SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time officially starts Sunday, March 11 at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 10.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CALENDAR

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BOD Agenda and Minutes are available at fchoa.org

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The Nominating Committee and Covenants Committee do not hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The committee meeting schedule can be verified at fchoa.org.

Note: S&T Club = Swim and Tennis Club; CSB = Community Services Building (Rooms A or B)

ARC (Architectural Review Committee) Report for February 2018

Completed:

- Single Family: 2486
- Townhomes: 80
- Eaglescliffe Condos: 24
- Total: 2590

Under Construction: 53

Completed: 41/Section 10 – 180 Alwoodley

Spec; Southern Cove

Completed: 35 – 4609 Edenderry

Daniel and Lorraine McConaughy

Stephen Alexander Homes

Completed: 46/Section 33 – 205 Brickhampton

Randy and Sandy Welch

Coastal Construction & Development, LLC

Homesite 136/Section 31 – 223 Royal Dublin

Jeffrey and Betsy Mellinger

J. Lloyd Builder, Inc.

ARC Submission

All construction, including additions and modifications to existing structures, must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee. Submission forms and guidelines are available at the Community Services Office, as well as on the fchoa.org website. Property owners may view any house or site plan on file with the ARC at the Community Services Office. The agenda for new construction and confirmation of meetings will be posted on the fchoa.org website (under Association, ARC tabs). The ARC meets on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the CSB on an as-needed basis.

When You Sell Your House.

A Virginia-mandated HOA home compliance report must be provided to the buyer. Refer to the ARC webpage for more information.

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RESIDENT CONCERNS

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A Great Start to Another Year
CARMEN HEGGE-KLEISER

On behalf of our Board of Directors, congratulations to our newly elected Board members Bill Brenner, Sally Frazer and George Spalthoff. Our thanks go to the Nominations Committee for fielding such a strong candidate slate, all five Board candidates and the 37 percent of resident households who cast their vote in the Board election.

The HOA is well positioned financially, having ended 2017 with a $72,887 overall positive year-end variance and $604,191 in the FCHOA Capital Reserve fund. The Capital Reserve fund is money set aside to cover future maintenance and replacement of existing FCHOA infrastructure, facilities and other assets beyond what is covered in the annual operating budget. (Note: Additional Financial Information and Highlights from the February 4 Annual Meeting are posted on fchoa.org)

THE WORK AHEAD
With the new Board in place, our focus this past month has been on providing everyone with an updated and detailed legal briefing and orientation, electing new Board officers and making Board liaison assignments. All of our standing committees are beginning to set their goals for the coming year in the general context of the new five-year FCHOA Strategic Plan.

The Board and Facilities Committee will continue to work on a five-year Facilities Master Plan. This plan will consider the results of our recent homeowner’s survey, focusing on items with widespread community utilization interest that are practical and financially prudent. Since JCC Supervisors did not approve the Master Plan Amendment in connection with the Parke, we no longer have the availability of a $320,000 cash proffer from Eagle. Accordingly, any new or enhanced amenities or recreational facilities will need to be entirely covered through increases in homeowner fees or special assessments.

UNDERSTANDING LEGAL CONTEXT
The Board received Legal Training and Orientation with FCHOA attorney Susan Tarley. This training is specific to the FCHOA governing documents. In addition, the local attorneys routinely host a legal seminar which Board members attend in the summer after the State Legislative Session. The seminar highlights proposed or new legislation impacting homeowner associations and condominiums in Virginia.

It is important to understand how current and proposed James City County, state and federal law impact our community so we can respond proactively. A current example is the short-term rental situation. In March 2017, the state enacted a law allowing localities to regulate and tax short-term rental properties—effectively opening the door wider for short-term rental businesses in James City County. The FCHOA Board had already adopted a rule restricting short-term rental occupancy less than 90 days, with a few exemptions for hardships such as an unexpected military transfer and certain waivers related to a real estate sales transaction to accommodate pre- or post-sale occupancy. While the county may permit short-term rentals in our zoning area, it will not override an association’s declaration. So, the wording already in place was incorporated into an amendment to our Declaration of Protective Covenants and placed on the Board of Directors election ballot. Passage of this amendment is important to forestall potential county short-term rental permits superseding our association rules and declarations and allowing short-term rental businesses to operate next door with little or no control over the occupants’ actions or activities. Two-thirds (66.6 percent) of Ford’s Colony households must vote in favor of the amendment for it to take effect. Thirty-six percent of Ford’s Colony households had done so in conjunction with the Board elections. We will be doing further outreach to those who haven’t voted on the amendment so we can reach the 66.6 percent threshold.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE LIAISONS
Based on voting by the seven Board members, the new officers of the Board are Pete Peterik, president; Bob Moeller, vice president; Carmen Hegge-Kleiser, secretary; and Bill Brenner, treasurer. Sally Frazer, Steve Riddle and George Spalthoff will be serving as directors-at-large. Board liaisons to each of the FCHOA standing committees are as follows:

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FROM THE BOARD

Attendance at monthly Activity Committee meetings, which have representatives from the 60+ Ford’s Colony clubs and interest groups, is rotated among all the Board members. The Board liaison can provide the committee with a broad overview and update on Board activities. It also provides Board members with another feedback loop on critical issues.

In serving as a Board liaison at committee meetings, the Board members can obtain a deeper understanding of their assigned committee’s goals, projects, issues and concerns in addition to responding to any questions. They can share that information real time with their Board colleagues at the monthly Board work sessions. This is important in addressing projects or issues that cut across multiple committees and require cross-committee coordination.

On March 29, we will meet with all the chairs of the standing committees to jointly review and align both committee and Board goals. In the next issue of Talk of the Colony, Board President Pete Peterik will provide an overview of the 2018 goals.

We are off to a great start and look forward to a productive year in service to our homeowners.

A Great Start
CONTINUED

SHORT-TERM RENTAL AMENDMENT VOTING CONTINUES

Voting for the Declaration Amendment will remain open until a 66.6 percent community response is achieved. The amendment would incorporate an existing rule related to short-term rentals into the Declaration documents. To vote, go to the link on the fchoa.org home page and use the PIN from your first quarter HOA bill. Contact the HOA if you need assistance.
At last month’s Annual Meeting, we gave special thanks as we bid farewell to our outgoing Board President Mark Mathews and Director-at-Large Bill Hever. We welcomed new Board member Sally Frazer, returning member Bill Brenner and former member George Spalthoff. It was also a time to say a warm thanks to our outgoing committee volunteers and greet our new Committee Chairs and members.

We have a lot lined up for the new year, and we look forward to setting and meeting our goals and budgets. As we “spring” into the new season ahead, our focus is on sustaining and enhancing this great community that we call home in a variety of ways, including the following.

SMOOTH AND SAFE TRAVELS IN THE COLONY

Security’s use of technology with the dwellingLIVE® visitor access system and this year’s plan for RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) vehicle tags for residents is off to a strong start. Thank you in advance for your patience as we roll out the RFID vehicle windshield tags to some 2,600 households with over 7,000 vehicles. The first few months of the rollout will be dedicated to the regular 2018 vehicle sticker renewals, HOA vehicles and our HOA committee volunteers. Attendees at the Annual Meeting were also invited to participate in advance registration. Groups of 300 or so owners at a time will be notified by Security when they’re eligible to apply for the new RFID tags.

To get the most from the new access system, remember to pre-admit your guests with dwellingLIVE®. You can be automatically notified when your guests pass through a gate, replacing the phone calls that Security used to make to announce guest arrivals during business hours. If you need help using the new technology, please let us know.

Security is also engaging cell phone and dwellingLIVE® technology for our roving patrol, using pictures and automated reports. We’ve also budgeted for another electronic speed limit sign like the one on Williamsburg West Drive. Our radar data indicates that the trailers and e-sign are working to reduce speeds. The issue of enforcing safe speeds was raised at our Annual Meeting—it means a lot to our residents, especially those with children. Our roads are designed for 25 mph (as are all residential streets in Virginia unless otherwise marked). Ford’s Colony Drive, with a 35-mph speed limit, is the only exception.

Speaking of safe travels, I’d like to encourage caution when passing our HOA service vehicle operators on the road. Please slow down and give them a chance to pull over so you can pass. Most importantly, don’t pass on a curve or a hill with limited sight distance. This is very dangerous and could result in a catastrophe with potential severe liability to the driver. This issue is the number-one safety concern expressed by our employees.

‘SPRING CLEANING’ FOR HOME SALE READINESS

Maintaining the curb appeal of your home has a direct effect on preserving the beauty of our community and boosting property values. It’s also a requirement when selling your home.

With spring on the way, home sellers and real estate agents are reminded that a resale disclosure packet is required by state law to be given to the contract purchaser for review prior to closing. An exterior and landscaping inspection is required for the disclosure.

An inspection checklist is available on fchoa.org or by email from admin@fchoa.net. Requirements and items that typically require correction include:

- Grilles in all windows
- Picket fences for HVAC equipment
- Roof vent pipes to be painted black
- Deck railings and screened porch pickets painted an approved color

“Grandfathered” issues are limited to apply to some low roof pitches, casement windows and vinyl siding approved on a small number of homes in the 1980s. Grandfathering does not apply to a home you purchased but did not build.

For a complimentary pre-inspection, consult your real estate agent or call Community Services. Don’t wait until after your home is under contract to discover these potential expenses.

COX COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT

During the Annual Meeting residents’ open forum, there was a question raised about local Cox Communications services. As a follow-up, if you have questions or comments about new or expanded residential services, Ron Briley, the Cox Communications representative for our area, can be reached at 757-805-2614. If you have questions or concerns regarding existing service, call the Customer Service number on your billing statement.

To view the February 3 Annual Meeting presentation, visit fchoa.org > Association > Documents.
As the cold days of winter melt into spring, it’s easy to reminisce about balmy summer breezes perfumed with flowers, outdoor grills brimming with delectable treats, hot concrete warming your feet and the unmistakable smell of pool chemicals—Okay! So, that last item was a stretch, but if you’re a pool rat like me, certain things just go together. But what if you’re not? Did you grow up poolside in your neighborhood, waiting for that glorious first weekend officially opening the summer season?

