

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events



Summer 2013

CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings:

July 15

August 19

September 16

7:00 PM Clubhouse

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUMMERTIME IS HERE! At a time when we should be slowing down a bit, the Board is pushing through to manage the transition to County water and sewer and other responsibilities to the best of their ability. An update follows and there is also an invitation to attend a July 15 presentation about the Special Community Benefit District (SCBD).

As we begin to enjoy summertime activities, please keep the following in mind so all can enjoy:

- Beaches, piers and parks close at dusk. Alcohol and foul language are prohibited. Remember that sound carries on the water, and we'd like for our young folk to feel safe.
- When using the parks, piers and beaches, please take your trash with you. A trash bin is available at the swim pier, but please NO CRAB BAIT (pee-ewe).
- When walking your dog, please take along a bag and pick up after your pooch. Thank you for keeping the common areas clean for all to enjoy.
- Everyone should have received a copy of the updated Rules & Regulations, which are established for the benefit of all in the community. These are also posted at www.sylvanshoresriva.com. Please take a moment to review them.

Most of all, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 15 7:00 PM Clubhouse

Community Meeting

Special Community Benefit District Presentation

Light refreshments

August 21-23

Community Dumpsters

Clubhouse and Forest Park

INVITATION

Special Community Benefit District Presentation Monday, July 15 at 7:00 PM Clubhouse

Please join the Board on Monday, July 15th to learn more about Special Community Benefit Districts (SCBD) and why the Board has decided to take this approach for the benefit of the community. The Board has published articles and information in The Shoreline and on www.sylvanshoresriva.com in the last couple of years, and hosted a meeting with a county representative last year in our attempts to educate and inform the property owners in Sylvan Shores about SCBDs. The July 15th meeting is another opportunity for property owners to learn more.

During this meeting, we will present a draft sample petition stating the purposes of the district, a sample budget format, summary of the process, the responsibilities of property owners in the process, and discussion on the overall benefit.

As we have stated previously, the SCBD will assure that funding is available to take care of our community assets and expenses. The process is complicated and lengthy and has taken a fair amount of time and energy of the Board. It is a priority that has been set.

After the petition is approved by the County, property owners will receive the petition and will be asked to vote for or against the petition. When 51% approve the district, the ballots are validated and the County prepares legislation for consideration by the County Council and a public hearing is advertised. The public hearing is held and all owners will have the opportunity to share views with the Council, after which the Council will vote on the legislation. If approved, the district is officially established. The budget process will likely run concurrently with this process. Property owners will have the opportunity to review the budget and offer their recommendations to the Board, which will then submit the budget to the County for approval to be included in the County's next budget cycle.

Light refreshments will be available at the meeting. We hope you can join us on Monday, July 15th, 7:00 PM, at the Clubhouse.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS

While we await the completion of the County water/sewer project and begin the storm water management project, the Board will be considering a number of projects to enhance the community. These include restoring and enhancing the entrances at Hillcrest and Forest; amenities at the Forest waterfront park; park development of the old ball field area; and enhancements to Central Park on the South River. Beach and creek front areas are being considered for forest

conservation where funding is available through reforestation grants. Decisions are yet to be made, and we welcome your ideas. Some design options were presented at the December stockholders meeting and are available for viewing at any of the Board meetings. Keep in mind that they are just a guide for options; priority and funding will dictate the scale of any enhancements. Funding for such projects will be considered through conservation grants or available project monies. More information will be made available.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY?

- Take notice of your own private property: Does the grass need to be mowed? Trees or bushes trimmed back? Leaves removed or mulched in garden and flower beds? Take special notice of trees or bushes that block signs or views of traffic, or extend into the street.
- Remove any personal property stored on your neighbor's or community property. That includes construction or work materials, cars, boats, trailers.
- Take advantage of Dumpster Days and get rid of that stuff! This year's dumpsters will be here August 21-23 (more info on page 3).
- Volunteer for clean-up days. Or if there is a project for community property you'd like to tackle, let the Board know of your intention and plans.
- Volunteer to research grants that might be available for community projects.
- Do you lead a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop that is looking for a community project? I'm sure we can come up with something: build a picnic table, spruce up the playground, etc.
- Plan a community event.

NO DUMPING!

