



Shearwater Mark

Winter Issue, 2018

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Greetings Shearwater residents!

I don't want to jinx anything, but have we had winter yet? Coming from up-state NY and New England, an inch or so of snow once or twice in the past couple of months just doesn't seem like winter – but it also seems much too early for spring. Tulips are starting to come up already, and I fully expect to see robins zipping around any day now.



Lynn Maichle

A number of volunteers have been diligently working on improvements to our community, including new signage throughout, new light fixtures on the buildings, repairs to the racquetball building, and getting permission from the City (finally) to remove the remaining dead trees. Becht Engineering completed their inspection of all decks that weren't replaced in the last deck project; they're now clarifying questions about some of the recommendations in their report.

As you may be well aware, since the US Postal Service in Baltimore consigned Shearwater to an "auxiliary" delivery route a year ago, we've had many, many instances of missing, delayed and mis-delivered mail. Thanks to several discussions with postal authorities, visits to the Eastport Post Office, a formal complaint to the Inspector General, and a request for assistance to Paul Sarbanes, service seems to be improving. See the separate section in this newsletter for a list of optional actions and contacts in case you are still having problems.

Committees & Projects: We have a number of ongoing projects. Brief updates are included in this newsletter, and if you would like to help out with any of these activities, please contact me or someone on the committee.

It's been a pleasure to meet some of our newer residents around the community, and to see you at the condo meetings. As you can see from the information in this newsletter, there are a number of activities in Shearwater, Eastport, and around Annapolis to choose from – feel free to join in!

Cheers!
Lynn



SHEARWATER VOLUNTEERS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Lynn Maichle
Vice President	Linda Bolling
Treasurer	Joy Ambrogio
Secretary	Don Baker
Director	Maryan Cummins
Director	Phil Meredith
Director	Larry Birch

COMMITTEES/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Marina	David Densmore, Phil Hatchard, Pam Mantica, Larry Birch, Lee Hobson
Pool	Susan Urbanc, Kathleen McInnis, Sharon McInnis
Landscape	Cheri Hall, Sharon McInnis, Karen Van Evans, Maryan Cummins
Architecture	Barbara Britt, Linda Bolling
Social/Welcome	Mike LaFortune
Newsletter	Marj Sparer
Oyster Restoration	Don Baker
Building Captains	Linda Lawrence, Barbara Britt, Pam Mantica, Theresa Wellman, Marj Sparer, Carol Ashford, Ron Faulkner, Phil Hatchard, Maryan Cummins, Lynn Maichle, Connie Cadwell

TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS [from unit owner/realtor study done Nov2015-Feb2016]:

PROJECT NAME	VOLUNTEERS	PROJ. #	STATUS
Front Gate	MMG	10	C
Mailboxes	Eric Petterson	1	C
Kayak Racks	[Marina Committee members]	12	IP
Parking Area	Maryan Cummins & helpers	4, 7, 17, 26	C
Siding	MMG	16, 18	C
Lighting	Sharon Hobson, Larry Birch, John Schaake, Theresa Wellman	2, 6, 11	30%
Landscaping	[Landscaping Committee members]	3, 5, 8, 14, 20	50%
Signage	Ed Ambrogio, Joy Ambrogio, Maryan Cummins	15	C
Front Doors	[Architecture Committee members]	21	90%
Onsite Person	John Barker, Phil Hatchard, Tom Spiegel, Lynn Maichle	23, 24, 28	IP
Racquetball Building	Larry Birch, Marj Sparer, Don Baker, Ed Ambrogio	9	IP
Consistent Maintenance Schedule	MMG	29	IP
Power-washing Timbers/Decks	MMG	19	IP
Oyster Shell Paths	TBD	22	
Grilling Area	TBD	25	

C = Completed IP = In process % = Nearly completed

Shearwater Updates

MAIL DELIVERY ISSUES

If you are still having issues with mail delivery, here are some options:



- Make sure that the mailbox number and the name(s) of the resident(s) are taped firmly (e.g., with clear packing tape) on the upper back wall of the inside of your mailbox where it will be visible when the mail carrier opens the boxes – e.g.:
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R. Smith & K. Jones
- File a complaint with the US Postal Service Inspector General: <https://www.uspsaig.gov/form/new-complaint-form/>
- Request assistance from Congressman John Sarbanes: <https://sarbanes.house.gov/contact/email-me>
- If you find items in your mailbox that are addressed to someone else, take them over to the Eastport Post Office, ask to see the manager, and hand them the mis-delivered mail:
Tanya Taylor – Manager
Jacqueline Wilkes or Danielle Burrell – Assistant Managers
- You also can call the Eastport Post Office (410.267.7051), although this has not been helpful in the past.

