

THE SHORELINE

Potomac –Westmoreland Shores

Newsletter Spring 2025

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Neighbors!

Thank you, everyone, for all your support, especially during this uniquely challenging year. I say “uniquely” because the majority of our troubles this year are more of an outlier than the norm. On the bright side - once we get over this hump, it will be in the past. Even better, we remain an outstanding community and have a lot to be grateful for. The board and I greatly appreciate everyone's patience this past year.

Also, I would like to thank the members of the board for their hard work. Behind the curtains, the board has been putting in long hours for our community. They truly care about our community, and work hard to protect and sustain all of our assets. Even better, they are always seeking ways to improve our community.

We are looking forward to this upcoming year. Each of the board members have ideas and plans to continue making The Shores even more enviable.

Please note that we changed the email to reach the board. You can reach us at PWSCC.Board@gmail.com

Thank you, everyone!

Keith Dickerson, PWSCC President

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:

PWSCC - Community Group



ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Annual membership meeting will be held at

10: AM on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at our community center located @ 762 Shore Drive in Westmoreland Shores. You may obtain a membership application by visiting the **PWSCC.org** website. The application is for membership in PWSCC / Renewal of membership and Boat Slip/ramp key Yearly Rental.

If you wish to present an item for discussion at the annual meeting, you must submit a request to the PWSCC Board to do so. You must have your agenda item request to the Board NO LATER THAN May 15th. Please send this agenda item request 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. Current Board members are listed on the PWSCC.org website.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER &



PWSCC has completed another year of successful operations thanks to the membership support from the 138 members who have provided their financial support for the community. I am happy to report that once again, by depending completely on voluntary efforts and combining resources with the Community Action programs we have spent \$0 dollars on our membership activities.

We urge everyone in the community to join us and help support the electric bills, insurance

payments, landscape maintenance, beach cleaning, and property maintenance required to keep the community property operating.

With new houses being built, new residents moving in, and house values rising for everyone it seems a good time to list what PWSCC does and why your membership is so important!

PWSCC is totally voluntary - no one is required to join, required to pay common fees, or forced to comply with HOA or management fees and regulations. PWSCC is totally dependent on your support. All the following have to get done:

Tax returns, tax payments, and government reporting requirements for non-profit corporations.

Corporate record keeping, including meeting minutes, business accounting, records retention, annual meeting, monthly meetings, annual financial audit, and any permits required. Business necessary to operate the marina, rent the community center, and rent the boat ramp.

Insurance coverage for all your properties - the marina, the community center, and the beach Utility and operations bills for the marina (Port-O-John, water, electric, trailer storage lot), community center (water, electric, landscaping, cleaning), and the beach (landscaping, litter cleanup).

Property maintenance for everything - everything required from painting, carpentry, electric, plumbing, HVAC to grass planting, snow shoveling, and roof repairs.

Representation and coordination with VDOT, County Board of Supervisors, and Sheriff's Department.

Provide community activities - Golf Cart Inspection Day; First Responders Day, Veterans Appreciation Day, Bingo, Roadside Clean up Day, Neighborhood Watch, and any

other activity community members care to support.

Emergency Response to vandalism, flooding, fire, and any other threats to the community.

Your membership of \$50 per year, any voluntary time you can provide, and any support you care to give is critical to the continuation of PWSCC.

Hugh Veal, Vice President /Membership Chair



COMMUNITY ACTION

It's been a hell of a year.

I will start with thoughts about Wendy Erskine, founder of Wendy's Feline Friends. We lost Wendy this past November. For over 30 years, Wendy dedicated her life to saving cats, helping others, and improving our community. I only knew Wendy a short time and that time was my honor. Life's true riches are interactions and relationships with people like Wendy.

Remembering Wendy made me thankful for our amazing community. We are blessed with so many high caliber neighbors. Here's a highlight of some of PWSCC's amazing neighbors.

- When Wendy became ill, two incredible ladies, Kitty and Dodie, visited her everyday to help care for the cats and for Wendy. These two ladies are still going to Wendy's house everyday to take care of the cats and are working hard to find them homes.
- We are thankful to have Mary, a licensed Cat 1 Wildlife Rehabber. Mary does her best to respond to all calls regarding injured wildlife. Wildlife Rehab is very difficult. Mary's work and sacrifice is amazing. She gets a lot of cuteness that is accompanied

by a lot of heartbreak. We appreciate her dedication to our wildlife.



