

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events



CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings

In-Person Board Meetings are cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19

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The Clubhouse has new siding and the doors, railings and foundation have been painted. The new pier on the Forest side was completed and it looks fabulous, check it out. There was a community Yard Sale which many participated in. We are in the process of building a tiny book lending library that will be located at the clubhouse for all to enjoy (bring one, take one). Parkway A erosion on the South River has been repaired as well as the break in the storm water drain pipe on Parkway E hillside and that hill has been stabilized. Safety fences along the steep slope edge of the Parkway E hillside and the edge of the hillside at the Cove Road/Park Road intersection were installed for your safety.

We created a “Community Amenities Map” and a “Walking Trail Map” for members to know all amenities open to Sylvan Shores, as well as mapped-out walking loops for that good outdoor exercise. We are looking to create a new “Recreation Committee” to help plan, organize, and run community recreation, social, and leisure activities, please get in touch if you are interested! The South River Swim Club has been swimming away, they never fail to amaze me with their stamina. It’s free to residents of Sylvan Shores. We are also actively working with several groups to apply for any and all grants we may qualify for and intend to use the funding to design and plant beautiful and beneficial new garden areas in Sylvan Shores. If you are an expert at grant writing, we need you! And last, but certainly not least, there is one very large upcoming project: the “Central Park Project” for the replacement of the South River boat ramp, adding revetment and planting a living shoreline at the Central Park area. There will be a lot of communication about the schedule of this project prior to work being done.

Please keep your eye on email from Sylvan Shores for this information and if you are not receiving email from the Board, and would like to, please send your information to sylvanshoresbod@gmail.com and we will add you to the distribution list. I would like to thank the entire Board of Directors for another year of hard work, dedication and success and I would also like to thank the entire community for your support! I hope you are having a great summer and look forward to seeing you in person again soon. ~Kim Hewitt, President

FALL 2020

I am sure, just like me, you are all enjoying getting outside and taking advantage of this lovely place we call home and all it has to offer. It has certainly been a challenging time, but I have found such relaxation from the water while watching the swimmers, paddle boarders, kayakers and boaters; the osprey returned right on schedule and continue to amuse me every day, all the birds chirping, children finally able to get outside to play and we can get down to the business of eating crabs, they’re coming in good now.

My hope for each of you, is that you can take time from your busy lives and wander down to the community parks, boat ramps and recreational piers to enjoy. Make it a goal this year to get out and meet your old and new neighbors while social distancing. Please be safe and stay healthy and hopefully this will all be behind us soon.

This past year has been a very productive year for the Board of Directors and there have been lots of accomplishments with many things to come. The Sylvan Shores Facebook page is being updated constantly with pictures and helpful information, it’s a great place to keep in touch with what is happening in and around Sylvan Shores. Check out the Sylvan Shores webpage at sylvanshoresriva.com; there are some fun and interesting historical facts you may not be aware of!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



FINANCE AND BUDGET

Where the money comes from and where it goes!

SSSC operates under two budgets: Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) and a Non-SCBD: the Sylvan Shores Services Company (SSSC) budget. The SCBD budget is funded by tax assessments for purposes of the SCBD, and the SSSC budget is funded by fees from amenity rentals/leases for those expenses not allowed to be paid from tax assessments.

Proposed budgets are mailed to owners in the district for approval at the November membership meeting. The member-approved SCBD budget then goes to the County for inclusion in their operating budget and the funds become available in the following fiscal year, starting July 1st.

For the current 2020 fiscal year, the total SCBD budget is \$103,756.60 which includes \$12,000 from existing reserves. The SSSC budget is \$28,360, which includes \$22,000 in existing reserves.

How is the money used? The SCBD money is used to acquire, maintain, improve, operate and provide security for the protection of real property and facilities owned by the community association for the common use and enjoyment of owners and residents of the community, for community recreation events, community-wide insect and pest control and administrative expenses. The SSSC monies from rentals of amenities is used to pay for other administrative and operational expenses such as our website, audit and tax preparation fees, donation to Riva Volunteer Fire Department, and legal expenses.

