

The Shoreline

Sylvan Shores Community News and Events

Summer 2023



CALENDAR

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- August 21st - Monday
 - September 18th - Monday
 - October 16th - Monday
- 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
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Directors

Kristin Buser
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT for SUMMER 2023

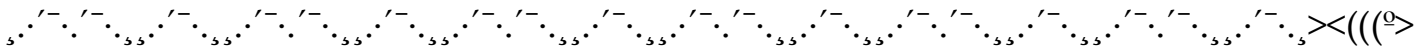
And just like that, it's August.

Summer is flying by so fast but so many of you have been taking advantage of the wonderful amenities this community has to offer, just too bad those darn jelly fish have been around. Many things have been going on behind-the-scenes which will be covered in more detail throughout this newsletter, but just know that the Board you elected has been working very hard.

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.

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 and there is always information being posted to our Facebook page: [facebook.com/SylvanShoresRiva](https://www.facebook.com/SylvanShoresRiva).

~Kim Hewitt, President



SOUTH RIVER BOAT PIER: EXTENSION and FINGER PIERS

Finger piers (a narrow section attached to the main pier) have been installed at the South River Boat Pier! These will make boating and docking much easier for the residents who have rented slips (and don't necessarily have Captain's-level abilities in tying up their vessels between the pilings...).

The pier has also been extended to make shoreline access easier (no more jumping!)

Interested in renting a slip? Contact SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com.



BOATING and KAKAK/CANOE FACILITIES

If you need a boat ramp key, are interested in parking a boat trailer (only) in the designated area, would like to rent a boat slip, or put your name on the kayak rack waiting list, please email SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com or leave a voicemail with your name, address and phone number at 443.781.4453 and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Boats and boat trailers must have legal tags/stickers registered to a resident of Sylvan Shores and must be insured.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The clubhouse continues to be a great amenity to the community and has had so many wonderful events this year. If you didn't know, a beautiful new ceiling has been installed with new ceiling fans and lights, and new curtains have been hung. Two lovely benches along with 2 large flower pots have been added to the front and we have heard nice comments about this addition.

What's next? we will be working on budgeting for inside painting and repair/replacement of the exterior stairs on the front and back. These are big ticket items, but we're doing our best to make this happen.

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse for an event, please email SylvanShoresBOD@gmail.com with a contact number and someone will return your call as

quickly as possible. As a reminder, the clubhouse is rented every Sunday through the 1st weekend in October for the Crossing Currents Aquatics Club:

<https://crossingcurrentsaquatics.com/open-water>.

WATER TESTING:

SOUTH RIVER and HARDESTYS COVE

Thanks to your funding, Sylvan Shores pays for the local Arundel Rivers Federation (arundelrivers.org/) to regularly test the waters at both the South River swimming pier and at Hardestys Cove for the presence of *enterococci* bacteria. Enterococci are indicators of the presence of animal fecal material in water and, therefore, of the possible presence of disease-causing bacteria, viruses, and protozoa. The test results are presented weekly and are posted to the Sylvan Shores Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SylvanShoresRiva/>.

Don't have Facebook? The feed is mirrored at our website with no account required at:

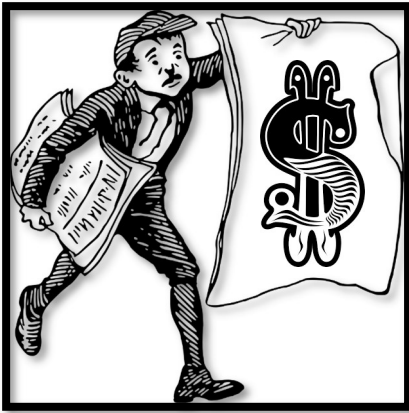
<https://sylvanshoresriva.com/facebook-news/>

The testing is done mid-week and reported by the weekend. However, if there is any significant rain between the test and reporting, levels could increase significantly. Always wait 48 hours after a big rain to swim in those areas.

In general, the water at South River has been excellent all summer long, with Hardestys Cove also being pretty good except after rain storms (not as much constant water flow to flush out the material). Just watch out for the nettles!



