**2024 Chesapeake Fall Newsletter**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held October 22, 7:00 P.M., at Flanner and Buchanan near ACE Hardware. We will discuss the budget and neighborhood issues. We have an opening on the board. Plan to attend the annual meeting for more information.

**ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS** are due on or before January 1, 2025. The cost for 2025 will be $450. Please plan to send your check so that it is received on or before January 1. A five percent late fee is attached for each month a payment is late. An assessment sheet and an envelope for your payment are enclosed in this packet. If you have questions, contact xxx at his number below.

**YARD OF THE MONTH**

The Yard of the Month winners for this summer went to Shawn and Cheri Mallory (June), Renate Wilks (July), and Jerry and Deborah Goodman (August). Congratulations! Chesapeake will also award a decorations prize for December.

**THE CONCERT ON THE COURT** was on a cool late-summer Sunday evening, September 8. Once again, the New Horizons Band treated neighbors and guests to an enjoyable concert on Cobb Island Court. The program varied from Sousa to Gershwin to The Four Seasons. This group, founded by the late Sam Rhinesmith, has been performing for many years. A free-will donation raised funds for the band. Our thanks to Marianne Rhinesmith and Elaine Metzler for making all the arrangements. We look forward to a fifth concert next year.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDELINES** require homeowners to obtain approval from the Chesapeake Board of Directors prior to starting work/construction:

* repainting a dwelling (Board members have color samples to lend.);
* constructing any exterior improvement to a dwelling;
* erecting or replacing a fence or deck;
* replacing a roof (all Chesapeake homes must have the same color roof—check the improvement form) or replacing siding or windows;
* replacing a driveway or walks;
* removing live trees.

Please remember the covenants state that the board has **30 days** to respond in writing to your request(s). Keep this in mind when applying for approval. Article V, Section 5.1 of the covenants outlines how to submit a request to the Board.

**MUSKRATS** havebeen once again been found burrowing into the shoreline and under the seawalls. The fountain in the east pond was removed because muskrats had chewed the electric cable, causing a short. The cables will have to be protected with a stainless-steel wrap. We removed seven muskrats this summer. If you see or suspect one, call a board member right away.

**GEESE** Please do not feed the geese. They are messy and aggressive. Each adult goose contributes up to two pounds a day of waste, which pollutes our lawns and ponds. If you know a pair is nesting around your home, please contact a board member.

**BOAT OWNERS** must keep craft out of the water and out of sight from November to March of each year.

**SNOW REMOVAL** is done by the City of Lawrence. The Chesapeake board does not contract snow removal. When snow is anticipated, please move cars off the street so the plows can clear the entire street in front of our homes. Sidewalks are the responsibility of each homeowner and should be cleared within a few hours of the end of the snowfall.

**SHOW YOUR COLORS** With somuch rich American history tied to “Chesapeake,” it would be great if we could all put up an American flag. A quality kit, including 3’ x 5’ flag, pole, and mounting hardware, is available on Amazon for under $30. How many can we display by our next national holiday?

**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

Republic Sanitation (317) 917-7300

Permits (317) 545-5566

Lawrence Animal Control (317) 549-4814

**Indianapolis Mayor’s Action Line** (317) 327-4622

**Muskrat Control** The Mole Mountie (Chris Hempill) (317) 443-1310

**Mailbox replacement**: Mailbox Solutions (317) 460-1010

Problems with geese or muskrats should be reported to any board member.

[www.chesapeakein.nextdoor.com](http://www.chesapeakein.nextdoor.com)

The “Lawrence Lift” which accompanies each month’s water/sewer/trash bill (Those over 65 get a lower rate on this bill.) contains useful information. Always look it over for reference.

**CHESAPEAKE COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND BYLAWS** TheCovenants and Restrictions as well as the bylaws are now on the association website, [www.chesapeakeatgeist.org](http://www.chesapeakeatgeist.org). If you must have a paper copy, call Bill Jones at 317.855.7623.

City of Lawrence ordinances are available on line. Find the city’s home page, and look for Municipal Code under *quick links* in the left margin.

 **Chesapeake Homeowners' Association**

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Our website, chesapeakeatgeist.org, is a good place to go for covenants, improvement forms, and neighborhood information.

Donations for the New Horizon Band may be sent care of Paiges Music, 8601 Sunlight Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46037.