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CHESAPEAKE

Spring Newsletter 2024

HOUSE COLOR CHANGES

The Chesapeake Board of Directors has worked with local resident and designer Linda Kirby to make some changes to the color palette in Chesapeake. Discussion and samples of the color selections were presented at the annual meeting in October. The number of colors has increased. Window, shutter, door, and trim colors will be part of the new repainting considerations. The new colors listed below are from the Sherwin Williams selections. They have a store west of the Walgreens on Pendleton Pike. You must submit an Improvement Request before painting.

Grays: SW7668 March Wind, SW6169 Sedate Gray, SW7016 Mindful Gray, SW7045 Intellectual Gray, SW9163 Tin Lizzie, SW7046 Anonymous, SW9171 Felted Wool, SW9160 Armadillo, SW2819 Downing Slate, SW7622 Homburg Gray. Whites: SW7008 Alabaster, SW9180 Aged White, SW7631 City Loft, SW6148 Wool Skein. Beiges: SW7511 Bungalow Beige, SW9174 Moth Wing, SW2820 Downing Earth. Others: SW9133 Jasper Stone, SW6207 Retreat, SW6222 Riverway, SW6123 Baguette, SW2803 Rookwood Terra Cotta. *save this list*

REPAIRS AND CONTRACTORS

Readers of the Nextdoor app are aware that many, many people in our area are in search of workers to plumb, paint, repair, fix electrical problems, or do almost any other service a homeowner could possibly need. Finding a knowledgeable and skilled contractor can be difficult. Some real horror stories tell of paying thousands of dollars to vendors who disappear.

Your Chesapeake board does not have contractors we recommend. Most long-time homeowners, however, have repeatedly used services to check heatpumps, do plumbing repairs, install lighting, and many other services. Keeping skilled people on a list of service providers is important. Broken pipes in the middle of the night or losing a heat pump in the cold requires an immediate response from someone who knows you.

A handyperson might be a good choice for small odd jobs. For major work like bath or kitchen remodels, windows and doors, new siding, or even small jobs that require a contractor to buy materials, be very reluctant to give them money before the work begins. Companies in business for many years won't necessarily be the cheapest, but they have been in business for a long time for a reason. Getting a price estimate has become almost as complicated as negotiating for a new car. Always check references including the BBB. It is probably better to buy the materials yourself and have them delivered to your home. Offer a third of the agreed upon payments when the work is half finished and the rest upon satisfactory completion. Don't become another victim of a smooth-talking crook. Get everything on a written contract. Ask family or neighbors for recommendations for the work you need done.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Once again Chesapeake will recognize a yard of the month during the summer to highlight some of our neat, attractive homes.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Chesapeake's annual garage sale is scheduled to be held June 8, the second Saturday of the month. Signs will be up. The following Saturday will be the rain date.

NEW HORIZONS BAND

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. The New Horizons Band will be appearing on Cobb Island Court in our very own version of Concert on the Court. Rain date—Sunday, September 15, 2024. All family and friends are welcome. Bring your chairs, water, and anything else that will make you comfortable. Free will offering will be available for you. (Cut out this item and stick it on the fridge.)

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

With warmer weather, painting and home improvement projects will begin. Along with this newsletter, you will find an Improvement Request form. Any painting or outdoor projects need board approval. Fill out and give the form to any board member or mail the form to our post office box. The board meets once per month, usually the second week. Please allow 30 days for the board to reply to your request. **COLOR SELECTIONS HAVE BEEN REVISED.** Board members have samples to lend. Sherwin Williams should have our list in the Pendleton Pike store.

Homeowners are obligated by the covenants to obtain approval from the Chesapeake Board of Directors **before** starting work or construction on:

- repainting a dwelling;
- constructing or replacing any exterior improvements including siding or gutters;
- erecting a fence, installing windows or doors, porch windows or screens, or replacing a deck;
- replacing a roof;
- adding outdoor lighting;
- removing any existing live trees.

The city of Lawrence tightly enforces permit ordinances. The fine for violation is high. Follow the covenants and permit regulations. Here is the link for a listing of building-type permits: <http://www.cityoflawrence.org/city-services/public-works/permits/>.

