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August/September 2021

Congratulations, Queens Lakers! Once again you rose to the occasion and demonstrated your determination and dedication to all things Queens Lake. The number of you that turned out to participate in our Queens Lake Day celebration was amazing and was made even more so by the dreary, drippy day furnished by Mother Nature. Finally, we could begin to resume a lifestyle that was more normal and we all jumped at the chance to greet each other, to talk to each other, and to catch up on each other's news.

So, if last year's Queens Lake Day with its shortened list of activities and its wearing of masks along with the use of social distancing more or less marks the beginning of the "Dismal Days of Covid", is it possible that this year's Queens Lake Day might mark the beginning of a return to normal life?

Perhaps. But then, what is normal? There were still masks seen at this year's celebration and social distancing had not completely gone away. So, I suppose that we are really not quite back to pre-pandemic norms yet. But we will get there or we will eventually find ourselves adapting to a "new normal" as we carry forward some of the behaviors we practiced during the pandemic.

Now that we are allowed to unmask and to leave our homes to congregate at will wherever we wish, it is time to turn our attention back to non-pandemic areas of concern. So, let's get down to the real nitty-gritty. How committed are you to Queens Lake? Are you committed enough to invest a little of your time and energy into maintaining this Gem on the Creek? If so, be prepared to make a positive investment in the betterment of Queens Lake by saying, "Yes," when the Board of Directors puts out an all-call for candidates to fill slots on next year's Board. We need your time, your energy, your knowledge, and your commitment to Queens Lake. Somewhere in this neighborhood, there is a Board of Director's slot or a committee placement with you name on it. Find it!

And as far as all these changes are concerned, we all know one thing for sure and that is that things will change again and then yet again. They always do, don't they? I sometimes think I know how my grandmother must have felt when the very first automobile dealership opened and the very last livery stable closed! Change is inevitable and we will all be forced to adapt. So, gather it all up in one big bundle, chalk it up as experience and take some comfort from the French who assure us that "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

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The QL Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Books and records of the Queens Lake Community Association, including minutes of all Board meetings, are open to members for review.

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The next newsletter deadline is September 15, 2021.

Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email newsletter@queenslake.net or by calling 229-0973

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 20- Movie on the Green / Food Truck

September 14 - Board Meeting - 7pm

September 18 - Movie on the Green / Food Truck

October 12 - Board Meeting - 7pm

October 16 - Seafood Fest October 30 - Trunk-or-treat

November 6 - Arts and Craft Show - 9am to 3pm November 9 - Annual Meeting - Clubhouse - 7pm

November 26 - Tree Sale

December 5 - Christmas Brunch - 11am

December 5 - Holiday Cookie Exchange - 2pm

Yoga - Yoga: Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm, Clubhouse (with masks) along with a synchronous Zoom (ID:89474663016, password:yoga)class. Classes are \$10 each or a five class pass for \$40; first class free. Contact Mary Joyner (mjyoga101@gmail.com)

SUPPORT GROUP



The Widow/Widower support Group meets and discusses topics of interest, meets for lunch, and participates in varies outings.

New group members are welcome. Call Sheila Myers at 220-0965.



Board Briefs

May 11, 2021

Motion to approve April 13 Board Meeting Minutes: Bev Webb made a motion to approve. JimMcCormack seconded.

Motion: Leah Duckworth made a motion to approve Laura Nanartowich as Director of Beautification until the November Annual Meeting. Jim McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Kate Helwig made a motion that the Board authorize Bruce Keener and another committee member to contact council to discuss the difficulty Queens Lake is having with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to resolve this as soon as possible. Jim McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

Motion : Kate Helwig made a motion that Queens Lake contract for a site plan not to exceed \$32,700. Jim McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

June 7, 2021

Motion to approve May 11 Board Meeting Minutes: Jim McCormack made a motion to approve. Bev Webb seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Kate Helwig made a motion to contract with Hathaway Electric to repair the electric box at the tennis courts with \$600.00 coming from the Tennis budget and \$600.00 coming from the Pool budget. Rebecca Cho seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Kate Helwig made a motion to memorialize in perpetuity, access to the pool bathhouse (toilets, sinks and showers) in season to all marina patrons at no additional fee in keeping with rules established by the Marina and Pool Committees. This action is a reinstitution of the 1978 agreement between the Queens Lake Club and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for compliance of sanitary facilities as required by State statute for a marina of our size. David Dafashy seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: John Walters made a motion that the pool be allowed to attach an extender antenna to the roof of the clubhouse so the pool can get Wi-Fi. Laura Nanartowich seconded. Motion passed.

