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## MARCHING ORDERS

Lastfogels share their love of Celtic music.

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## CINDERELLA STORY

Learn how donated gowns make prom night dreams come true. See page 16.



## CAVALIER PRIDE

CHHS Band travels to New Orleans to perform and support hurricane victims. See page 15.

## Winter Wonderland



Frosty guards the reservoir from his perch at The Landing.

Photo by Dick Guthrie

## Four candidates vie for two seats on BCA Board

Four residents have announced their candidacy for the BCA Board of Directors: Andrea Epps, Keith McGinniss, John McLenagan, and Wayne Moyer. (See candidate profiles on page 3.) Two seats will be open on the BCA Board of Directors in April when the terms of First Vice President Epps and Director McLenagan expire. One referendum will be on the ballot this year. Approval of the referendum (a yes vote) will prevent the association from being taxed by the IRS on any surplus revenue.

Proxy/ballots along with candidate profiles will be mailed to association members the week of March 16.

Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the NRC, will take place at Brandermill Woods on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. All association members are encouraged to attend to ask questions of the candidates and hear what they have to say.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Brandermill Woods on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m., at which time election results will be announced. For more information, please call the BCA office at 744-1035.

## BCA activities - diverse and fun

The BCA Community Services Department will offer activities to shake off those winter blahs. For more information or to register for events, please call Jennifer Strader at 744-1035x104.

**Family Life Series**  
Come out for a valuable learning experience about interpersonal relationships in three interactive sessions with Dr. Katherine Bettin at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Dr. Bettin is a psychologist who lives in Brandermill and works with individuals, couples and families who want closer relationships with the important people in their lives. The series is open to adults only. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

**"Taking the Edge Off: Communication for Healthy Relationships."** Thursday, March 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Poor communication can create misunderstanding, friction and disconnection from those who people love the most. The

session will look at techniques for better communication that will help "take the edge off" many daily interactions. Please register by March 16.

The April 23 seminar topic is "Relax - Take a Breath! How to Stay Balanced While Surviving Parenting," and on May 21, the topic is "How to Listen When You Don't Like What You're Hearing: Parent-Teen Communication."

**Red Cross Babysitting**  
Sunday, March 22, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Learn the basics of babysitting from a Red Cross instructor and receive a Red Cross certificate upon completion of the class. Participants must be at least 11 years of age to participate. The cost is \$50 per person.

**Choose the Right Kayak**  
Saturday, April 4, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday Park Dock. Kayaking is an exciting and healthy adventure the whole

See BCA Activities on page 6.

## designforum team outlines ways to implement Brandermill Master Plan

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

The designforum team gave a presentation on the implementation of the Brandermill Master Plan before 50 residents at The Brandermill Church on March 5. (The latest version of the 265-page document can be viewed online at [www.brandermill.com](http://www.brandermill.com) and a hard copy will be available soon at the BCA office.)

BCA Board President Joel Bradner introduced designforum principal Doug Cole, who kicked off the meeting with a recap of the planning process that began six months ago. The designforum team toured the community by land and sea; interviewed hundreds of residents and stakeholders; held dozens of meetings with individuals and the public; gathered information on the strengths and weaknesses of the community and its values and goals; and compiled countless forms of feedback including individual surveys before coming up with recommendations for the future of Brandermill.

Cole pointed out that Brandermill property values began to drop below the county average around 2006. His team has devised ways to change that trend. He said that while newer subdivisions have up-to-date homes, Brandermill has the reservoir, trails, and natural buffers that most communities do not. He noted that many residents choose Brandermill - "not for the home, but for the community."

Cole commended the board and community for being proactive in initiating a master plan. "You recognized your property values are not in keeping with Chesterfield County, but you're addressing it," said Cole. "Most communities wait until it's too late."

**Plan Implementation**  
Andrew Bleckley explained that implementing the master plan would involve the BCA Board, trained staff, design professionals,



Photo by Wendy Parker

Doug Cole with designforum discusses options for funding master plan projects.

and multiple committees made up of volunteers.

The designforum team recommends hiring a "Brandermill town planner" who would assist the community manager and oversee implementation of the master plan. The designforum team believes that a community the size of Brandermill (approximately 2,600 acres with 12,500 residents) should consider itself to be a town instead of a neighborhood. For comparison, the Town of Ashland with its approximately 4,600 acres and 6,600 residents has three planners on staff with additional administrative support. The responsibilities of the town planner would be to assist the community manager; manage committees; oversee the implementation of the master plan; coordinate construction and permitting of facilities; participate in grant-writing; and manage the Architectural Review Board.

"Design expertise is here to ensure volunteers and staff can implement the plan," Bleckley said. "We do have expertise to review proposed development plans for adjacent properties and act as a sounding board."

**Projects**  
Andrea Almond described how

a recommendation from the master plan becomes a built project. The designforum team has recommended 28 possible sites for small parks throughout the community. Almond highlighted the flowchart for implementing a hypothetical pocket park for the Watch Harbour neighborhood. "It may look complicated, but we've made it as simple as possible," she said. (A flowchart of committees, duties, and the implementation process can be viewed in Chapter 7 of the master plan.) A pocket park matrix would indicate location, year of implementation, budget, and partners such as a Boy Scout troop or church. Almond said, "Action plans would go through the year 2020, so you don't lose sight of the long-range plan." In the hypothetical case of the Watch Harbour pocket park, Almond said it was feasible that it could be built by 2010 at a cost of \$50,000.

**Funding Projects**  
Doug Cole suggested options for funding projects in the plan. He said, "Grants are available that provide technical support and an information exchange to help communities build strong partnerships that work together on riparian,

See Master Plan on page 6.

## New silo will ease costs of water treatment

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

Most Americans take for granted the ease by which tap water flows from their faucets. Few are aware of the complexities involved in producing clean and safe drinking water. One such component - a new storage silo was erected last week

on the south bank of Swift Creek Reservoir at Addison-Evans Water Treatment Plant. It will store 60,000 pounds of powdered activated carbon, a substance that removes taste and odors from the reservoir water, a major source of the county's drinking water.

According to Project Manager Bob McCutcheon of Norit Americas, Inc., the 35-foot-long steel cylinder was transported from Winchester, Tenn., and the in-



Photo by Wendy Parker

A delicate operation: workers and heavy equipment transfer a 35-foot silo to its resting place at the water treatment plant.

stallation involved three tractor-trailers, two cranes, and nine men. Plant Manager George DuVal says having the storage silo onsite will decrease chemical costs and enhance safety of operations.

"In the past, we bought 900-pound bags of carbon, and hoisted them with a lift over the feed system," says DuVal. Now the carbon powder will be shipped in bulk by truck from Marshall, Texas and

transferred into the top of the silo through a pneumatic conveying system.

"Inside and underneath the silo is a feeder system that precisely measures the correct amount of carbon powder introduced into the water stream," says McCutcheon. This creates a slurry that travels underground through a pipeline into the facility where the water treatment continues.

## Snow days: fun for some...



work for others

Photos by Wendy Parker

Clockwise from top: Lauren Hughes of Muirfield Green enjoys cross country skiing on the golf course. CHHS students Ethan Bowen of Nuttree Woods, and Tyler and Chandler Groves of Shadow Ridge wipe out after a boogie ride down a hill in Nuttree Woods. Wayne Turner and other BCA maintenance workers get a jump on VDOT as they begin plowing major roads in Brandermill before dawn on March 2.



**BCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joel Bradner, President  
Andrea Epps, 1st VP  
Dick Guthrie, 2nd VP  
Joyce Rowe, Treasurer  
Robert Friedel  
Jason Livingston  
John McLenagan

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

**BIRNAM WOODS**  
Shawn & Greta Van Tiem  
**HUNTSBRIDGE**  
Clifford Prince  
**MUIRFIELD GREEN**  
Travis & Jessica Robbins  
**PEBBLE CREEK**  
D & K O'Connell  
**WOODBRIIDGE CROSSING**  
Marie & Farrell Rooney

**ARB APPROVALS**

**February**  
Copper Hill – roof  
Deer Meadow – roof  
Fortune's Ridge – windows  
Fox Chase – fence  
Gleneagles – fence  
Litchfield Bluff – windows, doors  
Long Shadow – windows, doors  
Shadow Ridge – screen porch and lower deck  
Sutter's Mill – chimney  
The Oaks – windows  
Timber Ridge – siding  
Whispering Oaks – fence

**HEARING PANEL**

**February 2009**  
Chimney House – 2 cases of unsightly  
Five Springs – unsightly  
Heritage Woods – 2 cases of unsightly, screen trash cans  
Huntgate Woods – unsightly  
Huntsbridge – remove boat, unsightly  
Huntsbridge – unsightly  
Shadow Ridge – unapproved fence  
The Oaks – screen HVAC, add foundation plants  
The Oaks – screen HVAC, unsightly  
The Oaks – unsightly  
Thornridge – 2 cases of unsightly  
Two Notch – add foundation plants  
Two Notch – unapproved shed  
Two Notch – unsightly  
Whispering Oaks – screen trash cans

**COVENANTS**

**February 2009**  
Violations 75  
Notices 50  
Disclosures 6

**BCA EVENTS**

**BCA Board Meetings**  
Brandermill Woods  
March 16, 7 p.m.  
April 6, 7 p.m.

**Family Life Series Communications for Healthy Relationships**  
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
March 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**Red Cross Babysitting**  
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
March 22, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Meet the Candidates for BCA Board of Directors**  
Brandermill Woods  
Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m.

**Choosing the Right Kayak**  
Sunday Park Dock  
April 4, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

**Free Plant Exchange**  
Sunday Park overflow parking lot  
April 25, 9 a.m. to noon

**Voice of the People: What did you think about the BCA-sponsored Elderhostel presentation?**



"There were a lot of questions asked, the group was interested."  
**Myra Elkin (at left)**  
Shallowford Trace

"It was wonderful, informative, and presented well."  
**Gloria Arfert**  
Northwich



"The presentation was great. I enjoyed learning about the local Snapshots Program."  
**Rebecca Neas**  
Gleneagles



"It was terrific. I'm very interested."  
**Nancy Barnes**  
McTyre's Cove



"It was a very informative, nice presentation."  
**Dick English**  
Winterberry Ridge

**BCA Board minutes January 15 and January 21**

The following are summaries of BCA Board of Directors minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office or by visiting [www.brandermill.com](http://www.brandermill.com) and clicking on the "Board Minutes" link in the Quick Guides box.

**January 15 Meeting**

A special meeting of the BCA Board of Directors was held on January 15 at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse, Directors Epps, Friedel, Guthrie, Livingston, McLenagan and Rowe, Community Manager Pritz and Recorder Judy Agee were present.

**Member Voice**

John McLenagan of Winterberry Ridge expressed his concerns as a member of the community regarding revisions to the Shoreline Buffer Policy.

President Bradner responded that a letter was sent to the county and a copy was given to the board. He stated there was no interference by the board with any meeting the residents had with county officials and the letter was intended to remind the county who officially represented the BCA. President Bradner stated a letter had been sent to the county in May, 2008 with the board's approval stating the official policy on BCA representation.

**designforum Presentation**

Doug Cole and the designforum team presented a preliminary draft of the master plan, which is a work in progress. After feedback from the board and community members, the final master plan will be presented at a community meeting in March.

After a 10-minute break, but before a motion could be made to enter executive session, Director McLenagan noted that the letter sent to the Chesterfield County government officials on December 22,

2008 was not sent with the consent of the BCA Board of Directors. A motion was made for President Bradner to compose a formal written apology to Mr. Davis and Mr. Malek and that it be entered into the official records.

Director Epps stated she thought an apology was a simple thing to do.

Director McLenagan stated he read all of the emails and that he understands the letter regarding the NRC from May 2008. He also stated he did not think another letter needed to be sent to the county, and that the residents' names should not have been used. He stated that he believes the BCA owes the residents an apology.

Director Friedel stated it was a mistake and unintentional. He also stated it was a mis-statement that the letter represented the board.

Director Rowe stated she thought the letter should not have referred to the board of directors. Director Guthrie agreed.

Director McLenagan made an attempt to end the discussion and call for an immediate vote.

President Bradner insisted that he be allowed to make his own comments first, since the motion was directed toward him personally.

President Bradner stated the request for the letter was made by members of the environmental committee, who were concerned that the gentlemen may be perceived incorrectly by county officials as being official representatives of the BCA since they referred to themselves as the "Brandermill Shoreline Residents Committee." The residents' names were included in the letter only to clearly identify the meeting to which the letter referred, but no effort was made to interfere with

the residents' affairs as private citizens. He also stated that he instructed Community Manager Pritz to write the letter to simply remind county representatives of the BCA's standing policy that official BCA representation would only be made by duly appointed board members. The board adopted that policy in May 2008. He said that although the letter referred to the board's policy, it should not have stated that the board requested it. President Bradner stated that he had already personally addressed the issue at length with both gentlemen, and that he felt the additional letter would only be appropriate if it were sent on behalf of the board. President Bradner recommended that a letter should be sent on behalf of the board and said that he would sign the letter if it were approved under those conditions.

A motion was made to call the question. The motion failed: Directors Livingston, Epps, Friedel and McLenagan approved; President Bradner, Directors Rowe and Guthrie opposed. Two-thirds majority was required to end the discussion, but was not met.

Director McLenagan again asked to approve the motion as read. Director Friedel (unnecessarily) seconded the motion.

Directors Livingston, Epps, Friedel and McLenagan approved. President Bradner, Directors Rowe and Guthrie opposed.

A motion was made and carried unanimously that stated in lieu of the president personally sending the letter, the community association would send a letter to Mr. Davis and Mr. Malek and apologize for referring to them by name in the association letter dated December 22, 2008. President Bradner reiterated that if the board passes this motion,

he would sign the letter.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made and unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss a legal and a personnel issue.

**Return to Open Session**

A motion was made and unanimously carried that the board will send revised zoning conditions to counsel, pending final review by board members, and that the board would accept the recommendations of the executive committee regarding the performance review and compensation plan for the community manager.

**January 21 Meeting**

A meeting of the BCA Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods on January 21.

