



The Peacock's Tale

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Peacock Hill Community Association Newsletter

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P.O. Box 27181
Richmond, VA 23261
804-643-2725 ext 245

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804-257-7773

Watch for NOTICE of upcoming *Annual Homeowners Meeting* and the Need for Special Assessment due to Dam Safety Regulation Changes. Please plan on attending the meeting or return your proxy within the given time frames.

Recent changes to the state regulations which govern the maintenance of the PHCA dam have, unfortunately, changed the state-mandated maintenance tasks associated with our dam. The PHCA Board and RPI will provide additional information regarding this unanticipated expense and our plans for dealing with this issue.

If you have any questions about this issue contact PHCA Property Manager Ben Wilson at RPI (434-823-4408; ben@realpropertyinc.com).



On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States.

We "Fall back" at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to Standard Time and "gain" an extra hour.



PHCA EMAIL DISTRIBUTION & WEB SITE: <http://peacockhill.org>

All residents are encouraged to visit the community site and use the link on the entry page "[PHCA members-only email distribution list signup form](#)" to sign up NOW so you can receive the latest info.

Amnesty Days at Ivy Landfill, which are special dates when RSWA receives selected waste material from the public **without a tipping fee charge**, have been set for the fall of 2010. The schedule is as follows:

Furniture/Mattresses	November 6, 2010
Appliances	November 13, 2010
Tires	November 20, 2010

The free service is for households in Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville only; not for business use. The County of Albemarle and City of Charlottesville are sponsors of these events.



Welcome New Residents !!

Robert & Tonia Leonard 301 Peacock Drive

Hiram & Frances Goza 503 Shady Lane

John Stamp

605 Big Oak

What All Members Should Know....

By PHCA Manager, Doug Brooks

Selling or renting your home? Please notify me as soon as possible of the impending sale or rental date, names of purchasers or tenants. This allows for easier transfer of billings. If you are leasing/renting your home you must provide both the PHCA and PHSC offices documentation of lease agreement, showing responsibility for payment of homeowner's dues and water utilities. Document packages may also be obtained by contacting Doug Brooks at Real Property, Inc, (434) 971-1600 ext 102.

Dog Leash Law: Peacock Hill is included in the Albemarle County Dog Leash Law Ordinance jurisdiction. It is unlawful to allow dogs to freely roam without a leash or not be under the control of its owner by way of Peacock Hill. The Animal Control Officers will pick up roaming dogs. Please make sure that your dogs are properly licensed and tagged. If a free roaming dog(s) bothers you, please call the Albemarle County Animal Control Office at 977-9041.

THE LAKE: The Lake is for the **exclusive use of Peacock Hill residents**, Lot owners and their **accompanied** guests. Swimming, unmotorized boating are at your own risk. Additionally, the Association will not be liable for any canoes or boats left at the lake. Please note the **No Parking Signs on the lake road – this is reserved for emergency vehicles only!** Also, **please do not drive or park vehicles on the lake common grounds – park along the sides of Peacock Drive.**

TENNIS COURTS: You are reminded that the courts are for the exclusive use of Peacock Hill residents, Lot owners and their **accompanied** guests. Use is on a first come-first served basis. **To preserve courts, use is limited to TENNIS PLAYING ONLY. NO PETS, BIKES OR SKATING PERMITTED.**

PHCA Homeowner's Payments: Dues are billed quarterly and due within 60 days. Payment checks should be made payable to Peacock Hill Community Association c/o Real Property Inc., 1500 Amherst St, Ste #3, Charlottesville, VA 22903-5158. **DO NOT COMBINE OR INCLUDE PAYMENTS TO PEACOCK HILL SERVICE COMPANY IN THE SAME ENVELOPE.**

Planning a Project...get an early start... contact the Environmental Preservation Board (EPB):

New construction, exterior remodeling, additions, tree removal and major landscaping changes require EPB approval **prior to starting your project.**

All PHCA members are reminded to review your EPB Documents in order to receive approval of your submissions and what documents are needed. Charges may be implemented for new construction and for changes. Should you have any questions regarding EPB matters, please call the office.