Please refrain from dumping yard and other debris in the Parkways and on 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. Persons known to be dumping may expect an invoice for removal of the debris.

Take advantage of the County bulk and yard waste pick-up every Thursday morning.

KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

In recent news, we learned of a violent incident along Riva Road where a cat was shot with an arrow. We have experienced a broken window in the Clubhouse and raucous activity on the playground by our older youth. If you see any suspicious or destructive activity by anyone, please call 911. Parents please explain to your children the inappropriateness of such destruction.

COUNTY WATER & SEWER PROJECT

As of this writing, the W&S project continues. At this time, a redesign was needed for the Cove Road area. We are hoping that as soon as that area is complete, paving can begin. We are coming up on a year and the project is still ahead of schedule. Thank you for your patience.

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

Finance and billing questions for the W&S construction and usage should be addressed to Leslie Campbell at 410-222-7519 or lcampbell@aacounty.org. County documents regarding financing are also available at sylvanshoresriva.com.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR COUNTY WATER BILL?

Some residents have received their first water bill from the county, most have not. If you have any questions about your county water bill, please contact Gail Rash at Anne Arundel County Public Works, pwrash23@aacounty.org.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The community has enrolled in the Maryland Department of Agriculture adult mosquito surveillance and control program. This year our community's assigned night of the week for adult mosquito control services is **Sunday** through September. Spraying will occur anytime during the hours of 7:30 PM and 2:00 AM. Please note that spraying will not necessarily occur at the same time every week. Please refer to the Operating Procedures and Exemption Request information on the Document Center at www.sylvanshoresriva.com for more information.

TIPS TO RID

Your Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites

source: mda.maryland.gov

- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
- Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
- Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.
- Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.

- Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
- Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
- Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
- Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
- Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
- Fix dripping outside water faucets.
- Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
- Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.
- Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae. Call the nearest Mosquito Control if you find, or suspect, mosquito larvae are present.

SLOW DOWN!



Although the condition of our roads may slow us down, for some it's not enough. With school out, our neighborhood children will be out and about in full force on bikes and on foot. Please go slow and use caution especially around turns and curves. Our narrow roads dictate a much slower speed than posted.

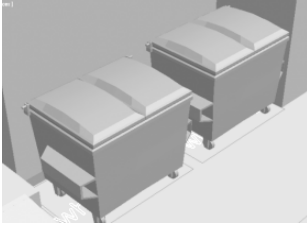
SWIMMING ALERTS

A.A. County Health Department advises ***that after a rainfall, AA County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from rainwater runoff and increased health risks.*** For more information about the water quality in the South River, visit www.southernriverfederation.net. Download the Swim Guide, an online tool and smartphone app to display local bacteria monitoring data including the South River.

SUMMER SPRUCE-UP

With all the construction work going on, it's difficult to keep our yards and common areas tidy. While our mowing contractors cut the grass in the common areas once a week, they only rake and mulch once a year. Trimming shrubs, weeding the garden out front, picking up accumulated leaves and trash and refreshing the plantings in pots is an on-going chore all summer. If you see an area where you'd like to help, we welcome your assistance, but please get prior approval from SSSC if there will be any expense involved (see contact info in The Shoreline).

DUMPSTERS – AUGUST 21 – 23



The County will place dumpsters at the Clubhouse parking lot and in the park area on the Forest side from August 21 to 23. The dumpsters will be delivered by **noon on Wednesday August 21 and picked up**

by 8 AM on Friday August 23. The following items should not be disposed of in the dumpsters per Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works: junk automobiles, trailers, gas and propane tanks, tree trunks, oil drums or tanks, liquids, hazardous waste, boats, tires, logs, paint and refrigerators or air conditioners. If residents violate and dispose of these items into the dumpsters, we could potentially lose our Dumpster Day privilege going forward.

UPDATE ON CANOE & KAYAK RACK REPAIR

After many delays, we are moving ahead with the repair and expansion of the South River rack AND A NEW RACK at Forest Park! We still have not heard from the owner of the blue canoe in the South River rack, so if no one speaks up, we will assume the owner left the community and the canoe has been abandoned. We anticipate construction over one weekend in August, and will contact all vessel owners at least two weeks in advance to remove their vessels during construction.