Directors Epps, Friedel, Guthrie, Livingston, and McLenagan, Community Manager Pritz and Recorder Judy Agee were present. Director Rowe was absent.

**Member Voice**

Frances Hillman of Huntgate Woods and chair of the NRC reported that the NRC held a meeting on January 20. She stated that one of the committee's key goals is to increase community involvement in order to improve the input the NRC committee provides to the BCA Board. Members of the NRC expressed concern that changes in the charter would negatively impact this goal and decrease the NRC's effectiveness. Hillman requested that the NRC charter remain unchanged for the future.

Mark Smith of Cove Ridge reported that a Neighborhood Watch

group has been formed for Cove Ridge, and thanked BCA Maintenance Director John Barnard for installing the sign.

**President's Report**

President Bradner reported that he attended the January 20 NRC meeting and complimented members on how they conducted the meeting. He noted that he looks forward to working with the newly elected NRC officers.

**Director's Report**

Director McLenagan reported that he will help with the Brandermill Helping Brandermill Seniors group, which continues to receive requests for assistance. He noted that volunteers are encouraged to offer assistance to this group.

**Manager's Report**

Community Manager Pritz distributed the response from John McCracken with Chesterfield County Transportation, which provides further information about the safety and efficiency of roundabouts as recommended in the Old Hundred Road Corridor Study. She also provided the Traffic Control and Safety Assessment requested by the board for Brandermill, Millridge and Sandy Ridge Parkways from Dale Totten at VDOT.

Five board candidate packages have been picked up for the annual election. To date, the marina fees for 41 slips have been paid quarterly by 15 renters. Four were paid in full, and 22 are pending.

Community Manager Pritz shared a compliment from a

See BCA Minutes on page 13.

**NRC Meet the Candidates Night is March 24**

By Mary Jane Zander  
NRC Treasurer

The NRC will host Meet the Candidates Night at Brandermill Woods on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. This is your opportunity to meet some of the people who will be voting on and implementing the Brandermill Master Plan. It is also an opportunity to question the candidates.

Brandermill is a special place to live, and designforum presentations to homeowners and business people over the past few months confirm that. The designforum team spoke of the foresighted planning 35 years ago that made Brandermill an award-winning community, and they outlined the uniqueness of the community and its potential for remaining an outstanding community in the future. They pointed out that strategic plans are regularly undertaken by Chesterfield County and other municipalities as a proactive approach to the inevitable changes of the future.

designforum's presentations have focused on the challenges and opportunities that the community

faces – as expressed in feedback from Brandermill residents and other stakeholders. Questions and comments from the floor demonstrated that Brandermill residents are a varied group, and their expertise in problem-solving was evident.

Recommendations by the designforum team offered multiple ways that concerns expressed by the community might be addressed. Many of the suggestions included projects that could be done in stages or as community projects. Projects like building and improving playgrounds or adding shoreline plantings to the reservoir were identified as low-cost solutions that would benefit property values and improve the community.

Although inspiring, proposals made by designforum will require community action and strong, pro-active leadership before implementation.

As we enter Spring 2009, please take a moment to think about what you can do for your community to protect your property's value and to keep Brandermill as a wonderful place to live. It is going to take the

community as a whole to make the vision of Brandermill in the future equal to what it has been in the past. Please attend Meet the Candidates Night and get involved in making Brandermill an even better place to live.

**Crime Prevention Committee seeks volunteers**

On May 19, 2008, volunteers started a BCA crime prevention task force to take proactive steps to ensure that Brandermill continues to be a safe place in which to live and to operate businesses.

**Committee Objectives**

- To establish crime prevention goals for the community that will become part of the community's overall strategic plan
- To increase the community's cooperation and partnership with the Chesterfield County Police Department through participation in the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs
- To have a positive impact on the crime trends in Brandermill so that the community continues to be regarded throughout the region as a safe and secure place in which to live

The Committee is *not* intended to serve as a volunteer security force. Committee volunteers should be prepared to meet and greet other Brandermill residents and commercial members to achieve the goals of the committee. Residents and commercial members interested in working with a group of dedicated volunteers are encouraged to e-mail the BCA at [crimeprevention@brandermill.com](mailto:crimeprevention@brandermill.com).

**Leaf disposal options**

Whoops! We apologize for any confusion that may have been caused when we addressed

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS**



Julann Talty

removing bagged leaves from residential properties in the December 2008 issue of The Village Mill. Removing yard waste is addressed both in the Trash, Recyclables and Yard Waste Management Policy adopted by the board in 2004 as well as in the BCA Residential Design Standards 11.1.

Bagging and removing leaves is by no means the only way to deal with yard waste. Some residents may prefer to mulch their leaves, haul them to the county transfer station, or pay for a vacuum service.

Mulch is beneficial to plants and the soil. It increases the soil organic matter, improves soil moisture holding, soil tilth, structure, and fertility.

For those who wish to dispose of their own yard debris, there is a charge of \$8 per load at the Chesterfield County Transfer Station on Warbro Road. Yearly vehicle stickers are also available from the county. Leaves that are brought in bags must be emptied into the pile at the transfer station.

Most trash haulers are willing to pick up a limited number of bags each week; bagged leaves and other yard waste may be placed at the curb the evening before pick-up.

There are also vacuum services that will remove leaves that are piled near the curb.

Yard waste including leaves, brush, grass clippings, etc., may never be placed on BCA open space.

**Heritage Farms**

**BCA Garden Plots**

**2009**

Brandermill Community Assoc.  
3001 East Boundary Terrace  
Midlothian, Virginia 23112

Please include:  
\$20 for each 10' x 10' plot  
\$25 for each 10' x 20' plot



I would like the same plot(s) as 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to be assigned \_\_\_\_\_10' x 10' plot(s)  
I would like to be assigned \_\_\_\_\_10' x 20' plot(s)

Plots assigned through March 1, 2010.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check made payable to the BCA for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Meet the candidates for the BCA Board of Directors

## Andrea Epps



**Biographical Sketch**  
 • A resident of Brandermill since 2000  
 • Land Use Consultant  
 • Attended Thomas Nelson Community College in business administration; attended workshops in leadership studies, conflict resolution, and governance process training at James Madison University and University of Richmond

**Community Service and Memberships**  
 BCA Board of Directors, 3 years, current First Vice-President; Chesterfield County Sustain Our Communities Committee, Advisory Panelist; Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute, Panelist; Land Use & Government, 3 years; Chesterfield Impact Fee Advisory Committee, Chairman; Swift Creek Elementary School PTA Board, 4 years, President, 2 years; Swift Creek Middle School PTA, Member

### Personal

Lives in Steeple Chase with her two children.

### Areas of Experiences and Expertise

Having the privilege of serving on the BCA Board for the past three years has given me the opportunity to fully understand issues that affect our residents and commercial members within the community, as well as at the county and state level. My training in leadership development and consensus/team building, in addition to practical experience in land use and transportation planning, policies, procedures and financing, prepared me for the duties of a BCA Board Director. I served as the chairwoman of the Chesterfield County Impact Fee Committee and currently serve as an advisory panelist on the Chesterfield Sustain our Communities Committee. I have testified at countless public hearings on behalf of the BCA on issues of safety, water quality, transportation, real estate taxes and revitalization.

### Reasons for Running

I believe in the Japanese proverb that says, "Vision without action is a daydream; action without vision is a nightmare." I believe in the collective vision and potential of this community. This vision will shape our future; it will enhance the quality of life we enjoy; protect the value of our property and preserve the environment we cherish. I believe that each and every member of the BCA has a fundamental right to be heard; to be treated fairly with honesty and respect; and to have the business of their association conducted with transparency.

### Community Interests

Protecting those qualities that make Brandermill unique: serenity, security, water quality, sense of community and the enhancement of our quality of life and that of our grandchildren, ensuring the next 35 years are at least as good as, if not better than, the first. I would like to continue working on the priority projects and implementation of the Master Plan, the Brandermill Chamber/Business Council and addressing the physical impacts of surrounding area developments.

## Keith McGinniss



**Biographical Sketch**  
 • A resident of Brandermill since 2007  
 • Employed by Wyeth, Replenishment Manager, 2 years; previous employment: Circuit City Stores, Supply Chain Manager, 12 years  
 • Graduate of University of Virginia, B.A.; graduate

of College of William and Mary, M.B.A.

### Community Service and Memberships

King George County Board of Supervisors, Member and Chairman, 1992-1996; Virginia Waste Management Board, 1993-1997, appointed by Gov. George Allen; Job Training Coordinating Council, appointed by Gov. George Allen; Swift Creek Elementary School PTA, Former Member; Winterpock Elementary School PTA, Member; Food Bank; Habitat for Humanity; attends Parkway Baptist Church

### Personal

Lives in Long Gate with his wife Tanya and their children ages 9, 5, 2.

They are expecting their fourth child in August.

### Areas of Experiences and Expertise

I am a former member and chairman of the King George County Board of Supervisors and was appointed by Governor George Allen to the Virginia Waste Management Board and Job Training Coordinating Council.

My public service experience includes working closely with law enforcement, land use issues and budgets with constrained sources of income.

### Reasons for Running

My wife and I decided to raise our family in Brandermill because of good public schools, amenities for all ages, beautiful natural areas, proximity to services, and safety. I want to help ensure that 10 years from now those reasons are still true.

### Community Interests

Safety, volunteerism, education, crime prevention, and recreation.

## John A. McLenagan



**Biographical Sketch**  
 • A resident of Brandermill since 1994  
 • Currently employed by Chesterfield County Police Department; Division Manager Police Planning and Information Services, 3 years; former position with Chesterfield County Police Department; Division Manager Police Human Resources, 12 years;

• The Pennsylvania State University, B.A. in Labor/Employee Relations; Chesterfield Police Executive Leadership School; University of Richmond, E. Claiborne Robbins School of Business – The Management Institute; University of Virginia Leadership School, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

### Community Service and Memberships

Brandermill Community Association, Director; BCA Crime Prevention Committee, Chair; Committee to Protect Brandermill's Amenities, Founding Member; Brandermill Swim Team, Board Member; Swift Creek Athletic Association, Coach; Chesterfield Girls Basketball League, Coach

### Personal

Lives in Winterberry Ridge with his wife Alexis and one daughter.

### Areas of Experiences and Expertise

As a current BCA Board Director, I have been involved in strategic planning for the BCA. I saw a community need and recommended that a BCA Crime Prevention Committee be formed, which I have chaired since June 2008. I serve on the command staff for the Chesterfield County Police Department and I have a practical understanding of growth and its impact on Brandermill in both criminal activity and traffic. I am responsible for planning in law enforcement and can apply my understanding of county-wide goals to our community.

### Reasons for Running

My main concern is to ensure that our home equities increase at least at the rate of the communities around us. The next few years will challenge us because of the economic downturn. This is why zero- to low-cost community efforts, such as the BCA Crime Prevention Committee are particularly important. By addressing quality of life issues like the safety of our residents, we can drop our crime rates below competing communities and increase our home values without the expenditure of community funds.

### Community Interests

To maintain or increase the values of all homes in Brandermill, to be achieved through the safety and security of residents. This can be accomplished through community programs such as Neighborhood Watch; open space enhancements; and tough, consistent covenant enforcement. We must ensure that Brandermill has a strong voice in county-wide planning issues, such as level of service standards for the Swift Creek Reservoir; traffic congestion; overbuilding; and empty retail spaces, all of which negatively affect our home values.

## Wayne Moyer



**Biographical Sketch**  
 • A resident of Brandermill 1983  
 • Employed by Lowe's, Sales Specialist, 4 years; previous employment: advertising, marketing & capital equipment sales, 30 years; owned and operated a small business in Midlothian, 3 years

• John Tyler Community College, A.S. Liberal Arts; University of Richmond, B.A. Liberal Arts, minor: corporate & family mediation  
 • U.S. Army, Medic, 1969

### Community Service and Memberships

Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad, Past President/Vice-President; Trevoze Fire Company, Recording Secretary; Volunteer Firefighter, 18 years; Volunteer Rescue Squad, 13 years; foster parent, 10 years; Bon Air Youth Correctional facility, Volunteer, 16 years; BMW Lion's Club, Member, 5 years; BCA Activities Committee - 4th of July Parade, Arts & Crafts events, Volunteer; Richmond Grace Brethren Church, Senior Deacon, 10 years

### Personal

Lives in Cove Ridge with his wife Patti.

### Areas of Experiences and Expertise

My background in holding positions in volunteer organizations, involvement in BCA events and training in mediation techniques qualify me for a position on the BCA Board.

### Reasons for Running

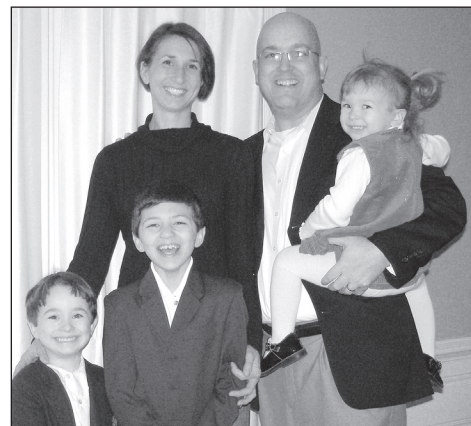
Patti and I have lived in Court Ridge, Turtle Hill and now Cove Ridge, and have enjoyed each home and neighborhood. We feel very fortunate to have made Brandermill our home, and now I would like to be a part of maintaining the security, beauty and uniqueness of our community.

### Community Interests

Adding street lights, better control of rental properties in our neighborhoods, increasing participation in Neighborhood Watch, improved common area maintenance, and improvement and repair of playground areas. In reference to the draft of the proposed Master Plan, there are numerous recommendations to hire consultants and experts to enhance Brandermill which will improve our property values. However, I strongly believe that we who live in Brandermill have the expertise and existing organizations to voluntarily incorporate many of these recommendations without increasing our assessments. Our assessments are some of the lowest in Chesterfield County and I am proud of that and will strive to keep it that way.



# Vote for Keith McGinniss



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**Brandermill Community Association**

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The proxy/ballot **MUST BE SIGNED**. Only one person needs to sign the proxy/ballot. The number of votes to which you are entitled has been calculated for you based on the property or properties you owned as of March 16, 2009.