TRASH

The situation at the dumpsters is improving (**THANKS** to everyone who is helping with this!), but there are still a few people out there who seem to have forgotten the rules! **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE:**

- ALWAYS break down boxes before putting them into the recycle dumpster; never put them in full.
- NEVER put a box into the regular dumpster.
- NO construction materials – tell your contractors to take OFFSITE any items left over from your repairs or remodeling.
- NO furniture or large objects that won't fit – take them to the dump or contact the City for a bulk pickup.
- NO items on the ground – if the dumpster is full, wait until after the Tuesday morning pickup.



SHEARWATER 2018 CONDO MEETING SCHEDULE

The schedule for this year's meetings is on the home page of the [Shearwater website](#), along with minutes from the last meeting. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays in the Racquetball court – please join us!

3/27/18	4/24/28 (Annual Mtg)	5/22/18	7/24/18	9/25/18	11/27/18
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PROTECTING YOURSELF & YOUR NEIGHBORS FROM COSTLY \$\$\$ WATER LEAKS

1. Have your HVAC unit serviced by a professional **AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR**, if not twice. This must include a cleaning or snaking of your unit condensate lines all the way below the floor to the building condensate lines. There is a list of reputable companies used by your neighbors on the [Resources tab of the Shearwater website](#), or ask one of your neighbors who they use.
2. Until you're sure the company you choose knows what they're doing, make sure they snake all the way underneath the floor (at least 10 feet) to the building lines. If there is only 1 cleanout cap at the top of the convoluted line of small white PVC pipes in front of your heat pump in your unit, get a plumber or someone qualified to install a cleanout cap near the floor, at the bottom of that convoluted line of pipes. If you don't do that, neither a snake nor blowing air will get all the way through those pipes, under the floor, and over to the building condensate lines.
3. Buy a battery-operated water alarm (e.g., The Watchdog Water Alarm Model BWD-HWS available at [Home Depot](#) and [online](#)) and place it in the tray under your water heater. It will alert you if there is a leak in your water heater and/or the pipe leading from that tray is clogged. Then you can turn off the water in your unit and correct the problem before water overflows from the water heater tray onto your floor and into your downstairs neighbors' units.
4. If you are going to be away for more than 3 days, turn off the master water valve for your unit. This is usually found either above your hot water heater or in the washer/dryer area. If you can't find it, get a plumber or a contractor to find it for you. Also, if you have a temperature control on your hot water heater, turn it down to the "Vacation" setting.
5. **Do not** leave water running in sinks or tubs unattended. This happened last year and cost homeowners and your association thousands of dollars.
6. Clean your kitchen and bathroom sink drains monthly – there are [recommendations available](#) online, or consult your plumber or contractor.
7. 10 things you should **never** put down your garbage disposal or sink drain:
 - Grease or oil
 - Vegetable peels
 - Egg shells
 - Coffee grounds
 - Pits or seeds
 - Rice & pasta (they expand with water)
 - Bones
 - Food in bulk
 - Stringy vegetables
 - Paper, plastic, etc.
8. If you discover a leak in your building: **TURN OFF THE MAIN WATER VALVE** for your building. There is 1 main water valve for each pair of buildings, located in or near one of the end storage lockers in the basement storage rooms (see table below). The storage room key for each pair of buildings works on both storage room doors. There is a sign to indicate the main water valve location: one on the door to the basement storage room, and one on the storage locker itself.



Buildings	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	11 & 12	13 & 14	15 & 16
Shut Off Valve	2	4	6	8	11	13	15

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CONTRACTORS

Many of our residents are having renovations done to their units – a few reminders to help the process go more smoothly:

1. **Hours:** Contractors can work between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday. No work hours on Sundays or holidays.
2. **Parking:** It may be necessary to park a vehicle close to a building in order to unload or unload items or tools for a renovation. But please ask your contractor to park all other vehicles away from the building, especially away from both ends of Shearwater, where parking spaces are at a premium. Contractor vehicles are not allowed on the premises outside of working hours. If there are special circumstances, check with MMG to request permission.
3. **Trash:** There will always be trash during and after a renovation, including old appliances, cabinets, boxes, etc. Please make sure your contractor knows that all this must be taken OFFSITE. None of this trash can be placed in Shearwater dumpsters. And all items must be carried up and down stairs – NOT thrown over the railing, even into a truck or trailer.
4. **Notices:** In consideration of your neighbors, please post a notice on the notice board, especially if your contractor plans to turn off electricity or water.
5. **Stairs:** If workers or delivery people have to bring items up or down stairs, please ensure they take care not to damage/dent/gouge railings or stairs.
6. **Dumpsters/trailers:** If your contractor wishes to have a dumpster or trailer on site to take away trash, contact MMG to request special permission.
7. **Architectural Change Requests:** If you are planning to make any change to the exterior of the building, including windows or doors, you must fill out and submit an [Architectural Change Request](#) form for approval. The form and instructions are on the [Shearwater website](#).



WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE DECK INSPECTIONS?

Becht Engineering has completed their inspection of all decks that weren't replaced in the last 4-5 years. During those inspections, their engineer(s), accompanied by MMG, reviewed joists, beams, railings and fasteners as well as deck boards. The Board reviewed their initial report and requested clarification on some of the details provided in order to create a complete and accurate scope of work (SOW). This SOW will be reviewed by MMG and sent out for bid by qualified contractors. The intent is also to identify a qualified engineer to provide feedback on the SOW and oversight during the project. The Board will keep you updated on progress.

APD UPDATE

The Annapolis Police send out daily bulletins about activities in the Annapolis/Eastport area – happily our community hasn't had any problems recently. But here are some preventive tips from the police that are good advice at any time!

1. **Always Lock Your Car:** In most cases, thieves enter vehicles through unlocked doors, so securing your vehicle is an important way to prevent thefts. Make a habit of locking your car all the time.
2. **Remove Valuables from your Vehicle:** Another important thing to do is to remove valuables from your vehicle. Most thieves walk down the road, or through parking lots, and look to see if there is property in a vehicle and if the doors are unlocked. If your vehicle is empty and the doors are locked, thieves may move on to the next vehicle. Thieves look for items such as phones, tablets/laptops, GPS units, purses, wallets, sunglasses or other items such as prescription medication, so secure your valuables.
3. **Be on the Lookout:** We encourage you to call the police if you see suspicious persons walking or driving through your neighborhood. If you see someone walking through your neighborhood in the middle of the night, they might be up to no good, and the police can come and check them out. Don't wait until the morning to call us because if you do, the suspects will be long gone. Some of these thefts have occurred during the day, so be alert for people checking vehicle door handles, looking into cars, or walking onto your or your neighbor's property. Please talk to your neighbors about this topic so they can join us in preventing these crimes. Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 410-268-4141 or 911.



Committee Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT—Joy Ambrogio



Snapshot YTD December 2017:

Operating Income/Expenses

YTD Operating Fund Balance	(\$8,280)
YTD Operating Expense Status	1.8% over budget
YTD Operating Revenue (income) Status	2.2% under budget

Reserve Balance - Unaudited

Total Reserves	\$940,460
Replacement Reserve Balance	\$824,709
Paint Reserve Balance	\$115,751

- **Operating Income**

- Unit Assessment Revenue is on target.
- Marina Assessment revenue is under budget, we expected to be closer to budget once the marina assessments are invoiced in February. MMG has focused on collecting all that is due for 2017 before 2018 is invoiced
- Marina guest fees are over budget.
- Our total revenue is 2.2% under budget.

- **Operating Expenses (spending)**

- Operating expenses are over budget YTD through December by 1.8%.
- There are some line items that are over budget due to timing, and are not indicative of an issue (Insurance Premiums and Pool Management)
- There are also some line items under budget due to timing of invoices, that we expect to be on budget when paid (Flood Insurance, Utilities and Scheduled Maintenance)
- **Audit:** I have had a few preliminary discussions with our independent auditor Shawn Hellman of Strauss & Associates, P.A., who have been our auditors since 2003. Our annual FY2017 (July 2016 through June 2017) audit has begun and is expected in March 2018.

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TREASURER'S REPORT NOTES (continued from Page 6)

