

SUMMERLAKE BREEZE

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Good morning/afternoon/evening residents.

Greetings Summerlake. My name is Chris Miller. First off I'd like to thank Greg Womble for serving as our President the past few years. My husband and I have been part of this neighborhood for just over 11 years now and I am honored to be serving as our community's President. Over the years, Summerlake has seen many changes. We had been hit by the worst housing market crash since the great depression. We have endured through the pandemic, and we are currently in the biggest housing boom in our lifetimes. The last couple years have seen an unprecedented number of homes sold and new faces are all over the neighborhood. If you have not done so, please take the opportunity to get out and walk the neighborhood streets and introduce yourself to your neighbors. We are a great community. That greatness shows through our shared reliance and support of the HOA covenants.

The board of directors and I are working on some exciting improvements to our community. We as a board cannot make these improvements alone. We need community support. That support should focus on two major ideals, Stewardship and Engagement.

The Board must focus and maintain stewardship of the funds and areas of responsibility that you, our neighbors, put your trust into. We will maintain transparency in everything we do. That transparency includes the open invitation to all our friends and neighbors to attend the monthly board meetings. It also includes your ability to view all meeting minutes and our annual budget. However, the board members and the staff supporting us cannot be the only ones responsible for stewardship. We need the whole community to take responsibility for their properties and the public lands. We all own this neighborhood and it needs all of us to make it work.

The way we make it work is through engagement. We need homeowners to get involved. That involvement could be anything from picking up a piece of trash on the road to volunteering for community events. Some of the best ways we can all be engaged is to show up to the semiannual homeowners meeting, share ideas on neighborhood improvements with neighbors and the board, or just go out and put a friendly face on our community.

Summerlake is a great place to live. Let's get out there and show the rest of Newport News how great we are!

Sincerely,

Chris Miller, Summerlake HOA President

ANNUAL UPDATE

We are finally starting to function like we did pre-covid again!! We will be holding our SPRING HOMEOWNERS MEETING, TUESDAY APRIL 25TH, this will be in the clubhouse starting at 7pm. We have quite a few new homeowners who have not been able to attend so Im hoping these new faces come out. We had some position changes within the board, Chris Miller who is currently are longest standing member has become our president. John Harrington is the new vice-president, followed by Sharon Hardy. Corey Hardy and Greg Womble help wherever they are needed while overseeing the daily operations that comes with Summerlake board duties.

We are all happy to announce that several projects have been underway and completed. The pool pump room door was replaced, after finally finding a vendor who was able to tackle that job. The first section of the Boxley fence has been replaced and section 2 is currently being planned for with in the upcoming months. The tennis court is getting a mini facelift thanks to a homeowner suggestion. We are pleased to announce that one of the courts will now be dual use with the addition of

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IF UNABLE TO FULLY PAY BY JUNE
15TH

pickleball!. If anyone has a concern we encourage you to send an email to admin@summerlake-hoa.org so it can be addressed. We have slowly been transitioning away from standard newsletters so be sure and follow us on social media and our website. www.summerlake-hoa.org to keep in touch other activities we may with the latest.

THE POOL: we will continue using Clearwater Pool to manage. Along with using electronic pool passes, be sure and submit as pass form if you haven't done that in the previous year. Also if you have any additions to your household be sure and let me know so I can update your

account. Due to increased pool operating costs, the board has not ruled out changing to pool hours for the month of August. This months pool use seems to drop off considerably, private schools and college classes resume during this month. This has always been a challenging month for staffing so this may also help with this issue.

UPCOMING: We are planning on holding an EASTER EGG HUNT, SATURDAY APRIL 15TH. This will start at 11am for ages 0-6, children 7 and above may begin at 11:15 just be mindful when gathering to leave some for others.

Please remember to clean up after your pets and yourself. We have several users to our playground area who are leaving their trash on the ground, the giant green dumpster in front of the office can be used for this but is not for personal use. Recently there as been an increase in bulk items being tossed in our dumpster. This is unacceptable the HOA will get fined if the dumpster is overloaded and unable to have the lids closed. How do I know we have been fined in the past already. We have begun using the company Love Dogs Not Poo to regularly empty are pet waste stations. The was the best solution due to lack of volunteers and keep the areas cleaner and encourage picking up after your pooch.

It is that time of year again to wash the green and pollen off your homes. And please park your RVs and boats at the side of your home. Yes it's a public street, yes its your driveway and also yes it's not allowed per the bylaws. Those cars without dated tags need updated or the city will get notified of them. Remember the purpose of an HOA is to protect home values and keep the community looking its best. However, we can only enforce what is listed in our bylaws. These are available for review at any time on our website. We also post the board meeting minutes and are now posting the budget. As always, we can be reached fastest by email: admin@summerlake-hoa.org