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April/May 2023

President's Message:

There are twelve standing committees under QLCA current bylaws with each Board director responsible for at least one committee. The facility committees consist of Clubhouse, Marina, Pool and Recreation, with common committees for Beautification, Communications, Community Affairs, Finance, Maintenance, Lake, Queens Lake Day and Membership. In addition, we have two special committees, a Stormwater Committee to collaborate with York County and the \$1.7M funded Community Improvement Project, and a Strategic Planning Committee to help establish a future vision for Queens Lake.

Our community relies heavily on part-time volunteers for all of the above. And while all are important, none are possible without committed membership. All QLCA facilities wholly or in part rely on members to sustain operations, and all common committees entirely consist of members that benefit all Queens Lake residents. This month's newsletter goes out to every Queens Lake resident, both members and nonmembers, and the activities, events and updates will hopefully offer a sample of the value of membership that Melanie Houle, our current Membership Director, can best relay.

- Doug Ellis

Membership

We all know that Queens Lake is a remarkable place to live. It is our own serene wonderland. Maintaining this community to the standard we all expect relies on the support of all of our members. But what exactly does it mean to be a "member"? During my time as the Membership director I have found that there is some confusion surrounding the term "member" and what all it entails. Hopefully the following frequently asked questions and answers will help clarify membership and all that it does to keep our neighborhood successful.

1. What are the differences in the types of membership for QLCA?

A: There are three types of membership to Queens Lake Community Association. Deeded members fill out paperwork that is filed with York County and pay the annual dues. Deeded properties stay in membership, and future

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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 May 15, 2023. Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email qlca@queenslake.net or newsletter@queenslake.net or by calling 757-229-0973

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

April 11 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

April 12 - Lake Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

April 13 - Membership Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse

April 15 – Clean up day

April 17 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

April 18 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

April 19 - QL Day Meeting - 5pm - Clubhouse

April 19 - Ladies Night - 7pm - Clubhouse

April 22 - Plant Discussion - 10am - Clubhouse

April 27 - Pool Meeting- 8pm - Clubhouse

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo - 5pm - Clubhouse

May 7 - Field & Court Day - 1pm - Field/Tennis Courts

May 8 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

May 9 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

May 13 - Comm. Affairs - COX meeting - 12pm - Clubhouse

May 16 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

May 17- QL Day Meeting - 6pm - Clubhouse

May 21 - Community Breakfast - 9am - Clubhouse

May 22 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

May 23 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

May 25 - Pool Meeting - 8pm - Clubhouse

May 28 - Memorial Day Party - 2pm - Marina

June 3 - Membership Social - Pool

June 12 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

June 13 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

June 24 - Queens Lake Day

June 26 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

July 10 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

July 11 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

July 24 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

August 8 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

August 14 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

August 28 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

September 3 - End of Summer - 2pm - Marina

September 11 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

September 12 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

September 25 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

Yoga - Yoga: Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm, Clubhouse along with a

Yoga - Yoga: Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm, Clubhouse along with a synchronous Zoom (ID:89474663016, password:yoga)class.

Classes are \$10; 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 various outings.

New group members are welcome. Call Sheila Myers at 757-220-0965.

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Board Briefs

January 10, 2023

Motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: Doug Ellis made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 Board Meeting minutes. Chuck Hretz seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Chuck Hretz made a motion to update application and rental policies as presented. Bruce Keener seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: Doug Ellis made a motion that we contact the QLCA attorney to review waivers on all facility forms for liability reasons. Chuck Hretz seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: Chuck Hretz made a motion to extend the existing clubhouse yoga contract from 2/2/23 to 8/2/23. Sean Askew seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: To require all credit card payments for any Queens Lake activity be completed using only QLCA authorized readers. Personal readers tied to personal accounts are not authorized for use to collect money for Queens Lake activities. Bruce Keener seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: To change the amount requiring two signatures on the check from \$500 and over to \$750 and over. Bruce Keener seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: To recognize that the sub-committee of the lake to coordinate information for grants, political help, etc. for repairs to the dam and spillway, created at the February 8, 2022 board meeting – has fulfilled their charge and should cease to exist, in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order sections 50:10 and 50:30. Sally Hewitt seconded. There was a discussion on when the MOU was adopted and a need for special committees. Discussion followed. Chuck Hretz made a motion to table the motion until February. Monty Fleck seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: Doug Ellis made a motion to establish a special committee consisting of Active non-Board Members representing a diversity of ages and interests, to solicit broad community input and explore priorities and vision, and to present findings to the Board. Monty Fleck seconded the motion. Two opposed, nine approved. The motion passed.

Motion: Doug Ellis made a motion to establish an environmental advisory committee to advise the Board on environmental or conservation issues affecting the Marina, Lake, Pool or affected common areas and to monitor, review or advise on impacts, threats and best practices. (No operating budget or independent authorization is implied or delegated without Board approval.) Adrianne McKinney expressed concern on the scope of the committee. In-

terested persons should join standing committees. After a discussion Melanie Houle made a motion to table the motion until the next meeting. All agreed.

