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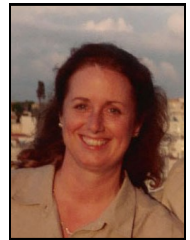
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FALL GREETINGS EVERYONE!

This has been a very busy summer at Shearwater – the kayakers and paddle-boarders have been out in full force on Spa Creek, and judging from the boats at anchor, the boat traffic has been lively as well. Soon we'll have many more boats in town for the Annapolis Boat Shows – great spectator sport!



Lynn Maichle

Over the last few months your Board of Directors and Committees have been working diligently on a number of critical projects to improve life here in Shearwater. In addition to the ongoing deck project, the Board spent a great deal of time evaluating property management companies to find a replacement for Brodie Management. We have high hopes that Metropolitan Management Group (MMG) will be able to keep current all of our condo information, be responsive to questions and concerns, and help resolve the maintenance issues that have been so challenging for us this year.

During the month of September, MMG transitioned the records from Brodie, and met with the Board members and Committee chairs to discuss pending issues and priorities, including condensate line, chimney flue and dryer vent cleaning. These discussions will continue over the next few months as MMG settles in.

As announced during the September condo association meeting, the Board has also cancelled the current trash removal contract and signed with a new company that is significantly less expensive, and who we trust will NOT overcharge us! And in October we will be changing the janitorial service that currently comes around with their blowers on Fridays for a company that will actually provide all the services in the contract.

In addition, your Committees have been hard at work:

- ◆ Our Dockmaster and Marina Committee are working on a plan to repair and clean the docks, as well as update some areas of the bulkhead.
- ◆ The Landscape Committee has spoken with many residents and consulted with landscaping & tree companies to develop a multi-phase action plan to address the health and care of trees throughout the community over the next several months.
- ◆ Tina Ligon organized a wonderful September 1 Pool/Pooch Party and Labor Day BBQ that was very popular with both people and dogs – pictures will be posted on the website shortly.
- ◆ The Architecture Committee has reviewed six requests from unit owners for door and window replacements over the summer.

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VOLUNTEERING

I'm sorry to announce that Jonathan and Yvonne Lewis will be leaving Shearwater, but it looks as if they've found a lovely new home nearby with a long private dock for their soon-to-be new boat. We wish them all the best in their new home! And a warm welcome to Phil Meredith, who has graciously agreed to join the Board of Directors in Jonathan's stead until the elections in April.

Thank you again to the Board & Committee members 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. And there's a lot to do to make Shearwater the best possible community to live -- if you're willing to participate, we can always use the help.

COMMUNICATION

Many of you have told us that the additional communication efforts over the past several months have been welcome – thank you very much for your positive feedback. And thanks again to the Building Captains who have been so helpful in posting the bulletins on the notice boards:

Bldgs 1-2: Linda Lawrence

Bldgs 8-9-10: Marcia Sandground

Bldg 3: Susan Finlayson

Bldgs 11-12: Ron Faulkner

Bldg 4: Barbara Britt

Bldgs 13: Phil Hatchard

Bldg 5: Skip & Gerri Smith

Bldg 14: Maryan Cummins

Bldg 6: Mo Lienhard

Bldg 15: Lois McGovern

Bldg 7: Pat Duvall

Bldg 16: Connie Cadwell

Wishing you all a colorful autumn, a scary Halloween and a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Cheers,
Lynn Maichle, President
Shearwater Board of Directors

Board News and Committee Reports

The Board held regular meetings on July 22, 2014 and September 16, 2014. The next Board Meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday**, October 21, 2014 and **Tuesday**, November 18, 2014. No meeting is scheduled in December. Full, approved minutes and reports are posted on our website, www.shearwatercondos.com.

