

West View Shores Community News
January 2014

Welcome to the New Year. We hope our newsletters are helpful to you as we strive to keep everyone informed about issues of importance and dates to remember.

PEARCE CREEK AND DOMESTIC WATER

WVSCA has received word that the Maryland Department of Environment, Corps of Engineers, Port of Baltimore, Department of Planning, Cecil County, Town of Cecilton, Councilman Alan McCarthy and others met to review proposals and issues regarding the reopening of the Pearce Creek containment area and our water problems. They have reached a broad agreement regarding both. The Maryland Department of Environment made it clear in a letter to the Corps of Engineers that our water problem needed to be solved before they would allow dredging to resume.

Water: Water issues have been a longstanding concern in our community. Many residents have been plagued with poor water quality and have had to install and maintain expensive water treatment systems. Others who have “good” water have been concerned about deterioration of their water. A resolution to the concerns has been reached. It’s been a long time coming but this is certainly good news for all of us.

The Town of Cecilton and the Port of Baltimore are entering into an intergovernmental agreement to ensure that West View Shores along with Bay View Estates, Sunset Pointe and homes on Pond Neck Road nearest the containment area will receive water from Cecilton. The Port has the money to do this. Hookups to the water system will be free to property owners. Some questions remain to be answered. For example, will those who hookup then be required to abandon wells? Will hooking up to the system be required? What will the rate charge for water from Cecilton be? Note that we will have to pay for our water and will be billed by the Town; however, we don’t know yet what the

rate will be. We will work on finding answers to those questions and others as soon as we can and keep you informed.

Dredging: The Corps wants to begin dredging in fall/winter of 2015. We have expressed concern that the dredging should not begin until our new water supply is hooked up to allay concerns about possible disruption and/or contamination of the aquifers from which we draw our wells. All of the agencies involved are well aware of our concerns and we will keep the concerns in the forefront of our ongoing communication with them.

Test Wells: The Corps will drill test wells, three in West View Shores and one in Bay View Estates. They will be used to monitor the containment area. Drilling has been delayed due to the weather but has now begun.

WVSCA Bylaws

The proposed bylaws passed and have been registered with the Maryland Land Records Office. The new by laws will govern the business of our community. Thanks to all of you who sent in your ballots so that we could complete this task.

The West view Shores Civic Association Bylaws can be viewed at www.mdlandrec.net. You have to register on the site in order to access information. They will also be posted on our new website which will go “live” shortly.

New Share Certificates

The Civic Association will issue new share certificates within the next two months. They will replace any previous certificates that were issued. Those property owners who have purchased shares but have not yet received a certificate will receive one, and those property owners who previously had a share will be issued a new certificate. The new Share Certificates will be sent by Certified Mail, so please watch for the mail and be sure to sign for receipt. If you do not receive a share certificate by March 31, please contact Fay Miller (410-275-1208 or fay.miller1@gmail.com).

2014 Maintenance Fees

All property owners will receive invoices for the 2014 Maintenance Fees shortly, along with a copy of the budget which was approved at the Annual Meeting in August so that you can see where the funds will be spent. We will appreciate receiving your payments as soon as possible. Remember, they are considered past due on May 1st.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Meeting: Saturday, May 17

The **Spring Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, May 17 at 9 AM** at the Community Building. The date is quite early this year because Memorial Day Weekend is May 24th – 26th and our meetings are scheduled the week before Memorial Day Weekend.

Beach Clean Up: Saturday, May 17 immediately following the Spring Meeting

We will clean the beach area right after the Spring Meeting. Water, sodas and sandwiches will be available for a quick lunch and then we'll get to work. Bring rakes, shovels, and plenty of energy as we clear the beach area of debris and prepare it for the summer season. Additional tractors and carts are also needed. WVSCA will rent large dumpsters for disposal of debris. We will also plan to plant sea grass to support the environment.

West View Shores Activities

The Civic Association has scheduled several events for the year. If you can help with any of these events, please contact Ellie Leuliette (484-432-4673) or Lisa Payne (484-678-5121). In addition, private events are also scheduled. All events will be posted on the community calendar on the website. If you wish to sponsor an event, please contact Valerie Woodruff (vwoodruff7@comcast.net or 302-242-

1573) so that it can be added to the calendar and scheduling conflicts can be avoided.

**Burning of the Winter Socks and Soup Mug-In: March 22nd at 6 PM at Pier Area
WVSCA sponsored**

This pungent event will take place to celebrate the beginning of Spring. This event had its beginnings in Eastport, MD in the mid-1970's when Bob Turner, a boatyard worker, decided to burn his socks and have a beer in tribute to the coming of warmer weather. Legend has it that back when baths were scarce, the boatyard workers wore the same socks all winter and burned them on the solstice.

Join us in our celebration by bringing your old winter socks to burn and set your "piggies" free!

Bring a mug to have some soup (provided by WVSCA folks). Let the tradition continue at West View Shores!

**Summer Solstice Celebration: June 21st at 6 PM at the Pier Area
WVSCA sponsored**

Ring in the warmth of summer with the longest sunlight day of the year. Have a great time watching the sunset over the bay and enjoying appetizers and drinks.

**Woodfest: July 5 at Community Area near the Pier
Privately sponsored**

The organizers of this event will notify the community of details as they are available.

**Crab Fest: August 16th at 4 PM at Beach Area
WVSCA sponsored**

Enjoy the taste of the Chesapeake—the wonderful blue crabs. Also, enjoy London Broil grilled to perfection. Add corn on the cob, salads, and desserts. Who could ask for anything more?? More to follow as to costs and contributions needed.

**Harvest Moon Celebration: October 25th at 6 PM Near the Jetty
WVSCA sponsored**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, s'mores and a BIG OLD HARVEST MOON!!! Basics will be provided, so just bring a side dish and drink of your choice. Join in bringing the season to a close at West View Shores.

Community Yard Sale under consideration

We will discuss this at the Spring Meeting. Several people have expressed interest and we need to be sure enough people will help with the event and participate.

Website Postings

The revised website will go “live” soon and will post community meeting minutes, board minutes, and treasurer’s reports along with information about committees and other community news. We are also working on a process to post pictures submitted by folks in the community.

Community Work Days

We will be scheduling one or two community work days this year to take care of maintenance needs. One day will be devoted to working on the drainage per the approval at the Annual Meeting. We will also repaint the speed bumps and take care of replacing/upgrading stop signs. More information will be announced later.

Cards for Community Members

Please notify Rose Kannuck (rkannuck@gmail.com) if you know of someone who is ill, celebrating a special event such as significant birthday or anniversary, or should be sent condolences. WVSCA will send cards as requested.

Become involved in the community. We need everyone's help and cooperation to make West View Shores the best it can be.