

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events



CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meetings:

December 16 (*Stockholders Meeting*)

January 20

February 17

7:00 PM Clubhouse

Sylvan Shores Kids Club:

December 10 & 17

6:30 PM Clubhouse

December 20

6:00 PM Clubhouse

(see enclosed flier for details)

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December 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are several articles in this newsletter to update the community on current projects, so I would like to take this space to thank the many people who have worked tirelessly to benefit the community, especially in the midst of the construction. It has been a long and arduous year for many of us, and we still have a way to go before the transition is complete and we start to see the jewel of the South River that Sylvan Shores can be.

To every member on the Board, I am always grateful for your participation and follow through; for your passion in taking on the responsibilities of your committee; for voicing your opinions respectfully during the meeting; and mostly for your patience with me in my first year as president. It is certainly much, much more than I anticipated. I am hesitant to list those persons here for fear of missing someone, but the Board and others deserve recognition: Dan Anthony, Marge Farnan, Kim Cover, Bryan Jackson, Barbara Loya, Linda Barker, Margaret Palyo, Bob Jorden; and our non-Board warriors: Patrick Jameson, Bill Buser, June Moriarty. Without the efforts of each of these persons, my role would be impossible, and this community would be at a loss. Thank you!

BLESSINGS AND PEACE TO ALL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT UPDATE

In July, the Board held a community meeting to discuss the Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) and the need to petition the County for this designation. As Sylvan Shores Services Company, Inc. (SSSC) has nearly shed all of its water and sewer utility activity, the ongoing community maintenance and related administrative expenses must continue to be covered. These were included in the prior water and sewer assessment fees, and are now being billed as a community maintenance fee. We are grateful to those who see the value and need for maintaining and improving our common areas and pay the \$25 monthly fee (even in the midst of the current water and sewer and pending storm water management construction).

As SSSC is not a homeowners association, it was necessary for the Board to consider ways to continue to fund the maintenance and improvement of common areas and facilities for the benefit of all owners and residents as our Charter mandates. A Special Tax Benefit District was considered.

In September, owners received a special newsletter devoted to the SCBD (available at www.sylvanshoresriva.com). Since that time, the Board has submitted the petition language to the County for their approval. We received approval of the petition language on November 15th, and we have been busy to further define the timeline and budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year (June-July).

It is our intention to mail the petition and draft budget to owners by December 31st. Please be sure to review all of the information thoroughly. Guidance for budget comments and recommended deadlines for returning the petition will also be included. The September 2013 Shoreline newsletter provides additional detail and we encourage you to revisit that information.

Until the budget and SCBD are approved by the County Council, Sylvan Shores will continue to bill the \$25 monthly fee (the 2014 budget will be available at the December 16th Stockholder meeting and published later in The Shoreline).

**JOIN US
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
CLUBHOUSE, 7:00 P.M.**

Please join us for the annual election of officers and directors of SSSC, as well as presentation of the 2014 budget and planned projects. Light refreshments will be available. All residents are welcome to attend, and property owners who would like to be a voting stockholder, please contact Marge Farnan at margefarnan@comcast.net to purchase your \$10 stock certificate. If you are a stockholder and are unable to attend the meeting, please be sure to assign a proxy, which will be enclosed with your notice of the meeting.

If you would like to be a nominee for an officer or director position on the 2014 Board of Directors, please contact Kim Cover at kcover123@gmail.com. You must be a property owner, stockholder and member in good standing to become a Board member.

The Board of Sylvan Shores Services considers and directs all issues related to Parkways, beaches, piers, boat slips, clubhouse and other capital improvements, as well as the everyday management of the corporation. Please refer to SSSC Bylaws and Rules & Regulations, which are available at the Document Center at www.sylvanshoresriva.com for more information.

We need volunteers to serve on the Board and otherwise help our elected members. Except for Board positions, you do not have to be a stockholder to volunteer. Please consider participating. We welcome your ideas and your efforts on behalf of our community.

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
PROJECT UPDATE**

Sylvan Shores has received conditional approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and preliminary approval from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with the Storm Water Management (SWM) Infrastructure Upgrade project. We have submitted final design modifications to A.A. County and are awaiting the final grading permits. All areas of Sylvan Shores were assessed by engineers and feedback was sought from property owners. SWM project plans are available for viewing during Board meetings. The list below identifies priority areas of a more comprehensive SWM plan for the community. Road grading, curbing and the current Water and Sewer Construction design will also factor into the SWM Plans, as well as additional storm water inlets. It is expected that these areas can be funded by the \$1.8 million grant.