Motion : Kate Helwig made a motion that Swim lessons be given to only pool members. The family must be a pool member to get swimming lessons. Rebecca Cho seconded. Motion passed.

Membership

Submitted by Rebecca Cho: Director

Committee Members: Suzanne Maggio, Stacy Harris, Emily Edmonds, Carolyn Campbell, Julie Dooley, Kerry McGuire

Our Member Social on Saturday June 5th was very well attended with over 200 members gathering poolside to enjoy the company, beer, wine, and delicious food prepared by Suzanne Maggio and crew. Many thanks to everyone who had a hand in helping make the return of this annual tradition such a success. It was a great relief to see everyone returning to our normal social activities, everyone I spoke to was so thankful to be able to gather and catch up with their friends and neighbors in person!

Our second round of thanks goes to David Dafashy for spearheading Queens Lake Day and his QL Day committee for doing an excellent job this year bringing back old favorites and new traditions for QL Day. Our membership table was hopping with over 300 members and guests checking in during the day. The lunch and the dinner were both a success. Many thanks to Marie Homer and the neighborhood crew for the yummy, streamlined lunch and Moody's and Neil Griggs and staff for a delicious dinner served poolside. We thank everyone involved for making this year's festivities extra fun.

The home sales in the neighborhood continue to tick up. The Membership committee has been busy post Covid with 10 new deeded members, 11 deeded transfers to new families, and 7 new traditional members. That is 28 new members so far this year as the housing market is quite tight and nothing stays on the market for long. We currently have almost 290 deeded members and 107 traditional members. I want to say thank you all, our members, for your continued support of Queens Lake Community Association via paying dues and volunteering. So many improvements are happening that in turn supports our vibrant community and continues to attract new neighbors and new members.

If you are a Traditional member and you are considering selling your home, please contact me how you can pass on support to QLCA. By deeding your home before you put your home on the market you can keep it in membership with Queens Lake and continue to support the community after you have moved to your next home. There is minimal paperwork involved and no cost to you to do so. Please consider this as the most generous way to support Queens Lake Community and secure its future by sustaining its membership.

Clubhouse

Submitted By: David Dafashy

Committee members: Cherrie Begley, Susan Adams, Ann Brown-Hailey, Pat McDermott, Carolyn Campbell, Rebecca Cho, Jessica Pinciaro, Barb Timko, Bev Webb, Robin Land, Suzanne Maggio, Chuck Hretz, Tim Hretz, Nancy Burkhart, Stephanie

Queens Lake Day 2021 got off to a rainy start, but even the torrential rain could not dampen the incredible community spirit that was evident throughout the incredible day's many activities. From the parade to field and pool games, from cornhole and cakewalks, to fishing and tennis tournaments, triathlons, bingo, art shows and so much more--- Queens Lakers once again demonstrated why living here is so special!! There is simply no way to thank each individual who contributed to the huge success of QL Day this year, as there were so many wonderful volunteers. You know who you are—and we know who you are—and we thank you, most sincerely. A special thanks to Neil Griggs for the simply incredible dinner that he so generously donated. About \$3,700 was raised for Williamsburg Hospice House from the dinner donations!! A truly worthy cause. Special thanks also to Chuck Hretz and Marie Homer and their volunteers for putting on such an incredible breakfast and lunch. Organizing such delicious meals on this scale was no easy task. Special thanks too, to Suzanne Maggio and Leslie Stacks for their wonderful efforts in properly advertising for QL Day.

The Clubhouse continues to be a popular rental site for special occasions this summer.

A heart felt thanks to Bev Webb for power washing the patio and benches, and to Ryan Sanford for his ongoing work in so many capacities, most recently on some much-needed repairs to the small footbridge on the clubhouse grounds. Thanks to their hard work—and the work of so many others—the clubhouse has never looked better!!

