

Upcoming Events

- **Eggstra! Eggstra! Read all about it**

It is time again for the Loch Braemar Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza! We are eggspecting the eggsuberant Easter Bunny to make his annual visit to the grounds near the Loch Braemar pool on Saturday, April 19th. Grab your bonnet and a basket (and the kids/grandkids!) and meet us at Paisley Lane at 4:00 to begin our eggspedition down the bunny trail. This is an eggcellent opportunity to get out and meet the neighbors so, "hop to it!"



For more information or to lend a paw, call Karen Dalton at 276-4998.

- **Gregory's Pond Swim Team Yard Sale—Donations and/or Shoppers Wanted**

Saturday, April 26, 2003 beginning at 8:00 am

Our swim team is hosting a yard sale at Central Chesterfield Community Center on April 26th to raise funds for the upcoming season expenses. They would love to have any donations of household goods or clothing from the community, and of course lots of dedicated yard sale shoppers that day would be great! Lynda Hightower is coordinating this event, and can be reached at 745-5723 or email lotower@aol.com.



- **Community Yard Sale and Open House at the Pool**

Saturday, May 3, 2003, beginning at 8:00 am

Rain date, Saturday, May 10, 2003

It's time for the Loch Braemar Community Yard Sale once again! Start collecting your valuables and cleaning out your closets and garages so you can participate. Remember, it only costs \$15 to be included. For that, we will run an advertisement in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, bring you a balloon Friday evening to hang on your mailbox, and include your home in a map of participating homes that will be available near the entrance to potential buyers. This year, Gloria Paige is coordinating the yard sale. She can be reached at 674-1952.

During the yard sale we will hold an Open House at the pool with free coffee, juice and baked goods, as well as balloons for kids or anyone who would like to stop down and check out our facilities. Pool applications will be available.

- **Community Work Days at the Pool & the Front Entrance**

Saturday, April 12, 2003, beginning at 9:00 am at the Front Entrance

Saturday, May 17, 2003, beginning at 9:00 am at the Pool

Please try to attend at least part of one of these days to help us clean these two areas up. The more hands we have helping, the faster the work goes. Thanks in advance for your help...we really need it!

Loch Braemar Community Association

P.O. Box 36138, Richmond, Virginia 23235

NEWSLETTER

March 2003



From the President's Desk

Well, the association is well on its way to beginning the new year. It took a concentrated effort on the part of the board to come up with a budget that is realistic and meets the needs of the community. The budget balances, but there is a catch. We have to attract more members in order to achieve our balanced budget. The 2002 budget was based on 186 members. The 2003 budget is based on 197 members. This represents only 11 more members, but we have had trouble in the past reaching the 186 goal. The fee structure is broken down for single, couple, and family as it was last year. The 197 number is not impossible but it **will take** your commitment to get involved and tell your neighbor or friend they should get involved. **Market! Market! Market!** We have a facility that we can be proud of and we should let others know about it. It is important that every member of the community *get* involved. The pool contractor is finishing up the sand filter this week and we have plans for other upgrades I have mentioned in the past. The one change we have in regards to the membership is that Loch Braemar residents can now join as associates and the membership certificate fee is waived. Even though the associate fee is a little higher than the certificate membership fee it is still not a bad deal. So come join the fun with your neighbors.

We still need someone to chair the social committee. If you don't want the burden of the whole thing maybe you could take one of the special days we have at the pool and champion that activity. Karen Dalton graciously agreed to head up the Easter Egg Hunt for the children at the pool. **Thank you Karen.** Any others out there that care to volunteer for the social committee or one of the special events for the season? Let's hear from you. It was mentioned at the membership meeting that maybe one reason folks don't come forward and volunteer is because they don't know what is involved. If that's the case, let me assure you that there are plenty of people available who can coach you and help you understand what needs to be done. And, trust me, it's not rocket science. So, don't let that stop you from getting involved. We have work days for both the front entrance and the pool area coming in April. We will post a sign at the entrance ahead of time to let people know their help is needed. Please make an effort to help. In addition there is a list of things that need to be done at the pool that was generated last fall by Donna Woods and myself. If you have some time other than the usual Saturdays that we schedule. The "project list" will be posted on the bulletin board at the pool. Please sign your name by the item(s) you choose to do so that we can thank you for your efforts.

Well I don't want to ramble on but I will be looking forward to seeing you with all the activity going on this Spring. *Remember two things: participate and get your friend or neighbor to participate.*

Wayne

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2003 LBCA Budget—Approved March 18, 2003	2002 Actual	2003 Budget
Income		
Associate & Stock Pool Memberships	\$36,570	\$41,770
Common Interest Fees	\$3,305	\$4,000
Concession Stand	\$530	\$500
Interest	\$544	\$500
Pool Rentals		\$100
Stock Certificate Sales		\$300
Ways & Means (Receipts less Discount for early pool membership payments)		(\$110)
Total Income	\$40,949	\$47,060
Expenses		
Administrative	\$2,417	\$2,650
Common Interest	\$1,315	\$2,300
Pool	\$32,455	\$34,210
Social	\$667	\$600
Swim Team Support	\$504	\$250
Taxes	\$2,132	\$2,100
Tennis Courts	\$91	\$25
Utilities	\$4,683	\$4,925
Total Expense	\$44,264	\$47,060
Net Ordinary Income	(\$3,315)	\$0

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) RatherbnEA@aol.com
- **Membership:** Marjorie Banister (745-8063)
- **Pool:** Donna Woods (745-5598)
- **Welcoming:** Heather Moore (276-1466) hmoore@surfbest.net
- **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 April 8, 7:00pm** at the home of Wayne & Janet Hamrick, 9717 Ashworth Dr. We need your input!

Neighbor—to—Neighbor

Pool News

The Board is getting ready to mail applications for pool membership for the 2003 season! New this year, Loch Braemar residents who are not Stock Certificate holders will be allowed to join as Associate members. In the past, residents had to have a Stock Certificate in order to join the pool. The Board recognizes that not all residents plan to be here long enough to make purchasing a stock certificate cost effective. Our hope is to attract more members by making this change.

The new sand filter for the pool will be completed by the end of March. This is the first time we’ve had to replace this filter, and we shouldn’t have to do it again for another 15 years or more!

We’ve included an extra copy of the pool application for Associate members in case you know someone who wants to join a great pool. Invite them to the Open House at the Pool on May 3rd too!

Common Interest Fees

Invoices for the Common Interest Fee were mailed in February. The money paid for Common Interest Fees is used for many expenses in Loch Braemar that benefit all residents. For example, plants, mulch and lighting for the front entrance, and other expenses for the neighborhood like luminary supplies, and candy and goodies for the Easter and Halloween parties. The fee is \$30 this year. If you haven't already, please mail your check today payable to Loch Braemar Community Association. The address is:

Loch Braemar Community Association
PO Box 36138
Richmond, VA 23235

Welcome to Loch Braemar

We know of no one to Welcome! We are sorry if we have missed some of the new neighbors in the past couple of months but we have been updating the packet and now it is ready! Anyone who has moved in and not received a packet should call Heather Moore at 276-1466 and I will promptly deliver a welcoming packet. Also, if anyone is selling their house we can provide one to the realtor to entice buyers. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns! Thanks- Heather Moore



Web Site

Our web site has a new look! Along with the new look, more information is now available online. Find the Board meeting schedule, contact information for the Board members, information on upcoming events, you can even print a pool application from the web site if you need to. Also, we’ve made it a little easier for you to find Loch Braemar on the web, just type in:

www.lochbraemar.com

Please explore our new site 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 lisa@createdbylisa.com.