

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events

Winter 2021



CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings:

(held remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

- February 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.
- March 15th @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 19th @ 7:00 p.m. –
Present Board Nominees

→ April 2021 begins the new year for boat slip, kayak/canoe rack, and trailer parking rentals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President: Kim Hewitt

Vice President: Rachel Kline

Secretary: Vacant, rotating acting

Treasurer: Cathy Izzi

Directors

Kristin Buser

Chris Mocella

Judy Moody

Justin Novak

LaShandra Oliver-Moshier

Stephen Winter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for WINTER 2021

As I write this, the most important thing on my mind is my hope that each of you and your families are staying well. What a year this has been, a year I am sure we are all happy to see in our rear-view mirrors. I know I certainly am.

While navigating through such complicated times I want to take a moment to thank the Board of Directors for finding time in their busy schedules to continue to serve this community. Each member of this Board has volunteered a tremendous amount time and I am so very grateful for you all, as I hope all of you are. Sylvan Shores is a wonderful community but it takes time, dedication, and a genuine concern to keep it going. I also thank the members of this community for your support.

The Board is always interested in hearing from you. If you have any thoughts, suggestions, or would like to volunteer your time, please send an email to SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com. This seems like a good time to remind everyone that the easiest, fastest, and most cost-effective way for us to communicate with you is by email. If you have not provided an email address to the Board to use to send you information, please do so to the address above. The emails being sent to the Board are secure and your email address is not shared or sold for advertising. If you send us an email, in your message please provide us with your name and property address.

On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed an

Executive Order prohibiting large gatherings and events and closed non-essential businesses, requiring all persons to stay home except for essential business. With this, we were required to close the use of the clubhouse, discontinuing rentals and in-person meetings. The Board is diligently working on creating a virtual "Zoom" system for members to attend board meetings, with details to follow when tested and confirmed.

Last season we did not re-key the boat ramp locks and we have decided that we will NOT re-key them this coming season either. However, if you need a key, please contact the Board and the standard fee will remain \$25.

As I think about the future, I look forward to enjoying everything this community has to offer and seeing you all taking a walk; kayaking/boating; swimming or watching the swimmers. Please continue to stay safe, wear the mask, wash your hands and let's get this over with so we can shake hands and hug and enjoy life as it is meant to be.

It has been my honor to be the President of this Board of Directors. –Kim



LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY

If you have not already seen the newly-constructed lending library located at the clubhouse by the playground, please check it out! Our library is on a take-one-or-leave-one system, have fun with it! There are books for all ages. Please be sure to lock the door behind you so the books will not get wet. So far, it seems people have been enjoying our library. We would love to know what you think!



CORRECTION – FY2022 SCBD Assessment

There will be a slight decrease of the SCBD tax assessment this year since the County reviewed and changed the number of tax accounts to be assessed (adding one). This does not change the budgets presented and approved by the community: since the vote is on the budget and not the assessment. The SCBD budget has been sent to the County for their approval with the annual assessment of \$478.00 (down from \$479.49) based on 265 lots (up from 264).

BOAT SLIPS AND TRAILER STORAGE

A new boating season is coming! Information regarding slip rentals and trailer storage will be sent out soon to current renters regarding renewals. If you are interested in either renting a slip or storing your *empty* boat/jet ski trailer please email to SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com and someone will get in touch with you.

For past slip holders, you will get “first dibs” on the slip that you rented last year, but if you do not renew your rental by the end of April, and there is a waiting list, slips will be rented. The rental season runs from April 1st through March 31st.

During boating season: just because a slip is empty, that does not mean it is not rented. If

you have a daily slip rental need, please contact the Board. There is a \$25 daily rental fee and a form that needs to be completed.

And lastly, the floating dock at Central Park is not a parking space. It is there for loading and off-loading only, no daily or overnight parking is allowed. Thank you for your cooperation and happy boating!

NEW KAYAK RACK AT CENTRAL PARK: COMING SOON!

The current positioning of the kayak rack at Central Park is getting closer to the water with each day of shoreline erosion (which is another story, but it is being addressed...). The Board has mustered up a few volunteers and a design with budgeting has been approved so construction will begin very soon. If you currently have a vessel on the existing rack, be on the lookout for an email from Marge Farnan regarding the scheduling of moving from one rack to the other. Thanks everyone for your cooperation!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021 PLANS AND PRIORITIES

- Management and resolution of the Parkway E slope erosion issue;
- Hold Board of Directors Elections (May);
- Replace gravel at Clubhouse and Forest Park;
- Clubhouse - general repairs and cleaning;
- Replace South River Boat Ramp and install revetment at Central Park;
- Forest Pier - add water utility and improve boat ramp;
- Improve Ballfield area and determine repair or disposal options for old sheds.

I Remember When...

*We thought it would be fun to create a column for each newsletter that someone that has family history, fun stories, multi-generational family still living in Sylvan Shores to share with the community. Before each newsletter, a community email will go out asking for participants to submit articles. It doesn't have to be old news, it could be new news, just fun, light and interesting. Our first submission is from our very own Board Member, **Judy Moody**. We hope you enjoy...*

I was born and raised in the Sylvan Shores Community, growing up in a mostly summer cottage community that had some "summer only and/or weekends only" residents. The part-time residents on my end of the neighborhood were from the DC area. Some of the men worked on the first Bay Bridge with my Dad; some, I discovered later in my life, were actually related from many generations back.

