

Shearwater Mark



Fall 2010

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Shearwater is a special place to live with a dedicated group of people volunteering their time and talents to keep our campus beautiful and our operations running smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of these volunteers as they, for various reasons, resign their positions and also extend an invitation to new faces with new talents to step up to the plate.

Scott Ligon has resigned as dock master so he and Tina can go cruising - fair winds, following seas and a huge thank you, Scott, for taking such good care of our docks and slip holders. We are fortunate to have Eric Petterson and Skip Smith step forward to take over these duties.

Shirl Nelson takes a well-deserved break from two jobs: Chairman of our Landscaping Committee and Editor of Shearwater Mark. Thank you, Shirl, for all your hard work and numerous accomplishments. We need someone to step up to lead this already organized and efficient Committee. We are pleased to have our Board member, Frances Higgins, take on one more chore - as you can see as you read her first issue of our newsletter. Thank you, Frances.

Connie Cadwell has stepped aside as Chair of our Architectural Committee and we are still in need of a replacement. **Anyone interested?** Thank you, Connie, for your efforts.

So again, **thank you Scott, Shirl and Connie and welcome Eric, Skip and Frances** as we send out a plea for new talent to fill these vacant positions. Oh, and less we forget, we still have a vacancy on the Board since Ron Faulkner's term expired. Shearwater needs you to maintain our high standards! As in most organizations there are always a few individuals who give freely to their community. We need to broaden that base to keep Shearwater a special place to live.

Please join me in saying "good job" to those who have served, "you have my support" to those who continue and "where do I sign up..." from those ready to lend a hand.



Gerri Smith

Gerri Smith, Shearwater Board President

Board News

The Board last met July 19, 2010, with a good number of residents attending. The September 20, 2010 Board Meeting was cancelled. The next Board meeting will be November 22, 2010.

Here are some highlights from the July 19 meeting. Full minutes and reports are posted on our website, www.shearwatercondos.com.

Treasurer's Report

We remain over budget in operating expenses due to general maintenance and snow removal expenses incurred over the past winter. The Board has been and is looking for ways to reduce expenses. One example is the change to another Insurance Company; the new policy saving the Association \$7,300.00 per year.

Architecture—Connie Cadwell

- Screens on decks are not approved or permitted. Those in violation have been sent letters, and should the violation continue the next step is the hearing and fining process.
- Clarification from the May minutes—Unit 5A2 was granted an exception until the committee makes a final decision.

Landscaping—Shirl Nelson

- Tree work will be performed in the community; notification will be sent by email and flyers will be posted.
- The committee will be identifying plants that need to be removed.
- Shirl Nelson will be contacting the landscape designer regarding an overall community plan.
- New plantings will not be purchased until the sprinkler system is installed.

Marina—Scott Ligon

- Eric Petterson and Skip Smith are the new Co-Dockmasters.
- The water-taxi requested that the city repaint the “water taxi” sign on B Dock.

Pool—Tina Ligon

- All is going smoothly with the pool.
- Flyers will be posted announcing upcoming Happy Hours at the Pool.

Other Issues for Brodie Management Follow-up

- Continue raccoon trapping.
- Cunningham Contracting was approved for flat roof replacement.
- Management will forward a copy of the letter sent to units in violation regarding deck screening.

Call for Volunteers

There are currently three openings which need to be filled by Community volunteers. The first is the position of Director on the Board. The second is the position of Architecture Committee Chair. And the third is the position of Landscape Committee Chair. All are important jobs in our community.

Serving on the **Shearwater Board** can be a very rewarding experience. You will have first-hand knowledge of important happenings within our Community, and you will have the opportunity to influence change. The current Board is a wonderful mix of people who insure that our By-Laws and Rules/Regulations are followed. The majority of the Board interaction is handled via email and during attendance at the Board Meetings.

The new **Chair of the Architecture Committee** will enjoy an experienced, three-member committee already in place.; namely, Wendy Tsai, Rainette Bannon, and Michael Yearman. Among it's responsibilities, this Committee reviews owners' requests for improvements and enforces policy, standards, and guidelines relative to architectural style and detail within the Community.

