

# The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events

WINTER 2023



## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Board Meetings:

- March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

→At the Clubhouse, all members are welcomed!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Officers

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

### Directors

Kristin Buser  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT for WINTER 2023

It is hard to believe it is already February of 2023. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. This time last year we were playing in snow, but there does not seem to be any signs of that so far this year. As much as I would love a little snow, 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 exciting things. I am extremely excited to let you know that the clubhouse has a new roof and it looks awesome. Next to come will be repairs to the front and back stairs at the clubhouse and then we will move inside for some refreshing. Just a gentle reminder, if you park at the clubhouse house from time-to-time, please pay attention to the posted no parking signs. It is very important that you do not park in the lot during those posted times.

If we do not have your email address, please send it to us at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com so you do not miss any important and exciting information.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Board of Directors and others who volunteer their time and work so very hard to support the membership. We are always looking for volunteers for special projects,

so if you have an interest, we welcome you to the monthly Board meetings or just come out to meet your neighbors. Sylvan Shores is wonderful community with great neighbors. In closing, I thank you for continuing to support me as your President, I am looking forward to a fun filled 2023.

~Kim Hewitt, President

## \$\$\$ FINANCE AND BUDGET \$\$\$

Per December 31, 2022, Unaudited Financials:

### SSSC – Sylvan Shores Services Company, Inc. – A Maryland Corporation Operating as a Non-Profit

Checking/Savings		
13210 Reserves – Replacement	61,067.40	*PNC Money Market
13220 Reserves – General	62,213.98	PNC Money Market
10000 Operating	7,997.42	PNC Checking
<b>TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS - SSSC</b>	<b>131,278.80</b>	

### SCBD – Special Community Benefit District, funded by tax assessments for established purposes.

Checking/Savings		
10000 Operating	41,659.67	Wells Fargo Operating-Checking
10101 Reserves - Capital	17,659.67	**Wells Fargo Operating-Capital Reserves
10100 Reserves – Replacement	70,133.62	*Wells Fargo Money Market-Replacement Reserves
<b>TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS – SCBD</b>	<b>129,043.21</b>	

\*TOTAL REPLACEMENT RESERVES \$131,201.02 From \* above

\*\*TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES (SCBD) \$17,659.67 From \*\* above



### **WHAT'S UP WITH... THE CLUBHOUSE?**

It's hard not to notice that it has been another great year for our clubhouse! The parking gravel has been replaced, the grounds have been cleared of fallen trees, the base has been painted, and a new roof has been installed! We are also looking into replacing the drop ceiling with drywall along with new lights and fans. After all of this, the inside will need a new coat of paint and new curtains, and some new mulch at the playground. In the meantime, the clubhouse is open to rentals for 2023! The Sylvan Shores Clubhouse is a huge asset to the community, so updating and caring for this property is a priority.

### **WHAT'S UP WITH... THE RIVA CAFÉ?**

It was hard not to notice when the old Riva Store closed and when it was torn down, and then the lot sat vacant for several years! Now there is a whole new building in its place, so what's the deal? The owners of Mike's Restaurant bought the property with the intention of building a café, bakery, and coffee house. A name hasn't been officially released nor has an opening day been announced. But work has been moving pretty fast, so here's hoping for a new local business this spring!

### **WHAT'S UP WITH... GOV. BRIDGE ROAD?**

It was hard not to notice when the crews showed up last year and started the major work at the intersection of Riva Road and Governor

Bridge Road. While it was originally slated to be complete in June of 2022, delays with crew availability and weather have pushed back completion. Per the AACounty.org website, improvements will include traffic lights, widening the roadway to accommodate turning, bike compatible shoulders, lengthening the sidewalk, and stormwater management. Laying permanent asphalt requires temperatures consistently above 50°F/10°C, leading to the delay in finalizing the location until spring (though it has been plenty warm this strange winter!). There is no word on whether the entire stretch from GBR up to the South River Bridge will be repaved, but one can hope!

