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## **CHESAPEAKE**

### **Spring Newsletter 2026**

#### **SPRING WORK**

Spring has arrived, making lots of work for homeowners. Lawns are growing quickly and the dandelions are blooming. Chesapeake always has many beautiful lawns and lots of flowers. As noted in the covenants and as all of us as homeowners, the following list needs to be kept in mind:

- The driveways and sidewalks should be edged and free of weeds and grass.
- If your property has a street drain, please keep the grate clear of debris.
- Keep the curbs free of leaves and clippings. The street drains run trash and sticks into our ponds. If you are using a lawn service, please ask them to keep clippings out of the ponds.
- A reminder to some that garbage totes are to be kept out of sight. That's a Lawrence statute, too.
- Some mailboxes are looking neglected and in need of repair.
- If a tree is getting too big for a yard, be reminded that approval must be requested from the board before removal.
- We are requested to remove burning bushes and Bradford pears since they are considered invasive.
- Trees must be trimmed to within ten feet over the walks and the street. Bushes and plantings need to be trimmed to keep the sidewalks clear.
- Homes on the ponds are required to maintain seawalls and waterlines. Weeds and refuse should be removed. Be aware of erosion and collapse. Those repairs can be quite expensive. The Board will be addressing this issue with homeowners.

The HOA Board will be addressing the following areas this spring and summer: Many of the common ground plantings are needing attention or replacement. They are over thirty years old. We budget for common ground improvements and intend to keep improving the common grounds for your investment in the neighborhood. If you have a question or concern, please contact a board member. Your input is important and welcomed. We want everyone around to know Chesapeake is a great place to live.

#### **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.

#### **HOUSE COLORS**

Chesapeake has approved color choices. Sherwin Williams can provide color swatches. Board members have samples to lend. You must submit an Improvement Request before painting. Please remember that plain white is not approved. Approved colors currently on your home from past years can be used again.

**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

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Chesapeake's annual garage sale is scheduled to be held June 13, the second Saturday of the month. Signs will be up. The following Saturday will be the rain date.

## 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. Canada geese were imported here from the Hudson Bay area.** 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 over the past two years. 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.

## PET OWNERS

Lawrence requires a permit for pets. To register a pet, the owner must report to 9001 E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, with the pet's vaccination record. Spayed/neutered pets are \$3; others, \$5.

## LIGHTING

Please be certain to keep your front post lights working at all times. The light posts should be straight. Please use white bulbs only for post lights. LED bulbs will last a long time.

## 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. This issue affects your investment and property value. Some residents are ignoring this Lawrence statute.

## **MAILBOX REPLACEMENT**

Mailbox Solutions (317) 460-1010 ([sales@mailboxsolution.com](mailto: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 be the same.

## **UPDATING INFORMATION**

The Board would ask that when your directory information changes that you let us know. Sending a text or e-mail to a board member would be appreciated. Thanks!

## **LAWRENCE NUMBERS**

Numbers for various Lawrence government offices are in the new directories.

## **CHESAPEAKE COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND BYLAWS**

The Covenants and Restrictions as well as the bylaws are now on the association website, [chesapeakeatgeist.org](http://chesapeakeatgeist.org). If you must have a paper copy, call Bill Jones. Improvement Request forms are also available on the website.

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