The Clubhouse committee hopes everyone enjoys some relaxing down time this summer, and looks forward to some exciting programming this fall.

Mark your calendar—weather permitting, we will have our highly rescheduled "Movie on the Green" on Friday, August 20th. The movie will begin at dusk and will be "Jumanji: The next Level" Bring your own picnic and join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun!!

Finance

Submitted by Ted Lynch Director

Committee members: Chairman: Bob Evans, Lana Olson, Gordon Angles, Bob Gaschen, Tom Cho, Chris Hager, Jack Dooley, John Pattisall, John Kueser, Rob Loughman

- 1) The capital reserve subcommittee has met with all of the committees for an initial review, and they are now working with DMA to schedule a visit so that they can complete the study. This visit is currently planned for early August but we are hoping to move this up so that we have enough time to include the study results in our 2022 budget planning (see item 3 below). The capital reserve committee would also like to request that committee chairs help them locate any engineering studies in existence that will help them complete their work. (The Princess Pond report they received was very helpful, and they are wondering if similar studies for the main dam, marina, etc. exist.)
- 2) Everything looks good financially, with most budgets showing living within their means with the possible exception of the clubhouse, which is obviously still suffering from COVID related lack of rentals, which we kind of expected. We also have a combined \$21,000 of unrealized investment income from the main Davenport reserve funds (general association and marina combined), which is pretty good, especially since all our funds have not been fully deployed because of the financial uncertainties that have hovered over us, and continue to hover over us.
- 3) 2022 Budget time is fast approaching. The finance committee requests that budgets are submitted to us by Aug. 10-although we may extend this deadline by 1-2 weeks depending on when DMA will complete its study. Reminders will be sent out as the deadline approaches. Note that we can't push this date back too far, as the finance committee will need to complete its review before the Sept board meeting, so that the board has enough time to review of our recommendations, request changes, and then publish the final budgets in our annual meeting. If DMA's timetable prevents us from meeting the Aug 10 deadline, and an extension is needed, we may want to consider moving the Sept board meeting back a few weeks so that the board's budget review can be completed in Sept.





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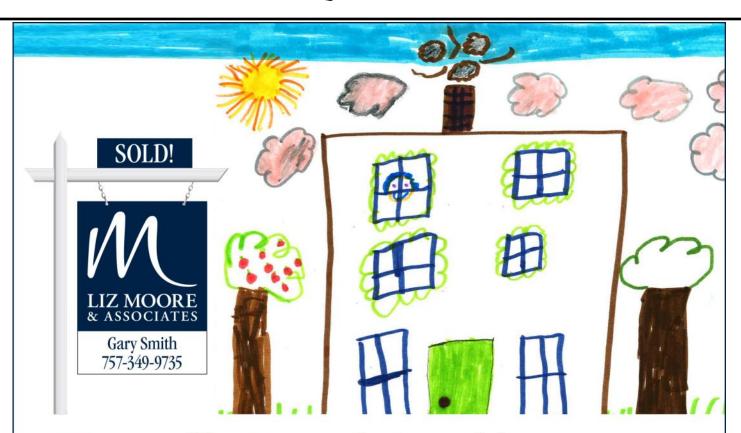
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Community Affairs

Submitted By Leah Duckworth: Director

Committee Members: Mary Louise Gerdes, Laura Nanartowich, Renny Parziale, Lordes & John Farley, Nancy Kilgore, Rebecca Cho, Caroline Broun, Shelia Myers

There was no meeting of the Community Affairs Committee in June but the Committee did meet in July.

The following were addressed at the July meeting:

Princess Pond Project:

- A discussion took place of the report from Blair Wilson detailing his visual inspection of Princess Pond and providing a summary report of that inspection. A date will soon be set for a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Wilson and interested Queens Lakers.
- Also discussed was the status of Princess Pond regarding its role as part of York County's storm water management system and whether or not the QLCA can count on assistance from the county in making any repairs that might be necessary for the pond to continue in its role. This initiative is being handled by Bev Webb of Maintenance

The idea of a Coffee Klatch being held regularly for members of the QLCA was discussed. The committee thinks this is a good idea but wanted more time to explore the possibilities.