1. Orchard and Poplar – storm pipes, storm inlet drains and grass swales to surface sand-filter area behind the County pumping station. This will gather and filter runoff from Shadyside, Remital, Woodside, Orchard, Poplar and Ridge Roads. The sand filter will clean water for the outfall area to Granville Creek.
2. Shore Walk and Parkways – storm pipes, storm inlets, and permeable pavers. This will gather and filter runoff from Cherry, Dogwood, Elm, and Hillcrest and the Parkways along Shore Walk. Bio-retention areas

are planned for the Parkways for filtering storm water outfalls to the South River.

3. Circle and Paradise – bio-retention area and grass swales, storm pipes, storm inlets to carry runoff to Riva Road system.
4. Cove Road – storm pipes, storm inlets and dry swale to capture and filter runoff from Cove, Ridge, Maple, and Park Roads. Filtered outfall to South River.
5. Central Park (South River Boat Ramp area) – bio-retention areas and improved outfall to South River.
6. Tulip, Rabbit Hill and Forest – inlet storm drains to pocket wetland on Beard's Creek (Forest park area). Additional curbing on Tulip.
7. Forest and Hoot Owl – bio-retention area near the boat ramp.
8. Forest and Fern – repair existing storm inlets, additional curbing, storm pipes and storm inlets.

This has been a long and complex project and is the largest SWM grant awarded to a private community in the state of Maryland. Coordination with paving and completion of the County water and sewer project is in progress, in an effort to reduce expenses for grading and repaving. If you have any questions about the project, contact Patrick Jameson, jp2468@comcast.net. Reports are also made monthly at the Board meetings.

**COUNTY WATER & SEWER
PROJECT UPDATE**

In September, homeowners received an update on the County's water and sewer project in Sylvan Shores. Since that time, the construction has been met with challenges in the Cove Road area of the community. That area now seems to be nearly completed and most homes have been connected; there are still a few exceptions. It is unlikely that roads will be paved until the spring, and that will be in conjunction with the storm water management project.

Part of this project also includes the demolition of the pump house on Hillcrest. This will happen very soon, if not as you are reading this newsletter. Additional work involves decommissioning of the deep well in Parkway C and lift-stations located throughout the community.

Questions regarding construction should be addressed to Jim Higgins, inspector jhiggins@dewberry.com, 443-988-8560; Steve Schummer, contractor, 410-320-5484, schummer@aol.com.

Finance and billing questions for the County project and water/waste water usage should be addressed to Leslie Campbell at 410.222.7519, lcampbell@aacounty.org. County documents regarding finances are also available at www.sylvanshoresriva.com.

Sylvan Shores is Not an HOA

Sylvan Shores Services is a 501(c)(4) community organization, transitioning from its utility operations. It is not now, and never will be, a Home Owners Association (HOA). If you see this designation on any document referencing SSSC, please notify a Board member.

DUMPING ON COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Please refrain from dumping and blowing yard and other debris in the Parkways and roadways onto other common areas. The mowing contract does not include removal of these items. This adds to the cost of maintenance, which is passed along to the homeowners for community maintenance.

Persons known to be dumping may expect an invoice for removal of the debris.

Even though most roads in Sylvan Shores will now be County roads, the County does not provide unbagged leaf or debris removal from the roads. Blowing leaves into the streets also has the potential to block any current or future storm drainage. Take advantage of the County's bulk and yard waste pick-up every Thursday morning. Bag or wrap leaves and limbs and mark your bags with an "X."



TREES

The Board identifies trees that need pruning or removal throughout the year. Sometimes an issue is brought to our attention. The Board has spent significant funds this year for tree removal/trimming and expects that next year will require increased focus on trees. A County forester and private arborist were asked to provide feedback on several areas.

This community has many large and beautiful trees. While many of them are healthy, some need attention, especially after the stress of the water and sewer construction. The Board is making appropriate budget adjustments for Grounds & Parkways (G&P) to address these areas, including feeding, trimming and removal, along with additional ground trimming.

