

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED



Memorial services honor veterans and law enforcement officers. See page 5.

JUMPIN' THROUGH HOOPS



Runners take on more challenges at the SCES 5K and Fun Run. See page 10.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



Good catch! Barrett Gill and SCMS students have a ball at Flying Squirrels Education Day. See page 9.

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Campout is a blast and campers want s'more



Photo by Tal Thompson

Thirty families settle in around a campfire in Sunday Park for stories and songs. See more photos on page 13.

By Jennifer Strader
Community Services Director

Many events have happened in our beloved Sunday Park—Fourth of July celebrations, concerts, weddings, reunions, and funeral services—but never a campout. Members of the BCA Activities Committee, chaired by Lisha Lawlor, began planning the first ever BCA Family Campout in January, knowing that Sunday Park would be the perfect spot for such an event.

April 27 proved to be a perfect spring day and evening with warm temperatures, no bugs, and lots of enthusiasm from 30 Brandermill families who gathered for a great camping experience—some for the first time. The emphasis was on unplugging from daily distractions and enjoying time outdoors with family and friends.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, campers began setting up their tents and cooking supplies, and some ventured out to fish in the reservoir.



Photos by Jennifer Strader

Evan, 5, is excited about his first-ever campout with his parents Wendy and Mark Learn.

At dusk, when the temperatures began to drop, Troop 890 Boy Scouts built a spectacular campfire, and Master Naturalist Krista Weatherford of Fox Chase guided campers on a flashlight hike through the park where they scouted for suitable sticks for roasting marshmallows.

Campers gathered around the campfire where Appalachian storyteller Dr. Gwynn Ramsey of Forest, Va., entertained them with stories, songs and some harmonica playing—which proved to be the highlight of the evening.

When the campfire began to dim, members of the BCA Activities Committee distributed the s'more kits they had prepared, and the sticky gooey fun ensued. After a busy afternoon and evening, most campers retired to their tents around 10 p.m. for a deep sleep in the fresh air. Others sat outside their tents to catch up with friends and neighbors.

Sunrise seemed to come quickly Sunday morning. Campers emerged from their tents and gathered at the picnic pavilion to enjoy donuts,

coffee and juice. No one seemed to mind each other's "bed-head" and wrinkled clothing. Brandermill Church Youth Pastor Rich Catlett gave a brief talk on enjoying nature and referred to Sunday Park as "our cathedral" that morning. Then everyone packed up their camping gear and headed home with great memories of the first family campout in Brandermill, and many wondering when they might do it again.

Sign up now for awesome BCA activities

To register for events, please contact Jennifer Strader at 744-1035x104 or services@brandermill.com.

No-Reservation BranderBelle Cruises. Saturdays through October, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a scenic cruise with a friendly captain. Limit is 13 passengers. First come, first served. Meet at Brandermill Sailing Center. \$5 cash.

Opening Day/Community Days at the Pools. Saturdays, May 25 and June 1, noon to 8 p.m. All Brandermill residents are invited to enjoy a free day at all three pools.

BranderBelle Wine & Cheese Cruises. Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Let the captain take you on a relaxing cruise on Swift Creek Reservoir while enjoying wine and munchies. Meet at Brandermill Sailing Center. \$7 per resident, \$10 per guest. One guest per resident. Reservations required.

Standup Paddle Board Classes. Sundays, June 16, July 14, August 11, 5 to 8 p.m. Black Dog Paddle offers basic classes at the BCA Sailing Center. \$75 per class with basic gear provided. Registration required.

Father's Day Richmond Philharmonic Concert. Sunday, June 16, 6 to 7 p.m. The Gardens at Sunday Park. A great Brandermill tradition. Bring your chairs, blankets and a Dad! Enjoy a combination of classical and popular tunes. Free.

Electronic signs, landscaping, off-road cycling trails are proposed 2014 projects

By Ann Hunt
Staff Writer

Members of BCA committees spoke about proposed 2014 MPOC projects at an NRC-sponsored community meeting at Brandermill Woods on April 22.

Marketing Committee Chair Dennis Peterson introduced Brooks Gray Sign Company President Brian Kelmar who brought an electronic message board for residents to see in operation.

Marketing committee members are recommending five electronic signs be placed throughout the community. If approved, they would be situated as close as possible to existing electric hookups for cost effectiveness and would be updated remotely by staff at the BCA office. Cost of the new electronic message boards is approximately \$24,000 per side.

Peterson said that the signs have the possibility of improving livability, and being a morale booster for residents. Some residents voiced concerns about the cost of the signs and the overall operation and upkeep. At least one resident spoke about the signs being garish with bright colors and constantly moving messages. Peterson said the signs could be in black and white, but have the potential to do anything the community wants them to do. He also pointed out that the electronic message boards



Photo by Ann Hunt

An example of an electronic messaging board proposed for installation throughout Brandermill.

would be installed in a green and gold sign in conformity with existing Brandermill signage.

Proposed sign locations are at Brandermill Parkway near Brandermill Woods; Harbour Pointe entrance; adjacent to Swift Creek Middle School at Quail Hill and Brandermill Parkway; Old Hundred Road, roughly adjacent to Waterford Village Shopping Center; and one double-sided sign for the Sunday Park entrance at Millridge Parkway.

Community Character Committee Chair Diane Cardea gave a presentation on landscaping and tree projects. Proposed areas to receive attention and the associated costs are: Sagewood along Genito Road, \$520; the area around the BCA office complex, \$2,952; Planter's Wood Road and Millridge Parkway, \$890; Hull Street Road main entrance, \$394; and the Harbour Pointe Road gazebo garden, \$693. Total cost of the plan, includ-

ing the landscape design is \$6,742. Much of the BCA office landscape renovation would be achieved through transplanting existing plants to other areas. Tree removal and brush cleanup along the parkways will continue.

PARC member Thom Flynn gave a presentation on adding off-road cycling and running trails in the community. Committee members looked at several areas in Brandermill and believe Sunday Park may be the best-suited area for the project. The trails would be mostly for beginner and intermediate use. The cost of this project would be minimal, with little clearing and adding gravel and an information kiosk to the area.

Bob Sempek of the Activities Committee asked for ideas from the community for Brandermill's 40th anniversary celebration in 2014.

For detailed information on the 2014 proposed projects, please visit www.brandermillnrc.com.

Meet your new BCA Board



Photo by Ann Hunt

2013-2014 BCA Board of Directors

From left: Director Don Blom, Director Jack Bettin, President Joan O'Hanley, 1st Vice President Charlie Davis, Treasurer Frances Hillman, 2nd Vice President Bob Malek, and Director Tom Leonard.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

BCA Election

Election of the new BCA Board of Directors took place at Brandermill Woods on April 15. The top three vote-getters, Bob Malek, Don Blom, and Tom Leonard were elected to the board. They fill the seats vacated by retiring BCA Board President Dick Guthrie, Second Vice President Joyce Rowe, and Director Jason Livingston. The new directors will serve three-year terms and they join Directors Jack Bettin, Charlie Davis, Frances Hillman and Joan O'Hanley.

The annual referendum to prevent any surplus BCA income from being taxed by

the IRS passed easily with 4,356 yes votes and 56 no votes.

New Officers

Election of officers for 2013-2014 took place prior to the May 6 BCA Board meeting at Brandermill Woods.

The board elected Joan O'Hanley as president, Charlie Davis as first vice president, Bob Malek as second vice president, and Frances Hillman as treasurer.

Please visit www.brandermill.com for more details on the election.

Election Results

Malek	3893
Blom	3102
Leonard	2292
Strickland	2164
Vassey	1930

J.B. is coming to your neighborhood soon



Photo by Wendy Parker

Community Manager John "J.B." Bailey looks forward to greeting residents on his upcoming walkabouts.

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

Community Manager John Bailey plans to begin an active schedule of walkabouts throughout the community to interact with residents and take a look at open space in individual neighborhoods.

A newcomer to Brandermill, Bailey wants to get to know the community and

what better way is there than to meet neighbors face-to-face?

