



The Aquia Harbour Newsletter – March 2011 Edition
Official Communications from the AHPOA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The marina boat launch ramp will be closed until mid-March. For your safety, please do not attempt to use the ramp until it is open again. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**General Manager
Review**

(Chuck Halt) 659-3050

The marina work is winding down with the docks, launching ramp and fishing pier all in place. The contractor is cutting off the steel pilings to a uniform height and will be painting and capping them. The diesel fuel line is being installed and we are looking to rebuild the canoe launching ramp. Two additional canoe racks are being readied by one of our local Eagle Scout candidates as his Eagle Scout Project. They will be installed as soon as the contractor is out of the way. The building permit should be issued any day for the marina office and construction will start without delay. Due to ongoing work, primarily the trenching for the diesel fuel line, the launch ramp will be closed until approximately mid March. Repaving of the parking lot will be accomplished later in the summer. Currently we are looking at security options for the area. Anticipate different more residential type lighting as the new docks are well illuminated. At some point we will have to address reworking the launch ramp to reduce the slope and correct the drop off. The grand opening of the new marina will take place with the Blessing of the Fleet on May 1st.

The Business Office is now accepting leases for marina slips. Several choice slips are still available.

With pool season rapidly approaching we will be constructing a holding tank for back flushed water at the Harbour Inn Pool. It will be above ground and next to the pump house with matching brick. Work should not disrupt opening or operating the pool.

This past winter has been especially hard on our roads with the constant freeze thaw cycles. We anticipate significant paving. Exact locations will be determined in March. As soon as we firm up locations details will be widely advertised. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions during peak travel times. A new motor grader (actually a 2006 model with low hours) is being put into service for road shoulder work and more importantly for snow removal. Work on the Country Club bathroom floors is scheduled for March.

Numerous homeowners, me included, are having constant issues with a mold that loves to grow on roofs and the North side of homes. It really becomes unsightly. I have found several solutions. For roofs there are several approaches. A very effective one is to have a roofer install copper or zinc strips under the cap shingles on the ridge line. This could be a DIY project for those that are handy. There are also several liquids available on the internet that may be applied. I've used both approaches with success. For siding I've found a mild bleach solution and a pressure washer work well. Suggest testing the bleach on a small inconspicuous area first.

During the past snow storms the plow crews have encountered residents parking on the roadways and even blocking the coves. Please do not abandon your car on the roadway. It may be towed. The coves have been a real problem in the past. If they are blocked the plows will not come in if there's no room to safely maneuver.

It may seem early but big plans are underway for a 4th of July celebration. This is always an inexpensive family event. Also, mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting October 15th.

Aquia Harbour Police

(Chief Harman)



I have a couple things I could use your help on;

- ❖ I am routinely getting complaints about the people entering the Harbour from Rt. 610 in the right hand turn lane – then merging into the Harbour through lane, especially during evening rush hour. This is causing aggressive driving incidents and fender benders. If you find yourself unable to get into the proper lane on Rt. 610, the best thing to do is make a right turn on Rt. 1 and come in through the town center. It is illegal to change lanes in the middle of an intersection and once you hit that right turn lane you only have a short distance of broken line to make your merge into the through lane which is often already bumper to bumper. If you are in the turn lane - once you hit the solid line, your only legal option is to turn right. If it weren't causing so many problems I wouldn't ask, but it is. Since, as a rule, I prefer compliance to enforcement - let's give this a shot first. Thanks! If this doesn't do it... Plan B it is.
- ❖ Live in a Cove? Coves are wonderful... until it snows. The road crew has asked me to convey that they need the Coves completely cleared when the snow plows are in operation. The plows need to make a full circle to clear your Cove so there should be no tires touching black top. My officers and I spent a lot of time asking folks to move cars in the last storm and you were all very nice about it (thank you for not killing the messengers!) but if you could plan for this it would really help us and road crew tremendously. A lot of folks who have steep driveways park at the very end of the driveway just before the mailbox and that seems to work.
- ❖ I have received a few emails of late about who should be called when the police are needed. In an emergency... 911 - always. Not sure if it's an emergency? ...911. Almost an emergency? ...658-4400 (SSO non-emergency line). We are on the same radio system as Stafford Sheriff's Office (SSO) and they dispatch our calls to us so when you call SSO, they can get us to you in a flash. Additionally, SSO has the address locator, a taped line (which can be very valuable for court later on) and their dispatchers are trained in phone directed emergency medical care. If you have a routine matter, are more

