



# Shearwater Mark

Summer Issue, 2014

**Enjoy your Summer!!!**

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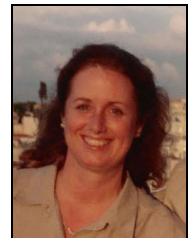
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY SUMMER, SHEARWATER!

We've had some beautiful days to start out our summer here in Annapolis – and it's such a pleasure to welcome back the boats, kayakers, paddle-boarders, and the lines of little sailboats looking like ducklings out on Spa Creek.



Lynn Maichle

Those of you who attended our April and May condo meetings are familiar with the board elections, so first I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the outgoing members of the board for their service: Linda Lawrence and Barbara Britt!

Next, I'd like to announce the new & returning Board members and their roles:

- ⇒ Vice President – Linda Bolling
- ⇒ Treasurer – Larry Birch
- ⇒ Secretary – Brad Hollern
- ⇒ Director – Jonathan Lewis
- ⇒ Director – Maryan Cummins
- ⇒ Director - John Schaake

In addition, I'd like to announce the unit owners who have volunteered to be our new Committee Chairs:

- ⇒ Marina Dockmaster – David Densmore
- ⇒ Landscape - Deborah Birch
- ⇒ Pool – Tina Ligon

**Thank you VERY MUCH to the Board Members & Committee Chairs for their willingness to volunteer their time to serve our community! Many of them also have full- or part-time jobs, so their efforts especially after hours and weekends are doubly appreciated. Please let them know that when you have the opportunity – moral support is always welcome.**

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As promised in the January meeting, there have been a number of efforts to improve the communication and responsiveness in Shearwater, including:

- Asking the Building Captains to post the condo association meeting agendas on the building notice boards the Friday before each meeting, and making the agenda available on the home page of the website.
- Sending out updates via email to all owners on major projects and issues of interest to the community.
- Posting the minutes of each association meeting on the website (via a link on the home page), usually within two weeks of the meeting date.
- Posting special flyers/information on the notice boards.

We have also developed a scope of work and a Request for Proposals to search for a new property management company. This process will take a great deal of time and effort but the goal is to find a property manager that will be able to provide the level of service we need here at Shearwater.

It's been a pleasure to have additional attendees at the condo meetings (and occasionally even treats graciously provided by Frank & Linda Bolling) – future treats from other volunteers welcomed!

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the June meeting, there was discussion about whether to **change the condo association meetings to Tuesdays instead of Mondays** to allow more leeway for long weekends and vacations. This change was approved (please see the website for the remaining meetings dates in 2014).

Hope you all had a safe and festive 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Cheers,  
Lynn Maichle, President

Shearwater Board of Directors

## Board News and Committee Reports

The Board held its Annual Meeting on April 21, 2014, and regular meetings on May 19, 2014 and June 16, 2014. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, July 22, 2014. Full, approved minutes and reports are posted on our website, [www.shearwatercondos.com](http://www.shearwatercondos.com).

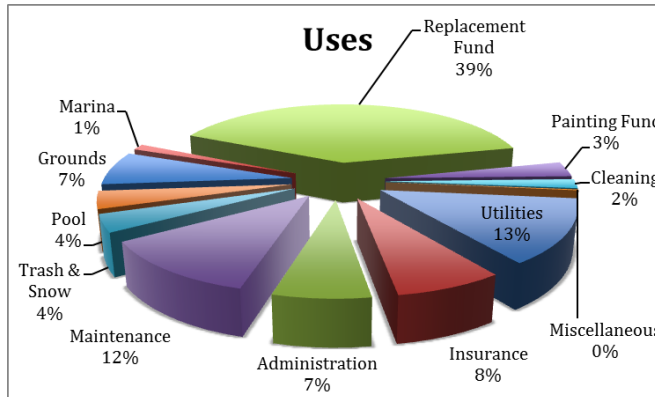
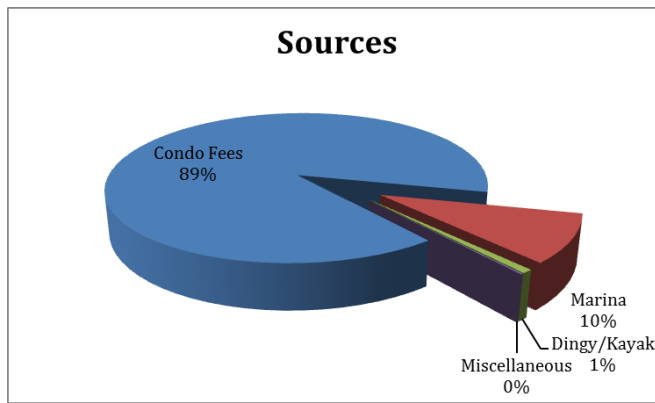
### **Treasurer's Report– Larry Birch**