Treasurer's Report– Larry Birch

Snapshot

AUGUST Operating Fund Balance	\$8,473	Replacement Reserve Balance	\$583,331
YTD Operating Fund Balance	(\$17,781)	Painting Reserve Balance	\$48361
YTD Expense Status	1.1% Over	Net Assets	\$615,915

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Notes

- Report Anomalies – As it is still early in the year, the alignment between the budget and the actuals has yet to settle. The biggest anomaly is in the flood and property insurance lines. This is due to the timing of the invoices compared to the budget and it is normal.
- Spending – We are running significantly over budget on general maintenance, water, and electricity. The General Maintenance Fund is trending higher than anticipated and needs to be carefully monitored. We have incurred significant unanticipated expenses for repairs due to clogged condensate lines.
- Audit – The FY14 audit will start on September 22nd. The audit normally reclassifies some of the account entries and revises the starting balance for the reserve funds. We do not anticipate that this will meaningfully change our financial status.
- Replacement Reserve Study – The last replacement reserve study was done in 2010 and it is time to bring it up to date. We will ask the new management company to engage Miller Dodson Associates to update our plan, allowing us to better forecast the optimal size of the replacement reserve.
- Flood Insurance – Post-Sandy, the government is in the process of redrawing the flood hazard maps and we may be impacted. Some unit owners have received information that warns of the potential for changes in their unit insurance and we, as a community, may also see a change in our flood insurance rates. We are watching the situation.
- Contract Assessment – As a result of our assessment of service contracts, both the janitorial contract with Multicorp and the trash removal contract with Allied Waste are being terminated. Bay Area will be our new trash removal contractor. We will discuss the janitorial scope of work with the new management company before a new agreement, if any, is bid.
- Reserve Fund – The current balance is higher than expected due to the delays in the deck project; however, it is still on track to cost around \$300,000. It is anticipated that work on the pool and replacement of the front gate will also be required in the next six months.
- Revenue – Revenue was slightly below target for the year. The difference is due to accounting procedures as well as some marina refunds. When properly allocated, we will be close to the budget target.

A summary of our finances that is posted on the Shearwater web site every month shows how we are doing relative to our General Operating Budget for the fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th), as well as the amount spent and remaining in the Reserve Fund. <http://www.shearwatercondos.com/committeereports.html>

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Marina—David Densmore

Operations

- Available slips/spaces—Nine GCE slips (one additional vacancy since last report), Four LCE slips (advertised), No kayak or dinghy spaces (two dinghy spaces vacated)
- Waiting lists—Ten kayak requests (oldest 9/30/13), Two dinghy requests (oldest 4/9/14)
- Guests—13 YTD (revenue \$540)
- Other—In response to user concerns, met with contractor to discuss potential modification of kayak launch ramp (discussions continuing)
- Will be re-installing 12 oyster-rearing cages on A-dock this fall

Maintenance

- Bids for marina power-washing/sealing – waiting for response from Brodie
- Marked damaged dock boards (approx. 45) for replacement; met with contractor – waiting for response from Brodie
- Need to identify/schedule contractor for marina winterization (Nov.)

Financial

- Expenditures since July 1 still at \$154.11

Future Projects

- Kayak storage expansion
 1. Focus now on reconstruction/expansion of existing rack
 2. Will solicit bids this winter

Pool—Tina Ligon

The 2014 Summer Pool Season is over and the pool is now covered for the winter.

Our end of the summer Labor Day Pool BBQ and Pooch Plunge was a hit! First, our "human" residents enjoyed a grill-your-own Potluck. (Big thanks to Susan Finlayson, 2A, for loaning us her grill!) There were about 45 folks who came to enjoy the delicious food and several took advantage of the pool to jump in and cool off, as it was quite a hot, humid day! Then, at 5:30, the four-legged residents of Shearwater came to enjoy the last couple of hours of the pool. We had about 11 dogs attend. Our champion swimmers were Oscar and Hope, with a couple others joining in once or twice. All of the dogs enjoyed getting splashed and exploring the pool area. It was a fun day and we hope to repeat this event next year!

Winterizing will be done soon, and Shearwater has some much needed pools repairs on the list to hopefully be completed before opening for the 2015 season. So, thanks to all residents who enjoyed coming to the pool this summer! Our lifeguard, Teodora, did a great job and we were glad to have her here!

See you next year!

Tina Ligon, Pool Committee Chair, ph 410-202-9597, ligontina@gmail.com

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Architecture—Rainette Bannon

This Spring thru the Summer, the Architecture Committee had requests from six owners for exterior changes to their units, which included windows, front and patio doors, and sliding glass doors. All but one were approved, and we are waiting for appropriate information on the vendor and color from that owner.

