

## SURREYWOOD Scene

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### General Meeting, Dredging, Town Sq

**Travis Hamilton**

It looked questionable for a minute but it appears that fall is finally here! I hope everyone is getting out to enjoy this time of year and of course starting to stretch for the inevitable raking season that is about to commence.

In addition to yard work, fall is also a busy time for the SCA. A few weeks ago we had our annual (I



*The fantastic Fish Fryers, The Losen Brothers and Batter Boy Tim Young.  
Photo: Cynthia Losen*

believe 10th) Fish Fry & community pot luck which was extremely well attended and a great success. Big thanks to all those who were involved in organizing and setting it up and of course a huge thanks to James and John Losen for catching and cooking all those delicious fish.

On Monday, Nov. 4th, we will hold our annual general meeting at Providence United Methodist Church at 7pm. (PLEASE NOTE this is a location

change from the last scene and from prior years!). I hope many of you will come out to the meeting and learn more about the SCA and what is going on in Surreywood. In addition to committee reports, we will finalize our budget for 2020, elect new members to the board and answer any questions you might have. Just like last year, we will also have childcare set up, so hopefully, we can see more of our younger families in attendance. The Surreywood Pool Board will have their annual meeting in the same location before at 6:30 so if you are a pool member please also consider attending that.

As I mentioned in previous articles we have some folks rotating off the board this year so we need some new folks to take over those roles. In this issue, you will find a listing of the open positions and a description of what each entails. Volunteers are what keep Surreywood the great neighborhood it is, so I hope many of you will consider volunteering your time. Thanks to Alison Beall and Michael Gourdeau who have volunteered for the Covenants and Architectural Review Committee and brand new neighbor Ed Knight who has taken over designing the Scene.

Another project that we have "in progress" is the lake dredging. Rest assured Ben Coaker is still working on it. Due to some non-responsive contractors, it's been considerably slower than we would have liked. Some follow up meetings are scheduled which will have occurred by the time this newsletter is delivered and I hope we will have a more firm action plan and timeline to share at the annual meeting.

#### **Town Sq**

Of course our other big project this fall is the rollout of our new accounting software and the corresponding web and smartphone app TownSq. This has been a big

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UP

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- be brief and to the point
- address a subject relative to the general welfare of the community
- include the writer's email, phone number, and other contact information

Furthermore, the Board reserves the right to edit for taste, brevity, clarity, legality, and appropriateness. Submitting a letter does not guarantee publication in the Scene. The SCA and the Scene are not responsible for Letters to the Editor.

# President's Report Cont.

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project for us but I think over time it will really help the SCA Board and it's committee's with organization and internal communication. We also hope it will develop as a great resource for everyone in Surreywood.

Many of you have already registered which is fantastic. If you haven't yet, please do! Here are some notes and tips about TownSq

## ***How do I get on TownSq?***

- On your computer or phone internet browser go to <https://app.townsq.io/ais/sign-up>
  - Enter your account number, zip code and name. (You should have received your account number in an email from me or if we don't have your email you should have or will be receiving a letter in the mail). If you don't see an email or the letter just email me at [President@surreywoodliving.com](mailto:President@surreywoodliving.com) and I'll email it to you.
  - Once you have registered you can either access the site by visiting the website at [www.townsq.io](http://www.townsq.io) or by downloading the Smartphone App on the AppStore (Apple) or GooglePlay (Android), just search: Townsq. Once you are there you can simply login with the email and password you used to register.
- Each member of your household can and should have their own TownSq Account
- If we have multiple owners listed for your home, we encourage each of you to register.