Number of authorized votes per vacancy: 4  
 4 votes per vacancy x 2 vacancies = 8 Total Votes

There are 2 director positions to be filled. The 2 candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to 3-year terms. You may spread your 8 votes among more than 2 candidates. However, **NO ONE CANDIDATE MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN 4 VOTES**.

Please enter the **NUMBER** of votes you wish to cast for the candidates below.

Use **ONLY NUMBERS** for candidate votes. Do **NOT** use **CHECK MARKS** or **X MARKS**.

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**REFERENDUM 1 - Requires a 50% majority vote to pass**

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Yes     No To approve the deferral of any excess revenue to be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessment as provided by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Ruling 70-604.

"Resolved that any operating revenues over operating expenses for the year ending December 31, 2009 shall be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessments provided by IRS Ruling 70-604."

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proxy/ballot **MUST BE SIGNED**. The above signed hereby appoints the Secretary of the Board of Directors proxy for the above signed to vote in the manner indicated above at the meeting of Brandermill Community Association, Inc. on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Brandermill Woods and any adjournment of such meeting hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given. Please mail proxy/ballot in the blue envelope provided or deliver to Brandermill Community Association, Inc. 3001 E. Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, VA 23112, no later than 5 p.m. on April 20, 2009. Polls will close during the Annual Meeting on April 20, 2009.

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## Brandermill Helping Brandermill Seniors



Volunteers paint a senior resident's bedroom while she recovers from surgery at Lucy Corr. They are, from left: John McLenagan, Jeff Swanson and Tommy Luhmann. Not pictured: Ann Marie Luhmann, Erin Luhmann, Alexis McLenagan, Kate Riggensch, and Michelle Swanson. Seniors who need a helping hand and volunteers can call 763-0666 for info.

## Hospice care offers support to families

By Lou Seminare  
Club Correspondent

"You matter because of who you are. You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die. How people die remains in the memory of those who live on," says Dame Cicely Saunders.



Dame Cicely Saunders, at St. Christopher's Hospice in London, first applied the term "hospice" in 1967 to specialized care for dying patients. Hospice care today provides humane and compassionate care for those in the final phases of incurable disease, so that they may live as comfortably and fully as possible. Hospice is a concept of caring derived from medieval times, symbolizing a place where travelers, pilgrims and the sick, wounded or dying could find rest and comfort.

The hospice philosophy accepts death as the final stage of life, and the goal of hospice is to enable patients to continue an alert, pain-free life and to manage other symptoms so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality, surrounded by their loved ones. Treating the person rather than the disease, hospice neither hastens nor postpones death, but focuses on the quality of the life remaining.

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and family 24 hours a day, seven days a week, either in the patient's home, a hospital, a nursing home or a private hospice facility, with an interdisciplinary health care team managing the process. Doctors, nurses, counselors, social workers, clergy and therapists, among other specialists, together provide palliative care to relieve symptoms, to give spiritual and emotional support, and to control pain so as to achieve a level of comfort for the patient.

Hospice also provides respite care for the family and other caregivers, allowing them much needed rest. Family members also find great support and stress relief through family conferences facilitated by a hospice nurse or social worker. The hospice care team also works with surviving family members, helping them through the bereavement period following the loss.

Rebecca Ingram, M.D., will be the special guest speaker at the April 2 meeting of the Brandermill Retired Men's Club. Dr. Ingram focuses on psychiatry and end-of-life issues, using her medical and behavioral health expertise to assist patients and families dealing with the challenges that accompany severe illness and the dying process. She serves as medical liaison for Odyssey HealthCare of Richmond, one of the largest hospice providers in the country. In her presentation, "Hospice—the Right Care at the Right Time," Dr. Ingram will explain the features and the benefits of hospice care, including dispelling the numerous myths surrounding hospice care. She will also answer

any questions concerning terminal illnesses and healthcare choices.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the question and answer period.

Brandermill Retired Men's Club holds its monthly meetings at 10 a.m., on the first Thursday of each month, September through June, in The Brandermill Church. The meetings are preceded by a refreshment and fellowship period at 9:15 a.m.

The club offers a wide range of activities and programs, including a golf program for members of Brandermill Country Club, a bowling league, twice weekly bridge and cribbage sessions, social events including picnics, a holiday dinner, and a periodic dine around town program known as ROMEO—Retired Outstanding Men Eating Out (with their ladies and guests.)

Area retirees—Brandermill residence is not a requirement—age 50 or "better" who are interested in learning more about the club are encouraged to visit the website at [www.brmconline.org](http://www.brmconline.org), and to attend one of the monthly meetings as a guest of the club. All are welcome.



Dr. Ingram

## Elderhostel offers travel program for seniors

By Lynda Raines  
Copy Editor

On February 13, Dr. Jane F. Stephan, Director of Virginia Commonwealth University's Elderhostel Program and assistant director of education for the Virginia Center on Aging enlightened Brandermill residents about the Elderhostel program. The BCA-sponsored event was held at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse with approximately 55 residents in attendance.

Elderhostel is America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over. Elderhostel is a not-for-profit organization that offers adventurous, enlightening opportunities at an exceptional value. Each Elderhostel program includes classes and lectures that are the hallmark of the Elderhostel learning experience.

Participants may choose from 8,000 programs in 90 countries offered each year. Choices vary from 3- to 4-day jaunts in one's own state to 16-day international journeys. The Elderhostel motto is "The World is Our Classroom." The only requirement to participate in an Elderhostel adventure is a love of learning.

An especially appealing aspect of Elderhostel, Dr. Stephan says, is that everything from accommodations to meals is provided. Participants are free to enjoy their Elderhostel experience without having to worry about the details.

Some of the upcoming Elderhostel programs in Virginia include visiting the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton and the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival in Harrisonburg.

BCA Community Services Director Jennifer Strader is pleased with the response to the Elderhostel presentation. "I'm really happy with the turnout," Strader says.



Dr. Jane F. Stephan points out the benefits of the Elderhostel educational travel program.



Brandermill residents take in information on travel accommodations, classes and lectures offered by Elderhostel.

"I was hoping a daytime program would give more people the opportunity to attend."

Elderhostel was founded in 1975 in order to offer older adults the opportunity to explore their interests in exciting ways by traveling to unique locations and taking informative, enriching classes about

those locations and the treasures each offers.

For more information about Virginia's Elderhostel programs, please email Dr. Stephan at [jfstepha@vcu.edu](mailto:jfstepha@vcu.edu).

For information on all Elderhostel programs, call 877-426-8056 or visit [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org).

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## CWL fashion show benefits Families of the Wounded

By Carole Crist  
Club Correspondent

The March 18 meeting of The Chesterfield Women's League will feature a program about organizational tips. The meeting will be held at the Foxfire Club House, 5536 Fox Light Parkway in Moseley. The meeting is open to members, guests and those interested in the league. Newcomers are especially welcome.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served. The meeting and program ends at noon.

### Spring Fashion Show

Mark your calendars for the CWL Spring Fashion Show on April 15. The event is a presentation of Stein Mart, and will feature spring and summer fashions.

Pastries and beverages will be served. Tickets are \$5; each ticket purchased will be a chance to win one of the many door prizes valued at \$50 or more. Tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the event. Prizes include certificates for restaurants, collectibles, a wine opener and stand valued at more than \$125, landscaping services, gift baskets, salon services and more. All proceeds benefit the league's annual charity, the Families of the Wounded Fund.

### The Families of the Wounded

The Families of the Wounded is a local organization that provides financial resources in support of the family members and caregivers of military service men and women who have either been wounded in combat operations or injured as the result of line-of-duty activities and are being treated at McGuire Vet-

erans Hospital in Richmond. This funds are for lodging, meals, transportation, and the healthcare of the families and caregivers. For more information or to make a donation please visit [www.fotwf.org](http://www.fotwf.org).

Founded in 1974 to extend hospitality, fellowship and community awareness to women residents throughout the county, the Chesterfield Women's League meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May, at the Foxfire Club House.

The club's current social activities include a variety of interest groups such as book discussion, bridge, bunko, lunch and movies, crafting, and exploring area restaurants and metro area attractions. Evening events provide a casual setting to socialize with members, spouses and friends.



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# The Lastfogel family shares love of Celtic music



Ruth and Gene Lastfogel, and their son Michael wear the kilts of the Black Stewart, and perform with The Virginia Scots Guard.

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

For many, the stirring sounds of bagpipes and drums can often elicit an emotional and nostalgic reaction. The same holds true for musicians playing those instruments, as Ruth and Gene Lastfogel of Northwich

and their son Michael can attest. Drummers with two Virginia pipe and drum corps (the Virginia Scots Guards and the Northern Virginia Emerald Society Firefighters Pipe Band), the Lastfogels have played before throngs of people at parades, ceremonies and concerts. And many times, it can be a highly emotional

experience. "Marching down Pennsylvania Avenue, and thinking of all the presidents, seeing the sun on the flags, and all those veterans clapping for us," says Ruth of last year's St. Patrick's Day parade in D.C., "I tried not cry."

While the Lastfogels and fellow pipers and drummers perform at many festive events such as the Richmond Highland Games and the Urbanna Oyster Festival, playing at the funerals of veterans, law enforcement officers and firefighters is a special honor. They have performed for President George W. Bush at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend at FEMA headquarters in Maryland; for U.S. troops at the Memorial Day opening of the Coca Cola 600 NASCAR at Charlotte Memorial Speedway; for the 82nd Airborne returning from Iraq; for Wounded Warriors;

for an audience at a USA-UK polo match, and for countless weddings and special events. They even played before Rod Stewart at a concert in Charlottesville. "He's Scottish," says Ruth, "and he always tries to include a bagpipe band at his concerts."

For many years, the Lastfogels have enjoyed participating with members of the pipe and drum corps. "We all have the same motivation to pass on the Celtic arts. Young people have something to do to pass their time, and it's a real family group," says Ruth, who notes that the ages of musicians with the Virginia Scots Guards range from 14 to 79



Michael Lastfogel

years. In the past, the Lastfogel daughters, Jennifer and Laura, carried the banners for the band, while Ruth played the tenor drum and Gene played three types of drums: snare, tenor and base. Michael, also a drummer, plays whenever he can join his family. He is currently serving as a missionary in Cartajena, Columbia. Even though thousands of miles away, Michael stays connected to the corps by building and maintaining the Virginia Scots Guard website.

The Lastfogels practice once a week with the Virginia Scots Guards in Richmond, and are currently recruiting new members — experienced musicians as well as beginners. The corps offers free lessons and encourages beginners to come to a practice. "Anyone can learn to play and it's a lot of fun," says Ruth, who had no previous experience playing the drums. "The first time I spun my sticks," she says laughing, "they hit me in the face." One does not have to be Irish or Scottish to join the corps. "That's the neat thing, it's not a requirement," says Gene, who is of German descent.

In addition to booking performances, Gene designs the costumes for the group. The pipers wear the kilts of the Black Watch, the famous highland Scottish regiment, and drummers wear Black Stewart kilts.

To enjoy a local performance by the Lastfogels and the Virginia Scots Guards, visit the Irish Festival in Church Hill on March 21 and 22 or the Strawberry Faire in Ashland, Va. on June 6.

For more information about the Virginia Scots Guards, please visit: [www.pipesup.com](http://www.pipesup.com) or call Gene Lastfogel at 334-3344.

## SCAPA presents Irish Dance Festival and workshop



SCAPA Irish dance troupe members are, front row: Natalie St. John. Middle row, from the left: Daria Matheson and Aleise Matheson of Fortune's Ridge, and Olivia Walker. Back row: Katie Rice, Laura Tait, Elizabeth Reale, Kailani Stratton, and Kelly Jayne McGlynn of Walker's Ferry.

### Irish Dance Festival

The award-winning Irish dance troupe, Celtic Reflections, sponsored by Swift Creek Academy of the Performing Arts (SCAPA), will host an Irish dance festival at Manchester High School on Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The festival will feature a competition of Irish dancers. Irish dancers who wish to compete in the festival should call SCAPA at 744-2801.

### Irish Dance Workshop

SCAPA will host an Irish dance workshop on Saturday,

March 14 at 2 p.m. at SCAPA, 2808 Fox Chase Lane, next to Lucky's. The workshop is for anyone ages 6 to adult who would like to try Irish dancing. The fee for the workshop is \$10. Participants may register at SCAPA or by calling 744-2801.

### Celtic Reflection

The SCAPA dance troupe Celtic Reflection recently performed at the 10th Annual Virginia Dance Festival for Children's Hospital. The company was awarded 1st place at the Dance Makers convention for its rendition of "Reel Around the Sun" from River Dance.

## Certified tax aides offer free tax prep assistance at H. P. Clubouse

AARP- and IRS-trained certified tax aides are now providing free tax preparation of personal federal and state tax returns at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse through April 15.

Tax aides will prepare tax returns for walk-ins from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. They may be reached by phone during open hours at 639-0347.

Residents should bring along the following documents:

- All W-2s, 1099s, 1099-Rs, 1099-Bs and social security SSA-1099s.

- A copy of last year's income tax return(s).

- Social security cards or other official social security documentation for adults and for all dependent children.

- Any other tax related documents such as receipts for child or dependent care or education expenses, plus all receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions.

According to Tom Spence, who coordinates nine tax preparation sites, aides cannot handle tax preparation for those who need to file returns for rental properties.

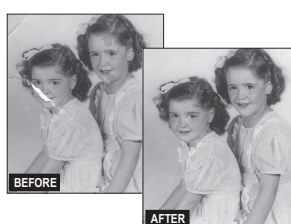
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# Views on master plan, buffer policy and The Village Mill online

## Master Plan

Continued from page 1.

To the Editor:

I finally made time to sit down and review the Master Plan. As a member of the Brandermill Community Association for 27 years, I find the plan encouraging, amusing, confusing, and somewhat disturbing.

Bravo on suggestions on extending the paths to connect Harbour Pointe with the mainland of Brandermill. The suggestion on using the existing underpass along Swift Creek to afford access to shopping and other points south are both on target and definitely needed. Currently having to cross eight lanes of speeding traffic is not healthy for those on foot or on bicycle.