A reminder to all residents that you, the owner, must file a Request for Architectural Change form with the management company AND the Architecture Committee BEFORE STARTING ANY NEW PRODUCT INSTALLATION. The Architecture Committee has a file of brochures and approved colors, as well as approved vendors to ensure exterior symmetry at our community. Please cooperate with the process. If you want to use a new vendor, check to be certain we have the appropriate information from you for our files. It is your responsibility to get it to us. If not, there is a chance your installation will not meet the approved specifications, and you will have to reinstall whatever you have put in.

The Architecture Committee will be doing another walkabout as Fall approaches to make sure our regulations are being followed. Please do your part to keep our community beautiful. Thank you.

Rainette Bannon, Chair, Architecture Committee

Landscaping—Deborah Birch

Update on landscaping evaluation and planning. In July and August, the Landscaping Committee continued to survey the grounds and meet with members of the community to identify areas of concern and ideas for improvements, both short and long term. This information is being used in the development of a landscaping master plan that will state our goals and objectives, identify our assets, recommend ongoing maintenance practices, and propose future improvements that are consistent with our goals for a beautiful, healthy, sustainable landscape and shoreline.

As part of this effort, the Landscaping Committee has compiled a list of fall, winter and spring projects. To date, we have spent about \$1,000 of our \$15,000 budget. The remainder of this year's reduced budget will be used to cover the fall and spring planting seasons, when most projects are planned.

Phragmites. A project to eliminate an invasive reed from our shoreline is now underway. Phragmites, an invasive reed that soon overtakes more beneficial perennial grasses if left untreated, has been expanding rapidly on all parts of the bay, and can be seen overtaking parts of Spa Creek. Two separate colonies have been developing at the water's edge near Buildings 7 and 14, and this year the landscaping committee sought assistance from the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture (MDA). After consulting with experts from DNR and MDA, a permit was requested and granted; MDA representatives successfully completed the first phase in September. The treated reeds must remain undisturbed as they decline and fade into winter.

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Status of irrigation system. On September 8, Terra Nova, the company who installed and maintains our irrigation system, performed a mid-season checkup. The Landscaping Committee Chair accompanied the technician on his walk-through, and learned that overall the system is in good working order. However, there are a few heads that should be adjusted for location or height because, due to changes in vegetation, they no longer reach all parts of the areas they were designed to irrigate. Some adjustments have already been made; others will be made this fall or in the spring.

Update on large tree issues. Our trees define and enhance our landscape and contribute to the sustainability of Spa Creek and the Bay. They also constitute a significant portion of the value of our property. To protect our investments and the beauty of our grounds, they must be maintained and sustained.

Over the summer, the Landscaping Committee met several times with certified arborists to develop a detailed assessment of tree conditions at Shearwater. Based on an initial survey and analysis, a preliminary tree assessment was submitted to the Board in mid-August. In response to comments and requests for additional information, further discussions were held with certified arborists and with our landscape contractor. As a result, some small-scale work has already been performed and a detailed plan for addressing critical tree work has been developed for implementation this fall and winter.

At their meeting on September 16, the Shearwater Board of Directors voted unanimously to:

- Accept the landscaping committee's plan that identifies critical trees and prioritizes tree maintenance work, in consultation with licensed tree experts, in order to reduce liability and achieve maximum benefit for the community.
- Allocate up to \$17,000 to cover the cost of critical tree work needed this fiscal year.
- Authorized the Landscaping Committee to obtain bids from and negotiate with three licensed tree companies to obtain the best competitive price from the most qualified company for the specified work.

The Landscaping Committee has already requested formal proposals from the two companies that have performed Shearwater's tree work in the past: Bartlett Tree Experts and Davey Tree Company. We understand from both companies that cost reductions can be obtained by having work performed in the winter months, by grouping work in such manner as to reduce mobilization costs and by staging implementation. A third bid will also be sought from a qualified tree company in conformance with Board requirements.

