

GATES HEAD-LINES

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<https://www.gatesheadrva.info/>

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National Bike Day

Story by Karen Brown

I discovered that May is National Bike Month and specifically May 8th was National Bike to School Day for our region through Bike Walk RVA, a nonprofit group that advocates for safer pedestrian/biking paths in the greater Richmond area.

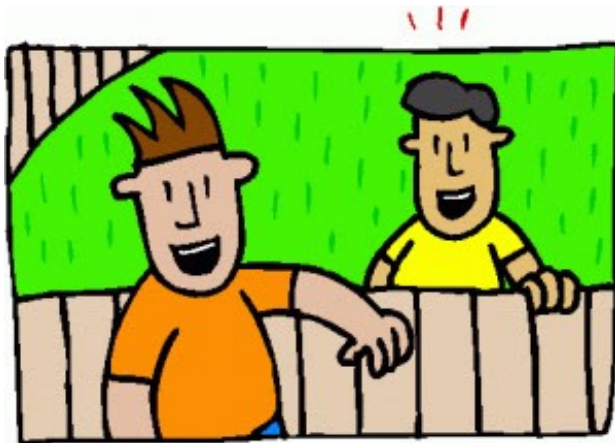
Jeremy D'Errico was able to line up two police officers who shut down Pemberton for our ride and served as the ride lead that morning. We met at Candlewood "loop de loop"* and biked to the school with the fear of cars behind and beside us eliminated. The kids had a blast and started the day on a high from biking to school and getting out some wiggles. It's a shame that Pemberton is such a fast road and it has such limited sidewalk and safe roadside access for people. We could bike or walk to school so easily if our road was designed differently, but that's a story for another day. The parents loaded the bikes into Jeremy's truck and rode home without police escort, then we redistributed them back to their homes in the neighborhood. It was a great morning!



* The Chatterleigh Court cul-de-sac / circle near the Pemberton entrance to Candlewood.



New Neighbors!



We have new neighbors at 9520 Downing Street! Be sure and make them feel welcome. Here's who they are, in their own words:

Hi, Everyone! I am Regan Barton, and my husband is Chris Barton. I grew up in Chesterfield County, and attended Radford University and have been with the ALS Association as the Director of Assistive Technology since 2017. Chris is from Sterling, VA; he also went to Radford University and has worked at Monotype as a Senior Account

Executive since 2022. We have lived in the city for the past four years. We enjoy trying new restaurants and breweries, playing golf, and going to sporting events.

We are excited to be a part of the Gates Head community and appreciate the warm welcome from the neighbors. We look forward to meeting more neighbors at the next social event!

- Chris and Regan Barton

Gates Head at the Diamond



Story by Rebecca Spigelmyer

[On May 15, 2024] Pemberton Elementary had their school spirit night at the Flying Squirrels game. The theme was "Go Nuts for Reading" and children that read enough books were given a free ticket to the game. There was a big Gates Head crew! Families got the chance to parade around the field. Fun was had by all!

Pemberton Bridge Update

The VDOT project manager for the rebuilding of the Pemberton bridge across I-64 has confirmed that the work is still projected to be finished by **late July**. We have just two more months of detouring on Gaskins!

Block Parties

Again this year Gates Head has scheduled block parties about once a month through the summer. They will all be on **Thursday nights from 5:30 – 6:30.**

The first one is coming right up on **May 30!** That's next week! This one will be in the **Bramsford Court** cul-de-sac, near the Gates Head entrance.

Block parties in Gates Head are very informal. Just gather in the street when the time comes, if you feel so inclined, and meet your neighbors. Although each block party is on a different street, *everyone* in Gates Head is invited to *every* block party.



Four more block parties will be scheduled during the summer, each in a different Gates Head location. Watch this space for updates.



Yard Sale

Gates Head is organizing a neighborhood-wide **yard sale** for Saturday, **September 7.** That gives you plenty of time to go through your attic, workshop, toolshed, playroom, bookshelves, china cabinet, and that little closet under the stairs. Sort out everything that needs to go. Imagine how much money you might make by selling it. Or imagine how happy you would be to get rid of it all by pricing everything at “five cents or make an offer”!