Good luck getting the County and the State to see the light of the plan, because most of the needed construction is not on BCA property.

I am also encouraged by the mention of several methods of slowing vehicular traffic within the community. Unfortunately, after complaining for several years I'm convinced that it'll take many more fatalities before the state does anything.

I'm amused by many statement about clearing brush and trees to allow understory growth and suggestions that members plant native trees and shrubs, etc. Many folks moved to Brandermill because the developers promoted low maintenance housing. No lawns, no plantings, no upkeep. Now the pendulum swings. Don't get me wrong, I personally enjoy lawn care, planting, and upkeep.

I'm confused by suggestions that simple traffic circles will solve the problems at the main intersections of the parkways and Old Hundred Road. These are bottlenecks that just won't work, particularly when you add the traffic that will come both from the new high school, and the proposed development east of Market Square. If you can't fix it, don't make it worse.

I find disturbing repeated reference to the birds at Sunday Park as causing serious problems. I wish it had been stated more firmly that it's the people who feed the

birds that are the problem. No feed, no birds, no problem. In my opinion, the feeding of ducks and geese should be banned all together.

I think the plan is right on target about enforcement of covenants and the need to employ more staff to do so. Likewise, year-round monitoring of Sunday Park, the Boathouse, and parking areas nearby is in order. It's time to hire a fulltime year-round "Park Watcher," if you will, that could also be the nature interpreter mentioned in the plan.

Best Regards,  
Robert Huesman  
Court Ridge

To BCA Board Members,

I am a 32-year Brandermill resident who recently retired from a long career as a state environmental regulator. My background includes 10 years as chief engineer with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and 20 years as a regional office director with the Department of Environmental Quality.

I have considerable experience developing and implementing programs to protect our water resources from storm water runoff in urbanizing watersheds.

I am writing about the draft BCA Shoreline Buffer Policy that is currently being considered. While I applaud the board's goal of protecting Swift Creek Reservoir, I am concerned that certain provisions of the proposed policy may actually detract from that goal and unnecessarily alienate the shoreline property owners.

The basic premise of the proposed policy is that the shoreline should be managed to revert to a more "natural" condition, creating a buffer that will better filter contaminated storm water runoff. Actually, most storm water enters the reservoir at discrete points through

channels and pipes. Only a small proportion of storm water runoff from the watershed actually passes through the shoreline buffer.

While all property owners should be encouraged to optimize fertilizer and pesticide use, singling out the shoreline owners for mandatory controls will not significantly affect reservoir water quality. The most important role of shoreline property owners should be to control shoreline erosion and the accompanying sedimentation that directly enters the reservoir. Reverting to a "natural shoreline" may not be the most effective method of controlling erosion.

Large trees can actually contribute to erosion when they fall near the shoreline and many types of natural woody vegetation are not as effective in controlling erosion as turf grasses with dense root structures. Policy provisions that restrict maintenance and seek to reduce existing turf grass coverage may actually be counterproductive.

The current proposed Shoreline Buffer Policy contains a lot of good information and ideas for managing the shoreline; however, it also contains some provisions that are unnecessarily restrictive and intrusive.

The policy would be most effective if it were supported by a majority of shoreline property owners who have a vested interest in maintaining a stable and aesthetically pleasing shoreline. A group of these owners has proposed some changes that appear to be quite reasonable. I would suggest that the board consider incorporating these changes as requested.

Since I am not a shoreline property owner I do not have a personal stake in this issue. However, as a Brandermill resident, I am very concerned about our community image. I believe that this image is enhanced when our community association board deals with its property owners as allies rather than adversaries.

Sincerely,  
Gerry Seeley  
Sterling's Bridge

To the Editor:

Kudos to the president and all on the BCA Board of Directors for providing a climate of civility on February 2 for residents of varying opinions to speak about amending the BCA Buffer Policy. I assume most residents know the buffer exists to better the removal of pollutants and retard erosion into our drinking water supply, but I am less sure that everybody knows the buffer exists, first and foremost, because the law requires it.

The BCA Environmental Committee (EC) since 2001 has worked with citizens groups, individual homeowners, county and state regulatory personnel, riparian specialists and others to write a policy that complies with the law and also takes into account the concerns of lakefront homeowners who want an unobstructed view of the lake. Remember that when the leaves fall, for five to six months, the lake view is largely unobstructed anyway.

All of us abide by laws every day. The buffer policy is one example of laws designed for our mutual health, safety, and welfare. It benefits all residents. The EC hasn't sat around for seven years gleefully plotting how we can obstruct views of the water and destroy property values as some critics seem to imply. We worked hard to earn the respect of our fellow citizens for a common sense document that can be upheld by any court for fulfilling the intent of state and local laws. We believe the current document with its thoughtfully proposed policy amendments achieves that goal.

It's time for all residents here in Brandermill to stop pussy-footing around and decide whether to support the buffer or not. The EC and BCA Board did not invent the nationwide crunch between the need for development and the need for safe water, nor our increasingly zoocy weather patterns that threaten our water and food supplies.

We've struggled for seven years to be a law-abiding part of the solution of the buffer issue in our beloved community, and the majority of waterfront homeowners who

have already complied with the existing buffer policy must want to be part of the solution, too. Thank heaven for their understanding and cooperation. We need to approve the Buffer Policy amendments and get on to other issues that need attention.

Betty Clapp  
BCA Environmental Committee  
Shallowford Trace

To the Editor:

I was looking through the old issues of The Village Mill online and found some interesting information. I was wondering if there are any plans to scan the Mill beyond 1975 through 1977 on the BCA website?

Jim Johnson  
Cove Ridge

*Editor's note: That's a very good question. We are in the process of scanning all issues of The Village Mill from "the beginning of time" until present for online viewing. That means scanning 34-plus years of newsletters and newspapers, approximately 400 issues, over 4,000 pages. This will take some time. Scanning the early four-page newsletters is relatively easy, but reproducing full-size newspaper formats requires scanning three sections of a page and "cutting and pasting" them electronically and then converting them to a PDF file. The great thing about viewing PDF files is that an entire page can be viewed, including photos, articles and advertisements.*

*We will continue to add to our archives online, working forward from the earliest issues, and backward with the latest issues until all editions are posted online. In the mean time, archived articles since August 2005 are posted online as well as the first three years of newsletters. Visit "Archives" under "The Village Mill" on the BCA website: www.brandermill.com. Newspapers are also archived at The Library of Virginia in Richmond.*

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coastal or wetland restoration projects." Identifying potential partners for development, he noted, is a way to share costs and resources. While the capitalization fee is already in effect - acquiring \$150 for every residence sold - Cole says increasing the fee equal to the annual assessment is what many homeowner associations do. Cole mentioned other alternatives for raising funds: tapping into reserve funds for appropriate projects; levying a special assessment; borrowing money; or increasing association fees. "The current yearly fee of \$407 is relatively low when compared to other communities," he said, "although the majority of those compared included pool memberships." He compared other community fees such as Lake Chesdin at \$1,340 per year and Hampton Park at \$810 per year. Cole closed the presentation by thanking the community for the opportunity to develop the Brandermill Master Plan, and the audience applauded the designforum team for its hard work.

The BCA Board will consider the final Brandermill Master Plan in future board meetings.

## BCA Activities

Continued from page 1.

family can enjoy together. Learn how to select the kayak that fits your budget, skill level, and paddling goals. Representatives from Appomattox River Company will help participants choose the right kayak, and local kayak fishing expert Vic Sorrensen will be on hand to talk about kayak fishing. Please register by April 1.

### Plant Exchange

Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday Park Overflow Parking Lot. Do you have too many plants? Please bring your plants to exchange, including perennials, cuttings, seeds, bulbs, herbs and vegetable plants. McTyre's Cove resident Grant Miller of Miller Landscaping and master gardeners will answer questions about gardening in Brandermill. Plants do not have to be in pots—bags and newspaper will do.

# BCA EVENTS

## FAMILY LIFE SERIES

**Night One - Thursday, March 19 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.**  
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

### Taking the Edge Off: Communication for Healthy Relationships

Poor communication can create misunderstanding, friction and disconnection from our partner and the people we love the most. Psychologist, Dr. Katherine Bettin, shares communication techniques and works with individuals, couples and families who want closer relationships. Pizza and drinks provided. Adults only.



Register by Monday March 16

**Night Two - Thursday, April 23 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Relax...Take a Breath! How to Stay Balanced While Surviving Parenting

**Night Three - Thursday, May 21 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

How to Listen When You Don't Like What You're Hearing: Parent-Teen Communication

## RED CROSS BABYSITTING

**Sunday, March 22 • 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

Learn the basics of babysitting from a Red Cross instructor and receive a Red Cross Certificate upon completion of class. Participants must be at least 11 years of age. \$50 per person.

Register by Friday, March 6



## CHOOSING THE RIGHT KAYAK FOR YOU!

**Saturday, April 4 • 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Sunday Park Dock

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Sunday Park Overflow Parking Lot

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT DIRECTORY

## County offers tax incentive for rehab work

A little known program adopted by Chesterfield County gives homeowners an added incentive to rehabilitate their homes. Adopted in 1997, the "Incentive Program for the Rehabilitation of Residential Properties" allows homeowners who make substantial improvements to qualifying properties to enjoy a partial tax exemption. Since inception of the program, only 41 property owners have received a partial tax exemption for the renovation of their homes.

As the Brandermill community matures, many homes at 25 years or older may qualify for the incentive program administered by the Department of Real Estate Assessments (DREA).

Homeowners must apply for the exemption before any renovations occur. An appraiser will visit the property to determine its value. At completion of the work, a reevaluation will be made to determine the assessed value of the rehabilitated property. If the improvements increase the assessed value by more than 10 percent, a tax exemption will be applied for eight years. The credit amount will not change during the eight-year period even though the assessed value of the home may change.

In calculating the amount of savings in a hypothetical case of a home originally assessed at \$200,000, whose value increases to \$250,000 after renovations, a homeowner will not pay tax on the \$50,000 increased assessed value. Based on the current year tax rate, properties are taxed at 95 cents per \$100. \$50,000 divided by 100 times .95 equals a \$475 savings.

For more information on the rehabilitation incentive program, please call Martha Geisen at 748-1321.

The following information addresses criteria for the residential incentive program.

### To Qualify

This program is available to

See Tax Incentive on page 12.

<b>ADDITIONS, DECKS, PATIOS, SUNROOMS</b>	
Aikey Construction	639-2514
Central Virginia Construction	674-4006
CSC Construction, Inc.	741-8466
Deck Creations of Richmond	320-2212
Eastern Home Improvement	920-5602
Maize Remodeling, LLC	598-7300
Sunroom Solutions	796-2929
<b>AWNINGS</b>	
Everett Awning Cleaning Services	683-1162
<b>BANKS &amp; LENDING INSTITUTIONS</b>	
Chesterfield Federal Credit Union	639-9142
<b>BATH &amp; SHOWER</b>	
Bath & Shower Solutions	379-5200
Central Virginia Construction	674-4006
Commonwealth Renovations, LLC	652-8439
Fast Glass, Inc.	778-7771
Maize Remodeling, LLC	598-7300
Re-Bath	639-8030
<b>CARPET &amp; CARPET CLEANING</b>	
Commonwealth Renovations, LLC	652-8439
Pond's Carpet Cleaning Service	520-1497
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Cleaning By Carolyn	512-7556
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<b>CONTRACTORS</b>	
Be Right There, Inc	379-0818
HOCOA of Richmond	855-1415
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Crowson Home Services	237-2117
<b>DOOR REPLACEMENTS</b>	
Barry's Home Services	561-2568
Bon Air Exteriors, Inc.	674-6085
Danny Berry Repair & Maintenance	739-0082
Fast Glass, Inc.	778-7771
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<b>DRYER VENT CLEANING</b>	
CleanVent Dryer Exhaust	730-1754
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Cole Electric	739-6065
Eastern Home Improvement	920-5602
Old Castle Enterprises	314-0122
<b>EXTERMINATORS</b>	
Permatreat Pest Control	798-9671
Vermillion & Company Exterminators	353-3226
<b>FLOORING</b>	
Bon Air Exteriors, Inc.	674-6085
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<b>FOUNDATION &amp; CRAWLSPACE REPAIRS</b>	
B-Dry Waterproofing	353-3116
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4 Castle Windows	222-2505
17 Eastern Home Improvement	920-5602
8 O'Neill House & Lawn Care	897-4268
<b>HANDYMAN</b>	
11 Barry's Home Services	561-2568
9 Be Right There, Inc	379-0818
10 Bon Air Exteriors, Inc.	674-6085
Crowson Home Services	237-2117
12 Danny Berry Repair & Maintenance	739-0082
Dirty Hands, Inc.	744-9629
Eastern Home Improvement	920-5602
Local Handyman	447-1343
O'Neill House & Lawn Care	897-4268
18 Southside Home Services	869-0770
17 Simple Strokes	683-8628
<b>HEATING &amp; AIR CONDITIONING</b>	
8 Acors Air Conditioning & Heating	745-0594
9 Old Castle Enterprises	314-0122
4 Universal Heating	794-2804
W.G. Speeks, Inc.	276-2800
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11 Barry's Home Services	561-2568
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4 Bon Air Exteriors, Inc.	674-6085
12 Central Virginia Construction	674-4006
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<b>HOME REPAIR REFERRAL SERVICE</b>	
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<b>KITCHENS</b>	
18 Central Virginia Construction	674-4006
Commonwealth Renovations, LLC	652-8439
11 Maize Remodeling, LLC	598-7300
<b>LAWN &amp; GARDEN</b>	
10 B & W Tree & Yard Works, LLC	598-3931
11 Castelvechi Lawn Care	514-7696
12 Dirty Hands, Inc.	744-9629
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<b>LEAF REMOVAL</b>	
8 B & W Tree & Yard Works, LLC	598-3931
16 Castelvechi Lawn Care	514-7696
11 Rusty Walz	868-0105
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11 Ace Glass	744-0137
18 Fast Glass, Inc.	778-7771
<b>MULCH, TOPSOIL, GRAVEL, ETC.</b>	
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8 Castelvechi Lawn Care	514-7696
Mary Ann's Trucking	897-1490
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17 Be Right There, Inc	379-0818
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16 CSC Construction, Inc.	741-8466