A discussion of the county's plans to revamp and ease zoning regulations to encourage and to grow "home occupations" – businesses operated in homes located in residential areas was discussed at length.

The Widow/Widower Support Group has resumed meeting. Plans are being made for the group to meet for lunch during the last week in July at a local restaurant. Anyone interested in attending should contact Sheila Myers by phone (220-0965) or by email (myersmksl@aol.com).

An inquiry via email was sent to Jack Dooley about a possible removal date for the orange barrels under the I64 bridge on Lakeshead. Also included in the message was the question as to whether VDOT intends to bring up to grade the shoulders of the road under the bridge where there is a rather severe drop off on either side. Jack responded that the work on the bridge is not yet complete and that the drop off existed prior to construction so it probably will not be addressed.

Lake

Submitted by Bruce Keener: Director

Committee Members: Richard McCluney, Richard Toth, John Blommel, Jodi and Neal Hernandez, Jessie Allen, Mark Phinney, Lana Olson, Chris Hager

In July or August, Clarke Aquatic Services will conduct a lake wide biosonic survey of Queens Lake. This survey will determine depth contour, silt accumulation/bottom composition and any plant life present at the time of survey. The survey will establish a baseline for lake management and planning needs. This information is crucial in developing effective recommendations to keep the lake healthy. The mapping results will be posted on the website when completed.

This July, QLCA received a conditional operation and maintenance certificate (2 year) from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for Queens Lake. Our original certificate expired this July. With this certificate in hand, we can proceed with construction designs to repair and improve the lake dam structure. Actual construction is planned for the Spring of 2022.

In support of our efforts to improve the dam, we applied and received award for four grant requests from DCR to support strategies to maintain Queens Lake. The overall total for the grant applications was \$21,000 for QLCA.

Communication

Submitted by Jim McCormack: Director

Committee Members: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Jean Lien, Mark Schmidt, Yvonne Schmidt, Carlos Tricoche, Kate Roessler, Julie Dooley

NEWSLETTER: The Queens Lake newsletter is on our website in color. The presentation is a better quality than the print edition and goes back 7 years. Members may request to be removed from the mailing list in order to reduce mail clutter and the mailing cost to the Association.

Bob Gaschen completed the June/July newsletter, and Mark and Yvonne Schmidt labeled and delivered it to the post office. The next newsletter is the Aug/Sept issue. There will be photos from the recent socials, QL Day and a notice calling for 2022 Board members. We have 19 ads in the newsletter. Our ads pay for the newsletter and make money. Give our advertisers a call. New Members will be listed in the Aug/Sept newsletter. We have had a lot of homes sold the past few months. Please look over our new members and if they are one of your neighbors Welcome them to Queens Lake.





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General Recreation

Submitted by Carlos Tricoche: Director

Committee Members: Peter Schweitzer, John Harding, Terry Harding, Cherrie Begley, Lana Olson

My most sincere Thank You to all the neighbors for taking the time to fill out and return the Tennis Courts Survey. We got a total of 50 votes back from the survey, and here are the results of the survey.

Option 1- Keep all as currently used, three for tennis one for general recreation. 48 votes (96%)

Option 2 - Keep 1 for tennis and demolished the other 3. - 22 votes (44%)

Option 3 - Keep 1 for tennis convert other 3. - 26 votes (52%)

Option 4 - Demolish all. 22 votes (44%)

A lot of people only selected option 1 with a strong statement against other options. I must note that option 1 and option 3 ranked first and second in priority and the "demolish" options ranked 3 and 4 in priority. Suggesting the idea of demolishing is not a popular one.

They used the comments and suggestions box to accentuate their support for option 1. I was hoping to get fresh ideas but ideas were limited to a dog park and or a full basketball court. One person suggested just put on asphalt, and white lines for tennis. Other ideas were to start a fundraiser or get donors.

