

QLCA NEWS

The official newsletter of Queens Lake Community Association

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August/September 2023

Queens Lake is called home to a variety of homeowners - commuters, active duty personnel, college professors, retirees and many others. Some residents were assigned here, many have resided here for twenty years or more, still others have grown up here, moved away for school or career, and returned to raise their own families. Reasons include location, amenities and facilities, or reputation.

A lot has changed since the neighborhood was chartered over seventy years ago. The original residents ranked a pool and clubhouse as top amenities, but also a horse stable and boathouse were considered. Tennis courts were later added along with a marina. Since those early days, a variety of controversial issues have surfaced, including proposals to develop high-density housing nearby and a golf course adjacent to New Quarter Park (both unsuccessful), construct sound-walls along the I-64 corridor and tap into a county sewer system (both successful). More recent conversations include improving the lake and earthen dam, upgrading the pool and clubhouse, and restoring the racquet courts.

Earlier this year a special Strategic Planning Committee was tasked to solicit input to offer a vision on the future of Queens Lake. Some early suggestions include a community vegetable garden and butterfly garden, dog-walk area, pickleball courts, new canoe/kayak launch, and a digital online payment system. The committee is still seeking input from both members and future (non) members via email, online qlcavision@queenslake.net and in-person, with the results to be compiled and presented at our annual meeting in November. This is your chance to offer some feedback. I hope you will take an opportunity to lend your voice to help shape a vision for our very exceptional community.

Doug Ellis

President

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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, 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

August 8 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 August 14 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 August 15 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 August 16 - Ladies Night - 7pm - Clubhouse
 August 24 - Pool Meeting - 7:30pm - Clubhouse
 August 26 - Adult Pool Party - 7pm - Pool
 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 16 - Community Breakfast - Clubhouse
 September 19 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 September 25 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 September 28 - Pool Meeting - 8pm - Clubhouse
 October 1 - New Member Social - 3pm - Clubhouse
 October 9 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 October 10 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 October 13 - Game Night - Clubhouse
 October 17 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 October 23 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 October 26 - Pool Meeting - 8pm - Clubhouse
 October 28 - Trunk or Treat - 6pm - Field
 November 4 - Arts & Crafts - 9am - Clubhouse
 November 11 - Autumn Fest - 11am - Clubhouse
 November 13 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 November 14 - Annual Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 November 21 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 November 27 - Marina Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 December 9 - Christmas Brunch - 9am - Clubhouse
 December 11 - Clubhouse Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 December 12 - Board Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse
 December 16 - Christmas Caroling/Cookie - 6pm
 December 19 - Recreation Meeting - 7pm - Clubhouse

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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)

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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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2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES

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. Contact the QLCA Office at 229-0973/
qlca@widomaker.com

Thank You

ADOPT A HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS **For Cleaning Lakeshead Drive**

August:

John and Lourdes Farly

September:

Sally Hewitt and Bob Reining

October:

Doug King

Margaret Stuppy - Picker-Upper-In-Chief

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AND SLOW DOWN

Please contact Maggie Stuppy at 757-561 - 9395 if you and family or a friend are able to donate 2 to 3 hours a year to help in this endeavor.



June Lakeshead Clean Up volunteers Mark and Joe Downey

Membership

Submitted by Melanie Houle, Director

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

Once again the annual Queens Lake membership social was a big success! It was a little windy, but the good food and festive atmosphere won out. The social was a wonderful way to kick-off our summer social calendar. Many thanks to Suzanne Maggio and Julie Dooley for chairing the event. June is always a busy month with Queens Lake Day following later in the month. The membership committee greeted everyone as they checked in for the day's activities. We were happy to see both long time Queens Lake residents as well as new neighbors.

The housing market in Queens Lake is still very hot. Homes do not stay on the market for long! The membership committee visits all new neighbors, both members and nonmembers. So far this year, we have had 15 homes sell in the neighborhood with 7 deeded transfers. We also had three new deeded members and two new traditional members join the association. QLCA thanks you all for your continued support.