Where the Riva Food Market is now on Riva Road was called Aunt Mary's store (she wasn't my aunt just the name of the store). It was funny because Aunt Mary had a store in Eastport when my Mom was growing up, so I couldn't do anything bad because she might tell my Mom! Down by the Riva Bridge beside the two restaurants, Paul's and Mike's, was the post office, George's Barber Shop, and the General Store. When we as teenagers we would go visit the Barber Shop when it was really hot outside because it had air conditioning and our house did not. My parents used to send us to the store to buy milk, bread, or cigarettes.

We had dirt roads back then. We swam all summer and ice skated either on Aisquith Pond or "the cove" (now referred to as Granville Creek) when the river froze. When we had a real good freeze, we would skate almost all the way up river to Route 50. We play basketball and the clubhouse, we had teen club on Friday nights. Our play areas were Riva Farms (which we called Indian Hill) and the corn field that took us to Aisquith Pond for skating. The Caretaker's Cottage backed up to the ballfield (the caretaker was George Brown, "the tractor man"). Mr. Buddy's house also backed up to the ballfield and he took care of the ballfield as if it were his own. At Halloween, Mr. Elliott, who lived on Cove Road, would give us the BIG boxes of Cracker Jacks, and Mrs. Jackson made candy apples.

When it snows, the snow plow did not come to Sylvan Shores quickly, so sledding was the best! At Parkway D, between Dogwood and Elm, there was great sledding and Dogwood Road was really good when it was icy. Mrs. Wilson, who lived at the bottom of the hill didn't like us going over the jump to her property, but we did it anyway! ☺ You could get a really long run on a sled by starting on Hillcrest Road, turning down Woodside and onto Poplar Road.

When I was young, Mr. Herd, who lived at the corner of Cove and Park Roads, had a sheep named Sugar. John Peake and I would ride Sugar around the block.

It was great fun growing up here because the county offered swimming lessons down at the swim pier and summer camp at the clubhouse. There was square dancing (called the County Squares) at the clubhouse, the fire hall had bingo on Friday nights and Las Vegas night in July.

This is just a little peek into my memories, there is so much more...

~Judy

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS: CALL FOR NOMINEES

As you may know, the Board cancelled elections last May because of COVID-19 pandemic situation. Most Board members elected in May 2019 continue to serve. While we do not know what the situation will be in May 2021 with regard to elections and face to face meeting, the Board is planning for mail in ballot elections. Member will be informed in April about the election process.

With that, we are asking for owners to nominate themselves or others (with their permission) to be included on the ballot. Nominees for board members and officers are being accepted. Nominees must be an owner of real property in Sylvan Shores, who would accept the nomination, would accept the duties of the position, and will attend meetings and support the documents and procedures established or amended according to the Bylaws.

If you are interested, please contact us at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com. We will ask you to complete a candidate profile form.



SYLVAN SHORES UNITY GARDEN

This past October 2020, a small legion of Sylvan Shores members got together to *Plant the Park*. Thanks to the efforts of a local Sylvan Shores community member Master Horticulturalist and Landscaping Extraordinaire, Sylvan Shores was selected for a Unity Garden grant. This allowed the community to clear the hillside adjacent to Central Park (thanks, Jose!) and plant local, sustainable, and beautiful flora to grow and prosper with the natural environment.

About Unity Gardens: Unity Gardens is a non-profit organization based in Anne Arundel County that supports the building of community partnerships through its grassroots grants program. Unity offers grants of up to \$1000 to non-profits such as schools, religious organizations, scout troops and community groups to purchase native plants for conservation landscaping. Grants are awarded twice a year to coincide with the spring and fall growing seasons.

Vision: Unity Gardens envisions a world where common citizens are the first step toward positive environmental change. We provide small grants to diverse community groups to plant native gardens that promote cleaner water and air, reduce runoff, foster thriving eco-systems, and create natural beauty.

Find out more at <https://UnityGardens.org>



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 may have seen me fishing, or what looks like to you: standing *very* still for a *very long time*. But, please be sure, I am quite focused on the work. When I am fishing, I am absorbed solely on my one task, which is waiting for a proper fish to come along so I can make my move. It's very meditative and liberating: all of my other cares have no space to manifest and distract me. I suppose that we could all use a moment like that each day: a time to do just the one thing we are actually doing, without the distractions of other thoughts and worries, things already done that we cannot change, and things in the future that may not even come to pass. The fish are well worth it.

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Current as of February 2021

*Sylvan Shores, inside the Census-designated place of Riva, is within Anne Arundel County for local elections, in Maryland's 33rd District for statewide elections, and within of Maryland's 4th Congressional District for national elections. **Elected officials work for you: the voter, citizen, and constituent. Contact them!***

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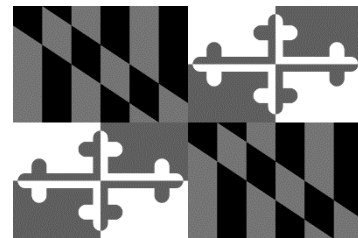
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COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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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