Motion: Doug Ellis made a Motion to adopt an operating framework separating the dam remediation work currently led by the Lake Committee, and the spillway and stormwater work to be conducted by the County in partnership with QLCA per the MOU under a "Stormwater Management Committee." John Walters seconded. Adrianne McKinney, Bruce Keener and John Blommel opposed. The motion passed.

February 14, 2023

Motion to approve the January 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: Doug Ellis made a motion to approve the January 14, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Chuck Hretz seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Clubhouse Committee requests \$20,000 to be moved into the operating budget from Clubhouse reserves to be used for essential work and maintenance that is either not addressed on the DMA report or is addressed in other (budget) years but needs to be addressed in 2023. Following discussion on length of time to build the Clubhouse reserves and current reserve amount, the motion was amended to reduce the request to \$13,000 for 2023. Monty Fleck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion: The Lake Committee requests committee member, Richard McCluney be allowed to attend the York County briefing to the board of the AH Environmental Consultants report on February 15, 2023 with the Lake Committee director. Mr. McCluney has been amassing technical information and documentation of the Queens Lake Drainage Basin for the Lake Committee for the past several years. Chuck Hretz seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: Bruce Keener made a motion that the QLCA Board formally rejects all bids received January 27, 2023 for the embankment rehabilitation project. All bids received exceeded the engineer's estimate and allotted capital funding for the project. Adrianne McKinney seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion: John Walters made a motion to approve moving \$2,625 from swim team reserves for the purchase of an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator), kickboards, and a life-saving backboard. John discussed the importance of having such a device at the pool, and also the inconsistent legal ramifications, including liability of the facility. Monty Fleck seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Sympathy to the family of Donna Kadlec

Membership

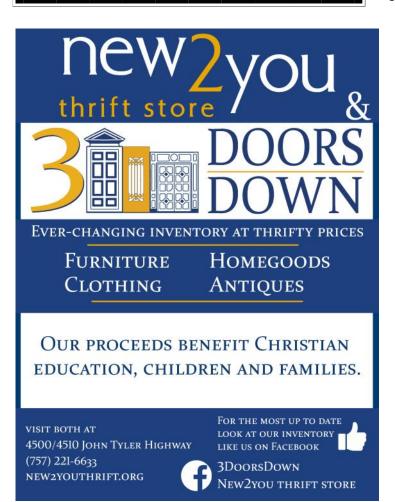
Submitted by Melanie Houle, Director

Committee Members: Rebecca Cho, Julie Dooley, Emily Edmonds, Deb Ellis, Stacy Harris, Suzanne Maggio, Kerry McGuire

The membership committee has been hard at work planning the annual membership social scheduled for Saturday, June 3 from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm poolside. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. We will once again have the silent auction to benefit the general recreation committee. Please come out and meet some neighbors, both old and new, and perhaps bid on items from many of our local vendors.

Annual dues are still being collected. If you have yet to pay your annual dues, please do so soon. Emails have been sent to those households that have not paid. You can pay online with credit card (with a small fee) or by dropping a check off at the office. Remember this year you can also pay in two installments if that is helpful to you.

Our next membership committee planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse. New members are always welcome to come join this energetic group of volunteers!







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owners of that property will always be members and obligated to pay the yearly dues. Traditional members fill out the appropriate paperwork for Traditional membership and submit it along with a \$1500 non-refundable one-time stock purchase fee. They also pay the annual dues. This type of membership does not transfer to the next homeowner. An Associate membership is available for those who are renting a home that is not currently in membership through the owner. The renter is able to join QLCA, pay yearly dues, and can then pay to use the marina and/or pool facilities. Both deeded and traditional households have the privilege of voting at the annual meeting or when any other vote needs to be cast.

2. What about my friend that belongs to the pool? She lives in Creekside. How can she be a pool member?

A: People that live outside the QL neighborhood may join the pool or marina as Limited Members, but they pay a higher rate for those amenities. They are not considered members of the QLCA. They are just members of the pool or marina. Limited members are also able to rent the clubhouse, but again it is at a higher rate.

3. Do I have to be a member of QLCA to use the marina, pool, or lake?

A: Yes, all these facilities are owned by the association and as such have their own yearly fee structure that is in addition to the QLCA annual dues. You also may not use the racquet courts, playground, or lake walkway unless you are a member.

- 4. Can any resident of Queens Lake rent the clubhouse?

 A: If you live in Queens Lake neighborhood you must be a member of the association to rent the clubhouse. Residents of Queens Lake that are not members of the QLCA may not rent the clubhouse.
- 5. Can anyone fish on the bridge or lake? **A:** In order to fish you must be a member of QLCA and have a valid VA fishing license.
- 6. Can I put a dock on my lake front property?