Lake

Submitted by Bruce Keener, Director

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

Virginia Resources Division conducted a lake wide fish survey in June. We expect to receive the full written report with data points in the month of July. Once received, the fish survey will be posted on the QLCA website so residents can compare to the 2016 fish survey.

A reminder that Queens Lake is posted as a catch and release private recreational lake. However, any caught grass carp or American eel should not be put back into the lake.

Important dates to remember:

- **July 31, 2024:** York County Wetlands Board permit expires
- **November 30, 2024:** DCR Alteration permit expires (submitted 04/26/2021)
- **April 30, 2025:** Second two-year conditional operation & maintenance certificate expires
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Marina

Submitted by Monty Fleck, Director

Committee Members: Dockmaster : Chris Kolloff, Luther Blair, Van Dobson, Jack Dooley, Bryan Edmonds, Chris Hager, 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!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held the 4th Monday of every month, 7PM in the clubhouse.

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>

FINANCIALS: The Marina's cash on hand as of end of June 2023 was \$35k and Capital Reserves of approximately \$468k

SLIP RENTALS: Annual slip renewals were sent out by the Committee in December. As of the end of June, we were at 87% occupancy with 55 of 63 slips rented. The Capital Reserves will help maintain existing docks and ensure the marina is available to enjoy 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.

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 at the marina's website. Patrons will be issued a parking pass and boat sticker.

FUEL: Fully operational with ValvTech Marine Fuel. Current price is \$3.99 per gallon but adjusts monthly. Fuel sales are by appointment; 24-hour notice is requested. Contact Dockmaster Chris Kolloff @ 757-642-7019 or cbkolloff@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Marina's End of Summer Party Sept 3rd from 2 – 6 PM. Mark your calendars for this one! Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Sodas, Popsicles for the kids.



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Communication

Submitted by Bob Gaschen, Director

Committee Members: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Jean Lien, Jennifer Shima, Kym Hretz, Derrec Bramble. Social Liaisons-Julie Dooley, Suzanne Maggio

For the past few months, the communications committee has provided website support for QLCA events including Queen's Lake Day and Swim Team's Swim-a-thon. A gallery of Queens Lake Day images is available on the websites QL Day page.

QLCA Website statistics

May 2023

1,980 (Unique visitors)
28,679 (Hits)
591.87 GB (Bandwidth)

June 2023

2,018 (Unique visitors)
58,878 (Hits)
533.52 GB (Bandwidth)



QUEENS LAKE CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL CALENDAR 2023

August 4	Movie in the Clubhouse (Clubhouse & Membership Committees)
August 16	Ladies Night
August 26	Adult Pool Party (Pool & Clubhouse Committees)
September 16	Fall Community Breakfast & Latisha's House Fundraiser (Community Affairs & Clubhouse Committees)
October 13	Game Night/Franken Pie
October 28	Trunk or Treat
November 4	Arts and Crafts Show
November 11	Autumn Fest & BBQ Smokeoff
November 24-Dec 8	Community Giving Tree
December 9	Christmas Brunch
December 16	Holiday Cookie Exchange

Please note: this schedule is subject to change.

Clubhouse

Submitted By : Julie Dooley and Chuck Hretz, Director

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

The clubhouse took a hiatus during June and July in order to focus on QLD and recovery from that intense party. As we hit August, we have plans for 11 or so events to take us through the year's end. Please be on the lookout in your email, on Facebook and on the Lakeshead corner board.

The events that are currently on the horizon: Movies at the Clubhouse on August 4 (collaborative with the Membership committee), Ladies Night on August 16, an adult pool party on August 26 (collaborative with Pool committee), and a Community Breakfast/fundraiser for Latisha's House on September 16. Bringing Community Together one event at a time.

BUSINESS:

The Clubhouse is having a banner year and has been used at a near 70% usage rate. There have been several upgrades and deferred maintenance that have already been completed. There are several more things in the works. We are focused on ensuring this facility is in stellar shape while looking great for our members to enjoy.

I love QL. I know you do, too. Join us at any or all of the upcoming events!

P.S. Clubhouse meetings are scheduled for August 14 and September 11. Please consider joining us at the clubhouse @ 6:30 PM to have input and make this clubhouse awesome.