Although the end-of-year numbers are not yet available, it is safe to say that we will end our fiscal year overspending our Operating Fund by about 7%. This is largely due to the higher than anticipated costs of general maintenance of the buildings and extraordinary costs of snow removal. For more details about 2014, please take a look at the June Treasurer's report on the Shearwater website.

Looking forward to our 2015 fiscal year that started on July 1, the charts below show the sources and uses of the funds:

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We will carefully monitor the deck replacement project that is going to deplete our reserves by approximately \$300,000. In addition, we are potentially facing a significant expense for repair or replacement of the front gate. This year we will update the Replacement Reserve Report, last done in 2010. Our auditors suggest updating it every 3-5 years and this is a good time to have an outside expert help us assess our Replacement Reserve needs.

We are in the process of examining the performance and value of all our contractors. It is especially important to look at the budget lines that were overspent last year like General Maintenance that includes repairs and maintenance to the buildings. The 2015 budget allows for an almost 30% increase in maintenance expense but as the buildings age, we need to keep an eye out for ways to control the costs and identify where it may be more prudent to replace aging components.

All contracts are being examined for overlap, compliance with the scope-of-work, quality of performance, and value for the dollars spent. If anyone has an idea on how to improve quality and/or reduce cost, please let us know.

For questions or comments please contact me: [larry@seagreenintl.com](mailto:larry@seagreenintl.com), 301-807-6877.

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### **Marina—David Densmore**

After a long, cold and snowy winter, we are all looking forward to the summer boating season. If you are thinking of buying a boat, the marina currently has 6 available GCE slips and 4 LCE slips (by owners) available. Feel free to contact the dockmaster for more information. Unfortunately there are no available kayak or dinghy spaces, but there are wait lists in place, which currently includes 11 folks waiting for a kayak space and 4 folks waiting for a dinghy space. Contact the dockmaster if you want to add your name to these lists. Also, we replaced 15 rotted life rings, and will be adding 30-foot heaving lines to each of these, for a total cost of approximately \$750, and we have had a total of 7 guest dockings thus far this year.

After a long (and sometimes tedious) process Shearwater was finally granted the permit to move forward with the installation of the new kayak launch. Launching and returning your kayak will be MUCH easier this year. This new launch is now in place and operating. The dockmaster would like to thank all of those who worked on this project, with particular thanks to Eric Petterson and Greg Balestrero. Additional thanks to Christine de los Reyes and Shirl Gauthier.

Another change for 2014 is the relocation of the dinghy float from “A” dock to the water just under the pool area. This relocation was necessitated by city and state restrictions on the previous placement which violated “harbor lines”.

The marina is fully operational for the 2014 boating season. Best wishes to all residents for a happy and safe boating season. A good starting point is to spend a few minutes looking over the **Marina** page on the Shearwater web site at [www.shearwatercondos.com](http://www.shearwatercondos.com). You will find links there to local marine information, as well as to the “Marina Slip Assignments” so that you can match boats to people.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the marina, please feel free to contact your dockmaster, David Densmore on 410-268-1539 or email at [curlew149@gmail.com](mailto:curlew149@gmail.com).

### **Pool—Tina Ligon**

The Shearwater Pool 2014 summer season is in full swing! Lynn Maichle, Lois McGovern, and Julie Kane got together to oversee the opening chores of inventorying supplies and furnishings, planting the flowers in the flower pots, and making sure things were ready to go. A big thanks to you, ladies!