 A: The Lake is QLCA property and maintained by QLCA member dues. As such, if you currently have a dock or plan on putting a dock in, you must be a member of the QLCA.
- 7. Can I attend the fun social events or educational seminars that are happening in the clubhouse? Or Queens Lake Day?

A: Most of the social and educational activities in the neighborhood are QLCA sponsored events and are for members only. Queens Lake Day is a fun day for the entire neighborhood to come together. Residents of Queens Lake that are not members can attend Queens Lake Day, but they must pay an admissions fee. Also, non-member residents may not be able to participate in all of the Queens Lake Day activities.

Lake

Submitted by Bruce Keener, Director

Committee Members: John Blommel, John Farley, Richard McCluney, Adrianne McKinney, Mark Phinney, Lana Olson, Rick Toth

Queens Lake, the heart and soul of our community, has existed since 1928. The lake has endured many historical events including major storms such as Hurricane Isabel (2003). As with any ninety year old person, Queens Lake is now fragile and needs tender loving care.

Queens Lake is expected to maintain a regulated level of safety for the dam under the Dam Safety Act, 1982. Just like your vehicle safety inspection, Queens Lake is inspected and must pass certain levels of safety to earn a regular Operating and Maintenance Certificate. For the past few annual inspections, Queens Lake has earned a "poor condition" rating which placed Queens Lake under a two-year Conditional Operating certificate. Certain improvements are required to rehabilitate the dam – embankment and spillway - to a stable, safe condition and earn a regular six-year Operating certificate from the state.

Since 2020, the association has been taking steps to repair the embankment and, now with York County's assistance, improvements to the spillway. Membership has shown enthusiastic support for these efforts with approval to purchase wetland replacement credits, obtain the necessary permits from county, state and federal regulatory authorities and produce an engineered design for repairs.

All these steps have come together and we are ready to move forward with actual construction. A recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for the embankment rehabilitation did not produce an affordable quotation however. Current market conditions e.g. labor shortage, material price instability, supply chain disruption combined to discourage an affordable response from contractors. Plans are to re-advertise the RFP for the embankment later in the year when market conditions should change and be favorable for QLCA.

The challenge of preserving Queens Lake continues as we seek means to address the continuous sediment infill and vegetation buildup in upper Queens Lake and Princess Pond. The journey to preserve our "heart and soul" is ongoing and needs continued effort. Your continued support will be crucial to achieve these critical goals and preserve Queens Lake for many years to come.

Clubhouse

Submitted By: Julie Dooley and Chuck Hretz, Director

Committee members: Julie Dooley, Cherrie Begley, Susan Adams, Ann Brown-Hailey, Pat McDermott, Rebecca Cho, Jessica Pinciaro, Barb Timko, Bev Webb, Robin Land, Suzanne Maggio, Chuck Hretz, Tim Hretz, Kym Hretz, Nancy Burkhart, Stephanie Moser, Emily Edmonds, Les Vrabel, Sally Hewitt, Robert Cruz, Doris Cruz, Leslie Stacks, Jennifer Shima, Melanie Houle, Tom Houle, Robin Land, Kat Welday, Joey Welday, David Dafashy, Gregg Rippel, Tom Cooper, Chris Cooper, Sarah Robison

Welcome to the QLCA Clubhouse pop Quiz!

- 1. How many people come through our Clubhouse on a yearly Basis:
 - a. 500
 - b. 1000
 - c. 2500
 - d. 5000
 - e. >8000

The answer is e. Between the following activities, there are 8500-9000 people being entertained, gathering and enjoying this QLCA gem.

Opportunities to enjoy the clubhouse include:

- Corporate events
- Birthday Parties
- Reunions
- Wedding receptions
- Office parties
- Rehearsal hall
- Craft shows
- Community health and wellness activities

This facility is available for QLCA members and non-resident (limited members)

- 2. How many times more rentals are there this year than last year:
 - a. 3 times as many
 - b. 5 times as many
 - c. 9 times as many
 - d. 12 times as many
 - e. 15 times as many

In December 2022, the rental rates increased as recommended by the CH Director and voted approved by the board.

Rentals last year from January 1 thru February 28, rental income was \$370.

This year, Rental income during the same time frame is \$4,710. That is an increase of 12.7 times the rental income as last year. Our usage rate is over 58%. This means that greater than every other day there is something happening at the QLCA clubhouse.

2023 has started strong and we, at the clubhouse, are energized to make our facility an excellent location to enjoy our neighborhood!

This year we have added LED lighting, painted the entrance way, will be adding a sound system and added functional items like gutters, occupancy sensors on the lights in the bathrooms and upgraded our security system to a keyless entry.

Upgrading our beautiful Clubhouse and making it a star for all of QLCA to enjoy. Please attend one of the 25+ events that QLCA will be hosting and enjoy our neighborhood.

