

**CAROLINE OAKS NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2018**

**TREES**

We had 3 large dead trees removed from the Peter Roy Court area this summer and it is likely we will have 2 more removed in the William Kirk Lane area next year. Thanks to Len who consulted with Shenandoah Landscaping to provide 2 dogwoods and 1 maple tree for replacement in the near future.

Additionally, this month on the Peter Roy Ct side, there will be some trimming of tree limbs. Len will send out more information about the date and measures needed to access those limbs as they becomes available.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS AND REPAIRS**

Thank you to Jim for monitoring the community for architectural compliance. And we ALL appreciate when owners make the necessary improvements for safety or appearance to keep our community a desirable place to live. Your efforts are visible and appreciated by everyone.

**RATS**

There are have been several rat sightings reported over the summer. The Board is reviewing several pest company bids to consider rat control for our community.

Please remember rats are drawn to our area for food from trash, gardens, feeders and animal waste; and shelter in crowded and neglected yards and storage. Keeping their food sources secured and regularly cleaning out neglected exteriors will discourage their presence in Caroline Oaks and encourage them to seek food and shelter in other areas.

**LIGHTING**

Many thanks to Scott who worked tirelessly to assess, repair and monitor our community lighting. One of our light poles was beyond repair and replacement costs were substantial. Scott explored other options and recommended a solar light post. After careful review of several options, the Board decided to replace the nonfunctioning pole with a solar lamp post at a significantly lower cost and very little long term maintenance costs. Many thanks to Len who purchased and monitored the installation. The pole is located between 9448 and 9450 William Kirk Lane and working beautifully so far. Please feel free to check it out at your night time convenience. We will have to see how it fares during the darker winter months but so far is it working beautifully.

### FORMER CAROLINE OAKS TRAIL ALONG OLD KEENE MILL ROAD

The trail running parallel to Old Keene Mill Road which the Association has owned since inception has been successfully transferred to the County. The County has already made some improvements in the culvert area and considering repaving the trail this Fall. As many of our dog owners and walker are aware, this is a welcome action to repair the numerous dip and trip areas that have developed over time.

### COMMUNITY SOCIAL APP

The Nextdoor Apps a free closed computer/iphone application that let's residents in local communities communicate to each other privately about many items like carpenter recommendations, lost pets, need for babysitters or rides, community BBQs, etc. It is a \*closed\* app which means you need to register with your real name and address, but this protects you and the community from any persons not in the area. You would sign up under the nearby larger neighborhood of "Cherry Run". Now, thanks to Jennifer, there is now a subsection for us under "Caroline Oaks".

### BOARD ELECTIONS

This year we have 5 of the 7 seats open on the Board. This is an unusual circumstance which we plan to correct at this election. Each seat is a 3 year term. This year there will be 2 seats open for a 1 year term, and 3 seats open for a 3 year term . After this, the terms going forward will all be for 3 years. In this manner there will be 2-3 seats open each year for election. Our current members with expiring terms are Len, Jim, Dharm, Ellen and Jennifer. To date we have no other interested parties.

As a reminder, everyone who will not be at the meeting should cast their vote by mail proxy which will mailed to you this month. Otherwise you may cast your vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Per our bylaws, we need a critical number of votes to elect a person to the Board. **Every** vote counts, so please do return the proxy or plan to attend the meeting.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Caroline Oaks Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, November 8th from 8 pm - 10 pm at Pohick Library. Voting for the 5 open seats on the Board will take place at this time.

*Best wishes for a color-filled change of seasons*