If you have a concern about trees in the common areas, please contact the Grounds & Parkways chairperson, Barbara Loya. The Board will research and make a decision as to the best approach. Since all of our community is in the Critical Area, ALL tree removal, dead or alive, requires permits. It is unacceptable for residents to trim or remove trees in common areas without prior approval and, certainly, without necessary permits. Again, contact the G&P chairperson if you have concerns.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

The Clubhouse is looking great with upgrades to the kitchen and removal of the old baseboard heating units. More improvements are to come, including some repairs to the playhouse. Contact Dan Anthony to schedule your event, 410-956-3350 or dsa1944@aol.com. The Clubhouse is also available for community-wide activities. Anyone interested in organizing a special event for the community should also contact Dan.

NEW CANOE/KAYAK RACKS

Some of you have enjoyed our new canoe/kayak racks – one at Forest Park and one at Central Park (South River boat ramp area). Thanks to resident Doug Bedingfield for his fine craftsmanship! The old rack at Central Park will also remain in use. Though it's past the season, anyone interested in a slip should contact Bill Buser, bbuser23@yahoo.com. There is no fee for use of the canoe/kayak racks, but users need to register for a slip.

New rack at Central Park (boat ramp):



New Rack at Forest Park:



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*****NEW*****

SYLVAN SHORES KIDS CLUB

See the insert for more information on these fun, upcoming events:

**Christmas Caroling
Movie Night
Valentine's Day Dance
and more . . .**

Thanks to Jennifer Rossback for establishing and organizing this club. Contact her at jenn2729@aol.com to learn how you can be a part of these exciting activities!

Sylvan Shores Kids Club!



All New - All Ages

Sylvan Shores Kids Club - SSKC!

And Parents too...

Be a part of something Great and Fun!

Future Events at the Clubhouse

Dec. 10th Tuesday 6:30pm Christmas is the Time for Giving. Bring a gently used toy and/or canned or paper goods to donate to a child in need and practice singing for Christmas Caroling. (only juice and cookies will be served)

Dec. 17th Tuesday 6:30pm Kids Cookie Exchange. Bring a bunch of cookies to swap with our friends. We will be decorating cookie boxes then filling them with all different cookies to take home. We will also be practicing for Christmas Caroling. (only juice and cookies)

Dec. 20th 6pm Christmas Caroling in the Neighborhood. All welcome to join us. Dinner at the Clubhouse. Bring something to share. Please RSVP on Facebook. Hopefully we will have a surprise visitor??!!

Jan. 24th Movie Night at the Clubhouse (date subject to change)

Feb. Valentine's Day Dance - ages and times to follow!

For more information, contact Jennifer Rossback, 443-203-6319 Check Us Out On FaceBook



We need Bells for Caroling and Christmas lights to decorate the Clubhouse Christmas Tree

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COUNTY NUMBERS TO NOTE

Emergency 911

South County Roads District

410-222-1933 or 410-222-1276

Snow Removal – 410-222-4040

(for snow over 4", otherwise contact Roads District)

Pothole Hotline – 410-222-7045

Animal Control – 410-222-8900

Dept. of Aging Transportation – 410-222-4826

For more contact numbers, go to

www.aacounty.org

Sylvan Shores Water & Sewer Capital Project

Inspector – Jim Higgins 443-988-8560

Finances – Leslie Campbell 410-222-7519

HOW TO PAY YOUR MONTHLY ASSESSMENT

Monthly payments should be made to

Sylvan Shores Services Company

and mailed to

PMB/Box #134

211 E. Lombard Street

Baltimore, MD 21202-6102

For electronic bill payers, have your account number and property address referenced on your payment. For automated bill payments, visit www.tidewaterproperty.com to download the application or contact Tidewater directly at 443-548-0191.

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SSSC Bylaws and Rules & Regulations

Clubhouse Rental Contact Information

Neighborhood Watch Information

AA County Water & Sewer Project Information

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Contact us through www.sylvanshoresriva.com with change of address, questions, comments, suggestions, complaints ... plus many other useful links.

TRASH, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Thursday Mornings Only

Mark your bags with an "X" for yard waste and put out with recycling and trash Wednesday evenings or before 6:30 AM Thursday mornings.