- **Forecast for FY2018:** We are already through 50% of our fiscal year. Although we can't predict with absolute certainty what all our revenues and expenses will be in FY2018, there are some items that may affect our net income that I want to address. Please note, these are forecasts on given information at this time.
 - **Projected Negative impacts on Net Income:**
 - **Legal Fees (and collection costs)** will be over our annual budget of \$5k. We have spent \$11,943 YTD. We are also tracking, reclassifying some costs to the reserve fund from expense. We anticipate more legal costs and an overage for the year. This is an extraordinary year with regard to legal costs. Most of our overages are due to legal advice from the survey work that was done on our property. This is an ongoing situation.
 - **Tree Maintenance** will be over our annual budget of \$5k. To date we have spent \$5,810. We know of more expenditures for FY2018.
 - **Grounds Maintenance** is expected to be over budget, due to the fact the contract prices changed during the budget process.
 - **Marina Revenue** (Marina Assessment, Marina Guest fees and Kayak/Dinghy fees) are likely to be under the combined budget amount of \$54,500 slightly. At this point it is too early to tell what our Marina Revenue will be.
 - **General Maintenance** has been running lower YTD, through November, but with some higher than expected costs in December we are now closer to budget. We are anticipating more additional costs in the near future. We have budgeted \$65k for the year. We have spent YTD \$37,569 and expect a reclassification of some invoices lowering our YTD by \$14k. We are still hoping to end the year on budget for this line item.
- **Reserve Funds:**
 - Contributions to our painting and replacement reserve funds are on target for FY2018. Our unaudited total reserve balance is \$940,460 (\$824,709 replacement and \$115,751 paint fund).
 - Below is a tentative list of reserve expenditures we are anticipating for FY2018. We are waiting on some RFPs and estimates to complete our list.
 - Site Lighting PHI/Building – Walter Electric Bid accepted and installation is in progress
 - Community Signs – Fast Signs Bid accepted. Signs are anticipated to be installed February 27.
 - Racquet Ball Court Refurbishment (may move into FY2019)
 - Deck Replacement



MARINA REPORT—David Densmore

Marina De-winterization: Weather permitting, the marina water system will be turned on, and de-icers removed, in early April.

Annual Marina Fee Invoices: MMG has mailed and e-mailed the 2018 invoices for marina fees (for rental and deeded slips, and kayak and dinghy spaces). If you know you should be billed, and haven't received your invoice within the next 7-10 days, please contact MMG (410.508.3819 or accounting@metropolitanmgmt.com) to confirm your obligation, and that they have the correct mailing address.

LANDSCAPE REPORT—Cheri Hall

Hopefully, Spring is just around the corner, and the Landscape Committee is working hard to make the most of our beautiful surroundings here at Shearwater.

Please put **April 14th** on your calendars - that will be our **Community Spruce-Up Day!!** We will work on projects in two shifts, one morning and one afternoon. We plan to have a picnic lunch between shifts, so grab your gloves and a hat, make a sandwich, and come outside! Details will be provided in a blast email in April. If you or your building have any pet projects or suggestions, great! Please send an [e-mail to the committee](#) to alert us. The goal is to enhance our surroundings and have an opportunity to meet and mingle with our neighbors.

The Landscape Committee would like to give a "Shout-Out" to the Sign Committee for their hard work on our new signs (they look great!) and to the Lighting Committee for their continuing work on replacing the lighting here in Shearwater. **Thank You** to all of the volunteers who put in countless hours to enhance our homes.



The Landscape Committee is working to replace the trees that were removed last year, as required by the city. We also plan to replace dead and missing bushes around the community as our budget allows. That work should be wrapped up before Summer.

The cost of tree pruning and maintenance is shocking. Those projects have to be scattered over several fiscal years. Our first priority is to remove branches that can damage our buildings or create safety hazards. If you are aware of a particular tree that is causing issues please send an [e-mail to the committee](#) to alert us. We are currently prioritizing which trees need attention during this next round of bids.

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POOL REPORT—This Could Be You!

We've signed another year's contract with Anchor Aquatics for the management of our pool.

DESCRIPTION	DATES	M-F HOURS	SAT/SUN/HOLIDAY HOURS
Pool Opening	May 26	11:00 AM – 7:00 PM	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Regular Pool Season	May 26-Sept 3		
Fall Pool Week	Sept 4-Sept 9	11:00 AM – 6:00 PM	11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Pet Plunge	Sunday Sept 9		4:30 – 6:00 PM

Tina Ligon was very helpful in updating the *Pool Rules and Regs* and the various checklists in preparation for the 2018 season. And several people have volunteered to help out with Anchor Aquatic's opening and closing of the pool. But we still need a Chairperson for the Pool Committee to help with overall coordination. If you enjoy using the pool and are interested in helping out, please contact Lynn Maichle (лмаичле@gmail.com).

SIGN COMMITTEE—Ed Ambrogio

After many months of planning and design, we're happy to report that the new signs throughout the community are now installed, including the newly redesigned front entry sign. All the signs have a common color, font, shape, and logo (a [shearwater](#), naturally). They provide residents and guests with directions to the buildings, pool, and docks as well as trash do's and don'ts, pool information, and a slow driving request, among others. Replacing a mash up of old sign designs and styles with these enhance the cohesion of Shearwater. A big thanks to the sign committee members, Maryan Cummins and Joy Ambrogio, and our sign vendor, Fast Signs of Annapolis!



