

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events

Autumn 2021



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- Mon. Nov 22nd – Full Membership & Budget Vote
 - Mon. Dec. 20th – Board Meeting
- All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse and are open to all!*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT for AUTUMN 2021

Well, here we are saying goodbye to another summer and starting to feel the brisk air of fall and winter sneaking up on us. This past summer in Sylvan Shores was exceptional. As people started to venture out into the world again, it brought me great joy to see all the kids and families enjoying the recreational pier, the Central Park area and playground park. There were so many swimmers, paddle boarders and kayakers this year, the most I have seen since moving here almost five years ago. It was great to have the weekly bacteria testing by the Arundel River Federation to help us make good choices about being in the water. We hope to continue this next season.

There are a lot of new neighbors this year, I welcome each and every one of you and hope you will find happiness here in our little community.

A few things to make note of:

- The **Clubhouse** is getting a new heat pump unit and thermostat and we are open and ready for renters.
- Keep a look out in the spring for information regarding **new ramp keys** and all things boating.

- We continue to monitor our **waterfronts** and look for creative ways to protect them; If you have experience with grants, we would love to have you share your knowledge and assist.
- We hope to ramp up a **Recreation Committee**, we have a lot of fun ideas but we need help facilitating events.
- Just a reminder that all parks and piers are **closed at dark**.
- Also, all **parkways** should be kept clear of personal belonging so they are open to all and PLEASE no dumping of trash or limbs from trees in your yards onto community property, this clean-up becomes an expense to the entire community.

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season whatever your beliefs. I personally cannot wait for a little snow.

Remember the best way to reach the Board is by email to: SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com or you can leave a message in the Google Voice Mailbox at 443.906.0227 and someone will get back to you as quickly as possible. We thank you all for your support!

Respectfully submitted, *Kim Hewitt*



PARKWAY E SLOPE: CURRENT STATUS

Summer/Autumn 2021: With the ultimate goal of Anne Arundel County taking over the Parkway E hillside property and management (since 80% of the water comes from county roads), Sylvan Shores has engaged with County representatives and now pro bono legal counsel to assist in the project. The temporary fix is (as of this newsletter) holding for the time being. Native plants have been planted to further stabilize the hillside.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PROJECT EXECUTION

- **Parkway E** - Management and resolution of the slope erosion issue;
- **Forest Pier** – Replace gravel on boat ramp and parking area;
- **Clubhouse** – Gravel replacement, HVAC heat pump replacement;
- **South River** - Pursue the grant process to install a living shoreline on the South River to stop erosion loss;
- **Central Park** – Paving the boat ramp area;
- **Piers** – Install solar lighting
- **Shorewalk Dr.** – Research replacement of the bollards.

CLUBHOUSE

The Clubhouse is in need of several planned and (now) urgent repairs. The HVAC outdoor heat pump unit failed in the heat of early autumn, and must be replaced. Sylvan Shores has contracted with a company to install a replacement heat pump and thermostat with a

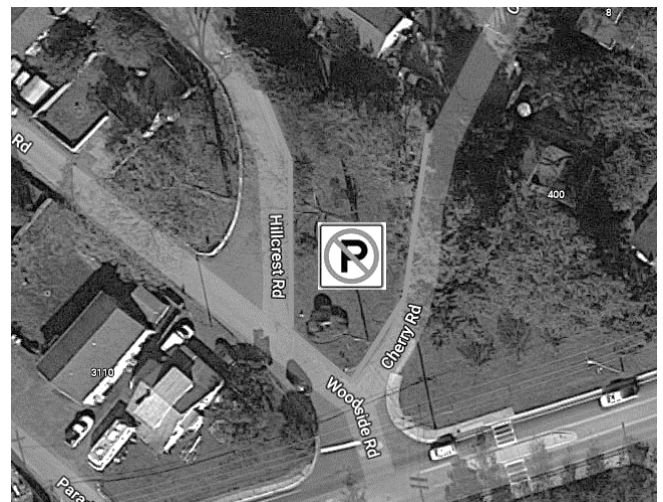
5-year parts warranty to be installed soon. Additionally, plans are being formulated for the 2022-2023 budget to replace the roof shingles (nearly 20 years old) and the inside ceiling, lighting, and fans. This will make the Clubhouse an even better space for community members' use. The Clubhouse remains open for rentals!

ROADS AND DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

Sylvan Shores is in need of a Chair for the Roads & Drainage Committee to support the community. The Chair and committee advise the Board on all roads and drainage matters, provides oversight to all roads (county and community), develops budgets and recommends expenditures, and serves as the liaison to Anne Arundel County for road operations. Please contact SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com if you are interested in chairing for participating in this essential standing committee.