comfortable keeping it in-house, or just want to speak with a Harbour Officer my phone is glued to my head 703-407-6106 or you can call the Gate 659-5224 – they ALSO serve as our dispatchers and can radio the duty officer to come to your home, or to have the duty officer call you or even meet you at the station – which ever you prefer.

❖ BRING ON SPRING!

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Website: aquiaharbourpolice.com
Community Blog: aquiaharbour.org
Gate: 540-659-5224

**Aquia Harbour
Golf Club**

(Terry G. Ryalls, Mgr.)

I was hoping I'd have information regarding the new annual and daily golf fees to include in this submission, but the BOD has not approved the fees for the upcoming season yet. As soon as we have approval on our rates we will see that they are posted on the Aquia Harbour website.



Our first tournament of the new season will be the Aquia Harbour Golf Association's Membership Drive Tournament on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The \$20 entry fee for this tournament covers your annual dues to the AHGA and Hole-in-One insurance. Annual Golf Membership fees are generally renewed at the same time. Current memberships expire on March 31, 2011 and new memberships begin April 1, 2011. Members who have not renewed their membership by 3-31-11 will be removed from the USGA GHIN Handicap System. The handicap fees were renewed effective 1/1/11 and we no longer are credited for members removed from the system after midnight on March 31st.

I look forward to the return of spring, and hope to see many more of you on the golf course.

**Dolphins Swim
Team**

(Rob Judd)

It's time to start thinking about another summer at the Country Club pool with your 2 time defending champion Aquia Dolphins summer swim team! Established in 1975, the Aquia Dolphins are a non profit summer swim organization which competes in the Battlefield Division of the Rappahannock Swim League. The Aquia Dolphins are dedicated to instilling outstanding sportsmanship and physical fitness through competitive aquatics. The season begins June 1st with weekday practices and continues with 7 meets finishing on August

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6th. The team is open to swimmers of any experience level ages 4-18. Registration information and downloadable packets are available at aquiaharbourdolphins.shutterly.com but will also be available at the Dolphins family registration nights on March 22nd, & April 5th from 6:30-8:00p in the lower level of the Country Club. Registration fees are \$125 for the 1st swimmer registered and \$120 for each successive swimmer. The fee includes a team swimsuit and cap. Also, it is required that all Dolphins swimmers are current on their Aquia Harbour pools family dues. If you have any questions please contact any of the Dolphins board members listed on the Dolphins website.

So pass the word! What better way to spend the summer season than at the pool with your Dolphins!



Aquia Host Lions

(Dottie Richardson)

Slave Songs Presentation at Lions Meeting

Jim Thomas presented an informative and thought-provoking program on slave songs for the Host Lions Club on February 3. Jim, a Lions member and resident of Aquia Harbour and Martha's Vineyard, is also founder and president of the United States Slave Song Project, (USSSP), a 501 C-3 organization. The organization is "solely dedicated to educating the public about authentic US Slave Songs."

These songs are not simply spirituals; slave songs are the original American folk songs. Nor are they purely religious; slave songs are communication. In 1619, the average age of a slave was seventeen years old. Imagine being told as teens that you could not talk to one another. Yet, that is what happened, when whole groups of people were owned and commanded by the owners.

The white owners allowed the slaves to listen to and be exposed to the white religions. The slaves then adapted the white church language in songs to become code for their own lives. Jim interspersed examples of such songs with his magnificent, classically-trained voice. Coded songs include *Swing Low*, *Sweet Chariot*, *Roll Jordan Roll*, and *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. Words with hidden meanings include water, river, Jordan, promised land, and angels. When they sang, "I looked over Jordan," they were looking over the ocean. Angels appear very often as in "angels for to carry me home," meaning that when they died they would be carried back home to Africa.

