



WEST VIEW SHORES COMMUNITY NEWS

April 2013

PEARCE CREEK MEETING UPDATE

Nearly 200 people from West View Shores, Bay View Estates, and the surrounding area attended an information meeting on Saturday, March 16 at Bohemia Manor High School. Information was provided about the USGS report, an explanation about the dredging process and a proposal for steps to be taken to reactivate Pearce Creek, groundwater issues, domestic water well testing, the role of the Maryland Department of Environment regarding the permitting process, and potential solutions to address the domestic water issues we have in our communities. A number of elected officials also attended, including Cecil County Executive and several Council members, Senator Pipkin, and a liaison from Congressman Andy Harris' office. The slide presentations are available at www.nap.usace.army.mil/canal.

Domestic Water Testing

One segment of the morning focused on testing of domestic water in our area. The Health Department will be sending certified letters to all property owners offering free testing of your domestic water. This testing will be more extensive than has been done in the past. They will be testing for radiolucides, which are a result of decomposition of living things such as trees, leaves, plants, etc.; arsenic; beryllium; cadmium; nickel; sodium; thallium; zinc; aluminum; iron; manganese; chloride; sulfate; total dissolved solvents; and turbidity. They will test water both before and after treatment so that you can determine the effectiveness of your treatment system.

Testing can be done only on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday because the samples must be sent to the lab immediately and be processed within 48 hours. Results will be returned to homeowners within 3-4 weeks and will advise regarding what can or should be done to resolve any problems. **There is no risk to homeowners to have this testing done. If there are any results that need attention, you will be advised about how to take care of them.**

It will be important for as many people as possible to participate in this testing so that more data can be available about the status of our situation. This will help us make the case for a water solution for our community.

Possible solutions include the following:

- Community water system for West View Shores, Bay View Estates, Pond Neck residents and some others
- Piping water from Cecilton to our area
- Deeper wells (to the deepest aquifer which has not been fully evaluated)
- Filtration systems in each home
- Activated carbon filters in each home

Actions Needed:

- **Respond to letter from Cecil County Health Department to get your domestic water tested. Call 410-996-5160 to set up an appointment.**
- **Let us know which of the above solutions you feel would be best for West View Shores. Respond to Valerie Woodruff (vwoodruff7@comcast.net) or Tim Townes (TTownes@JLOEW.com).**

Decisions will need to be made and we need everyone to be prepared to help make them. More information will be available on May 18.

GETTING READY FOR SUMMER

Spring has arrived, at least according to the calendar, and we need to prepare for the summer season. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for **BEACH CLEAN UP on MAY 11. Rain date May 12.** Diane Perrymore (dperrymore@hotmail.com) is heading up the Beach Clean Up this year and will need as many people as possible to help with the work. We will begin at 9 AM. The beach area and surrounding area needs to be cleared of debris that has accumulated over the winter so that the area will be enjoyable for those who use it. When the work is finished, we will have a **pot luck dinner around 3 PM.**

COMMUNITY MEETING: MAY 18

The community voted to change the spring meeting from Memorial Day weekend to the weekend before so the holiday weekend can be spent with family and friends. Plan to attend the community meeting on **May 18 beginning at 9 AM** at the Community Building on Short Road.

**OPEN HOUSE SPONSORED BY PORT OF BALTIMORE AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS
May 18 from 1-3 PM**

Also on May 18 the Port of Baltimore and the Corps of Engineers will hold an Open House from 1-3 PM at the Pearce Creek site at the entrance to West View Shores and Bay View Estates. The purpose is to discuss various aspects of the proposed dredging and possible solutions to our water problems. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and to learn about issues in one on one and small group discussions.

WVSCA SPONSORED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES for SUMMER 2013

GOLF CART DECORATING CONTEST AND PARADE: MAY 25

Rain date May 26

Start thinking of a patriotic theme for your golf cart and be prepared for the contest. Tracey Miller and Helen Oates will provide the guidelines for the contest at the Spring Meeting. Let Tracey (410-275-1208) know if you would like to help by being a judge, lining up the carts for the parade, or other tasks.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: JUNE 15

Rain date June 16

Spring cleaning means clearing out closets and garages and sheds and getting rid of things you no longer need or want. Start gathering your treasures so you can be part of the community yard sale. It will be a "drive thru the community" event so you can set up on your own property. We are asking that participants donate 25% of their earnings to the West View Shores Civic Association Activities fund. This fund will be used to help with prizes and materials to support community events. Please contact Rose Gipe (410-275-8497) or Rose Kannuck (302-893-3082 or 410-275-8207) to let them know that you will participate or to help with distributing flyers in the local area.

CRABS AND BEEF: AUGUST DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Instead of having a crab feast at a restaurant, we want to have a crab and beef feast sometime in August near the beach area. The date will depend on how crabs are running. We will need tables and chairs and pot luck side dishes like corn on the cob, salads, etc. to go with the crabs. Everyone will bring their own beverages. We will charge a fee to cover the cost of crabs and beef. Let Chris and Lisa Payne know if are interested in helping.

CHI GONG EXERCISES: BEACH AREA

Rose Kannuck is interested in leading Chi Gong stretching exercises at the beach area daily either in the morning or at sunset. No registration or membership is needed; however, participants will be asked to sign an insurance waiver to indicate that you are responsible for yourself. The program will follow a UTube: Luis Duarte 10 Symbols of Longevity Part I. The purpose is to keep moving and enjoy the beauty we have before us. Call Rose Kannuck (302-893-3082 or 410-275-8207) for details. You can also contact her via email Rkannuck@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

We will be publishing the Community Directory this spring. If your address or phone number has changed or if you want to include your email address and/or cell phone numbers as well as your address, please email Bob Kern at trooperf1@hotmail.com. Bob and Terri have been handling all mailings for the community and keep the master list of names, addresses and phone numbers. The directory will be distributed at the Spring Meeting.

If you know of a business that would be willing to advertise, please let Ellie Leuliette (484-432-4673) know. Ellie and Dick are preparing the directory for printing.

WEST VIEW SHORES CLOTHING

West View Shores clothing will be available this year. Examples of the clothing (golf shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.) will be shown at the Spring Meeting. Shirts will have the WVS logo and West View Shores embroidered on the left chest. Orders will be taken and must be paid in advance.

Do you know of cards that need to be sent?

If you know of anyone who should receive a card, contact Rose Kannuck. We have tried to send cards as we've been notified.

Plan to participate in your community by attending the spring meeting and taking part in activities.