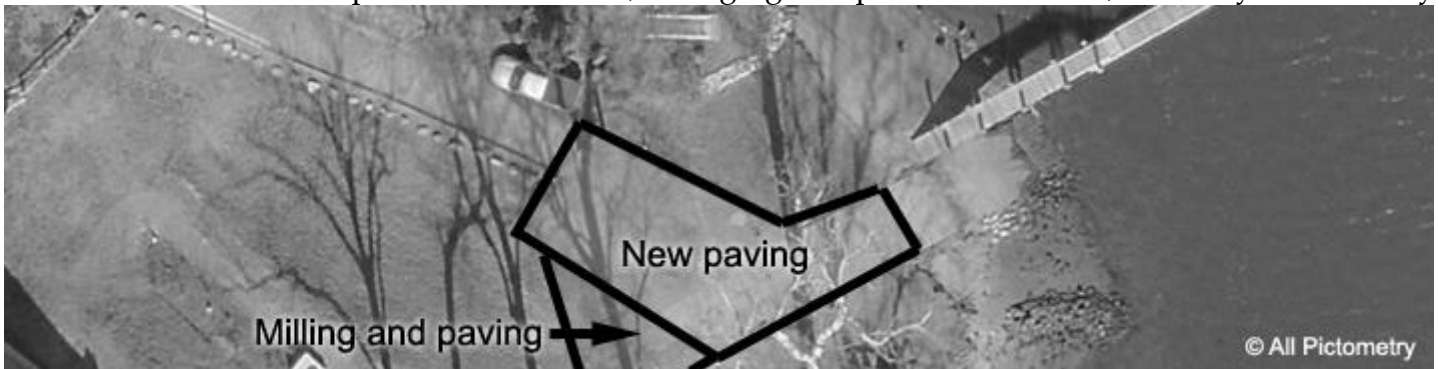
ENTRANCE PARK

Please keep Entrance Park beautiful! This is a community spot where kids play and is one of the first nature areas we see when entering Sylvan Shores. As a reminder: please do not park on the grass at the Entrance Park area. This will damage the grass and leave muddy spots that are hard to reclaim over the winter months.



CENTRAL PARK PAVING

Sylvan Shores has contracted with a company for re-paving of the Central Park area (see picture). This will include 2" of new asphalt over new tack, 4" edging bump for water runoff, and a 1-year warranty.



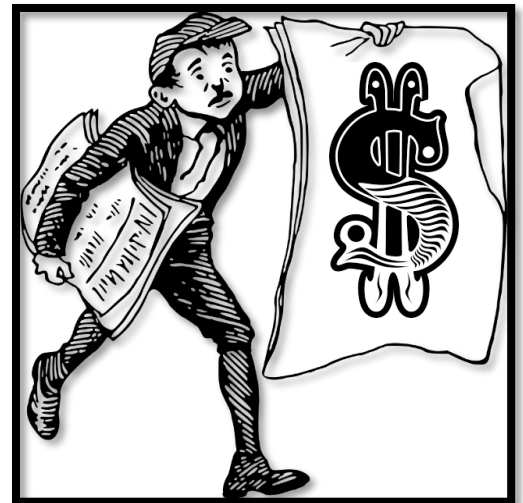
The Central Park boat ramp area will be **closed**, weather permitting, to ALL access (vehicles and foot traffic) after 6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 21st. The area will be accessible by foot again on Thursday, November 25th. The gate for vehicle/trailer access will be closed until spring to allow for proper setting, and a new lock will be placed on the gate. A notice will be sent out regarding new keys for the spring at a later date. If there are any delays because of weather, the community will be notified.

FINANCE and BUDGET

The Sylvan Shores Services Company (SSSC) operates under two budgets: SCBD (Special Community Benefit District) and a Non-SCBD (SSSC) budget. Our SCBD budget is funded by our tax assessments for established purposes, and the SSSC budget is funded by fees from amenity rentals/leases (such as the Clubhouse or slip fees) for those expenses not allowed to be paid from tax assessments (such as tax preparation and audits, as well as some legal expenses).

The Current FY2022 Tax Assessment for the SCBD is \$477.68 per tax ID, billed by Anne Arundel County. These funds are used per the approved budget for projects and expenses during this fiscal year.

The proposed FY2023 budget has been mailed to the Sylvan Shores community, with a **Full Membership Meeting** Vote to be tallied on **November 22nd, 7:00 p.m.**, at the Clubhouse.



