



The Bay Quarter Bulletin

A Community Newsletter for Bay Quarter Shores
Spring 2021 Edition
April 1, 2021



Secretary's Sidebar

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Secretary of the BQS Board, I would like to welcome you to the first edition of our new quarterly newsletter, *The Bay Quarter Bulletin*. Going forward, we would like to include three sections open to community members for submissions. If you'd like to submit to any of the sections below, please send your message to BQSSecretary@gmail.com. When you do so, please include the title of the section you are submitting to, as well as your contact information and any other relevant details.

- 1) **"Good News!"** A place to share accomplishments, graduation announcements, engagements, weddings, births, etc.
- 2) **"Picture Yourself at BQS"** Submit recent photos you've taken of wildlife, landscapes (or waterscapes), events, or activities at BQS. Please include caption information.
- 3) **"Community Bulletin Board"** A place to announce items you would like to purchase or sell, services you can offer to community members (yard work, housecleaning, etc.), upcoming community events (garage sales, etc.), etc.

Happy Spring!

Warmly,

Amanda S. Creasey

BQS Secretary



President's Note

Spring has arrived and new life is budding all throughout the community. I want to begin by taking just a moment to thank all of you for your patience and understanding over this past year as your Board has tried to navigate the pandemic guidelines. It has been a challenge. As we move into warmer weather, we now understand that some of the restrictions are going to be relaxed a bit, but there are still requirements that we will have to follow to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.

We are striving to open our amenities on time this year, while following any restrictions in place at that time. As an example, the pool hours will still be limited, but 26 people will now be permitted inside the fence, versus 15 from last summer. The 10-foot-of-safe-distance restriction is still in place for pools, so the deck chairs will be spaced out and we ask that you leave them where they are. Masks are still required when checking in and out of the pool. The clubhouse will be opened for private functions only, with the requirement to follow the Virginia COVID restrictions for indoor gatherings that are in place at that time.

When it comes to the beach area on Presley Creek, we ask that we all respect the property owners on that end. Please drive golf carts or ride bicycles to avoid the overcrowding of parked cars in the cul-de-sac. We have noted this before; property owners in Virginia own to the mean low water mark in front of their homes. Please help us by staying on the Nature Trail side of the beach area.

One of the benefits of Bay Quarter Shores is that we are a golf cart friendly community, but we all need to be reminded that it is against Virginia law for anyone to operate a golf cart on state roads without a valid driver's license. Parents, please help us with this so that we do not lose our golf cart community designation.

As I close, on behalf of the entire community, we want to welcome all the new members to Bay Quarter Shores. It has been a record year for property turnover, and we look forward to meeting all of our new neighbors. We are so blessed to live in such a great community and each of you makes it special.

Lee Farmer

BQS President



Maintenance Corner

To maintain the BQS Community common grounds and facilities in good shape requires constant attention. Most of the work is done by BQS Caretaker, Terry Owens. A small group of volunteers (Parker Duke, Chris Henichek, David Harvey, and Paul Lambrecht) helps when needed.

Pre-season work on cleanup and improvements on the BQS Campground are in final stages before the opening on April 1, 2021. In addition to regular cleanup and maintenance, a tool shed has been installed, the kitchen has been painted, and dead and damaged trees that posed danger to the campers were removed.

The Barn Road has been resurfaced with a new layer of gravel. Traffic control posts and rope have been installed at the curves to prevent damage to the drainage ditches. Please drive no more than 15 mph to keep the gravel in place.

There are several smaller projects that could be done if more volunteers would be willing to help. If you would like to offer your help, please contact George Barak at george.barak.bqs@gmail.com.

We would like to ask all homeowners and their guests for help by being careful and considerate when using BQS grounds and facilities. That way, we can avoid even unintentional damage that requires funds and repairs that affect us all.

As an example – the rope by the boat ramp has been broken.

The rope is designed for decorative purposes and as an area divider only. It cannot withstand someone sitting or standing on it.

Thank you all for keeping BQS a good place to live and being good neighbors.



From the Office of Administration for Bay Quarter Shores, Inc.

Although BQS residents had to endure social distancing due to the Covid -19 mandated restrictions, it was a very busy year for real estate transactions.

As I'm sure you noticed, a number of properties changed hands, 35 as of December 2020, so please welcome your new neighbors and invite them to participate in all of what BQS has to offer once we receive gathering(s) guidance from our state officials.

Are you aware...

- that most of the roads in Bay Quarter Shores require a **25 MPH** speed limit? That is how we maintain our "Golf Cart" status, which allows those slower vehicles access. Please slow down. This speed limit is a requirement for your contractors, as well!
- that "open air fires" are NOT permitted within Bay Quarter Shores, primarily due to the close proximity of our homes in the neighborhoods?
- that "An approved BQS Building Application" is required prior to the construction of any structure or any significant change in contour or elevation of the land? Please see the Bay Quarter Shores website under "Forms" for that application.

Thank you and stay safe!

Financial Report

We are halfway through the fiscal year and on-budget.



Pool Deck

The pool will be open Memorial Day to Labor Day this year. To be fair to members, there will be a limit of two (2) guests per member party inside the pool fence. We will continue to abide by state restrictions.



Check www.bayquartershores.org for important dates and information!



Compliance Communications

Dogs Running Loose

Last year, we had a number of reports of dogs running loose. Many of the more concerning complaints were in the area of Presley Creek and Colorado, where numerous people reported dogs acting aggressively, charging, and scaring passersby. Please remember, Bay Quarters Shores is a listed subdivision in the County Code, where dogs are prohibited from running at large (Northumberland County Code §34-20). Dogs must be under their owner or custodian's immediate control.

If you have problems with a dog, we ask that you contact Northumberland Animal Control, through the Sheriff's Office dispatch, at 804-580-5221. You may report continuing problems with dogs in violation to the BQS Board for investigation. The form for Complaint/Compliance may be found on the BQS Website under "Forms→ "ComplaintCompliance Form.PDF". It would be helpful to include a picture. Additionally, it is necessary to know who the owner is for follow-up, if you can identify him or her. Reports with vague descriptions of dogs running loose and no specific known owner cannot be followed up. Your best resource for action is Animal Control, as they have authority to take immediate action.

Neighborhood Blight

As we come back into nice weather, we ask property owners to take a look at their property, both the land and structures. There are several properties that have been neglected. Please remember, neglected properties drag down the value of all Bay Quarter Shores property, especially the value of properties nearby. Please take pride in your property and expect all your neighbors to do likewise. As a last resort, you may file a Compliance Complaint about neglected properties. I am sure you would not want to live next to a property that has been neglected, so we ask everyone to do their part and maintain their property in proper repair and upkeep.

Everyone in Bay Quarters Shores appreciates everyone's efforts.

Reporting Compliance Issues

If you see a violation of the BQS regulations that cannot be resolved with the property owner, you may submit the issue on the BQS Complaint/Compliance form, found on the BQS Website under "Forms→ "ComplaintCompliance Form.PDF".