### **WHAT'S UP WITH... IVY ON TREES?**

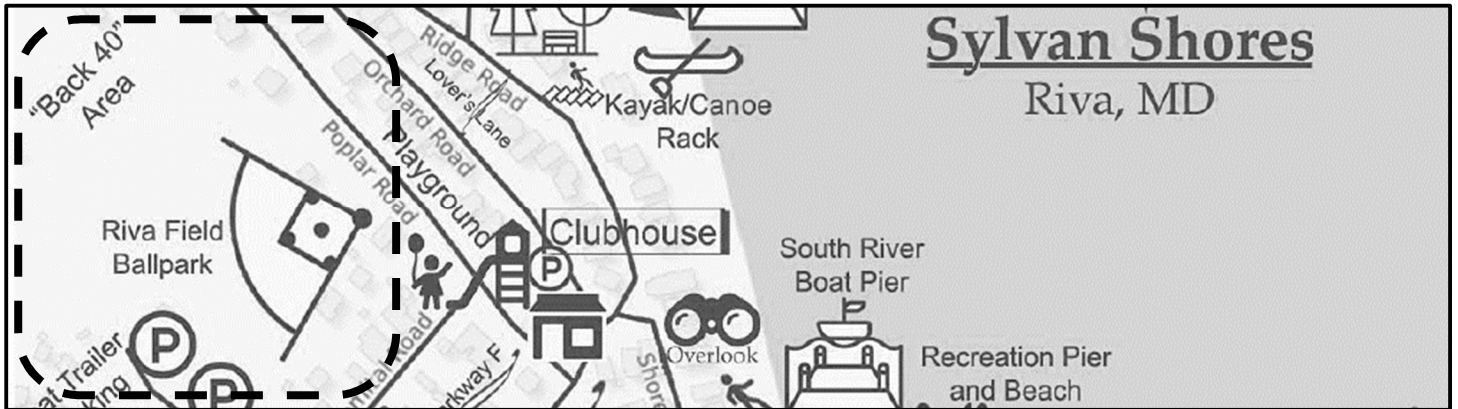
It's hard not to notice: ivy and vines growing on trees. Heavy vines cause damage and death to mature trees by loosening the bark and holding moisture against the trunk, making a good environment for fungal disease and decay. Heavy vines can take trees down in the wind, snow, and icy conditions. A good technique to get rid of ivy on trees is to: 1. wait until after a rainfall for soft soil, 2. use a hand pruner to cut ivy stems at their roots around the tree trunk, and then 3. get as deep as you can and pull the roots out! Leave the ivy already on the tree to die on its own, as pulling it off can damage the tree bark and cause problems for the tree's health.



*Ivy can be pretty, but is detrimental to the tree's long-term health*

## THE BACK 40 PROJECT

The “Back 40” is a colloquial term for the area of Sylvan Shores where the Ballfield, trailer parking, old basketball court, and sheds are located (on the left side of the map below). A project is being organized to re-develop the underutilized area of Sylvan Shores as a gathering and community area.



Fun fact: From the early agriculture days of the United States, 1 “township” was 36 square miles (6 miles by 6 miles). Each square mile (a section of land) was divided into 16 subdivisions of 40 acres (1/4 mile by 1/4 mile). So, a quarter section is 160 acres, a common unit of ownership in the early days of farming. The quarter-section farmer would own two “front 40s” and two “back 40s.” While Sylvan Shores’ area isn’t *quiiiiite* 40 acres, the nickname has stuck!

An initial meeting was held in July 2022 by interested Board members. A discussion was held on how to improve and upgrade this community property to make it more accessible, useful, and attractive to Sylvan Shores residents. General agreement seemed to center around improving areas incrementally to accomplish these goals while staying within reasonable and approved budgets. Among potential projects discussed were:

1. Define and constrain boat trailer parking area so that less space is used, while leaving it adjustable depending on demand for trailer and car parking.
2. Repair small concession stand adjacent to existing ballfield: clean out, repair, and paint.
3. Repair and paint chain link fence surrounding ballfield.
4. Repair existing dugout, and repair or remove the other dugout which has collapsed.
5. Carpentry/painting to repair existing baseball backboard behind home plate.
6. Clean out and repair concrete block shed, install a new roof, doors, and window, and re-paint.
7. Re-configure the basketball court by rotating 90-degrees to allow for more space and a picnic area, creating a new court surface and replacing poles and backboards.
8. Clearing out overgrown area leading down to Granville Creek, followed by landscaping to allow for picnic areas and water views, kayak launching, etc.
9. Once picnic areas are established, picnic tables and possible gazebo as well as stationary BBQ grills can be considered.

This project will take time, the leadership of project managers, active involvement from community members to help, and approved funding. Do you have ideas for the Back 40? Can you add your time, expertise, and/or work to this project? It cannot be done by just one or two people!

→Please contact [SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com](mailto:SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com) to get in touch with the project managers, and let’s make this happen!

# **LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Current as of February 2023

*Sylvan Shores, inside the Census-designated place of Riva, is within Anne Arundel County's 7<sup>th</sup> District for local elections, in Maryland's 33<sup>rd</sup> (B) District for statewide elections, and within of Maryland's 5th Congressional District for national elections. **Elected officials work for you: the voter, citizen, and constituent. Contact them!***

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# Sylvan Shores Clubhouse Rentals



## Your Sylvan Shores Clubhouse!

- 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](mailto:SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at 443-781-4453.
- The Clubhouse rental includes use of the main interior space, a lovely full-featured kitchen, the entire parking area, and the community playground.
- A Cleaning Addendum/Refundable Deposit has been added to the rental agreements to ensure cleaning and reasonable sanitization after use to ensure it is ready for the next guests.



## **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 time to stand around and see what's going on in our community, and sometimes that means watching your TVs through open windows. I see this show "Who's Line is it Anyway?" where four humans are bossed around by another human at a desk telling them to do wacky things made up on the spot, I think a documentary? The show's motto is "Where everything is made up and the points don't matter," which: isn't that just human life! You make up everything here on earth to do: your jobs and hobbies and extraneous preoccupations. And then you assign "points" to career, money, size of the fish you caught, and comparing your lives to others to see who "wins." But just like your show, we can all play this infinite game where everyone laughs and wins. It's all made up, and the points don't matter! ~Hardesty

**Contact Sylvan Shores**

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

- <https://SylvanShoresRiva.com>
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**COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Emergency: 9-1-1

Suicide Hotline: 9-8-8

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/>

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**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 an all-volunteer Board of Directors who are community members.

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**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](mailto:SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com). We welcome your thoughts and input!

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