



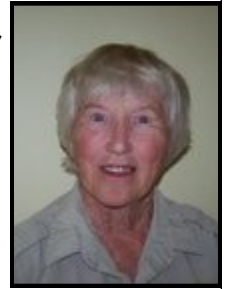
Shearwater Mark is GOING GREEN! See Editor's Note on page 8 for important information.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** And best wishes for a peaceful, trouble-free year at Shearwater. Your officers remain ever diligent in monitoring activities and managing finances.



Gerri Smith

- A special thank you goes to Chuck Treffey who spear-headed an effort to put a snow removal plan into effect before it was desperately needed. He met with Andino and Brodie Management and we now have a plan for parking our cars, as well as a plan for Andino to deal with the snow removal. Now let's all pray for not much snow this year.
- Chimney cleaning was scheduled in preparation for Santa, and we hope you all were on the schedule for the safety of yourself as well as your neighbors.
- Our new dock masters are hard at work organizing our docks. The bubblers are in place, kayaks and dinghys are in their proper places, contracts for slip holders were reinstated, and a winner was selected for the "Up the Creek" award in the Christmas lighted boat parade. Let's continue to give them our support as they continue with this formidable task.
- Some decks have been replaced and more are scheduled for replacement.

We are still in need of leadership for our Landscaping and Architectural Committees. Please, if either of these areas interest you at all, won't you please step forward and volunteer your expertise.

Let's hope for an early spring and in the meantime good health to all and a prosperous 2011.

Gerri Smith



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[www.shearwatercondos.com](http://www.shearwatercondos.com) !!!

## Board News

The Board met on November 22, 2010. The next Board meeting will be February 21, 2011. Here are some highlights from the November 2010 meeting. Full minutes and reports are posted on our website, [www.shearwatercondos.com](http://www.shearwatercondos.com).

### **Treasurer's Report— Phil Hatchard**

November 22, 2010—Treasurer's Report for October: We are \$14,556 over budget in the operating fund. The reserve fund expenditures are \$74,652. The reserve balance is \$247,286. The reason for being over budget continues to be building maintenance costs.

### **Updated Treasurer's Report**

December 31, 2010—The detailed Treasurer's report can be viewed every month on our web site. We are financially sound, but expenses are climbing again this year in two categories. The "General Maintenance" category (primarily buildings) of the Operating Budget is well over budget again this year. In addition we find ourselves spending Reserve Account funds on "unplanned" (not identified or included in the reserve account study of March 2010) but necessary maintenance, as well as capital improvements.

We are following the Reserve Account Study recommendations by continuing planned maintenance of Unit Decks and closet doors, and have completed the flat (equipment) roof replacement for all buildings.

We will recommend a budget for fiscal year 2012 in April.

My two-year term serving as Treasurer on the Board of Directors (BOD) ends June 30, 2011. The BOD will be in need of a replacement starting in July, and welcomes volunteers, to be elected at the June business meeting.

### **Architecture—**

November 22, 2010—The Architecture Committee is in need of a Chairperson

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### **Marina—Eric Pettersen & Skip Smith**

November 22, 2010—Eric and Skip have reviewed records and procedures of marina operations, organized and met with a marina committee, itemized needed dock repairs, and updated records of boats, dinghies, and kayaks for the January billing. The Marina Committee consists of Jim Behrens, Ted Finlayson, Phil Hatchard, and Lois McGovern. Following is a summary of the proposals presented:

- Require that kayaks and dinghies have an identifying sticker attached.
- Increase the guest slip fee from \$20 to \$30.
- Re-institute an annual GCE slip rental contract and collect the same information from LCE slip users (no contract).
- Discontinue the practice of LCE/GCE swaps beginning 2012.

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### **Pool—Tina Ligon**

November 22, 2010—No pool report given.

### **Brodie Management Operations Report**

November 22, 2010—

- Deck replacement on townhouse buildings should be completed by the end of the year. 17 decks were replaced this past year and 23/25 are scheduled to be replaced in 2011.
- Gutter cleaning will be scheduled for the first week of December. Three quotes were presented.
- Chimney cleaning for unit owners wanting this service is scheduled for December 17 & 18.
- Signs are being posted on the recycle totes to remind residents to use these totes for recyclable items only.