Later, as the underground railroad, the escape route to the north, developed, words took on new meanings. Angels became the conductors along the way to help them reach the promised land in the north. Slaves sang coded instructions to travel north to freedom as implied by the drinking gourd, the big dipper. The big dipper in the sky could assist in getting them north. "Wade in the water," told people to stay safely away from the bloodhounds by traveling in the streams and rivers.

Hard times did not end with the Civil War. Lincoln's endorsement of General Sherman's "Forty Acres and a Mule," promised a parcel of land to ex-slaves. However, the reconstruction process nullified this. Musical lines such as: "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen" illustrate the survival songs.

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Listening to the presentation was an exciting introduction to Slave Songs. For more information, start with www.us-slavesongs.org .

**Aquia
Evening Lions**

(Dottie Richardson)

Eleven Stafford County high school students performed on Saturday, February 5, at the Region V, Zone 2, Bland Music Scholarship Competition, hosted by the Aquia Evening, Aquia Harbour Host, and Greater Falls Run Lions Clubs, at Regester Chapel United Methodist Church in Stafford. First place winners, Sarah Belton, vocalist, and her brother, Zachary Belton, pianist, each received seventy-five dollar awards. Second place winners, Rebekah Kim, pianist, and Madeline Potter, vocalist, each received fifty-dollar prizes. Dorea Jones, Carl Ruck, and Jim Thomas judged the contest. Lion Sam Hess was Master of Ceremony.

Since 1948, the Bland Foundation has promoted annual music competitions for the musically-talented youth of Virginia. Progressive contests begin locally, and move through regional and district levels. The final event culminates at the annual Virginia Lions State Convention in May. The first place winners above will next perform at the Lions District 24-A, Region V level on March 12, once again, at Regester Chapel, in Stafford. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend to hear some exceptional performances. The Regester Chapel address is 85 Bell Hill Road.



Local Music Talent at Lions Bland Competition

Back Row: Danny Arslan, 15, Zachary Belton, 17, 1st place, instrumental, Patrick Oberlin, 18, Andrew Liang, 14, Thomas Eastman, 16, Vincent Eastman, 16

Front Row: Amy Wood, 15, Karen Me, 14, Sarah Belton, 14, 1st place, vocal, Rebekah Kim, 16, 2nd place, instrumental, and Madeline Potter, 15, 2nd place, vocal

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Women's Club

(Deb Johnson)



The February meeting of the Aquia Harbour Women's Club was held at Rejuvalase MedSpa on February 8. Missy Hadinger and Cecelia Burche were co-host. After a time of socializing and enjoying a wonderful spread the meeting was called to order by president, Dolena Sinclair.

The AHWC is selling ads for new AHPOA phone directory coming out later this summer. Anyone interested in placing an ad in the directory should contact a member of the AHWC or committee chair, April Airhart, at AHWC2011@gmail.com.

A nominating committee of Jennifer Turpin and Connie Mulgrew was formed. Any members interested in being on the AHWC board next year should contact them.

At the March 8 meeting of the AHWC we will be playing Bunko at the Harbour Inn. On April 12 the AHWC meeting will be at the The Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre where we will see Huckleberry Finn's Big River. Any members interested in attending should contact Teresa Smith.

A big thank you to everyone who donated coats to our coat drive. We were able to take a number of bags of coats to Head Start.

If anyone has an event for the sign board in February, please contact Dawn Teague at teague12003@yahoo.com.

After the business meeting, the owner of Rejuvalase MedSpa, Maggie Kim, shared about services at the spa and members were able to get complimentary consultations and trials of the services offered there.

Venturing Crew 840

(Jennifer Neuhard)

The best venture group around is looking for new members! If you are between the ages of 14 and 20, like hanging with people your age and have fun, than the Venturing Crew could be for you. We do all sorts of fun things every month like concerts, hiking and skiing and every activity is optional. You can just sign up for a few you like or every activity we do. Venturing Crew 840 meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. at the Carl Lewis building on Telegraph Road. The next meeting will be on February 15 so drop in and get to know some of the current members! This is the best way to get out and have fun with new friends. Who knows, this may be just what you need.

