



A belated Happy New Year everyone!

Spring is just around the corner, though it's hard to believe with all the cold weather we have experienced this winter. The Bay and Rivers have been nearly iced over recently and the Coast Guard icebreaker has been a frequent visitor to our waterways. An NBC news crew filmed a segment going by Turkey Point that was on the Baltimore station and then on NBC Nightly News on Sunday, February 22.

We will celebrate the spring solstice on Saturday, March 21st when we hold our annual Burning of the Winter Socks and Soup Mug-In. This has been a fun event to carry on the Chesapeake Bay custom of burning winter socks and preparing for warmer weather. The story says that when baths were few and far between, boatyard workers wore the same socks all winter and burned them on the solstice. Join us for the WVS sock burning and continue the tradition. The event will be held on **Saturday, March 21 beginning at 6 PM at the boat ramp area for the sock burning** and then we'll enjoy some **hot soup, various breads and desserts at Leuliette's.**

PEARCE CREEK/ CORPS UPDATE

The Water Quality Certificate (WQC) requested by the Army Corps of Engineers was approved by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). All property owners received information about the approval. It is important to note that MDE required that a public water system must be installed for surrounding communities as one of the conditions of the approval. In addition, the Corps must reapply for the WQC annually.

The Corps will be releasing the bid for the liner that must be installed over the site, and work will begin as soon as it is approved. The liner may not be installed in time to receive dredge material in the 2015-16 cycle which means the water system will be well on its way to completion before the dredge material is placed at the Pearce Creek site. Work will be done at the site to remove some of the test

wells that are in the containment area where the liner will be placed. Additional test wells will be drilled on the perimeter and outside the disposal area.

The Corps has planted trees along the perimeter of the site so that it is more attractive. Additional trees will be planted in the spring. They have also moved equipment further back from the road so that the site looks less like an industrial area. The Corps has agreed to spray for mosquitoes after any dredge materials are placed at the site. This is something we have asked to be done, especially since both WVS and Bay View pay for mosquito spraying for our communities.

Dredging in our area is occurring when weather permits and the dredge materials are being transported to Poplar Island at this time.

WATER UPDATE

Plans are moving forward for the installation of the public water system. The contractor has submitted preliminary plans to the highway department and the County for approval. They will be seeking rights of way from our communities shortly. Our board has the authority to grant the right of way for our roads and community property and will vote on that at the appropriate time. Rights of way for individually owned properties will be handled separately. You can expect to be contacted by the Cecilton attorney as time for installation draws closer.

As has been discussed previously, installation of water system to homes and lots will be free for a period of time. Property owners who refuse installation will be responsible for costs after the initial period has closed. Wells will have to be abandoned. The contractor will remove water treatment systems if homeowners wish to have them removed.

Several questions have been raised about the installation of fire hydrants. URS has designed a plan to install them in our communities; however, we will have to pay for them. Exactly how that will work will need further discussion and communities will have to decide how they want to proceed. In our case, this will be voted on by shareholders.

URS representatives will attend our spring meeting and will have plans for installation of water lines and further information on fire hydrants at that time.

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

As part of the agreement with Cecilton for installation of the water system, an Implementation Committee has been established. It is comprised of presidents of the community organizations, Mayor of Cecilton, Maryland Port Administration, Cecil County Council, Cecil County Government including health, planning and public works, Corps of Engineers, MD Environmental Service, and consultants as needed. The first meeting was January 30 and the **next meeting is March 20 at 10 AM at the Cecilton Community Building. The building is in the new development next to the library. All meetings are open to the public.** You are welcome to attend.

PEARCE CREEK OUTREACH

A website has been developed by Maryland Environmental Services to provide complete information about Pearce Creek for us and contains information about the Water Quality Certificate, Corps activities, minutes of the Implementation meetings, frequently asked questions and other relevant topics. The website is www.pearcecreekoutreach.com.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE INVOICES

Invoices have been mailed to all property owners. Thanks to those who have already mailed their payments. Fees will be considered late after May 1st. Please note that if a payment plan is needed, contact Holly Kutz or Valerie Woodruff to make arrangements.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

The new community directory is being organized by Dottie Hemphill. Although we have good mailing addresses for property owners, we know that many email addresses and phone numbers have changed. Several instances have occurred when a property owner needed to be contacted due to storm damage to their property or for other important reasons and the phone numbers were not

available. Also, many emails changed when folks switched to Comcast for internet service. **Enclosed with this newsletter is a postcard. Please put your name and any changes to your home address, email, phone numbers on it and mail it to us.** We want to print the most accurate directory we can. Thanks very much.

EVENTS AT WEST VIEW SHORES

The Civic Association has scheduled several events for the year. In addition, there are privately sponsored events on the calendar as well. In an effort to keep everyone informed, they are listed below and will be placed on the website calendar. To help with WVSCA events contact Ellie Leuliette (484-432-4673), Kim Bennett (kimbaenv@verizon.net) or Lisa Payne (484-678-5121). To schedule a private event, contact Valerie Woodruff (vwoodruff7@comcast.net or 302-242-1573) or any board member so that your event can be placed on the calendar.

Burning of the Winter Socks and Soup Mug-In: Saturday, March 21 at 6 pm at the Pier Area. Burn your winter socks, then join us Leuliette's for hot soup and goodies. Bring the beverage of your choice. Hot coffee will be available. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Spring Meeting: Saturday, May 16 at 9 AM. This meeting will be held at St Paul's Methodist Church in Earleville. Representatives from URS and Cecilton will be there to provide up to date information on the water system.

Beach Clean Up: Saturday, May 16 after the meeting. Approximately noon. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. Bring your rakes, pruners, weed wackers, and energy and help us clean up the beach for the summer season. Additional tractors and carts are also needed. WVS will rent large dumpsters for debris disposal. We plan to plant seagrass and other plants that will prevent erosion and keep the unwanted vegetation down.

Summer Solstice Celebration: Saturday, June 20 at 7:30 PM at the revetment/pier area. Bring an appetizer to share along with the beverage of your choice and enjoy the company of your neighbors and the beautiful sunset as we celebrate the official arrival of summer.

Woodfest (privately sponsored): July 4. Details will be provided by the sponsors.

Crab and Beef Fest: Saturday, August 15 beginning at 4 PM. Near the beach area. More information on this event will be provided later.

Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 29 at 9 AM. This is the meeting when we will present the budget for 2016 and have election of officers as well as other business of the Civic Association.

Harvest Moon Celebration: Saturday, October 24 at 6 PM at the revetment area. Hot dogs and burgers and makings for s'mores will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert and the beverage of your choice. We'll have a small bonfire and lots of conversation and good times. This has become a great way to close out the summer/fall seasons.

SUNSHINE/WELCOME NEWS

Don't forget to let us know when someone should receive a get well, thinking of you, or special birthday or anniversary card. Contact Rose Kannuck(rkannuck@gmail.com or 302-893-3082) with the information. The Civic Association welcomes new neighbors with mugs with the WVSCA logo on them. We will also introduce them at the Spring meeting.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Be sure to support the businesses that advertise in our Directory. The funds from the ads pay for the printing of the directory and are much appreciated. Mention that you're from West View Shores and that you know about their ads. We're in the process of soliciting ads for the new directory. If you have suggestions of businesses to contact, please let Dottie Hemphill(dottie@elktonlaw.com or 302-540-9434) or Rose Kannuck(rkannuck@gmail.com or 302-893-3082) know.

Spring really is just around the corner!! And summer is not far behind. Meanwhile, stay safe and warm.