

Caroline Oaks Newsletter
16 September 2023

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Postman James' Retirement (submitted by Cathryn "Cat" Sethian):

Hi Neighbors,

As mentioned previously, here are some updates regarding our neighborhood gift/celebration for our mailman, James.

Banner/Contributions

- I will have the banner available for signing through the weekend. We plan to hang the banner by Monday. Please reach out to me if you would like to coordinate a time to sign it (cseth001@gmail.com or 703-439-0695).
- So far, we have raised over \$700 to contribute as a retirement gift!!! Thank you all so much!
- If you have not contributed yet, but would like to, I am accepting donations up until the day before James' last day (9/28). You can send money via cash/check (drop off at 9431 William Kirk Lane), venmo (@cat-sethian) or paypal (@catsethian or cseth001@gmail.com)
- I am going to write James a check of our final total and will be sure to share the final total with the neighborhood.

James' Last Day:

- Last day: 9/29
 - Mailbox decorations: I would like to decorate each mailbox in the neighborhood for James' last run. If you would like to volunteer to help decorate a mailbox(es)- there are 12 total, please let me know so we can coordinate! I have streamers/balloons we can use or feel free to use your own decor to make it unique.
 - Last day run: I am going to try to see if I can get James to determine approximately what time he will arrive so we can be outside to wave goodbye and give him our neighborhood contribution together (I have been missing him the last few weeks, so if anyone else gets a chance to ask, please do!). Typically, he arrives between 2-4pm, but I am hoping we can have him come on the later end so more people are home.
- Thank you for all your help!!

WhatsApp: Caroline Oaks Community has a WhatsApp group for community events and notifications. To join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HN070rd3qok7G2xnTsDmzh>

Upcoming Food Truck Visits:

- Wed, September 20: Soulific Seafood
- Wed, October 18: KBBQ Box (Korean fusion)

Architectural Control Reminder

Planned exterior changes to a home's appearance require submission of Appendix A (available on our website). Send completed form to Pam Caparelli ACC

Chairperson: pamilacaparelli@me.com

Exterior painting: requires Appendix A submission. The original McCormick Paint colors have evolved over time with changes to palette offerings and names. When submitting Appendix A please specify the manufacturer and desired color(s). This will help speed your request through ACC review and ensure we maintain a "colonial" look in the community.

For additional

information: <https://carolineoakshomeownersassociat.godaddysites.com/architectural-info>

Nominations for Board Membership

The Board is seeking candidate(s) for membership starting in 2024. If interested contact pamilacaparelli@me.com before 1 October. Candidates will be voted on at the November Annual Meeting.

Next Board Meeting and Annual Meeting

Pohick Library, Meeting Room 2, Thursday, 9 Nov, 7 PM, immediately followed by the Annual Meeting at 8 PM.

Reminders for Newcomers to the Community

--Vehicles should not block sidewalks nor be parked in fire lanes (curbs painted yellow). Park vehicles in your designated spots. For a garage townhome, the designated spots are the garage and driveway. For homes without garages: your two designated slots are marked curbside with the lot number.

--Trash containers and recycling bins may be placed curbside the evening before. Shortly after pickup, containers and bins are to be removed and stored out of sight until the next collection cycle.