Maybe you haven’t changed and you’re still that kid at heart. Either way, Ford’s Colony provides two beautiful pools open every summer for everyone, no matter where you are in your journey.

If you haven’t taken advantage of our pools, maybe this summer you will. Join the water aerobics class and get your toe in for some time, how about easing back in with the U.S. Masters swim group? Don’t care for organized groups and just want some instruction? There are options available through the Red Cross with certified swim instruction and one-on-one lessons.

No matter how you look at your community pools, there are ways to enjoy them. Think of them as a bit of vacation right here at home. It’s low commitment offering high enjoyment and relaxation with a pool around the corner from your home. The best part is, you don’t have to take care of this one! Please report any issues via the website or contact the office at communityservices@fchoa.net or 757-258-4230.

Residents can help be a part of the solution to drainage issues. If you notice an area caving in around a drainage structure (generally a grate) or over a drainage pipe, please report the issue via the website or contact the office at communityservices@fchoa.net or 757-258-4230.

Contact Jenny Holland at 757-258-4270 or email jholland@fchoa.net for 2018 summer season.

Lifeguards Wanted for 2018 Summer Season

Contact Jenny Holland at 757-258-4270 or email jholland@fchoa.net.
COMMUNITY SERVICES

IT'S ALMOST SPRING. THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER, AND IT'LL BE NICE TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTDOORS. THE LEISURE TRAIL IS CALLING FOR A LONG WALK, RUN OR BIKE RIDE.

OVER THE YEARS, THE TRAIL AROUND FORD'S COLONY HAS BEEN CALLED BY DIFFERENT NAMES... THE BIKE PATH, THE JOGGING PATH, THE WALKING PATH. WE LIKE TO REFER TO IT AS THE "LEISURE TRAIL" BECAUSE IT CAN BE USED FOR ALL THOSE THINGS.

FOR SAFETY OF CASUAL CYCLISTS AND CHILDREN ON BIKES, WE PREFER TO SEE THEM USING THE LEISURE TRAIL. WE JUST ASK CYCLISTS ON THE PATH TO BE COURTEOUS TO PEDESTRIANS ON THE TRAIL. WHEN APPROACHING BEHIND SOMEONE WALKING OR JOGGING, ANNOUNCE YOURSELF, SUCH AS "HELLO! PASSING ON YOUR LEFT."

NOT ONLY IS THIS A COURTESY, IT'S THE LAW. VIRGINIA LAW IS SPECIFIC WITH RESPECT TO,YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS. "A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE, OR ANY ELECTRIC POWER-ASSISTED DEVICE ON A SIDEWALK, SHARED-USE PATH OR ACROSS A ROADWAY ON A CROSSWALK, SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ANY PEDESTRIAN AND SHALL GIVE AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL BEFORE OVERTAKING THE PEDESTRIAN."

BE POLITE AND CAUTIOUS, AND WARN THE PEDESTRIAN OF YOUR INTENTIONS.

EVERY PERSON CYCLING ON A VIRGINIA ROADWAY IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE OF VA SECTION (46.2-800) AND "SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES APPLICABLE TO THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE, UNLESS CONTEXT OF THE PROVISION CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE."

VIRGINIA LAW ALSOQUIRES CHILDREN 14 OR YOUNGER TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET WHENEVER RIDING A BICYCLE ON ANY STREET, SIDEWALK OR BIKE PATH. IT'S ACTUALLY NOT A BAD IDEA FOR CYCLISTS OF ANY AGE TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

SERIOUS CYCLERS, WHO FIND THE MAIN ROADWAY IS THE BETTER WAY TO GO, SHOULD USE CAUTION AND OBEY THE "RULES OF THE ROAD." WHEN CYCLING AS A GROUP ON A MAIN ROADWAY, PROCEED IN A SINGLE FILE MANNER FOR SAFETY. OUR ROADS ARE DESIGNED FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, SO YIELD WHEN REQUIRED, AND RIDE ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.

GOLF COURSE PATHS ARE NOT TO BE USED AS PART OF THE LEISURE TRAIL SYSTEM. THESE PATHS ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF THE FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB AND ARE DESIGNED FOR GOLFERS. WALKING, JOGGING OR CYCLING ON THESE PATHS CREATES AN UNDESIRABLE SITUATION. THE FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB DOES NOT WANT ANYONE TO BE STRUCK BY A GOLF BALL, MAINTENANCE VEHICLE OR GOLF CART.

NO MATTER WHICH FORM OF ACTIVITY YOU CHOOSE ON THE ROADWAY OR LEISURE TRAIL, REMEMBER SAFETY AND COURTESY.

GETTING THE MOST FROM DWELLINGLIVE®

As the new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are issued to more residents, there will be more vehicles using right-hand RFID resident lanes. Left-hand lanes will be used for gate card holders and e-pass users. Keep in mind that the left-hand lanes have the right-of-way, so use caution when entering.

As everyone acclimates to this new traffic pattern, some striping and directional road painting will be added to assist in directing drivers.

SAVE THE DATE

FORD'S COLONY YARD SALE
MARCH 10 | 8 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Historic Triangle Community Services Center
312 Waller Mill Road
There are a few tables remaining.
Contact Phyllis Eastman at 757-258-1198 or reastman2003@verizon.net.
Cost is $20 per table. Make checks payable to Phyllis Eastman and drop off at John Pott Guardhouse. Participants set up from 6 to 8 a.m. on day of yard sale. Table assignments will be available March 3 at the S&T Club.

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Greeting neighbors while taking the dog for a leisurely stroll on the leisure trail. Catching up with friends sipping a cup of coffee or glass of wine. Watching a beautiful sunset over the golf course. These are just some of the simple pleasures that make living in Ford’s Colony such a joy.

Our community basks in the glow of Williamsburg’s small-town charm, offering a respite from the hectic pace and pressures of an urban lifestyle. In January, The Street.com showcased Williamsburg among the top 30 small towns from a Topretirements.com list of 100 most popular places to retire based on reader input. The list featured towns smaller than 100,000, some of which are adjacent to or part of larger metro areas. Topretirements.com profiles towns and retirement communities where, according to President John Brady, “Baby Boomers go to find their best place to retire.”

As residents, we appreciate that Williamsburg’s appeal has many facets. Located less than 10 miles from our doorstep, Colonial Williamsburg is a haven for history buffs and, along with Jamestown and Yorktown, a cornerstone of the Historic Triangle. (At $10, the annual Good Neighbor Pass is a deal not to be missed.)

The College of William & Mary, the nation’s second-oldest college, provides a rich array of academic, sports and cultural offerings that attracts loyal locals and alumni alike.

The mix of restaurants, bars, lounges and cafés situated in and around the Historic Area offers a menu of palate-pleasing experiences. Running into neighbors dining or taking in the concerts or festivals in Merchant’s Square and elsewhere adds to the small-town vibe.

Golf, fishing, boating, theme parks and other local attractions offer an active lifestyle and ensure there’s plenty to do when friends and family visit.

The local area is steeped in natural beauty. There’s nothing like a leisurely drive or bike ride along nearby Colonial Parkway, with its views of the James and York Rivers, to enrich the senses.

The temperate climate means that all these features and more can be enjoyed year-round. And with access to Richmond, Hampton Roads and Washington, D.C., the transportation options and other amenities of a major metropolitan area are just a drive away.

These are only a few of the many reasons why Williamsburg is such a great place to retire—as well as work or raise a family.

See you ’round town!
In last month’s Talk of the Colony, Ryan Lee described the process through which the Landscape Design Subcommittee (LDSC) 2018 projects were developed and evaluated. Here’s a look at the projects that have been approved by the Board of Directors for implementation this spring, including updating two neighborhood entrances (Southport and Nottingham) and areas around the Swim & Tennis Club.

The project at Southport focuses on the areas after the gates and is expected to continue the updating of the entrance that was started two years ago. The overall goal has been to make the area brighter by selectively reducing the number of trees and shrubs overplanted by the developer in 2002 and adding shrubbery and trees more size appropriate to select areas. After renovation, residents leaving Southport will see new low-growing shrubs in the center island, rejuvenated turf and a fresh open look that showcases the brickwork on the walls.

The entrance to Nottingham was similarly overplanted by the developer in 2004. This spring the entrance will be updated by selectively removing and replacing shrubbery and trees at the entrance sign and wing walls to expose the brickwork and sign. At the same time, on Country Club Drive, old dying shrubs and every other tree in the middle islands will be removed. Opening up this area will allow new low-growing shrubbery to thrive and provide a continuation of the look and feel of the Williamsburg West entrance. Both landscape designs were created by the LDSC in collaboration with our landscape architect.

Arguably the most dramatic landscaping changes will occur at the S&T Club. The replacement of the remaining rotting timber wall with a new stone wall and the consequent regrading furnishes space for the planting of flowering trees along the walkway to the left of the building. It also gives an opportunity to design an enlarged Commemorative Garden to replace the current one. The new garden, designed by members of the LDSC and the commemorative garden committee of the Ford’s Colony Garden Club in collaboration with our landscape architect, will contain displays of flowering and evergreen plants with four-season interest, a bench and the relocated American flag.

The area in front of the S&T Club tennis courts will also be included in this update. Some trees will be removed in areas that are very dark and crowded and, in other areas, appropriately sized shrubs and trees will be added to expand the four-season interest.

We look forward to carrying out these projects as part of our ongoing efforts to refresh, brighten and sustain the beauty of our community’s landscape.

Copies of the landscape architect’s drawings will be available at the Community Services Building for residents who wish to learn more about these spring projects. The LDSC’s fall landscaping projects will be highlighted in the September issue of Talk of the Colony.
Last fall, many of you completed a survey in which you were asked to express your degree of interest in each of a selection of 30 potential new or expanded FCHOA facilities. This survey was produced by the Facilities Committee in response to a 2017 FCHOA Board of Directors’ goal to create a facilities master plan for the community. The survey was sent to all registered resident household email addresses (3,400+). We were delighted to receive a 52.1 percent response.