The first community gathering at the pool was a small but cozy Potluck on June 14. Here is the tentative Party calendar for the rest of the summer:

July 19 - Happy Hour, 5 PM to 7 PM

August 16 - Happy Hour, 5 PM to 7 PM

September 1 - Labor Day Hot Dog/Hamburgers OR Farewell to Summer Pot Luck - To Be Decided - which would you like to have? 12 PM to 4 PM

September 1 - Second Annual Shearwater Pooch Party, 5 PM to 7 PM

Watch the community information boards at the mailboxes for updates, details and further information!

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### **Pool—Tina Ligon, continued**

Our Lifeguard this year is Teodora from Bulgaria and she is looking forward to seeing many of our Shearwater residents enjoy our pool this summer! Be sure to drop by to tell her hello! I am back from sailing travels for the summer and am happy to join the Pool Committee again. If you have any questions or spot something that needs attention, feel free to email or give me a call! We are still looking for a couple more residents to help with the Committee, so let me know if you are interested!

See you all at the pool!



Tina Ligon, Pool Committee Chair,  
ph 410-202-9597, [ligontina@gmail.com](mailto:ligontina@gmail.com)

### **Landscaping—Deborah Birch**

Greetings! Thanks to the steadfast efforts of the Shearwater landscaping committee previously led by Ron Faulkner, ably assisted by Maryann Cummins, Pat Duvall, Frances Higgins and Don Kardonoff, our grounds are looking fresh and fantastic. With assistance from Jose Andino and his team at Highlands Landscape and Design, a series of projects over the past several years has revitalized our natural setting from leafy entrance to water's edge.

Thanks to all those who have reached out in recent days, expressing interest in serving on the committee or providing insights on what has been and what can be. In the coming months, we will focus on maintaining and protecting the improvements of the last few years while considering future enhancements. In addition to planning new initiatives, we will confront the bittersweet task of removing dying trees that threaten persons and property, replacing them with new ones that maintain the structure and beauty of our landscape. We hope that everyone will contribute ideas and energy towards making Shearwater the most outstanding waterfront community in Annapolis!

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## **Architecture—Rainette Bannon**

Over the winter and during this Spring, the Architecture Committee has sought to clarify and enhance the procedure for gaining approval for any changes Unit owners make that impact the exterior appearance of their unit. In addition to meetings held in October, January, March and May, the AC did a Spring walkabout and understands that Brodie has contacted any unit owners who are currently in violation of the AC rules and regulations. Please contact Rainette Bannon, Linda Bolling and/or Lois McGovern if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Rainette Bannon, Chair, Architecture Committee

***These Guidelines are also available on our website. (See the Home Page for the link)***

### SHEARWATER ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES 17 March 2014

*Please Note: All changes (including examples listed) must be submitted to the Architectural Committee using the 'Request for Architectural Change' form, available on our website.*

#### FRONT DOORS

Plain solid front doors with security peephole, no glass

May be wood, steel or fiberglass

Front door color:

- available from Sherwin Williams store on West Street, Annapolis
- Custom blend Emerald (no VOC)
- ask for 'Shearwater – custom exterior door paint'

#### STORM DOORS

Options:

- Full glass with bottom solid panel less than 12"
- Two glass panels with self-storing screen; narrow bar in center (1" maximum)

No etched, beveled or colored glass

Frame color: brown

Examples:

- Andersen series 4000 or 3000 (terratone)
- Larson (Home Depot) Model 346-15E (Brown)

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## **Architecture—Rainette Bannon, continued**

### SLIDING GLASS DOORS

Screen: charcoal fiberglass mesh

Examples:

- Andersen Renewal - terratone
- Thompson - exterior color – bronze
- Pella Impervia Duracast – brown
- Marvin Integrity fiberglass sliding French doors - bronze

### WINDOWS

Frame color - Brown/bronze

Without grill

Examples:

- Pella Raise & Lower SlimShades between the glass; color Poplar White
- Pella Impervia - Brown
- Home Depot Vantage Point 6500 Series – Bronze
- Andersen Renewal windows – outside color Terratone
- Marvin Infinity fiberglass glider windows - bronze

### WINDOW COVERINGS

Interior blinds/shades - white or a light neutral (beige) shade on the exterior side

Wood slats or shutters - white or a light neutral wood shade

### DECK FANS

Must be attached to cross beams (not the floor of unit above)

Color: Mocha or Rustic Iron or Brown

Light package: optional

Examples:

- Casablanca Estrada Model #4726D
- Four Seasons III

### DECK BLINDS

Mounted on the inside of the overhead beam so they are not visible until lowered

Color: Beige tones

## Board News

### CHANGE IN CONDO MEETING DATES!!

To avoid conflicts with long weekends and make it easier for people to attend, at the June meeting the Board of Directors agreed to change the condo association meeting days from Mondays to Tuesdays. Meetings will still begin at 7:00 pm, but the remaining dates for 2014 will be shifted one day later to:

Tuesday July 22 --Tuesday Sept 16 -- Tuesday Oct 21 -- Tuesday Nov 18

There are no meetings in August or December due to vacations & holidays.  
Looking forward to having you join us!