Bailey's walkabouts will take place in Brandermill neighborhoods on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. He plans to visit all 80-plus neighborhoods over the next nine months. Look for notices in your mailbox chutes and on the website announcing when J.B. will be in your neck of the woods.

Architectural review process involves earlier deadline

By Wendy Parker
Managing Editor

To better accommodate residents' requests for Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval of home improvement applications, a new schedule is in effect for submissions.

Applications and materials for home improvements, paint colors, roofs, siding, and fences, etc. must be received at the BCA office

by 4:30 p.m. on the Monday eight days prior to the ARB meeting. Previously, the schedule allowed for applications to be received the day before an ARB meeting.

ARB meetings are held at the BCA office the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Applicants' attendance is helpful, but not mandatory.

For more information, please call the BCA at 744-1035.



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BCA EVENTS

- Brandermill Green Market**
 Market Square
 Every Saturday thru October 9 a.m. to noon
- Brandermill Neighborhood Yard Sales**
 May 18, North of Genito 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Kayaking & Swift Creek Reservoir Tour**
 Saturday, May 18 at 8 a.m.
 The Landing at Commodore Point
- BranderBelle Cruises**
 Sunday Park Dock
 Every Saturday thru October 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Brandermill Sailing Center**
 Sunday Park
 Beginning Friday, May 24
 Thurs. thru Sun. & holidays thru October, 1 to 7 p.m.
- BCA Pools Community Days**
 Saturdays, May 25 & June 1
 Check pool schedule for time.
- BCA Board Meeting**
 Brandermill Woods
 June 10, 7 p.m.
- BranderBelle Wine & Cheese Cruises**
 BCA Sailing Center
 2nd Tuesday each month beginning June 11, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Stand-Up Paddle Board Classes**
 BCA Sailing Center
 Sundays, Jun. 16, Jul. 14 & Aug. 11, 5 to 8 p.m.
- Father's Day Richmond Philharmonic Concert**
 The Gardnes at Sunday Park
 Sunday, June 16, 6-7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE

BCA Board meeting has been changed to June 10.

Voice of the People: Why do you sell your products at the Brandermill Green Market?



"At one time I considered a store in Brandermill. One of the other Green Market vendors, Agriberry, recommended this market to me."
Big Daddy
 Big Daddy's BBQ & Ribs



"When the Green Market first started, I would come to shop. There was no one selling baked goods, so I decided to become a vendor."
Lee Chapman
 The Home Town Bakery



"Our store is located right here in Market Square. We decided to join the Green Market to promote out new organic health foods."
Kyle Weist
 Good Health Herbs



"The Green Market is fun and it's a good market. I have a great customer base. People know me and I know them."
Lolita Kreckman
 Bombolini Pasta



"We like to be part of the local community. Our roasters supply us with fair trade, organic-certified coffee and that means something to this community."
Jeremy and Sarah
 Lamplighter Roasting Company



"Do you know how much pirates pay for corn? A buck an ear. This is our first event. Our popper just arrived this week. It's a hobby for us right now and Brandermill was a good place to start."
Gae and Bob Cranford
 The Korney Kernel



"We do about 12 farmer's markets, and Brandermill is one of the better markets. Jennifer Strader does a great job."
Lindsey and William Thompson
 Real Country Sausage

Trails that intersect with Brandermill Country Club paths

Dear Residents:

The Brandermill Country Club (BCC) has been a partner to the Brandermill Community Association (BCA) for many years. While certainly not all of the members of the association belong to the country club, the club is an integral part of our community.

Now that spring has sprung, we are all excited to be getting outside and enjoying the fine weather—even those of us with allergies. For us at Brandermill, this means the trails are getting a lot more use. That being said, for the BCA, our trails intersect at various spots with the cart paths of the country club, and the BCC has historically allowed us to utilize these areas of the cart paths. This fact presents a unique and challenging situation to us as a community.

All residents are reminded to stay on the trail portions that are defined and labeled for use. Where things get tricky is when the BCA trails intersect and go in tandem with the BCC paths. Signage is provided to assist residents as they move along the trails. Please abide by these directions. This is for everyone's safety and enjoyment of the trails—residents can walk safely, and golfers can enjoy their game without fear of having their golf balls cause injury, or worse, even death.

By abiding by the rules of the trails, residents can continue the use of certain areas of the golf paths. If we



Bailey

don't abide by the rules of the trails, the possibility of injury increases and the likelihood that shared use of the cart paths could come to an end. That would result in an expensive relocation or addition to the BCA trails. Therefore, we each have a responsibility to make sure we obey the rules of the trails. Obeying the rules in this case = Safety + Respect + Savings.

The BCA wants to keep all of our residents safe from harm, and this thought extends to the use of the trails. However, residents not only need to be careful when in these areas, residents also need to be mindful that other areas of the golf course are indeed private property. We need to be respectful of the limited use access to only the areas of paths where there is shared use. The rest of the cart paths and the golf course are the private property of the BCC. Please do not cross the golf course grounds at any point. Any crossing puts those doing so in considerable danger of injury. Please do not take such a risk and stay safe.

The BCA appreciates your understanding and thanks you in advance for your proper use of the trails and respect of private property.

Sincerely,
John S. Bailey
 Community Manager

BCA Board meeting minutes — April 1, 15 & 22

The following are summaries of the BCA Board of Directors meeting minutes. Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office and www.brandermill.com.

Regular Meeting

The April 1, 2013 BCA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Guthrie at 7 p.m. at Brandermill Woods. Directors Bettin, Davis, Hillman, Livingston, O'Hanley and Rowe, Community Manager Bailey, Assistant Community Manager Raimo, and Recorder Judy Agee were present.

Member Voice

Warren Ragsdale of Huntsbridge asked who would count the election ballots, and President Guthrie noted that subject would be discussed during this meeting.

President's Report

President Guthrie recognized Joyce Rowe as retiring

director. He noted she has served two terms on the board and in every office, including two years as president. She expressed her appreciation to the board, staff and committee members for their assistance.

Director's Report

Director Hillman suggested and the board agreed that the minutes of the April 15 Annual Meeting be approved at the May 6 organizational or board meeting. She suggested the board meeting agenda be available for resident review on a timely basis.

Manager's Report

The board expressed appreciation to Manager Bailey for his communications with VDOT on project plans.

Marina Litigation

Community Manager Bailey reported Brandermill Community Association lost the March court action by the Brandermill Inn, which can

eject the BCA as a tenant enjoying a right-of-way easement over property for the Brandermill Marina. The BCA has filed an appeal with a court date of May 20 to set a date to go to trial. Brandermill Marina will be maintained at its location and boat owners are able to continue use of this area until further action is taken.

Count & Report Votes

Community Manager Bailey reported a proposal to contract with Wells, Coleman Co. LLP to count and report the membership votes per candidate at the April 15 annual election meeting, with a cost range starting at \$1,750 and not to exceed \$2,500. Mamie McNeal reported on behalf of the NRC that this proposal is appreciated. Warren Ragsdale of Huntsbridge asked why the BCA couldn't find five honest residents do this count and

See BCA minutes on page 7.



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ARB APPROVALS

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| Arrowood – siding | Northwich – front entry |
| Barne's Spring – fence | Nuttree Woods – deck |
| Bayport Landing – deck | Promontory Pointe – fence |
| Birnam Woods – fence, play structure | Quail Hill – addition |
| Chimney House – windows | Sagewood – door |
| Copper Hill – paint, roof | Shadow Ridge – shed |
| Fox Chase – roof | The Oaks – windows |
| Harbour Hill – landscape | Timber Ridge – door color |
| Harbour Ridge – roof, siding | Walker's Ferry – siding |
| Huntgate Woods – generator | Watkin's Glen – shed |
| McTyre's Cove – fence | Winterberry Ridge – paint |



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Brandermill Sailing Center opens Memorial Day weekend



Brandermill Sailing Center at Sunday Park

By Bob Monroe
Special Correspondent

Spring is that time of year when kids are looking forward to the end of school, families are getting their vacation plans in order, and sailors are getting ready to set sail again. Brandermill Sailing Center will open for the season on Friday, May 24. Rental boats will be ready for use by Brandermill residents, tenants and guests, 18 years of age or older.

