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President's Letter

I hope this letter finds everyone well! We are right in the thick of the “Dog Days of Summer”, but what does that mean? Since the World Book Encyclopedia has long been gone (except at Larry Walk's house because he keeps everything, including all those George Washington Greenbacks he made over the years!), I turned to the most reliable source outside my wife—GOOGLE, for a definition. According to FactMonster.com, the short version is this; Dog Days is the name for the most sultry period of summer, from about July 3rd to August 11th. Named in early times by observers in countries bordering the [Mediterranean](#), the period was reckoned as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the dog star) and the sun. In the latitude of the Mediterranean region this period coincided with hot days that were plagued with disease and discomfort. So hang in there we don't have much longer!

This summer has been exciting. There are many new faces in the neighborhood and at the pool this summer so welcome to everyone. The swim team finished an exciting season this past Sunday led by Head Coach Paul Schisa. While I can't be sure, we may have set a record with the number of tadpoles practicing this year so our future frogs are looking good! We have another Friday Fun Night planned later in August and we will wrap up the summer with our annual adult social party for pool and HOA members- Margaritaville.

Best regards,

Dean

Reminders

BE SURE TO CHECK THE LOST & FOUND AT THE POOL FOR ITEMS YOU MAY BE MISSING!

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SUMMER FUN CONTINUES!

Margaritaville 8-29-15
ADULTS ONLY

Family Fun Night 9-4-15

Labor Day Cook-Out 9-7-15

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NEW MASTHEAD COMING TO THE FORESTER

John Womeldorf and the Board are working together to finalize an updated masthead that will debut atop the next newsletter!

POOL NEWS

What an amazing summer!!!! I have never seen our pool look quite so clear and sparkly! We had just enough rain to continuously cool the water so we could enjoy a refreshing dip all summer long!!! Our lifeguards and coaching staff, both managed by **Paul Schisa**, stayed on their "A" game and supported an extremely fun and safe environment. Great friends, beautiful updated deck chairs, huge 4th of July celebration, great Friday night parties, successful and competitive swim team season and lots of summer memories.

Volunteerism was extraordinary this summer! Thank you to each and every person who helped to make this an incredibly smooth season!

Thanks again to **Chris Becke** who monitored the pool since we put the cover on it last summer. Chris stepped up to completely take over handling the chemicals and his efforts made our pool look better than I have ever seen it!! **Susan Hunt** managed all of the lifeguard and coach's employment paperwork which is no easy task!! **John Nichols** managed the Lily Pad including staff and constant stocking of goodies! There are countless other volunteers who cleaned our tennis courts, repaired the pool fence, painted, repaired tables, repaired broken "parking" posts and the list goes on.

Money raised from the "Table Reservation" fund raiser went towards our newly updated deck chairs. Love the new green straps!!! Thank you to all of the families who purchased a table reservation!

Many of you have had questions about the broken diving board. We are actively researching options but rest assured this is one of our top concerns and hope to have a resolution prior to next summer!

Again, thank you to everyone who stepped up this summer! We have a long summer and the pool will remain open through September 7th!!!

~ **Heather Moore**

FROGS SEASON WRAP-UP

It always seems to end so fast, but another successful season of the Frogs has come and gone. Despite being the smallest team by over forty swimmers in Division 1, the Frogs were able to close the gap with every single team this year and managed a handy defeat of First Colony. The quality of our swimmers is unparalleled in the division. Our Frogs, at the Summer Awards, dropped tons of time and at least three new kids achieved their very first championship time of the year. At the VPSU Championship meet, the Frogs placed 6th overall led by our very own **Carter Kale** who was a triple winner with a few record breaking swims. What is most impressive about VPSU Champs is the number of kids on our team who qualify; while most teams struggle to get 40% of their kids to reach the qualifying times, we had **over 60%** of our team qualify. The quality and athleticism of the Frogs is certainly unmatched in VPSU. A special thank you goes out to our graduating seniors this year, **Grace Macomber** and **Carter Kale**, who between them have over 25 years on the Frogs. Thank you to all the swimmers and families who participated this year and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

~Paul Schisa

UPCOMING SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS

Finish the summer off with a few more great memories made better with neighborhood friends and family!

Margaritaville will take place on Saturday, August 29th at 8 pm. This social is for **ADULTS ONLY**, who are also WFA and Pool Members. Drinks will be provided, but bring a dish to share.

The last **Family Fun Night** of the summer will be on Friday, September 4th from 6-10 pm. If you are a WFA and Pool Member, don't miss out on water slides, cotton candy, raffles and more!

Finally, there will be a **Labor Day Cook-Out** on Monday, September 7th. The grill will be open for use between 12 and 5 pm. Bring your own food, but plates, napkins, cutlery and some condiments will be set out and sodas and water will also be provided. Come and picnic on the deck and have one last hoorah at the pool!

