

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events

Winter 2022



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- February 28TH @ 7:00 p.m.
 - March 21st @ 7:00 p.m.
 - April 18th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Board nominees presented.

🚤 **April 2022** begins the new year for boat slip and kayak/canoe rack rentals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

President: Kim Hewitt
Vice President: Rachel Kline
Secretary: Liz Stark
Treasurer: Cathy Izzi

Directors

Kristin Buser
Chris Mocella
Judy Moody
Justin Novak
Larisa Santis
Stephen Winter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for WINTER 2022

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, winter is certainly in full swing. The kids (big and small) have been having a great time sledding around the community and playing in the snow.

If you are a member of the Sylvan Shores Facebook page, we've been posting pictures of all the fun and winter beauty as much as possible.

With all the beauty comes some winter issues. The heavy snow and ice have done damage to several of the bushes around the clubhouse, and if you haven't noticed, there are several broken limbs on the pretty crepe myrtle trees at the entrance of the community. If you see additional damage to trees and/or bushes on community property, please contact the Board and let us know.

On another note, the majority of roads in Sylvan Shores are county owned and maintained, which includes snow removal. Below is from the Anne Arundel County website based on the service level we receive. Once the county has come through, if necessary, a member of the Board will contact the snow removal contractor for Sylvan Shores to clear the streets owned by the community along with Shore Walk Rd. paved parkway. Please

contact AACO if you have concerns or complaints regarding county roads and walks.

As much as I love a little snow and cold weather, like me, I would suspect many of you are starting to look forward to spring. There will be a lot of information in the next few months regarding ramp keys, boat slip rentals and trailer parking and other things. If we do not have your email address, please send it to us at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com so you don't miss any important information.

Thank you for letting me serve this community that I have come to so dearly love.

Respectfully submitted, *Kim Hewitt*

Snow/Ice Storm Information from <https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/snow-removal>

Storms of 0-6 inches: Your road should be made passable up to 36 hours after the end of the storm.

Storms of 6-14 inches: Your road should be made passable 2-3 days after the end of the storm.

Storms of 14-22 inches: Your road should be made passable 3-4 days after the end of the storm.

Storms of 22+ inches: Your road should be made passable 4-6 days after the end of the storm.

Freezing Rain or Ice: During severe ice storms, your road will receive sanding and/or salting after the storm subsides. This will only be done where public safety is a concern.



FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROVED

Our budget for fiscal year 2023 (July 2022 – June 2023) was approved by the Sylvan Shores community through majority vote. The budget includes funding to maintain Sylvan Shores property, save funds for future improvements, and ensure reserves are available for emergency needs. Future improvement projects include protecting the waterfront and stemming erosion issues, improving the Clubhouse, stormwater management, and improving the entrance areas to both South River and Forest sections.

CLUBHOUSE HVAC REPLACED

The HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) unit at the Sylvan Shores Clubhouse ended its useful life over late autumn and was replaced to ensure adequate heating and cooling for rentals. Next up, the Clubhouse Committee and Board are looking into proposals to replace the roof of the Clubhouse (several decades old!) as well as renovate the ceiling of the main clubhouse area, to include lighting and fans.

PARKWAY E SLOPE CONTINUES TO HOLD

Following the fix last year, the slope from Parkway E into the South River continues to hold and no further erosion has been noticed. Over 750 lirioppe plants have been added to help manage erosion. Additionally, 500 lirioppe plants were also added to the Central Park hillside to continue development/beautification of the

slope and control erosion. Weed control has been intensified at Central Park to keep out invasive plants.

Lirioppe, sometimes called lilyturf, is among the best evergreen ground covers. It multiplies rapidly and requires very little care.



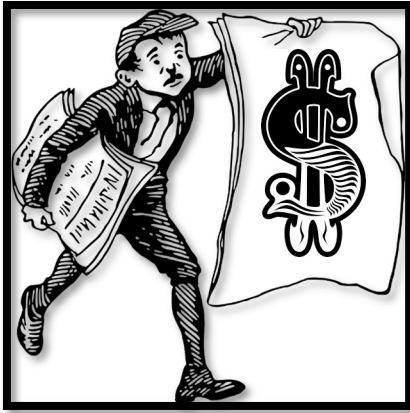
SWIM PIER STAIRWELL MAINTENANCE

The Waterfront Committee is working with contractors to evaluate options for managing the dramatic erosion at the bottom of the stairs leading from Shore Walk to the swim pier. Currently, the bottom of the stairwell is at risk due to exposure of the footings after the river has undercut the hillside at the water's edge. Additionally, a 50-foot "living shoreline" is being considered to assist with preventing further erosion.

COMMITTEE NEEDS:

ROADS & DRAINAGE / RECREATION

A committee chair is still needed for the Roads & Drainage committee that manages roadwork and interacts with the County to ensure proper maintenance and safety of our roads. Additionally, a Recreation Committee is being formed with several community volunteers. If you have interest in either position, please contact SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com.



FINANCE AND BUDGET

The fiscal year 2023 (FY2023) Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) and Sylvan Shores Services Company, Inc. (SSSC) corporate budgets were mailed to members (property owners) for vote in November 2021. The vote passed on both budgets. The SCBD budget is pending approval by the Anne Arundel County Council as part of their budget process. Once approved, the budget will be effective July 1, 2022. The SCBD budget is funded by annual assessments per property tax account. The FY2023 annual assessment is \$496.84, billed by Anne Arundel County. Here are summaries of the FY2023 budgets:

SCBD FY2023 (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	Budget
General maintenance and improvement*	97,685.80
Administrative expenses (incl. County Admin Fee)	28,265.00
Replacement Reserves (for future use)	28,714.00
Capital Reserves (for future use)	7,500.00
Total	162,164.80

*Includes \$31,000 from replacement reserves

SSSC FY2023 (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	Budget
Legal	1,000.00
Tax Return/Audit	2,000.00
Donations RVFD	50.00
Replacement Reserves (for future use)	3,775.00
Total	6,825.00

The SSSC budget is funded by amenity rentals (boat slips, kayak rack, boat trailer parking etc.).