## ***What can you do in Town Sq?***

- Check to see if you have paid your SCA dues and pay them

*On the Smartphone App:*

Click "Menu" in the bottom right corner  
Scroll down and click "Accounts"

*On the website:*

Click on your name in the top right corner  
and click on "Accounts"

Here you will be able to see any payments you have made and you can make a payment

- Update your personal info for the SCA and directory

*On the Smartphone App:*

Click "Menu" in the bottom right corner  
Click on your name at the top of the screen  
Click on "Basic Info" to correct name

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## SURREYWOOD Civic Association

**Your Surreywood board is made up of members of the Surreywood Civic Association who are elected in a General Membership Meeting. The last election was held in November 2018. Board members are unpaid volunteers who serve for one year. They coordinate events and projects that benefit the community.**

## 2019 SCA Board

**President.....Travis Hamilton**  
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**Lake Director.....James Losen**

**Membership Director.....Betty Austin**  
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THE SCA BOARD HAS 10 VOTING POSITIONS

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We would like to recognize and give special thanks to all the awesome neighborhood volunteers who enthusiastically serve the Surreywood Civic Association and Surreywood Swim Club! Your time, effort and great contributions are so appreciated! It was a wonderful summer thanks to you!

*Lisa & Chris Joseph*

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- Update your personal info for the SCA and directory

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Click on your name at the top of the screen  
Click on "Basic Info" to correct name spelling, update phone number or add an additional phone number  
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*On the website:*

Click on your name in the top right corner and click on "Edit Profile"  
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- Let the SCA know about something that requires the board's attention.

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Click "Menu" in the bottom right corner  
Click on "Requests"  
Click on the plus sign in the top right corner  
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*On the website*

Click on "Requests" on the left-hand side of the screen

Click "Open Request" near the top of the screen

Fill in all relevant information, select a category and add any files if needed.

I understand that this is quite a bit of information and some of you may need more assistance. If you do need help please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone. Or even better, come out to one of our upcoming community events. At both the Trunk or Treat/Chilli Cook Off on Saturday Oct 26th at 4pm and the Annual Meeting on Monday Nov. 4th we will have folks available to walk you through both registering and using TownSq.

Congratulations and thank you! You've made it to the end of my very long article, I promise they normally won't be this long. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Travis



# SCA Membership

## Welcome to Townsq for our 2020 Membership Drive!

**Betty Austin**

This year you will be seeing some exciting new changes to our membership drive! The SCA board has purchased a software package from C3 that will manage the SCA's accounting as well as maintain the database for Surreywood residents and SCA members.

**Townsq** is the SCA's new neighborhood app which will allow all residents to update their personal information, make their membership payments, as well as staying current on neighborhood news and events. By using **Townsq** we will be eliminating membership forms which is time intensive for the membership board

members to record and will also streamline our data in one central location. On September 21st you should have received an email with your account number introducing the **Townsq** app. If you didn't get an email you will soon be receiving a letter by mail with your information so you can register. Registering is quick and easy and once you are registered you will then have access to Surreywoods **Townsq** site. Your 2020 SCA membership payment can be made online through **Townsq** or if you prefer to still pay by check, you can mail your check to the **SCA, PO Box 74146, Richmond, VA 23236** or for your convenience you can drop it off in the Membership payment lockbox located at 2101 Gateshead Drive.

More information about our 2020 Membership drive is coming your way soon. Stay tuned!

## Retiree's Report

### Retiree's Luncheons Have Resumed

**Barbara Thomas**

Luncheons have resumed at noon the first Monday of each month at the IHOP on Midlothian turnpike (near Turner Rd.). If you know of any seniors who may be interested in our group, all are welcome. Please invite them. Come share ideas, conversations, and information with the congenial members.

Reserve the following dates on your calendar: November 4, December 2, January 6, 2020, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1. December brings our annual Christmas Party (date and location to be determined). If you may be interested in volunteering your home, please keep us in mind. Also we have a picnic as our season ends around May/June. Come join your neighbors and share in our festivities. Please call or email Barbara Thomas at Bthomas13@verizon.net (745-1960), or Jane Logan at janeac@aol.com (276-2228).

## Building & Grounds

### Building & Grounds Early Fall

**Willie Houck**

As scheduled, a meeting was held on 8/27 with VDOT representatives, Clover Hill District supervisor Chris Winslow, and others to discuss pothole repair and possible paving for Surreywood subdivision. Results of the meeting and subdivision tour were as follows: pothole and break away repair will be completed on Dell, Gateshead, and Surreywood Dr. within the next 60-90 days. Surreywood will be added to the list of potential Slurry candidates for 2021 (will discuss at annual meeting). The remaining length of Pocoshock will get new pavement in 2020.