Start now! Be ready to roll out at 7:00am when that auspicious Saturday morning arrives.

Gates Head Website and Newsletter – A Time for Transition

Newsletter – *Gates Head-Lines*

Susan Dixon, who lived at 9514 Downing Street, was the first Gates Head newsletter editor, and held that post for almost eleven years. Starting with the December 1994 issue, when she was ready to retire, I've been doing the job for almost 30 years, and I'm still enjoying it. But nothing lasts forever, so I'm looking for someone to take over from me sometime in the next year. How you do it will be up to you – use your imagination. If you like, you can start from scratch and use your own style. But I'll be available if you want to see how I've done it in the past.

Along with the editorship comes an archive of, to this point, 198 previous issues of the *Gates Head-Lines*, all in PDF format, going back to Volume 7, Issue 3, in March 1991. Anything prior to that is lost to history as far as I know.

I also have most or all of these issues on paper, but PDFs are so much easier to store.

Website – *gatesheadrva.info*

In addition to the newsletter, I've been doing the Gates Head website, *gatesheadrva.info*, since its inception, whenever that was†. Now I need someone to take this over, too. If you know anything about creating and maintaining a website, consider yourself eligible. As with the newsletter, if you accept the mantle of webmaster, you're free to start from scratch if you like.

A question that arises is this: Does anyone ever look at the website? I get questions from people who must not realize that the answers are on the website, such as "Who's my block captain?" and "Who's on the Architectural Committee?" and "Where can I get a copy of the *Architectural Committee Lot Owner Request for Approval form*?"

Another existential issue for the website is, "Isn't it enough that we have a Gates Head Facebook page?" I can't answer that, because I'm not familiar with social media. But as I understand it, Facebook is mostly about current events, while the website (in our case) contains mostly reference data that doesn't change very often. Sure, the photos from the Egg Hunt can be displayed either way, but where else besides the website are you going to post the names of the current board members, not to mention the entire contents of the Gates Head by-laws and covenants?

If you're willing to take over the website, I can give you a copy of the information that currently resides on the website. More importantly, we'll need to discuss how to transfer the domain name. I currently include the Gates Head website and my own family website (*jkmscott.net*) under one account at *ipage.com*. Once the Gates Head website is no longer on my account, arrangements will have to be made to pay the fees for it through the Gates Head treasurer. The annual fee for the **domain name** "*gatesheadrva.info*" has gone up from \$17 in 2019 to \$32 this year. The **web hosting fee** that encompasses both websites I maintain is paid once every three years; it was \$288 in 2022. I think there's a good chance that someone more experienced with websites than I am can find a way of reducing or eliminating this hosting fee, perhaps by switching to a hosting service other than *iPage*, or maybe by piggy-backing on your own business website hosting arrangement.

