a connected garden hose can freeze the hose bib and/or interior pipes, causing them to split. Once ruptured, when water is turned on, water will be spewing into your home or crawlspace.

Gutters & Downspouts:

If you don't have gutter guards on your home, you should clean gutters at least twice a year. Plugged gutters/downspouts can result in ice dams during freezing weather, causing water to seep into the walls which could lead to mold and mildew. Additionally, plugged gutters/downspouts can cause water to backup into the soffits, causing water to seep into the walls, soaking insulation and creating a media for mold and mildew. Inoperable and overflowing gutters will cause excess water to flow into your crawlspace.

Fireplaces/Chimneys:

As the temperature falls, many of us turn to our fireplaces for warmth. Every fireplace or insert should be inspected on a routine basis. By cleaning your fireplace and chimney, you can put your mind at ease when you start your unit this season.

Because gas fireplaces/log sets burn clean and are very easy to take care of, some assume that this means it doesn't need cleaning. While it is true that gas fireplaces are both efficient and low maintenance, it's a known fact that ANY appliance can become a nuisance or hazard if neglected.

The safest approach is to schedule a maintenance inspection with a certified chimney or hearth product specialist. This inspection should include care and maintenance of the pilot light, ignition system, venting and dampers. In addition, expect a thorough cleaning of the gas logs and the removal of dust and cobwebs. The technician will verify venting operation for obstructions or needed repairs and check that all necessary equipment is in safe and working order. A chimney sweep will examine the chimney brick and mortar and thoroughly clean the chimney to remove any debris that may cause issues over the winter months.

Safety is always number one when it comes to enjoying a roaring fire in your home. By having an annual inspection, you ensure that your beautiful fireplace is running at peak efficiency for whenever you need that glowing comfort or extra heat.

Dock Water System:

If you have a water system on your dock, be sure to evacuate all water to prevent freezing from rupturing the water lines. After evacuating all water from the system, be sure to close all valves to prevent water from entering the system due to high winter tides.

Submitted by Bruce J.