Resident households were asked to rate each of the possible new or expanded amenities/facilities according to their interest in participating using the following scale: 0 = no interest at all; 1 = slightly interested; 2 = somewhat interested; 3 = interested; 4 = very interested; or 5 = extremely interested. The intent of this survey was to identify the top items with the highest utilization interest for further feasibility analysis (site availability, cost, etc.) by the Facility Committee before making final recommendations to the Board.

No Clear Mandate
There was no clear mandate for any of the items. Based on the 1,825 responses, only one item, a fitness training center, on the list of 30 possible facility/amenity enhancements had just over 50 percent of respondents interested to extremely interested in utilizing such a new or expanded facility.

The accompanying chart (see Figure 1, page 11) lists the top amenities with the highest number of “extremely interested” responses along with the weighted average based on total responses across the 0-5 scale, from “no interest” to “extremely interested.” Our belief is that those residents checking “extremely interested” would most likely use the amenity if it were developed. Weighted averages below 1.60 arise due to a large percentage (47 percent or more) of residents indicating no interest.

The demographic profile of those completing the survey was highly skewed toward active retirees, with 67 percent of respondents in that category (see Figure 2). No projects in the top 10 exclusively address the preferences of families with children at home. While not making the top 10, some amenities suited for children, such as a larger playground, water slide and water splash pad, did score in the top 15. Given the multi-generational nature of our community, it may be appropriate to consider the feasibility of one of these amenities even though it did not score in the top 10.
Potential Facilities With Highest Interest Scores

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*Based on total responses across the 0-5 scale, from “no interest” to “extremely interested”

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS
The survey also provided an opportunity for residents to make free-form comments or suggestions. The prevailing theme of these comments was that the FCHOA should minimize expenditures and assessments.

Since JCC Supervisors did not approve the Master Plan Amendment in connection with the Parke, we no longer have the availability of a $320,000 cash proffer from Eagle. Accordingly, any new or enhanced amenities or recreational facilities will need to be entirely covered through increases in homeowner fees or special assessments.

FURTHER FEASIBILITY REVIEW UNDERWAY
Separate from the resident survey, last year the Facilities Committee undertook a survey of all the clubs as well as service and interest groups forming the FCHOA Activities Committee. The club survey assessed each club’s satisfaction with its current facilities and perceived shortcomings. Adequate parking, meeting space and storage for club materials and equipment surfaced as the top concerns which will also be considered in the development of the five-year Facilities Master Plan.

After further review of the results of the activity/club survey and the resident survey, in light of site availability and cost, the Facilities Committee will identify the more readily achievable projects which have moderate cost along with existing site availability. Project cost, the method for financing the project and the limited availability of FCHOA-owned land to site new projects will affect what projects are included and their timing in the five-year Facilities Master Plan that will be submitted to the Board for final approval.

FIGURE 1: Respondent Interest Scores

FIGURE 2: Respondent Demographics

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SYNCHRONICITY*

Moments of “meaningful coincidence” as boundaries dissolve between humans and machines

Science fiction writers adore the synchronicity concept. Astonishing medical advances, techniques and medications are blurring the lines between human and machine. We are the beneficiaries of medical advances unimaginable to our parents and grandparents. Here are some modern miracles that caught the imagination of me and fellow Colony resident and computer guru Bob Zornetzer.

- Individually tailored cancer therapies: “Fingerprinting” analyzes specific types of cancers’ reaction to different treatment protocols. Fingerprinting allows a medical staff to study mutated tumor genes to arrive at specific, individual chemotherapy treatment plans.
- Cancer gene therapy: Recent experimental successes using gene therapy for leukemia illuminates potential successes in reversing other types of cancer. The promising future: gene therapy could replace now standard treatments, such as radiation, chemotherapy or surgery.
- 3D-printed body parts: Who could have imagined that the gadget printing toys and consumer goods could “print” ears, fingers, or perhaps skin for burn replacement? Cornell University researchers have successfully printed an outer ear that works and looks like a human ear. University of Pennsylvania researchers have printed blood vessels with similar techniques. West Coast innovator Organovo anticipates printing a human liver via 3D printer, and partial liver transplants are on the 2020 horizon.
- Melt-away cataract treatment: The leading cause of worldwide blindness, cataracts currently are treated by surgery to replace a cloudy lens with an artificial lens. A recently discovered compound is employed in eye drops that is capable of dissolving cataracts.
- Diabetes drugs to reduce cardiovascular disease and death: Half of the patients with Type 2 diabetes die from cardiovascular disease complications. Last year, two new drugs started to reduce mortality rates. Empagliflozin modifies disease progression, and Liraglutide has beneficial multi-organ effects. By late 2018 these new medications should appear as scripts for diabetes sufferers.
- Bionic eyes: Developed by California-based Second Sight, a bionic eye is now being marketed. The artificial eye uses a camera set into the user’s glasses. Electrical messages are wirelessly transmitted into a user’s retinal implant. Still not able to restore complete vision, the bionic eye does enable patients to attain a certain level of vision, with some patients able to discern colors—an intriguing future possibility for macular degeneration sufferers.
- Hepatitis C Cure: The current cure for this potentially fatal disease is a year-long anti-viral-drug treatment. In trials now, Sofosbuvir is a 12-week treatment.
- Seizure stoppers: With more than 50 million sufferers world-wide, epilepsy causes sudden seizures with a debilitating effect on daily living. A new invention, NeuroPace, consists of sensors implanted in the brain that automatically send electrical pulses to counter a seizure onset, stopping the event before it occurs.
- Psoriasis treatment: A new medication, Guselkumab, has demonstrated a very positive response in 16 weeks for psoriasis sufferers with better than 90 percent clearing of conditions.

More information about these amazing synchronicity advances is available on-line from Cleveland Clinic and Cornell University. ■

Editor’s Note: The information presented here is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment.

AGING SERVICES INFORMATION

For helpful resources and links to articles from past issues of Talk of the Colony, visit fchoa.org and search “Aging Services.” The Aging in Place Service Group meets on the third Monday of the month at the S&T Club. Contact Betsy Ward Kalb at 561-275-9981 or elizabethward75@gmail.com to learn more.
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION OF THE FURRY KIND

If you took a random poll of Americans, it is likely you would find a vast majority saying they love dogs. Many take this love another step and adopt shelter dogs.

It’s not every day, however, that you find people willing to take that love thousands of miles away to help dogs from another country. But that is exactly what Brian and Linda Thomson have done. They have fostered two and adopted one, all stray golden retrievers, from Turkey.

The Thomsons are members of SEVA GRREAT, or Southeastern Virginia Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training, an all-volunteer non-profit organization. They had originally adopted a six-month old Golden from SEVA that came from North Carolina. He died suddenly at age six from a very aggressive cancer.

Not long after, through SEVA GRREAT, they learned about a Golden from Turkey. When they first heard it, they thought it was Turkey, North Carolina, not the actual country of Turkey. They soon learned, however, that there is a real problem with stray dogs in Turkey, especially Golden Retrievers. At one time the dogs were considered status symbols, but when the puppies got older, they were often cast out on the street. Due to their gentle nature, they do not fight and, therefore, have a hard time surviving on the street. So SEVA stepped up, along with other organizations across the U.S. and Canada, to rescue Goldens from Turkey.

Why adopt dogs from Turkey when there are dogs in the U.S. that need to be adopted? There are several answers. The first is that no dogs are turned away. SEVA continues to rescue dogs in the U.S. Another reason is that there is a waiting list to adopt Golden Retrievers, and yet another is because of the deplorable conditions under which some of these dogs are found.

After the dogs are rescued in Turkey, they go through a check to determine their eligibility to be sent to the U.S. If they are eligible, they are neutered or spayed, vaccinated and quarantined prior to being sent to the U.S. Each dog is issued a passport, good luck beads, a photo and flown to the U.S. SEVA volunteers meet the dogs at the airport and transport them to veterinarians where they are examined for any health issues. After their examination, the dogs are placed in a foster home. The foster family takes care of the dog for at least two weeks prior to posting for adoption in order to socialize the dog and be able to give feedback as to how it gets along with other dogs, cats or children. Some of the older dogs stay in forever foster homes. When this is the case, the organization takes care of all its medical bills.

Anyone interested in fostering, adopting or donating can contact Southeastern Virginia Golden Retriever Rescue, Education and Training at 757-827-8561, www.sevagrreat.org, or www.adoptagolden.com. The Thomsons can attest to the fact that fostering and adopting these dogs is a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Linda and Brian Thomson with Nina
Photo by Nellie Moseley

Nina with her passport and good luck beads
Photo by Bobby Sue Silvey

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A STREET BY ANY OTHER NAME

The Irish have a saying: “Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it’s called golf.” Since we are all Irish on St. Patrick’s Day, let’s look at a few of our streets named for Irish golf clubs and courses.

**Ballycastle:** Founded in 1890, Ballycastle Golf Club sits yards from the shore line on the Causeway Coast in Northern Ireland. The golf course is one of the more scenic courses in Northern Ireland, with panoramic views of the town of Ballycastle, Fair Head, Rathlin Island and, on a clear day, the Mull of Kintyre. The golf course began as a nine-hole course until 1926, when it became an 18-hole golf course. It remains virtually unchanged since that date.

**Edenderry:** This golf club has been in existence since 1910, having moved from several locations to its present location. Eddie Hackett designed a golf course built on the natural peat that is synonymous with this part of the country. The course has an abundance of mature trees and strategically placed bunkers, making it a challenging but fair test of golf for the experienced and beginner alike.

**Killarney:** The Killarney Golf and Fish Club was established in 1893 in County Kerry when the Earl of Kenmare, the local landlord, gave use of some of his land in an area of Killarney called Deerpark. The club flourished in its old location until 1936, when the landholder decided to raise the annual fees to the club and the club then sought another venue. In 1937, a new location was obtained and a new course was built at the Killarney town bypass. The 18-hole course, named Killeen, opened in 1972, and a nine-hole course opened in 2016. The Irish Open was held four times on the Killeen course.