Hardesty on the hunt, June 2023



FINANCE and BUDGET UPDATE

Sylvan Shores Services Company (SSSC) operates under two budgets: SCBD (Special Community Benefit District) and a Non-SCBD (SSSC) budget. The SCBD budget is funded by tax assessments for established purposes, and the SSSC budget is funded by fees from amenity rentals/leases for those expenses not allowed to be paid from tax assessments (such as tax preparation and audits, some legal expenses). Visit www.sylvanshoresriva.com for more information on the purposes of the district.

Here are the budgets for the current Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024), approved by the Board and community in November 2022. The SCBD budget was adopted by Anne Arundel County Council with their Annual

Budget process in May and June, 2023.

SCBD FY2024*	Expense Budget
General maintenance and improvement**	135,777.05
Administrative expenses (Incl. County Admin Fee)	28,346.95
Replacement Reserves (for future use)	32,853.00
Capital Reserves (for future use)	7,500.00
Total	204,477.00

SSSC FY2024	Expense Budget
Income***	7,325.00
Legal	2,000.00
Tax Return/Audit	4,000.00
Donations RVFD	50.00
Replacement Reserves (future use)	475.00
Total	6,875.00

*Funded by annual tax assessment of \$582.49 per tax ID, billed by Anne Arundel County.

**Includes \$50,700 funded from capital and replacement reserves for Capital projects (see below).

***This budget is funded by amenity rentals (clubhouse, boat slips, kayak/canoe rack, boat trailer parking etc.).

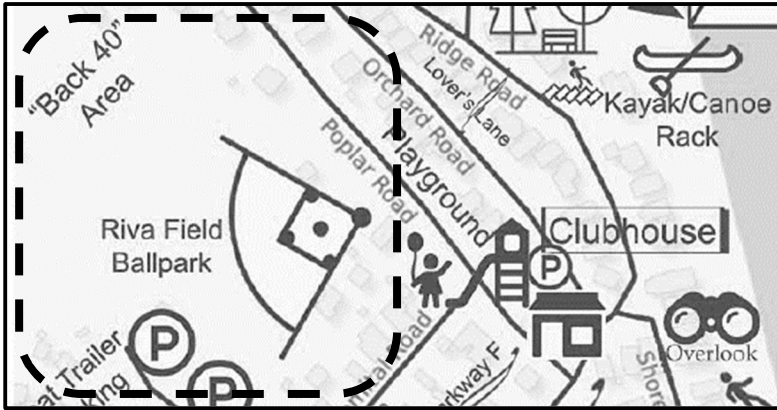
The proposed projects for this year include the following:

FY2024 Proposed Capital Improvements from SCBD Reserves	Estimated/Budgeted Cost
Forest Playground (fundraising supplement needed)	5,000
South River Boat Slip – Finger Piers (completed in FY23)	5,000
Gravel Replacement – Ballfield Parking	7,500
Forest Rd. Entrance sign (requires County approval)	5,000
Woodside Rd. Entrance Sign Replacement	5,000
Concrete Ballfield Shed Roof (completed in FY23)	7,500
Concrete Shed Door	2,500
Shore Walk Bollards Replacement	3,200
Basketball court replacement	10,000
Total	\$50,700

As always, the extent to which these projects are completed depend on manpower and whether the cost has significantly increased since budgeted. Having to budget so far in advance, as required by the County, has its pitfalls as prices do increase and other priorities may take precedence. The Board always takes a closer look at these projects to determine whether it is feasible to move forward at the time of action.

→We will be starting our budget process for the next Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) in late September.

BALLFIELD CLEANUP and "BACK 40" AREA REVITALIZATION



HUGE improvements are underway in the "Back 40" area of Sylvan Shores where the ballpark, boat trailer parking, storage sheds, and old basketball court reside. This is from the leadership of Will and Rachel on the Board, a strong Corp of Sylvan Shores volunteers, Tayman Landscaping (annapolislandscapers.com) for the truck to load debris, and your community funding!



Shed repair: Replaced the roof, power-washed and painted the exterior grey with white trim. Still to do: install windows and new door, possibly put new floor.

Ballfield: Removed falling-down dugout, cleaned out the concession stand, rebuilt and painted the new seating blue, removed and built new backstop and painted blue. Still to do: We hope to work next on the concession stand to a fully functional building and fully set up the infield area.