### PREVENTING WATER DAMAGE!

In the past few months, a few residents have experienced water leaking into their condos from units above them. Because in some instances the owner or tenant wasn't home, there were substantial delays in turning off and stopping the flow of water. There are several things the Board has done, and you and your neighbors can do to minimize the damage:

#### IN YOUR BUILDING:

- Locate the master water shutoff valve for your building – this valve is located in one of the two end lockers in the basement storage room of either your building or the adjoining building (these master shutoff valves are in buildings 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 15).
- Large identifying signs have been posted on the storage room doors of these buildings, and smaller signs have been put on the lockers themselves.
- For the storage lockers that are locked, access is now enabled via a combination lock on the door.

In an emergency when there is a water leak coming from the unit above you and the resident in that unit is not at home to turn off their unit shutoff valve, call Brodie at their office or after-hours number and they'll give you the combination to the locker.

#### IN YOUR UNIT:

- Locate the master water shutoff valve for your unit (may be above your hot water heater or in your laundry area) so you can turn off the water supply quickly in your unit.
- Turn off the water in your unit using that valve if you're going to be gone for more than 3 days.
- Have your HVAC unit serviced at least once a year (ideally twice a year), and make sure the company clears out the compressor & condensate lines as part of their service [See Note].

Note: We've also asked Brodie to get estimates from plumbers to clean out the main condensate lines into which all of the unit hot water heater, heat pump and condensate lines drain. These main lines will sometimes clog up if the lines feeding them are not regularly cleaned. As soon as we have a reliable estimate, we'll ask them to schedule cleaning of the main lines. This will require entry into many of the units, which will be arranged by Brodie.

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## **REMINDER: PARKING REGULATIONS IN SHEARWATER**

With the summer season in full swing, unit owners coming back to enjoy being in Annapolis and using their boats, and more frequent visitors, we've been receiving reports from residents about cars parked in resident & guest spaces in Shearwater without valid parking stickers or any identification about whom they're visiting. Since the parking list for our community was significantly out of date, we've been contacting unit owners and tenants in order to update the information. Those updates are nearly complete; thank you very much for your help!

Please review the Rules & Regulations to become familiar with the parking procedures – and make sure your guests also understand them! Here's a summary below. Please also be aware that under no circumstances shall a sticker be issued to a vehicle owned or leased by a non-resident of Shearwater.

### **RESIDENT VEHICLES:**

- Each unit owner or tenant vehicle must display a valid Shearwater parking sticker.
- Maximum of 2 cars per unit for either owner OR tenant OR owner + tenant.
- Sticker must be placed in the bottom left corner of the rear window.
- A vehicle parked in a space designated for residents, and belonging to a resident but not displaying a valid sticker is subject to towing at the expense of the owner unless a note is displayed in the lower left corner of the rear window explaining that a parking sticker was applied for.
- Please turn in the sticker when a car is sold or traded, and apply for a new sticker so the records can be updated.

### **GUEST VEHICLES:**

- Any vehicle belonging to a guest of a Shearwater resident may be parked in a guest space; however Shearwater parking areas cannot be used for extended stays.
- A guest remaining for more than 3 days should leave a note in the left rear window of their vehicle indicating whom they are visiting and expected length of stay (no more than 7 days).
- Vehicles remaining for more than 7 days must have a temporary permit with an expiration date issued by the management company and displayed in the left rear window; it is the responsibility of the resident to obtain the permit for their guest.
- A vehicle not displaying a Shearwater parking permit or explanatory note will be assumed to belong to a non-resident.
- If a vehicle remains more than 7 days without a temporary permit, a notice will be placed on the car and an attempt will be made to locate the resident being visited, however if the vehicle is not moved, it will be subject to towing at the expense of the owner.