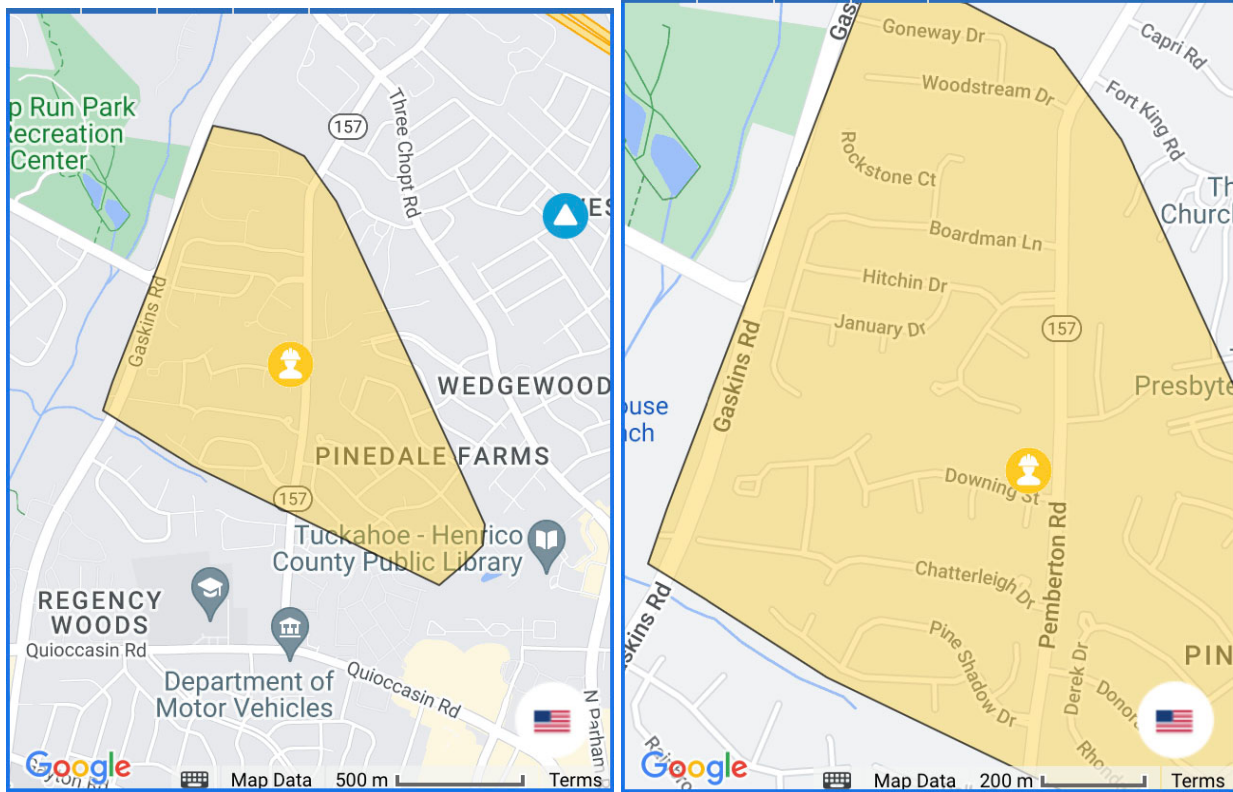
The May 6 Power Outage


We had a power outage that started about 9:30pm on Monday, May 6. Unless you had a generator, you had no lights and no wi-fi. Any online activity you attempted relied on cell phone service. I don't know about you, but my online access was almost non-existent. To me, that implied that one or more nearby cell towers may have lost power – but that's just speculation.

† Not before 1991 – that's when the World Wide Web was invented!

The power was restored at just about exactly 1:00am, for a total outage of about three and a half hours. Hopefully that was not long enough for refrigerated food to spoil.

Within minutes after the lights came on, I was able to get online again and capture a copy of Dominion Energy's map of the outage. Here it is, with an additional enlarged section of the map giving a better view of where Gates Head is.



In both maps, the entrance to Gates Head is marked by the  symbol, the stylized head and hardhat of a Dominion Energy lineman. I think it's just a coincidence that the symbol is located at our entrance – it's probably meant to mark the center of the outage area. Anyway, there you have it. We were not alone in the dark, because so were Spring Tree, Candlewood, Oldhouse Run, Rockstone, Quail Run, Pemberton Ridge, and most of Pinedale Farms.

ASK JIM

Are there any homeowners still living in Gates Head who have been here since Day One?

There sure are! I checked publicly available real estate records and compiled the following list. The dates at the right are dates of purchase. Check below the list for how you can look up real estate data for yourself.

**Gates Head Properties Still Owned by the Original Owners
(with date of purchase)**

DOWNING STREET

9508 Downing Street	Bill & Brenda Duttweiler	7/1984
9510 Downing Street	Richard & Marian Copeland (Now Marian, Rob, & Kendra)	3/1984

BRAMSFORD COURT

1701 Bramsford Court	Milton & Patsy Drummond	3/1984
1702 Bramsford Court	Alan & Frona Colker	5/1984

DELAFAYETTE PLACE

1701 DeLafayette Place	Ron & Helen Tigani	9/1983
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DOWNING COURT

1703 Downing Court	Ron & Charlene Dortch	8/1985
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HABWOOD LANE

1706 Habwood Lane	John & Joyce Minor	9/1984
1709 Habwood Lane	Jim & Linda Chenery	10/1984
1710 Habwood Lane	Kathy Cook	4/1985