Coming Soon: This fall, we will be getting bids for replacing the basketball court (possible combination basketball and pickleball?) and hope to start that project by the beginning of 2024. We hope to add some picnic tables in the spring of 2024 also. There are thoughts about a Community Kickball Event at the field once the work is complete.





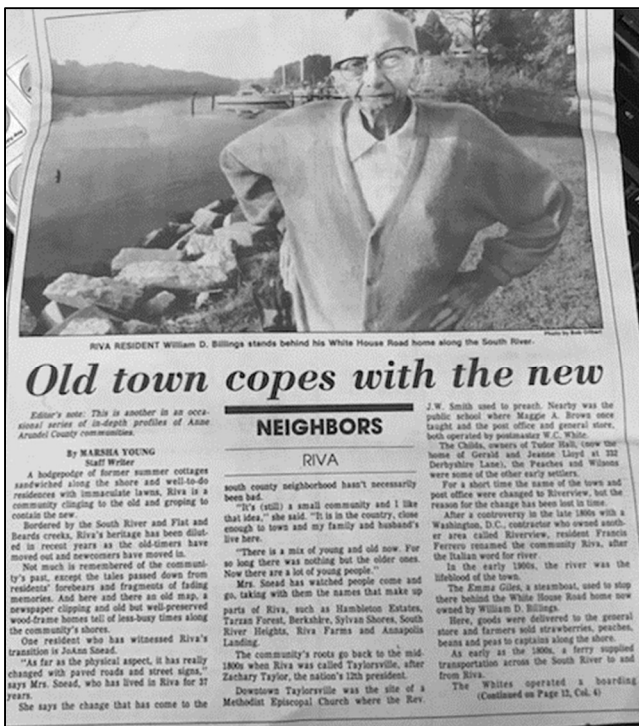
BUDDY'S PLACE: RIVA FIELD

Our Riva Field scoreboard has “Buddy’s Place” listed on it, in reference to Mr. Buddy Watkins, a long-time resident of Sylvan Shores who took care of the ballfield like his own.

Mr. Buddy was born John K. Watkins in 1923 in Annapolis. Mr. Buddy served as a Machinist Mate in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War and, after his service, for BG&E as a Lineman and, most notably, Chief of the

Riva Volunteer Fire Company. In his spare time, Mr. Buddy was a football and baseball coach for the old Riva Athletic Association, which has since folded into South River Youth Association.

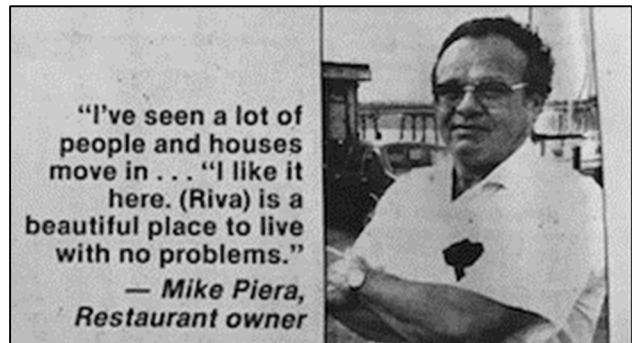
Mr. Buddy passed away in 2015, survived by 4 children, 8 grand-children, numerous great-grandchildren, and, of course, Buddy’s Place: Riva Field.



FROM THE ARCHIVES:

RIVA COPES WITH NEW GROWTH (ca. 1984)

Even as far back as the 1980s, our small area of Riva was grappling with growth in the area, as described in The Capital newspaper report. “A hodgepodge of former summer cottages sandwiched along the shore and well-to-do residences with immaculate lawns, Riva is a community clinging to the old and groping to contain the new.”



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, we herons are what you call “serially monogamous,” meaning that we mate each year and are devoted to our partners, but the next year we’ll find another mate for that year. We make our nests together and raise our “aiglets” for about 2 months before they are ready to take flight. After that, we heron tend to move on and see what other birds are in the sky. *It takes a wild amount of self-control and evolution to keep a romance alive,* as you people know well, you all stay together so long! I find that quite impressive, and I will take your romance tips at any time... ~Hardesty



Sylvan Shores Services Company

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CONTACT SYLVAN SHORES

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

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CONTACT ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY:

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/>

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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