Landscaping Committee Procedures. In the coming months, we'll be working with the new property management company to formalize procedures for identifying and addressing landscaping issues. In the meantime, we encourage members share their ideas and concerns by contacting:

Deborah Birch
Chair, Shearwater Landscaping Committee
Email: dbirch@seagreenintl.com
Mobile/Text: 202-629-6035

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Board News

As of October 1, we have a NEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR SHEARWATER!

Over the past two months, your Board has conducted an exhaustive process including sending out a Request for Proposal to 54 property management companies in the Maryland area, reviewing proposals received, rating & ranking the companies on their capabilities, giving personal tours of our property, conducting reference calls, and meeting with the key personnel of the finalist companies. As you can imagine, this was a very time-consuming process, but after all the issues we've had over the past few months, we felt it was important to be as thorough as possible.

Metropolitan Management Group will be representing us going forward, and at our meeting on October 21 you will meet:

Natalie Collier: President of MMG

Erica Simmers: Property Manager for Shearwater

During the rest of this month, MMG will be working with Brodie Management to transfer all of the Shearwater files and records, and we are scheduling transition meetings among MMG and our Board members to discuss priorities and procedures. In the meantime, Brodie is continuing to work on the issues they have in hand. Anything not resolved before the end of the month will be transitioned to MMG.

We'll share additional information with you as soon as it becomes available.

REMAINING 2014 CONDO MEETINGS!!

There are just two more condo meetings this year beginning at 7:00 PM on **Tuesday October 21 and Tuesday November 18.**

There won't be a meeting in 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 above wasn't home, there were substantial delays in turning off the water and stopping the flow of water. There are several actions that can help 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).
- There are signs posted on the storage room doors of those buildings and on the locker doors
- If the owner of the storage locker isn't home to give you the combination of the locks on those storage units, contact the property management company at their office or after-hours number and they'll give you the combination to the locker.

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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 the management company 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 the management company.

REMINDER: PARKING REGULATIONS IN SHEARWATER

Now that the summer is over, our parking areas are a little less crowded, but Annapolis Boat Weeks are coming up. We still occasionally receive complaints about cars parked in resident spaces without valid parking stickers, so please make sure your guests know where the guest parking spaces are located.

If you're new to Shearwater (or if you haven't looked at the Rules & Regulations in a while) please review them to become familiar with the parking procedures.

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:

- 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 due to a special circumstance, please send your request to the Board of Directors for review.

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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:

- a. Tell them they are not allowed to solicit on Shearwater property
- b. Close your door
- c. 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.

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 we 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 the property management company. THANK YOU to the many unit owners who had the work done. Our new property manager will be sending out a letter to the remaining owners in a few weeks, and will schedule 'self-help' cleaning (with the cost billed back to the unit owner) for those who haven't responded by the deadline indicated.

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

STORAGE CLEANOUT PROJECTS COMING UP!

As we reported in the last newsletter, the shed near the entry gate was cleaned out on Saturday, June 21 – which now gives us plenty of room for safe storage of the marina winterization equipment. The next project is to clean out the two storage offices/rooms in the basements of Buildings 5 & 6. They contain a few useful items, but are also mostly filled with junk that can be discarded.

If you'd be interested in helping out with this project – possibly one day over a weekend in October – please email Brad Hollern at bhollern@hotmail.com. Thank you!

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DECK PROJECT UPDATE

As of two weeks ago, the deck project is approximately 60% complete. The original plan was to be further along at this point, however the reject rate for the lumber was higher than expected (14%) so they weren't able to complete more of the work. The crews took a short break in September while waiting for the second shipment of lumber to arrive. The schedule for the next week or two of activity will be published as soon as the lumber is on site.