DOG WALKING SERVICES

Jane Coleman is available 7 days a week to walk your dog. She loves dogs and walking, so it works out great for your dog! If you need to be gone from your house longer than your pouch can hold his bladder, give Jane a call or email her at 757-235-2694 momontherun11@hotmail.com.

NEW NEIGHBORS!

We don't like goodbyes, but we do like to welcome new neighbors to Windsor Forest, and this summer, we can say "welcome" to several.

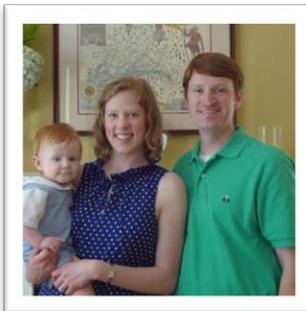
Jim and Jean Christensen will be our new neighbors at 305 Buford Road in the coming weeks. Jim is doing some work at the house, and when the renovations are complete, they will be here full-time. Jim and Jean came to Williamsburg via New Hampshire, Maine, and Florida. Jim is retired, and Jean works as a fundraiser. Jim- 603-748-9090 (cell), Telejim934@yahoo.com or Jeano4014@gmail.com.

Our most recent new neighbors are **John and Cheri Grantz** at 169 Devon Road, arriving from Ft. Benning Georgia in late July. The other family members, Kent (age 12), Colin (almost 10), Cavin (age 8), and Sarah (age 5) are looking forward to meeting other Windsor Forest kids. John is an officer in the US Army Infantry, and Cheri is a teacher. Family interests include scouting and national and state parks. John- 845-597-9916 (cell) and john.m.grantz@gmail.com or jcgrantz@icloud.com (Cheri).



Richard and Erin Long moved from Harrisonburg, Virginia, to 19 Buford Road in early July with Tyson (age 6) and Tessa (almost age 3). Richard is in Regional Advancement at William and Mary, and Erin is a nurse at Sentara Williamsburg. Richard - 540-478-3615 or richardnlong@gmail.com, and Erin - 334-750-2385 Eehebert@gmail.com.

Kevin and Karla Paasch truly have come "home", having lived in Windsor Forest before moving to Virginia Beach. They now reside at 103 Windsor Way with their daughters Savannah and Sierra, who are in college, and Kaitlin (age 13). Kevin is a financial planner, and Karla is a homemaker. They can be reached at 208-0771 or Kevin@kevinpaasch.com.



Let's welcome **Jimmy and Elizabeth Parisher**, their one-year-old son Vaughan and Golden Retriever "Frannie" to their new home at 26 Berkshire Road. They moved to "the Forest" from Richmond in July in time to join the pool and summer activities. Jimmy is an underwriter for Markel Corporation in Glen Allen, and Elizabeth is a French teacher with Henrico County Public Schools but is looking for a teaching position closer to Williamsburg. When they aren't working, you can find Jimmy fishing, hunting, and boating or watching the Redskins and Hokies and Elizabeth reading, baking, or enjoying anything French. Jimmy - 757-812-5981 or jimmyparisher@gmail.com and Elizabeth - 757-651-2344 or elizabeth.l.parisher@gmail.com.

John Sykes is our neighbor at 204 Sheffield Road, coming to Windsor Forest from Poquoson. John is retired and is looking forward to many projects at his new home. 903-4085 or john.sykes3@cox.net.

David and Sarah Tope arrived at 124 Seton Hill Road in late June, coming from Chincoteague with Zoe Bella (age 8) and Max (age 6). David can be reached at 757-362-1093 or davidmtope@msn.com, and Sarah can be reached at 757-450-0077 or sarahtope@mac.com.

WELCOME HOME!

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFERS - TURF LOVE!



Help local residents create a better lawn! Come support the Turf Love Team—bring your neighbor for a morning of super information that will help your lawn and support the environment!

The James City County Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Turf Love Program stages two free educational programs per year for the public. The fall program, Super Turf Saturday, which will be held on Saturday August 15, 2015 at the James City County Recreation Center, addresses all aspects of lawn care from choosing the correct type of lawn seed to use as well as to how to properly maintain that seed to be successful while avoiding environmental damage to the James City County watersheds. In addition to the local expertise who will be on hand answering questions, the programming is pleased to include the Virginia Tech Turf Research Team as speakers.

Topics will include:

- Making the best lawn choice (Dr. Sam Doak).
- Establishing lawn (Dr. Adam Nichols)
- Maintenance calendar (Dr. Mike Goatley)
- Nutrient Management Plan (Mr. Derik Cataldi)

In addition, VCE James City County/ Williamsburg Master Gardeners and local turf businesses will display the latest technology they have to offer the homeowner.

Super Turf Saturday is on August 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is held at the James City County Recreation Center (5301 Longhill Road). **Please pre-register by calling 564-2179 and leave a message with name, phone, and number attending.**

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