EPB requirements and application

Available online at PHCA website

<http://peacockhill.org> or contact

doug@realpropertyinc.com.



PHCA ANIMAL ETIQUETTE

- Remember, Peacock Hill has a leash law. Dogs must be under control at all times.
- Barking dogs are a disturbance. Please take your dog inside.
- Be considerate of your neighbor's yards when walking your dogs.
- Consider using a poop bag.

PHCA HOMEOWNERS PACKET: If you have plans to sell your home or lot, contact PHCA office a.s.a.p. to arrange for pickup of the packet for your potential buyer. *Packets are \$125.00 – don't wait until the last minute to order!*

PH Properties currently on the market

218 Turkey Ridge Rd
797 Gillams Mtn Ln
325 Heron Ln

(Any omissions or errors are unintentional)



Trash Notice

DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH OUTSIDE OR ON TOP OF DUMPSTERS!!

Compress trash & breakdown boxes

Be sure to close the doors as well.

Dumpsters are for household items ONLY
Large boxes, furniture, and construction debris, paint, flammable or toxic materials, batteries and fluorescent lights should be taken to the Ivy Landfill.

Inform your contractors: NO construction debris allowed in dumpsters. VIOLATORS LEAVING TRASH OUTSIDE DUMPSTERS WILL BE CHARGED FOR CLEANUP!!!

Illegal dumping – jot down license plate number and send to Ben@realpropertyinc.com

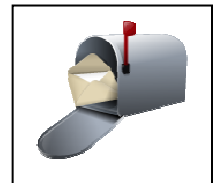
Newspaper recycling and battery disposal available at Ivy Landfill

WATCH THE NEWS FOR ANNUAL FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS

<http://avenue.org/rswa/servicefees.htm>

All e-mails for Peacock Hill matters should be sent to the following address:

doug@realpropertyinc.com or ben@realpropertyinc.com



Our Neighborhood Goose- a Farewell story.

For 26 years I have known our lovely neighborhood in Peacock Hill where my parents have their home. I wonder what the history of the body of water is... a pond, a lake? We call it "the lake", but pond is more accurate: a man made body of water that is shallow enough to allow sunlight to penetrate the depths and for plants to take root throughout the bottom. We have the option to enjoy the circle of gravel trail that runs around the body of water. The little undulations are so much easy fun on a bicycle. The shadowed narrows filled with ferns and moss. The pine scented sections. Watching the wildlife that shares our space on Earth. Following the seasons amidst the trees...

In the beginning of July on one of my regular walks my concern was raised when I saw one of the Canada Geese in the water by the footbridge. It looked strange in the water- awkward and wet- and alone, when the pair is usually together. I stopped and watched and decided that maybe it was simply feeding or swimming in a way I had never seen. A few days later, I found the pair together near the lake, one of them was obviously suffering and sick. The goose couldn't hold its head up properly. It staggered and struggled to stand and walk. Its mate stood close as I came by. It was heartbreaking to see. I came to tears as I continued my walk, while trying to figure out what to do about such a sad situation.

I called the Virginia Wildlife Center in Waynesboro when I got home. They gave me some names and phone numbers of local people who could help capture the goose so that it could be brought in to the Center. I left messages and spoke with a few people, and found a young woman named Colleen who was willing to come and help. We met by the pond and I led her to the goose. She agreed that one of them was very sick and that it would be appropriate to try and rescue it from its distress. With a towel in her hands, Colleen and I tried to guide the goose to a place where she could wrap it in the towel and pick it up. The goose managed to stumble its way down the hill and into the water. I briefly considered getting in the water in my clothes, but decided that I would probably not be able to get the goose to get back on land.