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8 Local Handyman	447-1343	11
11 Simple Strokes	683-8628	17
16 Southside Home Services	869-0770	10
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17 Simple Strokes	683-8628	17
10 Window World	674-4490	18
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17 Genito Mini Storage	744-3043	17
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17 Local Handyman	441-1343	11
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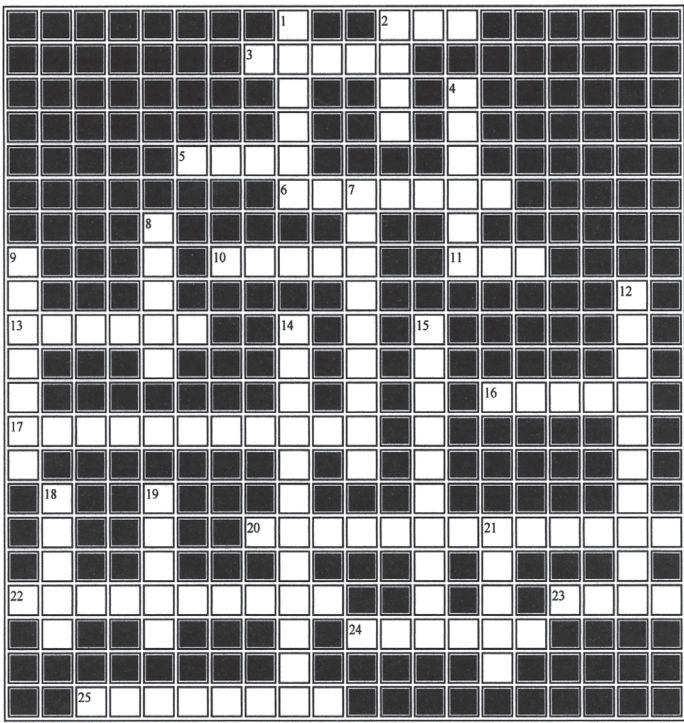
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## Home Improvement and other Brandermill facts



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- You have \_\_\_ months to complete an approved home improvement project.
  - You can \_\_\_ leaves to spread in flower beds.
  - \_\_\_ areas in front yards must be heavily mulched or planted with grass or groundcover.
  - Grass and weeds in driveways must be \_\_\_.
  - The BCA Annual Meeting is held in \_\_\_.
  - Trees that are larger than \_\_\_ inches in diameter may not be cut without permission.
  - Did you know these live nearby and come to the reservoir to find food?
  - There are about 15 \_\_\_ of bike/walking trails in Brandermill.
  - You can pay your BCA \_\_\_ by credit card.
  - The \_\_\_ Design Standards outline rules and regulations regarding construction and maintenance.
  - Did you also know that there are several of these in Brandermill?
  - You agreed to abide by the Brandermill rules and regulations when you signed this.
  - \_\_\_ air conditioners may never be placed on the front of a house.
  - Trash cans, HVAC units and propane tanks must be \_\_\_.
- Down**
- BCA-owned property along the edge of the reservoir.
  - If you want a \_\_\_, a pond or a fence in your yard you must apply before beginning work.
  - The \_\_\_ at Woodbridge Crossing is a new townhome development in Brandermill.
  - The newest neighborhood of single family homes in Brandermill.
  - There are \_\_\_ members of the BCA Board of Directors.
  - The Architectural Review Board meets on the 2nd and 4th \_\_\_ of each month.
  - Swift Creek Reservoir is included in the \_\_\_ Bay Preservation Act.
  - You can book a cruise on this BCA pontoon boat.
  - All homes must have a minimum number of \_\_\_ plants in the front.
  - There are about 3,700 \_\_\_ in Brandermill.
  - \_\_\_ and trailers may not be kept on a property.
  - If you plan to change the \_\_\_ of your house, you must apply.

Look for answers in the April 13 issue.

## Start with remodeling the heart of the home If the chef is happy in the kitchen, everybody is happy



It's easy to show off the chef's talents when the kitchen is designed correctly and is fully equipped.

By Lynda Raines  
Copy Editor

Kitchen renovation is the most complicated and multi-faceted of elective home renovations. The kitchen is the heart of the home—it serves as a gathering place for

family and friends and is often the busiest room in the house.

A renovated kitchen can transform a home aesthetically and add a level of efficiency and productivity to any chef's talents.

Despite the downhill slide in the U.S. economy, some homeowners

are choosing to forge ahead with kitchen renovation plans. And many of those who had hoped to move into a newer or larger home have made the decision to stay put and renovate their homes instead of trying to sell and buy again in an unstable housing market.

### Stretching the Timetable

For those who have had major kitchen renovation plans in place but suddenly find the cost of carrying out those plans overwhelming, there is an alternative. Instead of completing each of the kitchen renovation projects simultaneously, try taking them one at a time. It will take longer, but taking the renovation in steps will ease the financial burden.

### One Disruption at a Time

If a total kitchen renovation is planned, start with the areas that will take the most work and cause the most disruption—usually electrical and plumbing work and removal and replacement of countertops, cabinets, and any tiled areas. It makes a difference to get the most work-intensive renovation tasks accomplished.

First obtain a commitment from plumbers and electricians concerning how long those utilities will have to be down. It would be less stressful not to have both disabled at the same time.

### Making Flooring Choices

The kitchen floor is a high-traffic area that calls for durable flooring. Hardwood and tile are the most popular, aesthetically pleasing, and decorator-friendly flooring choices. But hardwood and tile are also the most expensive flooring options. With today's technology, however,

laminate flooring now offers the look of stone and tile at a more affordable price. And since there is no grout to clean, laminate flooring is also easier to maintain. But if nothing but wood flooring will do, check into laminate engineered wood flooring; it costs much less than traditional hardwood flooring and adds warmth to any room.

### Working With Professionals

Many home improvement centers provide consultants to offer advice to homeowners about renovation projects. Present your vision of your kitchen renovation to a consultant and ask for help with undertaking a kitchen renovation in stages.

### Time to Paint

Painting should be one of the last tasks to be performed in a kitchen renovation project.

Color experts say the best kitchen colors are those that stimulate the senses and add warmth and offer comfort for family and friends. Some of today's trends in kitchen colors include light and medium blues, fruit-inspired reds, pinks and oranges, and springtime greens and yellows.

### One Appliance at a Time

The ideal renovation scenario would be to purchase every appliance, from a new dishwasher to a bigger refrigerator, at one time, but a tight renovation budget may not accommodate an appliance-shopping spree. Buy what is most needed first and ask the home improvement consultant to verify that the other appliances you plan to purchase at a later date will be available, and in the color you want.

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# The thrill of an organized closet



Organizing a closet can be a major task, but it creates a sense of accomplishment.

Making the most of closet space is an important element of organization, and it doesn't matter if the closet is tiny or cavernous. Sometimes the larger the closet space, the more cramped and disorganized it can become, due to the human tendency to fill every nook and cranny of storage space.

Nevertheless, finding that raincoat when it's storming outside or the right shoes shouldn't turn into a frantic treasure hunt.

The first step to take before attempting to organize a closet is to weed out and discard items that aren't used or worn. This can

often be the most difficult aspect of restructuring a closet, because sentimental value or the notion that "surely this will come back in style some day" creates the reluctance to part with certain clothing or shoes.

A good rule of thumb is to assume that if the garment or shoes haven't been worn in a year, they probably won't be in the near future and should find a new home. But if the urge to hang on to that polyester leisure suit or the turtleneck with a life-size face of Santa applied on the front is overwhelming, stash them in the attic.

Making closet space functional involves sticking to a plan of housing only the clothing that is wearable, desirable, and practical.

Separating seasonal clothing is a good place to start. If closet space is not plentiful enough to store fall/winter and spring/summer clothing, a good idea is to invest in sturdy, plastic stackable storage containers. Some are slim enough to slide under a bed; others come in bulkier sizes and need to be stored in attic or basement space.

Tight-fitting lids are important; they keep clothing dry and safe from moths and other critters.

For apparel that has been relegated to the giveaway pile, consider donating it to a charitable organization.

Contributions to qualified organizations can serve as a tax deduction.

Some examples of local Richmond charities that qualify include Goodwill Industries and The Salvation Army. A form 1040, schedule A must be filed in order to take the deduction, and the amount deducted may be limited.

For more information about tax deductions to charitable organizations, see IRS publication #526, or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Once the contents of a closet have been thinned out, the next step is to assess the amount of room available for installing additional shelving, clothing rods, shoe organizers, valets, hat and coat racks, and stackable storage boxes.

Using adjustable shelving for children's closets allows room for growth.

It is a good idea to measure the closet area before shopping and take those measurements along.

Most home improvement centers carry a variety of closet organization accessories and accoutrements, and trained customer service representatives can help answer questions and even map out a plan to convert closet disorganization into a streamlined, clutter-free space.

Closet organization systems are designed to fit virtually every taste and pocketbook: the options range from adjustable track wall shelving to cabinetry styles that offer elegance as well as practicality.

So set aside an afternoon before the weather gets too nice to stay indoors and tackle that closet. Throw sentiment out the window and toss that pillbox hat into the "must go" pile. After all, nothing is more fashionable than a closet with attitude.

# A well maintained driveway enhances curb appeal



Renewing surfaces, maintaining edges, and removing grass and weeds, will keep your driveway attractive and inviting.

By Lynda Raines  
Copy Editor

In many ways, the driveway to your home is like a large welcome mat. A well-tended driveway, whether it be asphalt, gravel, aggregate or concrete, enhances the curb appeal of a home. A properly maintained driveway also contributes to the overall pride of the neighborhood.

Brandermill residents must abide by covenants set down by the BCA Community Standards Department concerning consistent upkeep of driveways. Following are some tips to help homeowners with compliance of driveway maintenance covenants.

(Note: Brandermill residents who wish to change the surface of their driveways do not need approval from the Architectural Review Board (ARB), but those who wish to change the dimensions of a driveway must secure ARB approval.)

• Weeding is important, particularly in the summer when grass and weeds proliferate

yards and driveways.

• Lining driveways with timber helps maintain a neat appearance; timber should be in good condition and replaced when wear and tear begin to show.

• When replacing gravel in driveways, remember that only brown and grey river gravel are allowed for use in Brandermill driveways.

• Asphalt, concrete and aggregate driveways must be maintained by repairing cracks and crevices.

• Sealing an asphalt driveway assures cosmetic appeal, but use caution in the frequency of sealing in order to avoid sealant build up.

• The outdoor temperature must be at least 50 degrees before sealing an asphalt driveway with an oil-based product. Oil-based products penetrate the driveway better and allow it to breathe.

It is important to remember that just like a home, driveways require regular maintenance. A well-kept driveway is both inviting and aesthetically appealing.

# Spring ✓ List

Spring cleaning is an inside/outside job that involves a multitude of tasks, and deciding where to start is often perplexing. Here are some items to add to your checklist.

### Interior projects

✓ Change the filter in your furnace and check for soot backup.

✓ Test the air conditioning unit, check Freon levels and replace the filter.

✓ Reopen ceiling, floor and wall vents that were closed over the winter.

✓ Check interior rooms and attic space for hibernating insects; remove spiders and their webs.

✓ If painting inside, schedule the work on milder days and open windows for ventilation.

✓ Wash storm windows and install screens.

✓ Check plumbing for leaks.

✓ Clean carpets, rugs, upholstery and slipcovers if needed.

✓ While cleaning behind and under sofas and chairs, rearrange furniture for a new look.

✓ Clean areas such as chair rails, banisters, shoe molding, windowsills, and the top of the refrigerator.

### Exterior Projects

✓ Look under your house for winter damage – mold, mildew, moisture or leaky pipes.

✓ Check for evidence of termite damage.

✓ Clear gutters of leaves and debris.

✓ Inspect and replace worn siding.

✓ Check and replace outdoor light bulbs.

✓ Paint the house exterior before hot weather sets in, or contact contractors before they get too busy; or consider having your home power washed.

✓ Check to see if the asphalt driveway needs to be resealed.

✓ Inspect and make necessary repairs to lawn mowers and other yard maintenance equipment.

✓ Inspect the deck for worn or rotten wood; seal the deck if sealant if necessary and check deck or patio furniture for winter damage.

✓ Clean out flower and shrub beds and apply fresh mulch, and plant a variety of colorful annuals.

# Is your mailbox up to BCA standards?



Please keep your mailbox accessible and numbers visible for safety reasons.

By Lynda Raines  
Copy Editor

What's bigger than a bread box, smaller than a compact car, and, according to BCA Community Standards requirements, has to be kept in tip-top shape at all times?

If you guessed your mailbox, you're right.

Mailboxes in Brandermill are subject to the same covenant requirements as homes, yards, and driveways, and it is just as important to keep them looking good.

An aged mailbox that appears battered or in need of fresh paint can stick out like a sore thumb in contrast with a manicured yard and a well-maintained home.

The mailbox, as well as the post with the residents' name and house number must be clearly visible. This means that overgrowth of flowering vines or bushy shrubs should be trimmed to avoid a BCA covenant violation.

In addition to providing easy access to the U.S. Postal Service and extending courtesy to friends and visitors in search of an address, visible street numbers are required by the Chesterfield Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments.

When inspecting your mailbox, ask these questions: Is the post secure? Is the mailbox firmly attached? Has the mailbox finish become dull or faded? Are there dents or has there been damage as the result of a close encounter with a car?

The approved color for mailboxes in Brandermill is Benjamin Moore ET-19. Quarts of paint with a sanding pad and a foam brush are available at the BCA office for \$12.

To order a new mailbox or parts necessary for repairs, please contact Vern Akins at 536-6804. You must first fill out an order form which may be downloaded from the BCA website at [www.brandermill.com](http://www.brandermill.com); click on "Documents."

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# Local decorators share resourceful secrets



Photo by Erin McGlynn

Some things old, some things new are combined to redecorate this cozy room.

By Wendy Parker  
Managing Editor

It's spring, the traditional time of year when homeowners get the urge to redecorate and spruce up their homes following a drab winter. Two Brandermill residents, Erin McGlynn, an interior designer, and Diana Ragsdale, an interior arranger, offer tips on how to make the best use of one's creativity and resources when the economy is bleak.

