

# **GPOA Update**

January 2018

**2018 Assessment Invoices** are enclosed with this update. Regular annual assessments are \$224 per year. The semi-annual assessment is \$112 and is due by January 31, 2018. Mill Quarter private street owners have an additional semi-annual assessment of \$30 for street maintenance. Please call the office at 757-547-9229 if you have any questions.

**The Open Forum meetings** are held at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of every month at the GPOA office. All residents are encouraged to attend to share their comments or concerns. Upcoming 2018 Open Forum/Board of Director meetings: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, Jun. 21, Jul. 19, Aug. 16, Sep. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20.

## **2017 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners**

<b>Ashley Woods</b>	<b>1219 Welles Court</b>
<b>Ashley Woods South</b>	<b>1110 Mill Lake Quarter</b>
<b>Bayberry Forest</b>	<b>1600 Waterside Drive North</b>
<b>Bayberry Place</b>	<b>1517 Bayberry Court North</b>
<b>Bayberry Woods</b>	<b>1321 Savory Crescent</b>
<b>Cypress Place</b>	<b>1334 Cypress Place</b>
<b>Logan's Mill</b>	<b>2223 Logan's Mill Trail</b>
<b>Mill Quarter</b>	<b>1248 Mill Stream Way</b>
<b>River Birch Run</b>	<b>1018 River Birch Court</b>
<b>Turtle Rock</b>	<b>1227 Cool Brook Trail</b>
<b>White Oak Crossing</b>	<b>901 Scarlet Oak Court North</b>
<b>Woodgate Commons</b>	<b>1700 Amberwood Common</b>

### **Crime Prevention Seminar - Senior Citizens and Persons with Physical Disabilities**

#### **Refuse To Be A Victim® – Presented by The Chesapeake Police Department**

Safety experts agree the most important step you can take to ensure your personal safety is to develop a safety plan *before* you need it. This seminar teaches easy-to-understand methods you can use to increase awareness and prevent criminal confrontation. In just two hours, you will get the tools you need to develop your own personal safety strategy, including information about: The psychology of the criminal mind, home and phone security, automobile and travel security, self-defense devices and training options and much more. The seminar will be held: **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. at the GPOA office.** Registration is required – space is limited! To register or for more information call Officer Dupree Foster, Crime Prevention Specialist at 382-6194 or email him at [dfoster@cityofchesapeake.net](mailto:dfoster@cityofchesapeake.net).

### **Rules and Regulations**

The following “Rules and Regulations for the members of the Greenbrier Property Owners Association” was adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors on October 19, 2017:

#### **Front Yards**

Yards need to be mowed, edged and weeded on a regular basis – usually once a week.

Front yards should have grass with no large bare areas. Evergreen shrubbery should be planted at the front foundation of the house. Mulch or other approved ground cover should surround the plants and be kept free of weeds and grass.

The curb and gutter at the street in front of your house should be kept clean and free of leaves and other debris so that water flows freely into the storm drains.

Furniture in the front of the house is limited to small decorative outdoor chairs or benches near the front door.

Grills, tools, bicycles, toys, coolers, and other items should be stored in the back yard when they are not being used.

Basketball goals cannot be used in the front of homes in the neighborhoods of Mill Quarter, River Birch Run and Woodgate Commons due to the close proximity of vehicles and homes.

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### **House Exteriors**

Trim work and other painted areas should be free from peeling and wood should be replaced if it begins to rot. The siding of the house should be cleaned periodically to prevent dirt or mildew stains. Windows and screens should be in good repair. No sheets, towels, blankets, newspapers, cardboard, etc. shall be used on windows. Gutters on the house should be periodically cleaned so they do not trap water and create an area for mosquitoes to breed.

**Changes to the outside of the house (new roof, fence, deck, paint colors, etc.) require prior approval from the ARC.**

### **Vehicles**

Vehicles should not be parked in the front, side or back yard. Vehicles should be operational and properly licensed according to city and state ordinances, unless they are stored in the garage or covered with a properly fitting cover designed for the vehicle. Only minor, incidental repairs to vehicles can be made on the lot.

### **R. V.'s**

Boats, open and closed trailers, campers, jet skis, R.V.'s, etc. are not allowed on the lot unless they are kept in a garage/shed.

### **Trash**

Trash cans, bags and bulk trash items should be stored out of view from the front of the house until 24 hours before trash collection. Containers should be removed from the curb and stored out of view within 24 hours after pick up. Trash should be stored in secured trash containers to keep rodents away. Trash should be placed out for collection in front of your house at the end of your driveway or curb of your property– not at the common grounds, at the corner, etc. Bulk trash items have specific guidelines and require a reservation in order to be picked up. The City of Chesapeake trash guidelines should be followed and are available at [cityofchesapeake.net](http://cityofchesapeake.net) or by calling 757-382-CITY (2489).

### **Political Signs**

Political signs of typical size, such as for sale signs, may be posted in yards. The signs should be removed within seven days after the election.

### **Fire Pits and Grilling**

Fire pits should be at least 10 feet away from any structure when being used. Grills should be at least 5 feet away from any structure when being used. Fire pits and grills should not be used under overhanging branches. A water source should be kept nearby. Fire pits should not be used on a wooden deck. Smoke that drifts toward a nearby house from your fire pit can create a nuisance to your neighbors and can be ordered to be extinguished by the Fire Department.

### **Pets**

City of Chesapeake ordinances apply: Pets are not allowed to run free throughout the neighborhood or common grounds. When walking your pet, keep it on a leash at all times. Animal droppings need to be picked up immediately and properly disposed of. Barking dogs can create a nuisance to the neighbors at any time of day and should be brought inside if they are barking continually. City of Chesapeake Animal Ordinances are available at [cityofchesapeake.net](http://cityofchesapeake.net).

### **Common Grounds**

All common ground areas, sidewalks, parks and lakes are for the exclusive use of GPOA residents and their guests only. Power scooters, mopeds and other motorized equipment is not allowed on the common grounds and sidewalks. Golf carts can be used only with permission from the GPOA Board of Directors. Vehicles are not to be driven in the common areas. Ball playing is allowed in wide open areas where it doesn't interfere with nearby homes. Only residents that are within the age range posted at each playground can use the play equipment. Items are not to be stored on the common grounds (trashcans, wood, toys, etc.). All parks open at dawn and close at dusk.

### **Lakes**

Swimming, diving, playing or wading in the lakes is strictly prohibited. Children should be closely supervised when playing near the water. No gasoline powered boats can be used on the lakes. Only canoes, kayaks, jon boats, row boats and similar vessels are allowed on the lake. The use of small electric trolling motors is allowed. A fishing license from the State of Va. is required when fishing from the lakes. Do not feed the wildlife (turtles, geese, ducks, etc.). It is strongly recommended that U. S. Coast Guard approved life preservers are worn during lake activities. Lakes close at sunset and open at sunrise.

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