Located at the dock in Sunday Park, Brandermill Sailing Center will be open from 1 to 7 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays, and all holidays through September 2. Appointments for rental boats will be available outside normal operating hours with

advance registration for all-day boat rentals. Please stop by or telephone the sailing center at 744-7649 for more information. All rental units are the property of Brandermill Community Association and are due back at the sailing center by 6:30 p.m. daily. A rental agreement, provided at the sailing center, must be signed prior to use of any boats. Fees are payable at the time of signing and can be made with cash, check or credit card. (See boat rental fees at top right.)

Paddle boats, row boats, kayaks, canoes, and Sun Fish and Aqua Fin sail boats are for rent. The very popular paddle boards will also be available on weekends. The number of passengers for each of these boats is determined by

weight, generally limited to 450 pounds. Paddle boats accommodate up to two people. Electric motors for row boats are also available.

American sailboats, the largest available rental boats, will accommodate a two- to four-person crew, up to 800 pounds total weight. Renters may be asked to provide evidence of sailing proficiency or demonstrate ability before signing the rental agreement.

All rental boats come with approved life jackets, paddles and necessary equipment.

BCA members, tenants and their guests may launch their own boats free of charge at Sunday Park or The Landing, but all boats must be properly registered with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and

the Brandermill Community Association. Annual decals for registering boats with the BCA are available at the BCA office and must be displayed on the starboard bow of privately owned boats. These decals are also required on all boats stored at the marina and on storage racks throughout Brandermill. Residents and guests using launch facilities or rental options must display hang tags from the rearview mirror of their cars left in parking areas. Vehicles with trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking lot at Sunday Park. Parking passes can be obtained at the BCA office and at the sailing center during normal operating hours. Vehicles without proper parking credentials are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

The BCA also has a pontoon boat, the BranderBelle, which is available for rent through the BCA office. The BranderBelle accommodates up to 13 passengers and is available daily between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. with a captain to operate the boat and all safety equipment. Your cruise can depart from Sunday Park or Harbour Pointe. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance and require a signed contract prior to use. Food and beverages are welcome onboard, but for safety reasons, smoking is not permitted. Passengers are expected to help maintain order and cleanliness during and following cruises.

The BranderBelle makes Saturday morning cruises of one and one-half hours at 10 a.m. each week on

a first-come, first-served basis without reservations, and is limited to 13 people. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted on this cruise.

As always, safety is top priority and requires sticking to established rules and regulations. The BCA has pro-

duced an excellent brochure covering all aspects of boating on Swift Creek Reservoir that everyone needs to read. It is available at the BCA office and the Brandermill Sailing Center. Three wishes for everyone—be safe, have lots of fun and enjoy all that the community has to offer.

Boat Rental Fees

BranderBelle Pontoon with Captain – \$55 per 2-hour minimum, \$41 per 1.5 hours
BranderBelle No-Reservation Saturday cruises \$5 per person for 1.5 hours
Paddle Boat – \$11 per hour
American Sailboat – 16.50 per hour, 2-hour minimum, \$50 all day
Row boats, Sun Fish & Aqua Sail sailboats, Canoe, Kayak, Jon Boat – \$11 per 2-hour minimum \$11 per extra hour, \$39 all day
Motor & Battery – \$11 per 2-hour \$5.50 per extra hour, \$16.50 all day
Security Deposit – \$50

CCC to host home improvement seminar

By Dianne Cardea
CCC Chair

Home Improvement Seminar

The BCA Community Character Committee is excited to announce that a Home Improvement Seminar will be presented in September just in time to gather information for your fall projects.

Brandermill residents Diana Ragsdale and Grant Miller, well known in their fields of expertise, will be two of the presenters. We also hope to enlist a contractor with a concentration in home renovation. In addition, a complete list of Brandermill vendors will be available.

Diana Ragsdale, owner of Transformations by Diana and Izzies...consigning with grace, a home decor consignment shop, will offer advice

on transforming your home with innovative design. (See the March issue of The Village Mill.)

Grant Miller, owner of Miller's Lawn and Landscape Service, has 22 years of landscaping experience serving northern Chesterfield County including Brandermill, Hampton Park, Foxcroft, and Foxfire, and other communities such as River's Bend and Patriot's Landing. He will offer yard cleanup and landscaping ideas.

Watch for more information on the Home Improvement Seminar to be held at Brandermill Woods, date and time to be announced.

Landscape Project

We hope you are enjoying the newly landscaped area at

See CCC seminar on page 6.

BRMC speakers to share history of Henricus

By Lou Seminare
Club Correspondent

While some New Englanders claim Plymouth, Mass., as the first English settlement in the New World, established in 1620, others came before. The ill-fated English settlement on Roanoke Island, N.C. in 1585, came to be known as the Lost Colony. In another attempt in 1607, the English settled on the banks of the James River and founded Jamestown, Virginia. When the swampy environment proved to be detrimental to the health of the settlers, some 300 survivors traveled 80 miles up the James River in 1611 to establish Henricus, in what is now Chesterfield County.

As described in the current day literature: "The 'Citie' prospered for a time, based on the establishment of tobacco as the first cash crop in the New World, that progress contributed to the successful permanent colonization of North America and the subsequent establishment of the United States of America."

With that success, the increased numbers of settlers led to aggressive territorial expansion which in turn caused strained relations between the English and the Native Indian population. Pocahontas, who was captured by Captain Samuel Argall in 1613, was initially taken to Jamestown before being turned over to Sir Thomas Dale at Henricus. While living at Henricus, she converted to Christianity, was baptized, and took the Christian name Rebecca. She met and was courted by John Rolfe, whom she married in April 1614.

Inevitably, on March 22, 1622, a raid against the English settlements up and down the James River led to the destruction of the Citie of Henricus. Subsequent efforts to reestablish the town of Henricus were a failure.

Today, the "1611 Citie of Henricus" is a living history museum with 12 recreated colonial structures and period dressed historical interpreters demonstrating history through "hands-on" encounters. Visitors interact with the interpreters and may be asked to assist with cooking,



Grant

The Brandermill Region Men's Club is honored to welcome two guest speakers for its June 6 meeting at The Brandermill Church. Charles Lewis Grant has served as executive director of Henricus Historical Park since 2008. He has managed the operation and coordination of park programs, staff and facilities, including approximately \$7 million in on-site capital assets.

Grant co-authored the 2011 commemoration plan for the 400th anniversary of the Citie of Henricus. He served as president of Custom

blacksmithing, planting or harvesting. Some may even be asked to join the militia!

Collectibles, Ltd. for 17 years and senior project manager at The American Historical Foundation from 1987 to 1991. He holds undergraduate and master's degrees in history from Radford and Virginia Tech, respectively.

John Pagano has been the historical interpretation supervisor at Henricus Historical Park since 2007. He formerly served at Pamplin Historical Park, the Jamestown Foundation and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

As a historical consultant and actor, Pagano has assisted in the production of more than 75 documentaries. In addition, Pagano has authored



Pagano

nearly 30 articles on a variety of American history topics, and has completed the first draft of his book on Henricus. He holds a degree in history from The State University of New York. He is also a trained special education teacher.

The BRMC will enter its meeting hiatus for the summer months, resuming its meeting programs at The Brandermill Church on Thursday, September 5, and the first Thursday of each month thereafter.

All other club activities, including off-season league bowling, occasional day tours, ROMEO (Retired Outstanding Men Eating Out) with their ladies and guests, twice weekly bridge socials, etc., will continue during the hiatus. Additional information on club events is posted on the website BRMOnline.org.