Although the response was not as big as we expected, one thing is clear from this small sample of Queens Lake Universe. We need to keep the courts. These results were presented to the Board of Directors at our June meeting and it tipped the balance in our favor and helped those directors that were on the fence about this issue to see it clearly. So

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now the question is not why to keep the courts but how to support them. To answer that question we will meet with DMA representatives. DMA is the company doing the Reserve Study for Queens Lake. This will put the courts in the right perspective and in the planning budget for future support. In the meantime, we will cover the cracks in the courts in an effort to maintain and keep the courts safe and usable. Please take note we do have Pickleball in court 3. Next time you come around the courts look for the blue lines inside the white tennis lines. I know the sport is popular and we have it in our backyard. Get a team together and let's play.

The old wooden (rotten) support structure for the electrical boxes in the activity court was replaced with a metal railing and one GFCI outlet was replaced.

Interested in learning tennis? Please call Coach Lorenzo at 757-784-6025 for private tennis lessons or better yet, put a group together for special group prices.

Playground:

The other two swings are most likely installed by the time you read this report. We decide to change the colors to make it a more childlike, and little happy place for our kids. We are also weatherproofing with sealant and bond on the top beam for preservation.

Baseball Field:

The rain during QL Day softened the field and the car traffic created big welts and tire tracks, on the grass. The grass is growing again. Thanks to Bev Webb for his quick reaction to cordon off the affected areas and for replacing the boards on the activity court and the baseball field benches.

Beautification

Submitted by Laura Nanartowich: Director

Committee Members: Jean Lien, Cherrie Begley, Susan Sims, Rosalynn Fernow, Mat Hogg, Libbey Oliver, Julie Dooley, Kathy Maxfield, Rebecca Cho, Judy McCormack

Beautification Committee volunteers continue to work hard to keep the neighborhood looking good in this growing season. Volunteers removed a dead cedar and a dead dogwood tree and they continue to weed and maintain sign beds and other mulched areas. Red's Tree Service removed dead limbs from the large trees overhanging the pool and parking lot. Phan's Landscaping cut the hill behind the pool and clubhouse. Please consider joining the effort to keep our common areas inviting!

Pool

Submitted by John Walters: Director

Committee members: Robert Gaschen, Mark Downey, Marie Homer, Chris Homer, Ted Lynch, David Dafashy, Lana Olson, Carolyn Broun, Todd Bruner, Ryan Sanford, Mya Fields

Membership

Memberships are up significantly vs 2020 and vs Budget - primarily due to a big increase in Limited members. For sure this is a demonstration of the appeal of our facility.

Swim Lessons are Back

We offered this year a mixture of structured lessons by Molly Fuselier and private lessons – with the intent to cover a wide range of new swimmer skills. All structured lesson sessions opened by Molly have sold out, and positive reviews have been received.

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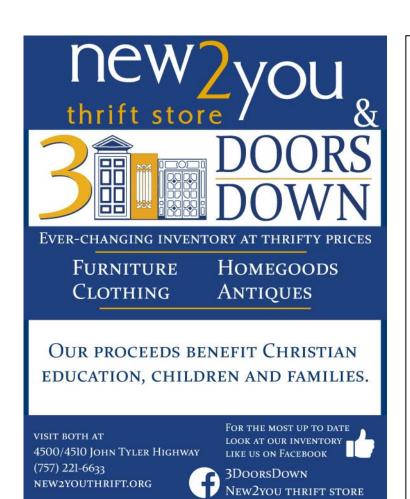
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The Eagles are Flying High again this season!

Head Coach Sandi Willard is back for her 18th season with the Queens Lake Eagles along with Head Assistant Coach Christy Hutto, Assistant Coach Mary Lynch, Assistant Coach Chloe Anderson, Assistant Coach Elijah Fields and many junior assistants who help with the team. Substitute swim team coaches David Dafashy and Branch Fields have also been a wonderful support to the team.

The season began following Memorial Day weekend with practices after school. Once school ended, swimmers transitioned to morning practices and regular season meets on Monday evenings. In addition, Coach Sandi **welcomed back the Hatchlings practice group**, which was postponed last year due to COVID-19. This year swimmers 4 and under were able to receive support in the water and be a part of the swim team.







Of the 148 swimmers this summer, 55 are new to the swim team this year. They have been welcomed to the team with open arms and have experienced hours of swimming, fun and laughter in and out of the pool. This includes a special sub sandwich treat from Wawa, build a tower activity, and water polo. A special thanks to former swim team parent Julie Beattie Potter for identifying the Queens Lake Eagles as the group to receive the free hoagies for Wawa's Hoagie Day! Also special thanks to Coach Christy for coordinating the build a tower team building activity.