**Portmarnock:** Ten miles to the north of Dublin City in Portmarnock and situated on a narrow tongue of shallow dune land is the Portmarnock Golf Club. This now 18-hole links course opened in 1894 as a nine-hole course, but two years later it was extended to 18. Over the last 120 years, the Old Course has hosted many amateur and professional tournaments, notably the Irish Open 19 times and The Walker Cup.

**Westport:** In 1908 Westport Golf Club was founded near the town centre of West Port in County Mayo. With the growth of golf, a new nine-hole course was built in 1927 at Old Carrowholly with play on this course until 1973. Golf continued to grow in Ireland, and in the late 1960s, the Westport Golf Club purchased from Lord Sligo 250 acres of his estate. The golf architect, Fred Hawtree, was then hired to design a new 18-hole championship golf course. Construction of the new course was officially open in 1975 by Mr. Liam Cosgrave. The new Westport Golf Club sits on the edge of Clew Bay with the sea lapping up to several of the holes. A golf club with an identical name also exists in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In 2017, an update to the 1998, “Streetwise-A Look Behind the Scenes of the Streets in Ford’s Colony” was produced by Jim O’Reardon with contributor Rick Short. The original book was produced by Jane Robinson, editor; William Luce, contributor; Jan Cookingham, Rosemary Heth and Sally Sprick, proofreaders. Learn about your own street at fchoa.org under Documents.

THE BEAUTY AROUND US

**BY KRIS SAUNDERS**

In 2011, the Links brick wall area received twice blooming azaleas of two colors, white and red, with the sides bounded by trustworthy evergreens, the Soft Touch Hollies. The azaleas are Encore Angel and Encore Autumn Sunset.

![Photo by Patrick Dennehey](image-url)
WHEN A ROSE IS NOT A ROSE
BY MIKE JASKOWIAK

When we moved to Ford’s Colony several years ago, we discovered that flowers actually can bloom outside in winter, unlike in our home state up north. A nearby resident had a vast collection of Lenten Roses on display along a walking path (okay, it was really a golf cart path). After a quick chat, we discovered that she was smuggling the plants here from her sister’s in North Carolina. Since we did not see that as a workable solution for us, we visited a local nursery and invested in our first Lenten Rose.

More precisely, the Lenten Rose is called Hellebores (to make it a little more confusing, the genus is Helleborus with a “u”). In addition to blooming in the winter, Hellebores is attractive since it is green the entire year. It is also deer and rabbit resistant, although I am reluctant to say deer and rabbit proof and jinx things. The plants apparently are alkaline which makes them distasteful to them. As far as voles, all that I can say is they have not been interested in three years.

The best location appears to be partial to full shade. The plants can be split as they grow according to my research, but I have not had the courage to do this yet. There are a variety of colors available.

LADIES OF THE LIBRARY
BY KAREN SALISBURY

The Library Ladies invite you to visit the Ford’s Colony Library. Located in the S&T Club, this little gem was revamped four years ago by two volunteers who wanted to organize a place to swap books with other avid FC readers.

Thanks to the support of the S&T Club and the FC Woodworkers Club, we have a great location and beautiful bookshelves housing hundreds of fiction and non-fiction books that are sure to pique your interest. Come on in and if there is something that you’d like to read, take it home, enjoy it and return it when you are done.

We are always accepting fiction and non-fiction books. There is a good mix of hardcover and softcover selections that are alphabetized by author in the fiction section and by genre in the non-fiction section.

We’ve now grown to a group of volunteers who are busy shelving books on a weekly basis, so stop by and browse. You will always find something new and interesting. We hope to see you there!

OPENING THE PRESENT TO THE PAST
BY KEN CARO

Members of the Woodworking Club built a new door for the church at Historic Jamestowne. Scott Hunter, Tom Duke, Kent Kipling and Richard Neuhaus are pictured here after successfully hanging the 300-pound door.

Photo by Ken Caro
Spring is the perfect time to propagate your plants. Many may have overgrown an area, or you may wish to add successful plants in other areas of your garden.

Propagation by cuttings, layering and division involves a considerable amount of detailed knowledge on several topics. According to the Virginia Cooperative Extension, “Cuttings involve rooting a severed piece of the parent plant; layering involves rooting a part of the parent and then severing it; and budding and grafting are joining two plant parts from different varieties.”

For the average homeowner, rooting cuttings or division are the most effective means of propagation. Using a dry powder rooting hormone like Rootone or FastRoot improves the success of rooting cuttings in the soil. Simply take a cutting of about 4 to 6 inches, remove the bottom leaves, dip the tip into the rooting hormone up to the leaf node and then put in moist soil. Try doing this with coleus or sedums and you will have new plants before you know it.

Other plants may be more difficult. Some plants like ivy or pothos can be rooted in water and then put in soil. Many perennials may be propagated by division of the crown of the plant. Others may make “babies” that can be potted up or moved to a new location. All these new plants will need to have sufficient water to survive.

Gail Bjorklund shared her advice on how to use division techniques for plants with multiple stems in a Talk of the Colony article in May 2015. “Perennials such as Shasta daisies, lamb’s ears or chrysanthemums are good examples of plants that can be easily divided. Division methods vary, but the simplest, most common method is to use a sharp spade and cut across a clump of a plant,” she said. “The clumps are then dug up and the roots are separated by hand or with a knife or shear. You can also just clear the area around the base of a plant, removing only outside divisions and their roots. Pieces are planted immediately in the new location and watered to help get the plant reestablished.”

Our best advice for you is to decide on the plant that you desire to propagate and search online for the particular plant, reference the propagation methods and follow the given guidance. You can also seek the advice of master gardeners at the James City County office of The Virginia Cooperative Extension at 757-564-2170.

In addition, reach out to the Garden Club by attending one of their meetings to find gardeners who can guide you. The Garden Club also has a Plant Exchange where members list plants they want to give to others. Advice will be invaluable from the many who have worked the soil here in Ford’s Colony for years.
Resident Book Reviewer Alexander Farnum offers this month’s picks.

**Valley of Bones**
Mystery by Michael Gruber
It is almost unknown, but the author made Robert K. Tanenbaum’s first 15 trial-lawyer Butch Karp books literary and elegant. Dr. Gruber wrote three Jimmy Paz detective novels, of which this is the most scintillating.

**Termite Hill**
Military History by Tom Wilson
This is the first book in Tom Wilson’s Vietnam War trilogy. It covers the inception of the Wild Weasel tactics against SAM rockets. Termite Hill recreates both sides of the conflict from the pilots of the F105 Thunderchiefs to the counter-strategy being developed in Hanoi.

**Machine Platform Crowd**
Technology Review by Dr. Andrew McAfee and Dr. Erik Brynjolfsson
The authors work at MIT on the “Initiative On The Digital Economy.” This book was written about the upcoming digital revolution. (Thought: Can Amazon’s Alexa home speaker be AI-trained to listen to screams or breaking glass and dispatch police before any other entity?)

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**Friends and Lovers**
Romance Fiction by Helen MacInnes
David Bosworth, an Oxford University student, meets Penelope Lorrimer, the granddaughter of an Oxford professor. They defy the gulf between them, and the opposition they encounter only draws them closer.

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**Red Dragon**
Crime Fiction by Thomas Harris
The four Hannibal Lecter novels begin here with the FBI Behavioral Science chief and his top detective looking at photographs of a serial killer’s handiwork.
Take a short drive down Route 5 toward Richmond and you will find an old friend, Indian Fields Tavern. Peter Weller, an Oregonian, along with executive chef Alex Collins, have refurbished and reopened this fabulous farmhouse and once again made it a must stop on the Virginia Capital Trail.

Upon entering the establishment, you will pass two lovely porches, vacant now but soon to be spots for a warm weather lunch or dinner. The interior of the restaurant contains a large dining room and a separate bar area with additional tables. Simple furniture creates a casual, open feel suitable for day trippers and cyclists alike. The motif is lively with watercolors of cycling and other activities that intermingle with nostalgia from the early days of the Tavern.

The menu at Indian Fields Tavern boasts a nice variety of traditional bistro fare and interesting alternatives featuring fresh, seasonal ingredients. While the Tavern Burger was top notch, the Country Cubano, a mix of shaved ham and pulled pork, received high grades as well. Sides such as the citrus slaw or house-made pickles were tasty compliments to the main entrée. Other interesting choices were the Crab N’ Artichoke Croquettes, Steak Frites and the Apple Arugula Salad.

If you’re wise enough to save room for dessert, a few delicious choices include a Chocolate Smores Tart, Vanilla Panna Cotta and Spiced Apple Cheesecake.

In addition to the fabulous food, the Tavern is bicycle friendly. Whether as a destination or starting point, there is ample car parking and racks for bikes during that much needed “fuel” stop.

As the early signs of spring begin to pop about, hop in the car or on your bike and head west to an enjoyable repast at the Indian Fields Tavern. What a nice way to spend a day!
SPRING TRAILBLAZER ADVENTURE OUTINGS

Here is a list of this coming spring’s Trailblazer outings. If you want to join us for any or all of them, you are welcome. Although our monthly meetings on the second Monday at 7 p.m. in the S&T Club are open to all our Ford’s Colony neighbors, you must join our club by paying the annual dues of $5 to take part in these outings. You can do so either at our monthly meeting or by contacting Tom Thompson at Tommarybeth@verizon.net.

For the specific details of each outing, go to the fchoa.org home page, click on View All Events on the lower right and scroll down on the next page. Each of these outings will end with the participants having lunch together, usually at a local restaurant.

MARCH 29 – New Kent Winery
Biking & Walking | Depart Westbury 9 a.m. | Return 3 p.m.

APRIL 5 – Bacon’s Castle
Biking, Walking & Kayaking | Depart S&T Club 8:30 a.m. | Return 3 p.m.

APRIL 19 – Smithfield
Biking, Walking & Kayaking | Depart S&T Club 8:30 a.m. | Return 3 p.m.

APRIL 26 – Kittiewan Plantation
Biking, Walking & Kayaking | Depart S&T Club 9 a.m. | Return 3:30 p.m.

MAY 3 – Colonial Harbor Marina
Biking, Walking & Kayaking | Depart Westbury 9 a.m. | Return 2:30 p.m.

