St. Clement Shores News

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Winter is here

Please be sure to keep the ditches clear of leaves and debris to allow the drain pipes to keep up with the rainfall and snow melt.

Looking out for our neighbors

As a community, should not forget to check on our elderly neighbors. Many don't like to ask for help, so please check to see if they need anything from the store, or help changing a light bulb, or shoveling snow. Looking out for our neighbors, and making sure they are OK, is just one of the things that make the Shores and Woods a special place to live.

PLEASE respect other resident's property as well as community areas. It is our responsibility as a community to be vigilant and watchful for disrespectful activities and report them to the neighborhood watch.

You can make a difference by reporting any suspicious activity to the sheriff's department at 301-475-8008. St. Mary's County Sheriff officer Eric Sweeney is responsible for our jurisdiction and can be contacted at 301-475-4040. Suspicious activity or concerns can also be emailed to:

St.Clements.Neighborhood.Watch@gmail.com.

Neighborhood watch reminder:

Always lock your car doors and all entry doors & windows to your home. Remove or hide all valuables from plain site. We don't want to offer a crime of opportunity.

We're a part of the Facebook community. Check us out: St. Clement's Shores Civic Association and, St. Clement's Shores Civic Association EVENT Page

Items of Note

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, coordinated an event, helped with an event, or attended a community event. We are looking forward to a productive and fun 2021.

Fall/Winter Activities

<u>Halloween Bash</u>: Many thanks to our new event coordinator, Jessica Varesko-Dean, for planning a fun-filled afternoon for the community to come together. The kids enjoyed some treats, kids and adults alike enjoyed some fun games, and we had our first golf cart decorating contest. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, and to everyone who came out to enjoy the day. The weather was perfect!

Golf cart winners: 1st place - The Rackey Zoo, 2nd place - Michael Dean and the Girls, 3rd place - John & Debbie and the grandkid gang.

<u>Winter Bash</u>: What a great day and a great turnout! The kids had a special treat getting to play frisbee with Santa, decorate a Christmas stocking, enjoy some delicious hot chocolate, make their own smores, and take home some candy canes and treats. Santa even handed out the medals for the golf cart contest:

1st place – The Little Red Truck (John & Debbie Smith);

2nd place - St. Clements Train with Santa's Chickens (Djay and Tyler Rackey; 3rd Place – The Grinch Who Stole Christmas (Michael Dean).

<u>Christmas House Decorating Contest:</u> Thank you to everyone for putting so much effort into making the holiday a little brighter! Congratulations to the winners:

1st place – Thomas & Eleanor Myles; 2nd place – Joseph & Nancy Knott; 3rd place – Steven & Kristen Becker

Ugly Sweater Contest Winners are James and Laura Morgan.

New Business

A proposal has been made to have the community properties surveyed. The proposal is to hire a survey company to search and set the property markers for the beach, boat ramps, and memorial garden. After the property markers are in place, community signs marking the boundary lines will be installed by the Association.

A vote on this proposal will take place at the spring community meeting. Please plan to attend to express your views and cast your vote.

Lawn Care / Maintenance

Thank you to all volunteers who have graciously donated their time to help maintain the association property throughout the summer and fall. Your efforts have truly made a difference.

With the new year before us, we find ourselves reaching out to the community for volunteers to help us maintain the common properties.

On the Schedule

Nothing scheduled for January and March 2021.

We will send out an email blast and update the Facebook Event page when events come up. Keep checking our message board and our Facebook event page.

2020/2021 New Officers and Board of Directors			
President:	Laura Morgan	240-925-9490	
VP:	Connie DeWolfe	240-274-2222	
Treasurer:	Laurine Toone	240-372-7070	
Secretary:	Dottie McCubbin	703-472-6494	
At-Large:	Joan Driskill	301-641-7706	
	Jessica Varesko-Dean	240-577-5476	
	Debbie Smith	301-643-7785	

Event Coordinator: Jessica Varesko-Dean Membership: Laurine Toone Newsletter: Debbie Smith

Maintenance:	James Morgan	240-298-3054
	John Myles	301-885-7243
	Jim Beavan	602-300-9284

For Your Information

- Mosquito spraying will pick back up in May or June
- Remember when walking your pets to use a leash and please clean-up after them
- Metcom continues replacement of the existing water lines from the 1950's. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call MetCom's engineering department at 301-737-7400 x301.
- SMECO will replace or repair streetlights that are buzzing or not working properly. Please call the Leonardtown office at 301-475-5631 and give them the location of the streetlight.

On Another Note

The elections were held on October 17, 2020, at the main beach during our annual general meeting. See left column for the names of the new Board.

We are very excited to welcome Jessica Varesko-Dean as our new Event Coordinator. Jessica coordinated the many food trucks we had at the beach this summer, the Halloween Bash, and the Winter Bash. She has a passion for finding new ways to bring the community together. She is already thinking up new ideas for everyone to enjoy in 2021. Stay tuned!

If you have a suggestion, or would like to join our team, please email us at: <u>St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com</u>

Since member dues don't cover all our major expenses we are always trying to come up with new ways to bring in funds. We are looking for someone to head up our fundraising efforts and bring new ideas to the table. If you have a suggestion, or would like to join our team, please email us at: St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com

With so many members receiving their newsletters online it is important to let us know if your email address has changed. If there is a change, please email us with your name, old email address, and new email address to:

St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com

Fundraisers ... Please support the shores

<u>Brick Fundraiser</u> is still available. If you are interested in purchasing a brick for our garden of remembrance, you can find the brick form on our website at: http://stclementshores.org

Comments Corner

The Association would like to express a warm welcome to our new residents of the shores: Deborah & Elaine Woody, Brianna Foster, Leonard Okrie Jr., Charm Properties, Robert & Alexis Donaldson, Jessica Madewell, James & Ashley Arch, William & Megan Colvin, and John & Kathy Boyles.

Birth Announcements: Mike and Cecile Moran are proud new grandparents to Lily Marie Moran, born on December 2, 2020.

On a sad note, we mourn the loss of Jimmy Byus and Joe Farrell. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families.

If we have missed any new residents, passings, or births, please let us know by sending an email to: St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com