

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the winner of July's Yard of the Month contest. The winner received \$30 off their lot rent for having the "Most Improved" yard.



10475 Comanche Lane

Congratulations to the winner of this month's Yard of the Month contest. The winner will receive \$30 off their lot rent for having the "Most Beautiful" yard.



10430 Arapaho Lane

Classifieds



FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1983 Oakwood mobile home for sale. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Shed. \$4500. Located at 10476 Comanche Lane. Stop by the home to speak with Willie James if interested.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1981 Conner mobile home for sale. 14x60. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$10,000. Call 263-8493.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1998 Oakwood mobile home for sale. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call 519-7564.

FOR SALE: I came across some really good deals on meats, paper products, etc. I would like to share some of these deals with you. My wife and I will put flyers in the office weekly posting new deals. Just call either myself or my wife, Tya, at 798-3428 to order.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS: Looking for floral arrangements or other gift ideas, including custom jewelry? Stop by the office to see our featured arrangements on display for sale or visit us online at www.buysylilbees.com.

POWERWASH/LAWN SERVICES: Services provided to mobile home park residents. Contact Ron Smith at 402-3562 for more information.

HANDYMAN/PLUMBER: Will inspect the piping under your home for free and give honest estimate/recommendation of work that needs to be done. Check valves, insulation, and heat tape installations. Local neighborhood references available. Call Ken Parady at 798-7223 or 400-3221.

PAINTING SERVICES: Need some painting done? Call Robert Spence at 253-3900 or 798-4046 for an appointment.

NOTARY SERVICES: By appointment. Call Sonja at 5 PM weekdays and anytime weekends. 798-4046.

HOUSEHOLD SERVICES: Hi, I'm Robin, your neighbor, and I would like to offer my services, for a fair price, around the neighborhood. Some of the services I can offer you are the following: housecleaning, yard work, raking, planting, and mowing. I do my best at whatever I decide to do!! Call Robin Parady at 798-7223 (10454 Comanche Lane).

KOSMO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK & CAMPGROUND

Special Thanks

The Anderton Family would like to express their sincere appreciation to their thoughtful neighbors who gave assistance to EMS on behalf of Mr. Anderton recently.



Landscaping

A prolonged drought sweeping across the Mid-Atlantic region, browning lawns and ruining gardens, is not forecasted to end any time soon. Try raising your lawn mower blade to at least 3". A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system, and holds soil moisture better than closely cropped lawns. You can also try mulching your flowers to help retain moisture and choke out weeds that compete with your plants for water.

VA Dept. of Tourism Presents:

"5 Spots for Hidden Heritage"

1. Visit the museum at the Pamunkey Indian Reservation, which dates to 1658 (www.baylink.org/Pamunkey).
2. The Mattaponi Fish Hatchery and Marine Science Center carry on the shad fishing tradition on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation (www.baylink.org/Mattaponi).
3. The Gloucester History Trail, open the second Saturday of the month May through October, includes some sites not normally open to the public: Walter Reed birthplace, Pocahontas Museum, Roswell Ruins (www.gloucesterva.info).
4. Now a quiet crossroads just off the highway, Port Royal was once an important Colonial port for the Rapahannock River. A new tour of the historic district paints a picture of the area settled in 1652 (www.historicportroyal.com).
5. The Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington tells the story of the vibrant steamboat trade that once plied the Chesapeake Bay. (804) 438-6888 (www.steamboatermuseum.org).



This year, Virginia is commemorating the 400th anniversary of the landing at Jamestown. New events featuring museum exhibits, festivals, education forums, music events, and parties have been added. There has never been a better time to visit Jamestown than right now!

Management Memos

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage our residents to consider taking part in the 24th annual "National Night Out" program this year. Tuesday, August 7th has been designated as the night that law enforcement agencies across the nation encourage citizens to lock their doors, turn on their porch lights, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity for our residents to join together with what is expected to be 37 million individuals in communities in all of the other 49 states, U.S. territories, and military bases around the world to show a sense of solidarity against crimes in our community. We hope our residents will use this as a chance to get to know their neighbors a little better—perhaps even discuss ideas to help improve safety in our community. It would be an excellent opportunity to develop a Community Watch program. Are you seeking a true "sense of community?" Keep in mind that with each citizen looking out for himself only, there is no community, there is no strength in numbers, but rather a fragmentation that can serve only to encourage the criminal elements. Your level of achievement is directly attributed to the amount of effort you put into the task.

Thought For The Month:

Dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price. ~Vince Lombardi

Reminder: Due to sanitation issues, pets are not permitted in the playground area and residents are reminded to clean up after their pets.

Important Information

As a tenant you have a right to enjoy your home and an obligation to respect the same rights of your neighbors. That right includes freedom from the annoyance of excessively loud talking, abusive language, shouting, television sets, radios, stereo equipment, vehicles, barking dogs, etc. Please keep noise to a minimum, particularly during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. If you are experiencing such disturbances, please attempt to discuss the issue with your neighbor(s). If you are unable to resolve your differences, you are urged to contact the Hanover County Sheriff's office at 365-6140 and file a written complaint with our office.

Our staff has worked diligently to not only improve the appearance of our park but to help make our community a nice, safe place for all of our residents. As a result, any criminal activity on the premises will not be tolerated and is grounds for eviction.

