

# THE WESTMINSTER FOUR

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER—THE VILLAGES OF WESTMINSTER

### FALL FESTIVAL—NOVEMBER 19



If you attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout, you know that we have a great time when we come together as neighbors! Following up on that success, we're hosting a **Fall Festival on November 19, from 11am – 2pm**. We're hoping that you'll join us as we take a break together as neighbors before the whirl of the holiday season. We will be doing a pot-luck again, this time with a Chili theme. Bring a pot of your favorite chili or a side that goes with it. The neighborhood will supply hot dogs and drinks. We're going to have several activities for the kids, including face-painting, a bounce house, and carnival games. James City County will also be setting up in the clubhouse to do fingerprinting and identification cards for all ages. Everyone can stroll around the vendor fair; we are encouraging the business owners in the neighborhood to setup a table to promote their businesses. And all ages will enjoy yummy fall snacks like hot apple cider, caramel apples, and cotton candy! You can sign up for our Chili Potluck at: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/2011FallFestival> or contact Heather Seltzer at 757-869-3580 or [jhaseltzer@gmail.com](mailto:jhaseltzer@gmail.com). To make this a hit, we'll need a few good men (and women and children) to volunteer. Please take a look at the next column.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make our first fall festival a hit, it is all hands on deck! Call or email Corinne to volunteer: 757-871-3311 or [corinnepicataggi@hotmail.com](mailto:corinnepicataggi@hotmail.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ General Setup: Can you help setup tables and chairs?

\_\_\_\_\_ Face Painting: Are you an artist, or can you at least draw a pumpkin? Help us out with face painting!

\_\_\_\_\_ Kids Activities: We hope to have several activities for the kiddos, if you'd like to be an extra set of hands to help organize the kids' activities, let me know!

\_\_\_\_\_ Vendor Fair: Help organize the vendor fair (tell vendors where to setup)

\_\_\_\_\_ Candy Apple Station: We'll be making candy apples on-site. If you'd like to dip them, please let me know! (adults only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Food Prep: Many neighbors will be bringing chili and sides for the cookout. We need a few to help man the food tables.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hot Dogs: Cook and serve hot dogs (adults only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cotton Candy Station: Have you ever made cotton candy before? Do you want to learn? (It's easy!) We've got a cotton candy machine coming... (adults only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tear Down: Clean-up and put away.

#### VENDOR FAIR AT FALL FESTIVAL

Do you own a business? If so, we'd like to give you an opportunity to promote it to the neighborhood. For the Fall Festival, we invite you to setup a table to tell your neighbors about your business. From Avon to Zumba instructor, we want it all! The goal is to let

the community know what is available right in our own backyards, and give neighbors the opportunity to support each other. In these financial times, we thought it would be nice to show support for our local businesses. If you work for a local business but

are not the owner, we will still allow you to setup, if no neighbor offering the same service has already requested space. Those interested should email or call Corinne at 757-871-3311.



Visit our website, where you can join an email list: <http://villagesofwestminster.org>

## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Did you happen to see the clubhouse restrooms this summer? We'd like to thank Stephanie and Jeff Martin for leading the project to refurbish the restrooms. Work included repainting the walls, sanding and repainting the partitions, new wall décor, including supply shelves, and power washing the floors.



Walls in the lifeguard room were also repaired and painted. Thanks again to a job well done! If you'd like to volunteer for the pool committee, please contact [social@villagesofwestminster.org](mailto:social@villagesofwestminster.org)

## WE WANT SPOTLIGHT YOU - SEND US YOUR STORY!

Do you have a story you'd like to share with your neighbors? We'd like to spotlight the achievements,



adventures, service, and announcements of community members.

Please send an email to: [social@villagesofwestminster.org](mailto:social@villagesofwestminster.org) to share your story.

## BUDGET MEETING BRIEF

The October 6, budget meeting was successful, and the board members feel good about entering 2012 with a balanced budget in place. We appreciate the work that Henry Goldner and CJ Jones did in advance of the meeting so we were able to spend time discussing the overall expenses and savings. As a result, the board is happy to report that there will be **no increase** in Homeowner Association dues, or in the storage rental fees for 2012! More budget information will be distributed at the annual meeting on December 8. **We encourage all to attend the next regular board meeting: November 21 at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse.**



## GOODNIGHT, IRENE

Hurricane Irene left her mark on the Villages of Westminster, but it was small compared to other areas; for that we're thankful! Clean-up started just a couple weeks after the storm blew through our community. The Villages of Westminster is responsible for tree removal and clean-up of the common areas scattered throughout the neighborhood. After doing a walkthrough of the neighborhood and evaluating recommendations that came in from homeowners, we sought estimates from four local tree companies. 21 trees needed care, ranging from complete removal to pruning damaged branches. A few posed safety hazards and needed to be addressed immediately, the remaining were addressed over the next few weeks.

## BOARD ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

You should have just received a letter from Berkeley related to the upcoming annual meeting which will be held on December 8, 2011. We'll begin at 7:00 pm in the Kitzinger Community Room at the James City County Library, 7770 Croaker Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188. One of the most important items of business at this meeting is the election of two members to serve on the Homeowners' Association Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the board, or would like to nominate someone to serve, please submit an application. Serving on the board is a great way to learn more about the community and neighbors, share expertise, and ensure that our community continues to be one of the best neighborhoods in James City County!

## UNWELCOME GUEST

A neighbor on Glenwilton shared a photo of a copperhead snake that he found on his front lawn. (photo by Eunice Glosson)



No email? Call 757-871-3311 (Corinne, HOA Secretary) with questions or comments.