

WEST VIEW SHORES COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014



Summer has finally arrived and we have enjoyed some beautiful weather. Weekends have been especially nice.

Perhaps we'll avoid the usual hot and steamy weather.

We had a successful beach cleanup with over 30 people volunteering to work. Thanks to all for their great work. Unfortunately, the weather and the opening of the Conowingo Dam brought more debris to our shores. A couple of informal cleanups have been done since and we thank those who took the initiative to help keep our beach clean.

PEARCE CREEK/WATER UPDATE

The Corps of Engineers has submitted the plan to request a Water Quality Certificate to the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). The plan includes the installation of a liner that will cover the entire area to prevent seepage of potentially harmful sediment into the nearby area and aquifers. If MDE finds that the plan is complete, they will schedule public hearings in the August/September timeframe. If the plan is not complete, they will ask the Corps for additional information and the hearings will be delayed accordingly.

Meanwhile, the agreement documents among the various agencies are complete or nearing completion. These documents outline the responsibilities of each agency/entity to ensure that each is held accountable for the work to be done. The initial planning for the water project has been completed, and the funding for the next phase will be paid to the Town of Cecilton for the next phase.

As the installation of the water system draws near, the rights of way into our community and to each property will be important. The West View Shores roads have a 30' right of way, thus allowing for installation of piping for the system. Each property owner will need to give permission for the contractors to have the right of way to install the water supply on their property. More about this will be discussed at the community meeting on August 23.

In addition, the Port of Baltimore will be conducting a survey to gauge the interest of property owners to hook up to the new system. This will be done via an internet survey. More information will be provided at the community meeting as well.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held this year to elect officers and board members. We no longer have a nominating committee that presents a slate to be voted upon. We now have an Election Committee comprised of two board members and two shareholders in good standing. This year's committee is chaired by Dottie Hemphill. Kim Bennett is the second board member. Other members are Steve Holub and Kevin Cosgrove.

The following positions are open: 4 directors (East, West, Central and At-large) and President. East section is the area east of North Drive; West is the area bounded by South Drive, both sides of Bluff Road, and Basin Drive up to Low Road; Central is bounded by Low Road, Basin Drive, North Road, and South Road. At-large is open to the entire community.

Anyone wishing to be placed on the ballot should contact one of the Election Committee members not later than July 29th. Candidates must be current in payment of their annual fees (2013 and 2014).

Ballots will be mailed prior to the community meeting which will be held on August 23.

Space will be provided for write in on the ballots. One caution regarding write in candidates: if you want to write in someone, please be sure they agree to it. We have had issues in the past when people have been written in without their knowledge and they did not wish to be elected.

Each candidate for office will be given an opportunity to address the community at the meeting. Voting will close immediately after the Treasurer's Report so that votes can be tallied before the end of the meeting.

WEST VIEW SHORES EVENTS

Upcoming events:

Crab Feast on August 16th by the beach area beginning at 4 PM. Chesapeake Bay blue crabs and London broil will be served. Each attendee is asked to bring a dish to share and the beverage of their choice. Cost will be \$25 per person and must be paid in advance to either Ellie Leuliette or Lisa Payne. We must have payment by August 10 so we know how many people will be attending. This was a fun event last summer and we look forward to even greater participation this year.

Harvest Moon Celebration on October 25th beginning at 6 PM near the pier and jetty. Hot dogs, hamburgers, s'mores and pot luck sides will be served. Event is free and paid for by the WVSCA Activities Fund. Bring the beverage of your choice.

To help with either of these events or to work on suggesting and planning future events, please contact Ellie, Lisa, or any board member.

BEACH AREA AND COMMON AREA

Again, thanks to volunteers for helping keep the beach area clean. We have installed Caution Buoys in the beach area and hope this will keep the area safe for swimmers, especially children. Some mooring buoys have been placed too close to the beach and we are requesting that they be moved away from that area to prevent injuries to swimmers. Also, if mooring buoy owners will place their names on the buoys they can be returned in the event they are pulled off shore by storms.

Golf carts should not be driven on the common area. They should be restricted to the pier area and the beach area. The carts driven over the common area create ruts in the ground that make mowing difficult. Also, the ruts can be dangerous to people walking in the area with the potential for causing falls and twisted ankles. No trucks are allowed on the common areas, except for designated parking areas.

COMMUNITY MEETING, SATURDAY AUGUST 23 AT 9 AM

Plan to attend the Community Meeting on August 23. We will vote on the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget, elect officers and board members, and take care of other important community business.