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Lots of letters: UPA, wasted money, speeding and kudos to staff

Universal Pool Access

Dear Editor:
Yes, Brandermill will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. We moved here in 2006 and love the lake and trails and the natural beauty of the area. The UPA issue has been like the tin can being kicked down the street year after year. Some have said that they are too old and don't want to pay for pools. Swimming has no age limitations. Young families thinking of moving here are frustrated by having to pay an additional annual swim fee.

Brandermill can not rest on 40-year laurels. Brandermill needs a transfusion as the general population is aging. Brandermill has strong competition with many newer developments like Hampton Park, Magnolia Green, etc. Brandermill needs to be more attractive to younger families.

Thus Universal Pool Access would benefit current older residents on fixed incomes and younger families needing to get the most benefit of amenities so that Brandermill will be competitive going forward. Forty years ago there was no competition, but now there is, and Brandermill must act to attract new younger families to buy in Brandermill.

This subject has been under review for many years. It is time to move Brandermill forward and not delay.

I urge the board to act on this subject now.

Jim Hanifer
Shallowford Landing

Wasted Money

Dear Editor:
Again our BCA Board has wasted monies that could be used to improve our community. At the board meeting on April 1, President Guthrie announced that an account-



ing firm had been retained to count the ballots for the upcoming BCA election. When asked how much it would cost, he said no more than \$2,700. I asked why we could not just get a group of Brandermill residents to volunteer to count them for free. I was told there was not enough time to organize such a group. I later asked the board member when the community manager was authorized to contact the accounting firm about counting the votes. I was told at the board meeting on March 4, a full six weeks before the election—plenty of time to get organized. I know two-thousand, seven-hundred dollars is nothing in a budget of two-million, four-hundred-thousand dollars. Every board member voted for this disbursement. When you do not attend the board meetings, this is what you do not know is going on. Please do not complain next year when the board raises your assessment because they say it does not have enough money.

Warren Ragsdale
Huntsbridge

Speeding

To the editor:
My son recently lost his beloved kitty to someone driving too fast, who did not even notice our kitty who had just crossed the road to come home. We have tried to be very cautious about our kitty. He loved the outdoors, but we limited his time and tried to keep an eye on him just in case. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough and the person never stopped. Honestly, this is devastating, but not surprising—people fly down these roads, even in our tiny cul-de-

sac. I have often commented that this level of recklessness will cause tragedy. For our family, it has. Thank you ever so kindly for running this reminder for drivers to slow down. If it gives even one person pause to slow down on the tight, busy streets of our community where both animals and humans are always traveling, it will be of value.

Christy Dauley
Nuttree Woods

Kudos to Staff

To the editor:
We just wanted to thank Ann Hunt for the great article in the newspaper. A lot of Brandermill residents have come in and mentioned it, so we really do appreciate the exposure. We feel like mini-celebrities.

If you have a few extra copies of the paper, it would be great if we could have them. One of the residents brought us the article.

Again, thanks so much for all of your help. As new business owners, we can't begin to express how much we appreciate you and your work.

Warm regards,
Marion and Jeff Velocci
Five Star Finds
Waterford

To the editor:
I am sure Jennifer Strader shared info with you about the family campout, but I'll bet she didn't toot her horn as loudly as she should have. That event went off without a hitch and cannot be described as anything other than perfect. As one camper said, "Jennifer hit this one out of the park."

At one point around 5 p.m., the guys had three charcoal grills going; the food was laid out on two tables; the campers had set up two neat rows of tents; the Boy Scouts were setting up their



giant bonfire; and the swings adjacent to the pavilion were filled with the youngest campers. To add to that activity, people were fishing; kids were scootering and cycling; and two kayaks and one pontoon boat were cruising by.

If Brandermill chose to make a marketing video, that time and place would have been a good choice. I honestly felt like I'd taken a step back in time when things were simpler, yet somehow better. I also heard the participants are already asking Jennifer the date of the next campout.

Meredith Robinson
Quail Hill

To the editor:

I just wanted to thank the BCA and especially Jennifer Strader for the excellent work they did on the campout. It was extremely well organized, plenty of activities, good food, and perfect weather to top it off. We are definitely in for next year if we have to wait that long. Job well done!

Chris Tiller
Timber Ridge

Hi Jennifer,
Just wanted to say thanks again for putting on the Camping Evening. We had a blast and everything you all did was so nice. It was great and we look forward to doing it again!

Tracey Wampler
Timber Ridge

again. Thank you very much!
It was so much fun!
Jessica Davis
Fox Chase

Jennifer,
I just wanted thank you for organizing the campout. We had a great time! The kids had so much fun. I know they will remember this and talk about it in the years to come. Just another reason why we love living in Brandermill!

Thanks again,
Katrina Brownie
Timber Ridge

Jennifer,
I just wanted to thank you for the great camping weekend. We had a great time and made some new friends, too!

Thanks so much for putting this campout together. If you need help next year we will be happy to assist with all you may need.

Tal Thompson
Old Fox Trail

Editor's note:
Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, spelling and clarity. Letters can be emailed to editor@brandermill.com.

Memorial Day tribute to honor Virginia vets



Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia

rated with an American flag and the service branch flag of the deceased veteran.

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine will deliver the keynote speech remembering those lost on battlefields at home and abroad, and recognize the sacrifices of

those who have served the country and their families.

The ceremony will feature: Amelian Amber Hayes Ellington singing the national anthem; Nottoway High School U.S. Navy JROTC Color Guard; the Virginia National Guard 29th

Division Band; St. Andrew's Legion Pipe and Drum Corps; a firing party from Fort Lee; and others. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will provide refreshments and water will be available at the ceremony.

Commander Harmon expects 2,000 to 3,000 people to attend the event. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and use the shuttle bus service available from the Amelia County High School at 8500 Otterburn Road at the intersection of Otterburn and Five Forks Road.

The cemetery is located at 10300 Pridesville Road and the route to the cemetery is well-marked from U.S. Route 360. The event is hosted by American Legion Post 87 of Amelia. For more information, please call Adjutant Jim Glasscock at 338-1525 or 561-0447.

County commemorates law enforcement officers

Each year, Chesterfield County's law enforcement community joins family, friends and government leaders to remember and honor the brave officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The outdoor candlelight ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16 at the historic Chesterfield County Courthouse, located at 10001 Iron Bridge Road. Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli will speak at the ceremony.

In the event of rain, the memorial ceremony will take place in the Chesterfield County public meeting room at 10001 Iron Bridge Road.

Law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2012 will be recognized, along with Chesterfield County police officers, Virginia Department of Corrections officers of Chesterfield County and Virginia State troopers from Area Six

who died for the citizens of Chesterfield.

Hundreds of similar memorial events will be held throughout the country to honor America's more than 20,000 fallen law enforcement officers during National Peace Officer's Memorial Week, May 12 through 18.

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Ashley Phelps & Brent Wilson are planning a July wedding



Ashley Phelps and Brent Wilson

Maria Phelps of Sterling's Bridge and Rick Phelps of Northwich are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Phelps to Brent Wilson, son of Myra Winfield of Powhatan and William Wilson of Petersburg.

Ashley is a graduate of Randolph Macon College, and teaches fifth-grade.

Brent is a graduate of George Washington University, and is self-employed.

A mid-July wedding is planned.

3rd Annual Senior Idol to be held May 17

The community is invited to attend the 3rd Annual Senior Idol on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at Victory Tabernacle Church of God, 11700 Genito Road, Midlothian.

As determined during auditions held in April, the program will consist of the top 12 acts by entertainers 50 years old or older from Greater Richmond. Performers include: Floyd Amason of Bon Air; Peter Burke, Jo Ann Spain and Al Hill of Chesterfield; Steve Harris of Chester; Kitty Mollicone, June Knight and Sonja Lamb of North Chesterfield; Cheryl Cross of Rich-

mond; Barbara Campbell of Petersburg; Judith Mendoza of Henrico; and Tony Zevolis of Hopewell.

The top three contestants will be awarded cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively.

"Once again, we expect to see an amazing competition among 12 of Greater Richmond's most talented seniors," said Susan McCammon, executive director of the Shepherd's Center of Chesterfield. "Come enjoy the evening and see if your top picks are the same as our judges'."