McGlynn encourages homeowners to start outside the home for a fresh look. "It doesn't cost anything to clean up your yard," she says. "Make sure the pathway is clean and make the entranceway as

welcoming as can be." Something as simple as replacing an old door-knob with a polished brass one and adding a brass kick plate can dress up the front door. "Add a topiary for fresh greenery in a nice pot on either side of the door," she says, "and pay attention to your lighting. Builder-grade light fixtures can become pitted and look cheap." Finally, a new doormat can make the entrance more inviting.

Both Ragsdale and McGlynn agree that people can save money; they don't have to rely on expensive stores for attaining an up-to-date look in the home. "They can go to discount stores for great accessories, bedding, towels, lamps, and bric-a-brac," says Ragsdale.

She suggests homeowners shop at art galleries for original art. Works by local artists, especially those who are beginning their careers, can be a bargain.

Antique shops and auctions are also great sources for finding beautiful pieces of furniture and accessories like trunks and oriental rugs. "Last week at an auction," says Ragsdale, "an eight-piece cherry bedroom suit went for \$600." She often finds lovely solid wood chests and dressers as well as upholstered sofas and chairs.

While prices at furniture stores are dropping, Ragsdale warns buyers to be aware that financing deals at stores are only "a great deal if you can pay it off within the time allotted, or face paying the full amount with finance charges."

While hiring an arranger or decorator is an ideal solution, both Ragsdale and McGlynn say home-owners themselves can put fresh paint on the walls and rearrange their own furniture. Both are strong proponents of cleaning out closets and cabinets, and carting away the clutter to Good Will or the dump.

Ragsdale says a little ingenuity goes a long way if homeowners utilize "what they already have." She says, "Having a friend come



McGlynn



Ragsdale

in and look at the house with a different eye," is a good idea.

McGlynn recommends moving paintings from one wall to another and finding fresh locations for accessories. "They disappear after awhile," she says. Regarding space and lighting, "People never think of it, but it is most important," she says. "Put a spotlight on a grouping in the corner, or on a vase filled with tall sticks for a dramatic result."

She notes homeowners can maximize a small space. "If you have one oversized piece such as an armoire or chaise, it makes a little room seem important."

Accents such as plants can demand one's time. She advises placing one real plant at eye level, and fill in the background with artificial plants - most people won't notice.

### More Tips from Diana

- Don't waste money. If you want to paint a room, test the color first by buying a quart and paint a posterboard and put it on the wall.

- Shop for fashionable accents such as vases, frames, and artwork at discount centers.

- Wash your windows - it makes a world of difference, and it feels so good.

### More Tips from Erin

- Pay attention to seasons, modify accessories for each season for a whole new look. Add floral arrangements and fresh pillows.

- Pay attention to house odors. It's the first thing people notice when entering a home. Make sure the house is clean, the litter box is fresh, and use fragrant candles.

- Don't skimp. Always utilize quality fabrics.

- It's easy to play with lighting. Change light bulbs for more flattering lighting.

# Powerwashing is economical facelift for home exteriors



Photo by Tina Holt

Power washing removes mildew and loose debris from exterior surfaces.

### Power Washing

During a depressed economy, many homeowners struggle to make ends meet, and expenses such as large home maintenance projects are not figured into a tight budget. One of the most costly home maintenance tasks is exterior painting.

Power washing is an option that is affordable and can work wonders on a home's exterior. Often, the results can be so dramatic that a home takes on the appearance of being newly painted.

### Cleaning Strength

Cleaning mildew, pollutants and dirt from a home's exterior requires industrial-strength water pressure and steam. Licensed power washing and steam cleaning companies can work wonders on a dirt- and mildew-stained home, but caution should be used when selecting a power washing or steam-cleaning contractor. Licensed, professional power washing contractors should inspect the home prior to committing to the job and advise the owner if there are any problems such as peeling paint, rotting wood or loose siding that would not withstand the cleaning.

### Mildew is a Common Culprit

Mildew can make a beautiful home look dirty and run-down and can cause it to stand out for all the wrong reasons. A community like Brandermill where shaded lots invite moisture that harbors

mildew can, over time, cause serious damage to a home's exterior. Mildew is the product of fungi feeding on nutrients in the house's paint; the dirt on the surface of a house also provides food for the fungi. Moisture provides an ideal breeding ground for fungi.

Following are some tips to help cut down on the amount of mildew that could accumulate on the exterior of a home.

- Keep shrubs, plants and mulch away from exterior walls. Trim any branches or tree limbs that touch the outside of the home.
- Clear gutters and drains of leaves and debris.
- Redirect sprinklers and rotate hanging planters to prevent water from regularly collecting on exterior surfaces.
- Make sure rainwater is not collecting near the home's foundation. Repair leaks and extend downspouts away from the foundation.

# Unchecked water damage means serious problems later



Photo by John Bassett

Always inspect crawl spaces for moisture damage that may have occurred during winter months.

Brandermill homeowners take note: mold could be alive and well in your home's crawl space.

The majority of the homes in Brandermill were built with a crawl space beneath the flooring; a damp or partially flooded crawl space creates one of the most hospitable environments for mold. It can damage the flooring and walls and cause serious respiratory problems for those living in the home.

### Water Damage

According to Rich Contelmo, a consultant with B-Dry Waterproofing, due to the lack of ventilation in a crawl space, water tends to

high humidity level, which allows for water vapor to move easily into the crawl space and upward into the home.

"Most people wait until it's too late," Contelmo says. "But there's not much benefit in acting as if the problem doesn't exist."

Leaky pipes are also a culprit - poorly maintained plumbing can create ongoing water damage and invite mold and fungus. A routine check of the pipes located in the crawl space can alert homeowners to a situation that needs immediate attention.

Mold cleanup will work only

"pond" and become a serious problem. "Water always seeks its own level," Contelmo says, "which means that humidity always goes to the lowest point."

The soil in a crawl space has a

with a proper diagnosis and elimination of the moisture source that played host to the mold growth, or the mold problem will occur again and again. Call a professional to evaluate the condition of the crawl space. If mold is present, it must be removed with chemicals and the area must be dried and water-proofed to ensure that water will not enter the crawl space again. A wise choice is to install a ventilation system that will reduce humidity, remove stagnant air and reduce the presence of radon and other gases.

### How Can You Tell if it is Mold?

You have mold when you smell a "musty odor" or see it in the form of black or white specks on bathroom, kitchen or basement walls, or in closets. Mold gravitates to areas with a high moisture level. Mold can often be found on wallpaper, as it feeds on the wallpaper glue.

Mold can also be found growing along walls where warm moist air condenses on cooler wall surfaces, such as inside cold exterior walls, behind dressers, headboards, and in areas where articles are stored against walls. Mold often grows in rooms with both high water usage

and humidity, such as kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and basements.

If you notice mold or know of water-damaged areas in your home, it is time to take action to control its growth, and the best way to start is by making sure the crawl space area beneath your house is dry. "It's the moisture that leads to mold growth, musty odors, and structural damage," says Jesse Waltz, a professional engineer and founder of JES Construction, Inc., "not to mention that insects and critters love moist environments."

Mold and structural damage that can be the result of a poorly maintained and damp crawl space can cause expensive renovation costs. But there is also another worry that extreme crawl space moisture can create: foundation damage.

Kavie Thrift, vice president of Stable Foundations, says a good practice that will help to avoid structural damage over time is to keep a sharp eye on the condition of the crawl space beneath your home. "It has to be dry," Thrift says. "Keep plastic on the ground and close the crawl space vents in the winter and open them in the summer."

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## New windows are attractive and energy efficient

Installing replacement windows increases the value, complements the exterior, and adds to the curb appeal of a home. When homeowners make the decision to invest in replacement windows, most often the reason concerns heating and cooling efficiency. Also, due to the shaded landscape of Brandermill, some homeowners may have windows that have trapped condensation. Because these windows can rarely be cleaned and kept clear of condensation due to their age, they should be replaced.

When long-time Brandermill homeowners decide it is time to replace windows, they discover that windows have undergone a revolution in efficiency and style.

Improved window frame materials such as wood composites, vinyl, and fiberglass promote better insulation in both summer and winter months. In addition, many replacement window manufacturers offer "designer" and upscale replacement windows inspired by classic architecture and art. Windows with stained, etched and beveled glass are also available. Be sure, however, to secure the approval of the BCA Architectural Review Board before purchasing replacement windows.

### What to Look For

• Low E-glass—these windows are made with special coatings that

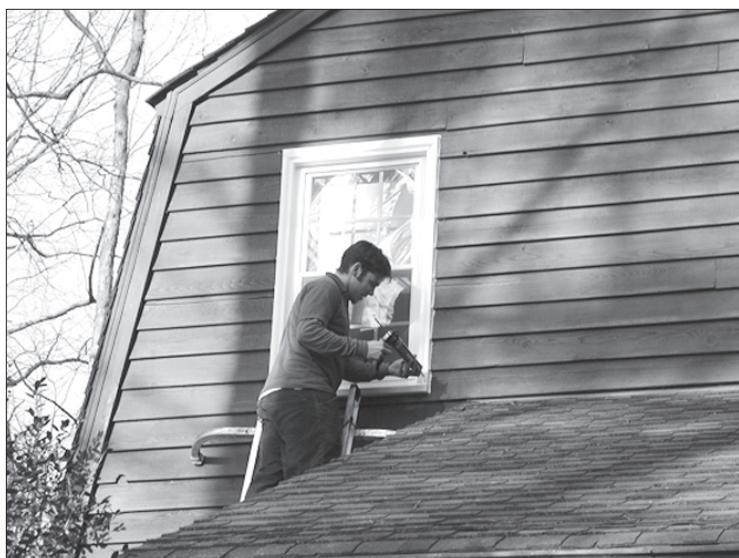


Photo by Tina Holt

Replacement windows come in a variety of styles made of new and improved materials.

reflect infrared light, so heat stays inside in the winter and cool air keeps your home comfortable in the summer. These windows will also reflect damaging ultraviolet light, which can fade interior furnishings.

- Gas fills – look for windows with argon, krypton, or other gases between the panes. These non-toxic gases are odorless and colorless and insulate better than regular air.
- Warm edge spacers – spacers ensure that a window's glass panes are the correct distance apart. The spacers are made of steel, foam,

fiberglass or vinyl; they also reduce heat flow and prevent condensation.

- Multiple panes – two or three panes of glass, with an air or gas-filled space in the middle insulate much better than a single pane of glass. Double or triple-pane windows offer heightened heating and cooling efficiency, increased impact resistance and sound insulation.

### Window Replacement Made Easy

Many homeowners who have only owned their homes for a decade

or less have not undertaken a full window replacement project before. Following are some tips for homeowners who are unfamiliar with the process of window replacement.

- When selecting a window installer, make sure to request paperwork that states that the entire installation team is bonded and insured.
- Window replacement is a progressive remodeling project. Only one or two windows are taken out at a time and then those windows are immediately replaced.
- Remove window treatments, including shades and blinds, before the installers arrive to give them easy access to the windows.
- Glass ornaments or decorations should also be removed from the windows, ledges and sills.
- Some furnishings may need to be moved away from windows and breakables taken off wall shelves.
- Save window warranty information and store it in a secure location.
- Ask about the installer's weather policy. While the installer may be comfortable working in the rain, you may not want the interior of your home to get muddy or wet.
- A fair amount of dust and mess comes with a window replacement project. Discuss beforehand if furnishings should be covered during the installation and ask about the installer's cleanup policy.

## Chesterfield County offers spring gardening seminars

The Chesterfield County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension is offering public seminars on 12 popular gardening subjects this spring. The seminars will be held at the Chester, Clover Hill and Midlothian libraries, as well as the extension office. The seminars are free and open to the public. Space is limited. Please call 751-4401 to register or e-mail minnicinos@chesterfield.gov.



**Spring Lawn Care** – March 31, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Clover Hill Library; April 7, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Chester Library

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**Perennials** – April 7, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Clover Hill Library

**Right Plant, Right Place** – April 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Clover Hill Library

**Woody Ornamentals** – April 7, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Midlothian Library  
**Composting** – April 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Midlothian Library; April 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Clover Hill Library

**Pollinators** – April 16, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Clover Hill Library

**Common Pest Problems** – April 23, 10 a.m. to noon, Cooperative Extension office

**Warm Season Lawns** – April 23, 2 to 4 p.m., Cooperative Extension Office

**Tomato Problems** – May 14, 10 a.m. to noon, Cooperative Extension Office

## Acquire ARB approval before you begin

By Julann Talty  
Community Standards Director

Soon many residents will be starting a variety of home improvement projects. If your project includes any changes to the outside appearance of your home, an application for approval must be submitted to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) before beginning the work.

Large projects, such as additions, deck conversions, accessory buildings or exceptions to the general design guidelines require the approval of the ARB.

ARB meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The community architect and his assistant review applications for colors, fences and site stakeouts each week.

There are five general applications. They are available at the BCA office and online at www.brandermill.com under "Documents."

### Color Approval

This form is used for changes in exterior colors on a home or for a new roof. For paint colors, the color name or number, the manufacturer's name and a color chip are required. For new roofs, the manufacturer's name, the color of the roof and the type of warranty (30-year, 40-year, etc.) are required. A shingle sample may also be required.

### Fences

Residents submit this form to apply for a fence or dog pen in a yard or for screening for boats or trailers. A fence application must include a plat of the property accurately showing where the fence or enclosure will be located as well as a description of the style of fence, including the height.

### Home Improvement

This form is used for many types of projects. These can include additions, sheds, deck extensions, replacement windows or doors, skylights, awnings and major

landscaping. Depending on the type of project, this application may require a plat, floor plans and scale drawings of all elevations, dimensions and roof pitches as well as exterior materials and finishes.

### Vinyl Siding

Residents who wish to install vinyl siding must complete and submit this application with a sample of the vinyl in the color that will be used. The application includes the standards for vinyl installation in Brandermill as well as nominal wall thickness.

### New Homes

This includes all the paperwork required for the two-stage review

process and the certificate of compliance to be completed when the home is completed.