CATESBY LANE

9525 Catesby Lane	Corey & Terry Crouch	5/1986
9526 Catesby Lane	Walter & Monique Taylor	3/1997

COACHLITE DRIVE

1707 Coachlite Drive	Jerry & Marlana Jolley	8/1985
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Notes:

9510 Catesby Lane isn't on the list, but it's interesting to note that the county records show that it was originally purchased by Gladys Clayton in 1947, and then sold in 1953 and 1961 to members of the Pemberton family! Maybe there was an older house in the same location, but its address *couldn't* have been 9510 Catesby Lane.

9525 Catesby Lane was originally owned by Ray and Melinda Crouch, and now belongs to Corey and Terry Crouch; so it's still in the same family.

9526 Catesby Lane was by far the last house built in Gates Head.

And for a bonus, here's how you can access the real estate records for yourself.

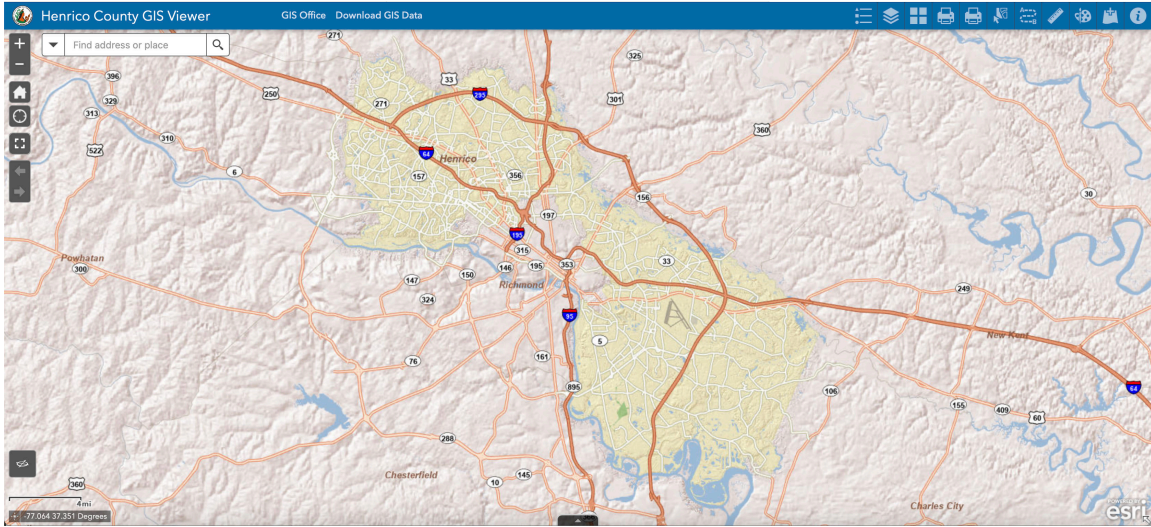
Henrico County Real Estate Data

Go to the Henrico County Geographic Information System web page at <http://henrico.us/gis/>

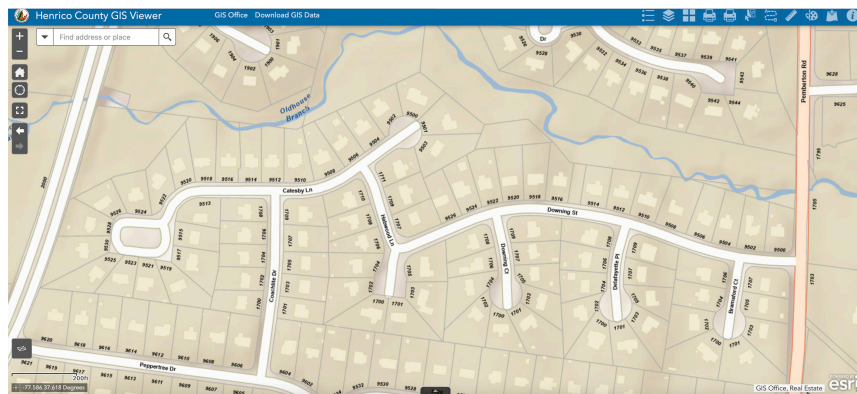
Click "Access Our Online Map Viewer" (on the right). →



On the next page (if necessary), click "Okay". You'll see this:



Drag the map as necessary and zoom in by clicking "+" on the zoom scale at the upper right, to locate the neighborhood:




Click the individual lot of interest, to get this window.

