



Ravenna Community Newsletter

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It's Summer Time!

We hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend and is enjoying summer! The Homeowners' Association is putting out another newsletter to keep everyone in the neighborhood up to date on current happenings in Ravenna. Please read the newsletter in its entirety, as it is full of great information.

The remaining HOA board meetings for this year is as follows: September 13, and November 1. All HOA meetings will be held at the Chesapeake Library off of Cedar Road.

Our current HOA Board Members are as follows:

President - John McIntyre

Vice President - Lizz Story

Treasurer - Jessica Stice

Secretary - OPEN

Member at Large - Tracy Sunvold

We are currently looking for a new member to join the Board. If interested in volunteering for your community, please contact jmmcintyre@yahoo.com.

HOA meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet the board and express and concerns that you may have. We welcome any and all homeowner involvement! If you need to reach us at any other time, please visit our community website (www.ravennahomeowners.net) and fill out the information under the Contact Us tab. Thank you so much for your time!

~Ravenna Homeowner's Association Board~

Community Events

Come join us at Ladies Night! This is a casual get together of new and old neighbors in a social atmosphere. Events are hosted within the neighborhood. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and socialize in a casual manner. For information regarding the email list for Ladies Night, contact Donna Ertel at dmebasket@me.com.



Feeling a bit less casual, we have a monthly bunko group that gets together for food, drinks, and a friendly dice game. No worries if you have never played bunko before, it's quick to learn and takes no skill whatsoever. For information regarding the email list for Bunko, contact Alison Kentch at alkentch@gmail.com.

General Community Updates

2015-2016 Board Accomplishments-

Hosted a wonderful Halloween Party

Initiated a well received Easter Eggstravaganza

Approved and erected two No Outlet signs for Riviara Place and Mistral Place Cul-de-sacs

Installed outlet in median strip to allow for holiday lighting

Replaced landscaper Basnight with Valley Crest

Replaced expensive annual flower plantings with perennials

Developed results oriented standards enforcement procedures

Found replacement for Jennifer Adams as webmaster and Halloween coordinator

Sought donation of Bradshaw farm property for athletic field. (Although denied by the City.)

Appointed Glenn Jackson as Neighborhood watch coordinator

Created Ravenna newsletter to keep homeowners informed of Ravenna community information.

Grass Clippings – Following a mowing operation, grass clippings must be removed from the paved surfaces. It is a city ordinance. Whereas the Ravenna HOA has jurisdiction over the driveway, the City of Chesapeake has jurisdiction over the sidewalks and roads. If left on the driveway, the homeowner will receive a violation. If clippings are left on the sidewalk or road, the homeowner will be reported to the City and the HOA will follow-up on its action.

Trailors, RVs, and Boats

Please remember to adhere to the Ravenna guidelines regarding trailors, rvs, and boats. Article VI, section 6.01, Q- Outside Storage: No commercial or recreational vehicles, including but not limited to, school buses, boats, campers, or trailors, shall be parked or stored in front of the front house line, upon the public streets in front of the home, or anywhere upon the Lot in Ravenna.

Architectural Approval

There are certain improvements to houses that require approval from the architectural standards committee. The application can be found on the Ravenna website. The following items DO require approval by the ASC: any above surface utilities, awnings, decks, fences, permanent screening areas, driveways, sidewalks, courtyards, exterior modification of home/room additions/story additions, flag poles, foundations, hurricane

shutters, **major** landscape modifications, swimming pools, hot tubs, sheds, garages, pergolas, gazebos, outbuildings of any kind, sunroom additions, and solar conductors. Failure to submit an application or wait for approval prior to starting a project may result in fines. Approval from the committee does not alleviate the need for any approvals or permits by the City of Chesapeake, if required.

Gun Shots Behind Ravenna - Hunting is now prohibited in the wetlands between the Ravenna subdivision and the Intercoastal waterway. Report rifle shots from hunters to Chesapeake Police at 382-6556.

Speeding – Speeding in Ravenna demonstrates a disregard for the safety of others and continues to be an issue. **SLOW DOWN**. The Chesapeake Police have been alerted to this situation.

Street Parking – If folks continue to park on the street rather than in their driveways, particularly along Ravenna Course, it is just a matter of time before a child steps out from in front of a parked car into the path of a speeding vehicle. For this reason, homeowners and renters are highly encouraged to park in their driveways.

Fireworks- Please be considerate to your neighbors when shooting off fireworks multiple days in a row near a holiday. There are many pets, young children, and military personnel with PTSD that live in the neighborhood that are drastically affected by the noise.

Problem Lawns –

Yards are continuing to be a problem for our community. Be mindful of weeds, edging, and grass thickness. The regulations are in place in order to continue to maintain the high quality of the Ravenna neighborhood.

Status of the Bradshaw Property

In response to Ravenna's query as to the possibility of acquiring 3.5 acres of the Bradshaw property, we received the following from the city:

The first step for the long term disposition of properties acquired to protect military installations is to see if the US Navy is interested in purchasing a conservation easement under their Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program. The Navy is currently evaluating the properties recently purchased around Fentress and we hope to hear back from them later this spring. If the Navy does not purchase an easement, the City departments will evaluate for public use and then present to City Council for approval. The last resort option is to sell or lease. That would be after an open bidding process for potential buyers or leasers. If the properties were to get to this option, you would submit your proposal along with others who may be interested in the property. Whatever option is selected, a public hearing is required for City Council approval.

Want to know what is happening around Ravenna?



Be sure to register on our neighborhood website – www.RavennaHomeowners.net!

This is a very informative resource regarding our neighborhood and local community. The website includes

HOA meeting schedules, recent Newsletters/Meeting Minutes, a “Newcomer’s Guide”, Architectural Guidelines and upcoming events. Emails will be sent to registered members regarding important notices from our Chesapeake Police Dept, upcoming events or other important information that needs to be communicated to the neighborhood. In the past, we have been able to bring lost dogs back to their families and communicate an urgent safety matter via our website email blasts.

Note that emails will not be abundant and only sent if necessary. Your personal information will be kept confidential and can be “hidden” from the member directory. Feel free to call or email John McIntyre anytime with questions or concerns.

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Ravenna is also an established neighborhood on www.Nextdoor.com. It is an online tool designed to connect neighbors together. The Ravenna HOA will begin utilizing this tool, in addition to the traditional ways, to reach out to neighbors.

Newsletter Contributions? Have something you would like to see printed in the community newsletter, email Lizz Story at uvaslp10@gmail.com with the subject line Ravenna Community Newsletter. All contributions are subject to Board approval. No company advertisements will be allowed.

Keep an eye out in the fall for information about our Halloween Block Party!

