

THE SHORELINE The Newsletter for Members of the Potomac-Westmoreland Shores Civic Corporation

Spring 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 4, 2022 10:00am PWSCC COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Almost Happy Spring to all of you in the neighborhood!! Though the groundhog saw his shadow predicting 6 more weeks of winter, I think we have almost turned the corner for warmer weather. We had two days in the 70's this past week, and the frogs are croaking up a storm. Soon we will be able to greet each other on the lovely shores of our community. And now comes the spring cleaning and yard sales, the rain showers and gardening projects, rototilling and grass cutting. For those of us on the board, we will continue our quest for improving the neighborhood, getting the marina, ramp and dock ready for summer boating use, cleaning up the beach as needed, and the never-ending task of trying to get pot holes filled, ditches cleared and the like. We are still recovering from the surprise Nor'easter we had in the fall, which totally swamped the marina causing damage to the electrical outlets on the dock, and raising a portion of the main dock as well. We have made improvements to the clubhouse, putting new gravel in the parking lot, replacing all of the light fixtures with energy efficient LED lights, and the like. And of course, one of our major tasks each year is filling vacancies on our board. Remember that the board is strictly a volunteer group. We work towards the good of the entire community, including those who are not members of the association but are our friends and neighbors. I want to thank our former Entertainment Chair, Kari Inscoe, and her efforts in bringing yoga and bingo to the community, but due to family and time constraints, she has stepped down. We are always looking for additional energetic members to help out. If you are a member and your neighbor isn't, get them to join! Each and every membership fee helps to keep our neighborhood running. If you have time to run for a board spot, by all means, do so. As I said, we are always looking for fresh help and enthusiasm, and new ideas to make the neighborhood an even more fantastic community, ideas like Bingo, and Yoga, and showing support for First Responders!

As noted, we are still recovering somewhat from last year's storm. As a friendly reminder, keep an eye out for your neighbors who may need help from time to time, if you see something out of place let your board know, or if it is really something that is suspicious, let the county sheriff's office know. Our Community Action Chair, Elaine Corales, is doing a wonderful job in working with our County Sheriff's representative. As we are told all the time now, if you see something, say something. Remember to always lock your cars, and never leave valuables in them overnight. Minimizing the opportunity will go a long way to not having this occur. Also, motion detectors for your outdoor lights work wonders as well.

We will be looking to update our association's website for community events and information. We now have a very active Facebook page as well. Now that the threat of COVID has subsided, we will be organizing more community events at the clubhouse, such as Meet and Greets at the clubhouse. Bingo will be the second Monday of every month. Check the neighborhood entrances for the sign boards letting you know what activities are coming up. The board continues to work hard to make the community a better place for all. If you see a board member, thank them for their service, and think about stepping up to help! See you around the beach!

Another friendly reminder... Our annual meeting is coming up the first Saturday in June, come out and show your support for your community!

Mike Liskiewicz, PWSCC President

<u>ANNUAL</u> MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be at 10:00am on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at the community center. PWSCC must receive your 2022 application membership and fee to the prior meeting for you to be able attend. Your to registration membership will be checked at the door. Membership applications are included in this newsletter and may also be found at our website: pwscc.org.

If you wish to present an item for discussion at the annual meeting, you must submit a request to the Board to do so. You must have your agenda item request to the Board no later than May 15th. Please send this agenda request item to PWSCC@hotmail.com.

There will be an election of officers at the annual meeting. If you are interested in running for any position, please contact one of the current Board members for more information.

WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW FAMILIES THAT JOINED US IN POTOMAC WESTMORELAND SHORES THIS PAST YEAR

When our Community was built, common areas were set aside for the benefit of the entire Community. These include the COMMUNITY CENTER, THE MARINA, and THE BEACH. To operate and maintain these areas the developers set up a non profit corporation, POTOMAC WESTMORELAND SHORES CIVIC CORPORATION (PWSCC). Unlike many community associations, your Association is operated entirely by volunteers and is supported entirely by your voluntary membership of \$40.00 per year. Your membership fee and your volunteer support is the only way your community is supported, operated, and maintained. Your Association does the following:

Legal : Pays taxes, keeps lights on, files government reports, keeps proper financial records, pays bills for all monies owed by the Association. Mike Liskiewicz, Board President, has done all this himself all year and deserves our thanks and appreciation.