MAY 10 – New Town
Biking, Walking & Kayaking | Depart Westbury 9 a.m. | Return 2 p.m.
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  - **MEN**
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    - Scratch Series: David Griffiths 616
    - Handicap Game: Charlie Ohlinger 306
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**BOCCE BALL MEMBERS SHOW UP IN FORCE AT FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**

BY JACK HARTGEN

On January 31, the Bocce Ball Club of Ford’s Colony held its first annual meeting at the S&T Club. To date, this interest group has over 100 dues-paying members, and to demonstrate their high rate of interest and enthusiasm, more than half were present.

The meeting was led by Club President Terry Lowe, who took the membership through the agenda and budget as well as the voting on bylaws and officers. Annual dues of $5 per person, with a maximum of $10 per household to include children, were also approved. He demonstrated the club’s on-line app for checking and reserving court times and asked for member input on the formation of teams and leagues.

RCS Project Maintenance Manager Ryan Lee presented the proposed site for the club’s permanent courts and answered questions pertaining to the many construction considerations.

Since the James City County Board of Supervisors withheld approval of Eagle Construction’s plans for Williamsburg West, they must be altered and resubmitted later. Unfortunately, the funds from this project that were earmarked for the HOA are now delayed. This puts a hold on the construction of permanent courts. As a result, the Bocce Club board is exploring other options to keep interest high and get the bocce balls rolling.

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BY JACK HARTGEN

On January 31, the Bocce Ball Club of Ford’s Colony held its first annual meeting at the S&T Club. To date, this interest group has over 100 dues-paying members, and to demonstrate their high rate of interest and enthusiasm, more than half were present.

The meeting was led by Club President Terry Lowe, who took the membership through the agenda and budget as well as the voting on bylaws and officers. Annual dues of $5 per person, with a maximum of $10 per household to include children, were also approved. He demonstrated the club’s on-line app for checking and reserving court times and asked for member input on the formation of teams and leagues.

RCS Project Maintenance Manager Ryan Lee presented the proposed site for the club’s permanent courts and answered questions pertaining to the many construction considerations.

Since the James City County Board of Supervisors withheld approval of Eagle Construction’s plans for Williamsburg West, they must be altered and resubmitted later. Unfortunately, the funds from this project that were earmarked for the HOA are now delayed. This puts a hold on the construction of permanent courts. As a result, the Bocce Club board is exploring other options to keep interest high and get the bocce balls rolling.

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**CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**

**FORD’S COLONY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE**

**BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES AS OF WEEK 12**

- **AMERICAN DIVISION (MONDAY BOWLERS):**
  - **MEN**
    - Scratch Game: Vic Miller 247
    - Scratch Series: David Griffiths 616
    - Handicap Game: Charlie Ohlinger 306
    - Handicap Series: Marty Klema 820
  - **WOMEN**
    - Scratch Game: Rhonda Amtower 213
    - Scratch Series: Louise Sharer 517
    - Handicap Game: Louise Sharer 299
    - Handicap Series: Louise Sharer 781

- **NATIONAL DIVISION (TUESDAY BOWLERS):**
  - **MEN**
    - Scratch Game: Jan Berkowitz 255
    - Scratch Series: Joe Wesolowski 635
    - Handicap Game: David Olson 303
    - Handicap Series: Mike Collmeyer 781
  - **WOMEN**
    - Scratch Game: Annette Sumlin 223
    - Scratch Series: Annette Sumlin 554
    - Handicap Game: Linda Mathews 308
    - Handicap Series: Gale McCune 787
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Successful aging in place requires a web of connections to family, friends, health and wellness, along with social activities that weave together to create a safe and fulfilling environment.

Our guiding theme this year will continue to focus on education for seniors and their families to aid in the choice to remain safely in their cherished homes. For additional information, including past Talk of the Colony articles, AIP publications and other helpful links, visit the Info on Aging Services page under Clubs & Activities at fcboa.org.

To learn more about the Aging in Place Service Group, or if there’s a topic of interest to you, contact Betsy Ward Kalb at elizabethward75@gmail.com or 561-275-9981.

The Aging in Place Service Group (AIP) meets on the third Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the S&T Club. We welcome new participants to our group.

Additional topics for 2018 include: decluttering, expert advice on how to get the best Medicare coverage and how to best use this vital part of your health insurance, and avoiding the scams that target seniors.

Archery Club meets the last Thursday of each month at the S&T Club 7 p.m. If you’re interested in archery, including bowhunting opportunities, consider coming to our meeting or contact John Cryer at cryerjp@gmail.com.

Are you still working and experiencing difficulty joining a club because it meets during the work day? Having trouble finding a club that fits your social needs? If the answer is yes, this is the group for you.

We are a social group that meets the third Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at various locations. Besides the monthly meeting, we also attend events in the Williamsburg area. Past events have included trivia night and an evening of playing pool. For further information about our group, or if you would like to join us for a meeting, contact fearoundthetown@gmail.com.

The Artists League meets every Tuesday at the S&T Club from 12 to 3 p.m. (except in July and August.) We bring our current project to work on while we relax and paint with other artists. We have artists who use oils, acrylics, watercolor, pencil and pastel. Members range from beginners to others who have been painting for quite a while. We enjoy and are often inspired by each other’s work.

Some of us take lessons at various places, others enjoy experimenting on their own, but we are always ready to help each other if asked.

If you are interested in the arts and would like to join us, we are always open to new members. Contact Elaine Napoda at 757-903-2785 or napolarbear@aol.com or just stop by any Tuesday afternoon.

The Bid Whist Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at the S&T Club at 7 p.m. except in July and August. Residents are welcome to join or participate. For information, contact Bob Sumlin at 757-229-8841.

The Bocce Ball Club held its first annual meeting in January, with more than half of the one hundred plus members in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain member approval of bylaws and officers. Dues of $5 per person were approved as well, with a limit of $10 per household to cover children. The on-line scheduling app was also reviewed.

Members were brought up to date on construction plans and considerations for permanent courts. With the delay in funding for additional courts, the board is working on other options to keep interest high.

To join our group or to obtain additional information, contact our Membership Director, Bill Colin at wecolin48@gmail.com or 434-466-4363.

This breast-cancer support group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in members’ homes. Those with newly diagnosed breast cancer, as well as all breast cancer survivors, are invited to participate. Other cancer survivors are also welcome. For details, contact Lois Nervitt at 757-258-9669 or lsnervitt@cox.net.

We are well past the halfway point in the season and player averages are getting harder and harder to move. If you’re making a run at most improved, that’s like dragging an anchor behind you. Team standings still respond to each week’s wins and losses since we play for points (one point per game won plus overall session) and not total pins. There are still opportunities for individual break-out performances in both scratch and handicap scores for games and series.

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Our end of season Bowling Banquet is set for Tuesday, April 10 with the League Championship Bowl-off and Pinehurst Scotch Tournament scheduled Monday, April 9. Final results of our 2017-2018 season will be in April’s TOC.
CANASTA/HAND, KNEE & FOOT

Canasta/Hand, Knee & Foot interest group meets every Friday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the S&T Club. Each week several tables of players gather for both the card game and socialization.

Residents who play Hand, Knee & Foot, Hand & Foot, Triple Play or any form of Canasta are welcome to join us. Copies of the rules that the group uses are available every time we play. Participants may play as often as they wish.

This is a great opportunity to play cards, see and interact with friends and neighbors and not be committed to attend every week. A roster is maintained of all participants who will receive a weekly email asking if they plan to play that week. We calculate the number of tables to request and the quantity of supplies to bring by your email responses. To add your name to the list or to request additional information, contact us at fchkandf@gmail.com or June Rhodes at 757-345 6308 or Laurie Rowe at 757-258-5323.

CARING NEIGHBORS

Caring Neighbors exists for the purpose of helping our neighbors who, due to illness or incapacitation, may be in need of a meal, minor repairs, transportation services, or medical items such as crutches or wheelchairs. We loan items for grandchildren’s visits and send cards when there is a death or illness of a loved one. We exist to show someone cares.

Anyone needing services can contact us via phone, email, or directly from fchoa.org. In the dropdown menu, choose Caring Neighbors and submit information on a neighbor who needs assistance.

CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Following a major disaster such as Hurricane Sandy, first responders who provide fire, rescue and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. People may have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs.

The James City County Ford’s Colony Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) organization has been in place since 2004, working to help the community prepare for, respond to and cope with the aftermath of disasters such as hurricanes, ice storms, floods, nor’easters and more. James City County provides training for CERT volunteers to prepare residents to help themselves, their families and their neighborhoods in the event of such an emergency at no charge.

Don’t become a victim, become empowered. The team meets at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October at the S&T Club. In a disaster situation, everyone can do something to help themselves and others. For more information, contact Don Alms at dralms@cox.net or at 757-645-7925.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meets on the first and third Mondays of each month from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the S&T Club. Contact Greg White at ecozuulwwhite@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CIVIL WAR HISTORY INTEREST GROUP

The Civil War History Interest Group commenced operations with its inaugural meeting on February 22. Each month the group will combine education and entertainment in presenting both sides of the Civil War conflict. Civil War interpreters, music, movies, novel tours and trips will broaden the community’s understanding of the war in the context of 1860s society.

Our next meeting will be March 22 at the S&T Club at 7 p.m. We will be introduced to a portrayal of Harriet Tubman in the nursing home she established. In carrying on a conversation with God, she reminisces about her life from birth to death as a slave and her involvement in the Underground Railroad. Harriet Tubman is portrayed by Cleopatra Coleman. Ms. Coleman has portrayed Harriet Tubman at the Parson’s Cause Foundation in Hanover County Virginia and many other venues.

If you think you might be interested in hearing Ms. Tubman and learning more about us, join us on March 22 at 7 p.m. at the S&T Club. Wine and snacks will be provided. Contact Bill Loscalzo at uloscalzo@aol.com so we can reserve a place for you and ensure that there are enough refreshments for all.
On February 7, 27 members and guests toured the JCC Police Department Headquarters on Opportunity Way. We were all surprised at the breadth of police services that they provide. In addition to regular patrol operations, they offer community protection services with river patrol boats, motorcycles, bikes and a SWAT Unit. Additionally, they work with local schools and businesses to raise awareness regarding safety and security. They also sponsor a 13-week Volunteer Police Services Program.