PIER and WATERFRONT ACCESS: RULES and COMMON COURTESY

- All Piers and Parks are **open dawn-dusk**, closed to access and use at all other times for safety.
- Sylvan Shores has encountered issues with members and non-members accessing these areas unsafely after dark, to include setting fires, loud noise, and dangerous activity near the water.
- If you observe trespassers or dangerous behavior at the parks or on the piers, please contact 9-1-1 for police or fire emergencies, or the non-emergency police line at 410-222-8610.
- For all **Rules & Regulations**, please visit <https://sylvanshoresriva.com/important-documents/>

Sylvan Shores Clubhouse Rentals



Your Sylvan Shores Clubhouse is open for rentals!

- Clubhouse rentals are open to all Sylvan Shores residents to host their events.
- If you are interested in renting the Clubhouse (\$100) or just the Parking Area (\$50), please contact SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 443-906-0227.
- The Clubhouse rental includes use of the main interior space, a lovely full-featured kitchen, the entire parking area, and the community playground.
- A new post-use Cleaning Addendum has been added to the rental agreements to ensure full cleaning and reasonable sanitization by the renter to ensure it is ready for use by the next guests.





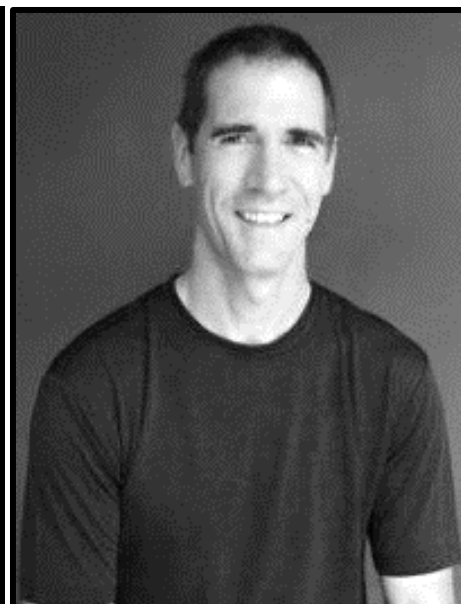
Scary times in Sylvan Shores for Halloween!

Sylvan Shores' own **Todd Pikel** led the reconstruction and expansion of the canoe/kayak rack at Central Park. Todd is also a Certified Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor at Evolutions in Annapolis.

After retiring from the Army (25 years) Todd completed his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Maryland, College Park, and earned the American Council on Exercise (ACE) Personal Trainer Certification. Todd is TRX Suspension Trainer certified, a UCanRow2 Indoor Rowing Instructor, and a GEAR Indoor Cycle Instructor.

Many thanks to Todd for his service to our country and our community! If you are interested in talking with Todd about training, please email tmpekel@gmail.com or visit:

<https://evolutionsannapolis.com/trainer/todd-pikel/>



HARDESTY'S VIEW

Hello Sylvan Shores! My name is Hardesty, I am the local Great Blue Heron, making my home along Beards Creek near Forest Park. You know, I have some cousins down in Florida who have completely white plumage, they don't ever leave Florida much (I understand people have some family like that as well!). I also have some second-cousins who are all grey, they live in Europe and Asia, though some have even moved down to Africa. We all get together on occasion for holiday, which can be quite a fun time even when we start talking politics and sports, of which we all can't ever really agree. We decided the rule for family gatherings is: *be kind first, be right later*. It makes it all much easier when we play games or hang around the fishing pool, nobody has to be right or win an argument, since we all agree that everyone is probably wrong! Ha! ~*Hardesty*

Contact Sylvan Shores

for questions, comments, suggestions, and other community or membership needs:

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COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Police: 410-222-8610

Animal Control: 410-222-8900

Government Services: 3-1-1

Non-Profit/Human Services: 2-1-1

<https://aacounty.org/>

Sylvan Shores Services Company, Inc. (SSSC) is a Maryland Corporation operating as a non-profit, which owns and maintains amenities for the benefit of the owners and residents of the Sylvan Shores community. SSSC also administers the Sylvan Shores Special Community Benefit District (SCBD), an Anne Arundel County special taxing district. SSSC is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are community members.

The Shoreline is the periodic publication sent to all Sylvan Shores owners and residents for the good and the benefit of the community. The Shoreline is written by community members and edited by the Communications Committee. For questions, comments, or to add content to The Shoreline, please contact us at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com. We welcome your thoughts and input!

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