Call to Neighbors!



Volunteers Needed at Eastport Elementary School

Anyone interested in volunteering at Eastport Elementary School, either for the Chessie Reading Club (Thursdays and Fridays 8:00-8:30 AM) or any other time during the day, please email Kristin Blundell at KBLUNDELL@AACPS.org.

Shearwater Bridge Group

Ladies and Gentleman of Shearwater:

Anyone up for a game of Bridge?

Haven't played since college?

Haven't ever played?

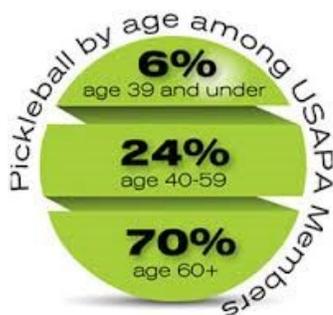
No Issue!

A few of us are trying to get up a bridge group.

Nothing serious, just fun.

And if you are a regular Bridge player, come teach us!

Email [Cheri Hall](#) or [Jean Watts](#) and let's get this party started!



Shearwater Pickleball Group

Ladies and Gentleman of Shearwater:

What the heck is [Pickleball](#)!?!?!?

[Why should you want to play](#)!?!?!?

It's a court game for all ages!

It can be played indoors or outside.

It doesn't require a lot of expensive equipment.

It's good exercise!

Want to play pickleball at Shearwater? If there is enough interest, the Board will have pickleball lines painted on at least one of our tennis courts! Interested?

Email [Joy Ambrogio](#).

Greater Eastport-Annapolis Community News

Celebrating and Commemorating the People and History of Eastport



Eastport 150 is putting together a series of events and commemorations and is gathering memories and artifacts, and they invite you to join them! Below are their committees (with a short description provided by the organizers). There is also a [Google sign up link](#) to indicate your interest. Follow them on Facebook at [@Eastport150](#) to learn more and get involved. Have Eastport stories or photos to share? Visit the Journals of Eastport at [Eastport150.com/joe](#).

Spring Fling (April 14): This is a family-friendly event coordinated with Eastport Elementary. It is envisioned as an Eastport Art and Flower Mart with sponsors from local nurseries and landscaping companies selling flowers and plants and displaying services.

There will also be a creative art component, and food. We hope to team with local churches to sell food. This team will work with Jess Pachler.

Eastport 150th Summer Celebration (July 26-28): This is the big weekend celebration. The Annapolis Maritime Museum will launch the weekend with their Thursday evening concert featuring the Eastport Oyster Boys (thanks, Kevin!). Friday we envision a Boat Builders Ball to celebrate and commemorate the boat building history and diversity in the community. Saturday is a street fest that we hope to highlight the maritime industry with a variety of events. Other possibilities include a boatbuilding competition, a scavenger hunt... Jess Pachler and Shelley Row will be involved.

Fall Fest (date is TBD): The event is the brainchild of Bumper Moyer and is anticipated to include a Parade of Frights and other events. We don't need volunteers for this one yet but will likely ask for help in the summer.

Marketing/Sponsorships: This team will work with John Brock of MHMedia who is our marketing lead. The goal is to provide lots of publicity about each of these events AND the events that are co-branded such as the ECA Home and Garden Tour, MRE events, SSA events, EYC events, Eastport a Rockin', and other events. This team will also work with MHMedia to organize street banners, promotional products and secure sponsorships. We are thrilled with the number of groups who want to support the 150th by affiliating with it for their already-planned activities - please let us know of *your* event so that we can connect you with the Marketing/Sponsorship team with all the 150th activities.

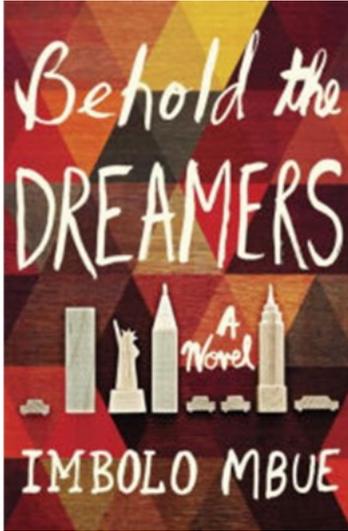
History/Archiving: This team will work with Mark Hildebrand (mark@mym-media.org, 301.641.4242) on the Eastport wiki - our online platform to capture the stories and photos from Eastport. The team will organize events throughout the year, help people understand how to upload their own content, and assist in capturing stories from those unable to record or upload their memories. (Thank you to SSA who is hosting the next archival day on March 3, 4-7pm.)