At our March 7 meeting, we are scheduled to learn more about the custom coach-building era that gave rise to many of the most elegant and famous cars of our generation. Our speaker, Roger Cross, will also talk about the restoration and collection of Packards.

Our April 4 meeting will feature Larry Emmons with his orientation session as we prepare for the June 10 Merchants Square Car Show. This unique and exceptional display will feature the Ferrari.

Other exciting meetings and/or road trips are currently being planned, including a drive to Fort Monroe. Stay tuned for more information.

CAE dues of $15 per family are due now, so if you haven’t paid your dues for 2018, please do so you can enjoy the variety of our events. Of course, new members are always welcome. For further information on membership or any of our events, contact Milt Berube or Rich Rosania at FCAutoenthusiasts@gmail.com.

All regular meetings are held at the S&T Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Spring is coming to Virginia. Winter is behind us. This is the kind of weather that made you move to Williamsburg. Thanks to the Mulhare’s for hosting our February gathering; a wonderful party in a beautiful setting with delicious food, excellent wine and good company.**

If you haven’t joined us before, Colony Wine & Cheese is a series of social gatherings, generally held four to six times a year in the homes of residents on designated Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. No membership is required, and each is a stand-alone event. There are regular attendees, but we always welcome fresh faces. Join us for an evening of wine, appetizers and friendly conversation.

When an upcoming event is established, we contact those interested by email. Generally, there are two contacts. The first is to establish those interested in attending a specific evening. The second is from the host with final details.

These social events are open to all residents. We ask that you bring a “heavy” hors d’oeuvre for eight to 10 people and $5 per person to cover the cost of beverages and paper products. If you are interested, contact Bob Brennan at rbrennan6@cox.net or Bob Lund at bolund8@cox.net. Send us a note even you’ve attended previously to ensure you are on the contact list for events being scheduled.

We look forward to having you join us at our next event in May, see the April Talk of the Colony for details.

As many of us know, our own Rick Chase has taught numerous technology courses at the Christopher Wren Association. One of the most popular has been his course on “Mastering your iPhone/iPad Camera & Photos Applications.” We have scheduled two special events at our Computer & Technology Club meetings on March 19 and May 21 when Rick will be presenting an abbreviated version of this course. Both sessions will be held in the S&T Club starting at 7 p.m.

This presentation will help you master the camera and photos applications on your iPhone and/or iPad. The March 19 meeting will focus on the camera where we will learn about the camera’s capabilities and functions. The May 21 meeting will concentrate on photos, where we will explore in depth navigation in the app, photo editing (crop, trim, rotation, etc.), smart adjustments, enhancing less than perfect shots, and use of filters. We will learn how to organize our photo and video media; how to make and use albums; and how to navigate and find media in your collection.
Bring your iPhone and/or iPad to these presentation. Rick’s teaching philosophy is that you can’t learn it unless you can do it yourself.

We welcome new members. Our dues are $10 a year per person. Check out our website at fccug.org.

Due to weather and the closing of the S&T Club in January, we continued our focus on making items for our Outreach Program into February. The bins are filling up again. We have already sent donations of hats and scarves to the Williamsburg Faith in Action. In February, many of our members participated in a No-Sew, Fleece Blanket Workshop taught by our own Marisol Lambert. Plans are being made to offer additional workshops in the months to come. We are looking forward to our Spring Luncheon on March 15 at 12 p.m. at the S&T Club.

The Craft Club meets every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the S&T Club. If you would like to help us produce our outreach items or learn a new skill, we can teach you. Dues for the year are only $5. You’re welcome to join any time. Come every week, twice a month, once a month or whenever you can. Questions? Contact Marianne Phillips at 757-645-2378 or mphillips1226@gmail.com.

Our next performance will be April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre. We’ll be paying tribute to the swing era with music from the great bands of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Artie Shaw, Jimmy Dorsey, Harry James, Les Brown and Duke Ellington. We’ve also scheduled this year’s “Summer at the Belvedere” Concert/Picnic for June 10. Mark these dates on your calendars. More details will follow in subsequent publications and emails.

We are always in search of more musicians. If you’re interested in playing 17-piece big band arrangements from our library of over 150 wonderful songs, or if you know of someone who is, let us know. Also, if you’d like us play at one of your club functions, a neighborhood party, a wedding reception, community fundraiser or other event, we’re just a phone call or email away. Contact Larry Stowe at 757-564-8550 or FCDB@cox.net. Follow us on facebook.com/fordscolonydanceband.

There are many events in the area where you have a chance to use the dance skills we learn at our meetings. Good Shot Judy plays often in Williamsburg, East Coast Swing, which we are now learning, can be danced to their music. Also, our line dance class teaches us steps that can be used to almost any dance music. So, come join in the fun! No partner or experience is necessary.

Here is our March schedule:
March 6 6:30 p.m. – S&T Club Ballroom Lesson – East Coast Swing
March 13 6:30 p.m. – S&T Club Line Dance Lesson
March 20 7 p.m. – S&T Club Dance Party (For members) Bring BYOB and appetizer to share. We will have a mix of ballroom dancing and line dancing. Members can bring guests. (RSVP required)
March 27 7 p.m. – CSB Exercise Studio Practice Night (RSVP prior to meeting)

Membership is $25 a year and includes 10 ballroom lessons and 10 line dance lessons with “practice nights” for both at a substantial savings from the cost of a dance studio. Contact Becky at danceclub@grace-walk.net.

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The Duplicate Bridge Club meets each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the S&T Club. These are sanctioned duplicate games, and master points are awarded. It is not necessary to come with a partner or to be a member of the ACBL. All levels of players are welcome. Table fees are $7 per person. Contact Bonnie Hoopengardner at 757-903-4246 or FCDuplicate@gmail.com for additional information. Information on other duplicate games in Ford’s Colony may be obtained at bridgewebs.com/colonial.

The Emergency Preparedness Volunteers assist Ford’s Colony Security, Ford’s Colony CERT and Project Maintenance during storms, natural disasters and community events. Volunteers may
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Other trips scheduled include Smith Creek, April 9; Dunlap Creek/ Escatawba in Virginia, April 19-20; the Gunpowder River in Maryland, April 24-26; and an eight-angler trip to Mossy/Beaver Creek, May 10.

Trips to Tomahawk Farm in Virginia plus sites in West Virginia will be discussed. Rod-building support is continuing for Project Healing Waters.

If you’re interested in fly fishing, contact Leif Mollo at 757-229-5244 or lmollo@mindspring.com. Anglers can also see fish caught on recent club trips at our Facebook site: facebook.com/fordscolonyflyfishingclub.

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**GENEALOGY CLUB**

The Genealogy Club meets regularly at the S&T Club on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Additionally, an Ancestry User’s Group meets at 10 a.m. also at the S&T Club. The next meetings will be March 15. Join us at our general meeting as Lise Embly, the former Director of the Williamsburg Family History Center, discusses DNA. Genealogy Club resources on fchoa.org, under Clubs and Activities, are available to everyone, not just club members. They comprise listings of reference books owned by club members available for you to borrow; PowerPoint presentations of prior lectures; Tidewater Genealogy Society bus trip schedules to Washington, D.C. (DAR Library, National Archives, Library of Congress); and much more. Finally, “Like” us on Facebook for updates to meetings, Tommy’s pointers for researchers, and more contemporary information than that found on our website. Currently, find out what’s happening

**GARDEN CLUB**

Join us on March 14 at 9 a.m. at the S&T Club for our general meeting. We’re gearing up for spring. The speaker is Sherry Halphen of Lavender Fields Herb Farm, a sixth generation family farm set on 37 acres near Richmond. Sherry will tell us all about herbs and show us how to take herbs from the garden and to use them in cooking.

**FRIDAYS AND NEIGHBORS**

March 2: Down-Home Music with the Bill and Pam Gurley Trio. Join us for a fun-filled evening as Bill and Pam entertain us with folk and bluegrass songs, along with a dash of good stories and humor. Bill brings his voice and guitar, banjo, and fiddle skills together with Pam, whose voice makes one stop and listen.

**FLY FISHING**

**April 6: Doug Cummings—Lafayette Returns to France.** We all know the Marquis de Lafayette fought in the American Revolutionary War. But what happened when he returned to France in December 1781? Be sure to attend and learn about his role in shaping France’s political structure and the French Revolution. You will leave amazed.

**May 4: Peter Henriques—Right-Hand Man? George Washington and Alexander Hamilton.** Professor Henriques, a historian and an author of numerous books on George Washington, explores the great collaboration between these two men who did more than anyone else to bring about the modern United States. A book signing will follow.

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month, September through June, at 6:45 p.m. at the S&T Club. Join us for informative programs, entertainment, and refreshments while you chat with your friends and neighbors, both new and old. Complete a registration form available at fcfan.org and drop it off at the John Pott Guardhouse with a check made out to “FCFAN,” or bring it to any of our meetings. Dues are $10 per person. We welcome all residents and property owners.

**Some upcoming events include:**

- April 16 and 17: Spring Workshop – Creating your own fairy garden.
- April 25: Historic Garden Week Tour and Luncheon – We will travel to a destination featuring a Virginia Garden Week Tour and have lunch nearby.
- May 12: Tablescapes and Treasures – Our “fun” raiser to benefit student scholarships to Nature Camp, open to all residents.

Be part of the fun and join Garden Club. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at the S&T Club, beginning with social time and refreshments at 9 a.m. followed by the meeting program at 9:30 a.m. You can sign up for upcoming events, there is a door prize raffle, and currently a Ways and Means prize raffle. Joining is easy, just come to a general meeting with your check for $15 or leave a check at the John Pott Gate Gatehouse marked: Attention: Vicki Trainor, Membership. For more information contact us at gardenclubfc@gmail.com.
Welcome Golfers! We have 8 dates for outings scheduled from April through November. The golf outings are open to all residents, their friends, and family. A typical outing will be 9 holes of golf and then dinner at the golf club. These outings are held on Sunday afternoons and the golf will be played on different courses in the Williamsburg area.