Colleen said she would come back and keep trying. She called me the next afternoon and said that she had been able to get the goose and drive it over to Waynesboro. Relief... and then sadness when I learned that the goose had been euthanized due to the severity of its condition. It had ulcerated sores on its legs and was severely malnourished. I asked what might have happened to cause this and the wildlife biologist was not sure. *She did say that sometimes people feed bread and the like to geese and that this can cause severe malnutrition by filling up the stomach with food that is nutritionally useless to their bodies.* ******Please don't feed the birds and animals inappropriate food******

Ultimately, I was relieved that the goose was freed from its suffering and feel that I did the right thing in removing it from its environment to see if there was anything that could be done to help it. I had struggled with that decision, but feared that I would find a dead goose with its lonely mate one morning. I had hoped that I could be there to see it return in good health to our pond. I continued to observe the remaining goose. It interacted with the resident mama duck and four nearly grown ducklings in the water. (Where was the papa duck?) (I am glad there were no baby geese that had to live without a parent.) One morning I saw the mama duck alone, swimming and calling. I haven't seen the ducklings since, and decided that they must have grown enough to fly off the find their own lives. It's nearing the end of August now and all of the waterfowl have gone. Canada Geese mate for life, but are known to find another mate when one is lost. At least there is that hope.



Karen "Blossom" Dawes is a local resident who loves the natural world. You can reach her at blawsm@comcast.net.

Wildlife Center of Virginia 540-942- 9453

Wildlife: Feeding Waterfowl

By Marlene A . Condon

It's very tempting to want to feed wildlife or to otherwise interact with it. However, it's best that you don't.

- (1) The critters have no way of knowing that you mean them no harm so you may scare them, which is not kind.
- (2) Frightened animals are likely to try to defend themselves by biting or scratching so you can get hurt.
- (3) Feeding animals inappropriate foods is likely to cause malnutrition. For example, feeding bread, popcorn, pastries and other carbohydrate-rich foods to waterfowl limits their intake of insects, crustaceans and mollusks which provide the protein and fats the birds require for good health. It's best to provide quality habitat where the animals can find their own food.
- (4) Hand feeding and talking to wild animals may make them lose their fear of humans which may ultimately cause their deaths. A wild animal approaching a person is a scary situation because it's not natural. Thus that person may react by having the animal killed.

These are just a few of the reasons that you should observe wildlife from a distance rather than trying to make pets out of these animals. Your reward will be the knowledge you'll acquire about the fascinating lives of these critters. Our everyday world is almost totally domesticated in the 21st century. Let's keep our wildlife wild so that we can experience something untouched by the hands of humans.

TAGLINE: Marlene A . Condon is the author of *The Nature-friendly Garden* (Stackpole Books). You can contact her at www.marlenecondon.com for information on ordering inscribed and autographed copies.

Interested in submitting an article or story for PHCA newsletter. Please contact the editor Susan Gass by emailing doug@realpropertyinc.com

Classifieds Section

Calling all babysitters, house sitters, pet sitters, yard workers, tutors, etc. If you'd like to have your services advertised in the Peacock Hill Newsletter or have items to sell or want to buy, e-mail doug@realpropertyinc.com or call Susan Gass at 242-4326

SERVICES:

Odd Jobs:

Jake & Rachael Nidiffer 296-2067: Weeding, mulching, trimming, raking, general maintenance.