Please keep checking our sign as you enter Queens Lake, Facebook pages, and mass emails for details on upcoming events.

And see our other articles of near term upcoming events. Please feel free to join our committee meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month or email us at QLCAclubhouse @gmail.com and ask any questions or make suggestions to better our community.





Community Affairs

Submitted By Patty Bartneck, Director

Committee Members: Leah Duckworth, Lourdes and John Farley, Carolyn Campbell, Jennifer Shima, Sheila Myers (widow/widower support group)

Happy Spring, Queens Lake Friends,

I cannot believe it is March already! The Community Affairs committee started the year strong with two productive meetings. Our key initiative is keeping QL members informed about topics that affect our community as well as York County. We take action based on community concerns.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) met February 7, 2023. At this meeting, one Supervisor reversed his decision on a Short Term Rental that was denied the month prior. Evidently this was permitted pursuant to the Board's "Rules of Procedure". It was communicated that each special use permit should stand on its own merits. Whatever your position on this topic, many will agree that the reversal of a BOS decision is disconcerting. If you would like to follow BOS meetings and can attend in person, please go to yorkcounty.com where the meetings are live streamed. Past meetings are archived for public view.

After receiving complaints about speeding in the community, our committee arranged for placement of a speed monitor on Lakeshead Drive. The monitor recorded the speed of 4,938 vehicles. The average speed was in the range of high 30's and low 40's with the two highest speeds of 53 and 61. The monitor served as a good reminder of the 45-mph speed limit. It was explained that the perception of speed from someone walking may be greater than the actual speed someone is driving. Lakeshead Drive presents safety concerns for walkers, runners, and cyclists. There is no shoulder. Please make sure if you are participating in one of these activities that you wear bright colors so that you are visible to drivers, especially at night.

Last year, our committee took the challenge of tracking Cox outages and finding a Cox representative on the corporate level that would listen and assist our community with Cox issues. If you have reached out to the call center and not getting anyanswers or resolutions to your problem, please call Vicki Holden at 844-209-9685. She is extremely knowledgeable and will help troubleshoot your problem. We recently heard positive feedback from a QL member indicating he called Vicki. Not only did he receive good customer service, but his problem was fixed once Cox came to his home.

On Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Community Affairs will be hosting, "Cutting the Cord", a presentation that presents an alternative to Cox television. The Latisha's House fund raiser will be held in September this year. Look for details closer to the event.

The Widow/Widower support Group is meeting March 22 at Revolutionary Golf at 12:00 pm. By the time of this publication, you may have missed this event but please check the QL online calendar or watch for emails on future events. Please call Sheila Myers at 757-220-0965 for more information if you are interested in becoming part of this group.

If there are any topics you find interesting or want the community to be aware of, please contact any Community Affairs member or contact me directly at pattybvatech@gmail.com.

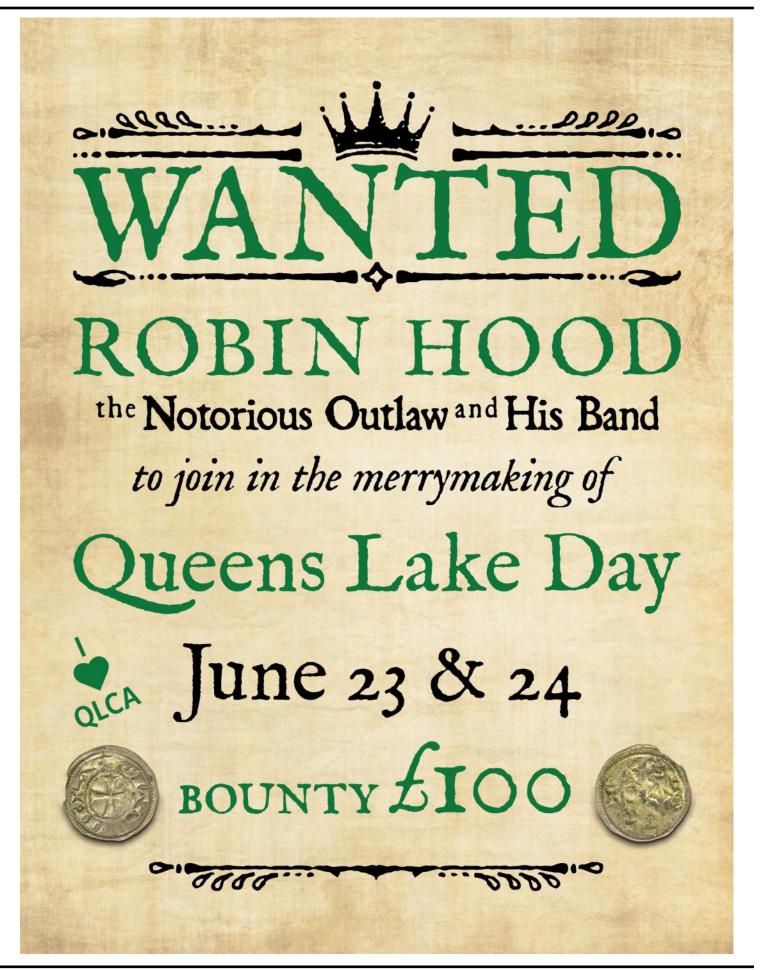
General Recreation

Submitted by Doug Ellis, Director

Committee Members: Beverly Webb, Burt James, Carlos Tricoche, Dawn Griggs-Mullenax, Gail Gutierrez, John Harding, Linda Waldron, Marcia DiMattia, Peter Schweitzer