As of July 8th, 41 swimmers have qualified for 160 events at Champs!! There has been lots of fast swimming, lots of fun, lots of team spirit, and lots of great competition.

The 2021 Queens Lake Eagles swim season will finish up Saturday, July 31st at the VPSU Champs meet followed by the end of the season banquet on Sunday, August 1st.

Thank you also to the QLCA, the QLCA Pool Committee and staff and all the parent volunteers! A successful QL Eagles season is not possible without all of the volunteer hours and dedicated service! AND a big thank you to our exclusive swim team sponsor, Moody's and our exclusive Summer Awards business sponsor, Long and Foster Real Estate Legaspi Legacy Team

From the Team Coordinators: Felicia Brown-Anderson and Mark Downey Go EAGLES!

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VDOT will prune and remove vegetation within the setback but would prefer homeowners maintain this area on their property. VDOT roadway right-of-way in Queens Lake ranges from 50' to more than 80' on Lakeshead and at some intersections. This means you may have a setback from 10' to 30+' in your yard.

You can determine VDOT right-of-way by visiting the York County website.

- Visit yorkcounty.gov
- 2. Click on Property Search under the Residents tab
- 3. Type in your address and press search
- 4. Click on Map
- 5. Click on Measure under the Tools dropdown
- 6. Click on Distance and then on red line near the road. Drag it to the road's edge in white. This is your setback.

Any encroachment of the VDOT right-of-way must not obstruct the view of drivers and pedestrians. This clear-zone is critical at intersections.

"Trees, landscaping, and other encroachments onto the right of way can obscure pedestrians or other vehicles preparing to enter the roadway from adjacent property or side streets. To protect the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike, it is appropriate for vehicle operators to have an unobstructed view along the full length required by the sight distance triangle.

Along all planting strips, the area between 2 and 7 feet above ground shall be maintained free of any obstructions that may block the driver's view to preserve motorists and pedestrian sight lines to avoid potential conflicts."

(VDOT subdivision street design guide.)

In addition, any landscaping structures or mailboxes that do not meet break away requirements may not be located in this clear zone without a permit.

According to VDOT, keeping the setback clear is a homeowner responsibility and residents could face liability in the event of an accident.

- PRUNE TO REGULATION IN THE VDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY
- DO NOT PLANT EXCEPT FOR GRASS, LOW PLANTS AND GROUND COVER (UNDER 2') IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
- CONSIDER TREE AND PLANT GROWTH AT MATURITY BEFORE PLANTING AND SETBACK ON YOUR PROPERTY ACCORDINGLY







QL Day Teen Parties

Thank you to everyone who helped make our QL Day Teen Parties a success! Special thanks to:

- Amy Americo and Nicole Loughman for their great decorating, inflating, and food organizing expertise.
- Cathy and John Pattisall and the Cheese Shop for planning and delivering the yummy Cheese Shop sandwiches and House Dressing.
- Bryan Cole for spreading the word at Queens Lake Middle School, organizing the music, and entertaining the teens.
- Shenan Cole for helping with set up, chaperoning, and clean up.
- Leah Schweitzer and Faith Lohr for keeping us safe and helping with set up and clean up.
- All the families who donated snacks and desserts.
- All the Middle and High Schoolers who attended.
- The whole community for understanding the need to close the pool and blast the music for the event.

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Several Directors will be completing their terms on the Board this November. The Board will appoint a Nominating Committee which will be seeking candidates to fill the vacancies. According to our Bylaws, Shareholders may also nominate persons to run for election. These written nominations must be signed by three Shareholders in good standing, include a written statement on the part of the nominee expressing willingness to run for election, and be received in the office by October 4th in order to be included on the ballot.

The nominee must be a QLCA Member in good standing; that is, he or she is a Shareholder or an adult resident of a Queens Lake Property occupied by a Shareholder, and have all required dues and fees paid.

Directors are elected for a term of two years, are expected to uphold the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association, attend evening Board Meetings, and oversee at least one of the Association's Standing Committees.

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