

Saybrooke News

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Upcoming Events:

COMMUNITY YARD SALE DATES:

- ⇒ April 25, 2008
7:00 AM—1:00 PM
- ⇒ September 27, 2008
7:00 AM—1:00 PM

AND — August 2008— Date TBD SUMMER POOL PARTY



ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS:
KEEP CRIME WATCH ALIVE
IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS,
NON-THREATENING ACTI-
VITY TO THE PRINCE WIL-
LIAM COUNTY POLICE DE-
PARTMENT'S NON-
EMERGENCY NUMBER:

703-792-6500

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Jane Leckert, President, Saybrooke HOA



Dear Neighbors,
Welcome 2008!
2007 brought us
many new en-
hancements to
our community.

We made several cosmetic changes to the pool and pool house. This upcoming summer, we expect to finalize our plans with the addition of the awning over the new extended patio. We are excited to announce we will be working with a new pool company this year. Our new pool company, High Sierra, will strive to make our summer pleasant and enjoyable for all our patrons. We will be handling pool pass distributions differently this year. Our management company, Armstrong Management will be distributing the passes directly from their corporate offices.

As some of you know our due process system is finally operational. Our new on-site manager continues to work diligently to follow-up on issues that either the Board submits or you, our homeowners provide. Please pay close attention to the details of the violation letter to ensure you

avoid any financial fees.

Neighborhood Watch continues to need your support! Please check the website for updates and meeting information about the Neighborhood Watch program and how you can help!

Lastly, the Board would like to see several changes made to our By-laws, beginning with our name change from “Saybrooke, Village of **Bristol**” to “Saybrooke Village of **Bristow**.”

The Board will also work to refine the language in other articles relating to recreational and play equipment, commercial vehicles, and fence guidelines. Our challenge as a Board will be to obtain 90% homeowner approval. We need your help!! Watch your mailbox for announcements and Bylaw update information.

We're only as strong as the support we receive. Stay Warm!

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Leckert
President, Saybrooke HOA

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Find us on the Web at www.saybrooke.org.

All opinions and advice expressed in *Saybrooke News* are solely those of the writers. Publication of articles and services is not to be reflected as an endorsement of Saybrooke HOA. We welcome input from the community. If you have a story idea, questions, tips, or news you want to share with the Saybrooke community, please let us know.

Mail correspondence to:

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CONTACTING MANAGEMENT

Questions, Concerns, Comments?

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customerservice@armstrong.net

Please contact Armstrong with any questions about community covenants, for architectural change forms, about work orders, or if you have concerns about items in the community (i.e., downed tree limbs, burnt out street lights, etc.).

Lifesaving Winter Fire Safety Tips

Annually, during the cold winter months, fire strikes many homes. The majority of these fires are caused by home heating devices according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). **The Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue offers the following suggestions for a fire safe winter:**

- Have your heating system thoroughly checked by a professional service technician to assure your system is working properly should a power outage occur during the winter months.
- Have your chimney professionally cleaned at least once a year, prior to using the fireplace, to avoid a possible chimney fire. Chimneys and chimney connectors account for the largest share of home heating fires.
- Place a spark arrestor across the top of your chimney. This will prevent sparks from igniting your roof.
- When emptying ashes from the woodstove or fireplace, NEVER place the ashes in paper bags or any other combustible container. Ashes can remain hot for several days. Collect them in a metal container with a lid and store them on a noncombustible surface or spread them on the ground away from any combustible material.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquid to start a fire or rekindle a small fire.
- Use a fireplace screen or glass partition to prevent flying embers or logs from rolling out.
- Portable heaters should be approved by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) and automatically shut off if tipped over.
- When using a portable kerosene heater, never use gasoline or diesel fuel. Make sure to fill the heater outside your home and away from any ignition sources.
- Keep newspapers, clothing, furniture, drapes, trash and other combustible items, including firewood, at least 3 feet away from your furnace, hot water heater, portable space heaters, or wood burning devices.
- Small children and pets should be closely supervised and never left unattended in the same room when utilizing alternative heating devices.
- During a power outage, use flashlights. Candles have an open flame and are very dangerous.
- When using a portable generator, never place the generator inside the home, a garage, shed or other enclosed or partially enclosed space. Place portable generators outside of the home and away from openings, i.e. doors, windows and vents.

