



**WEST VIEW SHORES COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
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Summer was lovely at West View Shores this year, but Fall has arrived along with folks preparing for the winter season. Mums and pumpkins can be seen throughout the community as we enjoy the season. **Join us for the Harvest Moon Celebration on October 25 beginning at 6 PM near the jetty. Bring a side dish to share and a beverage of your choice. Burgers, hot dogs, and makings for s'mores will be provided by the WVSCA Activities fund. Contact Ellie Leuliette (484-432-4673) or Lisa Payne (484-678-5121) to RSVP or to help with the celebration. A small bonfire, a big harvest moon, and good conversation make for an enjoyable evening.**

There is a lot to report to the community, beginning with the latest information about Pearce Creek and the Water System.

PEARCE CREEK/WATER UPDATE

As was reported in the Summer Newsletter, the Corps of Engineers has submitted their request for a Water Quality Certificate to the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). A public hearing on the request was held on Saturday, September 26 at the Cecilton Elementary School. Several people from WVS along with people from Bay View Estates and Sunset Pointe attended. The meeting began with a Question and Answer period which allowed for give and take between the audience and the people representing the Corps, Port of Baltimore, and URS who is the contractor handling the water system planning and installation. The final portion of the meeting was the public hearing itself. At this time, people could comment and all comments were recorded for the record.

A new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was handed out. It contained some new information.

What is the solution to domestic water problems?

The MPA, an agency of the MD Department of Transportation (MDOT), has agreed to provide a grant to the Town of Cecilton to fund provision of domestic

water for West View Shores, Bay View Estates and Sunset Pointe by piping water from the water system owned by the Town. An Intergovernmental Agreement was drafted to outline the process and ensure commitments are met. The grant will fund the cost of installing a pipeline from Cecilton and hooking up existing homes. Design and construction of the pipeline is being managed by URS, the engineering firm for the Town of Cecilton. Residents will pay Cecilton for actual water usage.

Who will be served by the new system?

Property owners in West View Shores, Bay View Estates, Sunset Pointe, and homes along Pond Neck Road closest to the dredged material site are included in the proposed service area. Hookups will be restricted to these homes. Properties along the route from Cecilton to the Pearce Creek communities will not be permitted to hook up.

How soon will the communities have good water?

Residents can expect the new domestic water system to be in place in the summer of 2017. All levels of government have agreed to expedite the regulatory process as well as planning and construction so as to have the project completed sooner if possible. The preliminary design was completed in July 2014. The Town's Engineer, URS, is currently in the process of finalizing the design and working with the appropriate regulatory agencies to obtain permits. . **NOTE: 2017 is the latest date projected for water system to be in place. WVS, BVE, and Sunset Pointe continue to push for earlier installation. If easements and all permits fall into place earlier, the system could be installed earlier.**

Will we have water before the Corps of Engineers begins dredging?

Construction of the pipeline will likely take longer than installation of a liner at the site to prepare it to receive dredged material. All parties are committed to ensuring the domestic water system is completed as soon as possible, and the schedule will be spelled out in the contract between MPA and the Town of Cecilton before the Water Quality Certificate is issued. Construction of the liner in the disposal area should take six to eight months and is expected to start in spring of 2015. The site may be ready to accept dredged material in the fall of 2015. **NOTE: Dredging cannot begin before the Water Quality Certificate is issued and the Corps completes installation of the liner on the site. No dredging is being done now.**

Will the installers work with individual homeowners to make the hookup the least disruptive of their properties as possible?

URS has already begun to work with each homeowner to make the hookup as easy as possible and to address specific concerns and logistical issues. **NOTE: It is important for all homeowners to have URS review their homes to insure proper hookups can be done. If you have not contacted URS, please do so as soon as possible. They will come on weekends for those of you who are not in the community full time. The number is 302-781-5944.**

Will everyone have to hookup to the new system?

State law requires that once a public water supply is available, all property owners must connect within a reasonable time period as established by the Town of Cecilton, as the water supplier. Should a homeowner refuse to connect to the water supply once it is available, MDE has the authority to order the homeowner to connect to the system.

Will residents have to abandon existing wells when they hook up to the system?