REMAINING WORK: The remaining work that will be scheduled:

- ◆ DECKS (11): 1A, 1A2, 1A3, 1B1, 1B2, 1B3, 4B2, 13A3, 13B1, 13B2, 16A
- ◆ DOORS (7): 1A, 1A3, 1B1, 1B2, 1B3, 13A, 13A2
- ◆ BOARDS (#s vary): 2A1, 2A2, 2A3, 3A2, 4A2, 4A3, 4B1, 5A2, 6A3, 7B3, 13B3, 14A3, 16A1
- ◆ SOFFITS *: 2A3, 2B3, 3A3, 3B3, 2A3, 2B3, 3A3, 3B3, 4A3, 4B3, 5A3, 6A3, 6B3

*SOFFITS: Because of the way the boards run in Buildings 1-6 (parallel to the back of the condo rather than directed out and slightly downward), excess water tends to drip from the top deck down the side of the building or between the boards onto the deck below. So for decks that are not being replaced during this phase, during the planning phase last year the ETC engineer proposed a soffit design. This design involves 2 steps: (1) installing new flashing beneath the lower rows of siding around the edges just above the top deck, and (2) installing a vinyl soffit "ceiling" underneath that deck. The flashing will help direct the water down into the soffit and it will then run off the outer edge. The alternatives for the soffit product are still being evaluated, but the overall goal is to reduce the water damage on the side of the building and on the lower decks.

UNIT ACCESS: As before, the crews will be able to access all but the top level decks via ladder, without needing any access through the unit. When they need to do work on the top level decks, access will be requested from the unit owner ahead of time. The construction company will try to give as much advance notice as possible, but appreciate your understanding if the time frames are tight.

PLEASE NOTE: Any additional requests for deck, boards or storage closet door work that is not included in Phase I may be submitted to the property management company 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 & types of requests, a physical inspection, and the status of the reserve fund.

Why Does My Dog Keep Jumping by John Wadsworth

When the staff at the behavioral center do the post treatment follow-up calls they frequently report back like this....”client reports cessation of behavioral symptoms, attending veterinarian notified, but asked how they can stop their dog from jumping up on themselves as well as their guests”.

The genesis of jumping on owners and guests usually starts when the client brings the little puppy home. They are so cute and helpless that everyone reaches down to pick up the puppy at her slightest whimper, imprinting attention seeking behavior. Jumping up, uninvited, on owners or guests is annoying at best and can, often times, result in injury and soiled clothes, so how do we answer the question...How do I stop my dog from jumping up on me? Training books and videos offer countless theories and creative methods for teaching a jumping dog to stop. Why, then, do so many dog owners continue to be subjected to this most unwelcomed advance? The answer lies in the way the dogs learn.

Any behavior that is rewarded is likely to be repeated. Rewards may be obvious to you and your dog but they may also be quite subtle. When dogs are excited, they quite naturally jump onto their “target” (remember picking up the new puppy at her slightest whimper). Over the course of time they are met with hands petting them or pushing them away- with voices sometimes warm, at other times stern or surprised. All of these responses can be rewarding-and therefore, all of them may reinforce the jumping behavior. When such behaviors are scarce or intermittent- they are even more powerful reinforcers. So even if the entire family is working hard to ignore the jumping up, the occasional reward supplied by a long lost third cousin or well meaning relative or friend can undo all the good work.

Ok, so what can be done to keep those four feet firmly on the ground? First, inform all family members and visitors that, from this day forward, jumping of any kind is absolutely banned. Peoples’ only reaction to jumping should be no reaction. Everyone should remain utterly silent, averting their gaze and adopting an indifferent approach to the behavior.

Enlist the help of a neighbor or friend that can knock on your door and enter repeatedly. Leash your dog and arm yourself with a high value treat or toy. Ask your dog to sit before he jumps up, while he is still calm enough to comply and keep his attention on you, not the guest. Use a prompting word such as “toy” and reward his non-jumping behavior.

Persistent attempts to jump can be corrected by saying, “OFF”, walking your dog briskly in a circle to refocus him, then asking him to sit, followed by his high valued reward. Repeat the protocol as needed. Unlike petting, pushing, cajoling, or yelling at your dog to “get down”, this protocol is unambiguous and rewards an alternative behavior, i.e., sitting. Your chances of success will be far greater if you work with others than can “provoke” your dog by entering the house or passing you on the street, time and time again. You should set up definitive times for this training.

At each pass, tell your dog to sit and reward this preferred behavior. In time, shift the control from yourself to the visitor, who supplies attention only when your dog sits. Before you know it your dog will earn your heartfelt praise by sitting calmly instead of jumping up.