Eastport Walking Tour Signs: This activity is to update the Eastport walking tour signs with new information, updates to the current information and the possible addition of technology. Sally Lockley is leading this event.

Eastport Documentary film: T2P Media is partnering with the Eastport 150th and the Annapolis Maritime Museum to produce a 30 minute Eastport documentary film. The plan is to have the film complete by the July Festival. At this time, they don't need volunteers but we wanted you all to share our excitement about the project.

Eastport Mural: Cindy Fletcher-Holden is leading this team of artists to explore the possibility of creating a mural in Eastport for the 150th. If you'd like to help get this organized, please sign up.

Shearwater Book Club



Looking for a social group that enjoys reading and discussing books? Then join the Shearwater Book Club! We take turns hosting at our homes, usually meeting the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. We enjoy food, wine, and friends, eventually get around to discussing the book, and we always have a good time!

Books on our reading list for 2018 include: *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue, *The Blue Zones of Happiness* by Dan Buettner, *Hero of the Empire* by Candice Millard, *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce, *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, and *A Gentleman from Moscow* by Amor Towles, so we find something for everyone. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 29th. Contact Charlotte Featherstone (410.280.5173, charlotte.featherstone@verizon.net) if you are interested in joining!

New Annapolitans

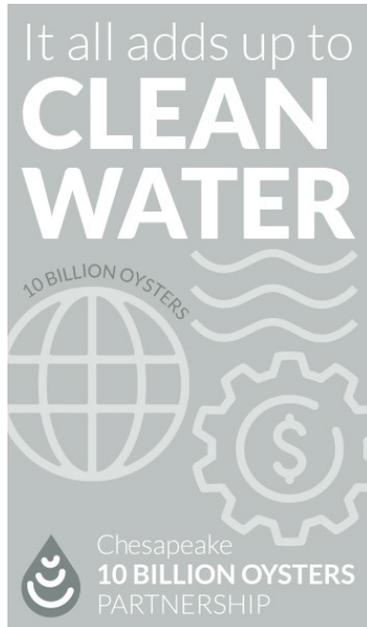
If you are new to Annapolis, consider joining New Annapolitans. It's a vibrant social club formed to welcome new residents to the Annapolis area and to help them assimilate into the social, cultural and civic activities of the community. We hold regular meetings, each encompassing an informative, entertaining 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) or Charlotte Featherstone (410.280.5173). View our website at www.annapolitans.org.



Chesapeake Bay News

February 26, 2018



Dear Shearwater Neighbors,

Just this morning, more than 30 community groups, oyster growers, universities, and non-profits came together to commit to a goal of adding 10 billion water-filtering oysters to the Chesapeake Bay by 2025. We're thrilled to be a part of this bold, unprecedented partnership. Scientists say the Bay is a model of water quality improvement. While it is certainly not saved, it is making progress, thanks in large part to improving oyster abundance. But to fully save the Bay, we need more oysters.

The goal of the [Chesapeake 10 Billion Oysters Partnership](#) is an ambitious one, but we believe achievable, if we work *together* to get it done. It is a goal that will be realized if we do the following: use science as our guide, embrace innovation, promote aquaculture, and fund restoration. From students growing oysters, to increased expansion of aquaculture, to lawmakers appropriating funds for large-scale restoration, everyone can contribute to oyster restoration.

Here is the good news: This work builds on success. Real gains have been made, thanks to Federal and state funding, and agencies like NOAA and the Army Corps, which hope to fully restore 10 Bay tributaries by 2025. Aquaculture businesses in Virginia and Maryland have experienced strong growth in recent years, and we are moving toward the Bay's first oyster stock assessment.

Now here is the bad news: Federal funding for the environment is under intense pressure in Washington. And the resources needed to just maintain our current efforts are in short supply. To succeed, we must make the case to Congress that this funding is critical. The benefit will be a triple bottom line: clean water, more jobs, and strengthened economies.

The Chesapeake Bay has the potential to be the most dramatic example of environmental recovery ever seen. By every measure, the Bay is healthier than it was even five years ago. Now it is time to finish the job. The **Chesapeake 10 Billion Oysters Partnership** is doing just that. Thank you for all that you do to help us get there.