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## OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING PARKING IN THE SHEARWATER RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Vehicles must be parked front end in.
- Vehicles may not extend beyond the length of the 17-ft parking space.
- Parking of service vehicles in resident or guest parking spaces during normal working hours is permitted.
- Vehicles parked in the roadway, at curbs, within lined areas to building entrances, along the entrance driveway and in “No Parking” areas are subject to towing without notice at the expense of the owner.

Thank you for your help in keeping our parking areas available for residents and their guests!

## LEASING REGULATIONS

As a reminder to unit owners, the Condominium documents are very clear about leasing regulations for property in Shearwater. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations on the Documents tab of the Shearwater website for further details about these key points:

- No portion of any condominium unit, other than the entire unit, shall be leased for any period [from the By-Laws, Article IX, Section 2].
- No lease may be for less than six months. Owners who wish to lease their unit for less time may make this request in writing, or in person, to the Board of Directors [from the Rules & Regulations, Section 7.1].
- Each condominium unit is to be used solely as a private dwelling with no business conditions therein, and with the exception of temporary guests, may not be occupied by any individuals other than those identified on the lease [from the Rules & Regulations, Section 7.4].

If you wish to apply for an exception to this for special circumstance, please send your request to the Board of Directors for review.

## SECURITY ALERT

- Please help keep our community safe! If someone comes to your door selling “magazine subscriptions,” asking for funding for a “school project,” or soliciting for some other product or cause, please:
- Tell them they are not allowed to solicit on Shearwater property.
- Close your door.
- Report them to the police.
- Two residents have already experienced this and when they said something to the intruders, the young men ran or drove away. Please also report to the police any trespassing, vandalism, or inappropriate use of our dumpsters by someone coming from outside our community.

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## **FIRE SAFETY MEASURES!**

As homeowners, many of us are aware that to minimize the risk of fires, creosote deposits must be cleaned out regularly from chimney flues, and lint has to be cleaned out regularly from dryer vents and ducts. Some unit owners do this as part of their regular home maintenance routine, but for the safety of all residents, all owners must ensure this is done on a regular basis. We have been very fortunate not to have had any incidents so far, but must make sure it doesn't happen in the future.

Beginning last fall, unit owners were asked to have their flues and ducts cleaned, and forward the appropriate record of the cleaning to Brodie Management. **THANK YOU** to the many unit owners who had the work done. Brodie will be sending out a letter to the remaining owners, and will schedule 'self-help' cleaning (with the cost billed to the unit owner) for those who haven't responded by the deadline indicated in the letter.

Thank you very much for your help in keeping our community safe from fire!

## **DECK PROJECT UPDATE**

At long last, the lumber has arrived and the deck/door repair and replacement project will begin on July 7. We just received the updated schedule from the contractor for the first month, and there are two key changes:

- ⇒ The initial work will begin in buildings 5 and 6 (in order to facilitate other work being done in that area).
- ⇒ The contractor has assigned **THREE** crews to work in parallel in order to complete the project more quickly.

Owners in buildings 5 and 6 have already been notified of the relevant start dates, and an email notice went out last week to all other residents with the schedule for the first two months of work.

**PLEASE NOTE** that any additional requests for deck or storage closet door work that is not included in Phase I should be submitted to Brodie via a work order. After Phase I is completed, these requests will be evaluated and the Board will determine how to proceed based on the number of requests, an inspection, and the status of the reserve fund.

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## **COMMUNITY PROJECT COMPLETED!**

The shed near the front gate has been a storage place (aka dumping ground) for rotting lumber, broken parking stops, dried paint, broken drainpipes, a defunct refrigerator, rusted metal, split drainage piping & elbows, old caulk, broken sawhorses, solidified ice melt, a dolly and wheelbarrow in pieces, a non-functional dry vac, and a variety of just plain junk. The shed was so full that there was no place to walk and the back wall was almost completely hidden.

On Saturday, June 21, several of your neighbors worked for nearly two hours to clean out the shed:

Eric Petterson, Jonathan Lewis, Carleen Petterson, Brad Hollern, David Densmore, Lynn Maichle

Three truckloads of trash later, it was completely cleared out and swept, and looked like this!



