

PELHAM'S CROSSING

March 2020 Newsletter

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COVID-19 - Neighbors, we find ourselves in an incredibly strange situation right now. As the COVID-19 health crisis continues to turn our lives inside out, we also find that we need to be mindful of the future that lies on the other side of this disruption. The Pelham's Crossing Community Association will attempt to continue to conduct business as normal. Our representatives at Landmarc and maintenance contractors remain available and completing their work. As you should any other time, if you are experiencing a hardship or challenge and need more time or consideration for a matter involving the Pelham's Crossing Community Association, simply communicate your need to our representative at Landmarc.

Architectural Guidelines – As we have discussed at many meetings recently there is a desire to review our current Architectural Guidelines. The Board of Directors has chosen to form a temporary committee of neighborhood volunteers to carefully review existing guidelines and make recommendations for consideration. A committee charter, available at the HOA website ([link](#)), has been created to explain the size, scope, work and timelines for this committee. Community members should volunteer by completing the AGRC volunteer application found here([link](#)). Volunteer forms must be received by Landmarc prior to April 13th. This is a very important opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of our neighborhood.

Community Property Improvements – You may have noticed that last fall, the entrance at Schumann St was rejuvenated with new plants and the birch trees were trimmed up around the cannon. The retention pond at Cahill/Slingerland is still in the process of an extensive clean up. Bushes and other vegetation have been removed from the interior and surrounding area to allow for maintenance of the fence and better groundskeeping in the future. The other retention ponds will be seeing similar work completed soon. All of our neighborhoods wooden stop signs have been repaired and painted recently. All wrought iron handrails that protect culverts will be receiving a new coat of paint in the coming weeks. The entrance feature at Cahill/Benchmark has received a fresh touch up of paint. The garden bed on the north side of Cahill has be rejuvenated with crepe myrtle and will be getting lirioppe and other small ornamental shrubs soon. The hand hewn stacked split rail (snake rail) fence is in the process of being renovaded. The old fence rails were donated to The George Washington Foundation where they will be used to mend the fences at Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home. New rails will be delivered and installed in the upcoming weeks.

Community Yard Sale – Although the Board of Directors voted to host and advertise a community yard sale this spring, COVID-19 concerns and local and state guidance will most likely prohibit this activity. If the situation changes in time to allow coordination for a community yard sale, the Board of Directors will get information out quickly and give everyone a chance to participate and benefit. Check the HOA website for any updates on this.

Homeowner Spring Cleanup – Many of us are staying home right now per state and local guidance and experiencing a little cabin fever. We may find ourselves outside taking on some yard work or making small home improvements which is terrific. Please remember that there is a process for receiving approval for home exterior modifications. If you are unsure whether your activity needs to be submitted, simply call or email Katie Taylor at Landmarc and she will have an answer for you. Her contact information is: ktaylor@e-landmarc.com or (540)-371-3406 ext 220. Additionally, please remember that the woods surrounding our homes are a mix of private property and Pelham's Crossing Community Association property. **Do not** use these areas to dump yard debris or waste. The community will incur costs to remove your yard debris from community property.

General Questions or Feedback – If you ever have any questions or are unsure of how the community association impacts your plans or projects, there is no need to guess. Simply contact Katie Taylor (information above) or complete this form([link](#)). If you have feedback or general comments to share with your Board of Directors, please use this form([link](#)). To be effective, please remember to keep all communications professional and constructive.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Pelham's Crossing Community Association Inc.