Three work order requests for tree removal and easement overhang trimming were submitted to VDOT.

Street light bulb replacement/repair requests were submitted to Dominion Power for the poles at Capelwood and Lake Surrey and Lancashire at Lakeforest Dr.

The Surreywood sign frame at Dulles is up but has to be moved off VDOT easement.

Volunteers welcome: 804-690-2429

*You don't know me. Oh but you might remember I own Total Sales Solutions Realty.*

*I'll bet you wonder if we have anything in common.*

*My answer to that is "YOU BETCHA!!!"*

*I love to laugh. And I'll bet you do too!*

*See if these observations tickle your funny bone.*



## **SOME WORDS TO LIVE BY**

1. Part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
3. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my own neighborhood.
4. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
5. I have a hard time deciphering the fine line between boredom and hunger.
6. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
7. What if our use of emojis gradually becomes so extensive that we actually circle back to writing in hieroglyphics?
8. If a job ad says "must be fluent in Mandarin" why don't they post the entire add in Mandarin, that way only genuinely fluent people could apply.

**Remember humor is infectious and there is no vaccination!  
It's fun to share a good laugh. It can actually improve your health.**

**Email me your humorous observation, quote or real life experience.**

**Barbara.Straughan@gmail.com**

**Remember it's always more fun to share the laughter!**

**Barbara Straughan**

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## Fish Fry Recap

### Carley Hamilton

This year's Fish Fry was a huge success for Surreywood. After the 50th Anniversary Party last year, we realized this was a great opportunity to replicate the scale and audience of that event. By leveraging the same weekend and location we were able to reuse the things that worked great before - great food, fun games, live music and a family-friendly atmosphere. Our intent is to make this event a big deal each year and the 150+ attendees are a great start to an ongoing tradition.

Thanks to James Losen and his brother for catching and cooking all those fish! And thanks to those volunteers and attendees as well.



Barbara Thomas & Family, Photo: Carley Hamilton



Andy band rocked the tennis Courts, Photo: Carley Hamilton



Great Turnout at the Fish Fry, Photo: Carley Hamilton

## Help Needed

### Welcoming Committee Chair

Currently held by: Patty Young

Time Commitment: 3-6 hours per month

#### Overview:

This person will oversee our fantastic group of volunteer "Welcomers" and assign them to welcome all new neighbors in Surreywood.

#### Responsibilities:

Develop methods for identifying new residents of the Community and update owner and tenant information in TownSq

Assemble a welcoming package of materials for new residents that includes the Restrictive Covenants and the County Code Compliance brochure

Assure that new residents are visited, welcomed to the Community, and invited to become members of the Association.

### Fundraising Chair

Currently held by: Sarah Poland

Time Commitment: 2-4 hours per month plus 10-20 hours in December to organize and oversee the distribution of luminaries

#### Overview:

Traditionally this role has mainly handled Luminaries and the spring yard sale, however as we give the yard sale to the Pool so we have decided to add handling all of the Scene advertising to this role.

#### Responsibilities:

Plan and manage the annual luminaries fundraising event.

Manage all ad placement and collecting of ad revenue in the Surreywood Scene



# Vice President's Report

## Update: Pocoshock Villas and Dominion Power Lines

**Billy Glynn**

As fall is upon us, there are two prospective changes that align to the changing weather that is upon us. The first is in regards to Pocoshock Villas (the unfinished development near Hull and Pocoshock). On 9/10/19 there was a community meeting to discuss a proposed zoning change on the development. The project has been abandoned since 2007 and the developer is looking to approve the following in order to finish building 44 town homes according to the original plan. The primary changes to the original, approved plan include:

- Remove the 19+ resident age restriction. This was originally there to limit new elementary students, but the school district estimates an additional 9 students overall at most at all grade levels
- Updated architecture and design to match current standards
- Removal of cash proffers (aligned to current county policy)
- Increase of height from 1 to 1.5 stories for optional expansion in the future

Overall there were no concerning elements of the proposal, and will help revitalize an unsightly area.

This is pending approval at the 10/15 County meeting, but we did not have any issues to address that would concern Surreywood.