- Cathy, owner of My Time Arts, lives here in The Shores. The past two years Cathy painted glitter tattoos for the kids at our Trunk or Treat. And, if you've noticed our beautiful Tiny Libraries, thank Cathy for painting them for us. I know I'm biased but I haven't seen any libraries as beautiful as ours.
- Rob graciously made the toy boxes at the beach. He, also, made the picnic tables at our clubhouse.
- Mili is always happy and dancing. She takes her cheer all over Colonial Beach. Mili attends almost all of our events to support our community. She is there with us picking up litter. You will probably run into Mili in town when she volunteers for those events. Mili, also, volunteers with the Guadalupe Clinic. Always giving back to the community.
- We have a group that always comes out when we clean up the litter in our neighborhood.
- Several of our neighbors share their garden with us and put fresh veggies and fruit at the clubhouse.
- I know of several of our neighbors that check in on other neighbors that need help. People helping one another. That's what I'm talking about!

- Paul and Kellie have scheduled the Tyler Nichols Band to play at our 1st Responders' Day in September.
- At the annual meeting last year, we talked about improving the quality of life for our seniors. Russ and Ken answered by organizing BINGO twice a month. Hugh is there every night to help and smiles because the players have a great time.

We have so many riches. I know there are people that I failed to mention or don't even know about. We are really lucky to have so much good in our neighborhood. I understand how that can get shadowed by events this past year. We've had to endure the bridge being out and so many speeders; the lawsuit; vandals and litterbugs. These things are like gnats - very annoying. But, like gnats, in the big picture, they're small. These people do not define our community. It's our selfless neighbors like those I highlighted that lead our community.

I'm very happy and proud of our community. THANK YOU to everyone who gives back to our community and supports us.

Upcoming Events

BINGO - every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, starting at 6:30 pm doors open at 5:45

1st Responders' Day and the Tyler Nichols Band, September 27, more information to come

We are planning to create a butterfly garden at the clubhouse. This will probably happen next Earth Day.

If anyone is interested in helping with events or has ideas, please let me know.

Elaine Corales, Community Action and Paula Van Alstine, Community Action Committee



BUILDING & GROUNDS

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. Please send your names, phone numbers and email to PWSCC.Board@gmail.com Your help in supporting our Community is invaluable!

Ken Randall, Buildings and Grounds



DOCKMASTER

Boating season has arrived! Slip renewals have been emailed out. There are few slips available for rental. If interested, please let the Dock Master know so you will be entered on our wait list. We post a list of rented and available slips at the entrance to the dock.

As a reminder: Please secure all items on your boat when you are not on board. Have a safe boating season everyone!

As the weather gets warmer, we all get excited for a new boating season. We want everyone to have fun and enjoy so please be considerate of one another. Vehicles, trailers and boats may not be parked in any way that blocks access to the boat ramp, pier or private driveways. "No Parking" signs shall be observed. Vehicles and trailers unable to park at Boat Ramp may be parked on the PWSCC lot at the end of Avalon Drive. Vehicles and trailers shall not remain on the lot for longer than 5 consecutive days. Boats must be launched and retrieved in a manner that will not cause other boaters undue delay.

We are aware of the water supply issue at the dock. We plan to address this in the upcoming year. Water up to the fish cleaning station has been restored.

Fishing and crabbing is allowed on the T-pier, please do not fish or crab in member's rented slips.

Water on the dock is for slip holders and members having a key to use the fish cleaning station. Please do not use the dock water to wash boats or flush engines as they are not allowed in the parking lot or on the ramp. A water Flowmeter timer has been installed at the fish cleaning station.

Elaine Corales, Acting Dockmaster
And Russell Glerum, Dock and Boatslip Committee



ENTERTAINMENT

Greetings PWSCC
Neighbors!

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our wonderful neighbors who have provided invaluable support and assistance with our community events. Over the past year, we have enjoyed a diverse range of activities, including Mother's Day Brunch, Donuts with Dads for Father's Day, Trunk & Treat for Halloween, a Community Yard Sale, and a Crafting/ Vending Sale for the Holidays.

We are committed to continuing the momentum, with a variety of exciting activities planned for the upcoming year. Whether you are seeking a fun night out, family-friendly activities, or opportunities to connect with neighbors. We are dedicated to providing something

Tondrille Sturgis, Entertainment