

# The Forester

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## **President's Letter**

Greetings!

Please keep in mind that our annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. As in the past, we will have a social beginning at 6:30 with festive refreshments. This will be an important meeting to vote on the annual budget for the upcoming year so please make plans to attend. If you can't make the meeting please send in your proxy identifying the member representing you to me [rdwhitehead@ymail.com](mailto:rdwhitehead@ymail.com) or Cindi Favret at [petrus66@gmail.com](mailto:petrus66@gmail.com).

We have much to talk about this year and 2016 is fast approaching. All board members will give a brief overview of this past year as well as any plans for 2016. Drew Larson will also be discussing the recommendations from the special Budget Committee that was formed to address the budget and future projects.

All board of director terms expire this year, except the clubhouse manager, so please contact any of us ASAP if you are interested in serving.

As each of you travel in and out of the neighborhood especially at night, make a point to swing by the clubhouse/pool to see if you notice any strange vehicles or people that should not be there. If any activity looks suspicious, call 911 and let them know your concern. We all have a part in doing this and protecting our assets. If you have any questions then feel free to give me a call.

Last, King of Glory Lutheran Church has approached us about Christmas caroling in our neighborhood. They would like to visit any sick or shut-ins first and then branch out to other areas. If you know of anyone that could be uplifted by caroling this season then send me their address. The logistics are still being worked out but a tentative date has been set for December 20<sup>th</sup>. They welcome any of us to join and we will have more details to follow via email and Facebook.

Best regards,  
Dean

### Two Gentle Reminders

No matter the weather, please be prepared to clean up your pet's poo when you have them out for a stroll. Sometimes in lands on the street, the grass, natural areas – no matter, please don't leave the poo behind to become someone else's frustration.

Also, please do not place your poo baggie in another neighbor's garbage can that happens to be out at the street.

*Thank you!*

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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 soon!

## GRAND HALLUCINATION IS HERE!

*Come one, come all!*

Begin your holiday season with fun and good cheer. It's time for the **2015 Windsor Forest Annual Grand Hallucination**, also appropriately known as the Grand Humiliation! Plan to meet at the corner of Buford and Berkshire at **7:00 pm on Friday, November 27th**, to join in the parade and see some spectacular holiday lighting! Song sheets provided. Questions? Call Betty Griffin at 565-0004.

### 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 [momontherun1@hotmail.com](mailto:momontherun1@hotmail.com).

### ONE MORE HOORAH FOR 2015!

It was another busy and fun filled year for the WFA social calendar. Between Margaritaville, egg hunts, and fall hayrides around the neighborhood, we were able to welcome new families and make new memories with old friends.

To finish out the year, Youth Social will be throwing their annual **Breakfast with Santa**. We are having some trouble pulling Santa away from his workshop, but we are hoping to get him to swing by the clubhouse either December 5th or December 19th from 9-11. Please watch the neighborhood signs and the WF HOA Facebook page for more details.

Thank you to all members who participated in our events this year. We hope to see you again in the coming year and new members as well.

~Amber Spicer



**HERITAGE HUMANE SOCIETY AUXILIARY 2015 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
BRUTON PARISH HALL – DUKE OF GLOUCESTER STREET**

On December 12, the Heritage Humane Society Auxiliary again will present the annual Christmas bazaar to raise money for pets waiting for their “forever homes” at Heritage Humane Society. Come early for the best selection of gourmet soups from sixteen fine Williamsburg restaurants, baked goods, a wide variety of gifts for pets and people (many hand-made), silent auction and raffle items, and a great deal more. A big “thank you” to our 2015 bazaar sponsors---Godspeed Animal Care, Noah’s Ark Veterinary Hospital, Peninsula Animal Referral Center, The Pet Resort at Greensprings, and the memory of two beloved Golden Retrievers, Knute and Bella. Please see [www.heritagehumanesociety.org](http://www.heritagehumanesociety.org) for more information.

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### Save Time Raking: Mulch Your Leaves

By: Judy Kinshaw-Ellis, Virginia Cooperative Extension , Water Quality Program Assistant

Hot and dry then wet and cool, the weather has not been too predictable this year. However, one thing that is certain is the leaves will fall. In fact, the process has started, which makes homeowners ask what to do with them. Leave the leaves because they will provide soil nutrients and feed the turf, but first they need to be mulched.

The time to mulch leaves is when there are enough leaves on the ground that grass is just showing through. "When using a mower to shred leaves, it is important to remember that it is not intended to be a wood chipper – remove any sticks or other debris from the lawn prior to mulching in order to protect yourself, others, your mower, and your property," advises Mike Goatley, PhD, Virginia Tech professor and Extension Turfgrass Specialist. Also consider wearing eye protection and proper footwear. Goatley adds, "Mulching works best when the leaves are slightly moist in order to reduce concerns with dust." To mulch leaves, mow over them once, and if they are not chopped enough with one pass, mow over them again, mowing at a right angle to the first mowing. Successive mowings will further chop the leaves and aid in decomposition.

Virginia Cooperative Extension strongly discourages bagging unless the leaves are overwhelming. " Ideally," Goatley explains, "We want to keep leaves out of our landfills, so consider composting them whenever possible." If the leaves get deep enough that they are matting or the lawn is covered, raking them to either use them for mulch around your trees or in your flower beds may be required. Whether bagging, mulching, or composting, chopping the leaves first with either a mower or lawn vacuum will speed decomposition.

Mulching leaves also works best for healthy lawns that get plenty of sun. Shaded areas tend to struggle to grow dense turf, and a leaf cover can further reduce the sun the lawn gets. As the mulched leaves decompose over the fall and winter, they will add beneficial organic matter to the soil. Over time, this increase in soil organic matter will likely improve the quality of any plant materials and reduce the occurrence of weeds or diseases. The amount of organic material can also be determined through a soil test, which will give pH and mineral levels. Soil test kits are available through Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the James City County Office offers soil testing as a part of Turf Love, a Healthy Virginia Lawns program.

Leaving significant depths of matted leaves on lawns is nothing more than heavy shade to the turfgrass and a great environment for disease. Put these leaves to work by mulching them back into the lawn. The practice has many benefits including saving time by not raking, and it may save money by reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. Mulching leaves will benefit a healthy lawn.

Do you want to know more? **Call the James City County Virginia Cooperative Extension Office at 757-564-2170.**

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### *EPISODE VII, THE FORCE AWAKENS*



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