The event is sponsored

by the Shepherd's Center of Chesterfield, Chesterfield County Senior Advocate, Victory Tabernacle Church of God, Lucy Corr Village, Buford Road Pharmacy and Radio One.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at any of the sponsoring locations listed above. They also may be purchased at shepctrchesterfield.org or by calling 706-6689 or 768-7878. Proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center of Chesterfield's services for seniors.

For more information, please call 706-9198 or visit shepctrchesterfield.org.

County sponsors Lawyers Helping Seniors Day

Older adults and those with disabilities who need help preparing life-planning documents, including wills, durable powers of attorney and advance medical directives, may receive free assistance during Lawyers Helping Seniors Day on Wednesday, May 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants must be residents of Chesterfield County. The confidential legal assistance is provided by attorneys who volunteer their time. All documents are prepared and finalized on the spot.

Appointments are required, but are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The service is sponsored by the Office of the Senior Advocate, in partnership with the James River Rotary Club, the Chesterfield Bar Association and Williams Mullen. To make an appointment, please call 768-7878.

Mosquito time - what to do to deter the itch

By John S. Bailey
Community Manager

We all know what to do to try and keep our itching to a minimum. However, do you know what steps you can take to limit the mosquito population around your home? Take a look around your yard for standing water. That's where the adult mosquitoes lay their larvae. By eliminating areas of stagnant water, you take the fight to them.

Here are a few tips that hopefully will help you enjoy the outdoors a bit more.

- Keep gutters clean of debris.
- Check to make sure the downspouts drain properly, so they don't leave puddles.
- Look for areas on your property that do not drain well. Occasional puddles are okay, especially immediately following rain. However, if



puddles are still there four or five days after it rains, you need to do some drainage work.

- Make sure ornamental ponds are aerated to keep the water moving.
- Frequently change the water in birdbaths and pet bowls.
- Check outdoor toys for any collected rainwater.
- Empty saucers under flower pots.
- Mow your lawn and keep weeds away from the foundation.
- Eliminate items that can hold water, such as discarded

cans, buckets, and even tires.

Purchase mosquito dunks, little round "donuts" that you can put in areas of standing, stagnant water where mosquitoes breed. The dunks kill the mosquito larvae before they can breed, and they can be found at a variety of stores.

CCC seminar

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at Old Hundred Road and Brandermill Parkway, an MPOC-proposed and board-approved project for the 2013 budget year.

Certified Landscape Designer Theresa Biagioli planned the project and supervised the planting. BCA Maintenance staff Charlie Cashion, Frankie LaFoon, Brandon Metzger, Charlie Metzger, Dwayne Patterson, Danny Ramsey, and Chris Whalen not only did the clearing and planting, they were instrumental in supplying irrigation to the area.

Cost of the project was budgeted at \$15,000, but thanks to Biagioli's and the maintenance team's work, it came in well under budget—around \$8,000.

We thank all who contributed to the beautification project at the busy roundabout intersection.

MPOC Projects

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion about the implementation process of an MPOC project. The CCC has never chosen nor will we ever choose the vendors for any BCA project. When using outside vendors, BCA staff members make every effort to solicit competitive bids through the

RFP process.

A case in point was our first project at the Hull Street Road front entrance, the median strip and turn lane, and the back entrance at Brandermill Woods. Staff and MPOC members reviewed the design plans and costs before sending it to the board. Theresa Biagioli was employed with the BCA at the time and advised the staff and committees on the design proposal.

The landscape projects mentioned above were designed and installed by two different professional landscape companies. It soon became apparent that there would be a cost savings if the planting was handled in-house. Therefore, the implementation process was revised so that future projects would be planned in this manner with a master gardener and landscape designer.

As always, the CCC requests your input on areas that you think could be enhanced with landscaping. We request that you contact any committee chair with your concerns or questions so we can be assured that all residents are provided with accurate information about the method for selection and implementation of MPOC projects.

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Renewal and renovation tips to create a perfect lawn

The extreme heat and drought of 2012 was hard on lawns and gardens. "Many gardeners are facing a blank slate of bare soil, masses of dead patches that were once lawn or a bit of grass interspersed in a sea of weeds," says gardening expert Melinda Myers.

Myers recommends following these steps to improve lawns this season.

Start this spring to renovate or improve your weather-worn lawn. Remember that water is critical to get newly seeded and sodded lawns to survive. So be prepared to help nature along with the recovery effort.

Evaluate the damage. Then use the check list below to find the best course of action to aid the ailing lawn.

If the lawn is more than 60 percent weeds or bare soil, it's probably time to start over. Use this opportunity to create a great foundation for

growing a healthy lawn. Kill off the existing vegetation, add several inches of organic matter such as compost or peat moss and a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil, and rake smooth.

Select more drought tolerant grasses like rhizomatous (turf-type) tall fescues or buffalo grass. Make sure the grass is suited to the climate and plant according to the label. Then sow the seeds, lightly rake and mulch, or lay sod. Water often enough to keep the soil moist until the seeds sprout or the sod roots into the soil below. Thereafter, water thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly, but slightly moist to encourage deep roots.

Fertilize new, existing and stressed lawns with a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer, which won't harm stressed lawns, young seedlings or newly laid sod. It will



Photo by Melissa Myers, LLC

encourage slow steady growth. And if 2013 turns into another hot dry summer, it won't burn the lawn.

Mow high to encourage deeply rooted grass that is more drought tolerant and pest resistant. And mow often, removing only a third of the total height. Be sure to leave these short clippings on the lawn. They return moisture,

nutrients, and organic matter to the soil.

Repair small dead and bare patches as needed. Use a lawn patch kit, grass seed and mulch. For small spots, loosen the soil surface, sprinkle grass seed and lightly rake. Or mix a handful of grass seed in a bucket of topsoil. Sprinkle the mix over the soil surface.

Do a bit more soil preparation when renovating larger dead areas in the lawn. Remove any weeds that have filled in these areas. Till two inches of compost, peat moss or other organic matter into the top six inches of soil. Sow seed, rake and mulch or lay sod.

Overseed thin and sparse lawn. First, core aerate the lawn to improve soil conditions and increase seed-to-soil contact. Spread grass seed over the aerated lawn and water as needed. Or rent a slit seeder or hire a professional with this type of equipment. These machines slice through the soil and drop the grass seed in place, increasing the seed-to-soil contact which is needed for good germination.

Core aerate lawns with more than one-half an inch of thatch, those growing in compacted soils, or before overseeding. By removing plugs

of soil you break through the thatch and create channels for water and fertilizer to reach the grass roots.

Spot treat weeds on lawns that need minimal repair. Wait at least until fall to treat new and overseeded lawns. Spot treating minimizes the use of chemicals and reduces the stress on already stressed lawns. Always read and follow label directions carefully.

Proper maintenance and a bit of cooperation from nature will help transform a lawn from an eyesore to an asset in the landscape.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. Myers has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com.

BCA Board minutes

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save \$2,000. Director Rowe suggested using the AARP tax preparers to volunteer for this project. President Guthrie suggested the board consider this proposal in preparation for the April 15 meeting and that other options can be researched for future elections.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve authorizing the community manager to contract with Wells, Coleman to count and report the membership votes per candidate at the April 15, 2013 annual election meeting, not to exceed \$2,500.

Organizational Meeting

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Membership and Election of the Board of Directors of the Brandermill Community Association was called to order by President Guthrie on April 15, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of Brandermill Woods.

President Guthrie led the meeting in a moment of silence in observance of the tragedy in Boston.

Announcement of Quorum

Community Manager and Director of Election John Bailey declared a quorum was achieved.

Voting Instructions

Community Manager Bailey explained the procedure for the receipt of the ballots to the BCA office and that Wells, Coleman & Co., LLP handled the counting of the ballots. No further voting was requested.

The polls were declared closed.