The General Recreation Committee met on February 21. The Committee voted to solicit bids for resurfacing for one court in both traditional repaving and modular surface options. Additionally, the committee discussed the need to develop a long-range plan for recreation to include all three areas - the courts, the ballfield and the playground, for maintenance and enhancements. New signage is planned for the courts and playground.

A clean-up date is confirmed for Saturday April 15, 9am-Noon near the playground in conjunction with the Pool clean-up day. Dads, Moms and kids welcome! Hot dogs and drinks provided for volunteers. The Committee discussed activities for Queens Lake Day, and will assume the lead on Field Games and related activities. The Rec Committee is also hosting another Silent Auction at the Member Social June 3rd at the clubhouse to raise funds for facility improvements and equipment. The March meeting will be held on March 21 at 7pm in the clubhouse.



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QLCA Ladies Night

Wednesday, April 19 7-9 PM, Clubhouse

Snacks and dessert provided: BYOB



April Showers Bring May Flowers

Let's "Shower" FISH with Hygiene supplies!

Collecting soap, body wash, shampoo, dental 8 other hygiene supplies for FISH. Cash/check donations also accepted. To read more about FISH, located in the Edge District, visit fishwilliamsburg.org.

QUEENS LAKE CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL CALENDAR 2023

Jan 20	Bingo / Trivia Night		
Feb 18	Ping Pong Party (Recreation Committee)		
March 15	Pi Day / St Patty's Day		
March 18	Marina Sock Burning		
April 1	Children's Easter Egg Hunt		
April 19	Ladies' Night		
April 22	Earth Day Bird Talk & Plant Exchange (CH & Comm. Committees)		
May 5	Cinco de Mayo Party		
May 21	Spring Community Breakfast		
May 28	Marina Memorial Day Party		
June 3	Member Social (Membership Committee)		
June 23-25	QUEENS LAKE DAYS!!!		
August 4	Movie on the Green (Clubhouse & Membership Committees)		
August	Ladies Night (TBD)		
August	Pool Party (date TBD)		
September 3	Marina End of Summer Picnic		
September 16	Fall Community Breakfast		
September	Latisha's House Fundraiser (Community Affairs; date TBD)		
October 13	Game Night/Franken Pie		
October 28	Trunk or Treat		
November 4	Arts and Crafts Show		
November 11	Autumn Fest & BBQ Smokeoff		
ovember 24-Dec 8	Community Giving Tree		
December 9	Christmas Brunch		
December 16	Holiday Cookie Exchange		

Please note: this schedule is subject to change.

Beautification

Submitted by Adrianne McKinney, Director

Committee Members: Jean Lien, Cherrie Begley, Susan Sims, Roslynn Fernow, Matt Hogg, Libbey Oliver, Kathy Maxfield, Judy McCormack, Mat Hogg, Carolyn Campbell, Margaret Stuppy, Don Stuppy, Kym Hretz, Terry Walsh-Harding, Leah Duckworth

Queens Lake in the Spring is awe inspiring. Please take time to look around your yard and think about what is blooming and what you might want to add or change. Also, consider curb appeal. I remember when busses drove down East and West Queens Drive to view the beautiful blooming Dogwood trees and other flowering plants and shrubs. If you are not a member, consider becoming involved and join the Association to help Queens Lake become even more lovely. Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions or concerns.

To assist you in assessing your yard, the Beautification committee has many experienced Queens Lake gardeners. So if you have a question about what to grow, or remove from your yard, please contact the club house and one of us will be happy to help you. "Call before you Cut".

Thank you to everyone who attended the excellent Pruning Clinic on March 11.

James City County Master Gardener, Frank Caruso and his team of pruning experts gave an informative presentation.

On March 16 the Committee and community volunteers gathered at the Clubhouse to prune, rake, plant and do general clean up in all the common areas. This occurs annually.



As part of the April 22 Queen Lake Earth Day event, our committee will host a Garden Tour of three gardens that will demonstrate what grows well in our beautiful Queens Lake neighborhood. Please come and enjoy. Beautification committee members will be at each location to answer any questions.

The committee will include gardening tips in each newsletter. This month we are highlighting ivy. Please remove ivy from your yard, it is invasive and potentially dangerous to trees. There are better options for groundcover in both shady and sunny areas.