Now there's room to bring up from the basement condo office/storage rooms any items worth keeping (if any). Thank you for all the hard work!

## **NEW COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AVAILABLE!**

Thanks to the efforts of our committees over the last several months, you will now find procedures for the Marina, Pool, and Architecture Committees on the Shearwater website (on the "Board & Committees" tab, under "Committee Reports" on the right side of the page). They can also be found on the "Documents" tab. Each of these documents outlines the related processes for unit owners, the committee, the Board and the management company.

Note that the Landscape procedures are pending, once our new Chairperson has had time to settle in. In addition, we now have a very helpful set of Architectural Guidelines to assist owners in researching change requests for their units, including for reference makes/models/colors approved to date. These Guidelines are located on the "Documents" tab on the left side of the page, along with the Architectural Change Request form.

Questions on any of these documents may be directed to the Committee Chair.

## Shearwater Book Club

The Shearwater Book Club is always reading a variety of interesting books. We enjoy lively book discussions along with great food and other conversation. The Book Club usually meets the last Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm at a different member's home. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact Shirl Gauthier at [eastport.rower@gmail.com](mailto:eastport.rower@gmail.com) to find out where the next meeting is being held. The book selections for the remainder of 2014 are:

July—***City of Thieves*** by David Benioff

August—***On My Watch*** by Martha Johnson

September—***Run*** by Ann Patchett

October—***Edward Adrift*** by Craig Lancaster

November—***Average is Over*** by Tyler Cowan

December—No meeting this month—Merry Christmas!

January—2015 Planning and Book Selection

## New Annapolitans

If you are new to Annapolis, consider joining New Annapolitans. It's a vibrant social club formed to welcome new residents to the Annapolis area and to help them assimilate into the social, cultural and civic activities of the community. We hold regular meetings, each encompassing an informative, entertaining program of interest to the general membership. Members also organize and participate in a wide array of smaller groups centered on their special interests. These "Interest Groups" may change over time, but typically include book discussion groups; bridge and other games; couples gatherings; lunch, happy hour, wine tasting and dinner events; art, music, writing and needlework; walking, boating, golf, tennis and biking; cultural excursions; and charitable endeavors.

New Annapolitans is open to residents who have moved to the greater Annapolis area within two years of applying for membership, but then you may remain a member for as long as you remain current with dues. If you want to know more, call Shearwater residents Pat Duvall ([410-295-6589](tel:410-295-6589)) or Charlotte Featherstone ([410-280-5173](tel:410-280-5173)). View our website at [www.annapolitans.org](http://www.annapolitans.org).

## Classified Ads

**Wanted**—Planning a kitchen renovation? Eric and Carleen Petterson are looking to salvage the "pull-out" cabinet unit that is in the original Shearwater kitchens. This is the narrow but tall unit with wire baskets that pulls out for access. Please contact Eric, 410-533-1469 or [eric.petterson@comcast.net](mailto:eric.petterson@comcast.net).

**For Sale**— 2 kayaks. Contact me for information. Pat Duvall, 410-295-6589 or [patcd0917@verizon.net](mailto:patcd0917@verizon.net).

**For Sale**— Carpets and kilims from Turkey, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and India in various sizes. If you have a space on your floor that needs a beautiful covering, please contact me for information. Lynn Maichle, 443-949-9890 or [lmaichle@gmail.com](mailto:lmaichle@gmail.com).

**Free!** Two cornice boards with white sailcloth swag valances. One is 155" (12'-11") wide and fits above townhouse sliding glass doors. The second is 85" (7'-1") wide and fits above standard 3-part casement windows. Call Deborah Birch at 202-629-6035, if interested.

## Special Request

If you have Shearwater parking sticker(s) on your car(s), please park in a space marked "Resident", not one marked "Guest". Our guests are not allowed to park in Resident spaces, and if residents park in those spaces, it limits the number of spaces available for guests. Thank you for your attention to this matter!!!

## Meet our Building Captains

We are pleased to list our current Building Captains. Your Building Captain has volunteered to work on your behalf to make sure your building's maintenance is kept up to par. They keep an eye on the building exteriors and landscaping, and they report maintenance and repair needs to the management company. They also contact residents in their building at the request of the Board of Directors as necessary, and they remove outdated notices at the mailboxes.