MAIL FROM SYLVAN SHORES SERVICES COMPANY

Generally, Sylvan Shores will send notices of meetings, voting ballots, and *The Shoreline* newsletter through postal "snail mail." The Board receives the mailing list from Anne Arundel County, which is based on the real property database and it is often not up to date with recent property sales. While we try to update those and other known address and name changes, sometimes we get returned mail.

Please be sure to **update your mailing address with Anne Arundel County** or send us your email at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com. The Board tries to limit emails to one or two a month, depending on activity. Postal mailings are limited to official Board business.



OLD MAN WINTER VISITS SYLVAN SHORES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS - CALL FOR NOMINEES

Sylvan Shores and the current Board of Directors are looking for volunteers to serve on the 2022-2023 Board of Directors. The Board contributes to the management of the Sylvan Shores Services Company, Inc., administers the Special Community Benefit District, makes decisions for the benefit of the community, helps set the budget and executes funding, manages the real property of the community, and organizes activities for the membership. Having member involvement is crucial to help make decisions that affect the entire community.

The community membership will vote for the Board in May. Nominees must be an owner of real property in Sylvan Shores, would accept the nomination, would accept the duties of the position, and will attend meetings, and will support the procedures established or amended according to the Bylaws. If you are interested or need more information, please contact us at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com. Nominations will be accepted through until the April 18th Board meeting.



AWARENESS, THE RULES AND BASIC CONSIDERATION

As I am sure you are all aware, over the last 2-3 years or so, there has been an increase in housing construction (new construction and renovations) in Sylvan Shores, which is certainly not a bad thing, however, in a small community like ours, any kind of construction creates complications. Our streets are narrow and parking is a challenge for residents on a good day. Then add in large delivery trucks, huge pieces of equipment and contractor parking, we now have problems.

Sylvan Shores is a Maryland corporation, NOT a home owners association and is managed very differently. One of the purposes of the Board of Directors, is to manage and maintain properties and amenities for the benefit of the owners and residents. So unlike HOAs, we have no architectural control over homeowners, but we do have Rules & Regulations relating to community properties.

During some recent projects, we had daily issues with contractors parking in NO PARKING areas; delivering large pieces of equipment without prior approval to the clubhouse parking lot and leaving them; parking in the grass area at the entrance of the community disturbing the grass; blocking access to homeowners' driveways and other issues. As a board of volunteers, each with full time jobs, it is simply impossible and too much to expect, that we are to police these projects on a daily basis, and should not have to be expected to ensure contractors and subcontractors are following the rules and are being considerate of homes around active projects.

On this note, we ask for your help. If you are anticipating a project, or are in the middle of one currently, and are expecting large deliveries that might block others access or interfere with residents moving around the community freely, we ask that you please take the time to reach out to your neighbors that might be directly affected so they are aware of when deliveries may be made and can plan accordingly. As an owner, you are responsible for your contractors and should be informing them of rules regarding parking, etc. You should not give them permission to park any equipment on the pavers on Shore Walk Drive or at the clubhouse parking lot or any Sylvan Shores owned properties, but if there is a special situation and you are unsure of how to advise them, you should reach out to the Board prior to "the day of" to discuss an alternative that works for everyone.

Our goal is to protect community property and we are committed to that. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance in protecting our community. ~Kim Hewitt, President

LOCAL RESOURCES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Anne Arundel County Police (non-emergency) 410-222-8050	24-Hour Emergency for water, solid waste, and wastewater 410-222-8400	AA County Department of Public Works 410-222-7500
Animal Control 410-222-8900	South County Roads District 410-222-1933	Anne Arundel County Offices 410-222-7000
Maryland Governor's Office 800-811-8336	County Executive's Office 410-222-1821	Recycling Information 410-263-7967
Department of Planning and Zoning 410-263-7961	Department of Parks and Recreation 410-263-7958	Jessica Haire – AACo Council Member 410-222-1401
Maryland Tax Information 800-638-2937	AA County Tax Information 410-974-5709	Voter Information 410-222-6600
Poison Control 800-222-1222	Better Business Bureau 410-347-3990	AA County Fire Department 410-222-8300



NEW BOATING SEASON – APRIL 2022

April begins the new boating season for Sylvan Shores.



This means: **kayak/canoe rack space, boat slips, boat trailer storage, and boat ramp keys.**

This year, there will be brand new boat ramp keys for both South River and Hardestys Cove.

Email/Facebook information will be sent out in advance of the new season.

Please ensure that your information is up to date with SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com



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. These few months have been chilly, and even my usual fishing spot has been frozen over a few times when the temperatures really drop. However, I'm a four-season resident of this area, so I don't mind the colder weather too much, it's just another great part of my year. The Dutch have this saying, *Uitwaaien*, or "out blowing" pronounced "OUT-vwy-ehn." It means to take a walk out in the cold and wind to be refreshed. My winters are like that: being out in the cold and wind for a few months to refresh myself for the warm days ahead. If something is on the fritz, most things seem to work better if you turn them off for a little while, let them cool down, and then turn them back on again. A proper flight in the cold wind is like that for me. ~Hardesty

CONTACT SYLVAN SHORES

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

- <http://SylvanShoresRiva.com>
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- SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com
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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!

Sylvan Shores Services Company

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