## **More News**

#### Loch Braemar Directory to be updated

We are preparing to update the Loch Braemar neighborhood directory. The directory includes all family members names, children's ages, and contact information. As in the

past, we will also sell advertising space. Advertising pricing is: \$100 full page ad, \$50

1/2 page ad, \$25 1/4 page ad. This is a great way for small business owners to stretch their advertising dollars so consider placing an ad in the directory.

Block captains have volunteered for all but two blocks, the list is shown below. If you have not received or turned in your directory information, please contact your block captain. Also, contact your block captain for guestions, ideas or if you would like to volunteer. Block captains, please turn in the information for your block by June 15th to Heather Moore.

Ashworth Drive	Wanda Carneal, 745-2067	Loch Banif Road(9946-9980)	Linda Hightower, 745-5723
Blarney Lane	Heather Moore, 276-1466	Loch Braemar(2100-2137)	Ann Anderson, 276-0081
Buteshire Road	Brenda Romano, 675-1151	Loch Braemar(2200-2247)	Patty Pendleton, 674-4905
Culpar Lane	block captain needed	Loch Braemar(2255-2341)	Sharon Daniels, 276-0698
Falkirk Drive(2400-2457)	Holly Walker, 276-2984	Loch Braemar(2342-2417)	Tee Silvius, 745-1843
Falkirk Drive(2500-2537)	Lil Austin, 745-0671	Loch Braemar(2424-2517)	Sharon Wood, 745-1664
Kingussle Lane(9600-9811)	Evelyn Hill, 276-6480	Paisley Lane	Karen Dalton, 276-4998
Kingussle Lane(9908-9933)	block captain needed	Stuts Lane(2300-2400)	Cheryl Firster, 745-1939
Loch Banif Road(9907-9940)	Donna Woods, 745-5598	Stuts Lane(2401-2504)	Marjorie Banister, 745-8063

#### **Gregory's Pond Swim Team**



Swim Team registration has begun. It's not too late to sign up for the season, new swimmers are welcome and it's a great opportunity for kids to exercise while having fun at the same time, and for parents to meet their neighbors and have a chance to relax together. Contact Lynda Hightower to sign up or for more information at 745-5723 or email lotower@aol.com.

The swim team's yard sale at Central Chesterfield Community Center on April 26th was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came out and shopped and a special *Thank vou* to those who helped! We appreciate your hard work.

#### • Water Aerobics class at the pool

Join us for fun and exercise! Learn strategies to improve your health, and have your blood pressure, blood sugar level, and weight taken. This class will be taught by a nurse, Mary Galifano, and starts June 18th. We'll meet every Wednesday from 6:45pm—7:45pm for 5 weeks. For Pool members, the fee is \$5 and for non-members, the fee is \$15. Bring a noodle (the colorful Styrofoam type that you can find in mostly any department store) and wear your beach shoes if you have them. Class size is limited to 20 people, so call Lil Austin, 745-0671, to register as soon as possible. Lil asks you to please leave a message with your phone number if you get the answering machine so she can call you back. Check with your doctor first if you have any health problems.

# Loch Braemar Community Association

P.O. Box 36138, Richmond, Virginia 23235



## NEWSLETTER



# **June 2003**

## From the President's Desk

Greetings. Well, the moment of truth is upon us. This is the weekend when activity at the pool is supposed to pick up. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like the weather is very cooperative. The pool is up and operating with the new sand filter that was installed this Spring. We are looking forward to a good year where a lot of people enjoy themselves relaxing at the pool and renewing friendships with old neighbors and having the opportunity to meet the new neighbors. We also have the opportunity to meet people from outside our neighborhood with our associate members. Welcome to all. We are glad that you have chosen to be a member of the association and pool and hope you will find our facility enjoyable.

The membership status thus far is encouraging but we are still a ways away from achieving our goal. We budgeted for 190 members to meet the financial goal. To date we have received about 70. This is a little more than 1/3 of what we need. If you are thinking of joining the pool this year please consider going ahead and sending your check to cover your fee. It's not uncommon for people to wait until the last minute to pay the membership and with good weather on the opening weekend the money usually comes in quicker. It would relieve anxiety if you would go ahead and send in your fee even though it may be next weekend before you actually get to enjoy the pool.

There have been several people that have come forward and volunteered their help to accomplish what we have thus far. We've had people help with the mulch at the front entrance. We have had people that volunteered and distributed fliers to surrounding neighborhoods. We have had people take care of various jobs down at the pool and tennis courts. These people have been few in number but they have put forth effort to try to make the front entrance and the pool area look presentable. It doesn't look as good as it could but that is primarily due to the lack of help from others in the community. So if you see something that doesn't look as good as it should, ask yourself what you can do to make a difference. If you are satisfied with the way things look then everyone should be happy and there is no need to do anything more.