Real Estate Data	
Pictometry Image	
PID	24855
GPIN	748-749-8482
GPIN Ext.	
CAMA GPIN	748-749-8482
Address	1711 HABWOOD LN
CAMA Address	1711 HABWOOD LN
City	HENRICO VA
Zip Code	23238
Mail Add. 1	1711 HABWOOD LN
Mail Add. 2	
Mail Add. 3	HENRICO VA
Mail Add. 4	23238-4470
Zoom to	

Click “Real Estate Data” at the top of the box. (Note: There are two links. If you click “Pictometry Image” instead, you’ll get an aerial view of the property.)

A partial view of the Real Estate Data is shown here. It includes the current owner and information about the most recent sale.



COUNTY OF HENRICO - FINANCE DEPARTMENT
REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT DIVISION


Address: 4301 E. Parham Rd.
 Henrico, VA 23273-2745
 Phone: 804-501-4300
 Fax: 804-501-5420

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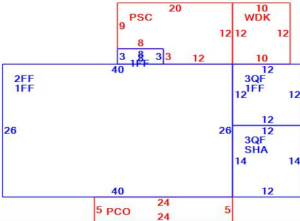
Parcel ID 748-749-8482	Parcel Address 1711 HABWOOD LN	
Vision PID # 24855	Appraiser L	
State Code R Resid (Urban)	Neighborhood 2W030	
Use Code 210 Res - Subd (1 Fam)	Acreage	
Tax Type Taxable	Owner (Jan 1) SCOTT ROBERT JAMES JR & K	
Zoning R-2A	Owner (Cur) SCOTT ROBERT JAMES JR & K	
Tax Dist Regular	Mailing Address	
Magisterial Tuckahoe	1711 HABWOOD LN	
Subdivision Gates Head	HENRICO VA	
Section 2	Zip 23238-4470	
Block A	Old Map # 0079150000A 0017	
Lot 17	Pre 1992 Map # 79 A2 36	
Floodplain None Designated	Map Page # 122	

Plats **Old Property Card**

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Residential Information

Style 01 Colonial	No. of Stories 2	Sq Ft Finished Living 2,482
Year Built 1984	Total Rooms 8	Finished Attic 0
Grade C+2	Bedrooms 4	Unfinished Living 0
Ext. Walls 02 Composition	Full Bathrooms 2	Basement 0
Roof 1 Composition	Half Bathrooms 1	Finished Basement 0
Heating 05 Heat Pump	Fireplace(s) 1	Foundation Type 1 Crawl
Air Cond. 01 Yes	No. of Chimneys 1	Basement Garage 0

Last Transfer Additional Transfer & Assessments

Sale Date	Sale Price	Deed Book	Page	Previous Owner	Sale Comment
08/01/1991	\$164,500	2309	1470		

Over at the right, above the photo, click “Old Property Card”.

Plats **Old Property Card**

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08/27/2020

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That brings you to the “Old Property Card”. Scroll down to the second page of the card:

79-15-A-17
GATES HEAD
LOT 17

BLK A SEC 2

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA

DISTRICT TUCKAHOE

NO. LOTS _____ VALUE PER LOT \$ _____

NO. ACRES _____ VALUE PER ACRE \$ _____

SEWER SERVICE ASSESSMENT YES NO

ANNUAL AMOUNT PRO-RATA \$ 787 95% 387 100%

SPECIAL ASSMTS. YES NO

PARCEL NO. 79-A2-36

YEAR	OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS	DEED BOOK	YEAR	1985	1987	1988	1991	
2/85	Investors Service Corporation IN-03272-24 PB78p1	1844-1703	LAND	16,000	22,000	22,000	28,000	
2/85	Colonial Homecrafters L T D \$21,500	1942-1326	IMP.	92,900	106,400	108,500	125,300	
2/85	Lawrence, Walter L. III & Kimberly V. LA 33-045-02 \$126,000	1942-1328	TOTAL	108,300	128,400	130,500	153,300	
8/91	Scott, Robert James Jr. & Karen M. Adams SC-19726-01 \$164,500	2309-1470	ASSESSMENTS					
			YEAR					
			LAND					

