

# PPPOA Newsletter

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Owners Association

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**Code for Community Dock Lock: 2030**

**Welcome New Neighbors, Carrie and David Skovranko!**

David and Carrie feel blessed to be a part of Pleasant Pointe! David is originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., while Carrie grew up in Richmond. Their primary residence is in Richmond, and they have a cabin in Botetourt County, Va. Although they love the mountains, Carrie's grandparents lived on the Rappahannock River, and she is unable to get it out of her system.

David is a 20-year Navy veteran and is working toward his final retirement; he is currently a Sergeant for the Department of Corrections. Carrie is a Pastor at Southside Church in Chesterfield, Va. They have 5 children and just had their lives enriched with their first grandchild, Oliver.

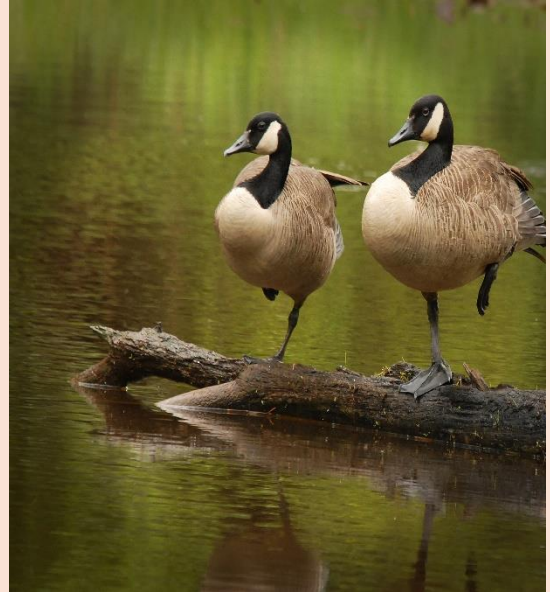
Both are looking forward to retiring and building their home on Fountain Gate Road. They enjoy kayaking, fishing, crabbing, hunting, and hiking. Carrie also loves collecting sea glass.



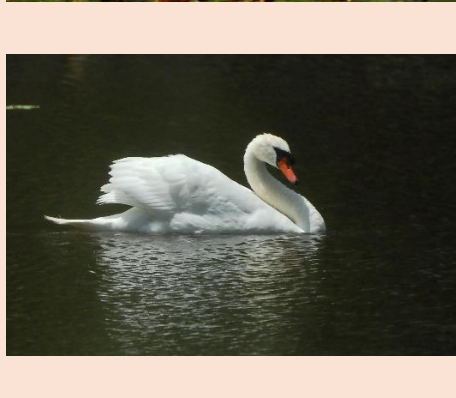
**Annual Picnic Fun!**

Great times at the Annual Picnic on Sept. 7 at the home of Ed and Maura Weiner. Friends and neighbors ate and drank, joked, and shared stories, while the "Pitchin' a Fit" String Band played. Tom Tubman was volunteer grill master.





*Birds of the Northern Neck through the lens of Richard Davis on Gull Lane.*





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## To the Pointe

by Deb Matthews

You may have noticed a used bookstore in Heathsville, across from Subway. Ye Old Book Shoppe (YOBS) was opened to handle the overflow of donations to the Northumberland Public Library. More than a decade later, YOBS is still operating.

Friends of the Library volunteers operate YOBS, taking in and cleaning donated books, magazines, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs, said volunteer Dave Dustin and Friends Treasurer. After a librarian reviews donations, some unique books are sold online; those not likely to be sold are shipped in bulk to a reseller in Baltimore, and the rest line the YOBS shelves. All proceeds go to the Northumberland Library.

Hardcover books are \$3; paperbacks, CDs, and DVDs, just \$1. The shop has a container of free CDs and all magazines are also free. With the frequent buyer club, get your card punched five times and the next book is free. There is a good local book section; I bought two.

If you have books, magazines, audiobooks, CDs, or DVDs to donate, YOBS will accept only three bags from a person per day. Many customers buy a book, read it, and then donate it back.

For years, men have been gathering in the shop on Fridays at noon for the Y.O.B.S. Philosophy Society to discuss questions about life. Newcomers are welcome. The group can also be found at the Heathsville Farmers Market at the "Stump the Philosophers" table.

YOBS is open Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## What's That Boom?

On occasion, loud booms rattle the windows of Pleasant Pointe residents. What is the source of the booms? The most likely sources are nearby military bases: the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, the Naval Air Station Patuxent River (Pax River) in Maryland, and the Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach. For Dahlgren weapons testing, you can check this online schedule: <https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/Warfare-Centers/NSWC-Dahlgren/NSWCDD-Range-Schedule/> You can also check the Dahlgren Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NSWCDahlgrenDivision/>



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### Board Members for 2024

President	Ellie Schmidt	(Term Expires 2026)
Vice President	Leo Bashinski	(Term Expires 2026)
Treasurer	Maura Burke Weiner	(Term Expires 2025)
Secretary	Mark Goodnight	(Term Expires 2025)
Director-At-Large	Jonathan Amato	(Term Expires 2025)
Director-At-Large	Gary Mullinax	(Term Expires 2025)
Director-At-Large	OPEN	(Term Expires 2026)

***Volunteer needed for open position***

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### Upcoming Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

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### Annual Meeting

Please join us at the PPPOA Annual Meeting on January 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom or in person at the Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Hwy., Heathsville. More details coming.

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### PPPOA Website

Thank you to Mark Goodnight for creating our website at <http://www.pleasantpointeva.com>. Site content will be updated periodically. We welcome feedback on enhancements. The password for the members-only section is: PleasantPassword2024

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### Bills Notice

FYI, the annual bills for PPPOA dues and water will be sent out after January 1.

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### Well, Well, Well

Testing of neighborhood wells took place earlier this fall and all three passed. They were then treated, following our regular procedures.



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### Free Watercraft ID Stickers

The Coast Guard Foundation, which partners with the U.S. Coast Guard to provide resources to service members and their families, is offering free watercraft vessel ID stickers for your canoe, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard. One neighbor spotted a supply of stickers on the table in the lobby of the Heathsville post office. The waterproof stickers help first responders locate watercraft owners if the vessels are found adrift. [You can also sign up for a sticker online](#)

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### Committees and Their Chairs

#### Architectural Review Board (ARB)

Ellie Schmidt  
Leo Bashinski  
Maura Burke Weiner  
Jonathan Amato  
Mark Goodnight  
Gary Mullinax  
Richard Davis  
Charlie Valentine

#### **Reminder**

ARB approval is needed for improvements.

#### Water Committee

Leo Bashinski, Chair  
Maura Burke Weiner  
Richard Davis  
Bill Ruberry  
Gary Mullinax

#### Grounds & Maintenance

Leo Bashinski, Chair  
Gary Mullinax  
Maura Burke Weiner  
Ken Harris

#### Communications

Bill Ruberry

#### Looking for volunteers

#### Finance Committee

Mark Goodnight, Chair  
Maura Burke Weiner  
Ellie Schmidt

#### Nominating Committee

Leo Bashinski  
Gary Mullinax

#### Administrative Committee

The Board is evaluating the need for this committee.

### Volunteers Needed

Please sign up for a committee by emailing [PleasantPointeVA@gmail.com](mailto:PleasantPointeVA@gmail.com)

Thank you!