—Will



William C. Baker
President
Chesapeake Bay Foundation



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

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Spa Creek
CONSERVANCY

Trash Pick Up - March 25, 1:00 PM

Join SCC as we clean up trash from Spa Creek Headwaters as part of Project Clean Stream. Last year we carried out over 100 bags of trash. We'll work from the Chesapeake Children's Museum up to Chinquapin. Gloves and trash bags provided. You will get dirty. Wear boots or shoes you don't mind getting wet and muddy. Meet at the parking lot by the track at Weems Whalen Field, 935 Spa Road, Annapolis. [Contact SCC](#) for more information.

Hawkins Cove Restoration Update (as of February 5, 2018)

Construction for SCC's [Hawkins Cove Ravine Restoration Project](#) in Annapolis, commenced in early January 2018. The crew began by clearing brush and trees from the area the ravine travels through, and laid down pallets in order to prevent equipment from sinking into the mud. During this process, decisions were made regarding which trees to preserve or take down. The trees situated closest to the construction area are protected with wooden boards tied around the trunks.

During the second week of work, the creation of riffles, rocky patches in the ravine that work to slow down water, prevent sediment flow, and create pools of water, was underway. Contractors also began constructing rows of riffles at the mouths of two storm water pipes. So far, they have five riffles up at one storm water pipe, and three up at the other. Their goal is to have four more riffles added to each pathway in order to reach the tributary where the two meet. There was concern that the water in the ravine was being contaminated with oil from the construction equipment, so the water was tested. The results came back negative for oil. Instead, it was found that the waters are naturally very acidic, which gives it this filmy appearance.

Chesapeake Bay Trust 2016-2017 Annual Report

Our **2016-2017 Annual Report** is now available on our website. [Check it out](#) to learn more about the projects we've awarded in the last year and to see what's next for the Trust!



20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala

Join us on May 17, 6:00-9:30 PM for an evening on the Baltimore waterfront to support the Bay and a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed. Enjoy an open bar and Chesapeake Bay themed food; network with environmental leaders and Maryland legislators; bid on luxury getaways, fine art by local artists, and more at the silent auction; and dance the night away to the sounds of the Eastport Oyster Boys. The Trust's 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala celebration raises funds to support our restoration, education, and community outreach grant programs. Last year's event raised a record \$105,000! Visit cbtrust.org/treasurethechesapeake to learn more about how to sponsor the event and to purchase tickets.

Chesapeake Conservation Corps is Now Accepting Applications!

Looking to launch your environmental career? Or know a young person who is? Soon-to-be college grads and high school seniors interested in a gap year can gain vital green jobs skills and build a network of connections in the environmental field through the **Chesapeake Conservation Corps** program. This one-year term of paid service places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work full-time in the environmental field in the Chesapeake watershed. **Application deadline is April 13, 2018 at 5:00 PM.** Learn more about the Trust's life-changing program [here](#).

The Shearwater Lifestyle

Here's What's New

MARCH 2018:

"I'M A GREAT BELIEVER IN LUCK, AND I FIND THE HARDER I WORK, THE MORE LUCK I HAVE."

THOMAS JEFFERSON



The Skinny On Shearwater

Active Properties for Sale/Rent	List Price	Days on Market
14 Spa Creek Landing B3	\$539,000	651
15 Spa Creek Landing A3	\$515,00	29
11 Spa Creek Landing A2	\$379,000	3
6 Spa Creek Landing A2	\$399,900	511
14 Spa Creek Landing B1	\$2,600	23

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Annapolis Calendar

There's always lots happening in Annapolis but sometimes it's hard to find! Check out [Annapolis Eventfeed](#), a one-stop calendar feed for more than 25 local venues.



The [Eastport Civic Association website](#) also provides news and information. Upcoming ECA General meetings will be held **March 15, Eastport Elementary School** and **May 17, Annapolis Maritime Museum**. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 10** for another great opportunity to take in the charm, beauty and unique character of many of the homes in our community. As Eastport celebrates its 150th Anniversary, the **Home & Garden Tour** will highlight many of the homes on the lower peninsula that are part of our long history. The proceeds from this event are funneled right back into the community in the form of [grants](#) (**deadline is March 15**). Of course, pulling the Home & Garden Tour off takes a lot of work from a lot of people. We would love for you to help!! Please contact our Chair, Mike Leonard, at michael.p.leonard@gmail.com and we will include you in the planning or on the day of the event.



The [South River Federation's 14th Annual Live and Silent Auction](#) will be held on **Saturday, March 24, 6:00-10:00 PM**. A fun-filled night of fabulous food, all you can eat oysters, and live music by the Rob Levit Trio. And you might win a one week vacation to Puerto Vallarta. [Raffle tickets](#) only \$50!

