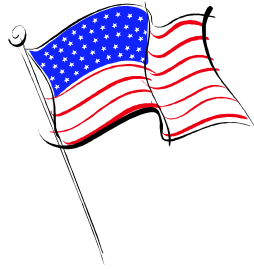


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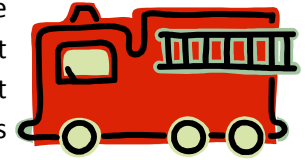
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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION IN VOW



Parade: We will begin decorating bikes, wagons, strollers, even pets, at 9:00am on July 4th. The fire engine will arrive at 9:45am and we will begin our march around the neighborhood at 10:00am. If you are at home, please take a minute to stand at your front door and wave to the kids as they go by! Happy Independence Day,



Villages of Westminster!

Potluck: This year we are doing a potluck at 4:00pm on July 4th. Bring a dish to share and beverages for yourself. In 2011 we had over 150 people there; let's beat that this year! Sign-up at: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/VoWJuly2013>



Questions?: Email social@villagesofwestminster.org

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION

It is sometimes challenging to publish small community updates to our website in a timely manner. We are really making use of our Facebook page, and encourage residents who use Facebook to 'Like' Villages of Westminster. For those who do not use Facebook, we added our Facebook feed to the website so updates will be posted there, but you'll have to visit the website to see them



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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

This is our first newsletter submitted to community members electronically. If you would like to receive an email with a pdf of the newsletter, please register your email address through the VoW website at villagesofwestminster.org and then click on the "community" tab.

2013 BOARD MEMBERS

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Vice President—Jeremy Seltzer
Treasurer—Richard Newsome
Secretary—Jennifer Hayden
Member-at-Large—Eric Myers



SWIM TEAM NEWS



SWIM TEAM UPDATE

As you have read in past newsletters and likely seen around the community, our neighborhood joined the Virginia Peninsula Swim Union this year as an exhibition team. The **Westminster Kraken** swim team is independent from our HOA dues and budget, so they will need to fundraise for support. We are excited about the opportunity the team will afford the children in the neighborhood, the publicity it gives our community, and the prospect of strengthening relationships between neighbors; please consider supporting the children on the team as they develop their life-long skills of swimming and teamwork.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The swim season is well underway. The kids on the team are having a great time, and doing remarkably well. As mentioned above, this year we are swimming as an exhibition team and visiting other pools in the area, but next year we plan to host meets at our pool. **The team is looking for meet volunteers to help keep score, time events, and make and sell concessions.** We also need volunteers who would like to logistically help plan meets and prepare our pool so we are ready to host. If you are interested, please contact Corinne Picataggi at: corinnepicataggi@hotmail.com or 757.871.3311



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are looking for business or personal sponsors for the 2013 swim season. Sponsorships will be used to purchase starting blocks, lane lines, and other equipment for our pool. We have two sponsorship levels:

Flagship Level: \$200: At this level, sponsors will get a team photo and their logo or name, if a family sponsor, screened on the back of our team t-shirts and a banner that hangs on the fence of the pool deck at the neighborhood pool.

Shipwreck Level: \$125: At this level, sponsors will get a team photo and their logo or name if family sponsor screened on the back of our team t-shirts.

If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Robin Wallace at rwallace32605@yahoo.com or 757.585.5833

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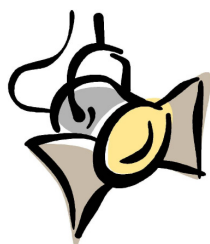
In August, the swim team will be holding an intra-squad swim meet at our pool to let other children in the neighborhood see what the team is all about. We'll be in our team uniforms and will let the team swimmers answer questions that kids have. We will also have parent volunteers there to answer questions that parents have. Our youngest swimmer this year is just four years old, and our oldest is in high school. The swim team really has something for every age and skill level of swimmer. Come check it out; we'll have popsicles for everyone! Check Facebook and the VoW website for more information later this summer.



SNACKS AT THE POOL

Bring your spare change next time you visit the pool! The swim team will begin selling bottles of water and soft drinks, chips, candy, popsicles, and other snacks to earn money for the team. We won't have set hours yet, as we are dependent on our swim families to volunteer, but we may be there next time you are!

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT



In this newsletter, we'd like to spotlight the neighbors who have volunteered their time to coach the swim team. Head Coach Ken Bouchard has many years of experience as a swimmer and competitive water polo player. Ken is working directly with the seven to nine year old swimmers on the team. Cathy Mitchell also has many years of swim experience, and is working with the 10 and older swimmers. For our six and under swimmers, we're very happy that Deepa Ghimire, Drew Wallace, and Jeff Martin have stepped-up to help out with those that need a little more attention. The progress we've seen already in our 24 swimmers is remarkable, and we're looking forward to seeing how much they can accomplish this summer. Without our volunteer coaches, we wouldn't have been able to pull together the team. We appreciate their very generous gift of time. Go Westminster Kraken!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To continue the efforts of Boy Scout Pack 1932, volunteers are needed to pick-up litter along Route 60 in front of VoW. It is anticipated this would be a quarterly activity. If interested, email:
secretary@villagesofwestminter.org

SPEED LIMIT REMINDER



Now that students are out of school for the summer, it is especially important that we all remember and follow the posted speed limit in our neighborhood which is 25mph.

GARDEN CLUB



New members are always welcome! Check the VOW website for upcoming events.

Check out the VoW Facebook page for updates and announcements.



RV LOTS

RV lots are available for rental. Contact CJ Jones at Berkley Management if interested.



HOA BOARD MEETINGS

The next HOA board meeting will be **July 24th** at 7pm in the clubhouse.

Regular Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each odd month at 7pm in the clubhouse.