Building 1 & 2—Linda Lawrence

Building 8, 9, & 10—Marcia Sandground

Building 3—Scott Ligon (Susan Finlayson-backup)

Building 11—Cordelia Richards (Ron Faulkner-backup)

Building 4—Barbara Britt

Building 12—Ron Faulkner

Building 5—Skip Smith

Building 13—Phil Hatchard

Building 6— Mo Leinhard

Building 14—Maryan Cummins

Building 7—Pat Duvall

Building 15—Lois McGovern

Building 16—Connie Cadwell



# Annapolis Calendar

**Watermen Heritage Tours**—Apr 01, 2014 - Oct 01, 2014. Going out on the Bay with an experienced waterman is a one of a kind experience. These tours range from crabbing adventures with trotlines and crab pots, to scenic kayak tours, to photography trips, sunset sails and traditional skipjack charters. Each tour allows participants to see a unique aspect of what it is like to live and work on the waters of the Chesapeake. For information, visit <http://www.watermenheritagetours.org/Types-of-Tours>

**Annapolis Irish Festival**—July 11, 2014. Friday 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 Generals Hwy, Rt. 178, Crownsville, Maryland. Celebrate everything Irish at the only festival of its kind in the region. Enjoy traditional Celtic music and Irish rock bands on three different stages, along with workshops and exhibits. When you get hungry, try some delicious Irish beef stew and other Irish favorites. Little Leprechaun Land provides pony rides, face painting and other free activities for the kids. <http://www.annapolisirishfestival.com/>



**AYC Wednesday Night Races**—April 23—August 27, 2014. More than 125 yachts compete in the midweek festivities in a variety of handicap and one design classes. The first start is scheduled just after 6pm near the mouth of Spa Creek. A large number of spectator boats follow the racers around government and drop marks in the Bay then head back into Spa Creek to watch the finish in front of the Clubhouse. The finish draws a large spectator crowd both inside the Club and on the nearby Spa Creek draw-bridge as well as various points of land within Annapolis Harbor.

**First Sunday Arts Festival**—May 04, 2014 - October 05, 2014 (Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday). 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM; First block of West and Calvert Streets, Annapolis. Free. Enjoy live entertainment as you stroll along the first block of West Street and Calvert Street next to Whitmore parking garage and peruse the work of 100 local and regional artists. Local restaurants set up outside cafes that are perfect for people watching and an afternoon bite to eat. Website: <http://www.firstsundayarts.com>



**ATC Friday Night Summer Concert Series**—May 30, 2014—August 29, 2014. 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Annapolis Towne Center at Parole, 2505 Riva Road, Annapolis. Free. Every Friday night the area's best talent will take the stage on Towne Centre Boulevard to deliver you a rockin' performance. Get comfy and bring your own lawn chair or blanket. See you there! For Concert Schedule, visit <http://www.visitatc.com/event/friday-night-summer-concert-series/>

**Full Moon Paddle**—Friday May 16, Friday June 13, Friday July 12, Sunday August 10, Sunday September 7, Friday October 10. 6:30pm. 7314 Edgewood Road, Annapolis, MD 21403. Once a month the waters of Back Creek and the Annapolis harbor are lit up from the full moon. ACB takes advantage of these nights to have a group paddle under the moon light. We start at Back Creek with a BBQ/Pot luck dinner then as the sun sets we head onto the water. Approximately a 1.5 hour paddle around the Eastport/Annapolis area. Bring a side dish to share. Website: <http://www.annapolisboating.org>

**For More**—Visit <http://visitannapolis.org/> for more activities this Summer in Annapolis!

**Ram's Head On Stage.** 33 West Street, Annapolis, 410-268-4545, <http://www.ramsheadonstage.com/>

**St. John's College**—Visit <http://stjohnscollege.edu/events/> for Events and Programs, including concerts, lectures, seminars, and exhibits.

**Annapolis Symphony Orchestra**—Visit [annapolissymphony.org](http://annapolissymphony.org) for this season's schedule and information.