If you would like more information about Crew 840 please contact Cindy Patishnock at jgowild@aol.com or any member you may know.

**Summary of the Unofficial Minutes
of the AHPOA Board of Directors
Combined January and February regular meeting – February 9, 2011**

- Open Thirty. Subjects included concerns regarding a boat parked on a parking pad, marina slip fees and security plan, a report made to the county, an untidy lot, a beautification committee request, golf course fees and the new police station building.
- Directors Comments. The audience members were welcomed and comments were made about audience discussion.
- Manager's Report. The marina project manager gave a verbal review of his report – the project was on schedule and was within budget for those items in the original contract.
- Committee Reports. There were no verbal committee reports.
- Treasurer's Report. The treasurer gave a verbal report.
- General Manager's Report.
 - Marina. VHB's walk through of the docks had found the docks to be very satisfactory.
 - New Police Station. The original building specifications were having to be redone to meet commercial building requirements.
 - Motor Grader. The purchase of a used motor grader for \$190,000 was approved.
 - Erosion Concern of Home Owners. VMRC and the county wetlands board had asked for more information.
 - Country Club Bathrooms. The tiling of the Country Club bathrooms with money left over from tiling the locker rooms was approved.
 - Marina Security Plan. A tentative plan was reviewed. The board asked for a list of recommendations and their costs.
 - Bingo Bank Account. It was agreed to close out the account and to apply the \$237.34 in it to community events.
 - Audit Contract. It was agreed to put the audit contract out for bid next year.
 - Canoe and Kayak Launching. The board asked for a plan addressing the launching of canoes and kayaks at the new marina. A Boy Scout had built an additional set of canoe racks and was working on a second set.
- Old Business.
 - Marina Fees. It was agreed to set the FY12 marina slip fees at \$3.25 per foot for association members and at \$5.00 per foot for non-association members, with water and electric fees remaining the same.
 - Action Items List. There were no changes.
 - New Police Station. Covered under the general manager's report.
 - Credit Card Update. No new information.
 - Home Owner Erosion Concern. Covered under the general manager's report.
 - Launch Ramp Fees. The board agreed to set the FY12 annual boat launch ramp fee at \$20.00 for association members and \$50.00 for non-association members.
 - Slip Rental. It was agreed to allow the marina slip rental fee to be paid in two payments with certain stipulations.
 - Marina Diesel Option. The project was underway.

- New Business.

Committee Appointments. FY12 committee members were appointed.

2011 Annual Meeting. The meeting was scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at the Harbour Inn.

FY12 Budget. It was agreed to hold two work sessions before the next regular board meeting.

2011 Golf Tournament Schedule. The schedule was accepted as submitted.

After the executive session the board agreed to approve the recommended write offs.

**School Board
Update**

School Board Update – Griffis-Widewater District

By Dana Reinboldt, Member Stafford County School Board

MARCH CALENDAR ITEMS:

March 5: The 2011 Teacher Job Fair will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Mountain View High School (2135 Mountain View Rd., Stafford, VA 22556) from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Registration is required.** Additional information is available on the Stafford County Public Schools (SCPS) website at www.staffordschools.net.

March 11-- **is a Full Instructional Day of School** (this was previously scheduled as a teacher workday, but it is now a snow makeup day)

March 26: **8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 25th Anniversary Spring Children's Clothing sale at Anne E. Moncure Elementary School.** For more information, go to <http://stafford.moncure.schoolfusion.us>



Kindergarten Registration 2011: Stafford County Public Schools

Kindergarten Registration will be held March 21 - April 1, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the school your son or daughter will be attending. Additional information can be found on the SCPS website noted above.

High School Course Catalog for the 2011/2012 School Year is now available online. You can access the catalog by going to <http://stafford.brooke.schoolfusion.us/> or by contacting the Counseling Office at Brooke Point High School.