Lawrence also requires permits for alarms. They are available at the City of Lawrence Government Center, Suite 200: <http://www.cityoflawrence.org/life-in-lawrence/faq/>.

GEESE

The Chesapeake board will once again be using the Geese Police. If the geese have a nest on your property, please let us know. Once the goslings hatch, no amount of effort will force the geese to leave. **We appreciate that most neighbors understand that feeding the ducks and geese is not good for them, nor is it neighborly. The geese are noisy and leave a terrible mess wherever they feed. They will destroy a lawn in quick order. While you may enjoy**

watching them, please understand that others must put up with the terrible mess they make. Please be considerate of others. These geese are NOT native to Indiana. Without natural predators their population has grown beyond any reasonable number. They foul the ponds with their waste and its runoff when it rains. Yards near the ponds become unusable. Lawns can be eaten to the dirt. Sidewalks in some areas near the ponds are just disgusting.

Moles in a yard are the yard owner's responsibility. Muskrats are sometimes seen in the ponds. Several had to be removed last fall and this winter. They will burrow into the shoreline and eventually cause the shore and seawalls to collapse. They chew on the fountain electric cables. If you see a muskrat on your property or swimming in the ponds, please contact the board.

STREET DRAINS

Please continue to keep the street gutters and drains clean after yard work or storms. The drains carry runoff and debris into our ponds. Keeping organic matter out of the lakes is important. If you live on one of our ponds, do not allow any yard clippings, leaves, or branches to get into the water. We are diligently trying to contain the algae blooms. Any organic matter contributes to the problem. Keep your lake shore clean and free of weeds, plants, or other material. Water primrose is an increasing problem in Indiana. Both of our ponds are infected. We are having the primrose treated. Left alone, it would eventually cover the entire surface of the ponds. If you hire a lawn service, ask them to avoid getting grass cuttings into the water. Do not blow grass and leaves into the streets.

TREES AND PLANTS

Please prune plants and trees this spring season so that the sidewalks are clear of obstacles. Lawrence requires that tree limbs be 10 feet above the sidewalks and curbs. Smaller shrubs and flowers can become overgrown and should be pruned away from the walks. Please consider using native plants and avoiding invasives like pear, burning bushes, and barberry.

PET OWNERS

Lawrence requires a permit for pets. To register a pet, the owner must report to 9001 E. 59th Street, Suite 300, with the pet's vaccination record. Spayed/neutered pets are \$3; others, \$5. The fine for violation is steep. At this time, the application is not available on line. Keep your pets on a short leash and pick up their waste.

LIGHTING

Please be certain to keep your front post lights working at all times. LED bulbs will last a very long time, reducing the need to replace bulbs. Please use white bulbs only for post lights. Fixtures are available without bulbs, just an LED that provides a soft glow.

TRASH COLLECTION

Priority picks up trash on Mondays. Lawrence requires that the bins be put at the curb after 6:00 P.M. the evening before pickup day and removed by 6:00 P.M. on pickup day. Trash cans should be stored out of sight.

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT

Mailbox Solutions (317) 460-1010 (sales@mailboxsolution.com)

Please remember to reference the covenants and restrictions to ensure that the specifications of a new mailbox and/or mailbox post comply with outlined stipulations. The posts and metal boxes are available at all the big box stores. All Chesapeake posts and boxes should all be the same.

LAWRENCE NUMBERS

Mayor's Office	(317) 545-6191
Lawrence Police (non-emergency)	(317) 545-7575
City Clerk	(317) 542-4470
Lawrence Utilities	(317) 524-0511
Public Works	(317) 545-5566
Streets	(317) 545-8787
Priority Waste	(855) 927-8365 or (586) 228-1200
Permits	(317) 545-5566
Indianapolis Mayor's Action Line	(317) 327-4622

CHESAPEAKE COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND BYLAWS

The Covenants and Restrictions as well as the bylaws are now on the association website, chesapeakeatgeist.org. If you must have a paper copy, call Bill Jones at (317) 855-7623. Request forms are also available on the website.

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