We're also recruiting a new **Landscape Committee Chair**, as Shirl Nelson has turned over the mantel. You don't need to do it alone! Shirl has a terrific committee; Frances Higgins, Ron Faulkner, Eric Petterson, Pat Duvall, Maryan Cummins, and Don Kadonoff are there to help. And what a great help they are. Thanks to their work, the committee has accomplished a great deal during Shirl's tenure, including new shell paths, new entrance way landscaping, the first 2 phases of the sprinkler system, landscaping improvements throughout the Community, and significant tree work. You can make a difference! You can lead the committee on through the next phase of improvements. The groundwork has already been laid out, including the final phase of the sprinkler system and acquisition of a master landscaping plan.

If you are new to the Community, this is your chance to get involved, meet your neighbors, and make a difference. If you have lived in Shearwater a long time, and perhaps have even served on the Board or other Committees, this is your chance to get reacquainted.

If you are interested, please contact any Board Member for more information.

Meet our New Co-Dockmasters

First we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Scott Ligon for serving so diligently as our dock master for the past three years. He has done a tremendous job and we wish Scott and Tina a safe, fun-filled cruising season.

Effective October 15, Eric Petterson and Skip Smith are your dock masters. Hopefully this means you can find one of them when you have a need.

Here is contact information for Eric and Skip:

- **Eric Petterson**, Unit 1B3; **phone** – 410-280-1787, **cell** – 410-533-1469;
E-mail – ecpetterson@msn.com



Skip and Eric

- **Skip Smith**, 5B1; **phone** – 410-263-4962, **cell** – 410-271-0133; **E-mail** – yellowbird7@verizon.net

Eric and Skip have enlisted several other members of our community to serve on a Marina Committee,. They will serve to be additional “eyes and ears” for problems, needs or good things on the docks. These helpful “volunteers” are: Jim Behrens, Ted Finlayson, Lois McGovern and Phil Hatchard. A big plus....their locations in our community will aid in their “eyes and ears” assignment.

In addition Eric and Skip will be reviewing how to best manage our marina. One of the changes they plan to reestablish is the practice of a signed contract with slip holders as well as requiring proof of ownership and insurance. Slip holders will be receiving more information on this with your 2011 billing.

Resident News

Due to health issues, the Gibbs's returned to Bethesda early this year. Bill has had some heart surgery and is now doing well. Mary's sight is getting better every day. They may not be here, but their wonderful grandson, Sean, will be here thru the winter. Gibbs's are in 7A2.

Welcome to new owner, Dave Kane, Unit 12A.

Dave's terrace, decorated
for Halloween



Also, welcome to new owners John Smith in Unit 12B3, and Jim Jeffers and Kathy Meyer in Unit 3B1.

And welcome to new tenants Edward Gough in Unit 3A1, and Christopher Bell in Unit 8B2.

Important Reminders from your Board

- Chimneys should be inspected and cleaned frequently, depending on use. Brodie has scheduled Step In Time December 17 and 18. The cost for chimney inspection is \$45 and cost for cleaning, if needed, is \$99. Chimney inspection and cleaning is the responsibility of the owner. It will make it easier and cheaper by having it done as a group. If you are interested in getting your chimney inspected, contact Brodie and let them know which date you prefer. Brodie will also be sending out reminder notices.
- To prevent deck fires and stay in compliance with Annapolis City Ordinance, no cooking, barbecuing, smoking, or fire pits are permitted on any balcony with the exception of the open terrace brick patios.
- Bird feeders are not allowed on the balconies or attached to any portion of the building. Also, the feeding of pets on balconies is prohibited, as is leaving pets unattended on balconies.
- All remodeling contractors, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, carpet installers, etc. must be scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except for emergencies. All contractors are responsible for removal of debris (construction debris cannot be placed in the dumpsters). It is a good idea, especially if you cannot be at home when your contractor is working at your unit, to notify Brodie so they can be ready to help should an emergency arise.
- No item, including bicycles, etc., may be stored in or by unit entrances or on any common element, including stairwells and stair landings. This is a violation of the FIRE CODE . Bicycles may be stored on the bicycle rack in the Racquetball Court, if space exists, and they must be tagged with the owner's name and/or unit number. Bicycles may also be stored in basement lockers or deck storage areas.

Classified Ads

We have no ads for our newsletter this quarter.

Classified ads placed by residents are free, so if you are interested in selling, buying, or have an announcement, send your ad to your *Shearwater Mark* Editor, Frances Higgins, at frances.higgins@comcast.net

New Annapolitans

If any new residents are interested in joining a new comer's club, please look into the New Annapolitans. It is a women's 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 Greater Annapolis community.