Maintenance: The association repairs the Community Center, its Deck and Appliances; takes care of clean up and trash collection at the Beach, and Beach Access Points, and operates and maintains the Marina. Russell Gerum and Keith Richardson have worked tirelessly to handle all these things - often using their own tools, trucks, and occasionally at their own expense. We are all indebted to them for their service to our Community.

Records and Communication:Your Board Minutes; accounting and financial records; mail, bank accounts; notifications and administration all require time and effort. Linda Lumpkin has devoted countless hours to these thankless tasks and deserves our heartfelt gratitude.

Community Action: Your Association serves as a focal point for local government and civic organizations, including Fire and EMS, VDOT, Sheriff's Office, and others. Elaine Corales has given hours of her time working with VDOT and Sheriff's Office to slow down traffic; she has coordinated with our own neighborhood police liaison with the Sheriff's Office to make every effort to ensure crime problems in Colonial Beach and Fredericksburg don't show up up in our Community. She arranged the "Thank you for your Service Day" at Veteran's Day and is planning so much more!!! We all are grateful for Elaine's outstanding volunteer efforts.

Community Social Events and Entertainment: Kari Inscoe arranged and supervised "Trunk or Treat" at Halloween; the popular Monday Night BINGO, and plans myriad other activities. We are all grateful to Kari for her volunteer service

to the Community and are deeply sorry she has resigned. Hopefully we can find other volunteers for Kari's work.

Your Community is asking for:

- A playground for Community children (though due to expense, we are trying to partner to make this happen)
- Use of the Community Center and financial support for classes (yoga, self defense, computer training, etc.) open to residents (minimal fee or free as available)
- Tutoring support at the Community center for Community children
- Summer Community Picnic Events at the Community Center and/or the Beach

Your Community needs your help to deal with Community Issues, among them:

• Traffic and Speeding that endangers children riding bikes, young families with strollers, residents walking their dogs, and joggers and retirees out walking for exercise.

- Increasing numbers of beach goers who have no business in your Community using your beach because : "it's a nice beach and it's free". Not only have they overrun Shore Drive and adjacent streets with cars, they are blocking neighborhood driveways and streets for residents and emergency vehicles.
- Absentee Owners who rent their houses to Air B & B, VRBO, and the like. The large gatherings, lost dogs, burdens on the Sewer system, and commercial use of your neighborhood and beach by non residents or guests is a growing problem.
- Community Communication needs attention. The Post Office will not allow anything to be put in mailboxes without a stamp. The Association needs a way to communicate with the Community at large without paying for stamps for all 550 houses every time a communication is needed.

\$40 per year and a few hours a year of your attention seems a small price to pay to support your Community. Currently fewer than 25% of the homeowners are members of the PWSCC. New houses are being built, new families are moving in, property values are rising, and so are the costs to manage the Association. We urge you to help support and protect your Community.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - JOIN NOW

Hugh Veal, PWSCC Vice-President

ENTERTAINMENT

A lot has been going on due to the great efforts of Kari Inscoe, our Entertainment Chair. She was instrumental in bringing Bingo to the community, along with Yoga classes, and many other great activities. Due to family and other time constraints, Kari has stepped down (thanks for all your hard work Kari!!!) and we are looking for a new Entertainment Chair. Yoga classes will continue, and Bingo will return on May 9th and monthly thereafter, on the second Monday of the month. Future events will include fun activities for both members and their children. We will be bringing back Meet and Greets, a chance to enjoy some hot dogs and hamburgers and meet your neighbors. Kari left us with other great ideas, so we are looking for someone with energy that can help spearhead these different events.

If you have suggestions for activities or want to help please contact us at PWSCC@hotmail.com. Want to make sure you don't miss out on future events? Like us on Facebook:

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PWSCC Entertainment



MARINA, BUILDING & GROUNDS HELP!!!