Finally, A big thank you to Jean Lien for taking the time to get advice on the trees in the club house area. Also, thanks to Terry and John Harding for keeping things tidy around the clubhouse, and to Don Stuppy, who improves our view with his careful hedge trimming. Many hands make light work.



Bird Talk & Plant Exchange

10 am to noon Queens Lake Playground

if rain: Clubhouse





View 3 Queens Lake Gardens

1 to 4 pm

106 Maid Marion Place

149 W. Queens Drive

122 Horseshoe Drive





Upcoming Events

Pool Committee Meeting April 18

Pool Clean-up day #1 April 15

Pool Opening Weekend! May 27
Memorial Day Weekend

2023 Pool Application



Lifeguard Supervisors & Contact John Walters: @ johnwalters23185@gmail.com Lifeguard Supervisors & Contact John Walters: @ johnwalters23185@gmail.com

NOTES FROM THE **EAGLES NEST**



QUEENS LAKE SWIM TEAM SUMMER 2023

PRACTICE GROUP DESCRIPTIONS NOTE: COACH SANDI WILL IDENTIFY A PRACTICE GROUP FOR EACH SWIMMER.

HATCHLINGS: Ages 4 - 8; Swimmers learn how to safely be in the water.

NOTE: Changes are underway to further enhance swimmer's experiences at this level. Details coming before the season starts.

FLEDGLINGS: Ages 4 - 8; Entry Level-Swimmers able to swim one length of the pool with a kickboard. The coaches will determine readiness for swim meets. Advanced Level- Swimmers able to comfortably swim one length of the pool on their front (25 meters) and kick the entire length of the pool comfortably on their back with a board.

EAGLETS: Ages 9 - 12; Swimmers able to comfortably swim one length of the pool on their front and back. It is expected swimmers will have the strength, endurance, and maturity to swim repeated lengths for an entire practice session.

EAGLES: Ages 13 - 18; Swimmers able to comfortably swim two lengths of the pool on their front and back without stopping; have rudimentary knowledge of two strokes; possess the strength, endurance and maturity to swim repeated lengths for an hour and 10 minute. practice session.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents are expected to volunteer throughout the season, at swim meets and for team activities and events

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QL Eagles 2023 Swim Team Schedule Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

SWIM TEAM SIGN UP DAY & NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH 10AM-2PM

Stop by the pool between 10am and 2pm to sign up for swim team. Meet and get to know neighbors!

PRACTICE TIMES

AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE STARTS TUESDAY, MAY 30TH

Eagles: 4pm-5pm Eaglets: 5pm-6pm Fledglings: 6pm-6:45pm

NOTE: Head Coach Sandi and her coaching team will evaluate each swimmer and will confirm the practice group for each swimmer. Evaluations will be available for any swimmer that joins the swim team at a later date.

MORNING PRACTICE STARTS MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

Eaglets: 8am-8:55am Fledglings: 9am-9:45am Eagles: 9:50am-11am

Hatchlings:TBD following changes

SWIM TEAM SEASON SCHEDULE

Swim meets are Monday evenings at 6pm

- 5/6 Swim team sign up day & new parent orientation
- 5/30 First day of after school swim practice
- · 6/12 First day of morning swim practice
- 6/16 HOME Friendship Swim Meet vs. Kingspoint
- 6/19 AWAY Swim Meet vs. Kingsmill
- 6/26 HOME Swim Meet vs. Kingswood
- 7/3 AWAY Swim Meet vs. First Colony
- 7/10 HOME Swim Meet vs. Greensprings
- 7/14 Swim-A-Thon
- 7/17 AWAY Swim Meet vs. Fords Colony
- 7/22 Summer Awards meet
- 7/28 Champs Pasta lunch
- · 7/29 Champs meet
- 7/30 End of Season Banquet/Celebration

Other special activities & events:

Terrific Tuesday - every Tuesday, fun team bonding/building activity Food Friday - every Friday starting the 1st week of morning practice Team picture - typically 1st or 2nd home meet

Senior Night - last home meet Parent Relay - last home meet

SWIM TEAM COORDINATING CREW

Mark Downey - 757-570-2360 or mcdowneydoc@gmail.com Felicia Brown-Anderson - 757-254-8422 or fxbrow72@gmail.com

Stephanie Cleary - 541-231-5421 or grizgirl@msn.com Sponsorships, Team Suit, and Swim Outlet Team Store

NOTE: The swim team crews will continue during the 2023 season.

Special Committee Update

Submitted by Jack Dooley

Committee members: Jack Dooley, Chair; Rich McCluney, Lake; Sean Askew, Finance, Patty Bartneck, Community Affairs; Doug Ellis, Board

The Stormwater Committee met on March 14th with York County officials and consulting engineers to tour drainage areas around Princess Pond and Queens Lake.