The second key change is the Dominion project to bury overhead cables in the neighborhood. Originally we had made a ton of progress, largely thanks to John Pride (thanks John!), to have the cables buried as an “internal enhancement”. Thanks to those efforts and repeated recent outages, Dominion has move the project to their “Strategic Underground Program” to fast track the effort. What this means is that we now have a dedicated team and higher priority in their project queue once the appropriate easements are signed.

So what does this mean for you? If you are in the footprint of the project, we strongly encourage you to sign or renew your easement agreement for the greater benefit of the neighborhood. I want to reiterate my thanks for John and all his volunteers that helped get this effort to where it is. If all goes well, we could potentially see this project start within 12 months.

As with any change, we encourage your engagement and feedback. To me these are two great examples of progress and I love seeing this area move forward on things that are important and beneficial to our Surreywood residents!

## Welcoming Report

After 35 years residing in Ginter Park, **Ed and Patti Jo Knight** moved into their new home on Oak Water Court. They are enjoying the peacefulness of our beautiful neighborhood, the lake, and strong sense of community. Ed is a newly retired Graphic Designer and Illustrator and Patti Jo will be retiring in 2020. Both are looking forward to the next chapter in their lives. They are avid nature-lovers and have enjoyed many years of backpacking in the mountains, canoeing Virginia's rivers, camping, and going to the beach. They love being outdoors and taking in all the beauty, inspiration, and peace Mother Nature provides. Both have a great appreciation for art and photography. Ed is passionate about fishing, Patti Jo enjoys gardening/landscaping, and loves all types of animals. Ed and Patti Jo have two awesome grown daughters and one

beautiful, amazingly intelligent and super-talented granddaughter who started college this year. Welcome to the Knights! *Welcomed by Kathy Pride.*

We are the **Davis Family**. I am Eli and this is my family. My dad (Stephen R. Davis) works for EDC. He is an estimator and he likes to sleep. When I asked his favorite color he said no comment. My mom (Melissa K. W. Davis) sells tea and homeschools me and she likes to read. I am 9 years old and I like to dance and act and if you want to see me dance, I will be playing Fritz in the Marianne Kelley School of Dance Nutcracker this December. We like going to Surreywood events and I like going to the park.

by: Eli F. Davis



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## Help Needed

### Building & Grounds Director

*Currently held by: The Incredible Willie Houck*

Time Commitment: 10 - 20 hours per month

### Overview:

This is a vital role in Surreywood and a key factor that differentiates us from our neighboring communities. We are very realistic that no will ever replace Willie as he has set the bar so high and taken on the lion share of the work personally. Going forward we expect this role to go back to how it was originally envisioned, where the Building and Grounds director keeps a running list of projects and duties that need to be done and utilizes more community workdays or individual volunteers to complete the work required. Willie is also working on a detailed listing of all his ongoing maintenance items and planned repairs and improvements over the next 3-5 years so there will be a very good road map to follow.

### Specific Responsibilities:

Be responsible for maintenance of Community Property including the entrance walls, signs, kiosks, bulletin boards,

the Dell Drive median strip and its entryway sign, flag, flag pole, and spotlights, the Lake dam, the Lake access road, the Lake access path, the street signs and any other property owned by or controlled by the Association.

Monitor the landscaping contractor's grass cutting on Community Property and maintenance of the Dell Drive median strip.

Coordinate road repair issues with the Virginia Department of Transportation and maintenance of the street lights through communication with the County and Virginia Dominion Power.

Coordinate Community workdays for specific neighborhood spring and fall maintenance projects on an as-needed basis; publicize such events in the Association e-mail notification system and the Surreywood Scene.

Assist in any other project pertaining to the beautification of the Community.

# SURREYWOOD General Membership Meeting

*Save the date for this important meeting*



**Providence United Methodist Church  
901 S. Providence Road, Richmond, VA 23235  
Monday, November 4th.**

The Pool will begin their meeting at 6 p.m. and the SCA will begin at 7 p.m. We have many updates to inform the neighborhood on as well as adopting the 2020 spending plan and electing new officers. We hope you can attend. Please enter in the back of the church/ brown door under canopy.