We often have work on the pier, clubhouse and other grounds where it would be great to have a list of volunteers willing to help when needed. So if you have skills of any sort or are just willing to help out with upkeep of our property, please send your names, phone, and email to PWSCC@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help in supporting your community!!!!

GOLF CARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Spring is almost here and folks will be dusting off those golf carts and driving them around the neighborhood. (See event scheduled for April 9th below!) While you are enjoying your golf cart below is a reminder of some of the restrictions imposed by the County concerning their use:

**Golf Carts may only be operated by a person with a valid drivers license in their possession.

**They must follow all laws, regulations and safety standards for vehicular traffic.

**They may only be operated on roads with a speed limit of 25 MPH or less.

**They must have a slow-moving vehicle emblem, headlights, brake lights, turn signals, a mirror and seat belts.

**They must be inspected annually; Inspections may be obtained at the Beach Service Center and Custom Cartz on Colonial Ave and at Potomac Alternator and Battery at 321 First Street. (See event scheduled for May 22 below!!!)

**A county registration sticker must be affixed to the center of the slow moving vehicle emblem. Stickers expire each year on June 30.

To obtain a sticker you must have the golf cart inspected and have proof of liability insurance (most home owners does not cover this, you generally go through your car insurance company). Once you have these 2 items you go to the Westmoreland County Treasurers office, pay \$15 and they will issue you a sticker.

For more complete info, please visit either Westmoreland County's website or PWSCC's website where copies of most of the ordinances are posted.



TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a Facebook page. Like us at **PWSCC Potomac Westmoreland Shores Civic Corporation.** Our page will be updated with information and upcoming events.

We closed out the last fiscal/calendar year with a surplus of about \$4500 (not counting monies deposited for future Marina repairs). The saving account currently has a balance of a little over \$26,000, with a similar amount in our Certificate of Deposit. These monies, while seemingly large, could be expended with just one natural disaster type event, like the unforeseen Nor'easter towards the end of last year. The basic membership fees we currently collect barely cover the cost of the Annual Grass Cutting contract and the association's liability insurance. it covers none of our other annual operating costs.

So while membership in the association is optional, ultimately the fees paid for membership, clubhouse rentals, events like bingo, ramp access and slips all go to use to making your neighborhood a better place to live. So we encourage each member to find a neighbor or friend who is not a member and urge them to join the association, the more members we have the more funds to do things that improve the community. And please do not do anything that would help circumvent our fee structures, like duplicating ramp keys. Every dollar that comes into the association is used for the community as a whole, and every dollar counts. Thanks!

BOAT RAMP/MARINA NEWS

Boating season is right around the corner. Slip renewals have been mailed out. We may have a few slips available for rental after April 1. If interested, let me know soon to get on the waiting list. Just a reminder, please secure all items on your boat when you are not on board. Have a safe boating season all. I look forward to seeing you at the pier.



Russell Glerum, PWSCC Dockmaster

COMMUNITY CENTER

The PWSCC Community Center is available for any type of event, including weddings, receptions, showers, family reunions, graduation and birthday parties. Any type of party or event that you might be planning can be hosted here! There is a full kitchen and a beautiful outside patio and deck with gorgeous water views! Please, if the need arises, make time to check out this beautiful facility. For rental information, contact Ruthi Pietras at 804-347-9305 or **PWSCC@hotmail.com**. Rental rates can be found on our website pwscc.org under Community Center.

Community Action

Hello to all. For the many that do not know me, I am Elaine – your community action representative. Please feel free to email me or send me a message on Facebook with any concerns, inputs, or ideas to make our community safer and better.

Meet Master Deputy Antwan Smith. He is the Westmoreland County Sherriff's Office community officer for PWSCC. Master Deputy Smith has been doing great work to help our neighborhood. He listens and monitors the complaints, primarily speeding. If you've noticed the increase of Westmoreland County Sheriff patrols in the neighborhood, that's in part because of Master Deputy Smith. Some of you may have met Master Deputy Antwan Smith when we had the major storm that left many of us without power. He and others from the Sheriff's Office went door-to-door to make sure residents were okay. Below is Master Deputy Smith's contact information. Please contact him for any issues or concerns. You are also welcomed to contact me, and I will pass the information along - whichever makes you more comfortable. For emergencies, call 911. Note that sharing info with the Sherriff's Office raises the awareness for patrols!