Introduction of Officers

President Guthrie welcomed everyone and introduced the present officers of the Board of Directors: Director Jason Livingston, who is completing 12 years on the board; Joan O'Hanley, 1st Vice President; Joyce Rowe, 2nd Vice President, who was not in attendance; Frances Hillman, Treasurer; and Directors Jack Bettin and Charlie Davis. He also introduced Community Manager and Director of Election John "J.B." Bailey. President Guthrie introduced the five candidates for the three open positions on the 2013-2014 board: Donald Blom, Thomas Leonard, Robert Malek, Robert Strickland, and Brett Vassey, who was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hillman thanked the Finance Committee

members and Chair Buddy Whitfield for their assistance with the 2013 budget. She thanked Community Manager John Bailey, Accounting Manager Margaret Covington, and BCA staff for their assistance with efficiently managing resources. She noted that the auditor Wells, Coleman offered several suggestions with the 2012 audit, which shows the association is in good financial condition. She noted that contributions were made to the Reserve Fund, and the Association continues to be debt-free.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Bailey reported his activities during his first three months as community manager. He announced the board members orientation meeting is planned for May, which will include a tour of Brandermill. He thanked board members for their support to him and staff members, and encouraged all members to renew their excitement of Brandermill.

President's Report

President Guthrie thanked everyone in attendance. He reported the BCA Annual Report May 2012 - April 2013, which includes the progress reviews of the BCA Board's strategic initiatives and other

major initiatives during the 2012-2013 board year, was distributed and is available to all residents at the BCA office. President Guthrie noted each board member was involved with recruiting our new community manager.

Special Recognition

Community Manager Bailey recognized retiring Directors Guthrie, Livingston, and Rowe with gifts of appreciation for their service. Retiring Director Guthrie served two terms on the board, with three years as treasurer and one year as president; Retiring Director Livingston served three terms on the board, and held several offices during that time; Retiring Director Rowe was recognized at the last board meeting and served two terms on the board, with two years as treasurer and two years as president of the board.

Retiring Director Livingston remembered the leaders who have served on the board, and especially those who are not with us now, who have helped shape Brandermill. He noted his appreciation for his time working with the board and wished the best for Brandermill.

Retiring Director Guthrie also noted his appreciation of working with the board, staff

and committee members during his terms on the board. He stated that all board members love Brandermill and work hard to make Brandermill the best. He thanked Livingston and Rowe for all of their hard work, and thanked the members for his opportunity to serve Brandermill.

Guthrie thanked and recognized the BCA staff for their assistance and especially to Assistant Community Manager Raimo, who also served as acting community manager. He noted The Village Mill staff provides the communication network for the community.

Election

There were five candidates for three vacancies. Community Manager and Director of Election Bailey stated the results of the election.

Total votes - 17,835
Votes counted toward

Quorum - 3,567 (27.42 percent)

Results

Robert Malek - 3,893 elected to a three-year term
Donald Blom - 3,102 elected to a three-year term
Thomas Leonard - 2,292 elected to a three-year term
Robert Strickland - 2,164 not elected
Brett Vassey - 1,930 not elected

Referendum

Approval of this resolution (a yes vote) is needed to prevent being taxed by the IRS on any surplus income. If this referendum is not approved, the BCA may be subject to paying additional taxes with members' assessments.

Results

Yes votes - 4,356.
Referendum # 1 - Passed: 98.73 percent voted yes
No votes - 56
Requires a 75 percent

majority to pass

Special Meeting

The April 22, 2013 BCA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Guthrie at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Brandermill Community Association. Directors Bettin, Davis, Hillman, Livingston, O'Hanley and Community Manager Bailey as well as Assistant Community Manager Raimo were present. Director Rowe was absent.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to Virginia Property Owners' Association Act, Article III, Section 55-510.1.C: for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel.

Upon completion of consultation with legal counsel the board returned to open session. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

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SCES students earn their bragging rights



Madeline Aird and her winning Reflections painting.

Swift Creek Elementary School fourth-grade student Madeline Aird earned first place recognition in visual arts in the James River District Reflections program, a national PTA program that

gives students the opportunity to explore the arts. "I draw what I imagine," says Madeline.

SCES second-grade student Emmett Radgowski received first place in music.

Emily Wolver helps the environment

Emily Wolver, a student in Dr. Eileen Atkinson's class at Millwood School, participated in growing aquatic grasses in the classroom. In February, students planted the seeds in the classroom where they grew for three months.

Emily participated in the final planting of the aquatic grasses in the James River at Westover Plantation on May 4.

"This is such an important thing to do to prevent erosion and help the ecosystem. It's great fun on top of that," says Emily. "I'd recommend it to anyone who is looking for a great time outdoors and who wants to help the environ-



Dr. Eileen Atkinson and Emily Wolver with school-grown aquatic grasses.

ment." The project was coordinated and sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Emily is the daughter of Sue and Gary Wolver of Shadow Ridge.

Skill Building & Support Group for ADHD

Prevention Services, a division of Chesterfield County Department of Mental Support Services, is offering an ADHD/ADD Skill-Building and Support Group for children who have received diagnoses of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or attention deficit disorder. The group will help children understand ADHD/ADD better and develop skills, such as getting organized, staying focused, thinking before acting and managing feelings.

Group sessions are Thursdays, July 11 through August 8 at the Community Development Building at 9800 Government Center Parkway in Chesterfield. Groups meet: 1 to 1:45 p.m. for rising second- and third-graders; 2 to 2:45 p.m. for rising fourth- and fifth-graders; and 3 to 3:45 p.m. for rising middle-school students.

The course costs \$20 per participant. Fee assistance may be available upon request. Pre-registration is required. Please call Karl Kalber at 717-6635.

CCPS Students of the Year

Chesterfield County Public Schools officials annually honor two students from every school for demonstrating citizenship and the school division's core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and accountability. During a banquet sponsored by the Midlothian Rotary Club last month, 124 students from 62 schools were recognized as Students of the Year for 2013.

Teachers and principals describe this year's Students of the Year this way:

- Puts forth 150 percent effort 100 percent of the time
- A kind soul
- All-around incredible person
- Bright smile and bubbly personality
- Self-directed learner

- Starts every day with a high five for his teachers and peers
- Great mediator, problem solver and kind hearted
- Asks thoughtful questions, stays focused and shows initiative and curiosity
- Works harder than any other student
- An unsung hero
- A major encourager to other students
- Leadership both academically and socially
- Cheerful nature and generous heart
- The type of student every teacher loves to have

The Students of the Year banquet was held at the Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center on April 25. Meadowbrook High School's advanced guitar ensemble and

Thomas Dale High School's jazz band performed. Manchester Middle School JROTC served as color guard. School Board Chair David Wyman, Chesterfield County School Superintendent Marcus Newsome and Midlothian Rotary President Robbin Kolbe presented plaques to the honorees.

Students recognized from Clover Hill School District:

Clover Hill Elementary School — Maya Salib and Marisol Ballout
Swift Creek Elementary School — Anahi Vasquez and Lily Buckley

Swift Creek Middle School — Srinidhi Gopal and Jessica Taylor

Clover Hill High School — Katherine Peachee and Sarah Walshak



Midlothian Mars has its own NASA web page.

SCES kindergarteners Lilly Osborne, Christian Singleton, Rohan Singh, Victor Zhou, Will Staylor and Grayson Maggi can be proud that their Imagine Mars project is now highlighted on the NASA website for all the world to enjoy.

They are the only kindergarten students in the nation

to receive such recognition.

For more information about the project please see the April issue of The Village Mill and be sure to check out the Midlothian Mars web page on the Imagine Mars website: mars.jpl.nasa.gov/imagine/gallery/viewproject/?projid=280.

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SCMS students stay active as school year nears end

By Patricia Cuenin
School Correspondent

Pennies for Patients

Swift Creek Middle School students recently helped make a difference in the lives of local children suffering from blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma, by donating \$2,500 to Pennies for Patients. Sponsored by SCMS National Junior Honor Society and assisted by the Math Department, students raised five times their original goal of \$500.

