

**CAROLINE OAKS NEWSLETTER**  
**JULY 2020**

**SPEEDING AND SAFETY**

As everyone is most likely aware, children are out of school for the foreseeable future including next school year. They are often playing in our entry cul-de-sac, streets and sidewalks. As playing children, it is natural to be distracted and not alert to cars speeding as they enter and exit our community. One person in particular has been infrequently spotted at high speeds while children are present and ignoring requests to slow down. **It is EVERY driver's responsibility (and the law) to drive 15 mph, slow down or stop if there is a possible danger to any person especially children.** Owners, please also notify your renters (and their visitors) of this situation and request. Thank you.

If anyone notes abuses please jot down the vehicle's license plate or address and we can try to approach the concerned party in the hopes of preventing an injury or death. The Board has no power to issue legal warnings or tickets. For this, please notify the police (general non-emergent number 703-691-2131 or our Springfield station 703-644-7377) who can attempt to document someone at the time of a violation.

Regarding the children, parents thank you for monitoring and instructing your young ones to move out of the way. My personal experience is they have been very responsive and responsible.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Some of our residents would like to have an outdoor movie night. This would take place on Saturday August 8th about 9 pm (once it was dark) in the Peter Roy Ct area on a large area of common grass that backs up to Pohick Library. The movie would be child friendly. Everyone would be expected to contribute (~\$10-15 based on the # of ppl/families signing up) to rent a large screen. The current social distancing recommendations would be required, and you would bring your own chairs, blankets, etc. to enjoy the film. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Erin at [gargano.erin@gmail.com](mailto:gargano.erin@gmail.com).

**POSTAL BOXES**

A few postal boxes in the community have been replaced. Thank you to those residents who have been waiting patiently. These new units contain a larger community box in which the post-person can place small packages for your retrieval. If you see a key in your personal postal box, please use it to check the lower community box. Once you have obtained your package, return the key to your personal postal box so the post-person can

retrieve it for future use. For any additional questions, please contact Len ([gliattal@verizon.net](mailto:gliattal@verizon.net)).

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The annual Spring review of each townhome property has been postponed to July or August.

Please continue to send any external architectural changes (house, deck, fence, roof, shutters, front or garage doors, sheds, etc, including "the same as last time") to Pamela ([pamilacaparelli@me.com](mailto:pamilacaparelli@me.com)). She has been fielding many requests which appear to be definitely upgrading some units and our community appearance in general.

### LANDSCAPING

Please let Rich ([richbeck@cohoa@outlook.com](mailto:richbeck@cohoa@outlook.com)) know if you notice any community landscaping concerns (overgrown bushes, unsafe dead tree branches, etc) that need to be evaluated for the Fall trimming season.

### DOG WASTE

Thank you to those dog walkers who continue to clean up after their pet's waste and have their dog urinate off personal lawns and in the community common areas (islands, green spaces or grass between street and sidewalk).

### DUES REMINDER

Caroline Oaks HOA quarterly dues should be submitted no later than July 30th to avoid late fees.

### BOARD MEETING

The Board has suspended meetings at this time. For any particular concerns, please contact Vern ([vrsmith@verizon.net](mailto:vrsmith@verizon.net)) or Len ([gliattal@verizon.net](mailto:gliattal@verizon.net)) directly.

### ANNUAL BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections will take place as usual by either written or vocal ballot at the November Annual meeting. This year Vern and my terms are expiring in December. I personally do not plan to run again. In addition, we have one Board position open since Patrick stepped down earlier this year. Please consider if you would like to participate on the Board. The meetings were (pre-COVID) four times yearly at Pohick Library with interim emails among members as

concerns arose. You would run to be elected to the Board, then at the first meeting in January the Board members decide who might like to take which position for that year (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, landscaping, Architectural reviews and at-large members). Each term is 3 years and every year 1-3 persons terms expire. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of the Board members.