To reduce the potential for future contamination and the possibility of cross-connection with the Town’s water supply, MDE through delegation to the Cecil County Health Department will require that all wells be abandoned. MDE and the County may make exceptions for irrigation wells for agricultural purposes.

How much will water from Cecilton cost?

Residents of the Pearce Creek Service Area will be charged the same rates as the residents of the Town of Cecilton. The Town’s rate structure includes both a base rate and usage rate. The Town’s water rate for their fiscal year that started in July 2014 is as follows:

Per Quarter - Base rate of \$64.94 for first 5000 gallons and \$8.18 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter. For those residents who may winterize their home and not use any water in a particular quarter, they would still be responsible for payment of the base rate of \$64.94.

The following are examples of annual costs based on varying average daily usage and residency:

Year-Round Residents	Seasonal Residents (6 months)
125 gpd \$464/year	\$361/year
150 gpd \$538/year	\$398/year
175 gpd \$612/year	\$435/year

200 gpd \$685/year \$472/year

225 gpd \$759/year \$509/year

It is current Town policy to increase rates 2% every year

Gpd is gallons per day.

Will temporary damage to community roads and properties caused by construction be repaired or will the communities and homeowners be responsible?

Any damages due to digging up of roadways and/or property will be paid for as part of the construction contract. The communities and homeowners will not be responsible.

What is involved in approving the Corps' proposal for reopening the Pearce Creek site?

There are a number of steps and there are several agencies involved. For example, Cecil County has to revise its Water and Sewer Plan to define the specific service area for the water system and how it will be served. Additionally, the Corps has applied to MDE to obtain a permit called a "Water Quality Certificate" which is needed to use the DMCF. MDE has advised the Corps that they must ensure there will be no further degradation and that the drinking water issue is being addressed. The public hearing held on September 27, 2014 by MDE was to hear citizen comment. The hearing record will be open until October 27 and citizens may provide written comments to MDE until that date.

What precautions will be taken at the containment area to protect against future problems and how will it be monitored?

The Corps is being required to install a liner to cover the entire site. They will develop a monitoring plan for the site itself and monitor for changes in ground water in the vicinity of the site. Test wells which will continue to be used for monitoring have already been drilled in WVS and BVE. Monitoring reports will be public documents.

When dredging begins, what time of year will it be done?

The environmental window for maintenance dredging of the C & D Canal is from October 1st to March 31st annually. Inflow of dredged material will occur on the Elk River side of the facility approximately 0.4 miles from the Stemmers Run boat

ramp and will not be visible from the communities. Dredged material is pumped in to the DMCF in a slurry as a ratio of about 80% water and 20% dredged material (silts and sands). After dredged material begins to settle to the bottom of the DMCF, the water is drained through a sluice to adjacent surface waters. Dredging may begin in late 2015 or 2016. Dredging jobs can be completed generally in a few weeks. No dredging will occur in spring and summer months.

What will the Corps do to ensure the site doesn't look like an industrial area?

While heavy equipment will be needed to manage the drying process within the site, the Corps will address concerns regarding aesthetics as well as issues with the safety and security of the equipment. Landscaping around the site and mosquito control while the material in the site is wet will be part of the plan. Residents are asking that trees and shrubs be planted on the hillside of the containment area to make it more attractive. In addition, residents are asking that the Corps continue to spray regularly to prevent mosquitoes.

Where do I send written comments until October 27?

MD Department of the Environment
Elder Ghigiarelli, Jr., Deputy Administrator
Wetlands and Waterways Program
Water Management Administration
1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 430
Baltimore, MD 21230

Information in this fact sheet is accurate as of September 27, 2014. Updates will be provided throughout the process.

Other questions were addressed during the Q and A period. They include:

What happens if your current well fails? You will likely be allowed to re-establish a well.

Will existing treatment systems be removed as requested by homeowners at no cost? Yes. There will be no cost to homeowners for removal of their current treatment systems if the homeowner wants it removed.

Will permits be issued for renovations or additions to existing homes? Requests will be handled on a case by case basis and the decision will rest with the County Health Department.