Pool Notes for the 2008 Season

Even though it's still cold and wintry, it's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming 2008 pool season. Saybrooke residents will be mailed a detailed information packet covering pool rules and policies as well as pool passes for the 2008 season. Please keep this information available as summer approaches. A general summary follows:

Date of Pool Opening:	May 24, 2008	Date of Pool Closing:	September 1, 2008
Pool Hours:	Monday—Friday	11:00 AM—8:00 PM	
	Saturday & Sunday	11:00 AM—8:00 PM	
	Holidays	11:00 AM—8:00 PM	

- **Passes** — Residents must present valid passes to gain admission to the pool. There will be no exceptions to this policy. Patrons will be checked in at the front desk, and the pass will be placed in a box by last name. When you leave the pool, please take your pass. Lost passes will be replaced for a \$20 fee. Call Armstrong Management (703-385-1133) to request a new pass. If you moved in during the summer, please bring identification with proof of address or your settlement papers to the pool so a valid pass can be issued.
- **Guest Policies** — Use of the pool is restricted to Saybrooke residents with valid passes and their guests only. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. At the beginning of the season, each household will receive a guest pass worth 10 free visits. After these are used, additional guest passes may be purchased in blocks of 10 for \$20. Members will be held responsible for their guests' actions.
- **Children** — Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult or responsible person at least 16 years of age.
- **General Behavior** — No diving, pushing, wrestling, or causing an undue disturbance in or about the pool area will be allowed. No abusive or profane language or breach of the peace will be tolerated.
- **Food & Beverages** — No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed. No food or beverage can be consumed within 10 feet of the pool edge.
- **Flotation Devices** — All play equipment, floats, and instructional devices may be used at the lifeguard's discretion. No squirt games or tennis balls are allowed, only pool balls.
- **Smoking & Pets are not allowed around the pool or within the pool area.**



Any questions regarding pool policies should be directed to Armstrong Management at 703-385-1133 or customerservice@armstrong.net.

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- Install CO alarms with battery backup and place the alarms outside each sleeping area. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, 65 people died, last year, from generator-related carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

In addition, check your smoke detectors! Smoke detectors provide an early detection of fire and are the best means for you and your family to escape. Smoke detectors should be checked monthly and the batteries changed twice a year. The best time to do this is during the time change, when daylight savings time begins and ends. Remember: Change your clocks, change your batteries.

Please keep these safety tips in mind when using alternative heating sources. For more information visit the U.S. Fire Administration at www.usfa.dhs.gov, or the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.gov.

-Submitted by the Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue

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We're on the Web!
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Wine Seminars at the Saybrooke Clubhouse



**American Wine Society
Bristow Chapter**

"Promoting Wine Appreciation Through Education"

Interested in learning more about wine?
Monthly Wine Tasting Seminars
3rd Sunday each month—6:00 PM
Saybrooke Community Clubhouse

www.AmericanWineSociety.org

In its 40th year of existence, the American Wine Society is a nationwide non-profit organization focused on promoting the appreciation of wine through education. Over 120 chapters across the county meet on a regular basis to conduct educational seminars on all aspects of wine and food.

The American Wine Society has recently started up its newest chapter, the Bristow Virginia Chapter. The chapter conducts monthly meetings (seminars) on various aspects of wine. The meetings occur in the Saybrooke Community Clubhouse on the corner of Saybrooke Drive and Upper Mill Loop (by the pool) on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6 PM. It is recommended that you arrive early (5:45) for seating. There is a nominal fee to cover costs associated with conducting the seminars (collected at the door). RSVPs are mandatory by the Thursday before each meeting. For more information or to RSVP for a meeting contact:

Al Guber at awsguy@comcast.net or phone (571) 229-9907.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about the exciting aspects of wine and socialize with neighbors and residents of the Bristow area.

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