## **Important Reminders from your Board**

- All residents are reminded that a link for the Shearwater Condo By-Laws and Rules and Regulations are on our website. It's a good idea to review both of these documents from time to time so that you do not inadvertently do something that would result in a violation notice and fines. Let's all follow the rules and keep the Shearwater Community a great place to live!
- There have been complaints regarding people putting trash in the recycling totes, as well as putting so much in them that they overflow. The recycling totes are for recyclable cardboard, paper, plastic, cans, plastic and glass bottles only. Absolutely no unrecyclable trash should be placed in these totes. All unrecyclable trash should be placed in the dumpsters. The trash/recycle area has been an eyesore as people are contaminating the totes with trash that cannot be recycled, thus it will not be picked up. As a result, Brodie Management and the Board are considering swapping the recycle totes at the main entrance for a recycle dumpster. Please help out by doing your part by placing trash and recyclables in their proper containers.
- The Association has not been strict on those of you who walk your dogs in common areas other than the area specified for dog walking; however, this might have to change. It has been noticed that not everyone is "picking up" after their dogs. Anywhere you walk your dog, you are responsible for picking up after them, for obvious reasons. Be a responsible dog owner...always pick up the poop!

## 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 distribute notices to their building's residents either by placing them on individual doors or at the mailboxes.

Building 1—Carleen Petterson & Milton McMahon

Building 2—Carroll Stewart

Building 3—Scott Ligon

Building 4—Rainette Bannon

Building 5—Skip Smith

Building 6— Mo Leinhard

Building 7—Pat Duvall

Building 8, 9, & 10—Marcia Sandground

Building 11—Cordelia Richards

Building 12—Ron Faulkner

Building 13—Phil Hatchard

Building 14—Maryan Cummins

Building 15—Shirl Nelson

Building 16—Connie Cadwell

## Resident News

The Ligans hosted a Bon Voyage party on October 31 on their catamaran, Sangaris. Great food and a fantastic time was enjoyed by all. Scott and Tina left on November 4; destination Bahamas for the winter. Enjoy the warmth, stay safe, and keep in touch. We will see you when you are back next summer. Keep up with Scott and Tina by following their blog: <http://web.me.com/svsangaris>



Tina, Wendy, Rainette, & Chloe

Also enjoying the warm weather down south are David and Peg Schaake on Journey. They left on November 14. Keep up with them on their blog: <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/journey1/>

## Shearwater Book Club

The Shearwater Book Club read a variety of interesting books last year, and we enjoyed lively book discussions along with great food and other conversation every month. The Book Club meets the 4th Wednesday at a different member's home every month. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact Shirl Nelson at [eastport.rower@gmail.com](mailto:eastport.rower@gmail.com). Here is the reading list, so far, for 2011:

January: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

February: *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver

March: *Go Givers* by Burg & Mann

April: *The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had* by Kristin Levine

May: *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff

June: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

July: To Be Announced

August: *True Compass* by Edward Kennedy

September: *Liars Club* by Mary Karr

October: *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl

November: To Be Announced

December: Planning Meeting for 2012

## Classified Ads

We have no ads for our newsletter this quarter.

Classified ads placed by residents are free, so if you have something to sell, want to buy something your neighbor might have, or have an announcement, send your ad to your *Shearwater Mark* Editor, Frances Higgins, at [frances.higgins@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:PatCD0917@verizon.net), or visit <http://www.annapolitans.org/>.

# Annapolis Calendar

[Wildlife Film Festival](#)—Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 09, 2011. The Conservation & Wildlife Film Festival and the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitors Center are hosting a once-a-month winter film series January through April 2011. Short and feature documentary films will be screened in the 218-seat auditorium during two separate series. Each series is two hours and will show multiple films. For more detailed information and dates for the series, visit [www.WildlifeFilmFestivals.com](http://www.WildlifeFilmFestivals.com)

[Gala Evening/Live Arts Maryland](#)—Jan 22, 2011. Beginning at 6:30pm, Loews Annapolis Hotel. Three concerts in one mark this special fundraising night celebrating Live Arts Maryland and the Annapolis Chorale with memorable music and gourmet food. J. Ernest Green emcees the night's live auction and presents music from every genre possible, performed by the area's best singers and pianist Erik Apland. Call 410.263.1906 or visit [www.liveartsmaryland.org](http://www.liveartsmaryland.org) for more event or ticket information.