Also, a properly fitted head halter, such as the Gentle Leader, can be an invaluable tool for facilitating this type of retraining. All that is required is to pull forward and up to position the dog in a “sit” position. Then immediately release the tension on the lead and praise your dog lavishly for sitting.

By teaching your dog that jumping is unacceptable you will not only make him a happier dog, but you will be happier with him.

Editor’s Note: John Wadsworth is a Dog Behaviorist and owner of Companion Dog Behavioral Center, which is a veterinary specialty practice where he treats every kind of behavioral disorder as well as Foundation Obedience and other programs to interact with your dog. He has offices in Skippack ,Pa., and **NOW OPEN** in Annapolis, Md. Visit his website at www.companiondogtc.com or call 410-268-7398.

John, his wife, Susan, and dog, Buca, are owners in Shearwater (5-A3).

Our new kayak launch made it easier for many of our kayakers to enjoy being on Spa Creek this Summer...



Pat Duval (7A1)



Greg Balestrero (4B2)



Nice to see so many folks enjoying our refurbished tennis courts this summer...



Frances Higgins (4B2) and friend



Marj Sparer (7A) and team



Marj Sparer (7A) filling the courts with her team



Herve Compagna (2A2), with friend

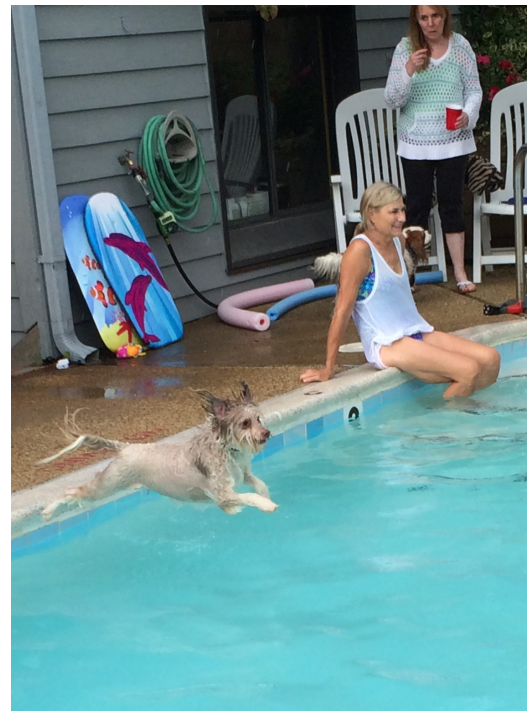


Jae and Jeff Sherwood (4A1), with friends

We had a large turnout for our last Pool Party of the 2014 Season on Labor Day.....



2014 End of Season
Pooch Party



The Myth of the Poop Fairy

Like the Loch Ness Monster or Bigfoot, the fabled poop fairy has been the stuff of legend. Flying undetected in parks, neighborhoods and schoolyards, she was said to follow close behind dogs and their owners — picking up what the dog left behind, before flying off to the next canine creation. A widespread belief that she existed seemed to reassure some that cleaning up after one's dog was sort of ... optional.

However, in response to a growing number of poop piles, and a growing number of resident complaints, your homeowner association would like to bring you this announcement:

The Facts About Dog Poop

- **Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like Wild Animal Poop**—Because we feed our dogs food that's very different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. And because of the number of dogs in our community, this hardy dog waste accumulates.
- **Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria, Parasites**—Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, giardia, salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet, and may cause health problems.
- **Dog Waste Pollutes Groundwater, Water Bodies**—Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers, and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Humans who come in contact with creek water can also face health hazards.



Our By-Laws require residents to pick up after their dogs.

We have stocked the bag box by the dog walk area for your convenience.

Classified Ads

For Sale—6,000 lb. Sunseeker floating lift. Asking \$9,500. Call Harry Connell, 15A @ 717-314-1905.

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.

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.

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 to find out where the next meeting is being held. The book selections for the remainder of 2014 are:

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.

