



**WEST VIEW SHORES COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2015**

**FIRE HYDRANTS**

West View Shores has the opportunity to have fire hydrants installed when the water system is done. Many people have expressed interest in having hydrants placed in the community. As you know, the water system will be done at no cost to the community or to property owners; however, the fire hydrants will not. The Town of Cecilton will pay for the fire hydrants but will charge each property owner on a proportionate basis.

- We will have 12.5 hydrants (the half is due to sharing one with Bay View Estates)
- The hydrants will cost an estimated \$4500 each; total cost for 12.5 hydrants is estimated at \$56, 250.
- Cost will be divided among all recorded properties (undeveloped and built upon)
- Cost per property will be estimated at between \$300 and \$350 each.
- All costs are current estimates and may increase or decrease a bit.
- Cecilton will cover the cost of hydrants at no interest.
- Cecilton will be responsible for recovering the cost from property owners at an estimated \$17/quarter over five years.
- Some insurance companies may offer a reduced rate for fire insurance.

- ALL property owners will get ballots to vote on installation of hydrants.
- Each recorded property will receive a vote. For example, if you have 2 lots, you have 2 votes; 3 lots, you have 3 votes, etc.
- Ballots will be mailed later in August.

If you have questions, please contact Valerie Woodruff.

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## **NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The following offices are open for the next term: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, One At-Large Board Member and Board members from each district.

Candidates must be fully current in payment of fees and must be shareholders.

If you are interested in being placed on the ballot, please notify one of the election committee members not later than August 5<sup>th</sup>. Committee members are Ed Lavin, Diane Perrymore, Dennis Garvine and Connell McNelis.

## **DRAINAGE PLANNING**

As you all know we have been plagued with drainage issues for many years. We have tried to address the problems over the years in a piece meal manner and have done our best; however, we have been unsuccessful in solving them. Rather than spend more money and time on things that don't work very well, the board has decided to ask for expert advice on the issue because we do not have the expertise within the community to fully assess and determine solutions to the drainage

problems. A report on findings and possible solutions will be presented and discussed at the Annual Meeting.

## **BEACH VEGETATION CONTROL AND PRESERVATION**

Over ten years ago, the West View Shores Civic Association initiated a plan which was, and still is, supported by Cecil County and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The plan focused on controlling invasive growth, maintaining the good natural growth and planting to prevent additional invasive growth in the environmental area of the West View Shores community.

With the vigilance of several volunteers in our community, we have brought the majority of phragmites, our initial concern, under control. However, this needs to be maintained. Left unchecked, the phragmites can return and take over the area once again. As part of this plan, we have planted Atlantic Beach Grass at the beach area. Annual spring maintenance has allowed this grass to establish and support an environmentally healthy area. A small group of volunteers has also worked to keep a healthy tree line area by trimming our trees up and removing undergrowth. By doing this, it has allowed our trees to thrive.

Last year we realized that other invasive plants had established themselves in the beach area and were aggressively choking out the native plant growth. That situation, if not brought under control, could cause negative changes to our native ecosystem and, if we did not act, all of our previous work could be jeopardized. Carefully working to create as little disturbance to the soil as possible, much of the vegetation was removed last fall. We are now in the process of controlling the growth of the pieces of roots remaining in the ground.

Again, our small group of volunteers is working to keep this growth in check and clear this area so we can replant with native flora that will support the Chesapeake Bay and our beach. It is important to note that we cannot plant this area until we have these invasive species eradicated.

At the suggestion of Joe Johnson with Cecil County, we contacted the University of Maryland Extension Service and we are involving a representative of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to help us in the decision of how to plant this area. They met with a small group on July 1<sup>st</sup> and have supported what is being done and are making suggestions about future work that is needed.

A report on future plans and help that will be needed will be made at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in helping or knowing more about this project, contact Ellie Leuliette or Kate Murphy (both live on Elk Road).

## **WATER LINE PREPARATION**

URS has done borings on our roadways to assess the condition of the roads so that they can be restored once the water lines are installed. The restoration will be up to or better than the condition of the roads now.

## **WATER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

The next meeting will be July 24 at 10 AM at the Community Building in Cecilton. The building is in the new development next to the library. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will provide updates on water and activity at the containment site.

## **WEED CONTROL ALONG AND ON ROADWAY**

The edge of the roads and the cracks within the roadway will be sprayed to control the weeds. These weeds contribute to the deterioration of the roads if not kept under control. Also, we ask that you do not blow mowing waste onto the roads when you mow your lawns as that is harmful to the roads as well.

## **PROPERTY AT ENTRANCE TO WEST VIEW SHORES**

You may have noticed that the lot at the entrance to the community is not being mowed at this time. Fay Miller and Bob Kern kept this lot mowed and looking nice for many years; however, since the owner of the lot placed hay bales and created ruts in the lot, Fay and Bob are no longer mowing. They continue to keep the area where the flag pole and Logan Memorial are located nicely mowed since that is under our control.

We have been in contact with Alan McCarthy who is the County Councilman for our area to see if anything can be done to keep the hay bales from being placed on the property. He has spoken with the County Attorney who has told him there is no rule against it. He is going to pursue the issue with the Health Department since the hay bales create an environment for rats, snakes, and other undesirable animals.

**CRAB FEAST AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4 until 7 PM near beach**

Bring family and friends and join us for an afternoon to visit and get to know each other better. All welcome.

Cost: \$25/person. This will cover cost of crabs. London broil, and corn on the cob.

Bring a dish to share and beverages of your choice. In order to ensure a good mix of side dishes and desserts, we asking that if your last name begins with A to M, bring a side dish. If it begins with N to Z, bring a dessert.

Please contact Ellie Lieuliette (484-432-4673) or Lisa Payne (484-678-5121) and pay by August 8 so we know how many crabs to order.

**ENJOY THE SUMMER AND PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON August 29.**