

HOLLY GROVE ESTATES GOOD NEWS LETTER

SUMMER 2016

Summer has begun and here comes the fun!!! Please stay safe when boating and swimming and always be aware of your surroundings and the weather. Summer storms can sneak up on us quickly! Remember the **NC/VA** boating laws require staying a safe distance from docks **50 to 100** feet and always obey the **NO WAKE ZONES**. Keep in mind when boating near docks that there may be people swimming and diving in the water that you may be able to see at a distance. If you don't have a boating license yet, be sure to look into it, **EVERYONE** needs a license in VA for both PWC's and power boats.

Speaking of boating, it's time to fly your flags, wear your patriotic colors and celebrate our Country! Come out and join the July 4th **ANNUAL BOAT PARADE**. The parade assembles at the buoy #17, near Brandon Cove, and will begin at **10:30** a.m. on **Sunday, July 3rd**. The parade route continues along the shore into Holly Grove Creek and then westbound on the lake eventually crossing to the south shore and then east into Six Pound Creek. At the end of the route the boaters gather to say the Pledge of Alliance and sing God Bless America. This wonderful event has been held on the lake since 1984! If you're not on the water, cheer from your dock OR a great place for viewing is the Holly Grove Creek bridge as all the boats make their turn there. Once again we have the opportunity to stand up and cheer for our freedom that we have in this Country and show our love for one another.

Don't forget how important it is to support our local businesses and events.

The Rosemont Winery has many events and they really appreciate your support. We also have some new businesses in Bracey, and around the lake, stop in and check them out!

AQUA customers are reminded that if you have a water problem please **DO NOT** call the Board but contact AQUA directly. We have found they are very responsive to **ALL** our calls and take care of issues as quickly as possible. They have been a real plus to our community. I know that we are paying individually for our water usage, but please be sensitive about your water consumption during the

summer, what may be low pressure for some, may be NO water pressure for others.

Covering a little business:

DUES ARE DUE July 1, 2016....We do not want to have to charge a late fee so please get them in by July 1!

We had our latest election at the April 23rd **Annual General Membership Meeting**. Your new Board and their terms for 2016-2017 will be:

Pres: Ray Marshall - 1 yr Treas: Al Veeck - 2 yrs Sect: Faye Harris - 3 yrs

Directors: Carol Haefner - 1 yr, Peggy Donochod - 1 yr, Bill Biddle - 2 yrs, Judy Williams - 2 yrs, Sally Cline - 3 yrs, and our newest member Wally Coker - 3 yrs

We have come a long way as a community thanks to the caring leadership of our dedicated members. We want to stress the importance of participating on the Board and we will be looking for several new members next year, please say **YES** if asked, or let us know when you might like to serve. ...If you are only at Holly Grove on weekends, you can be a Board Member as are several current Members:

After the meeting we had a wonderful Covered Dish Picnic. A great big **THANK YOU** to Karen Arrington for all the work she did and for offering her lovely yard and garage for the event. We would also like to **THANK** her good friend and neighbor Ranate Morbitzer for helping out and also sharing her gorgeous flowers with us. The only thing that would have made this even better is if we had more folks attending. We pride our neighborhood on being a close and caring community and now we have **MANY NEW MEMBERS** to welcome. The socials that we plan are designed to be easy and serve as an opportunity for us to get to know each other better. We hope to see you at the next one!

ROADS are our largest expense each year and we can help to preserve them by driving slower, especially on the curves, and it will make it safer for everyone too. The next section of roads to be paved will be Brandon Court and the second section of Holly Grove Lane.

We all love our pets so, as a courtesy to other property owners and for the safety of your pets, PLEASE keep them on your property and/or on a leash when out walking. This summer there was a renter from Morristown that had to leave and leave their two beloved dogs behind because they ran off and could not be found. The "Good News" is that they were subsequently found thanks to the efforts of others. All's well that ends well, but better if it didn't happen in the first place!

BOAT RAMP

The newly replaced BOAT RAMP is for the use of our members and their guests only. Your Association spent \$7,000.00 of your money to replace this boat ramp, so we all need to protect it. It can be crowded at times so please do not leave your vehicles parked there all day, and on the same note, please do not leave your boat or jet ski parked at the dock for an extended time. Thanks for your consideration to all.

This is the time of year for exercise! May we suggest that you put a grocery bag in your pocket when you walk around the neighborhood and..... "bend and stretch" when you pass a piece of litter. You'll be amazed at how much there is! I know we all want to be proud of where we live and this is a positive way to help to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful. We don't have an overabundance of traffic, so if something blows out of your vehicle, or you see something along our roads OR on Morristown Road, please STOP and pick it up, I know I do! If you're not at your house often, please make arrangements for your yard to be maintained. It is clear sign to someone that might be "up to no good" that no one lives there.

Last but not least we want to **WELCOME all of our NEW neighbors:**

Christie & Dave Park, from Raleigh, NC are the new owners of 39 Lakeview Drive

Jerry & Toni Corbett of Selma, NC are the new owners of 155 Lakeview Drive

Andrew and Amy Crenshaw - Jason & Beth Childers of Rolesville, NC are our new neighbors at 136 Boyd Drive

Keith & JoAnn Hoff of Yorktown, VA now own 741 Holly Grove Lane

We are glad to have you as new owners in our neighborhood, and we are sure you'll enjoy it here. We look forward to getting to know you and we would like you to get to know us, so please try to attend the two *General Membership Meetings* (April & October), as well as our socials. We do send out an e-mail when the latest *Good News Letter* is being posted on the web site, and we do place a reminder sign at the "Y" about meetings and socials. It is important that we have your latest e-mail information to include you in our neighborhood notifications. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

OOPS.....Another reminder to thank and support our local Lake Gaston **Volunteer** Fire Department and First Responders. They help keep all of us safe, and that's "priceless"!

Peggy Donochod & Your HOA Board