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: The Stafford County School Board is soliciting comments on the FY 2012 Schools Budget. If you are interested in sharing your comments regarding the school division budget, please submit them to publicinformation@staffordschools.net, or you can email your comments to me, and I can forward them to the rest of the School Board.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at reinboldtdh@staffordschools.net, or at 540/659-1487.

EVENTS



“WE SERVE”

Aquia Harbour Host Lions Club
PO Box 304
STAFFORD VA 22555-0304

--- ANNUAL MULCH SALE ---

- **HARDWOOD MULCH DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR**
- **FOUR DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS (\$4.50) PER BAG (3 CU. FT.)**
- **MOST DELIVERIES APRIL 1st, 2nd, and 3rd**
- **SEND ORDERS TO:**

D. RICHARDSON
1416 WASHINGTON DRIVE
STAFFORD VA 22554

PHONE ORDERS: 540-659-2885
540-659-4811

PLEASE VISIT OUR CLUB! We meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Country Club, 6:30 PM social, with free dinner (1st visit). We have lots of fun and help many people with eye glasses and many other social programs. Our motto is “WE SERVE.” Call Mike Zell at 540-720-8664 or 703-946-0957 to arrange visit.

CUT HERE AND RETURN LOWER HALF

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of bags: _____ x \$4.50 = \$_____ enclosed as payment

Delivery day (Friday, Saturday, or “Any”): Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____ Any: _____

Location to drop load: _____

examples: Top of driveway next to garage
Off left side of driveway when facing house
On right side of driveway when facing house

PAID: CHECK # _____ CASH AMT. _____

AMOUNT _____ PAY ON DEL. _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TO AHHLC OR HOST LIONS

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AQUIA HARBOUR PRESCHOOL

2011-2012 Open Registration for 3 & 4 year olds

Saturday February 5th at the Preschool

10 - 10:30AM - Current AHPS families are invited to register

10:30 - 11AM - Aquia Harbour Residents are invited to register

11AM - Noon - Open to the public; everyone is welcome!

In order to register you will need:

Completed Registration Form

Your Child's Birth Certificate

\$50 Registration Fee (checks payable to: **AHPS**)

**If you are interested in registering your child,
or just want additional information, please visit us at**

www.aquiaharbourpreschool.org

or email aquiapreschool@gmail.com

All forms are available for download on our website.

We welcome non-Harbour residents!

Virginia State Certified Program

AHPS employs certified teachers

First Aid and CPR certified

Kindergarten readiness program

Age appropriate activities

Parent involvement encouraged

Morning and afternoon classes

Field trips

Monthly tuition rate

Multiple child discount

"The Aquia Harbour Co-ed softball league is now accepting names/ teams for the upcoming 2011 summer season! The league is non profit and open to players ages 15 and up (players must be 15 by May 1st). If you are interested in organizing your own team keep in mind that all Team Managers must be Aquia Harbour residents, and rosters must consist of 60% Aquia Harbour residents.

If you are not registering a team but simply want to sign up yourself please email Rob Judd at navirob@msn.com and include "AH Softball" in the subject line. The deadline for registration is May 1st. It's time to start dusting off your gloves and rounding up your neighbors!"



**AQUIA EVENING LIONS
STRIDES WALK FOR DIABETES**

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011

**TAKE A WALK THROUGH HISTORY ON GOVERNMENT ISLAND,
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA, WHERE STONE WAS CUT TO BUILD THE
WHITE HOUSE, THE U.S. CAPITOL AND OTHER HISTORIC BUILDINGS
IN VIRGINIA.**

**Join the Aquia Evening Lions at Lions Park in Aquia Harbour
Saturday, June 11, 2011 - 8AM until 2PM**

Walk around Government Island to help find a cure for diabetes

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Want to know how to get involved? Call an organization and see how you can help!

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Amenities

Country Club – 288-0091
Golf Course – 659-4478
Marina – 659-4232
Parks & Harbour Inn – 659-3050
Police – 659-4600
Pools & DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM – 659-4003
Pre-School – 659-5771
Stables – 659-5024

Clubs/Organizations

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