

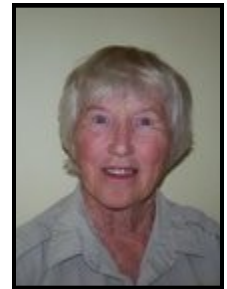


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Gerri Smith

To all who sent in their proxies for the annual meeting to prevent a rescheduling – thank you. The Board appreciates your understanding and support of our efforts to keep Shearwater on a progressive road to maintaining high standards and a healthy reserve fund.

I am pleased to announce that we now have a full slate of Board members.

Due to a mix-up before our elections, one person running for the Board was nominated without his consent. This left us with two vacancies. Past Board member, Susan MacMillan-Finlayson has agreed to extend her expired term, and Barbara Britt has volunteered her time and energies to our efforts. We welcome both and extend our thanks.

We also have leadership for all our committees. Remember to submit your requests for changes to the Architectural Committee and your suggestions to the Landscaping Committee. We will soon welcome back our Pool Chairman, Tina Ligon, from their cruising adventure, and she is already planning a cool pool barbeque for us on June 18.

Our next Board meeting will be June 20. You are always welcome.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy, and be safe in your travels.

Gerri Smith, Shearwater Board President



Back copies of the Shearwater Community Quarterly Newsletter available at www.shearwatercondos.com !!!

Board News

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held on April 18, 2011. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011. Here are some highlights from the April 2011 meeting. Full minutes and reports are posted on our website, www.shearwatercondos.com.

Treasurer's Report— Phil Hatchard

Shearwater Treasurer's May 2011 Newsletter input.

The detailed Treasurer's statement can be viewed every month on our web site. As of 31 March, we are in sound financial condition with operating expenses in line with the budget and a reserve fund balance of \$237,889.

We are following the Miller-Dodson Reserve Account Study recommendations for planned repair and replacement of Shearwater property. Their recommendations can be found on our web site. The major accomplishment this year was the continuation of deck, railing, and closet door replacements.

The fiscal year 2012 budget was approved at the April meeting. Owners will receive notice of the 2012 fees, which start in July, at the beginning of June.

The Board approved a 10% increase in Condo Fees at the April meeting. This increase is necessary for a number of reasons, but before listing those reasons, please be aware that Phil and Heather (Brodie Management) spent hours going over every line of the budget and reduced expenses where possible. See our web-site for complete budget information. The 10% increase was based on the following:

- Bring annual reserve deposits up to recommendation of Miller-Dodson Study - \$13,000 - 2.8%
- Replace funds in the reserve account used for Phase II of the sprinkler system (\$5K per year over 5 years)- \$5,000 - 1.1%
- Unplanned maintenance (not identified in M/D study), such as structural repairs, water main breaks, etc.- \$25,000 - 5.3%
- Painting fund (not included in M/D study) - \$20,000 - 4.3%

These percentages total 13.5%, more than the 10% increase approved. We are still looking for ways to save money, while at the same time keeping the maintenance of our property at the quality we all expect.

Architecture—Rainette Bannon

Please see Rainette's article on Page 7 of this newsletter detailing the process and guidelines we must follow to be in compliance with the Architectural Rules and Regulations

Landscaping— Ron Faulkner

The Landscaping Committee is continuing to monitor the health of our trees, control the growth of weeds, address overgrown shrubs and building entryway plantings, and identify and repair defective landscape lights. Please contact Brodie Management, 410-571-1400, if you notice any lights that are out.

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Marina—Eric Pettersen & Skip Smith

With the arrival of warm weather, the Shearwater Marina is again a busy place with everyone getting their boats ready for the summer boating season. The marina is nearly full. Of the 33 GCE slips that are available for rental, we have only four that are not in use and many of the owned LCE slips are being utilized. Of the 32 kayak spaces and 13 dinghy float spaces, all of these are occupied.

We had finally managed to clear the kayak rack of wayward (un-registered) and unclaimed kayaks. However, two more have suddenly appeared. They, too will very soon be removed. We have been able to fulfill the wishes of EVERYONE.....

The dockmasters would like to remind everyone that due to the significant fire hazard of fuel storage, there should be no fuel storage in the marina except for the fuel stored on one's boat. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For those who have boating guests that might want to visit this summer, please contact the dockmaster to arrange for slip availability. The cost is only \$30 a day, and in addition each unit owner has two free days per month to use for their guests. We can't guarantee an available space (considering how full the marina is), but we will do our best to accommodate.

As always the dockmasters (Skip Smith and Eric Petterson) are available to answer questions or assist in any way that we can to make our marina a safe and fun place to be. So come on down and visit with your boating neighbors.

Pool—Tina Ligon

The pool is open! The Cool Pool Party is June 18, 2011, and flyers have been posted at the mailboxes. The Annual Pool Party is an excellent way to see old friends and meet new neighbors. Please make your reservations and plan to be there!

Important Reminders from your Board

- Everything you ever wanted to know regarding Shearwater Condos is on our website: www.shearwatercondos.com. Please take the time to look at the website frequently so that you stay informed as to what is happening in your community.
- With this issue, *Shearwater Mark* is only available by email and on our website. We are saving the cost of printing, as well as the cost of postage to mail the newsletter to absent owners. Your editor is also happy that she is no longer making a run to Kinko's, then delivering them to your door!

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 meets the 4th Wednesday at a different member's home each month. If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact Shirl Nelson at eastport.rower@gmail.com. to find out where the next meeting is being held. Here is the reading list, for the remainder of 2011:

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: *Liar's Club* by Mary Karr

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

November: To Be Announced

December: Planning Meeting for 2012

Resident News

If you missed **Danny Brooks'** (5B3) appearance in "Lettice and Lovage" at Colonial Players during May, be sure to make plans to see him at his next gig in "The Cherry Orchard" at Quotidian Theatre in Bethesda, July 8—August 7. Details at quotidiantheatre.org.

Michelle Meredith Shearer, **Phil & Beverly Meredith's** (1B2) daughter was named 2011 National Teacher of the Year, and was honored in a ceremony on May 3 in the Rose Garden at the White House. Michelle teaches chemistry at Urbana High School in Frederick County and received the award from President Barack Obama. Congratulations!!! Read all about it on the Frederick County Public Schools website:

<http://fcps.schoolwires.com>.



Michelle receives the 2011 National Teacher of the Year award from President Obama

BIG Welcome to new neighbor, **Pam Mantica** (4B3), who moved here from Woodbridge, Virginia. We all look forward to meeting you and showing you how nice it is to live in Shearwater.

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.

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

St. John's College Executive Seminar Program

Schedule of Readings, Executive Seminar Program, 2011-2012, Theme: HAPPINESS

September 2011 through June 2012

Seminars in Annapolis run from 8-9:30 on fourth Tuesday mornings, preceded by a cold breakfast from 7:30. An evening seminar is also available on the Wednesday before. All seminars doing the same readings in the same month.

Seminars at St. John's College are conversations inquiring into the meanings and wisdom to be found in the works at hand. The conversation begins with an opening question posed by a college faculty member, called tutor, not professor, as they don't profess, they inquire as a student along with their students (usually 15-18 per classroom). Although there is a theme, each seminar stands on its own, so missing one does not impede deriving meanings from the others.

The final seminar of the series is in the late afternoon and is followed by dinner with the College President at his home.

For more Information or to enroll: Alice.Chambers@sjca.edu and say you were recommended by Chuck Trefrey.

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/>.

FAMILY WIPED OUT

Father, Mother and Five Children Meet an Untimely End in Tangier Sound. Funeral Services Held in New York. Largely Attended. (by wireless to the *Times*)

Mr. and Mrs. Peeler and family of five small children met an untimely end on Wednesday of this week when they were ruthlessly torn from their native heath in the act of moving from their palatial winter residence to their summer cottage....

Sorely against Mr. Peeler's will, Mrs. Peeler insisted that the time had come when they should remove the family to the summer cottage. Accordingly, on Monday all preparations were complete. While travelling with peace in their hearts and enmity towards none, the five little Peelers who, childlike, had wandered some distance away from their parents, were suddenly whisked from sight by a machine somewhat resembling an aeroplane. It is said on good authority that Mrs. Peeler fainted from the shock, but that Mr. Peeler, valiant and determined, started out to investigate the disappearance of the children. Hardly had he left Mrs. Peeler's side when another of the machines that had ruthlessly swept away the children were sighted. He at once hurried back to his hysterical spouse with a daring that reminds one of the great heroes of old who bade defiance to the sea, the earth, the air and all things therein. Thus, in close embrace, perished the last of what was such a short time before such a happy family.

The Peeler family were carefully packed in a wooden casket and their bodies shipped to friends in New York who had been waiting seemingly ages for a sight of them. Embalmed in a fluid made mostly of sauce, the last remnants of a prosperous and happy family were laid to rest with great relish.

Appeared in May, 1911, *Crisfield Times*

Copied from William W. Warner's *Beautiful Swimmers, Watermen, Crabs, and the Chesapeake Bay*



Dear Shearwater Community:

As the recently appointed head of the Architecture Committee, of which I have been a member for several years, I am happy to have this opportunity to refresh both new and seasoned residents' awareness of the By-Laws regarding the exterior appearance of Shearwater, and to remind you of the process to follow if you plan to replace or alter anything which impacts that outside appearance.

Historically, one of the primary reasons people move to Shearwater is the appearance of the exterior – buildings and grounds – of the community. All 93 units help to make and maintain the attractiveness and symmetry of our property. This message is to let you know what is appropriate and how to go about requesting any change that affects the exterior view of the buildings.

All exterior buildings, including decks, walkways, windows, doors and window coverings must remain in conformance with their sister buildings. Requests to replace or alter anything that will impact the exterior must be approved by the Architectural Committee, the Board of Directors and Brodie Management. There is a form to be filled out which goes to Brodie, is passed on to the Architecture Committee for approval or disapproval, and is then approved or disapproved by the Shearwater Board.

Most requests are quickly processed and approved. However, there have been notable exceptions. Among them have been requests for netting or plexiglass so children or pets wouldn't fall off the decks, possibly injuring or killing themselves. The Architecture Committee denied those requests. Requests to put in doors with decorative glass, leading, grilles, have been denied as they do not align themselves with other doors throughout Shearwater. Painting decks, replacing decks, altering decks by removing rails, etc. to improve the view are requests that have also been denied.

The Architecture Committee regularly approves window replacements, door replacements, and has the approved colors and style that conform with what is already in place. We will gladly give you that information. We also have appropriate outside fan replacement criteria, blinds criteria and wood color for any repairs, as well as approved criteria for interior window coverings, which are seen from the outside.. Just when we on the Committee think we have all bases covered, a resident comes up with a new request which we have not previously considered! Just remember, if it shows on the outside and you want to change or replace it, it must go through the Architecture Committee.

During these summer months, please consider your neighbors and keep any entrance unit plants so they do not impede a clear path for people or any emergency crew that might unfortunately need to be called and get immediate access to Shearwater units.

Have a great, healthy summer and let the Committee know if you have any questions.

Rainette Bannon
Chair, Architecture Committee

Annapolis Calendar

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.

Summer at City Dock—Sundays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Susan Campbell Park, City Dock, beginning May 26 through September 4, 2011. See the performance schedule at <http://www.summeratcitydock.com/>

The Annapolis Arts and Crafts Festival is a two-day, June 11 and 12, outdoor celebration of the arts, featuring over 200 fine art and handmade craft displays, select wine tastings, specialty foods, live entertainment and activities for the whole family. The juried show promises to showcase the prized work of artists employing a variety of mediums—paintings, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, jewelry, fabric and wearable art, wood, leather, glass and photography. Info: <http://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.

Annapolis July Fourth Parade and Celebration—Monday, July 4, 2011, downtown Annapolis- Come join the fun! In addition to the traditional fireworks display, the July 4th Celebration includes an old-fashioned community parade with thousands of viewers lining the route. Annapolis' patriotic salute to our nation is always a crowd pleaser. The day concludes with a concert featuring the USNA Band and a fireworks spectacular!



USNA Band Tuesday Night Concerts—Starting July 11 through August 16, 2011 - 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Susan Campbell Park. Come out and bring your chair as you enjoy the sounds of the United States Naval Academy Band!

66th Annual Rotary Club of Annapolis Crab Feast - Friday, August 5, 2011, 5—8:00 pm at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium. Arguably the largest crab feast in the world, nearly 3,000 crab lovers gather each year to feast on the Chesapeake Bay's bounty. In addition to large #1 male crabs – the big ones – and Maryland vegetable crab soup, there is plenty of food and drink available for non-seafood lovers as well. More details at <http://www.annapolisrotary.org/crabfeast>



Annapolis Art Walk—Thursday, August 18, 2011, 5-9:00 pm, at Galleries throughout downtown Annapolis. Peek over artists' shoulders and watch them work. More than 20 galleries in downtown Annapolis host new art exhibits and feature artists working in oil, watercolor, ceramics, woodturning, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafts and more during this festive evening of visual arts. Musicians abound around town and the galleries serve light refreshments, creating an enjoyable summer evening for art lovers. Discover why American Style Magazine has consistently designated Annapolis a "Top 25 Arts Destination.". For more information, visit www.artinannapolis.com.

Annapalooza Music and Arts Festival—Saturday, August 27, 2011. Voted Annapolis' Best Festival of 2010 by Bay Weekly Magazine readers, Annapalooza (uh-nap-uh-looz-uh) is back for its second year, promoting and advancing the homegrown and multifaceted talent here in the Chesapeake and mid-Atlantic region. Multiple stages, talented bands/performers, art vendors, food, and so much more come together for a daylong event that celebrates the area's extraordinary music and art scene.

Celebrating the ANNAPOLIS LIFESTYLE

June 2011

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~ James Dent

Hi Neighbors,

Wow, what a Spring we have enjoyed and now summer is upon us. The pool is open, our landscaping is beautiful and life is good!

We live in the Best Destination in Annapolis!

Here is the latest and greatest in Real Estate News in Shearwater!

Great Condos on the Market

	List Price	Days on Mkt.
15B1-2 bdrm, entrance level, best views	\$515,000	235
5A3 -2 bdrm, spectacular loft	\$545,000	181
2B3 -2 bdrm, magnificent views	\$548,800	76
8A3 -2 bdrm, fabulous loft, deeded silp	\$575,000	36
8B3 -2 bdrm penthouse	\$499,000	67

Under Contract

	Orig. Price	Days on Mkt.	Close Date
7B3 -2 bdrm	\$399,500	48	6/2/2011

Sold

	Orig. Price	Sold Price	Days on Mkt.	Close Date
4B3 -2 bdrm w/deeded slip	\$429,000	\$395,000	600	4/29/2011

Rental

	Monthly Rent
12A2 -1 bdrm w/million dollar views	\$1,725

With great condo values in our neighborhood, you will never be sorry about buying in Shearwater. It's a great time to buy. Call or email me with any of your interests of what's happening in Annapolis. I look forward to educating and sharing all with you.

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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

The long-awaited warm weather is finally here and it is so nice to be outside and see the community come alive! Committees have come out of hibernation, boats have shed their winter covers, the pool is open, and our beautiful large trees are providing much needed shade.

This issue of your Newsletter is chock full of information....so much that I added two more pages! My special thanks go to everyone who helps me in this by submitting articles and information. I couldn't do it without your help. I'd also like to thank those of you who have complimented my work on your newsletter. It means a lot to me that you are enjoying reading it and that it has the information that you want to read about. Keep sending me your comments, articles, and photos.

Frances Higgins

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