Attendees included the Director of Stormwater Management, Joe Brogan, and both County and environmental consultant engineers, QLCA Stormwater Committee members Jack Dooley (Chair), Richard McCluney, and Doug Ellis.

The tour was led by our Lake representative, Rich McCluney, focusing mainly on the Princess Pond basin, and also the headwaters of Queens Lake. The goal was to highlight the two most critical drainages to be addressed Princess Pond and Queens Lake.



County staff and consultants gained a better understanding of the erosion and siltation impacts, as we took them to some ravines that they had not seen before. They left with a much better understanding of our situation.

Mr. Brogan projected a schedule commencing with approval of a conceptual design, followed by detailed design beginning this July (FY23). and expected that the design and required USACE (Army Corps of Engineers) and other permits to take approximately 18 months, with construction beginning immediately afterwards. The entire project will be done in phases per the County's Community Improvement Project (CIP) schedule.

The committee will continue to interact with York County per the Memorandum of Understanding and defining the scope of work, temporary or maintenance easements, and overall construction coordination.

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March: Jerry & Roxanne O'Regan

April: Todd Bruner & Dwight Lewis

May: Mark Howell

Margaret Stuppy - Picker-Upper-In-Chief

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2023 SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Instructor: Cindy Timberlake
American Red Cross instructor
WSI, lifeguarding, CPR, first aid

Session I - June 19 - June 30

Lessons – Monday -Thursday Makeup Days – June 23 and June 30

LEVEL 1/2 RED CROSS

8:45 - 9:30 - 4 swimmers (group) 9:30 - 10:15 - 4 swimmers (group)

10:15 – 11:00 – 4 swimmers (group)

Assessment on first day to place swimmer in appropriate group

Session II - July 3 - July 14

Lessons – Monday -Thursday Makeup Days – July 7 and July 14

LEVEL 1/2 RED CROSS

8:45 – 9:30 – 4 swimmers (group)

9:30 – 10:15 – 4 swimmers (group)

10:15 – 11:00 – 4 swimmers (group)

Assessment on first day to place swimmer in appropriate group

Session III - July 17 - July 28

Lessons - Monday -Thursday Makeup Days - July 21 and July 28

LEVEL 1/2 RED CROSS

8:45 – 9:30 – 4 swimmers (group)

9:30 – 10:15 – 4 swimmers (group)

10:15 – 11:00 – 4 swimmers (group)

Assessment on first day to place swimmer in appropriate group



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Questions? : Visit https://www.queenslake.net/pool or email cnbroun@gmail.com



Marina

Submitted by Monty Fleck, Director

Committee Members: Dockmaster: Chris Kolloff, Luther Blair, Van Dobson, Jack Dooley, Bryan Edmonds, Chris Hager, Chris Kolloff, Craig Marcuson, Bringier McConnell, Robert Reining, Sam Rempfer, Mike Turkovich, John Hilburger, Kate Helwig-Hobert.

The goal of Marina Committee is to bring marina patrons and all Association members, a safe, clean, welcoming marina that can be enjoyed with family and friends!

- 1. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Held the 4th Monday of every month in the clubhouse.
- 2. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Please view the Marina page on QLCA's website for up-to-date information including forms, rules and FAQ'S. The link is: https://queenslake.net/marina You can also find the marina on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/QUEENSLAKEMARINA
- 3. **FINANCIALS:** The Marina's cash on hand as of Feb 2023 was \$29,950.63 and Capital Reserves of \$482,720.14
- 4. **SLIP RENTALS:** Annual slip renewals were sent out by the Committee in December. As of January 15th, we were at 95% occupancy with 60 of 63 slips are rented. There will be a slip fee increase of 10% this year. This will help maintain existing docks and ensure the marina is available for years to come. Annual slip fees vary according to slip and boat size. Slips can now be paid by cash, check, credit or ACH bank draft. A list of available slips, with rates is posted at the marina gazebo and on the website.
- 5. **SELF PROPELLED ACCESS:** All QLCA members in good standing enjoy FREE use of the Marina for "self propelled" water craft (aka canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards/SUPs). Registration is required. Forms can be found on line and at the gazebo. Patrons will be issued a parking pass and boat sticker.
- 6. **SANITARY PUMP OUT:** The system has been re-plumbed and re-powered and is now fully operational.
- 7. **FUEL:** Fully operational with ValvTech Marine Fuel. Current price is \$3.99 per gallon. The Marina is now using a "Square" card reader to process credit card sales (no longer using the DOCKWA application). Fuel sales are by appointment; 24-hour notice is requested. Contact Dockmaster Chris Kolloff @ 757-642-7019 or cbkolloff@gmail.com.
- 8. MASTER PLANNING: A multiyear "master plan", to guide the Marina Committee forward in a concise manner, was completed. The consultant, Bay Designs, has evaluated our site for both boating and non-boating uses (bulk head replacement, floating piers, boat lifts, walkways, viewing & picnicking areas etc.). We look forward to moving forward with renovations and restorations this year. Contact Monty Fleck @757-344-1337 if you have any questions, concerns or ideas that you'd like to be considered.

