



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST PEARL HOMES!

**O**ur Pearl Homes program continues to grow! The following people have qualified as an LRNow Pearl Home between February 23, 2013 and June 7, 2013. Thanks for helping us achieve more than 1,000 Pearl Homes.

## **Aries on the Bay**

Esther Small  
Jill Broome  
Barry Drude  
Jillian Howe  
Beth Lyman  
Dan Rivers  
Monika Youngblade  
Carl & Mary Moore  
Diane Hartman  
Heidi Verfuert  
Christine Moore

## **Alanton**

David & Robin Strohsahl

## **Ashburn Point**

Addie G. Ross

## **Bay Colony**

Jayna Eller  
Mary Susan Millar

## **Baycliffe**

Anne

## **Baylake Pines**

Barbara Imrich  
Will & Rebecca Lowrance

## **Birchwood**

Joseph F. Costello  
Paul McNeil

## **Birdneck Lake**

Michael Gillikin  
Daphne Stagg

## **Birdneck Point**

Catherine Clextan  
Nancy & David Dickerson

## **Bishops Gate**

Carol S. Pursell  
Everett & Janet Grass

## **Blair Circle**

Martin & Susan Schildwachter

## **Brigadoon**

Susan Topping

## **Broad Creek**

Brian Rupe

## **Cape Story by the Sea**

Jennifer Poole

## **Carriage Hill**

Diane Blischak

## **Chesopean Colony**

Richard Nye  
Cheryl Noyes

## **Chick's Beach**

Dylan and Emily Hawkins  
Markella Fanis

## **Colonial Place**

Ken Follette

## **Colony Pines**

Jennifer Fryday

## **Cypress Point**

Paul & Kristine DiMarco

## **Foxfire**

Melissa Follin

## **Great Neck Meadows**

Derek Bowers

## **Hampton**

Kaisone Tharagvathsa

## **Haygood Point**

William & Jody Ullmann

## **Heritage Park**

Trae Jennings  
The Dempsey Family  
Stacy Gilbreath

## **Highland Biltmore**

Selena Rambo Moss

## **Hudgins Shores**

Gerald Fudala

## **King's Forest**

Susan Mulvey

## **Kings Grant**

Gale McClurkin  
Michael Barton  
Beth & Gary Arnold  
Carol Kemp

## **Kings Grove**

Langdon Hagen-Long

## **Kingston**

Wendy Newman

## **Lake Smith**

Beverly & Brian Myrick

## **Lesner Pointe East**

Brooke Taylor

## **Little Neck**

Ralph & Regina Thompson

## **Long Creek Cove**

Lynn Shepherd

## **Lynn Shores**

James & Katharine Clark

## **Malibu**

Maggie Robertson

## **Middle Plantation**

Alice Mantz  
Linda Burgess  
Allison & Patrick Teague  
Joan & Robert Pleasants  
Ron Carlson

## **Midway Manor**

Debra Liddan

## **North End**

Daryl & Paula Sherwood  
Bill & Gail Kee  
Lin & LouAnne Metzger  
John Calistri

## **Ocean Lakes**

Joanne Martens  
Lauren Ferrer  
Beth Russ

## **Oceana**

Maria Harris

## **Old Beach**

Trish Mattke

## **Park Place**

Mary Austin

## **Pecan Garden**

Linda Witham

## **Pembroke Meadows**

Nancy Stemm

## **Pine Meadows**

Olga Suarez  
Alice Thayer

## **Prince George Estates**

Nicole Agren

## **Pungo**

Nancy Ackiss  
Lisa Craft  
Misty & Shane Gersley

## **Redmill**

Lori Mitchell  
Katragadda Suraj

## **Robin Hood Forest**

Bill Cole  
Constance Owen  
Elaine Bonney

## **Royal Grant**

Sandy Bolcar  
Salt March Point  
Martin Mayer

## **Saw Pen Point**

Mikel Ann Conway

## **Shadowlawn**

Natalie D. Van Dyke  
Lexy DeFord

## **Shorehaven**

George & Luanne Wong  
John Jones & Ginger Power  
Zeb & Beth Holt

## **Southern Point**

Tony Tanner

## **Southshore Estates**

Lori Wilder  
Todd & Gina Howes

## **Thalia**

Anne & David May  
Ann Abrams

## **Thoroughgood**

Ron Ripley  
Powell Peters  
Edwin & Beth Armistead  
Marcia Crawford  
Glenda Johnson  
Kathy Williams  
Pam Spillman  
E. Ruth Smith-Kirven  
Susan Atkins  
Mr & Mrs J. M. Barry  
Louise Greer

## **Victory Manor**

Brenda King

## **Wellington Woods**

Brian Alexander

## **Weslyn Chase**

Robyn Niss

## **Wimbledon on the Bay**

Amanda Ward

## **Witchduck Point**

James & Mahala Vail  
Holly Weber

## **Wolfsnare Plantation**

Hope Twine  
Sarah Payne  
Michele Flynn

## **Woods Circle**

Linda Thumma



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## SALT MARSHES

### Why Are Salt Marshes Important?

Marshes are one of the most important habitats on the planet! So much grass grows in them that the only habitats on earth that produce more plant material per acre than marshes are rainforests!

Salt marshes are safe nursery grounds for many young sea animals. The plants and grass provide food and a place to hide from predators (bigger animals that want to eat them). Almost all animals that we eat as seafood (shrimp, grouper, flounder, crab) depend on the salt marsh for their babies to grow. Without the salt marsh providing a safe nursery, we wouldn't have seafood to eat.

The salt marsh grasses slow down waves, which helps control floods during hurricanes and other storms. Salt marsh mud soaks up pollutants in the water like fertilizer, pesticides, gasoline and soap. This helps the river to be cleaner because not as much pollution reaches it.

Salt marshes are not only important to fish and crabs; they are also important to birds. Some birds live in the marsh year round and many migrating birds depend on salt marshes as a resting area and a place to eat while on their long journey.

### The Animals of the Salt Marsh

1. \_\_\_\_ Periwinkle Snail – Periwinkle snails live in salt marshes, and some can spend their entire lives on one blade of grass! Periwinkle snails eat the detritus (little bits of plants and dead animals) and algae left on the spartina grass by the high tide.
2. \_\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron – Great blue herons are found in fresh and saltwater wetlands across North America. They stand still in shallow water and feed on the fish and other small animals that swim by.
3. \_\_\_\_ Oysters – Oysters are found in coastal waters throughout the world. When the tide covers them, they filter detritus and algae out of the water for food. The oysters in our waters are the *Crassostrea virginica* species.
4. \_\_\_\_ Blue Crab – Blue Crabs are found in the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. They are scavengers and eat dead animals.
5. \_\_\_\_ Diamondback Terrapin – Diamondback terrapins are the only turtles that live in salt marshes. They feed on crabs, snails, insects, fish and sometimes worms and aquatic plants.
6. \_\_\_\_ Fiddler Crab – Fiddler crabs live in the mud in salt marshes and tidal flats. Fiddler crabs scoop up mouthfuls of dirt and separate the algae (their food) from the sand that they spit back out.
7. \_\_\_\_ Juvenile Fish – The eggs and babies of many ocean fish are brought by the currents into the salt marsh. The young fish hide in the shallow water among the grass and feed off tiny plants and animals until they are big enough to swim back into the ocean.



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Take a walk at [Pleasure House Point](#), [First Landing State Park](#), the [Virginia Aquarium](#) or at a salt marsh in your neighborhood and see how many of the above animals you can spot.