New Annapolitans holds a general meeting once a month. There are numerous special interest groups, such as book clubs, golf, sailing, gardening, walking, biking, music, etc. The only requirement is that you must join within two years of moving to Annapolis, but then you can remain a member for as long as you remain current with dues. If you want to know more, call or email Shearwater resident Pat Duvall, 410-295-6589 or PatCD0917@verizon.net, or visit <http://www.annapolitans.org/>.

Annapolis Calendar

Lights on the Bay

November 20, 2010 - January 2, 2011, 5-10 p.m. Sandy Point State Park, Route 50, Annapolis, Maryland. (410) 481-3161. An annual drive through Christmas light show sponsored by the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Drive along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay and see more than 60 animated and stationary displays illuminating the roadway. \$12 per car.

Lighting of the Annapolis Christmas Tree

November 21, 2010, 5-7 p.m. Annapolis City Dock. Kick off the holiday season with the annual lighting of the tree. Event sponsored by Homestead Gardens.



Midnight Madness

Thursdays, December 2 and 9, 2010, 6 p.m.-midnight. Downtown Annapolis along Maryland Avenue, Main, and West Streets. Historic Annapolis' shops stay open late for this community block party that is open to all. Enjoy musical performances, food and refreshments and enjoy some holiday cheer!

Gingerbread Parade of Homes Competition

December 2, 2010 - January 2, 2011. HistoryQuest, 99 Main Street, Annapolis, Maryland. Stop by HistoryQuest and cast a ballot for your favorite gingerbread house baked by an Anne Arundel County chef. Celebrity judges will award winners in the professional category on December 5, and the People's Choice awards will be announced at a reception on December 19. Raffle proceeds will benefit Historic Annapolis Foundation and the Eastport Girls Club.

State House by Candlelight

December 3-4, 2010. 7-9 p.m. Maryland State House. State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland. Admission: Free (410) 974-3400. Enjoy choral, band, and ensemble performances by the glow of the official State Christmas tree in the oldest State House in continuous legislative use in the nation.

Handel's Messiah Concert

December 4-5, 2010, Main Chapel, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Performance by USNA Glee Club, Hood College Choir and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. Purchase tickets online.

Eastport Yacht Club Lights parade

December 11, 2010, 6-8 p.m. Annapolis City Harbor (410) 267-9549. Enjoy a parade of lights when more than 70 power and sailboats show off their holiday decorations.

New Years Annapolis

December 31, 2010. Ring in the new year at a family-oriented event with musicians, street performers, a Battle of the Bands, and fireworks.

Celebrating the ANNAPOLIS LIFESTYLE

Fall 2010

Hello Shearwater Neighbors,

“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in Autumn.”

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Time to sit back and enjoy the glorious colors of fall, 'cause next comes the chore of raking the leaves...It's autumn! I hope the season is full of sunny and pleasant feelings for you!

Enjoy the beauty of Fall in Shearwater!

It's A Great Time To Buy

Active Properties for Sale	List Price	Days On Market
4B3 - Penthouse with 35' deeded slip	\$419,900	766
15B1 - Entrance level WOW views	\$535,500	24

Under Contract

15B2 - Fabulous w/exquisite Remodeled Kitchen	\$648,500	24
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Sold

	List Price	Days On Market	Sold Price	Close Date
13A3 - Beautiful Loft	\$549,000	2	\$549,000	5/13/2010
12B3 - Penthouse	\$525,000	1	\$500,000	5/25/2010
12A- Terrace level with 2 deeded slips	\$779,750	1	\$769,750	8/9/2010
3B1 - Entrance level	\$485,000	220	\$347,500	10/20/2010

Rented

3A1 - 1 Bedroom	\$1650/month	74
8B2 - 2 Bedroom	\$1500/month	111

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Unit 16A1

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Did you know
There's a residents' directory on our website? Check it out and be sure to send us your updates!
<http://shearwatercondos.com/>

New Shearwater Mark Editor

Shirl Nelson has done a remarkable job keeping the residents of Shearwater informed of current events, Board actions, and everything newsworthy about our community. I know you all join me in thanking her. She did a fantastic job, and I will do all I can to continue to produce a newsletter you will enjoy reading.

You will notice a few minor changes to the newsletter, but they are due to personal taste on my part and also my getting acquainted with Microsoft Publisher, a program I have never worked with before. So, I will appreciate feedback, both good and bad. I want to know what you think of the newsletter. I want to know if the information is the information you want to see.

After all, this newsletter is for you, the Shearwater Owners and Residents.

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