Where will water meters be located? At the road with an electronic reading system so there will no need for anyone to enter homes to read water meters.

Per the vote taken at the Annual Meeting, the West View Shores Civic Association Board is on record as wanting the water system in place prior to the beginning of dredging. A letter has been sent to MDE stating that. In addition, another letter will be sent outlining other concerns. The letters will be posted on our website.

NOTE: It is important that individuals also send letters. The more MDE hears from us both collectively and individually, the more likely they are to pay attention to our needs and concerns. Send your letters to the address above. The official record is open until October 27th.

Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers

The following people were elected/re-elected at the Annual Meeting:

President:	Valerie Woodruff
Director East:	Diane Perrymore
Director Central:	Rocky Quinn
Director West:	Judy Ryzner
Director at Large:	Ed Lavin

All terms are for two years with the exception of Director at Large which is a three year term. Note that according to the new bylaws, all officers are now term limited which means those who were elected this year can only be elected to one additional term. Previously, only the President was term limited.

Sign Rules Adopted at Annual Meeting

Signs on Community Property: Must have permission of the WVSCA Board; Can be no larger than 36" x 36"; Cannot be attached to trees, bulletin boards, or existing posts; Cannot be put up sooner than 30 days prior to an event; Must be removed within 5 days after the event takes place.

Signs on Private Property: Note—these are guidelines that were voted on, not strict rules. We hope that everyone will abide by them.

Vendor signs should be no larger than 36" x 36"; may be in place while services are being provided; should be removed within 14 days of completion of services.

Political signs should be no larger than 18" x 18"; should be removed immediately after the election.

Real Estate signs: should be no larger than 18" x 18".

Blighted Properties

Several comments were made about the condition of some properties in the community that have overgrown yards, have trash and debris on their properties, or have temporary storage containers that have been in place for some time. The Board was asked to take action and is investigating what can be done to address these concerns through the County. It is important that all of us keep our properties in good order. If they are not, the Board will be in a position to take action.

Update Your Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Email Addresses

Many residents have dropped telephone land lines in favor of cell phones or have received new email addresses due to the installation of Comcast internet. . There have been several occasions when attempts have been made to notify a

neighbor about a problem on their property and the phone number in the directory had not been accurate.

Please send any updates to WVSCA, 18 Short Road, Earleville, MD 21919 or email to Dottie Hemphill who is managing the new directory. Dottie's email is dottie@elktonlaw.com

Speeding

Several residents have asked that we address speeding in the neighborhood. Please keep in mind that many people walk along our roads for exercise or to walk their dogs. Keep your speed down and avoid harming one of your neighbors.

Thanks to All of the Volunteers Who Helped with Community Work

Beach Work: Diane Perrymore checked the beach weekly to keep it clear. **Sand replenishment and bulkhead:** Howard Gipe, Ed Ryzner, and Ed Lavin. **Regular weedwacking:** Dennis Garvine, Steve Modzelewski, Howard Gipe and Ed Lavin. **Grass Mowing at beach area:** Dave Bennett and Dennis Sparks. **Woodchip spreading:** Howard Gipe and Ed Lavin. **Trash Can Maintenance at Beach:** Ed Lavin, Howard Gipe and Dick Leuliette **Speed Bump Painting:** Kevin Cosgrove. **Stop Sign Installation:** Rocky Quinn, Dennis Garvine, Howard Gipe, Steve Modzelewski. **Bulletin Board Installation:** Rocky Quinn and Frank Woodruff. **Dry Hydrant Repair:** Ed Lavin, Howard Gipe, Rocky Quinn, Dennis Garvine, Gary Shetzline, Steve Modzelewski, Dick Leuliette, and Frank Woodruff. **Lights and Boat Ladders on Dock:** Rocky Quinn and Al Hazelton. **Daily Cleanup at Boat Ramp:** Dave Nestel
Bench Repair on Dock: Rocky Quinn and Ed Lavin **Mowing at WVS Entrance:** Fay Miller and Bob Kern **Flag Maintenance:** Chuck Harvey

As you can see, there is always work to be done and we are fortunate that so many of our neighbors pitch in to help with routine work and special projects. Your participation is both needed and welcomed.