Beautification

Submitted by Adrienne McKinney, Director

Committee Members: Jean Lien, Cherrie Begley, Libbey Oliver, Kathy Maxfield, Judy McCormack, Terry and John Harding, Sally Hewitt, Roz Fernow, Matt Hogg, Susan Sims, Rebecca Cho, Don and Maggie Stuppy

Thank you to Lourdes Farley for the festive July 4 decorations on the Lakeshead sign! Also, to Kathy Maxfield, John and Terry Harding for pruning and cleaning the area around the Magnolia tree. Also, Cherrie Begley for watering and pruning around the Clubhouse.

At the Little John triangle: The Comer brothers, James, John and Caleb assisted Jean Lien and Libbey Oliver with spreading pine straw at the Triangle. Robert Cruz picked up and delivered the bales of pine straw. Note: the masks were worn as protection against spores and dust in the pine straw. It looks fantastic, thanks to everyone involved.

And speaking of volunteers, this fall the committee is looking for a volunteer group who might need community service hours to clear out some debris behind the tennis courts, including the growth under the crepe myrtle trees. Please contact me if you know a group that might be interested in volunteering.

Finally, we are working with Maintenance and the Lake Committees to improve the looks of some common areas around our lovely community.

Enjoy the summer and our beautiful 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 Summer, QL Friends!

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer months! Although many of you have already heard the good news, I am happy to report that the Colonial Parkway is undergoing a major rehabilitation. The park received \$123 million in funding for repairs and maintenance of the parkway. The project will include rehabilitating the pavement, shoulders, and the Williamsburg Tunnel, repairing 11 bridges and improving drainage and climate resilience. The work is set to begin in August and will continue over a three-year period. The goal is to be finished with the project by June 2026 in time for the 250th commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For more information, please visit: <https://www.pns.gov/colo/planyourvisit/colo-parkway-rehab.htm> or email COLO_Parkway_Rehab@nps.gov.

Dominion Power seems to be moving forward with the underground project. Moving power lines underground will benefit QL by making outages in area shorter and less frequent. According to the Dominion website, the construction is in "development on Cospe". If you have been notified of the project starting on your street, you can check the status of the project online at DominionEnergy.com/Underground. Please let Community Affairs know if you become aware of any scheduled outages as sometimes these outages will affect other streets.

A friendly reminder, when parking recreational vehicles and personal vehicles to be mindful of service vehicles, i.e., mailman, delivery drivers. Also, school is out so watching your speed is a must! Neighbors have reported incidences of speeding on East and West Queens Drive.

Save the date of Saturday, September 16, 2023, for the third annual support for Latisha's House. Latisha's House is a non-profit that provides a long-term safe house for adult female victims of human trafficking and provides support to help restore their lives. Donations of toiletries, non-perishable and cleaning supplies will be accepted at the QL breakfast and at the curb to the clubhouse.

Make sure you check out the New Quarter Park event calendar at yorkcounty.gov. The park is open from 8:00 am until dusk from April 1 through October 29. There are many events for all ages so check the calendar out at the beginning of the month and make your plans!

The Widow/Widower support Group meets monthly. Please call Sheila Myers at 757-220-0965 for more information if you are interested in becoming part of this group. You must be a member in good standing. If you enjoy and have a passion for events that affect our community, please consider joining the Community Affairs Committee. Your voice could make a difference! Please reach out to Patty Bartneck at pattybvatech@gmail.com

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Swim Team

The 2023 Queens Lake Eagles had another full season this summer! We welcomed many new families and young swimmers this year, overall 141 swimmers!



We are happy to say that this was HEAD COACH SANDI WILLARD'S 20th summer leading the Eagles and her crew of coaches: Head Assistant Coach Christy Hutto, Assistant Coaches Chloe Anderson and Brandon Van Dyke and Junior Coaches Chloe Check and Maddie Hubbard!



Congratulations to our graduating seniors, Elijah Fields and Chloe Check! We wish you the best of luck!



Swim-a-thon was a success again this year! Thanks to the official Swim-a-thon sponsor, Colonial Gym, for supporting this important swim team fundraiser!