Here you will find all of the owners of the property up to about 1999, with the oldest at the top. In the “Year” column at the left is the month and year of each sale. This example shows that the original owners, as of February 1985, were Investors Service Corporation and Colonial Homecrafters LTD. In that same month, the property was sold to Walter and Kimberly Lawrence. In August 1991, they sold it to Robert James Scott and Karen Adams.

THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL YESTERDAY

The word “eavesdrop” originally had nothing to do with snooping.



An “eave” is the outer edge of a roof. What does that have to do with listening surreptitiously?

As Merriam-Webster points out, “eavesdrop” started off literally: it was a noun that referred to the water that fell from the eaves of a house, then it came to mean the area on the ground where that water fell. Eventually, a derived noun “eavesdropper” described someone who stood within the eavesdrop of a house to overhear a conversation inside.

Over time, “eavesdrop” obtained its current meaning, now as a verb: “to listen secretly to what is said in private.”

Wikipedia claims that “An eavesdropper was someone who would hang from the eave of a building so as to hear what is said within.” I find this doubtful; it sounds

dangerous, not only because of the risk of falling, but also because it would be conspicuous. You would be likely to get caught, and you’d have no easy way to escape.

INFO FOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS

Because Gates Head has a Home Owners' Association (HOA), real estate agents must provide certain information to new home owners. To help with this, a link "INFORMATION FOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS" has been added to the Gates Head website. Check it out at <https://www.gatesheadrva.info/data/ghagents.html>

THE USUAL FINE PRINT

Gates Head Web Site

The Gates Head website can be found at <https://www.gatesheadrva.info/data/ghmain.html>. The most recent newsletter (minus any directories) can always be obtained there. Go to the address above and click "Current Newsletter".

Find and Like us on Facebook

Gates Head Neighborhood has created a Closed Facebook Group for you to have up-to-date information concerning all the happenings around the neighborhood including social events. A Closed Group on Facebook means anyone can see the group and who's in it, but only members (those who have liked the page and been accepted) see posts.

Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/244602142369459>. If you're not on Facebook, be sure to send your e-mail address to Jim Scott (who also is not on Facebook) to be sure you are getting all the most current Gates Head events.



If You Sell Your House

If you sell your house in Gates Head, please ask the real estate agent to see the link "INFORMATION FOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS" on the Gates Head website. The Gates Head President will provide a copy of the "Formal Disclosure Packet" for every new home owner on request.

Covenants and Approval Form

The Gates Head "Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions" and related documents are available online. Go to <https://www.gatesheadrva.info/data/ghmain.html> and click "Documents That Define Gates Head". Also see the complaint policy and form at the "Complaint Policy and Form" link. **If you're planning modifications to your home or lot, please clear your plans with the Architectural Control Committee before starting work.** You can download a copy of the Lot Owner Request For Approval form by using the "Request for Approval" link on the Gates Head web site.

Financial Statement & Budget

You can see the latest Gates Head financial statement and budget at <http://tinyurl.com/GatesHeadFinancialStatement>

Complaint Policy

If you have a complaint that you want to file formally, you can see the Gates Head "Resident Complaint Policy" and get a copy of the complaint form by going to the Gates Head website at <https://www.gatesheadrva.info/data/ghmain.html> and clicking "Complaint Policy and Form".

Notices and Corrections

Please let me know of any new neighbors moving in, new babies, deaths, or corrections needed to the Gates Head directory. Death notices will only be printed with the approval of the family.

Gates Head Archives

Copies of old issues of the *Gates Head-Lines* newsletter, back to 1991, may be obtained from **Jim Scott (804-270-9869, jkmScott@icloud.com)**. Ditto for various photos, particularly of the Spring Egg Hunt and the Halloween Parade from past years.

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