



WEST VIEW SHORES CIVIC ASSOCIATION FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Wow, did our summer fly by in West View Shores? Hoping all were able to enjoy the weather, the beach, and the fabulous events here in our community! The Ice Cream Summer Solstice was a delicious event! Then, a good time was had by all either participating in or watching the Patriotic Golf Cart parade. Woodfest was, again, a wonderful and fun event. Additionally, the Annual Crab Feast was enjoyed by all!

The fall is still a good time to visit: Mount Harmon Plantation; Chesapeake City; Chestertown; and the historic Kitty Knight House. Enjoy!

Treasurer's Report:

The full treasurer's report was provided at the August general membership meeting. The simplified version is: Actual 2026 Operating Income is \$57,323.19, Operating Expenses is \$42,380.60, the profit as of 8/28/26 is \$14,942.59. Cash in Checking is \$11,674.70. Cash in Savings is \$112,574.04. Total Operating Money is \$124,248.74. Unpaid Maintenance Fees 2023 – 2026 are \$3,770.

The 2026 Budget: Income is \$46,250.00. Expenses are \$37,930.00, and the Profit (Capital Reserve) is \$8,320.00. Cash in the Logan/Road Fund is \$147,095.34.

2027 Maintenance Fees

At the August Membership meeting, Preferred Option A was approved for the community. It states that All Developed Lots with a house will have a Maintenance Fee of \$300 per year. All Undeveloped Lots that DO NOT have a house associated with it will have a Maintenance Fee of \$300 per year. These Undeveloped Lots have access to all of our amenities and therefore will pay the same as others using the amenities. All Other Undeveloped Lots that do have a house associated with it will have a Maintenance Fee of \$50 per lot per year, as before. From the unpaid members, four property owners may be brought to court.

The August Membership meeting attendees voted to acquire a Line of Credit for \$200,000 from APGFCU at an interest rate of 3% interest when using the Line of Credit. Any costs, including

interest, for the Line of Credit are reimbursable through our Grant. The Line will have the ability to be raised to \$300,000 without community approval, and the Line will be closed after the project is completed.

The details were provided at the meeting.

Beach Grant Update – Enhance the True Beauty of WVS and the Bay:



The \$850,000.00 Grant for our beach restoration was approved! Our preference is to choose a contractor by December 2026 for Phase 1. The work should start in April 2027 and be done in 4 – 6 weeks, by June, in a perfect world. Phase 2 will be for the North Drive to the Beach area. If needed, additional funds should be requested by this December. Bob Crawford has all grant information.

Community Events:

September 5 Fun Run/Walk in honor of Rere Russo Keech. 9am. This event was attended by approximately 100 runners/bikers/walkers



September 19 @ 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Fall Fling

A HUGE thank you goes out to Sheri Woodruff and all who helped her for each of this year's events!

If you or a family member is interested in volunteering with this years' events, please let a board member know.

WVS Civic Association Board Members:

As a reminder, a list of the existing members of the WVSCA Board can be found on our website. www.westviewshores.org.

Official Board Member Election Results:

Deb Gasparovic for Vice President
Kathleen Armstrong for Assistant Treasurer
Diane Perrymore for Secretary
Jim Miliner for Director of Central
John Keech for Director at Large
Becky Krajewski for Director of East
Matt Dumigan for Director of West

Road Repairs & Construction Notes:

The Road Contractor will re-analyze all community roads and report at the spring meeting. A community vote will then determine how to move forward. As a reminder, please remember to trim up your low hanging trees so as to not damage boats, delivery trucks, or even vehicles as they drive by.

West View Shores Community Rules and Guidelines:

Please reference these on the website for the latest additions and changes.

NOTE: THE SPEED LIMIT FOR ALL VEHICLES IS 15 mph IN OUR COMMUNITY! NO speeding in our community!

Beach and Boat Ramp Rules:

Just a reminder, our community needs to be vigilant about who uses our beach and boat ramp. For this reason, all vehicles using the beach and the boat ramp must have a WVS sticker on them. Jim Miliner and Dave Lee have more stickers in case anyone needs one.

Remember that Non-Residents of WVS, including Bay View residents, are NOT permitted to use the beach or boat ramp at West View Shores. In addition, **WVS BEACH BRACLETS** have been distributed to each property owner. One family member **MUST** have a bracelet on for their family while at the beach. The state of Maryland requires all dogs to be leashed. Please pick up after your pets, as well.

For problems at the Stemmers Run Boat ramp and roads, please call the MD Department of Natural Resources Police, 410-260-8880. Several vehicles have had tires slashed, please be vigilant if using the parking lot there.

WVSCA By-Laws

Per the community vote, the By-laws will be updated to state that short term rentals are not permitted in this community.

House Numbers:

It is a request of the WVS Board to make certain the house number on your home is clearly visible. Should your home not have a house number on it please make it a priority. Providing a house number is very helpful to delivery people, visitors, and more importantly... First Responders! Someone else getting your Amazon package or pizza is one thing, but it could be critical if a First Responder is unable to find your home.

Pearce Creek DMCF & Water System Update:

The Pearce Creek website, (pearcecreekoutreach.com), contains a wealth of information including water test data and future meeting dates. Dredging began in the fall of 2023 as part of a 25-year plan and continued this past winter.

Web Page:

In case anyone is unaware, the web site for our community is regularly updated at www.westviewshores.org. The web page contains an event calendar. If you are interested in volunteering, or have a question or suggestion concerning any one of the existing committees, please communicate with the contact(s) listed. Contact: webcommittee@westviewshores.org

WVS Newsletter:

The newsletters are only going to be emailed to the community. If you know a friend or neighbor who doesn't have email or doesn't chose to share their email, please give them a copy of the newsletters now and in the future. Thank you.