In addition to our normal operating expenses (mowing, accounting, electric, water & sewer, insurance and taxes), funds are budgeted for projects and other maintenance to piers, water access, parkways, rain gardens, trees, playground, clubhouse, and non-County

roadways. Then there are critical situations which arise making it necessary to reassign budgeted funds.

In the past year, the Board of Directors and volunteers have worked hard on completion of these high-dollar, high-value projects:

- Forest Park pier and electric utility replacement
- Clubhouse siding and electric utility replacement
- Parkway A stabilization (water side between Apple and Butternut Roads)
- Parkway E outflow drain replacement (water side between Elm and Woodside)

And now we are embarking on replacement of the boat ramp at Central Park (end of Park Road) and constructing a stone revetment to protect the Central Park waterfront. This is a significant and exciting project for Sylvan Shores. Funding for this project is available for both the current and upcoming fiscal year. The anticipated cost is \$56,560. Thank you for supporting these and future projects to improve and protect our assets for the benefit of the Sylvan Shores community!

Budget Fiscal Year 2021 (July-Jun)

SCBD (Special Community Benefit District)

General maintenance and improvement:	96,010.80
Administrative expenses:	23,800.00
County Administrative Fee:	2,000.00
Contribution to Replacement Reserves:	27,039.00
Contribution to Capital Reserves:	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	153,849.80

(includes 36,800 from existing reserves)

Total Tax Assessment: 117,049.80
(441.70 per tax ID annual)

SSSC (non-SCBD budget) FY2021

Legal:	1,000.00
Tax Preparation/Audit/Filing Fees:	2,000.00
Misc Admin (Website, etc):	650.00
Donations (RVFD):	50.00
Contribution to Replacement Reserves:	<u>2,850.00</u>
Total:	7,550.00

(funded from budgeted income of \$7,550)

A detailed budget and accounting can be requested from SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com. We would also like community volunteers for the budget committee, please do not hesitate to reach out! This is your money being put to use for your community and benefit.

WHAT'S NEW!

PROJECTS AROUND

NEW Clubhouse siding! Take a walk over and see our updated digs. The Board sends major thanks to Steve Bradley and Dan Anthony for spearheading the efforts to beautify and fortify the Sylvan Shores Clubhouse with new siding. It looks fresh and beautiful.

Parkway A and E: over the last year, we spent considerable time and money shoring up community hillsides on Parkways A & E. They were eroding rapidly and presented danger to the community. The slopes have been stabilized and look good now. Thanks to community members Stephen Winter and Kim Cover for managing those projects. We also cleaned up overgrowth, bamboo and debris, and replanted grass on several parkways, so now you can see all the way from Hillcrest Drive to the South River.

Long Pier/Community Bulkhead: The area surrounding the South River boat ramp will be getting a facelift this year! This community-approved project is on its way (see below!).

WATERFRONT NEWS

Have you checked out the **waterfront at Hardestys Cove** on the Forest Road side of Sylvan Shores lately? A There is a brand new pier with five slips! Thanks to Kristin Buser for managing that monster project. We also have a brand new Kayak/Canoe/Sup Rack, built with generous donation of time by community volunteers Justin Novak and Doug Bedingfield. Doug and Karen Bedingfield also generously donated the new picnic table down there.

On the South River waterfront side, there is a new platform leading from the wooden steps on Shore walk to the hillside. It's much easier to get from the stairs to the community recreation pier, now.

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Huh? That's the short name for a BIG project at Central Park on the South River – the **Sylvan Shores Shoreline Restoration, Retement & Ramp Replacement**

project. Our shoreline is eroding at a dramatic rate and we need to slow down the pace. This project will protect about 80' of shoreline next to the boat ramp with stone. In addition, the aging boat ramp will be replaced.