A BIG THANKS to all of the volunteers and our team sponsors who supported the swim team this season! This was our second year of creating Swim Team Crews so that parents can become more involved with the events and behind the scenes swim team tasks. Many parents returned to the same Swim Team Crew this year given how much they liked it last year! Crews will continue to be available for families next year!



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Pool

Submitted by John Walters, Director

Committee members: Robert Gaschen , Mark Downey, Ted Lynch, Lana Olson, Caroline Broun, Todd Bruner, Mya Fields, Felicia Anderson, Mary Louise Gerdes, Jonathon Croly

Facility Management

We need fresh faces in our Swim Team and Pool Management. Please consider lending a hand and being a part of the Management team and committee:

Swim Team

Meet Director
VPSU Rep
Meet Referees
Volunteer Coordinators
Official Coordinators

Pool

Lifeguard Management
Chemistry Management
Water/Elec/Mechanical Systems

Membership Status

We have recovered from the cold weather in May-June to get within a handful of budgeted Pool Members and Swim Team Members.

Maintenance/Projects

Offseason project planning is not really started yet, but we know we need to address a very large leak in the Family pool (3000 gal/day!).

Have you provided inputs to the Strategic Planning committee for any improvements you would like to have at the Pool?



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Queens Lake Day

Submitted by Chuck Hretz, Director

Well, that was one heckuva party! I love Queen's Lake!

The party planning for QLD doesn't happen overnight or with one person. Many, many folks come together to pull off a Queen's Lake celebration. Volunteers start in January, working weekly and then daily, to ensure there is fun available for anyone, young or old, to enjoy a weekend long celebration bringing our community together in such a big way.

From Doug Ellis suggesting our great theme, to Leslie Stacks great marketing, new members Rebecca and Kevin Hall running the cornhole tournament, to veterans like Linda Waldron running Field games, to all the other countless people working together to make this happen.

Fun Run (Maya Fields), Pool Games (Corey Miller family), Bingo (Stephanie Moser), Teen Parties (Bryan and Katie Cole), Fishing Tournament (Chris Hager), Scavenger Hunt and Gold coin game (Sarah Robison and Tom Houle), Dunk Tank (Kate Helwig), Parade (Julie Dooley), Barb Timko (Online signup), Taylor Lee (Face painting), and Chris and Tom Cooper (day to dinner decorating and transformation), this event had no shortage of great QLCA volunteer leaders.

There were many behind the scene teammates working with these leaders to execute each event during that wonderful day. There are too many to name here, but know you are not forgotten and are greatly appreciated.

Each of these people were critical to this day's success. I'd like to give a most special THANK YOU to Suzanne Maggio, my wife Kym and my Merryman. Suzanne and I talked daily for the last 3 months to run ideas by each other and to accentuate your QLD experience. My wife, for the patience of Job, as I discussed QLD for many many hours in the months prior to QLD. Suzanne and Kym are my voice of reason and took my pie in the sky ideas and broke them down so that they could come to fruition.

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The Last thank you goes up to my Merryman. These gentlemen are friends of mine from work and took on the task of providing food for brunch and dinner for all of us to enjoy. These men manned griddles, fryers, boils and nightly cleanup of the entire day. They started their day at 3:30 AM and finished at 9:30 PM. 18 hours of donated/uncompensated time, to support me in providing a dining experience that the entire community could enjoy. {And hopefully felt very Robinhood themed.} A special shout out to the QL teens that helped!

I could not have pulled this off without these 20+ leaders and the countless other volunteers. I thank you all, you each gave of yourselves for the good of the community.

I am honored to be in a community that can come together and enjoy an amazing event like QLD. We all are blessed to have such a unique neighborhood. Thank you all for celebrating QLD, Bringing Community Together.

QLD BUSINESS:

QLD budget delta (income-expenses) is \$3,000. At last count we were around \$3,200. That is a win that we were within 10%.

Also, we could not have done all of this without the sponsors of our QLD experience. Please look in this newsletter for our sponsors and make it a point to use their services and patronize their establishments.

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