Celebrate 50 years of Environmental and Outdoor Education in Anne Arundel County Public Schools! Join us for a FREE [Open House Anniversary Celebration](#) at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center on **Saturday, April 21, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**. Connect with friends, learn something new and relive the fun!



Join the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) on **Thursday, May 17, 6:00-9:30 PM** for the **20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala** for a night of fantastic Chesapeake Bay themed food, silent auction, dancing and music. This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with corporate business and environmental leaders, Maryland legislators, and like-minded people who want a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed.

See pages 8, 11, 14 & 17-19 of this newsletter for more events!

Visit <http://visitannapolis.org/> for more activities in Annapolis!

Ram's Head On Stage - 33 West Street, Annapolis, 410.268.4545, www.ramsheadonstage.com/

St. John's College - Visit www.sjc.edu/annapolis/events for Events and Programs, including concerts, lectures, seminars, and exhibits.

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra - Visit www.annapolissymphony.org for this season's schedule and information.

Compass Rose Studio Theater - See website for performance locations during our building program, 410.980.6662, www.compassrosetheater.org

Colonial Players of Annapolis - 108 East Street, Annapolis, 410.268.7373 thecolonialplayers.org

Annapolis Summer Garden Theater - 143 Compromise Street, Annapolis, www.summergarden.com

King William's Players, St. John's College's Theater Troupe - Francis Scott Key Auditorium, www.sjc.edu/annapolis/events/theater-king-william-players

Children's Theatre of Annapolis - 1661 Bay Head Road, Annapolis, 410.757.2281, www.childrenstheatreofannapolis.org

[Capital SUP Annapolis](#) and the [Annapolis Sailing School](#) have come together to create the [Annapolis Watersports Festival](#)! Our mission, to bring together the paddling and sailing communities & businesses for a fun day of maritime activities in support of the [Live Water](#) Foundation.

A day filled with paddling & sailing, races & activities, outdoor wellness, live music, local vendor area, best of Annapolis food & beverages, silent auction, beach games, and more! A family-friendly event that will have something fun for everyone!

Save the date!



Earth Day Expo

April 22nd, 10am to 4pm

Quiet Waters Park

Annapolis, MD

- ~ Live wildlife programs featuring birds of prey & reptiles
- ~ Eco-friendly grazing goats
- ~ Demonstration by the Chesapeake Woodturners
- ~ Displays from more than 20 green organizations
- ~ Trash to Treasures yard sale
- ~ Invasive plant removal & native plant planting
- ~ Children's storytime & The Very Hungry Caterpillar yoga program in the Butterfly Garden



CALIENTE GRILL



**Join the Friends of Quiet Waters Park for the
3rd Annual Run for Nature Earth Day 5K!**

Register at <http://www.active.com/annapolis-md/running/trail-heads/3rd-annual-earth-day-5k-2018>

**Enjoy a guided kayak tour along the park
shoreline!**

**Contact Ranger Shelley for more information or to register:
rptool33@aacounty.org**

Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Water Park Road
Annapolis, MD 21403

Earth Day
April 22, 2018

TREASH TO TREASURE



The Friends are hosting a Yard Sale at this year's Annual Earth Day Event. We need our neighbors to donate unwanted items to promote reusing goods to protect our Earth. Items of interest (bikes, books, furniture) are especially helpful. Please help us turn Trash to Treasure! All sales will directly benefit the Friends of Quiet Waters Park Nature Center Campaign.

We are accepting your donations NOW until Sunday, April 15th, and can store yard sale items at the park until the big SALE.

Please bring your items to the park any weekend between the hours of 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Contact Ranger Shelley Toole @ rptool33@aacounty.org.

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Shearwater Mark is a quarterly publication for the Shearwater Condo Association.

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

To receive your newsletter by email, make sure your email address in the Shearwater Directory on the [Owners](#) page is up-to-date. Printed copies are not available, but you can find back issues on the [Shearwater News](#) page.

Did you know... There is a residents' directory on the [Owners](#) page of our website? Check it out and be sure to email descon@designconcept.com with any corrections or additions.

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Editor's Note

All residents are welcome to submit articles or photos for publication to the **Shearwater Mark**. We also publish classified ads for Owners and Residents at no charge.

The **Shearwater Mark** is written for Shearwater Owners and Residents by members of our Board and our community to provide information and news we need. For more detailed and historical information, reports, pictures, etc., visit our website, www.shearwatercondos.com.



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*"Do unto those downstream
as you would have those upstream
do unto you."* —Wendell Berry