When?? Well, the project is budgeted and funded, a contractor has been selected, a design/permit company has been hired, and appropriate permit and licensing paperwork has been submitted to the county and state. Waterfront projects require extensive permitting, and COVID has slowed everything down. At this point, we are hopeful for Spring completion... just in time for boating season.

Thanks to community members John Ryan and Tommy Lynch for managing this project!

Kayak Rack – Help Wanted!

Our **community kayak rack at Central Park** is in danger of falling into the river because of erosion. We are looking for a project manager and volunteers to build a replacement. We will fund it. Want to help? Email sylvanshoresbod@gmail.com.

CENTRAL PARK UNITY GARDEN GRANT

Here was a great community success story: Sylvan Shores was awarded a \$1,000 grant thanks to the hard work of community member Steve Makrinos. The grant allows us to plant/beautify/stabilize the hillside and bio-retention basin in the Central Park area on the South River. While the funds cover plants and supplies, WE provided the volunteer army to make this happen. On Saturday October 3rd, a dedicated group of Sylvan Shores amateur horticulturists put on their gardening gloves and joined in (with social-distancing protocols, of course!) to “**Plant The Park.**” Go check it out!

BOARD ELECTIONS

The Sylvan Shores Board of Directors is a motivated group of volunteers who give their time to maintain and improve our community. The board represents you, its residents. Elections for the Officers and Directors who will serve for the next year typically take place at our May meeting, however the current board was maintained throughout the public health crisis. We will be announcing an election when we are able to safely conduct one. We are always looking for community members to get involved and work with us for the betterment of Sylvan Shores. Reach out to the Board and the nominating committee with any questions at SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com.



MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Update from the Maryland Department of Agriculture

- Due to COVID-19, State of Maryland agencies are under a hiring freeze. We therefore have a very limited field staff. We are able to perform very limited larviciding activities. In June we will begin our population and disease monitoring program. Unless the hiring freeze is lifted, ULV fogging for adult mosquitoes will be limited to disease case response and exceptionally high population density of adults, to be determined on a case by case basis.
- Your Community's assigned fog night is: **Monday**-Your community will only ever be fogged on Monday nights during the 2020 season, except possibly in case of disease response
- Fogging can occur anytime between 7:00 PM and 2:30 AM
 - The fog program will begin on June 3.
 - Fogging will not begin until the community has been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form
 - October 6 is the estimated last day of fogging for 2020
- Residents who do not wish their property to be fogged may file an exemption. The exemption policy and form can be found on our website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/default.aspx>
- Please stay indoors while fogging operations are being conducted
- For Further information:
 - http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx
 - mosquito.control@maryland.gov
 - 410-841-5870, mosquito.control@maryland.gov
- For information on the products used: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mc_product_labels_material_safety_data_sheets.aspx

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Have you joined our community email list? From time-to-time, the board will send an email out to the community with important information, meeting announcements, agenda, and more. In the last few months, we've sent meeting minutes, community yard sale information, and a mosquito spray announcement. If you'd like to be added to this list, please email the board and let us know.

Is there something you would like to see more of on our website, Facebook page, or in this newsletter? As always, you can reach out to the Sylvan Shores Board email with your ideas and contributions.