Babysitting

Morgan Pastorfield 977-9494
Samantha Mangum 296-4891
Carlin Barber 977-7050
Chelsea Trice 979-3886
Rachael Nidiffer 296-2067
Sam & Rachael Isaacs 984-0678



Pet Sitting & Dog Walking

Michael O'Neal 245-0130
Samantha Mangum 296-4891
Carlin Barber 977-7050
Jessica & Chelsea Trice 979-3886
Jake Nidiffer 296-2067
Sam & Rachel Isaacs 984-0678

Landscaping/Yard Work/General Maintenance:

Country Touch Landscaping -- 996-0107
LandPower Landscaping -- 296-0026
Eddie's Home Improvement--Doug Taylor--985-4165 or 434-996-0772
Hershey Construction: General Repair -- Allen & Jewell Hershey --434-831-2007
Absolute Lawn & Property Services Richard Wright-- 434-987-4151
email: ALPS.LLC@gmail.com

Tree Service:

Brock Cleveland – Cleveland Tree Service – 286-4369
Mike Umpstadter –Final Touch Tree Service--295-2543
Doug Taylor – Eddie's Tree Service – 985-4165
William Carver –Carver's Tree Service – 540-948-6232

Preschool:

WWW.IVYPRESCHOOL.COM Evelyn 434-963-4684

Housekeeping: Brenda Birkhead 434-823-4650 or 960-4681;
local references available. Dependable, hardworking housekeeper;
Reasonable rates!

Music and Art Lessons in Ivy: Voice, clarinet, flute and general music lessons taught by Pam Evans (over 20 years of experience). For more information on Pam's classes or on other teachers in the Ivy/ Crozet area go to www.ivyartsandmusic.com or call Pam at 984-0099

Important Numbers To Have Handy!

All Emergencies..... 911
Albemarle County Police (Non Emergency) 977-9041
Animal Control Officer..... 977-9041
County School Info..... 296-5881
County School Closing Info..... 296-5886
VDOT Residency..... 293-0011
Daily Progress Circulation..... 978-7201
Dominion VA Power1-888-667-3000
Comcast Cable.....1-888-683-1000
Peacock Hill Office.....971-1600 ext 102
Peacock Hill Service Company..... 245-7099
PHSC After-Hour Emergencies 804-257-7773
PHSC Billing.....804-643-2725 ext 245

Peacock Hill Grapevine

- **Annual Homeowners Meeting...watch the mail for details...if you can't attend, please return your PROXY vote by the deadline!**
- **Halloween Parade at playground...seeking volunteer to organize event. Contact Jeff at jgmangum@gmail.com**
- **SUPPORT OUR PEACOCK HILL TEENS ...they're looking for work and ways to make money!! Check out the classifieds...**
- **Interested on serving on the PHCA Board for 2011 --contact at Jeff at jgmangum@gmail.com 434-296-4891**
- **PHCA WEBSITE & EMAIL distribution: <http://peacockhill.org>**
- **PHCA Board Meetings** –if you'd like to attend or have agenda item, email doug@realpropertyinc.com
- **Ben Wilson** – co-manager of Peacock Hill (office at Old Trails) ben@realpropertyinc.com 823-4408

Montessori Infant Community In Ivy –

Email Cynthia Jordan Fisher at cjfmoms@yahoo.com to inquire about Fall openings. Enrollment is for 5 children: ages 2 mos. to approx. 16 months old with 2 teachers, meeting three mornings a week from Sept until June.

Professional Pet Sitting & Dog Walking Services

Pisces Pet Services is welcoming new clients in your area! Please visit our website or call today to set up a free consultation visit. piscespetservices.com 434.249.5450
Bonded, insured, references

Performing Arts Advocacy Group.. Are you interested in supporting the performing arts in our local schools...learn more about **MusicMatters**, a local performing arts advocacy group for the Western High School Feeder Pattern, at www.albemarlecounty.org Get on our mailing list, view our calendar of local events, and listing of local arts teachers. Carolynoneal@Comcast.net



Please drive slowly and watch for children getting on school buses or at play, walkers, joggers, bike riders, parents with strollers and animals out for a walk with their owners. Obey speed limit and stop signs!!!



REMINDER: Unexpected puddle or water in your yard. Report any suspected water leaks immediately!

Call Sydnor Hydro at 804-643-2725 or PHSC at 245-7099
After hour emergencies: 804-257-7773

DO NOT CALL REAL PROPERTY MGMT