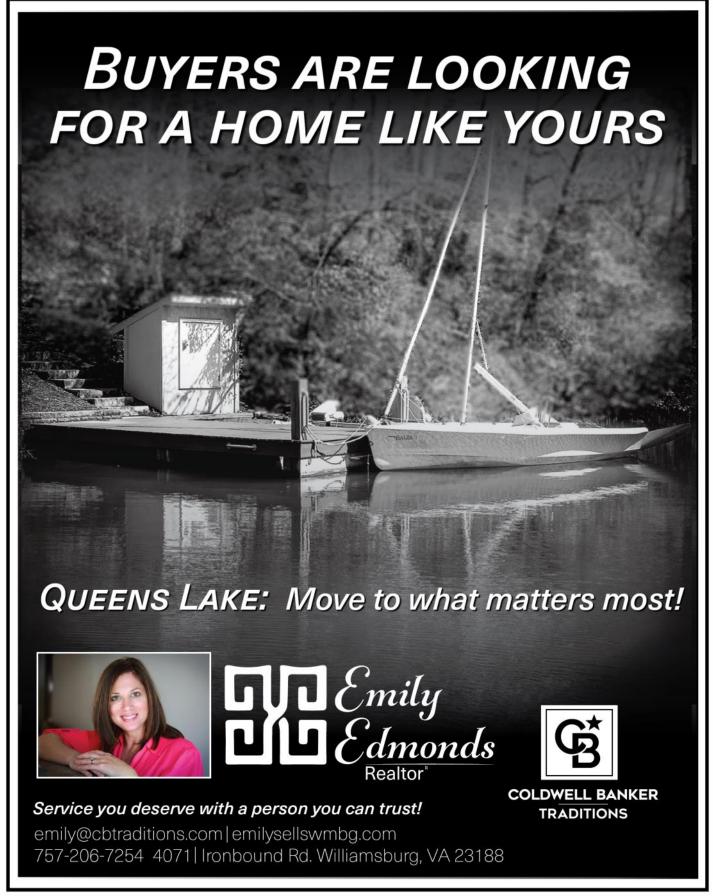


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Starters

Soup of the Day	10
Joyce Farms Chicken Lollipops	14
Wood Grilled Cajun Prawns	15
Chicken Satay with Teriyaki Glaze	12

Salads

Rocket Arugula with Shaved Parmesan, Apples, Spiced Pecar Blackberries, Maytag Blue Cheese, Honey Lin Ginger Vinaigrette	
Babé Farms Caesar Salad	11
Cochon Salad Babe Farms Mixed Greens, Roasted Corn, Maytag Blue, Bacon, Tomatoes and Basil Vina	11 aigrette
Add off the Grill to any Salad:	
Wood Grilled Prawns	+ 11
+ Scottish Salmon	+ 8
+ Seven Hills Beef	+ 10
All Natural Chicken	+ 8

All Sandwiches come with choice of Salad

Seven Hills Burger with Smoked Bacon, Sharp Cheddar	18
Cochon BLT, with Salmon, Smoked Bacon	15
Chicken Sandwich with Wood Grilled All Natural Chicken, Gruyere Cheese and Smoked Bacon	14
QL Pannini with three cheeses, Smoked Bacon, Black Garlic Aioli, Arugula	14
Moody's Slow Smoked BBQ	14



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Gardening Tips

English Ivy - Invasive Thug!

English ivy is an aggressive invader that threatens our trees by climbing tree trunks to envelop branches. It will block sunlight from reaching the host tree's foliage, thereby limiting photosynthesis and causing decay by holding moisture and fungus. An infested tree will weaken and decline for several years before it dies. The added weight of vines also makes trees susceptible to blowing over during storms. Vinca and pachysandra can also become invasive plants when allowed to take over woods.

Prevention and Control

Do not plant English ivy or any of its cultivars! It is on the Virginia invasive plant list. Individual vines can be pulled by hand when soil is moist. Gathered vines must be bagged and disposed of in trash cans, not into woods or a

compost pile. Vines climbing up trees can be cut a few feet from the ground. If the roots cannot be ripped out, leave a space of 6" between stems and roots, then apply a systemic herbicide to the lower cut portions. Do not pull the vines from the trees as you may damage limbs or fall on you. Lucile Kossodo, a QL gardener, battled her ivy and won. She says "the vine eventually died and fell off the tree." Spotting ivy is easy if you look up before trees leaf out. For details on ivy removal view https://youtu.be/rCuOKEIWNro

Good Plants to Hold Banks

Sedges such as Carex pensylvania, a native sedge, are good choices to prevent erosion since many can grow in sun or shade and are deer resistant. Ferns and hellebores are also popular ground covers.





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