The schedule is as follows:

- **April 29**: Gold Course at Golden Horseshoe
- **May 13**: Jamestown Course at Williamsburg National
- **July 1**: Kiskiack Golf Club
- **July 29**: Colonial Heritage
- **August 19**: Ford's Colony
- **September 23**: The Williamsburg Club
- **October 14**: The Club at Viniterra
- **November 4**: Yorktown Course at Williamsburg National

GDS utilizes multiple handicapping systems to insure everyone has the opportunity to be recognized for their golf achievement. All outing communications for GDS are via email. If you are not receiving GDS information, send your name(s) to gds-golf13@cox.net. GDS charges an annual family fee of $7. These funds permit the supple-}

menting of prize monies, the purchase of golf balls, and other items used at each outing. Dues of $7 should be sent to our Club Treasurer, Chris Schwenker at 232 Westbury Hills Williamsburg VA 23188. Checks are made payable to Chris Schwenker.

If you should like to assist GDS with the coordination of any or all of the events, contact George Spalthoff at gds-golf13@cox.net.

Intermediate Bridge Club was organized to create a fun and competitive game for better bridge players who want to continue improving their bidding / playing skills. This is not a duplicate bridge game, in fact, we use “Chicago” scoring. We ask anyone who wishes to join us to use Modern Bridge bidding methods including weak 2s, transfers, stayman, and point counts.

- **We play Wednesdays and/or Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at the S&T Club for about three hours. The cost is $1 a day. We only play full tables, so once two tables are full then all others are on a first come first called to fill the next table. Any member who wishes to give a 10 to 15-minute tutorial on a popular convention or play of a particular hand should contact the hostess or chair a week ahead of time. Sign up in the book on any day we are playing bridge or contact the host for the day.**

**Hosts for Wednesdays:**
- **March 7**: Debbie Boggio 757-603-6719
- **March 14**: June Kime 757-564-3233
- **March 21**: Jeanne Keller 757-880-1409
- **March 28**: Connie Daly 757-345-0985

**Hosts for Thursdays:**
- **March 1**: Jan Brune 757-565-1311
- **March 8**: Jay Applegate 757-741-8430
- **March 15**: Jan Brune 757-565-1311
- **March 22**: John Greene 757-741-8430

March 29: Donna Whittaker 757-585-2622

If you are interested in playing or have questions, contact Connie Daly at cmdaly29@aol.com or 757-345-0985, or Donna Whittaker at donnacwhit@gmail.com or 757-585-2622.

The LHS Fan Club welcomes anyone who wants to show support for the public high school attended by Ford’s Colony children. Are you a past, present, or future Lafayette High School family? Do you want to show our high schoolers we think they are great? If so, we will be happy to hear from you. Remember, you do not have to have kids at LHS to be a Ram Fan. Email lbsfanclubfc@gmail.com.

Join us May 6 for the Lafayette Athletic Booster Club (LABC) Golf Tournament and Barbecue. Golf and barbecue will be right here at the Ford’s Colony Country Club. We need golfers, businesses to sponsor and donate, and folks who love barbecue dinners and great company.

The winter sports season is upon us. Did you know that residents 65 years of age and older can get a Bay Rivers District Golden Age Pass for free admission to regular season games? The pass is available at LHS or a ticket booth.

The Mah Jongg Mavens are an enthusiastic group of ladies who come together twice a week to indulge their love of playing Mah Jongg. We play at the S&T Club on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m., and again on Saturday from noon to 3:30 or 4 p.m.

We play American Mah Jongg for points and only play hands that appear on the official 2017 National Mah Jongg League card. On Wednesdays, the player with the highest point total earns the Mahj Queen crown for the week. Saturdays are just for fun. New players are always welcome.
For information and to register to play, contact Kim Krieger at kkrieger1954@gmail.com, or just drop by. Happy Mahjing!

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Men’s Bible Study continues to study the Gospel of John. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the S&T Club. Come join us. For further information, contact us at fcemensbiblestudy@earthlink.net or 757-903-2793.

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

The next meeting of the Model Railroad Club will be March 1 at 7 p.m. at the S&T Club. Following the business session, which will include consideration of amendments to the club’s Constitution and By-Laws, Rick Munro and Tim McSwain will discuss the inspiration and development of their respective model railroads. The meeting will conclude with visits to both layouts.

MONDAY EVENING BEGINNERS BRIDGE

Our next meeting will be March 19. This group meets on the third Monday evening of the month at the S&T Club from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Join us if you have recently learned to play bridge, or if your game is “rusty” and you’re learning the new conventions. This is non-competitive, fun bridge designed to develop confidence and skills for those new to the game and those who haven’t played in a while. This is not a teaching session and players must know the current rules of contract bridge. An email invitation is sent to group players one week before each session to ask who wants to play. You must sign up in advance each time you plan to attend so we can arrange the table count. Bring $1 for prizes; $2 if it’s the first time you’re attending. For more information or to be added to the group email list, contact Arlene Krupinski at ackrup28@aol.com or Janie Chamberlain at jancham75@gmail.com.

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Join us Mondays at the S&T Club at 9:15 a.m. for a lively morning of social bridge. We play four rounds of six hands with a different partner for each round. This is not a class, and all levels of players are welcome. If you would like to play, see the host information below and call to reserve a place. The host is responsible for arranging even tables of players, so sign up on Monday morning or call as soon as you can. If you should find that you cannot play after all, let the host know right away so your place can be filled. The cost to play is just $1 and cash prizes are awarded to the top four scorers. For more information, contact chair Debbie Boggio at 757-603-6719 or dboggio1@gmail.com.

Newcomers next Night Out is Friday, March 16 at 6:45 p.m. at the S&T Club. Eleanor Tomczyk, a resident and a Newcomer, will share an entertaining and thoughtful presentation which will be part lecture and part performance art. Ms. Tomczyk, a memoirist and humorist blogger, set out at age 60 to establish a new career as a storyteller, using her life as fodder. She has published three books and also posts a humorous weekly blog.

In April, Newcomers’ Night Out will be Friday, April 20, when we will be treated to a look behind the scenes of Colonial Williamsburg’s restorations. Matthew Webster, Director, Grainger Department of Architectural Preservation at CW, will discuss the architectural work that goes into discovering how buildings were constructed, the archeological investigation into what is original and what is more recent, the search for materials, and the special techniques required to faithfully restore the buildings.

Do you love Newcomers? Why not volunteer to help keep our club full of zip? Working on one of our committees is a terrific way to meet people in our community and contribute your ideas to our club. And it’s easy! For more information about serving on our board, see one of our nominating committee members at the next Night Out, or drop us a note at NewFriends@FordsColonyNewcomers.com.

Newcomers welcomes all new residents and property owners. Membership information is available on the Newcomers page on fcboa.org under
Clubs and Activities, or email us at Membership@FordsColonyNewcomers.com. Join us! Dues are just $10 a year per person.

NEW RESIDENT WELCOME COMMITTEE

The goal of the New Resident Welcome Committee is to welcome all new residents. Volunteers visit and provide a packet of information on what is available within Ford’s Colony as well as the greater Williamsburg area. Our sole purpose is to impart information about the many activities, clubs and non-profit organizations available in the community.

If you’re a new resident who has not been contacted yet, email, Paula Wahler or Jackie Speigel at newreswelcome@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

PICKLEBALL

In March we will play Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 9 a.m. as weather permits. Our afternoon hours will now be on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. until dark. The courts are always open for play if these hours do not meet your schedule.

Players new to the game as well as those with some experience are welcome. The group that plays is friendly, helpful, and has a lot of fun. Stop by and watch or join us for a game. It’s a great way to get exercise, meet some new neighbors and enjoy the fresh air. If the group play times don’t fit your schedule, grab your paddles and friends and head up whenever you can.

Email or call the contacts below to get your name on our distribution list. We have a new app we are using to communicate who can play at any given time, as well as inform about club activities. Contact Bev Thomas at Bjthomas6024@gmail.com or 215-350-9762; or Chuck Deschaine at chasde1313@gmail.com or 757-707-9529.

PILATES CLUB

The Pilates Club meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 a.m. at the CSB Exercise Studio. Contact Missy at missykerner@hotmail.com with any questions.

PINOCHEL CLUB

Are you doing the same old things on Thursday afternoons? Join us for a few rounds of pinochle. Whether you’re an old hand or just learning we would enjoy having you join us. We play double deck pinochle every Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the S&T Club. The rules have never changed, but a set of rules is available as a refresher.

If you would like to know more about the Pinochle Club or would like to try us out, contact Bill Loscalzo by using the Resident’s directory at fchoa.org. Let us know in advance so we can reserve a seat at one of the tables.

RC SAILING CLUB

We have scheduled sailing on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon, and normally run class races during that time period. We make every effort to be sure that every skipper can participate. Some just prefer to sail and get the feel of their yachts. We have the class racing for our DF 65 class boats as well as for DF 95 larger racing yachts. There is time allotted to assist new sailors in getting their boats and selves shipshape. The experienced skippers are more than willing to help.

When you want to get started, just call Rob Yates at 757-645-4733 and he will guide you through the simple process.
Round Robin Bridge welcomes any bridge player who would like to join us at the S&T Club at 6:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. We play five rounds, four hands each, for a total of 20 hands of casual “Chicago-scoring.” We start off our season with a fee of $20, of which $15 goes toward the expenses for the year. Monthly scores will count toward the yearly cash awards awarded at the June banquet dinner to be held at the club. Additional information about the class, contact Harlene Barton at 757-259-0424 or harlenebarton@gmail.com.

**SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

By popular demand, we are having a winter season this year. Weather permitting, games are on Saturdays at 11 a.m., with warm-ups starting at 10:30 a.m. Opening day for our 2018 spring season will be in early April. The League is a slow-pitch, recreational softball group, consisting of men and women age 40 and over. Guest players under 40 also are welcome. We play a pick-up game on Saturday mornings at the Westbury Park recreational area. Our split season goes from April through June and again from September through November. Contact Joe DiNuzzo at softball.fchoa@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

**SILVER SNEAKERS®**

Silver Sneakers® is designed to improve well-being through fitness education involving strength training, balance and flexibility. The goal is to improve physical and mental health, minimize age-related physical degeneration and improve cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, agility, balance and coordination.

