

Focus on Fernbrook

President's Message

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Fernbrook Calendar

May 12 – Meeting 7:30 PM,
Grace Covenant Presbyterian
Church, Jamestown Rd.

July 14 – Meeting 7:30 PM
Grace Covenant Presbyterian
Church, Jamestown Rd.

Sept 14 – Meeting 7:30 PM,
Grace Covenant Presbyterian
Church, Jamestown Rd.

Oct 12 – Annual Meeting

The neighborhood is in bloom and the flowers are a nice change from winter.

The Board is currently working on the following projects:

Updating the reserve study

Addressing BMP issues

Developing a document retention policy

Transitioning Association bookkeeping to a management company

The BMP is the responsibility of the Association. In prior years, there were few maintenance requirements. This has changed and the county now has a specific department for inspecting and monitoring BMPs.

The Association receives quarterly inspection reports to assess compliance. The current report indicates the Association needs to clear the trees and brush growing on the banks.

Unfortunately, no residents volunteered for the clean-up project. Therefore, the Association will incur approximately \$2,000 for clearing, plus additional funds for routine clearings. This exceeds the amounts allocated in the operating budget. Funds from the reserve account may be required.

The BMP is also facing issues with

erosion and sediment build-up. Both issues could inhibit the functionality of the BMP.

A committee has been created to help evaluate the issues plaguing the BMP. The committee has involved the county for expert advice and will develop a recommendation to the Board.

The reserve study is being updated to include the BMP requirements. Should the erosion issues and sediment build-up need to be corrected, it is possible the cost of these projects will exceed the reserve balances and special assessments could be required.

An increase in the general assessment will be required to continue to meet our operating requirements. Additionally, a larger increase could be required if it is determined the reserve balances are insufficient. At minimum, dues will need to increase 10% to \$142.50. This is still well below the dues of surrounding neighborhoods.

I encourage all homeowners to get involved and informed on the issues facing your Association and neighborhood. Please go to www.fernbrook.net for more information.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Boyle

Turf Love: program



Turf Love is a partner program between PRIDE and Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers. Through public workshops and home visits, Master Gardener Volunteers teach homeowners how to produce healthy turf while reducing the use of fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides which pollute our streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Turf Love participants complete a survey and receive a home visit by trained Master Gardener volunteers who

measure the resident's lawn, take a soil sample, and make recommendations for establishing and/or maintaining healthy turf. In turn, participants receive a soil sample analysis, recommendations for fertilizing/liming their lawns and a personalized Nutrient Management and Best Management Practices Plan for seasonal lawn care.

The fee for a home visit is \$15.00. Applications are available at the James City County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, 3127

Forge Road and at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road.

Turf Love also offers workshops throughout the year. For more information, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension at 564-2170.

Riding for a cure...

Dear Friends,

In recent days, we have been preparing ourselves for a journey that will impact the lives of thousands. The Bike MS event is a two-day, 150-mile bike tour on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. It takes place on May 30 and 31st. As we train to ride as many miles as our legs can pedal, we've committed ourselves to raise \$1200 in our own journey to cure multiple sclerosis.

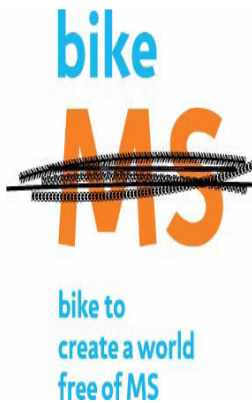
Today, over 400,000 Americans are living with MS, including many of our friends. Each week, 200 more people are diagnosed. Imagine, one day you are ready to take on the world...and the next...you are faced with the diagnosis of an incurable and debilitating disease. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. That's why we are riding – to offer hope to our friends that one day there will be a cure for MS.

We will join 800 local cyclists to ride with this mission: to free the world of MS. Can we count on you to support our efforts to attain this goal? Sponsor us at <http://www.bikems.org/> click "Sponsor a Rider," enter "Barry" or "Lisa Taylor," Team: Blazing Saddles, click on name and sponsor!

Together, we will fuel research into the cause, cure, and treatment of this disease that can be managed with various medical treatments. Scientists move ever closer to finding a cure with each dollar we raise. Every bit counts so please sponsor our efforts in this battle and make a difference. Checks may be made payable to National MS Society and mailed or delivered to us by May 28th. Donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Barry & Lisa Taylor
2884 Jonas Profit Trail



First Colony Pool Membership

FULL SEASON... MAY 23 TO SEPTEMBER 7

Full Family Membership	\$260
Single Adult Membership	\$135
Twilight Family (4PM-8PM)	\$175
Twilight Single (4PM-8PM)	\$ 95
Half Summer Family (July 13 – Labor Day)	\$180



For additional information, contact Deborah Hewitt at hewittsinva@cox.net or 564-8490 or visit <http://www.greaterfirstcolony.org> Pool/Swim Team

Annual Outdoor Water Use Regulations

The annual outdoor water use regulations for James City Service Authority (JCSA) customers began May 1 and continues until September 30.

The regulations help manage demand during the summer months where water usage increases due to outdoor water use activities such as watering landscapes and irrigating lawns. The annual outdoor water use regulations have been in effect since 2002.

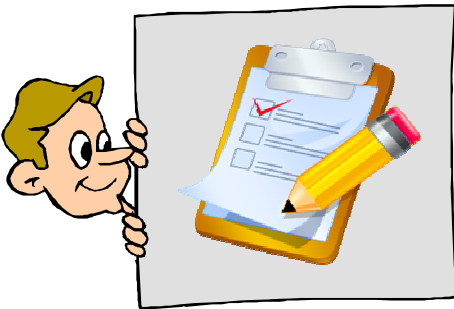
JCSA customers with odd addresses, such as 101 Main Street, can use water outdoors between midnight and 9 a.m. and between 5 p.m. and midnight on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Neighborhood common areas are considered odd addresses.

JCSA customers with even addresses, such as 100 Main Street, can use water outdoors between midnight and 9 a.m. and between 5 p.m. and midnight on Tuesdays, Thursdays and

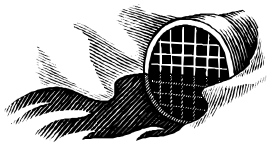
Saturdays.

Outdoor water use is not permitted between 9 a.m.—5 p.m. or any time on Mondays. Ordinance details can be found on the County's website, www.jccEgov.com/jcsa.

Residents may also call the Outdoor Water Info Line at 259-4152 for a recorded message or JCSA Customer Service, Monday—Friday from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at 253-6800.



Sinkholes



Sinkholes have been and continue to plague our neighborhood. VDOT is responsible for sinkholes in the right of way. Homeowners are responsible for all other sinkholes. Homeowners can contact VDOT directly.

Fernbrook resident Sarah Dale has volunteered to organize other residents facing sinkholes in their yards. If you are interested in working with other residents to address the sinkhole issue, please contact Sarah Dale at 2860 Jonas Profit, 258-0008.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

Fernbrook.net

E-Newsletter

Go green and help the Association save money by signing up to receive an electronic version of the newsletter.

To sign-up, please send an email to **dtyr23-newsletter@yahoo.com** and include **your last name, street address and email address.**

Your email address will only be used for distributing the newsletter.

Due to resource constraints and in an effort to reduce expenses, the next newsletter will be sent following the annual meeting in October. Newsletters will be reduced to twice a year.



About Our Organization...

Get information about your Association online at www.fernbrook.net.

The website contains meeting minutes, governing documents, and newsletters.



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