Celebrating the ANNAPOLIS LIFESTYLE

Fall 2014

“Autumn mornings: sunshine and crisp air, birds and calmness, year’s end and day’s beginnings”
~Terri Guillemets

Here’s What is Going On In Shearwater It’s A Great Time To Buy

Active Properties for Sale	List Price	DOM
7B3-2 Bdrm/2 Bath-lovely views	\$420,000	23
12A-Terrace level w/2 deeded slips	\$795,000	101
15A-Terrace Level w/1 deeded slip	\$895,000	88
3A2-2 Bdrm/2.5 Bath Loft	\$699,900	113
4B2-2 Bdrm/2 Bath totally Renovated-Amazing Kitchen	\$585,000	Coming Soon

Rentals	List Price	DOM
7B2-2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$2,200/month	36

Under Contract
None Currently

Sold To-Date 2014	List Price	DOM	Sold Price	Close Date
5A1 - 1 Bdrm/1.5 Bath	\$319,000	175	\$325,000	9/5/2014
11B1 - 2 Bdrm/2.5 Bath	\$399,500	245	\$385,000	8/18/2014
7B2-2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$419,000	355	\$400,000	8/15/2014
15B3-2 Bdrm/2 Bath Penthouse	\$649,500	53	\$625,000	4/9/2014

Rented since March 2014	List Price	DOM	Sold Price	Close Date
12B2-2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$1,995	53	\$1,850	3/8/2014
2B3-2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$2,300	9	\$2,300	3/24/2014
15B2-2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$2,750	7	\$2,750	5/31/2014
12A2-1 Bdrm/1.5 Bath	\$2,100	10	\$2,100	6/3/2014
2A2-1 Bdrm/1.5 Bath	\$1,950	22	\$1,950	9/1/2014
8A3-2 Bdrm/2 Bath loft	\$2,650	74	\$2,650	9/1/2014
6A1-1 Bdrm/1.5 Bath	\$1,800	1	\$1,800	9/15/2014
3A1-1 Bdrm/1.5 Bath	\$1,900	16	\$1,900	9/15/2014

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Annapolis Calendar

Annapolis Boat Shows—Debuting in 1970, the Annapolis Boat Shows have wowed boating enthusiasts for over forty years. From October 9th through October 13th, 2014 United States Sailboat Show takes over the Annapolis Harbor, followed by the United States Powerboat Show on October 16-19, 2014. Visit <http://www.usboat.com> for more information and to buy advance admission tickets.

2014 Boat Show Bash—October 11, 2014, from: 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, Eastport Yacht Club, 317 First St., advance: \$15; at the door: \$20. The Eastport Yacht Club invites you to the 8th Annual EYC Boat Show Bash. This party is open to the public. Boat lovers and land lubbers welcome. The Boat Show Bash combines all the best aspects of an outstanding boaters' party ... live music, featuring the Dan Haas Band, Zen Dogs and Rickshaw Lizard performing on two stages! Good food, liquid refreshment, a Raffle Extraordinaire, and a unique Silent Auction of very special items for the boater and adventurer. Proceeds from the Raffle and Silent Auction go directly to Anne Arundel CASA and the Eastport Yacht Club Foundation, both 501(c)3 organizations. Event tickets may be purchased at various Annapolis locations. Visit www.eastportyc.org for more information.

United States Naval Academy 2014 Halloween/All Saint's Day Concert—October 31, 2014 - November 01, 2014, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, U.S. Naval Academy Chapel, 101 Cooper Road, Annapolis, Website: <http://www.usna.edu/Music/>. Enjoy a spectacular evening of music, light, drama and dance. One of the most popular events on the "Yard", the concert features U.S. Naval Academy Chapel organist Monte Maxwell and multi-talented midshipmen in a presentation that has drawn record-breaking crowds to the USNA Chapel. The concert uses special effects and a wide variety of music from multiple genres to celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

Maritime Republic of Eastport's Tug of War—November 08, 2014, Crack o' Noon, Eastport and Annapolis, Free, Website: <http://www.themre.org>. Drawing on a decades old rivalry, the annual charitable event features the longest tug-of-war over a body of water in the world, pitting downtown Annapolitans against the rebels of the mock-breakaway Maritime Republic of Eastport. Dubbed the Slaughter Across the Water, it features a 1700-foot rope, 450 tuggers and 1000 spectators. A festival-like atmosphere overtakes downtown Eastport and Annapolis beginning at 11:00 a.m. Tugging begins promptly (more or less) at the crack o' noon.



