



**WEST VIEW SHORES COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME FALL!

The summer season has passed and we can look forward to mums and pumpkins, Halloween and Thanksgiving. But before all the holidays, join us for the **HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION on October 24 at 6 PM in the Revetment Area.**

We'll have a small bonfire for roasting marshmallows and making s'mores. Our activities account will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and fixin's for s'mores. We ask that those attending bring a side dish. Names beginning A-M, please bring a side dish; names beginning N-Z, please bring a dessert. Also, contact Rose Kannuck (rkannuck@gmail.com or 302-893-3082) to let her know if you plan to attend.

STEMMERS RUN BOAT RAMP

Many of you may have heard that the County is considering not renewing their lease for the Stemmers Run Boat Ramp. This would be a problem for many in our community who use that ramp to launch their boats. It would also create a potential problem for us because people from outside our community would likely try to use our ramp and pier thus causing great wear and tear on that area and unwanted traffic into our community.

Stemmers Run ramp is one of only three ramps below the Canal. There are two others, one in Chesapeake City and one in Fredericktown. Neither of them provides immediate access to the bay for pleasure boaters and fishermen. The County cites the expense of maintaining the ramp; however, the actual amount of cost is not clear.

A public meeting is being held on October 13 at 6 PM at the Community Building in Cecilton. The building is at the entrance to the new Parklands Community next to the library. Several board members will be there and we encourage others who are interested in this issue to attend as well. Board President Valerie Woodruff will sign up to speak and will also send a letter to the County Executive and County Council.

PEARCE CREEK UPDATE

The contractor for the installment of the lining of the disposal area is beginning preparation and installation. This will take a few months and will be weather dependent. The good news is that there will be no dredge materials placed at Pearce Creek this winter. All dredge materials will be sent to Poplar Island.

WATER AND HYDRANT UPDATE

Nearly all easements for installation of the water lines have been finalized and bids for construction will be sent out soon. The plan is to begin both in Cecilton and near our communities so that work can be completed as quickly as possible. The Town of Cecilton will be contacting individual property owners in early to late spring to seek permission to do the on-site work necessary to hook up to the water system. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Property owners in the community approved the installation of fire hydrants by a 2 to 1 margin. At least one of the hydrants will be used as a "flush hydrant" for the system and will be paid for by the Maryland Port Administration, thus reducing the total cost for us.

Dave Blazer who has been our advocate and liaison has left the Port Administration to become Director of Fisheries for the State. Our new liaison is Kristen Weiss. She is very familiar with our project and will chair the next Pearce Creek Implementation meeting on December 4 at 10 AM at the Cecilton Community Building. These meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

DRAINAGE

Approval was given by those attending the Annual Meeting for the Board to pursue development of a plan to address our drainage issues. We had a proposal from URS, and Kim Bennett has contacted other companies to obtain bids from them. Two companies came to a site meeting and will submit proposals shortly. The Board will decide at their next meeting about how to proceed.

ENJOY THE FALL AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION!