

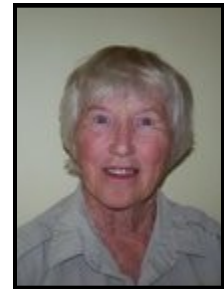
Don't forget to complete and return your Proxies to Brodie Management prior to the Annual Meeting on April 18!!!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is in the air...but maybe it's because I am ensconced on an out island in the Bahamas. But hope springs eternal. With the end of March Madness comes thoughts of daffodils, the Shearwater Annual Meeting, baseball...so I'm asking you to "step up to the plate" and volunteer for a position on the Board or one of our committees. Help keep your investment "safe" and Shearwater "in the major leagues."



Gerri Smith

A lot of places in the world need our support and our prayers, disasters know no bounds, but don't forget your own next door neighbors. As snow shovels are replaced by lawn mowers, bubblers are turned off and covers come off the boats, and the landscaping committee come to life, make an effort to say hello or lend a helping hand as well as put your trash in the big dumpster -- not in the blue recycle bins (not too difficult to figure out!).

Think spring! Make our community come alive.

Gerri Smith

Shearwater President



Shearwater Community Quarterly Newsletter available in vivid color at
www.shearwatercondos.com !!!

Board News

The Board met on February 21, 2011. The next Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Monday, April, 18, 2011. Here are some highlights from the February 2011 meeting. Full minutes and reports are posted on our website, www.shearwatercondos.com.

Treasurer's Report— Phil Hatchard

The detailed Treasurer's report can be viewed every month on our web site. We are currently financially sound, but we find ourselves spending approximately \$45,000 of Reserve Account funds on "unplanned" (not identified or included in the Reserve Account study of March 2010) but necessary repair and replacement.

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. This fiscal years deck work is approximately two thirds finished.

We will recommend a budget for fiscal year 2012 in April. Although the Reserve Account balance may seem healthy at \$222,924, we have more work to do than resources available. Maintenance expenses next year will be dominated by the need to paint all Shearwater buildings at an estimated cost of \$125,000 (not included in the recent Reserve Account Financial Study), along with an additional cost for replacement of deteriorated siding. In order to accomplish that work, we may have to prioritize and delay other planned maintenance.

Architecture—

Rainette Bannon is the new Architectural Committee Chairperson. Please send all requests for exterior changes to Rainette for Committee review.

Landscaping—Updated Landscaping Report—March 11, 2010

The Landscaping Committee met on March 10. Depending on funds available in the budget, we have decided to move forward with projects started last year that were not completed; i.e., Phase III of tree work with Davey Tree Service, fertilizing the native dogwood trees, and topping the evergreens behind the pool. We also assessed winter damage, of which there was very little this year. We will remove the dead shrubs behind the entrance sign, and we will replace warranted shrubs that have died in front of Buildings 1-2 and the pool building. We will complete the plantings in front of Buildings 1-2. The next projects include additional plantings for Buildings 1,2, 4 & 5, design a planting plan for Buildings 3 & 6, and initiate implementation of Phase III of the sprinkler system.

Marina—Eric Petterson & Skip Smith—Updated Marina Report—March 17, 2011—

Spring has arrived, and one sure sign is that the water at the marina will be turned on the first week of April! The process of registering all the boats in the marina has been successful, thanks to the cooperation of all of the users. We will also be supplying "stickers" for the kayak owners to place on their vessels so that we can better identify misplaced or unregistered kayaks in the future. The marina facilities seem to be in good shape for the coming year, but the Dockmasters do have a list of mostly minor maintenance tasks that they have asked Brodie to correct. Please feel free to notify either Eric Petterson (eric.petterson@comcast.net) or Skip Smith (yellowbird7@verizon.net) if you have an issue that needs to be addressed. We hope that everyone has a chance to enjoy the spectacular Chesapeake!

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Pool—Tina Ligon

No Pool Report at this time.

Brodie Management Operations Report—

- Approximately 14 decks, plus the townhouse decks, have been completed this winter.
- Information is being obtained from Allied Waste to determine whether or not there is enough space for the newly proposed recycle dumpsters.
- A vote is needed by the Board regarding sprinkler system maintenance.
- Information concerning a review of electricity rates will be sent to the Board for a vote.

Important Reminders from your Board

- Brodie Management recently sent out the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shearwater Condominium Association, Inc. Council of Unit Owners. The Annual Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 18, 2011**. We would like to remind you that there are 4 Director positions up for election, and that it is **very important** you fill out and return your Proxy and submit it to Brodie Management because a **quorum is necessary**. Otherwise, we will have to hold a subsequent meeting. So, if you have not yet taken care of this very important business, please take a moment to do it now. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Directors (listed on the last page of this newsletter), or Heather Grummel, Property Manager at Brodie Management, Inc. via email, heather@brodiemgmt.com, or phone, 410.571.1400.
- We are still having to print and mail too many copies of your newsletter. But, I'm happy to announce that we are printing 40 rather than 150, so a vast improvement! If you received this newsletter in printed form, please email the editor, frances.higgins@comcast.net, so that we can save the printing and mailing costs of getting your copy of the newsletter to you.
- Much THANKS to Rainette Bannon for taking on the lead of the Architecture Committee. Before you begin a project or improvement, be sure to check with Rainette as to whether or not you need Committee approval. It would be a shame to have your \$10,000 windows ripped out because the exterior color doesn't match (or other such calamity).
- The Landscape Committee still needs someone to step forward and volunteer to be its Chairperson. The Committee is moving forward without a Chair, but they sure would like for someone to take the lead. These Committee members are already doing other work for Shearwater besides the Landscape Committee and just can't take on the extra work. There **MUST** be someone out there who is willing to do this! Please contact any Board Member and volunteer.

Shearwater Book Club

The Shearwater Book Club is reading a variety of interesting books this year. We enjoy 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 each month. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact ShirI Nelson at eastport.rower@gmail.com. Here is the reading list, so far, for 2011:

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: *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese

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

Resident News

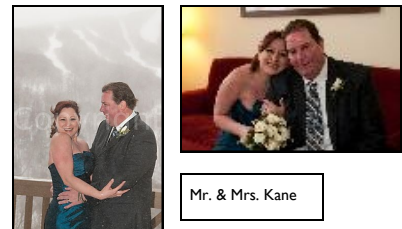
Frances Higgins and Greg Balestrero (4-B2) had a couple of fantastic days on their adventure vacation to Antarctica on National Geographic's Explorer in February. They got more adventure than they hoped for as Frances had a reoccurrence of a twisted intestine and had to be medivaced out to Punta Arenas, Chile to the closest hospital for surgery. She is now fully recovered and they are hoping to go back to Antarctica next season to complete the adventure as originally planned.



Frances & Greg at Dorian Bay In Antarctica

Please join us in congratulating Julie Capps and Dave Kane on their February 19 wedding in Stowe, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Kane live in unit 12-A.

On a sad note, we are sorry to hear that Judy Blood's Mother has passed away. Special thoughts to a very nice lady.



Mr. & Mrs. Kane

Classified Ads

Wanted—new Shearwater owner wishes to purchase a used ocean kayak with accessories. If interested in selling yours, please contact Jim at 301-461-4570 or 000927@comcast.net.

For Sale—Bookcase - great storage for small space - 24" wide, 84" high, 12" deep. Unfinished white pine, high quality, solid wood including backing - not flimsy stuff. Taller than typical 72" for extra storage. Like new \$125 or best offer. Please contact Shirl at eastport.rower@gmail.com.

Also, Heart rate monitor - nearly new. Polar RS100. \$100 orig. box, instructions. \$50 or best offer. Please contact Shirl at eastport.rower@gmail.com.



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

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

[The Floating World Exhibit](#)—Mar 03, 2011 to Apr 16, 2011—A new exhibit at the Mitchell Gallery/ St. John's College, brings the world of Edo Japan to Western eyes. "The Floating World Prints from the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art," will be on view at the Mitchell Gallery from March 3rd to April 16th. Gallery hours are Tues.-Sun. 12pm-5pm and Fri. 7pm-8pm. For more information call 410.626.2556 or visit www.stjohnscollege.edu

[Maryland History Lecture Series](#)—Apr 12, 2011 and May 17, 2011—The Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation and Friends of St. John's College present FREE public lectures at the Francis Scott Key Auditorium, St. John's College. The focus of the lectures is the Civil War, beginning with "Civil War Comes to America" on March 8th, "Annapolis Awakened by War" on April 12th, and "Introducing: 'Annapolis, City on the Severn," on May 17th. Optional tickets will be sold for those interested in a pre-lecture dinner. For reservations or more information contact Molly Burnett at 410.626.2881 or email molly.burnett@sica.edu.

[Wildlife Film Festival](#)—Mar 19, 2011 and Apr 09, 2011—The Conservation and Wildlife Film Festival and the Patuxent Research Refuge 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 details, go to www.fws.gov/northeast/patuxent/events.html.