### ARB Submission Guidelines

ARB requests may be submitted up until 4:30 p.m. the day before the ARB meeting and must include all supportive drawings and information.

Please note: the signature page attached to the application must be signed by the homeowner in order for the application to be processed. Residents should allow seven to 10 days after the review to receive a response. Verbal approvals are not given. Please submit paperwork in a timely manner that allows for a response from the ARB.

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## Cooperative Extension offers soil and garden analysis

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The Grass Roots program is a great way to get professional lawn care at a reasonable price. The \$20 fee includes:

- One soil sample (additional samples are available at \$11 each).
- One visit from a master gardener volunteer to take soil samples, measure the lawn, and evaluate the lawn's condition.

Personalized fertilizer and liming recommendations based on the soil test results and evaluation will be mailed from the Chesterfield Cooperative Extension to each participant.

Participants will receive a comprehensive guide on lawn care, complete with step-by-step ren-

ovation instructions and one year of seasonal newsletters providing timely lawn care information.

Registration is limited, please register by June 1. For more information or to register, please call 751-4401 or email edwardssu@chesterfield.gov.

**New Landscape Gardening**  
Virginia Cooperative Extension is offering a program for Chesterfield County residents who have lived at their current residence for two years or less and are interested in learning about gardening and landscaping.

The program includes a site evaluation from a master gardener; a basic landscape inventory; a follow-up consultation; and a landscape reference binder personalized for each participant's yard.

The cost is \$25, and registration is limited. Please call 751-4401 for more information or to register.

## Tax incentive for rehab work on your home

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property owners who rehabilitate residential buildings meeting the following criteria:

The property must be lawfully used for residential purposes. Residential structures must be no less than 25 years of age; or

Structures between 15 and 25 years of age may qualify if the real estate assessment reflects an above normal (10 percent or greater) physical depreciation.

The rehabilitation, renovation or replacement must increase the assessed value by more than 10 percent.

For multifamily residences, the rehabilitation, renovation or replacement must not increase the total square footage of the structure being rehabilitated by more than 30 percent.

For residential structures other than multifamily, the exemption shall apply only to the first 200 percent of any increase in square footage due to replacement or rehabilitation.

Landscaping, driveways, fence-

ing, or other detached improvements do not qualify under this program.

### The Process

The Department of Real Estate Assessments (DREA) administers this program, which incorporates the following requirements:

Prior to beginning any rehabilitation, renovation or replacement, the owner must apply for exemption.

A \$50 application fee is required but will be refunded upon completion of the project.

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# BCA Minutes

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resident in Litchfield Bluff for the BCA Maintenance Department staff's efforts with the fall/winter leaf removal from Brandermill streets.

President Bradner reported that he and Director Epps attended the January 9 Family Focus Group meeting with the designforum team to get input from families with young children, which will be incorporated into the master plan.

Community Manager Pritz noted there has been minor vandalism to signs, buildings, and playgrounds which continues especially with warmer weather and when students are out of school.

Director Guthrie expressed concern that trash and recycle trucks leave litter when they make their rounds through the neighborhoods. Community Manager Pritz will contact the companies to see if they can address this issue.

### 2009 Pool Hours

Community Manager Pritz reported that the pool committee recommended not putting the pool management contract out to bid because of the relationship between BCA and SwimMetro. She noted the SwimMetro staff coaches the Brandermill swim team and they are familiar with the BCA's aging pools and equipment. The board will discuss the SwimMetro pool management contract in executive session.

### ARB Appeal - Shed Location

A motion was made and unanimously carried to grant an exception to allow a shed that has been in place for 20 years to remain until the time that the house is sold.

### General Committee Policy and Charters

President Bradner opened the review of the committee charters with the suggestion to have comments from each committee representative in attendance.

Director Friedel thanked all committees for their assistance in the numerous revisions to the charters.

Director McLenagan noted that there are no revisions needed for the Crime Prevention Committee charter.

Buddy Whitfield noted several revisions to the Finance Committee charter.

A motion was made to approve the Finance Committee charter as amended in Goal 6, to change the word from "approve" to "comment on" the annual audit prior to presentation to the board by the Treasurer.

Director Epps suggested amending Goal 8 regarding the selection of an auditor. After discussion it was agreed to end the statement after "auditor" since the financial policy already addresses auditor selection. Director Epps thanked Directors Friedel and Livingston for their work on preparing the committee policy and charters and the required revisions. Director Epps suggested revisions to the Organization Structure and Processes to be compatible for all charters.

Director Livingston suggested and the board agreed to delete the section of the finance committee charter, "Removal of Members of the FC," and have this section deleted from all charters since it is included in the committee policies.

A motion was made to revise the sections of "Organizational Structure and Processes" as fol-

lows: First paragraph: "The Finance Committee (FC) reports to the BCA Board of Directors through the treasurer. The FC will conduct its business in compliance with this charter, the bylaws of the association, the BCA General Policies for Committee Operations, and any other regulations that may be established by the BCA Board from time to time."

Third paragraph: Change the wording from Annual "Strategic" Plan to Annual "Work" Plan in two areas and have the last words of the paragraph read "Annual Work Plan."

President Bradner noted that the original words in the first paragraph of "Organizational Structure and Processes" and "The FC is empowered to take only those actions approved by the board" were not included in the motion to amend made by Director Epps and they also should be stricken. This wording will be moved to the General Policies for Committee Operations under No. 4 - Authority of Committees.

President Bradner opened a discussion of general comments about the charter and policies from those committee representatives attending the meeting.

Bob Strickland, first vice chair of the NRC, gave general comments about the NRC charter in the third, fourth and sixth paragraphs of "Organizational Structure and Processes" and the deletion of "Removal of Members of the NRC." Director Epps noted that these revisions have been addressed in the motion to amend and will be incorporated in all charters.

Frances Hillman reviewed the NRC's concerns about the charter as presented and noted that the NRC has no changes to the goals section. President Bradner noted that the NRC bylaws need to be considered when revisions are made to the NRC charter.

Doug Greene with the ARB suggested that Directors Friedel and Livingston meet with each committee and bring those concerns expressed to the board. It was noted that the committees have received a draft of their charter, and responses have been received.

Greene noted that the ARB and NRC have different issues and was concerned how the revisions would be incorporated into each.

Chuck Rayfield expressed concerns regarding the Environmental and Pool Committee charters and noted that the charters are written in a formal way that would discourage people from volunteering and instead should have goals that would encourage people to be involved and creative. He noted that the section for goals is okay.

Betty Hunter Clapp expressed concern that the committee charters have become so formal to the point that the committees could respond "only" to the actions approved by the board. She suggested that the NRC be removed from the charter format as presented and supports the concerns expressed by the NRC officers.

President Bradner responded to the comments from Rayfield and Clapp by saying that he was also concerned about the noted wording, and wanted to be clear that he suggested to have that wording removed.

President Bradner stated that the discussion before the board and at-

tendees who shared their opinions of the committee charters indicates that this subject is not ready for consideration of approval.

Director Livingston left the meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to table the earlier motion to approve the finance committee charter.

A motion was made to approve the existing charters until such time as the revisions can be thoroughly vetted throughout the organization.

A motion was made to approve the Crime Prevention Committee charter at the next board meeting.

Director Guthrie suggested that Director Friedel refine the language Director Epps is working on, meet with committee chairs, and bring the charters back to the board. Director Guthrie noted that he and Director Friedel are both in agreement that the board needs to bring the charters into 2009 and recognize that how the BCA functions in the community today is different than in the past.

Director Guthrie noted he will support this motion if the board will proceed to update the charters and replace those that will be renewed from last year.

President Bradner suggested that at least two or three charters be brought to the board for approval at each board meeting. He noted that the changes suggested for the finance committee charter be made and brought to the board for approval.

Director McLenagan suggested that Directors Friedel and Guthrie work together on the further revisions to the charters since it is a large project. Director McLena-

gan's concern about approving the motion as it appears now is that the committee charters might get put on the back burner and he doesn't want the work to be set aside. Director Friedel suggested that the crime prevention committee, hearing panel and the finance committee charters be presented at the next board meeting.

The motion was unanimously carried.

### Executive Session

A motion was made and unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss and consider a contract.

### Return to Open Session

A motion was made and unanimously carried to accept the staff recommendation to enter into a contract with SwimMetro Management and to accept the staff and pool committee recommendations on pool hours.

### Sunday Park Parking

Director Epps stated she has received a lot of surveys regarding the master plan. She also stated KPC, The Brandermill Church and the BCA have finally agreed to the conditions and have the beginnings of an agreement with the parking in Sunday Park. She stated she is holding a meeting on Thursday, February 5 at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. President Bradner stated there are probably other residents that are interested in the meeting in addition to the residents that Director Epps has spoken with and suggested a blast email be sent to the community. It was agreed that Director Epps would need to contact The Brandermill Church since the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse does not seat more than 60 people.

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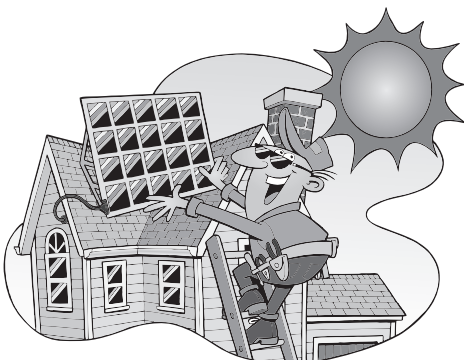
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Following are simple steps to take in order to begin living in the green zone.

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Buying organic produce grown within 100 miles of your home will help reduce the amount of diesel fuel needed to ship food.

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If home renovation is planned, use recycling and reuse programs for household items such as windows, doors, and tile. Purchase recycled materials whenever possible. Look for post-consumer recycled content packaging.

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### Green Bag It

Plastic bags are increasingly being panned because they create unsightly litter and they are not biodegradable. Many stores offer reusable cloth bags for sale. Bag your groceries in cloth bags and do your part in reducing the number of plastic bags that blight the landscape.

### Green Your Gadgets

The advancements in technology can cause favorite electronic gadgets to become rapidly outdated. Following are tips that will help extend the life of gadgets, which will in turn save money.

Resist the desire to upgrade every time a "new and improved" technological marvel hits the market.

Donate working electronics to schools or to charities that will refurbish them.

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Buy recycled, environmentally friendly paper for your home printer.

### Watch Water Usage

Get in the habit of using the following water conservation tips.

Turn off the water faucet when brushing your teeth.

Washing machines and dishwashers should only be used for full loads.

Sweep your sidewalk and driveway with a broom instead of hosing it down with water. At least 80 gallons of water will be saved this way.

Do not thaw frozen food with running water.

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Look for the Energy Star symbol when shopping to replace appliances.

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The price of cards and postage stamps is continually rising. Think about using the internet to send friends and family e-cards. They are environmentally friendly and there are many options.

Print documents on both sides of paper; it will drastically cut your paper consumption.

Email documents and information rather than printing and mailing them.

Save documents on your computer or on a disk instead of saving a hard copy in a filing cabinet, which just takes up space.

### Home Sweet Home

Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins; they can be used longer and they do not create more trash.

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## Kindergarteners witness the marriage of Q and U

By Meredith Robinson  
School Correspondent

### Gator Pride

Swift Creek Elementary School recently won the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence for the second year in a row. The award is the highest honor under a new incentive program for schools and school divisions created by the board of education to advance Governor Kaine's "competence to excellence" agenda. SCES was one of only four public schools in Chesterfield County and one of 89 public schools in the state that met the rigorous criteria.



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### Loving Letters

SCES kindergarteners and many parents attended an unusual event on February 20.

Two special individuals, the letters Q and U, were united in marriage by SCES art teacher Jimi Herd. The union would not have been possible without the work of wedding coordinator and SCES kindergarten teacher Diane Stanton.

The bride, her groom and all attendants were dressed in formal attire, which included crowns, tiaras and a sprinkling of glitter. The bride and groom vowed to "always be together to help other letters make words," such as "quiet, queen and quilt."

After the ceremony, the wedding party and guests celebrated by dancing the chicken dance and enjoying refreshments that included wedding cake and punch. The bride and groom rode off in a little wagon showered by bubbles sent aloft by the many well-wishers in attendance.

### Loving Books

Fourth graders put their love of reading to the test during the second nine-week grading period. All fourth-graders were eligible to compete in a voluntary contest that awarded points to readers of Accelerated Reader (AR) books.

Students earned points by reading and being tested on AR books of their choice. Top point winners were rewarded with a party that included snacks, music, and an all-around good time.

Congratulations go to all the fourth-graders who were involved



Photos by Meredith Robinson

SCES wedding party members are all smiles at the ceremony uniting the letters Q and U. Below: A multi-tiered cake is always the sweetest part of a wedding.

in the project.

Tommy Dennis was the top point earner with an impressive 160.4 points.

Other students whose names were displayed on the leader board for earning the most points: Cassidy Crucioti, Jenna Witham, Coral Critzer, Nick Armitage, William Boyd, Ben Lake, Vraj Gandhi, Destiny Miles, Gurbir Singh, Micheal Dematteo, Kelsey Chai, Ashley Walker, Charlie Robinson, Camryn Hanna, Sarah Westcott, Jonathon Lee, Jack Embry, Farah Ahmed, Sean Lagangan, Daniel Adkins, Toni Gerard, Chesley Hayward, Kevin Jones, Carleigh Strange, Azana Beckwith, David Laigaie, Mariah Poulston, Hunter Coker and Ben Hart.



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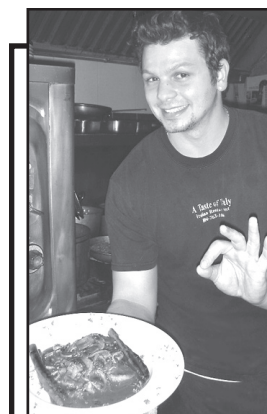
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## Three students are spelling bee champs



SCMS Principal Mary T. Robinson congratulates spelling bee winners, from left: Courtney Ortiz, 6th-grade winner; Caitlyn "Cole" Vehrs, 8th-grade winner; and Matt Lupino, 7th-grade winner.