**Compass Rose Studio Theater,** 49 Spa Road, Annapolis, 410-980-6662, [www.compassrosetheater.org](http://www.compassrosetheater.org)

**Colonial Players of Annapolis,** 108 East Street, Annapolis, 410-268-7373 [www.thecolonialplayers.org](http://www.thecolonialplayers.org)

**Annapolis Summer Garden Theater,** 143 Compromise Street, Annapolis, <http://www.summergarden.com>

**King William's Players, St. John's College's Theater Troupe,** Francis Scott Key Auditorium, <http://www.stjohnscollege.edu/events/AN/theater>

**Children's Theatre of Annapolis,** 1661 Bay Head Road, Annapolis, 410-757-2281, <http://childrenstheatreofannapolis.org>

# Chesapeake Bay Area News

## Changes Announced for 2015 Annapolis-to-Newport Race

Balancing 35 years of tradition with a progressive attitude, organizers of the biannual Annapolis-to-Newport Race have made some changes to the 2015 class rules that should make the race a little bit less daunting for slower boats and less experienced crews. First of all, the starts will be divided, with the slower boats departing Annapolis on Friday morning and the faster boats leaving Saturday. The Friday classes will sail a slightly shorter course that doesn't require rounding Chesapeake Light after entering the Atlantic. The faster Gran Prix class, starting Saturday, will sail the traditional 475-nautical mile course.

Find out more:

[www.annapolisyc.com/files/A2N-Release-I-Final.pdf](http://www.annapolisyc.com/files/A2N-Release-I-Final.pdf)

## The End of the Car-wash Fundraiser?

A Boy Scout troop in Arlington, Virginia was planning a carwash fundraiser to raise money for a summer canoe trip—a good and harmless cause, one would think. Well, not according to Arlington, which recently tightened up its permitting in order to comply with new stormwater runoff provisions in the federal Clean Water Act. According to Kim Coble of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, car washes may seem to be a small part of the runoff problem, but they add up. "If it was one carwash, we wouldn't be having a conversation," she told the Washington Post's Michael Chandler. "But for every school group in every school in the entire watershed, that is thousands and thousands of carwashes, and it really is considered a problem."

Find out more:

[www.arlnow.com/2014/05/02/new-regulations-ban-car-wash-fundraisers/](http://www.arlnow.com/2014/05/02/new-regulations-ban-car-wash-fundraisers/)

[www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/arlington-cracks-down-on-carwash-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/arlington-cracks-down-on-carwash-fundraisers/2014/06/08/987f08b2-e832-11e3-8f90-73e071f3d637_story.html?wprss=rss_national)

[fundraisers/2014/06/08/987f08b2-e832-11e3-8f90-73e071f3d637\\_story.html?wprss=rss\\_national](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/arlington-cracks-down-on-carwash-fundraisers/2014/06/08/987f08b2-e832-11e3-8f90-73e071f3d637_story.html?wprss=rss_national)

## Rising Seas Threaten Chesapeake Historic Sites

Some sections of Jamestown Island, America's oldest known permanent European settlement, are already beneath the James River. Across the Bay in Maryland's Dorchester County, one of the most important stops on the Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Byway will likely be underwater within the next 50 years. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, the largest contiguous tidal marsh in the Northeast United States, won't survive for long at the current pace of sea level rise. Also at risk are St. Mary's City and the once-thriving town of Crisfield. Though rising seas are a global concern, Chesapeake Bay water levels are rising at roughly double the global rate—likely because here not only is the water rising, the land is sinking. Scientists call it post-glacial subsidence. We call it a good argument against basements.

Find out more:

[phys.org/news/2014-05-climate-endangers-historic-landmarks.html#inIRlv](http://phys.org/news/2014-05-climate-endangers-historic-landmarks.html#inIRlv)

[cnsmaryland.org/sealevelrise/?p=131](http://cnsmaryland.org/sealevelrise/?p=131)

[www.apnewsarchive.com/2014/US-interior-secretary-tours-Jamestown,-says-climate-change-threatens-](http://www.apnewsarchive.com/2014/US-interior-secretary-tours-Jamestown,-says-climate-change-threatens-nation%27s-founding-site/id-6fa8645e41cc41b1aa510ffbc6eb617e)  
[nation%27s-founding-site/id-6fa8645e41cc41b1aa510ffbc6eb617e](http://www.apnewsarchive.com/2014/US-interior-secretary-tours-Jamestown,-says-climate-change-threatens-nation%27s-founding-site/id-6fa8645e41cc41b1aa510ffbc6eb617e)

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