

West View Shores Community News July 2013

Pearce Creek/Water Update

Representatives from West View Shores and Bay View Estates have met with staff from the Port of Baltimore to continue to discuss the solution to our domestic water problems and to learn more about the Corps of Engineers' plans to seek permits to reopen Pearce Creek for dredging.

Domestic water: Several solutions have been discussed:

- Piping water from the Town of Cecilton to West View Shores, Bay View Estates and some homes on Pond Neck Road.
- Digging every home owner new wells to the 250' deep aquifer.
- Putting in a community water system.

The Corps of Engineers is proposing to dig 4 additional test wells to the deep aquifer to determine the feasibility of that aquifer as a source of domestic water. Funding for digging the new test wells has not been allocated; therefore, it may take some time before the wells can be done.

The Town of Cecilton remains interested in having water piped to us; however, the cost may be prohibitive. Discussions continue on this possibility. The Port of Baltimore staff have contacted and/or met with private water companies to discuss cost and timelines for putting in a community water system. In addition, the Port of Baltimore staff has met with the Office of State Planning to determine whether our area can be considered a Priority Funding Area (PFA) under the Maryland Smart Growth law.

Meetings are being scheduled later this summer to give WVSCA and Bay View updates on findings.

Dredging: The Corps of Engineers has met with Maryland Department of Environment officials to discuss what documents and plans are needed for the Corps to submit a request for permit to dredge to MDE. When such plans are submitted, they will undergo review and MDE will schedule public hearings on the request. The permitting process could take a year or longer.

The WVSCA board wanted to provide information on these issues to keep you informed. **An update will be given at the Annual Meeting on August 24.**

Election of Officers and Board Members

Several officers and board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on August 24th. Openings include:

- Vice-President (2 year term)

- Secretary (2 year term)

- Treasurer (2 year term)

- Assistant Treasurer (2 year term)

- One At-Large Board Member (3 year term)

- Board members from each district: (2 year terms)

 - Western District: Area bounded by South Drive, Bluff Road (both sides) and Basin Drive up to Low Street

 - Central District: Area bounded by Low Street, Basin Drive, North Street, and South Drive

 - Eastern District: Area east and north of North Street

Those seeking office must be stockholders and must be current in payment of all fees and/or dues.

Anyone wishing to be placed on the ballot for the election should contact Diane Perrymore (215-307-7499 or dperrymore@hotmail.com) by July 24th.

By-Laws

A committee comprised of Dottie Hemphill, Steve Modzelewski, Sally Holub, Connell McNelis and Valerie Woodruff has met to develop a set of by-laws for the Civic Association. Proposed by-laws will be posted on the website and copies will be mailed to everyone. Look for a mailing in a few weeks

Annual Meeting: August 24 at 9AM at the Community Building

Please plan to attend. We will be electing officers and board members, setting the budget and maintenance fees for the 2014 fiscal year, and plan to vote on proposed by-laws. An update on Pearce Creek and the domestic water situation will also be given. **Please plan to attend this important meeting.**