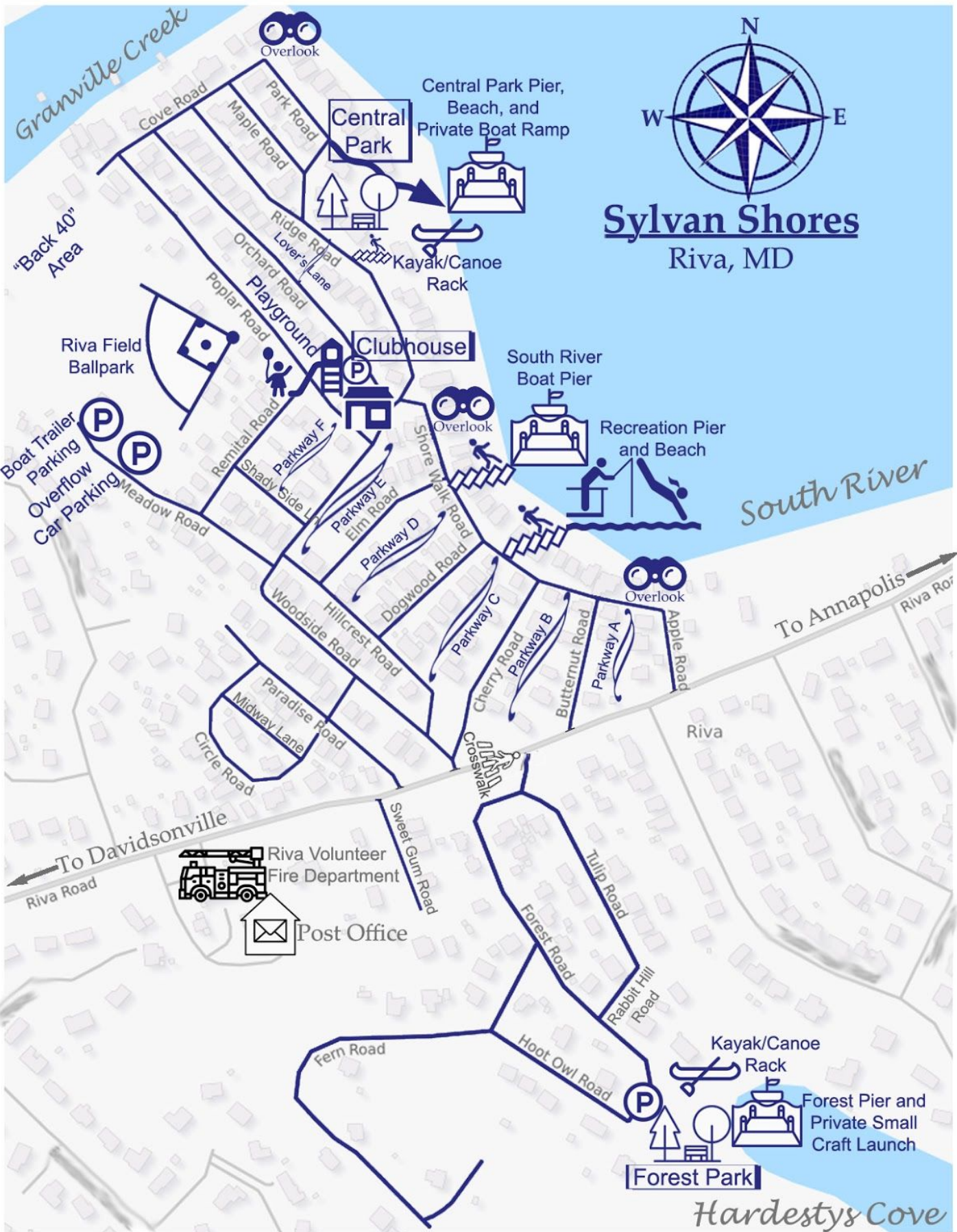


THANK YOU!

A neighbor, who wishes to remain anonymous, took it upon themselves to take down the blue heron at the front of the neighborhood and give it a fresh coat of paint. It looks beautiful! Make sure to take a look the next time you pass by. Thank you anonymous neighbor!

Chris Mocella, one of our board members, created a beautiful map of the neighborhood (next page). Take a look at his rendering, which includes important neighborhood assets. Take it along for your next walk around the neighborhood and check everything out. Thank you Chris!

*Thank
You*



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COUNTY CONTACTS TO NOTE

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency Police 410-222-8610

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

Non-Emergency and City Government Services

Dial 3-1-1

Non-Profit and Human Service Programs

Dial 2-1-1 | or visit <http://www.211md.org/>

Find us online! See our website at

www.sylvanshoresriva.com

SSSC Bylaws and Rules & Regulations

Clubhouse Rental Contact Information

AA County Water & Sewer Project Information

The Shoreline Newsletters

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