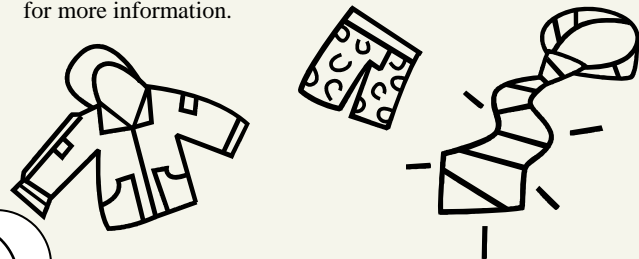
Tenants are responsible at all times for the actions of the members of their household, children and guests; whether their actions occur on the tenant's lot or elsewhere within the mobile home park community. Eviction proceedings may result against tenant and all members of their household in situations where the tenant's minor children commit criminal acts within the park.

All tenants are advised to review the Rules & Regulations incorporated into their Manufactured Home Lot Leases with each member of their household as well as the consequences for breaching these rules. If you have questions regarding the Lease, please contact our office at 798-6689. If you would like more information regarding local ordinances ranging from alarms to vandalism, a copy of the Hanover County Community Resource Guide will be made available to our residents or you can obtain your own copy by visiting <http://www.co.hanover.va.us/sheriff/>.



Clothing Drive

The Hanover Department of Social Services is hosting the "Got You Covered" Clothing Drive in a partnership with Americorps to help distribute much needed clothing to low-income families. The primary focus of this effort is to meet the back-to-school and back-to-work needs of Hanover's citizens and their families. This would be a wonderful time to clean out your closets, purging clothes that no longer fit. These items may be dropped off at Hanover Department of Social Services at 12304 Washington Highway by August 15th. Arrangements for pick up of donations may be available. Contact Victor Agle at 365-6647 for more information.



Tax Free Weekend

In 2006, the Virginia General Assembly approved a measure for a Sales Tax Holiday each year on the first full weekend in August in an effort to help families with children in school as well as boost the retail economy in Virginia in general. The 2007 Sales Tax Holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 3rd and end at midnight on Sunday, August 5th. During this holiday, the purchase of school supplies (less than \$20 per item) and articles of clothing as well as shoes (less than \$100 per item) will be exempt from Virginia sales tax. All retailers across the state selling these types of items are required to participate in the Sales Tax Holiday. Clothing accessories, protective equipment, or sports/recreational equipment do not qualify for the tax exemption. If you have questions regarding the items which are included in the sales tax exemption, contact the Virginia Department of Taxation at 367-8031.

Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

Identity Theft continues to top the Federal Trade Commission's list of consumer complaints. With more than 500,000 Americans being robbed of their "identity" each year, repairing the damage can cost hundreds of dollars and a considerable amount of time. These steps will help you reduce your risk of identity theft:

- Guard your social security number. It is the key to your credit report and banking accounts and is the prime target of criminals. Do not carry your social security card in your wallet and do not give out your number unless required. Use your driver's license ID number where applicable.
- Monitor your credit report. Make sure to review the information contained on the report thoroughly and report any discrepancies immediately.
- Examine the charges on your credit card and bank statements as soon as these come in. Make sure to shred the statements and junk mail credit card offers before trashing them.
- Remove your name from the marketing lists of the three credit reporting bureaus to reduce the number of pre-approved credit offers you receive.
- Do not carry extra credit cards or other important identity documents except when needed.
- Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of your license and credit cards so that you have all the account numbers, expiration dates, and phone numbers if your wallet or purse is stolen.
- Order your Social Security Earnings and Benefits statement once a year to check for fraud.
- Never give your credit card number or personal information over the phone unless you have initiated the call and trust that business.
- Cancel unused credit card accounts.

Trash or Treasure?

Our maintenance staff has asked that we remind our residents that trash is to be placed inside the dumpsters and not in front of or around the dumpsters, which will prevent our trash collection provider from being able to empty them.

We have noticed residents are leaving items such as lamps, coffee makers, bicycles, furniture, exercise equipment and other items (that could clearly fit inside) in front of or beside the dumpster. If you feel that the items you consider to be trash may be viewed by others to be a "treasure," there are other alternatives to passing these items along besides leaving them in the dumpster area. These items you are looking to rid yourself of can be donated at Goodwill, a quick 5-minute drive north, just before you get into the town of Ashland. Don't want to haul the items away yourself? No problem. You can contact the Salvation Army who will gladly come by and pick up your unwanted items. You could also contact our office to have an ad placed on the bulletin board and published in our next newsletter advertising your item as free to good home, available to the first person who stops by to pick it up. For those who have internet access, you could always list your items on the Hanover Freecycle website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hanovercofreecycle>.

Back to School Checklist:

Time to get ready for school! Here's a checklist that might help you make sure that your children are prepared:

- Complete registration (if applicable)
- Get all recommended immunizations
- Obtain a list of school supplies
- Help your young child memorize his/her address and telephone number
- Arrange for before and after-school care
- Plan a menu for breakfast, packed lunches, and after-school snacks
- Establish a homework location and schedule
- Make a note on calendar of all important school events

Due to their bulk, appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, etc. should be disposed of properly and not placed in or beside the dumpsters. These items can be taken to the local transfer station on Lewistown Road. Just take a left at the light and follow to the end. Another alternative is to take your appliance located on Route 1 across from Ashland Hitch. Here you can receive money for your recyclable appliance. The recycling center is open from 8-5 Monday through Friday and 8-12 on Saturday. You can reach them directly at 798-3154 should you have questions regarding their facility and the types of items they take.