By Andrew Hanawalt  
School Correspondent

Each year Swift Creek Middle School students participate in the Scripps/Howard Spelling Bee.

Language Arts teachers administer and supervise classroom spelling bees and send one representative from each class to a grade-level bee. Students then compete against their peers to select one grade-level winner.

Grade level winners vie against each other to determine a school-wide winner. On January 22, in the SCMS library, Caitlyn "Cole" Vehrs spelled her way through countless rounds of challenging words to be chosen to represent SCMS at the county-wide spelling bee. **Christmas Mother Collections** Each year, the SCA sponsors the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother canned food drive.

During the course of a week and a half, first period classes collected cans and boxes of food to be contributed to the food drive.

Through the generous support



of SCMS students and teachers, the SCA was able to collect and donate more than 2,050 cans and boxes of food.

Leon Dooley's sixth-grade class enjoyed a doughnut and juice breakfast by surpassing all other first period classes, collecting 360 items of food.

The donations permitted the Christmas Mother Program to provide boxes and bags of food to 3,375 people which included 916 families.

With the help of local schools and organizations, more than 52,443 pounds of food were collected.

### Spirit Night

Don't forget that SCMS Spirit Night is the second Wednesday of every month. Heith's Ice Cream Factory and Five Guys Burgers located at Woodlake Commons,

and the Five Guys Burgers located by Wal-Mart on U.S. Route 360, donate a percentage of all sales on Spirit night to SCMS. What a great way to get out and support your school.

*Editor's note: Deborah Potter contributed to this article.*



## CHHS band is New Orleans bound

On March 25 members of the Clover Hill High School Marching Cavaliers will travel to New Orleans to share their talent and to make a charitable contribution to Chalmette High School in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

The Marching Cavaliers will join with the Chalmette High School Band in performing "Lest We Forget" by James Swearingen at 11 a.m. on March 27 at the National World War II Museum. The musical composition honors all of the men and women who have served in the armed forces. The concert will be accompanied by a slide show depicting soldiers from the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Rangers.

Three years ago, St. Bernard Parish was totally destroyed by the 30-foot tidal surge of Hurricane Katrina. Nearly 37,000 St. Bernard Parish residents have returned to rebuild their homes, schools, churches and lives.

The Cavaliers would like the concert tour to demonstrate to the citizens of Louisiana that their friends in Chesterfield County support their efforts.

In 2007, the CHHS Marching Cavaliers donated \$500 to the New Orleans Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The band's motto is "Unity With Pride," and it



The Clover Hill High School Marching Cavaliers will perform with Chalmette High School in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana on March 27.

is with "Cavalier Pride" that the band will travel to New Orleans to personally donate \$1,500 to CHHS friends in St. Bernard Parish.

For more information about the rebuilding efforts of the St. Bernard Parish School System, please visit [www.stbernard.k12.la.us](http://www.stbernard.k12.la.us).

### Partnership with Japan

For the 10th year, Clover Hill High School will participate in a student and faculty exchange program with Japan. CHHS will host eight students and two teachers from Saitama, Japan, as part of the

Sister Cities Program that will run from March 25 to April 1.

CHHS students and teachers will then travel to Japan in June to complete the exchange. "We are proud to have the longest consecutive high school exchange program with any of Richmond's sister cities," says CHHS chemistry and biology teacher David B. Tuskey, who coordinates the Cavaliers' participation in the program.

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# Cinderella Dreams do come true



Photo by Wendy Parker

Each one of Abby Archer's special occasion dresses holds fond memories.

By Aleise Matheson  
Special Correspondent

It is a true Cinderella story: you are invited to the big dance, but have nothing to wear. It happens, and not just in fairy tales. For many girls, prom night is the most anticipated night of their high school experience. However, for those unable to purchase a dress for the occasion, prom night can be a source of anxiety.

Several years ago, the Midlothian Junior Woman's Club (MJWC) started the Cinderella Dreams project to help area high school girls acquire dresses to wear to proms. In 2008, Cinderella Dreams provided prom dresses for over 200 girls and gave them the opportunity for their own fairy tale ending.

**Donations**

This year, MJWC and Q94 will play fairy godmother to girls needing a dress for their special night.

Dresses and accessories will be

collected at area YMCA locations and Puritan Cleaners from March 1 to March 20. Donated dresses should be current styles – from 2004 or more recent – and in new or like-new condition. Plus-sizes of 16 and larger are especially needed. Accessories should also be in like-new condition.

In order for the project to succeed, MJWC seeks donations of other items and services that a girl would need or want for prom, including evening bags, wraps, hosiery, unopened cosmetics, perfume, hair accessories, hair spray, jewelry, and disposable cameras. Accessories should be in like-new condition.

The Cinderella Dreams project also seeks gift certificates for services provided by hair and nail salons, restaurants, limousines, and florists.

**Abby Archer**

Stoney Ridge resident Abby Archer, a 2008 Clover Hill High

School graduate, recently took a look in her closet and chose six gowns she wants to donate to the Cinderella Dreams project. Archer says her collection includes gowns from homecoming and prom at CHHS, and even an eighth-grade dance dress.

Last year, Archer helped collect prom dresses at Chesterfield Technical Center, where she had been a student while at CHHS and a member of the National Technology Honor Society.

Archer says it will be sad to see her dresses go, but it will also be rewarding to give another girl the opportunity to have the same experience.

Archer did not want to go to her senior prom, she says, but her mother talked her into it. "My mom said I shouldn't miss it," Archer recalls, "she said it was my last chance to go to the prom."

Archer went to her senior prom, and she decided to hold on to the hot pink dress she wore that night. "I'm not ready to part with it," she says.

**Shopping**

The collected dresses and accessories will be available at a shopping event that allows girls to try on and select their favorite dress free of charge. (A \$5 donation is requested).

Girls may shop for a prom dress at the former A&N store location in Harbour Pointe Shopping Center, 13716 Hull Street Road, on Friday, March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. Shopping will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteers are needed to help with dress collection and the shopping event. A list of needs is available at [www.cinderelladreams.net](http://www.cinderelladreams.net).

To learn more about the 2009 Cinderella Dreams project or to find out how you can help make prom magical for a girl in need, please visit [www.cinderelladreams.net](http://www.cinderelladreams.net) or call Beth Fitzwater, the 2009 Cinderella Dreams Project Chair, at 218-1429, or email [info@cinerelladreams.net](mailto:info@cinerelladreams.net).

For more information about MJWC or to join, please call Mandy Gambacini at 347-8860 or email [join@midlothianjuniors.org](mailto:join@midlothianjuniors.org).

# CHHS students get into "Jammin' on the Hill"

By Aspen Debyah  
School Correspondent

On Friday February 27, Clover Hill High School hosted its annual "Jammin' on the Hill" concert in order to raise money for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.



As is Cavalier tradition, many students came out to show their support for the student bands

and help raise money for a great cause.

"Jammin' on the Hill" is a great opportunity for students to give back, be it through paying five dollars for a ticket to see the show or by being in one of the bands and putting on the show," said sophomore Rohan Parekh.

"Jammin' on the Hill" is also an opportunity to give garage bands a chance to play for an audience and get a little publicity.

"[It is] great for us because we have the chance to get our music out there and heard by a variety of people," said Frankie Snyder, CHHS senior and lead electric guitar player for P.A.S. "We also get to do our part and give back to the community that has supported us and our music," says Snyder, "which is a rewarding experience."

Student bands are allowed to set up tables and sell copies of their albums, concert tees, stickers and pins for a little extra publicity and cash.

"The fact that we are able to sell our band shirts and memorabilia is a great aspect of this event," sophomore and pianist for Jaded Masquerade, Patrick Acker said. "It means we can save up and move toward recording a real album, which is great motivation to keep things going and to keep making music."

CHHS students enjoyed music from a myriad of bands including The Goose, Look to the Sky, Jaded Masquerade and P.A.S.

"It was a lot of fun for the students watching and playing and the fact that the proceeds went to charity made it all the more enjoyable," said sophomore David Salay. "What a success." In addition to raising money through ticket sales, the Math and Science Community Council worked hard to provide a raffle event for the participating students. They did not disappoint—at the end of the evening, a white electric guitar was raffled off to one lucky student.

"I have come to 'Jammin' on the Hill' for the past few years and they always raffle off some kind of guitar," senior Kerryn Manden said. "It just adds to the whole event to think that someone could go home with it."

As the evening came to a close, students left the CHHS school grounds looking forward to next year's "Jammin' on the Hill."

"Now that it is over, I am going to go home and start counting down the days until I can play again next year," says Matt Westlock, a CHHS sophomore and guitarist and bassist for Jaded Masquerade. "Only 364 days to go."

# College Credit

James Willis Davis, a junior at Hampden-Sydney College, was named to the dean's list for the 2008 fall semester. Students who are named to the dean's list must achieve at least a 3.3 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Davis is a graduate of Clover Hill High School. He is the son of Steve and Jo-De Davis of Timber Ridge.

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# Student helps with "Solutions"

The Chesterfield County Youth Planning and Development Department has joined a regional campaign to educate youths about violence.

The campaign, "Solutions," enables young people to write their own public service announcements that encourage their peers to practice healthy

behaviors and avoid violence. The messages have been recorded and are being aired on local radio stations and during morning announcements at Chesterfield County middle and high schools.

Clover Hill High School student Kathleen Kraines is one of the participants.

The initiative is coordinated by a host of local human-service organizations, coalitions, and youth organizations; all are part of the Greater Richmond Area Coalition for the Prevention of Youth Violence.

The public service announcements will run through the end of the school year in June.

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# CHHS wrestlers finish strong



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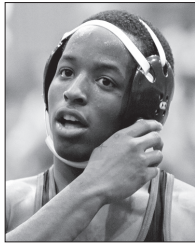
Jacob Hutchinson pins a James River High School opponent. Hutchinson tallied a 54-16 record in his two years on the team.

By Chris Giles  
Special Correspondent

The Clover Hill High School Wrestling Cavaliers enjoyed a strong finish to the 2008-2009 season. Zach Burkholder was selected outstanding wrestler at the Amelia and Clover Hill High School tournaments, while Jacob Hutchinson was awarded "Most Pins" at the Clover Hill High School tournament, with five in as many matches and a total time under five minutes.

The Wrestling Cavaliers competed in the Dominion District Tournament on February 7, placing fourth, sending the following six

wrestlers to the regional tournament: Drew Mason fourth at 103), David Newill-Smith (third at 112), Ryan Sams (first at 125), Zach Burkholder (second at 160), Jacob Hutchinson (first at 171), and Scott Matheny (third at 285). Also placing in the District are; Drew Jarrett (fifth at 135), Jeremy Moore (sixth at 140) and Keith Davis (sixth at 215). The team finished 13th overall



Hutchinson

at the Regional Tournament on February 13 and 14. Zach Burkholder placed second, Jacob Hutchinson fourth, and Scott Matheny, sixth. Burkholder and Hutchinson, both seniors and captains, went on to compete in the AAA State Tournament at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake, Va. on February 20 and 21.

Zach Burkholder finished his high school career of five years—including one year as an eighth-grade junior varsity team member—at CHHS with a varsity record of 115-29.

Jacob Hutchinson also had an impressive career varsity record of 54-16 during his two years on the team. Thanks go to them for their dedication to the team, along with fellow seniors Jeremy Moore (140) and Jeff Gise (145).

### Rising Seniors

The Wrestling Cavaliers will say goodbye to four seniors, but nine returning starters will take the mat in the fall, including rising seniors David Newill-Smith, Ryan Sams, Jon Borso, Nathan Word, and Scott Matheny.

Those who are interested in wrestling at Clover Hill High School or with the youth league, 6- to 14-year-olds, should call Coach Chris Giles at 914-4385 or email cgiles@baskervill.com.

Open mat and off-season programs begin in after spring break.

# TOPSoccer program begins with MYSL spring season

By Holly Angel  
Special Correspondent

Midlothian Youth Soccer League conducted an E Course Coaching course at Swift Creek Middle School on February 27, 28 and March 1 with a total of 28 participants. The course enables MYSL coaches to provide an additional level of skills and techniques to players. The E Course is one of the many ways that MYSL is reaching out to the community by providing coaching education courses that are open to everyone.

### TOPSoccer

MYSL is pleased to announce that beginning with the 2009 spring season, TOPSoccer will be offered to special needs children ages 4 to 19 at the MYSL Hensley Road complex.

MYSL has partnered with Richmond TOPSoccer for two years at the St. Joseph's Villa location. Keith Walker will administer the new location at the Hensley Road complex. Walker has coached with MYSL for many years and was a soccer player as a youth and as an adult.

TOPSoccer athletes must pre-register and have a physician's certificate of eligibility to participate. Each TOPSoccer player is assigned two to three buddies who are at least 12 years of age. Those who have

a child that might be interested, should forward their information to MYSL.

For more information about the TOPSoccer program, please visit [http://mysl.com/documents/TOPSOC-CER\\_newsletter020902aaa.pdf](http://mysl.com/documents/TOPSOC-CER_newsletter020902aaa.pdf).

### MYSL Golf Tournament

Don't be left out—join in the fun for the third annual MYSL Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, May 18 at Birkdale Golf Club. There is a noon shotgun start and there will be lots of door prizes and good food. Registration forms are found online at [www.mysl.com](http://www.mysl.com). Corporate businesses that wish to participate should email [myslreg@mysl.com](mailto:myslreg@mysl.com). Individual golfers are also needed.

A box lunch and dinner are included, and door prizes will be awarded.

### Calling All Referees

For information about refereeing for the fall season should check out the website for referee certification at [www.vadcsoccerref.com](http://www.vadcsoccerref.com) under the "Central" link. Upon completing certification, please notify the league office at [myslreg@mysl.com](mailto:myslreg@mysl.com).

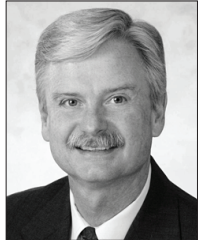
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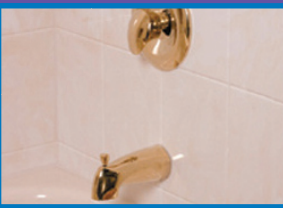
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