

WEST VIEW SHORES COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME SPRING! After the cold and snowy winter, spring is bursting out all over. Trees are lovely and the weather is getting better—except for a few rainy, chilly days.

PEARCE CREEK AND DOMESTIC WATER UPDATE

Recent meetings with the Maryland Port Administration indicate that progress is being made regarding our water system. An intergovernmental agreement and a memorandum of understanding as well as other documents outlining the work to be done and the responsibility of all parties are underway and will be signed soon. Funds have been allocated in the state budget to pay for the water system. Actual surveying work has begun. You may have seen pink ribbons along Pond Neck Road and on the west end of Circle Drive. These ribbons indicate wetlands. Aerial photos have been taken and others may be taken to give the contractors a clear idea of the scope of the project.

In the meantime the Corps of Engineers is working in the containment area to do necessary tests in preparation for the liner that will cover the entire 260 acres. The Corps will send an application for a Water Quality Certificate to the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) in June. MDE will then review it, hold public hearings, and rule on the issuing of the certificate. This is needed before the Corps can begin dredging.

We continue to seek answers to questions being raised regarding both the dredging and the water system. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is being prepared for distribution so that everyone will have as much accurate information as possible.

Mark your calendars for the morning of May 31st from 10:30 AM through 12:30 PM, and plan to attend an Open House where much more information will be made available. Representatives from the Port of Baltimore, Corps of Engineers, Maryland Environmental Services, Cecil County, Town of Cecilton, and others will be there. The open house will be located in Bay View Estates near the boat ramp.

We will also provide more information at the Spring Meeting.

SPRING MEETING AND BEACH CLEAN UP

The **Spring Meeting** will be Saturday, **May 17 beginning at 9 AM** at the Community Building. An agenda will be posted on the website a few days before the meeting.

Beach Clean Up will begin **immediately following the community meeting**. Sandwiches and drinks will be available at noon so we can get started right away. We have a lot of cleaning up to do after the recent windy weather, so please bring your rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows and energy to help with the clean up.

WEBSITE

The improved website is up and running. You will find more information than on the previous version. Note the “drop down” topics across the top under the banner pictures. These include **Home** which includes a welcome, form for ordering WVS clothing items, and a list of advertisers from our directory; **News** which gives updates on various topics; **Calendar** which lists events on a calendar grid and in a list with details; **Civic Association** which includes a list of board members, meeting minutes, and treasurers reports; **Committees** which lists all committees and the chair of each as well a link to contact us. The main page section is an introduction to West View Shores with a side listing of events and other comments. Check it out at www.westviewshores.org and let us know what you think by contacting us through the link on the website. Many thanks to Marion Bowman and Helena Davidson for the hours of work they have given to this project.

DRAINAGE WORK

The drainage improvement work is underway on Saturday, April 26 and May 3rd. This project was approved at the Annual Meeting in August 2013. We hope this will alleviate most of the drainage problems at Elk and Basin as well as at Basin and Bluff. Residents whose properties will be affected by the work will be notified. There may be other areas needing attention in the future. Contact Steve Modzelewski (267-918-0208) if you are interested in helping.

WORK DAYS

Other work days will be scheduled in the future to take care of additional maintenance issues, such as painting speed bumps, improving stop signs, etc. Dates will be posted on the website and on the community bulletin boards.

TREES AND SHRUBS NEAR ROADWAYS

There are trees and shrubs on a number of properties that overhang into the road making visibility at intersections a problem. Please take a look at your properties and trim trees and shrubs as needed for the safety of the community. Thank you.

MOWING

Mowing will begin soon. D and D Lawn Care (Appels) was the successful bidder and will take on the work this summer. Some mowing will still be done using the community tractor, primarily in the swampy area near the beach.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

As you are going through the community if you notice something that seems out of the ordinary or wrong at someone's property, get in touch with them. They may not be aware and would appreciate your call.

WVS ANNUAL FEES

THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PAID YOUR ANNUAL FEES. REMINDER TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THAT THEY ARE DUE BY MAY 1ST.

DATES TO REMEMBER

A card with dates to remember is included with this mailing. Post it on your bulletin board or your fridge so you won't miss events and meetings. Anyone who wishes to help organize and manage any of the activities, please contact Ellie Leuliette (484-432-4673).