You will probably notice that there has been work going on at the pool on the backside-Loch Banif side. We have had some big trees cut out, one that was dead, and a lot of the vines and honeysuckle cleared out. The person who has been leading this effort has been limited somewhat by the amount of rain we have been getting. This softens the ground up and makes it difficult to get equipment in that area to finish

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clearing it up. The man who has been working on this is a man named Curt Schoer who operates Stone Creek Tree Service. He has done tree work for some of the residents of Loch Braemar and comes highly recommended. He also does other types of yard work and landscaping. I have included an ad in this newsletter with some additional information. If you have a need for getting this type of work done, give him a call. It doesn't cost you a cent for an estimate.

We still have a need for someone to come forward and lead and effort for a social committee. If you don't wish to take on the whole thing, perhaps you would be willing to take one of the special events like an adult social, a children's party, the 4th of July. These types of activities tend to draw a community closer together and get to know each other better. This type of activity can foster a community spirit. There have been suggestions about having water aerobics at the pool this year which would be another opportunity. We can do it but it takes people to get it going . Won't you help?

Two other things I want to touch on that are very important. One has to do with respect for others' property. I got a call from one of our neighbors who was very upset about someone messing up his front bank and ditch. He had spent a lot of personal time and money grading and seeding only to have someone, being inconsiderate, plow a rut right through the middle of it. It was felt this was deliberate and it very well could have been. It could have also been done by someone attending a party and parking on the shoulder of the street. With all the rain that we've had it wouldn't take much to get stuck in the soft dirt and make a mess. If you have social activities at your house and have several guests, be thoughtful and considerate of your neighbor's property and make sure your guests don't mess up someone else's yard work.

The other thing I want to mention is the topic of speeding in the neighborhood, mostly on Loch Braemar Drive but since Kingussle is open all the way from Loch Braemar, I can see this being another potential street where people would tend to speed. The speed limit is 25 MPH. I have gotten complaints from the neighbors on Loch Braemar and they are at the point where they are going to start taking license numbers and calling the police. Don't be surprised if you start to see radar on Loch Braemar Drive in the near future. And remember if you get a ticket it goes against your driving record just like any other moving violation. SLOW DOWN!!

Wayne Tel: 276-8399, Email Cdcqull@aol.com

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## Neighbor-to-Neighbor

### **Pool News**

The Pool is Open!! Until school is out, the hours are from 3pm-8pm Mon-Fri, and 11am-8pm on the weekends. After school closes for the year, the pool hours will be 11am-8pm daily.

Pool members receive either an orange or blue card depending on their Stock certificate status. Stock certificate holders have orange cards this year, Associate members receive blue cards. Regardless of card color, children in your family between the ages of 10-12 will have a "star" on their card. Before they can go to the pool unsupervised, they will need to take and pass a swimming test (with parent/guardian authorization of course) given by the lifeguard on duty. Once the test has been passed, the star will be changed so the gate guards can easily identify those who have passed and are allowed to enter on their own. Test results are available at the guard station for verification purposes.

Just a reminder...the gate guard on duty and/or the lifeguard are the only individuals allowed inside the concession stand.

### **Common Interest Fees**

**Thank you** Loch Braemar residents who have already paid your Common Interest Fees. Payments have been received from about 70% of the homes in the neighborhood. If you haven't already, please mail your check today payable to Loch Braemar Community Association. The fee is \$30 this year. The address is: Loch Braemar Community Association, PO Box 36138, Richmond, VA 23235

### Web Site, www.lochbraemar.com

Don't forget to explore our new site when you have a chance and let us know what you think. It's still a "work in progress", however, we hope to make it easier for our internet-connected neighbors to find out what's happening in Loch Braemar. Send your ideas and feedback to <u>lisa@createdbylisa.com</u>.

### LBCA Board & Committees 2002-2003

- President: Wayne Hamrick (276-8399) cdcgull@aol.com
- Vice President: Heather Moore (276-1466) hmoore@surfbest.net
- Treasurer: Cindy Coghill (276-3005) coghillcolors@aol.com
- Secretary: Patty Pendleton (674-4905) <u>RatherbnEA@aol.com</u>
- Membership: Marjorie Banister (745-8063)
- **Pool:** Donna Woods (745-5598)

- Welcoming: Heather Moore (276-1466) <u>hmoore@surfbest.net</u>
- Newsletter & Web site: Lisa Briggs (674-9024) lisa@createdbylisa.com
- Grounds: Gene and Amy Majetic (745-1356)

Please plan to attend the **next Board meeting June 17th, 7:00pm** at the home of Wayne & Janet Hamrick, 9717 Ashworth Dr. Your input is needed!