The school program was organized by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society which helps fund treatments and expenses of area cancer patients.

Flying Squirrels Education Day

Swift Creek Middle School sixth-graders attended Richmond Flying Squirrels Education Day at the ballpark on April 10. In preparation, math classes calculated menu items from The Diamond concession stand. English classes read "Casey at the Bat," a poem by Ernest Thayer, and an article about a former SCES student and graduate of Virginia Tech who now works at The Diamond. Although the Squirrels lost the game 8 to 7 to the Bowie Baysox, the students enjoyed a great day at the ballpark.

March Madness Talent Show

Swift Creek Middle School is brimming with talented students. With a level of professionalism that would amaze most "American Idol" viewers, SCMS students and a few faculty members danced, sang, strummed, and performed for the audience during this year's March Madness Talent Show.

One particularly heart-warming act from Mary Helen King's class and 8th-grade back-up singers performed songs containing facts from their social studies curriculum. John Randall, the writer of the songs and SCMS' 2013 choice for Teacher of the Year, accompanied the group on



Members of the SCMS NJHS and the Math Department raised \$2,500 for Pennies for Patients.



Brandon Romero, Darrell Dyson, Jericho Wilson enjoy funnel cakes at the Richmond Flying Squirrels game.



2013 Teacher of the Year John Randall accompanies students in the SCMS talent show.

his guitar.

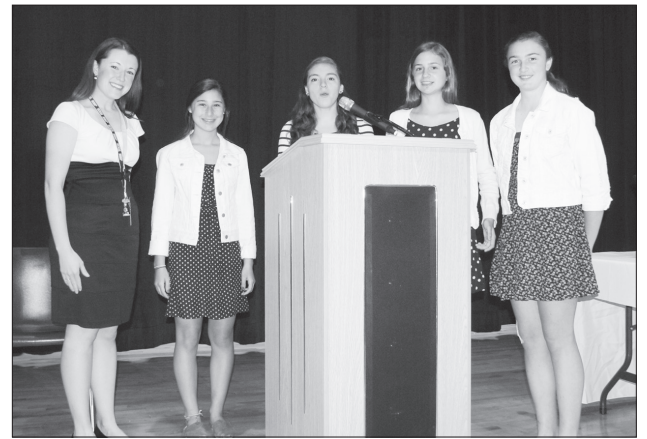
Theatre Director Melissa Atkinson agreed that the evening was a smashing success and has set the bar high for talent shows to come.



Junior Honor Society

Thirty-four new members were inducted into the Swift Creek Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on April 16. Students are selected on the merits of character, scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and service.

Seventh-grade inductees are: Hailey Barnes, Carissa Boll, Jessica Bower, West Brownlee, Alexandra Copeland, Denise Davies, Madison Davis, Brittani Delgado, Joseph Dombroski, Coleman Driscoll, Christopher Garcia, Gwendolyn Gattermeir, Megan Hasforth, Jakub Lipowski, Natalie Maynes, Danielle Murphy, Olivia Page, Brianna Palmer, Rachel Redd, Rebecca Redd, Annelise Sanchez, Norielle Sanchez, Alysa Scott, Bethany



SCMS NJHS sponsor Sara Criz and 2013 officers from left are: Rachel Blake, Farah Ahmed, Lauren Bailey and Sarah Wescotte.

Scribner, Graysen Viar, Sydney Williams, and Ellen Yeudall. Sixth-grade inductees are: Ashley Ban, John Edwards, Srinidhi Gopal, Nathan Lam, Cade Swisher, Megan Toms, and Anya Upadhyaya. Students must maintain at least a 3.8 GPA and perform 40 hours of community service to continue membership in NJHS.

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Members of the CHHS brass and percussion sections entertain SCMS students during lunch break.

CHHS Treats SCMS

The Clover Hill Marching Cavaliers entertained Swift Creek Middle School students during their April 15 lunch break. Band members played four of their "stands" tunes that they use to entertain the crowds in the stands during football games. CHHS Band Director Steve Conley chatted with students about band opportunities at CHHS.

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SCES Great Gator 5K & Fun Run is a great success



Photos by Mike Robinson

And they're off...runners take to the streets of Brandermill.



With energy to spare after the Fun Run, kids jump through hoops in the obstacle course.

By Meredith Robinson
School Correspondent

Sunshine and smiles abounded at the Second Annual Great Gator 5K and Kids Fun Run held at Swift Creek Elementary School on April 27. A sea of green and blue shirts flooded the school's campus as over 100 children participated in the Kids Fun Run with an obstacle course;



Several victims, also known as SCES teachers and administrators, kicked off the festivities by taking a whipped cream pie to the face.

nearly 400 children and adults ran the 5K. A professional announcer and DJ added to the festivities.

The fifth-grade honors chorus sang the national anthem and a moment of silence followed in support of runners and their families everywhere.

5K runners ages 3- to 75-years-old followed the course along the lovely paths and parkways of Brandermill. The mid-portion of the course wound through Brandermill Woods where runners took a water break. In less than 20

minutes the fastest runners returned to SCES where a hoard of cheering spectators greeted them.

The top female finishers were: Elizabeth Knize, first place with a time of 19:32; Madison Carpenter, second place; and Michelle Andino, third place. The top male finishers were: Eric Etka, first place with a time of 18:56; Dustin Thiesse of Heritage

Woods, second place; and Talha Iqbal, third place.

Following the 5K Fun Run participants navigated several obstacles on the SCES track including hay bales, hoops, water noodles and cones as hundreds of onlookers cheered them on.

The purpose of the Great Gator 5K and Kids Fun Run is to celebrate healthy living as a community while

raising funds for the purchase of technology to put in the hands of students. The SCES PTA thanks race participants, sponsors and the host of volunteers who made it possible to achieve these goals.

For full race results and race photos, please visit www.swiftcreek5k.com.

The Third Annual Great Gator 5K and Kids Fun Run is planned for April of 2014.

BMW Lions Club bass fishing tournament

Proceeds go toward vision projects

By Warren Ragsdale
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill-Midlothian-Woodlake Lions Club held its annual winter fishing tournament on March 9. Thirty avid fishing teams entered the tournament with the top team catching five fish for a total weight of 20 pounds eight ounces. The largest fish caught weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces.

The money raised from the tournament helps the BMW Lions Club support the eyeglasses needs of the community. The catch and release tournament means that the fish are waiting to be caught again by Brandermill residents.

The next Lions Club fishing tournament is scheduled for Saturday May 18 starting at 6:30 a.m. with weigh-in at 1:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to enter the tournament should email Bruce Johnson at bjo111@aol.com.

Haiti Medical Mission
The Brandermill Midlothian Woodlake Lions Club



These fish were returned to the reservoir for the May 18 BMW fishing tournament.

collected more than 2,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to be given to needy people worldwide.

The Brandermill Church recently sponsored a medical team to Haiti, and the BMW Lions Club supplied eyeglasses and funding to help restore vision to many needy children and adults.

If you have glasses that you want to donate please go to www.bmw-lions.org to find a collection box location near you.

MTC offers new summer programs

By John S. Bailey
Community Manager
Stefanie Mardar
Midlothian Tennis Club

Tennis has been an integral part of Brandermill from the beginning. However, since 2007, the Midlothian Tennis Club (MTC) has provided opportunities for playing tennis. MTC is located in the heart of Brandermill and adjacent to the Brandermill Country Club at 3650 Brandermill Parkway. MTC, the only club on Southside with indoor clay courts, boasts 12 beautiful outdoor and four indoor clay courts, two outdoor hard courts, and one practice wall. The club is also the home of three accomplished and friendly USPTA-certified pros with the highest-tested rated certification for pros, including General Manager and Tennis Director Feisal Hassan, recently named 2012 USPTA Mid-Atlantic Professional of the Year. MTC is ready to help you have even more fun with tennis while bringing your game to the next level. Residents are encouraged to check out the fantastic opportunities the club has to offer. The membership is fee-based. However, MTC is right here as a part of the community. MTC staff members work hard to provide a club with reasonable costs, easy access, high quality facilities, and first-class cutting-edge instruction and coaching. They also limit memberships, so that everyone can enjoy more playing time.