Exercises are performed while either seated on a chair or standing. Weights, stretch bands and a ball are provided. Participants must wear sneakers and clothing appropriate for exercising. Also, bring a bottle of water to drink throughout the session.

We meet at the CSB Exercise Studio and offer two different sessions both on Tuesday and Thursday. The first session runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The second session runs from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Both sessions are open to men and women. You may sign up for either the 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. class.

Our fully qualified Silver Sneakers Flex instructor is Sonya Thomas who is also trained in First Aid, CPR and AED. Contact Sonya at 757-254-4917 to register for the class. For general information about the class, contact Harlene Barton at 757-259-0424 or harlenebarton@gmail.com.

**ROCK/BLUES JAM GROUP**

We’re planning an outdoor show for early May. In the coming weeks, details will be provided in the “What’s Happening” emails and on fchoa.org.

The Jam Band (stage name “Marsh Hawk”) brings together rock and blues musicians for pre-arranged jam sessions and performances. The group includes singers, guitarists, keyboard players, drummers, horn players and other musicians interested in classic rock and blues, as well as some soft rock and modern country music. All qualifying musicians are welcome.

The band also has acoustic sessions and theme nights from time to time. Email your interest to Joe DiNuzzo at fcrandrjamgroup@gmail.com.

**SOLITAIRES**

Utilizing the S&T Club in early February and deviating from the basic potluck dinner, Solitaires happily dined on chili with sides prepared by members.

Recently, the History Channel aired an in-depth program on China’s Terracotta Army. It coincides with our scheduled trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond March 8 and further aroused our interest in attending their current exhibit on the subject. Cost is $20 general admission, $16 for seniors or free to members. Purchase tickets online at http://reservations.vmf.a.museum/state/info.aspx?ActivityID=4461 or by calling 804-340-1405. We will depart from the S&T Club at 9:45 a.m., view the display and enjoy a 1 p.m. lunch at the Museum’s Restaurant. Carpool volunteers are requested. Contact Joan Emerson at 757-229-4703 or joan.emerson@yahoo.com by March 11 if you plan to attend.

We will gather at Murdoch’s on March 15 at 6 p.m. for our third Thursday dinner. Barbara Post will handle reservations, 661-373-2986 or brimat@pacbell.net. Please respond by March 1.

Looking forward, the youthful and talented students of Lafayette High School will perform their Spring Musical, Mary Poppins, on April 21. Prior to or following our attendance, we will dine at the popular Tuscany Restaurant. Details regarding schedule and cost will follow.

Solitaires is a social, singles group participating in monthly outings in combination with dinner the third Thursday of each month. Contact Joan Emerson, president, 757-229-4703 or joan.emerson@yahoo.com for additional information. Anne Waas, treasurer, 757-258-3393 or paswa10@aol.com, accepts annual dues of $8. Join us.

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Hosts for March 8:
Ed and Elaine Bates 757-903-2740 elainefrommaine@mail.com
Hosts for April 12:
Martha Payne 757-570-3179 RAH30LP@aol.com

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TAI CHI

Tai Chi will continue studying movements of Form 40 (14-20) through March 14. Form 40 movements (21-30) will begin March 21 through May 23. All members are reminded to wear loose fitting clothing and flat soled shoes. The cost for all participants is minimal.

Contact Elmer May, President at 757-259-9905; Linda Thompson, Vice President at 757-229-3196; or Susan Deane, Treasurer at 757-849-2405 with any questions.

TAKE CHARGE FITNESS

Take Charge Fitness (TCF) at Ford’s Colony is a new and exciting group exercise class being offered within the community. Classes focus on low impact aerobic conditioning, balance, coordination, agility, flexibility/stretching and muscular strength. The class is set to upbeat and energetic music which promises to wake you up and get your blood pumping! But the best thing about the class is the group environment. Participants have already started to form a sense of community and accountability, working out and laughing together over the past month.

The class is growing fast, and we would love to have you join us for some fun. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the CSB Exercise Studio. Whether you would like to commit to a full session (8 classes/4 weeks for $40) or drop in when convenient for $7.50 per class, everyone is invited. All you need to participate is a set of light free weights, band, mat, and a positive attitude. Without a doubt, you will leave feeling energized and ready to face the day.

Angie Moore-Lobach is the owner/trainer of TCF. Angie is a certified personal trainer and group exercise instructor who has recently opened her own personal training and group exercise business. If you have questions or would like more information about the class or personal training, Angie can be contacted at 757-869-4571 or lobach13@yahoo.com or Joan Emerson at 757-229-4703 or joan.emerson@yahoo.com.

THEATRE CLUB

Come see our annual St. Patrick’s Day show, as this one may well be the best ever. Most of the show will consist of those breathtaking kids from the Cumascaigh School of Irish Dance. Normally they perform a couple of dance numbers for us, but this year they will perform for the better part of an hour. The Cumascaigh School is registered with An Comisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha (CLRG), the most prominently recognized and oldest Irish dance authority in the world. As a CLRG member, the Cumascaigh School seeks to foster a love for Irish dancing, music, and culture.

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ACTIVITIES

Winter play: Men’s and women’s groups continue to play throughout the winter months, so please wave at these brave souls as you drive by—or come join them.

For the Love of the Game!: Many residents took advantage of the Tennis Club sponsored program on January 25, “For the Love of the Game!” This program featured Dr. Tom Durbin, resident and local orthopedic surgeon who educated us on common sports injuries and prevention.

Annual Tennis Club Meeting:
The Annual Tennis Club meeting for fiscal year 2018-2019 will be held March 24 at the S&T Club beginning at 11:15 a.m. Meeting information and ballots (officers, by-law changes and budget) have been distributed to all Tennis Club members. All residents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Interested in joining the Tennis Club?
Check out the Tennis Club website on fchoa.org where you’ll find links to our monthly calendar of events, our Racketeer Program for new/returning tennis players, a photo album of club activities and other items of interest. Or contact our Membership Director, Maurice Nestor at mnestor3@cox.net or 757-503-5800.

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We invite all our neighbors to join us March 12 at 7 p.m. at the S&T Club. Our guest speaker will be Bill Williams, Director of Education for The Center for Conservation Biology and co-founder and president of the Williamsburg Bird Club. This past November, Bill led many of us down the Nature Trail for an Owl Prowl. This time his presentation will be an overview of the ecology and natural history of the 16 diurnal raptor species that have been recorded in the Colonial Historic Triangle. Special emphasis will be given to how to identify each of these birds of prey, when and where each is likely to be found, and strategies used by researchers to study them.

Prince Butler will outline our Spring Adventure Outings. We’ll have our usual drinks and snacks and collect the annual $5 dues from our members. We again remind you that you don’t have to belong to Trailblazers to come to our meetings. Everyone is welcome.

Travel Club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month 7 p.m. at the S&T Club. Enjoy refreshments and greet friends. Our dues are $10/pp and we welcome new members. Join now and your membership runs until June 2019.

March 24: Virginia Symphony presents the fabulous music of John Williams at Chrysler Hall. Recognizable themes from Indiana Jones, Star Wars and Schindler’s List. Dinner at 456 Fish. $160/pp. Trip based on 30 participants.

March 27: 7 p.m. at the S&T Club, Carlo La Fiandra, outstanding photographer, presents an amazing camera view of Colonial Williamsburg. Guaranteed to show you things you’ve never seen before. You may have seen his magnificent photographs recently at the Williamsburg Library. Bonus! Carlo has pictures from January New York trip, which was a blast.

April 17: Tour Maymont Mansion and gardens in Richmond, Virginia. Includes a private guided tour of the mansion and self-guided tour of the fabulous gardens. Lunch included. $70/pp.

April 24: 7 p.m. at the S&T Club, Ray Smiley will present a special “guided tour around Cuba.” Something not to be missed.


For all reservations contact Muriel Ashley at mnasbley@gmail.com. Save the date for Travel Clubs annual meeting on May 22, details coming next month.

Winter is a great post-holiday time to settle into a study that will not only inform you now, but will enrich your life for the future. This wonderful group of women from our neighborhood meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the S&T Club for an inspiring study of the Bible. During the winter months, we are continuing with this year’s theme, “Reflections of the Master.” We explore the life of Jesus and His encounters with many different kinds of people experiencing various situations in their lives, much like people and situations we encounter in our lives today. Then, as we move from winter into spring, we will learn about the amazing love of Jesus that took him all the way to the cross. And it all ends well for us!

One of the hallmarks of this Bible study for women is that each lesson stands alone as a valuable teaching from the Word of God. No prior knowledge of the Bible is required. There is no homework—just come when you are able and learn from the Master, Jesus, as gifted teachers relay His teachings in the Bible that help us maneuver life’s situations today. The added benefit of this Bible study is the warm fellowship of other women, your neighbors with a common desire to know God and live lives that reflect Him in this community.

Join us any Tuesday that fits into your schedule. We hope to see you soon and your friends are welcome too. Questions? Contact Stephi at 757-291-4888 or stephif1@cox.net.
WOODWORKERS

During the February meeting Peter Schoultz described how to carve various kinds of letters. The importance of being aware of the grain direction is a key to success. More than that, maintaining the sharpness of your equipment is even more important.

During the March meeting one of our members will describe how he designed the new house which he is building.

Anyone interested in joining the club should email Ralph Spohn at ralph@alum.mit.edu.

YOGA

The Yoga group meets Monday evenings 5 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. at the CSB Exercise Studio. Yoga is for every body and everybody. In our classes, we learn how to balance our own stretch and strength to optimize poses/postures. We will have all of our yoga classes in March.

All levels, including beginners, are welcome to experience one-on-one yoga in a group setting. Drop in any time and stay as long as you wish. A minimum of 30 minutes is recommended. Each week we will learn a recommended yoga practice with a particular goal, for example lower back strengthening. Everyone will work at their own pace with personalized instruction and assistance. Please bring a yoga mat, wear clothes that allow you to move comfortably, and remember to eat or drink lightly before class.

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