



St. Clement Shores News

First Quarter 2023 Winter Edition

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Recap of 2022! As we usher in a new year, we would like to thank each and every one of you for working so hard to improve our community. We, as a community, have made great strides and we believe there are more great things to come in 2023!

Some of our many accomplishments include:

- A new seawall with a designated beach area
- A walkway from the parking area to the pier and pavilion
- New picnic tables and umbrellas at the beach
- Repairs to the shed to include a fresh coat of paint
- New baby/toddler swing set
- New and improved community website
- Removal of the dead tree and stump at the parking area
- Purchase of American flags for community utility poles
- New solar lights on community pier
- Repair of rotten boards on pier
- Electricity in and outside of the shed at the pavilion
- Installation of a designated port-a-potty area
- Construction of a food serving area at the pavilion
- Repair of electrical outlets at the pavilion
- Lighting and improvements to the community sign
- Established relationship with the Sherriff's office
- Basketball stand at the beach
- Surveying for community water drainage system to be completed this year
- Continued replacement of community water pipes
- The Woods community sign was painted
- Dead trees removed at the St. Marys boat ramp
- Weekly trash pick-up, all year, at the beach
- Community mosquito spraying
- Community events to include a ribbon cutting ceremony
- Surveying of the St. Marys boat ramp
- Increase of paying dues members to 59%
- Established relationship with Commissioner Mike Hewitt

Even with the great things that were accomplished in 2022, we are looking ahead to an even better 2023! We have a full list of things we'd like to accomplish, but we are only successful with your input and involvement.

Our first goal is to increase the percentage of paying dues members. This is a guaranteed investment in your community. The money is used very carefully to ensure the SCSCA properties are kept in tip-top shape so that we can all enjoy the many amenities our community has to offer. The dues will be increased from \$60 a year to \$65 a year to cover increased expenses.

Some of the items on the list for 2023:

- More community activities
- Purchase and installation of new security cameras
- Walkway to the port-a-potty with a changing area
- Purchase of community games at the beach
- Installation of a ladder at the Archer Street boat ramp – a huge thank you to James and Laura Morgan for donating the ladder!
- Water hookup at the pavilion with a wash station
- Installation of solar lights on the diving platforms – a huge thank you to Frances and Gisela Russell for donating these!
- Beautifying the hill at the beach area
- Installation of shade trees at the parking area
- New picnic tables in the pavilion
- Repairs to the St. Marys Avenue boat ramp
- Ladder for the St. Marys Avenue boat ramp
- New swim buoys for the beach/swim platforms

Some of the larger repair needs will depend on our fundraising success. The boat ramp at Archer Street will need to be completely replaced. (This will be very costly, and we plan to get an estimate in the spring.) A paver walkway to the port-a-potty. (We will get an estimate in the spring to determine if this is possible this year.)

One of the major financial projects we need to consider in the future is the replacement of boards on the pier. We have time to set aside funds for this project, but we need to look to the future and be prepared.

Please join us at the March Board meeting as we discuss these projects and how we can meet our goals. Your involvement and input is extremely important to us and we look forward to seeing you!

Fall/Winter Activities

Fall Family Movie Night: Our first family movie night on October 22 at 6:00 p.m. was a huge success! Everyone there enjoyed s'mores, popcorn, water, hot dogs and hamburgers. We are already planning more movie nights as the weather warms in late spring. Stay tuned!

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The meeting was held on October 15 at 3:00 p.m. We had a very good turnout at the meeting and are very excited to see more faces at upcoming meetings.

The Board would like to thank you for your support in re-electing us to serve you for the 2022-2023 term. We assure you that we are committed to the community's concerns in addition to the upkeep, maintenance, and improvements to the Civic Association properties. We hope you will continue to share your ideas and your goals for the community as we continue to work together to make improvements.

On the Schedule

No events are scheduled for January or February 2023.

Our next Board meeting is Sunday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m. at the beach. PLEASE join us!

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!

For Your Information

- We will resume collecting signatures for the golf cart petition as the weather warms and we hope to have enough signatures in the fall to present to Commissioner Hewitt.
- Remember when walking your pets to use a leash and please clean-up after your pets!
- Please reach out to us and sign up to receive your newsletters electronically. This helps so much with the cost of mailing St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com.

Fundraisers ... Please support the shores

Brick Fundraiser 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>

T-Shirts! If anyone is interested in purchasing a shirt, the cost is \$25. We have men's size large to XX large and women's medium to XX large. This is a great way to support the community! Please call or text Debbie at 301-643-7785.



Comments Corner

It is with our deepest sadness that so many of our lifelong members in the community have passed over the last several months. Please remember the families of Margaret Pruitt, James Wathen, Bunky Taylor, and Lawrence Cusic, as they will be dearly missed.

We would like to express a warm welcome to our new residents of the shores and thank you for choosing us to be your neighbors: Jamie Cint, and Robert and Sara Evans. We congratulate Michael and Jessica Dean for purchasing their first home in our community. See everyone soon at the beach!