With summer just around the corner, MTC has a lot of new and exciting programs to offer.

New Summer Membership
Want to check out MTC, but not be locked in to a long contract? MTC is now offering a brand new three-month summer outdoor membership, valid June 1 through August 31. With your outdoor membership you have unlimited access to the 14 outdoor courts, no court fees, member rates for lessons, member socials, and much more.

Junior Camps
Junior Summer Camps are back again. The philosophy is to ensure that players have fun, and learn to manage and bounce back from mistakes, while learning and playing the game. Junior Summer Camps are open to players ages 8 and older and include on-court instruction, point situations, fitness conditioning, and point and match play. Camp weeks run Monday through Friday with morning, afternoon, or full-day sessions.

Toddlers & Tennis
Toddlers and Tennis Summer Camp is the newest addition to MTC's options for junior players. Camps for 2- to 5-year-olds will be offered twice over the summer. Toddlers and Tennis Summer Camp weeks run Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Each camp includes 45 minutes of tennis, a craft, snack time, games, and much more. Every child who is enrolled receives a T-shirt and prize on the last day of camp.

MTC also has a Toddlers and Tennis/Pre-Red Stage tennis clinic for 2- to 5-year-olds new to tennis on Mondays from 5:30 to 6 p.m. This clinic focuses on eye-hand coordination, balance, motor skills, racquet handling, and most importantly—fun. Red balls, 19-inch racquets, and a 36-foot court with smaller net are used, along with other fun equipment. This is the perfect clinic for your toddler to be introduced to the game of tennis.

Junior Program Clinics
Year-round junior clinics will continue throughout the summer. The club will hold Red Stage 1 (ages 3 to 5), Red Stage 2 (ages 6 to 8), Orange Stage 1 (ages 8 to 10), Orange Stage 2 (ages 8 to 11), and Green Stage (ages 9 to 12). All of these clinics follow current USTA 10 and under teaching techniques, which allows junior players to master their techniques before moving on to the next stage. If you are unsure of which clinic your junior player should attend, a time can be set up for a pro to evaluate his or her current level and determine the appropriate clinic.

New Adult Camps
Looking to improve your tennis game? MTC now has camps for adult players. The program includes technical training, strategy and tactics, strength and conditioning, video analysis, and mental toughness. Adult Camps run Monday through Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. so you



Midlothian Tennis Club

have plenty of time to get home from work. There are three camp weeks from which to choose, and each week will offer one day of singles training, two days of doubles, and one day of cardio tennis.

Create Your Own Camp
This is a brand new program for groups of adults or juniors who want to create their own camps. You control which players are enrolled; what you work on each day; how long camps last each day; and which pros teach the camp. Creating your own camp is a great way to make sure that you play with your friends, while learning and improving your tennis game.

To sign up for any of the camps or for more information on these or other MTC offerings, please visit www.midlothiantennis.com or simply stop by the club. Staff will be glad to meet you.

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Previously, Vehrs was a business manager for the Virginia Department of Business Assistance in Richmond.

Jessica Van Horn, granddaughter of Quail Hill residents Marilyn and Robert Van Horn, will

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Van Horn will attend a leadership seminar at the John Jay Institute, in Philadelphia, Pa. before reporting to duty as deck officer aboard the fast response cutter Bernard C. Webber in the home port of Miami, Fla.

James Yanovitch brings home more gymnastics honors

James Yanovitch, a member of Team Virginia, fared well last month at the 2013 Region 7 Men's Gymnastics Championships in New Jersey.

James won second place for his performance on the pommel horse and individual event medals for parallel bars, floor exercises, and rings. He earned the sixth place all-around medal for combined 9- and 10-year-old level 5 gymnastics in the region.

Team Virginia won second place, and each member of the team received a silver medal and a banner.

James, a member of the Gym Quest Gymnastics



James Yanovitch shows off his winning banner.

team in Richmond, is a fourth-grade student at Swift Creek Elementary School and the son of Amanda and Matthew Yanovitch of Quail Hill.

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Girls kick it with style at Aim 4 Fitness in Waterford

By Ann C. Hunt
Staff Writer

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According to Mullens, her kickboxing class is a 45-minute cardio workout that teaches proper form utilizing a punch and kick combo. It is high energy, exciting and motivating, blending the elements of boxing, martial arts and traditional aerobics into one workout. "The girls love it," says Mullins. "They picture a face on the bag and find it is a big stress reliever."

Cage Fitness is a 30-minute workout for both men and women done in five, five-minute rounds with a one-minute rest between rounds. It is a complete fitness system based on the structure of mixed martial arts, combining high-intensity interval training with functional movement.

"I want to motivate women to meet their fitness goals," Mullin says. "I want to make them feel better about themselves - gain self-confidence and self-esteem. This is an all-woman environment and, they get motivation here unlike boring gym routines." Men's classes are offered later in the evening

Mullins had been in the accounting field for 20-plus years when she joined a kickboxing gym to lose weight. In only six months, she lost 65 pounds. Six months into her workouts, she was assisting others at the gym and soon began teaching kickboxing on her own.

In early 2012, she earned



Groups of women execute their kickboxing moves on punching bags.



Photos by Ann Hunt

Aim 4 Fitness in Waterford Village Shopping Center attracts health conscious clients and even passersby.

her fitness training certification, and opened Aim 4 Fitness in a shared space across from Brandermill on Brad McNeer Parkway. Quickly outgrowing the space, Mullins moved her business close by to Waterford Village Shopping Center to accommodate

her clients. The large workout room had the space Mullins needed. There is ample parking and she has picked up some new members from passersby.

Aim 4 Fitness is located at 13534 Waterford Place in the Waterford Village Shopping

Center. For more information, please visit www.aim4fitness.com or call 380-0389. Or, says Mullens "Stop by to see why everyone is having such a great time and why their motto is 'Girls Kick it with Style!'"

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Brandermill Yard Sale - North of Genito. May 18 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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For more information on qualifications and benefits, or to apply, please visit www.chesterfieldpd.com.
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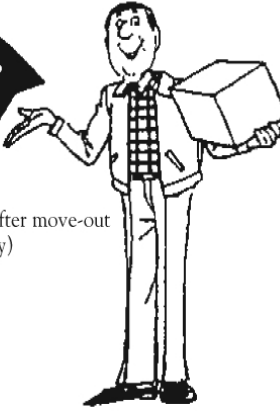


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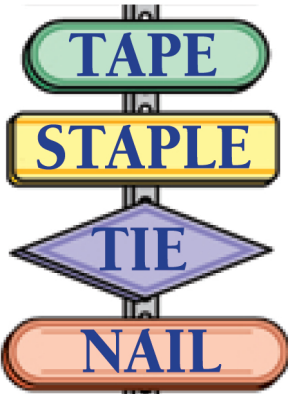



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Opening Day & Community Days at Brandermill Pools
All Brandermill residents are invited to enjoy a free day at all three Brandermill pools.
Sat., May 25, Noon - 8 p.m. & Sat., June 1, Noon - 8 p.m.

BranderBelle Wine & Cheese Cruises
Let the captain take you on a relaxing cruise on Swift Creek Reservoir while enjoying wine & light munchies. Bring a friend or make a new one! Meet at BCA Sailing Center.
\$7 per resident, \$10 per guest. One guest per resident. Reservations required.

- ◆ Tues., June 11, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tues., July 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tues., Aug. 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tues., Sept. 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Tues., Oct. 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Standup Paddle Board Classes
Black Dog Paddle will offer classes in Basic SUP this summer at the BCA Sailing Center. \$75 per class with basic gear provided. To register, contact Jennifer Strader at 744-1035x104 or email services@brandermill.com.

Dates of classes:
◆ Sun., June 16, 5 - 8 p.m.
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“Hats Off to Brandermill”

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