

### **News from the Board**

As you may know Tammy Grunkemeyer resigned as Board President in May because of personal commitments. We would all like to thank her for her dedication, contributions, and keeping the Association running smoothly, she is missed. The Board has filled the two open positions and we welcome our new members, Tommy Jones and Donald Battle.

Nicole Willrich is no longer our property manager. The new manager is Rebecca Pumphrey and she Phone number is 571-432-5408.

Lighting in the neighborhood is high on the Boards priority list. We have identified the areas in the community that is very dark and are still looking into types of lights that would be in keeping with the community and the associated costs. We will keep you informed.

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### **Message From the Treasurer**

At conclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (April 2007) Mason's Passage had an operating account showing \$157,497.26 and delinquencies of \$13,337.45. Total contracts obligated: \$80,171.00 and \$24,833.00 in management and professional fees. Operating reserve presently has \$42,212. The Board has voted to revoke the guest parking passes for all homeowners who are 60 days delinquent on their dues and that there will be a \$25.00 fee to obtain a new pass when the account is up to date.

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### **Parking**

Parking notices have been placed on violators and we are happy to report that it seems to have made a difference. Just because you have a guest pass on your car does not mean that you can Cars that have a third notice will be subject to towing without further warning. We are mailing out a survey created by the Parking committee to all residents and we hope that everyone on will fill it out, make comments and remember to mail it back . Your input will be appreciated.

The Parking Committee also wants to state again that there is a County ordinance that requires garages to be used primarily for parking vehicles not as living or storage spaces.

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### **Summer Is Here**

Reminder to curb your pet. There is a leash law and "pooper scooper" etiquette in Fairfax County. Be sure to respect others by cleaning up after your four legged friends and do not let them destroy neighbors lawns.

Reminder to be mindful of the safety of children. The pond and streets are not safe areas for our children. Use of nearby parks, our tot lots and the grassy field are encouraged as well as parental supervision.

Reminder to be considerate of your neighbors re: noise in the form of loud music, barking dogs, late parties.

Reminder to take pride in your yard during the hot weather. Your yard/lawn will appreciate watering, mowing and a little TLC.

Reminder if you plan to erect a fence, a deck or do any major projects please check out the architectural guidelines before starting your work.

Reminder to obey the speed limit in the community. Be watchful of children playing and obey the stop signs

Reminder to leave your front light on at night.

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## **Local Activities**

If you haven't discovered the nearby jewels of Pohick Bay Regional Park and Mason Neck Park, be sure to go on a treasure hunt. Both parks are located on Gunston Road only a few miles from Mason's Passage. Pohick Park is a great place to launch a boat, take a picnic, and hike a few trails. The park also has a swimming pool, mini-golf frisbee golf, pedal boats and picnic grills. Check out the local paper for weekly concerts held at the park. Mason Neck State Park connects with a National Wildlife Refuge and is home to a heron rookery and 200 other species of birds as well as the bald eagle. There are wonderful walkable trails and it is a nice place to go biking. Be sure to check out the Visitor Center for wildlife displays and pick up a calendar of events.

Our Lorton Library has many programs for children of all ages. One item on their summer calendar:

Yummy In My Tummy, Tuesday August 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2-5 w/adult

Join everyone for stories, activities, and a craft all about yummy food

Also check out the volunteer activities available at the Library and Lorton Community Action Committee.

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## **Do You Know**

That the name Pohick is an Algonquin word which means "water place"?

Lorton is named for a little town in the Lake District Park, Cumbria section of England. It was the hometown of Mr. Joseph Plaskett who settled in the area and ran a general store. Plaskett opened the Lorton Valley, Virginia Post Office on November 11, 1875.

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## **Learning about us**

We welcome all our new residents and remind all of our residents (new and old) that our website is [masonspassage.org](http://masonspassage.org). Check it out.

## **ENJOY THE GOOD WEATHER**