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NEWSLETTER March 27, 2012

Hello Everyone,

The wonderful weather we have been experiencing has allowed volunteers, Rock Quinn, Howard Gipe and others to continue the cleanup of driftwood and other debris from the boat ramp, and Basin Area. From the looks of things we are way ahead of previous year's debris cleanups. Many thanks to Rock and Howard for volunteering. The effort to continue Basin area and Beach cleanup continues. If you are interested in lending a hand contact Rock Quinn.

Signs

The newly designed Civic Association signs for the pier, boat ramp, and beach areas are being put together now and will be in place soon.

Community Forum

The idea of a Community Forum was introduced at the special community meeting that was held in February. The purpose of the forum would be to bring community members together to discuss issues and concerns and to attempt to develop a path forward so that West View Shores can be a positive and pleasant community for all. The forum would be structured so that every person would have an opportunity to provide comments and propose solutions. It is important that we come together and work as a community for the common good.

Carolann Candy, Alice Bennett, Jay Bennett, Bob Davidson and Valerie Woodruff met to discuss the possible format for the forum. Several ideas were discussed; however, no specific plans were made. We did decide that a facilitator should be brought in to manage the forum so that every member of community can participate equally. Carolann Candy and Alice Bennett agreed to coordinate the planning and facilitation of the forum. Anyone who wishes to help with the planning is asked to contact Carolann (sullyband@frontiernet.net) or Alice (ambennett72@aol.com). Please contact them by April 5th. We will have an update on the plans at our Spring Meeting in May.

General Mailings

An additional outcome of the February Special Meeting is the implementation of a new and better method of mailing and emailing Civic Association correspondence. Volunteering to undertake this project are Bob and Terry Kerns. The objective is to serve West View Shores Community residents with a choice of being informed through email or US mail. Bob & Terry are continuing to call and finalize verification of the mailing list. The Kern's have expressed how much they have enjoyed speaking with you and look forward to meeting you in person.

If you have any changes to your email, phone number or preferred address please feel free to contact Bob & Terry at 410-275-9376 or email - TROOPERF1@HOTMAIL.com.

Defacement/Destruction of Community Property

The arrival of spring has brought with it the problem of fires on the beach and defacement/destruction of trees and shrubs in the environmental protected area. Many of the young people involved are not from West View Shores but say they are guests of property owners. Some of the young people are members of WVS families. On a recent weekend, a group on the beach drove nails into trees and broke branches off of trees, left drink containers and broken chairs behind. As you know, this kind of activity has been an ongoing problem and we need to address it quickly this year to keep the area safe and to fulfill our obligation as a community to protect the environmental area. Members of the board have worked to address the violators; however, this is a community problem that everyone needs to help with. The board will be considering ways to deal with the problems and welcome your ideas as well as your commitment to help. An update will be in the next newsletter.

Legal Issues

Bob and Tim attended the appeal hearing held in the Special Court of Appeals in Annapolis regarding the lawsuit brought against the Civic Association. A three judge panel heard the briefings by the Plaintiff's attorney and the Civic Association attorney-Mr. Downs. As of this date the court of appeals has not rendered a decision.

The contempt order (for continued EPA operation) that the Civic Association filed in Circuit Court may be settled out of Court. As of this date no settlement has been made.

Let's hope our early Spring continues. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Spring Community Meeting on May 26th.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors,



Bob Davidson