[Annapolis Maritime Museum/ Photographs of the Chesapeake](#)—Nov 19, 2010 to Jan 30, 2011. Annapolis Maritime Museum presents: Photographs of the Chesapeake - the Art of A. Aubrey Bodine, considered one to the finest photographers of his time. The work in this exhibit represents a select sample of the more than 4,000 photographs spanning his 50-year career. The Museum is open to the public, Thursday-Sunday, Noon to 4:00pm. Also check out the Thursday evening lecture series beginning January 13 and running through March. For more information, directions and parking visit [www.amaritime.org](http://www.amaritime.org)



[Historic Annapolis Foundation: Anne Catharine Green Exhibit](#) - Nov 19, 2010 to Feb 20, 2011 - This is an all day, multi-day event. Join us for this exhibit exploring the life of Anne Catharine Hoof Green, one of Annapolis' and arguably the nation's most accomplished and pioneering women from the Colonial era. This exhibit will illustrate how Green succeeds as a printer and publisher of the Maryland Gazette after her husband, Jonas Green died in 1767. Not only was Green one of the first women working in a position and profession historically dominated by men, research indicates that she was also one of the first printers of Maryland money before the American Revolution, all accomplished while still upholding her household and family responsibilities to her children. Visit <http://www.annapolis.org/>, or call 410-267-6656 for more information.

[Historic Annapolis Foundation: Painting Four Seasons in the William Paca Garden Exhibition](#)—Nov 19, 2010 to Feb 20, 2011 - This is an all day, multi-day event. Over the past year artists, under the tutelage of landscape and garden watercolorist Jean Brinton Jaecks have been honing their painting skills and technique during the "Four Seasons" workshops. View the results of their hard work during this exhibit featuring seasonal paintings of the historic William Paca Garden. Visit <http://www.annapolis.org/>, or call 410-267-6656 for more information.

[Historic Annapolis Foundation: Exhibition: Eastport Lights Parade Angel](#)—Nov 19, 2010 to Feb 20, 2011 - This is an all day, multi-day event. Each December, Annapolis ushers in the holiday season with the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade. For the past twenty years, an angel fixed to the mast of Dreamchaser the sailboat owned by Jane and Peter Chambliss has been the highlight of this spectacular promenade of boats. Join us for an exhibition highlighting this true icon of Annapolis. Visit <http://www.annapolis.org/>, or call 410-267-6656 for more information.

[Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts Presents: CityDance Ensemble in 'Born To Run'](#) - January 30, 2011. 7:00 pm. An evening with the music of Bruce Springsteen and the dance of Washington's celebrated City Dance ensemble, Washington's preeminent modern dance company and winner of the 2009 Mayor's Art Award for Artistic Excellence, returns from the road as Cultural Ambassadors for the US Department of State to present a suite of dances by Artistic Director Paul Gordon Emerson set to the music of the quintessential American "road warrior," Bruce Springsteen. For more information, visit <http://marylandhall.org/>

[Live Arts Maryland Presents: Washington Symphonic Brass- "Music for a Russian Festival"](#) - Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 7:30 p.m. \*\*Performance located at St. Anne's Church. This event features some exhilarating masterpieces of the Russian repertoire, with music by Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Mussorgsky as well as an original composition by Anthony DiLorenzo entitled "A Little Russian Circus." This concert will entertain audience members of all ages. For more information on this, and other Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts performances, visit <http://marylandhall.org/>

# *Celebrating the* **ANNAPOLIS** LIFESTYLE

**January 2011**

As we kick-off the New Year and make resolutions to keep our resolutions, one question is still at the forefront of many minds. Will the housing market and the economy overall improve in 2011?

Most agree that the housing market recovery is largely based on recovery of the job market and watch pending home sale statistics. Pending homes sales jumped in October, showing a positive uptrend since bottoming in June. Overall, these numbers are positive.. Days On Market Time we are down to 96 days from 106 last month. Selling price vs Original Listing Price down 95.9% from 96.6 last month. The number of New listings was 706 down 8.5% from 772 and 8.7% from last year.

## **Shearwater on the Market for the New Year**

	<b>Days on Market</b>	<b>Price</b>
15B1 Entrance level – best views!	87	\$535,500
5A3 Loft Unit	33	\$545,000
2A1 Awesome views	15	\$525,000



I am hopeful that 2011 will bring a revived economy and a stable housing market.

I look forward to welcoming in the New Year. Everyone has, I think, in some quiet corner of their mind, an ideal home waiting to become a reality. But why wait?

I love to find the ideas, talent, and sources to make your dreams come to fruition!

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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/](http://shearwatercondos.com/)

## Editor's Note

*Shearwater Mark* is going GREEN with the Spring 2011 Issue!!! And, I need your help. I need a complete and up-to-date email list. Please, be assured I will not sell, publish, or otherwise abuse anyone's email address. This list is for the sole purpose of getting your quarterly newsletter to you in the most efficient and cost effective way possible.

If you do not have an email address, let me know and I will be sure you get a printed copy. If you received this copy in printed form only, please email me at the address below so that I can add your email address to my list. Otherwise you will not receive the next issue, and I'm sure you don't want that to happen! In addition, it costs nothing extra to have every member of your household on my email list, so send me spouses, children, grandchildren, tenants, everyone's email addresses.

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