Master Deputy Antwan Smith Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office 175 Polk Street Montross VA 22520 Office (804) 493-8066 Email <u>ansmith@westcoso.us</u>

"Master Deputy Smith has been instrumental in our Community Policing initiatives. His efforts are to be commended. Working closely and in collaboration with our community to build strong relationships and trust through transparency is key throughout the entire process." Sheriff C.O.Balderson

I concur! Did you know that The Sheriff's Office will assist with disabled vehicles that are disabled **on the roadway** and provided emergency lighting to ensure the safety of the motorist and passenger's? Master Deputy Smith is part of county programs focused on the safety of both our vulnerable and senior citizens. For more information on these programs, please contact Master Deputy Smith.

Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed for "at risk" individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition.

The Triad program, a **cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies and senior citizens**, such as police officers, fire fighters, sheriff and senior organizations, focuses on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens, senior citizens. TRIAD is a non-profit organization.

It has been a busy first year on the job on the PWSCC board. Here is a recap.

- Working with Master Deputy Antwan Smith to address neighborhood issues. Speeding seems to be one of the bigger issues in the neighborhood. We are working on increasing patrols while trying to find a long-term solution.
- There may have been unreported thefts in the neighborhood. Please call the police if you are the victim of a crime, see a crime, or see anything suspicious. It helps to raise awareness for the police and the neighborhood.
- Working with VDOT for improvements of our neighborhood streets. For example, missing or unreadable stop signs have been replaced. If you have any road repairs that need to be addressed,

you may send me an email or message, and I will submit it for you. Of course, you can do so yourself by going to VDOT website - https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/

• We had donuts for Veteran's Day. And hope that this year we will have a better turn out. We are truly thankful for our veterans.

Some of goals of the Community Action committee for this year include:

- Complete work orders to have remaining potholes repaired. I had provided a spreadsheet of potholes to the VDOT contact and will resubmit via their website.
- Submit a request for speed bumps or alternative solutions for the speeding which is a lengthy process. Unfortunately, while extremely effective for reducing the speed of motorists, the likelihood of getting speed bumps is low. The state requires that 600 cars a day travel a road in order to qualify for speed bumps.
- Determine a way to improve street lighting in the neighborhood. *If you would like a street light in front of your house and an electric pole is already there, you can call Northern Neck to request a light, the cost is \$10 a month.*

We are working on holding some community events (see below, Save the Date). If you have suggestions or interests, please let us know. email me or send a message with any of your concerns, issues, or ideas.

For those special few out there who seem to ignore the speed limits in the community (you know who you are) – PLEASE SLOW DOWN, LIVES DEPEND ON IT!!!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS			
Sat, April 9	11:00am-12:00pm	Golf Cart Laws and Safety Master Deputy Antwan Smith	
Sat, April 9	9:00am-12:00pm	Membership Drive at Clubhouse	
Sun, May 22	12:00pm - 3:00pmTime	Golf Cart Inspections at the club house (\$20 fee)	
Sun, May 22	1:00pm-3:00pm	Membership Drive at Clubhouse	
Sat, Jun 4	10:00am	PWSCC Annual Meeting for all 2018 Members at Clubhouse	
June		First Responder's Day with Westmoreland Sheriff's Office, Oak	
		Grove Fire Department, and others	
TBD		CPR class provided by Oak Grove Fire Department	
TBD		Property Security & Crime Prevention, Master Deputy Smith	
TBD		Self Defense Class provided by Westmoreland Sheriff's Office	

Watch the Yellow "Sandwich Board" signs for Updates

CURRENT PWSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
President	Mike Liskiewicz	Michael@Liskiewicz.com	
Vice President	Hugh Veal	Hugh.Veal@gmail.com	
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Entertainment	Open		

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2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL and Boat Slip Rental