Lights on the Bay—From: November 16, 2014 - January 01, 2015. 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM nightly, weather permitting, Sandy Point State Park, 1100 East College Parkway, Annapolis, \$14/car, \$50/bus, Website: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/sandypoint.asp>. Don't miss this spectacular drive-through holiday lights show beside the Chesapeake Bay. The event features more than 60 animated and stationary displays, including traditional Maryland-themed favorites. Proceeds benefit Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade—December 13, 2014, Starts at 6:00 PM, Annapolis Harbor and Spa Creek. Every year magic happens on the waters of Annapolis Harbor. Boats illuminated with thousands of colored lights and crewed by jolly revelers suddenly appear in the cold wintry night. Families and friends gather at their favorite viewing spots along the waterfront to enjoy the yearly spectacle. Sponsored by the Eastport Yacht Club.

For More—Visit <http://visitannapolis.org/> for more activities this Fall 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 for this season's schedule and information.

Compass Rose Studio Theater, 49 Spa Road, Annapolis, 410-980-6662, www.compasrosetheater.org

Colonial Players of Annapolis, 108 East Street, Annapolis, 410-268-7373 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://childrenstheatrefannapolis.org>

Chesapeake Bay Area News

Exciting sturgeon find in Marshyhope Creek

Biologists were in for quite a surprise when they recently netted two "ripe" sturgeon in Marshyhope Creek, a tributary of Maryland's Nanticoke River. One was a 7-foot, 154-pound, female filled with eggs and the other a 5-foot, 70-pound male. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been on the trail of the illusive sturgeon in the Marshyhope area for more than two years. This was their first capture.

Like other anadromous fish, sturgeon live most of their lives in the ocean, but return to native rivers to spawn. In recent years, sturgeon (the Bay's largest fish) have only been known to spawn in the James River. Now biologists hope to find recently spawned "young of the year" in Marshyhope Creek.

Read the full story at:

http://www.bayjournal.com/article/biologists_net_ripe_sturgeon_on_nanticoke_tributary

Boom for Oil, Bust for Sea Mammals

Against strong opposition from environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club and Oceana, the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has approved the use of powerful sonic blasts in the search for offshore energy resources in an area from Delaware to Florida, including the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay as well as coastal Virginia and Maryland. The federal agency may now begin granting permits to companies looking for oil and gas resources. In reacting to the approval, the Virginia chapter of the Sierra Club points out that even federal research has shown that seismic cannon blasts, or air guns, will injure or kill more than 138,000 marine mammals. The seismic air guns are towed behind vessels firing every 10 seconds over a period of many hours. The impact on mammals that use their hearing for migration, nursing, feeding and other functions could be devastating, the groups maintain.

Stiff Penalties for Hoax Distress Caller

On October 8, 2013, the Coast Guard Sector North received a mayday call in which the caller claimed he was sinking and abandoning his boat in the vicinity of Cape Lookout and Shackleford Banks, North Carolina. Search and rescue operations were commenced that included the Coast Guard, the U.S. Marine Corps, the National Park Service and a local salvage company. A witness to the phone call informed the Coast Guard's investigative service that she heard Homer Blackburn making the mayday call and that he was watching the helicopter rescue efforts off his balcony. Another witness reported that Mr. Blackburn also bragged about the call. On August 4, 2014, Homer Lewis Blackburn, 27, of Atlantic Beach, N.C. was sentenced to 18 months in prison and three years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$288,390.80 in restitution for the costs incurred.

Oysters Galore

It's about time we got some good news about oysters! Last year's harvest in Virginia was the biggest since 1987. Not that the harvest in 2012 was anything to cry about—that was up 60 percent over 2011. But 2013 followed that with an additional 25-percent rise. That translates to 409,000 bushels in 2012 and 504,000 bushels in 2013. In dollars, that's a rise from \$16.2 million to \$22.2 million. And that's no small potatoes.

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