[Each One Invites One - McBride Gallery](#)—Mar 20, 2011 to Apr 10, 2011—"Each One Invites One" is a show with a unique twist, Gallery Owner Cynthia McBride invited 5 McBride Gallery artists to invite 5 artists they admired and respected to exhibit at the gallery. The exhibition is open to the public. Gallery Hours are Mon-Sat., 10am-5:30pm and Sun. 12pm-5:30pm. Thurs. night open until 9pm. For more information contact 410.267.7077 or visit www.mcbridegallery.com

[Annapolis Book Festival at The Key School](#) - April 9, 2011— The 9th annual Annapolis Book Festival at The Key School features nationally renowned authors. Celebrate reading among all ages with new and used book sales, book signings, educational children's activities, performances, a silent auction and more. Free and open to the public. For details, visit www.keyschool.org.

[Annapolis Maritime Museum](#)—Mar 24, 2011 to Apr 30, 2011—"Water's Edge", Fine Art Photography, One Woman Show by Lisa Masson. April 3, 2011—Cruising Chesapeake Bay: Tips & Hands-on Training for Bay Cruisers, full day training seminar. May 2-, 2011 to July 4, 2011—Art Show by Alison Harbaugh. And, plan ahead because these tickets sell out quickly, July 16 & 17 and August 13 & 14—Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Tour. Call 410-295-0104 or visit www.amaritime.org.

[Wednesday Night Sailboat Races](#)—beginning April 27 through early September—Annapolis Harbor—Annapolis' famed Wednesday Night Sailboat Races feature some 150 boats which sail around marks in the Bay then back into Spa Creek for the finish.

[First Sunday Arts Festival](#)—First Sundays, May through October—First block of West and Calvert Streets. Join the fun when crafts vendors, artists, musical acts, and street performers gather to celebrate the arts. New this year, open swing dance lessons and jitterbugging opportunities.



[Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival](#)— Sat-Sun, May 21-22—Sandy Point State Park— 10th Annual Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival, one of the premier blues festivals in the world. All proceeds go to charity. For more information, go to www.bayblues.org.

[Annapolis Greek Festival](#)— Fri-Sun, June 3-5—Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 2747 Riva Road—Free admission. Grab a taste of Athens; enjoy Greek dance; sample Greek foods; listen to Greek music; tour the Greek Orthodox Church, and more. For info, [visit www.annapolisgreekfestival.org](http://www.annapolisgreekfestival.org).

[Annapolis Arts & Crafts Festival](#)— Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, 2011—Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. 2nd Annual outdoor celebration of the arts. Over 200 of the regions' best artists and craftsmen displaying a variety of media. Also sample fine cuisine and select wines and enjoy live entertainment. For more information, visit www.annapolisartsandcraftsfestival.com.

[Eastport A Rockin'](#)— Saturday, June 25, Annapolis Maritime Museum, 723 Second Street. One day, three stages, 27 bands. From rock to folk to roots to jazz to bluegrass to funk, the music here is sure to please everyone. Streets and sidewalks are lined with vendors featuring local artisans, crafts, entertainment and much more. Kits area features a moon bounce, face painters, and other great family-friendly activities. For more information, see www.eastportarockin.com.

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April 2011

Hi Neighbors,

“Sweet Spring, Full of Sweet Days and Roses”

George Herbert, 1633

Great Condos on the Market	List Price	Days on Market
2A1-Wow 1 bedroom entrance level	\$525,000	90
2B3-Outstanding 2 bedroom Pent-house	\$550,000	4
4B3-Cathedral ceilings-35' deeded slip	\$429,900	27
5A3-Incredible 2 bedroom loft	\$545,000	108
7B3-2 bedroom w/unbelievable views	\$399,500	Just Offered!
15B1-One level 2 bedroom w/ beautiful views	\$535,500	162



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I know for a fact you will never be sorry about calling Shearwater home. Interest rates continue to be at Historic lows. I look forward to educating and sharing the latest and greatest in Annapolis with you. Knowledge, experience and over 35 years of living and selling real estate dreams. THANK YOU for all volunteers, Board Members, and Committees creating the very best in Shearwater living.

Your Resident Specialist,

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If your property is currently listed with another broker, please disregard. This is not a solicitation.

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A great place to live!



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All residents are welcome to submit articles and photos for publication.

Please contact the Editor to receive your newsletter by email. Printed copies are available only on request.

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

Ah, Spring! My favorite time of the year. It's time to be outside again; time to think about renewal; time for home improvements; time to get ready for the upcoming boating season. Each year we are faced with normal maintenance and repairs in our community, and this year is no exception. Some of the work will be small, hardly noticeable. And then there's the major work, like deck replacement, that could interrupt our daily routine. Some of your neighbors are also making improvements inside their homes, like installing new kitchens and bathrooms, windows, and flooring. Spring is traditionally the time of year to spruce up. All this will benefit our Community!

So, be sure to read the Committee Reports, especially Marina and Landscaping, and the Operations Report so that you are informed about what's going on at Shearwater. And....Have a Happy Spring!!!

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