APPLICANT (LAST)	(FIRST)	(MI)
SPOUSE/OTHER(LAST)	(FIRST)	<u>(MI)</u>
MAILING ADDRESS		
(HOUSE NUMBER AND ST	REET NAME)	
(CITY)	(STATE)	(ZIP)
HOME PHONE ()	CELL PHONE ()	
LOCAL ADDRESS		
(HOUSE NUMBER & STRE	ET NAME with LOT NUMBER AND SEC	CTION NUMBER)
	Own Rent	
EMAIL		

ALL APPLICANTS MUST AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

I hereby agree to abide by the by-laws of the PWSCC and the pier/ramp/marina policy and regulations. BOAT AND VEHICLE OWNERS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO CORPORATE PROPERTY, I.E. DOCK, PIER, ETC.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Whereas:

- Membership in the Potomac-Westmoreland Shores Civic Corporation, a non-stock not for profit entity, is voluntary and not a condition of real property ownership; and
- Actual and constructive written notice of liability disclaimer is given to each property owner upon the acceptance of membership application; and
- Each building, facility and beach area is posted with signs stating "Use at your own risk" as a condition of usage; and
- Each member assumes individual responsibility for the conduct of themselves, their family and accompanied authorized guests while on or using corporate property; and
- The member acknowledges that inherent risks and potential hazards exist in using corporate property and beach areas.

Therefore, by signing this membership application, the member acknowledges, accepts and agrees to the Corporation, its Officers' and Directors' absence of liability for any loss or injury the member or his accompanied authorized guests may sustain through the use of corporate property or facilities. In so doing, the member agrees to hold the corporation, its officers and directors harmless to recover actual or perceived damages.

By signing, you acknowledge your acceptance of the Hold Harmless Agreement and the Corporation's absence of liability and agree to abide by the By-Laws and standing rules of the PWSCC.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:			
SIGNATURE OF SPOUSE/OTHER:				
Enclosed is \$40.00 for membership dues.	(Must be a member to purchase a key)			
Enclosed is \$50.00 for boat ramp key.	(Total for membership and boat ramp key is \$90.00)			
Enclosed is \$ for boat slip #re	ental fee. (No charge for key w/slip rental)			
Enclosed is \$100.00 for ramp key only.	(Non-member resident fee)			
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$				

Boat slip rentals will not be renewed without a copy of your insurance declaration attached to this form along with the information required below and the completed membership application. Payments & documentation MUST BE RECEIVED by March 31 or slip will be "Unassigned" and become available to other members. ** As a PWSCC member in good standing , I hereby apply for a boat slip. **

7	SIGNATURE OF BOAT OWNER:		_ Date:
A	nnual slip rental fees are as follows (select o	ne):	
	p to 9 feet wide:	\$280.00 \$	
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Up to 9 feet wide:	\$280.00 \$
Greater than 9 feet wide up to 11 feet wide:	\$340.00 \$
Greater than 11 feet wide up to 12 feet wide:	\$420.00 \$
Lift fee:	\$25.00 \$
Other:	\$

Term of the initial rental period shall run from the date of application approval to the following March 31st, thereafter from April 1st through March 31st of the following year (if slip is renewed in timely manner as defined above).

<u>NOTE</u>: Boat slip rentals will not be approved without providing the following information:

Trade Name	e / Manufacturer of Boat:			
Year	Length	Widt	h Material	
Check one:	On Board Toilet	Portable Toilet	No Toilet	
Boat Registr	ration Number:			
	TELEPHONE NUMB	E RS: () Phone # 2		
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			4 days), the PWSCC MUST have a ASTER BEFORE the slip is loaned.	copy of the insurance of the
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	NEW/CHANGED SLIP	ASSIGNMENT	SLIP NUMBER	
	DOCKMASTER APPRO	/AL:	DATE:	
	KEY #:	PROVIDED BY:		
	RESIDENCY VERIFIED	: DATE:	TAX INFO: (BLOCK/SE	CTION)
	MEMBERSHIP CARD IS	SSUED: DATE:	ISSUED BY:	
	SPREADSHEET ENTRY	: DATE:	ENTERED BY:	
	QUICKBOOKS ENTRY:	DATE:	ENTERED BY:	

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