CALLING ALL RESIDENT CONTRACTORS

We often have small to medium jobs here in the community and would love to know of residents that are licensed contractors (construction, electricians, plumbers, painters, etc.) whom we might hire for jobs or who may want to volunteer their time. Please contact Linda Barker (secretary).

WHAT WILL I FIND AT WWW.SYLVANSHORES.RIVA.COM?

The SSSC web site, hosted and maintained by Tidewater, may not be the epitome of design and content, but it serves as a very basic useful tool to provide residents and prospective buyers with important information about us.

Log on and you can find information including a brief overview of Sylvan Shores; a calendar of events; a Document Center containing our By-laws, Rules & Regs, current and past issues of The Shoreline, a review of the Special Community Benefit District; and names of Board members and how to contact them,

The Document Center also provides current owners and prospective buyers the County's summary and

description of the charges to be assessed for the water/sewer project for the Main and Forest sides. Two County documents explain construction costs, connection charges, terms of financing, and usage billing.

You can use the "Contact Us" tab to email questions, comments or concerns to the Board.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ZONING

(From SSSC R&Rs 3/18/13)

WHAT IS A ZONING VIOLATION?

- Untagged vehicles or vehicles with expired tags on private or community property. There are many charities that will accept and tow donated vehicles from your property and provide tax donation receipts. Search the County web site using the key words "vehicle donations."
- Commercial trucks/trailers over ¾ ton on streets.
- Junk and debris piled on property.
- Furniture, appliances, construction materials tanks, pipes, tires, etc., strewn about the property. Bulk pick-up can be scheduled for salvage furniture or household items by calling 410-222-6108 and is free of charge.
- Businesses operating, without zoning approval, in or on residential properties, i.e., vehicle restoration and repair.
- Using a single family dwelling as a multi-family dwelling without zoning approval.
- Illegal signage.

HOW DO I FILE A ZONING COMPLAINT?

- Complete the complaint form on the A.A. County web site, Department of Inspections and Permits: www.acounty.org/IP/ZoningEnforcement/index.cfm.
- Or call the Department of Inspections & Permits at 410-222-7446.

NEEDED – 55 GALLON DRUM

We need a new 55-gallon drum to serve as a trash can at the South River fishing/crabbing pier. Do you have one to donate or sell? Contact Linda Barker (Secretary)

RENTAL FOR NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATION 2014

New Jersey family looking to rent your Riva home for our son's Naval Academy graduation next year (week of May 17-24, 2014). We seek a 2 or 3 bedroom home. We're looking for a rental somewhere between \$1,000-\$1,400. Please contact Georgetta Walsh at georgettaluke@optonline.net or call (201) 475-8155.

Got Junk?

Get ready for

DUMPSTER DAYS

In Sylvan Shores

August 21 – 23

Clubhouse & Forest Park

Dumpsters will be placed by noon on Wednesday, August 21 and picked up by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 23, or earlier if full.

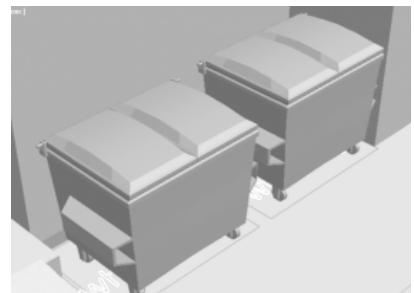
Do not leave junk outside of dumpsters. All items must fit within the dumpster frame. Please comply so we can continue to have this service.

Volunteers are need to monitor the dumpsters.

Please contact Barbara Loya, shorerresident@gmail.com

Everything, **EXCEPT**:

- junk automobiles/trailers
- gas and propane tanks
- tree trunks/logs
- oil drums or tanks
- liquids
- hazardous waste (use these drop-off locations)
 - 7/27/13 – **Millersville Landfill**, 389 Burns Crossing Road; Severn, MD 21144
 - 9/14/13 – **Southern Recycling Center**, 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road; Deale, MD 20751
- boats
- tires
- paint
- refrigerators
- air conditioners



Sylvan Shores Services Company
P.O. Box 208
Riva, MD 21140

COUNTY NUMBERS TO NOTE

Emergency 911
South County Roads District
410-222-1933 or 410-222-1276
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

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

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
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