



St. Clement Shores News

Second Quarter 2021 Spring Edition

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Spring is Here

THANK YOU: A BIG thank you to Dale Wince for installing the new security lighting in the pavilion at the main beach. Dale donated his time and all of the materials! This is a big savings and a huge help to keep the area safe. We are grateful for his donation to the community.

LAWN CARE/MAINTENANCE: A HUGE thank you to Michael Varesko-Dean for volunteering to maintain the grounds of the community properties for 2021! We hope to use the savings to make needed improvements in the neighborhood.

MOSQUITOS: The most effective way to control mosquitoes is at the community level. Spraying will start in May. **Prevention:** give your yards a once over and eliminate standing water in and around the house. Mosquitoes can breed in containers as small as a bottle cap, even with only ½” of water. Every week, empty and scrub items that hold water such as birdbaths & containers under plants which can potentially become a breeding farm for mosquitos.

Community Reminders

- With the changing of the season, we need to be **very careful** while we are out in the neighborhood. Please adhere to the basic safety guidelines and **PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED.**
- Our streets are narrow, please keep the roadways clear.
- Bicycles, skateboarders, golf carts, and scooters must obey street signs.
- Pedestrians, please stay to the side of the road facing oncoming traffic.
- Pets must be on a leash and **please pick-up after them.**
- When removing your boats from the water, **DO NOT** power onto your trailer. This causes the dirt to be moved away from the slab of the ramp which, over time, will damage boat trailers.

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On the Calendar

Kids Field Day: We invite your kids to come to the main beach on Saturday, May 15, for some exercise! We will have fun activities to get the kids moving, so plan to stop by anytime between 1:00-3:00. We hope to see you there!

Spring General Meeting: Please join us on Saturday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the main beach. We will talk about the activities we have planned for the community this year and, we'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions as we go forward. A community can only be successful if we all work together.

Luau/Independence Day Celebration: Please join us on Saturday, June 26, as we have a combination Luau/July 4 celebration. We will play bingo, have food trucks, and good community fellowship. Please plan to come and enjoy the evening starting at 4:00 p.m.

For Your Information

- We have been informed that the State of Maryland has not given final approval for the loan to start the next phase of water lines in the community. The project was approved in 2019; however, we are waiting on funding for the final phase to be completed. Please call your state representative at 301-858-3170 and 301-858-3227 to voice your concerns about the delay in funding the project.
- There have been a number of packages stolen from mailboxes over the past month. The Sheriff's Department and the Postmaster have been notified and there is an open investigation. If you have been the victim of stolen mail/packages, please call the Postmaster at 800-275-8777 and the Sheriff's Department at 301-475-8008.
- Also, we have had reports of stray dogs and numerous feral cats roaming the neighborhood. Please call Animal Control at 301-475-2500.

Membership Dues

It is time to renew your dues for the 2021/2022 year. The dues, in general, go towards maintaining and protecting our beautiful waterfront community which is why we need your support. To maintain and improve our community takes money and volunteers. We want you to be informed about how your dues are being spent so that you can be confident your money is being used to better the community. Below is a snapshot of the 2019/2020 budget:

Charitable Contribution to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$50.00
Electric (Lights at the beach and street lights at the community properties)	\$636.37
Mosquito Spraying	\$1,165.56
Post Office Box Rental	\$56.00
Postage for mailing newsletters and general correspondence	\$220.00
Printing/Copying/Mailing of Newsletter	\$335.23
Lawn Care of Community Properties	\$2,800.00
Port-A-Potty at the Beach	\$585.35
Repairs and Maintenance of Community Properties	\$462.11
Events (Limited in 2020 due to COVID)	\$85.00
Trash Service	\$468.00
Maintenance of Beach (repairs of pavilion, labor for dirt and seed for lawn, aluminum steps for beach platforms and pier, solar lights for the pier and boat ramps)	\$3,104.44
General Expenses (Other)	\$30.45
Total Expenses	\$9,998.51

There are 296 households in our community. Last year, there were 143 paying members. We would like to increase the membership this year to make much needed repairs and improvements to the community properties and to continue holding events to bring everyone together. We hope you will consider joining the association this year. Your dues and participation will make St. Clement Shores an even better place to call home.

Please also consider helping us cut the cost of mailing the newsletter and provide us with your email address. This will allow you to get information more quickly, as well. To those of you who already receive your 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 your new email address to:

St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com

On Another Note

If anyone has photos to feature as a flashback, please send them to the board email.

 Don't forget - we're a part of the [Facebook](#) community.

Check us out at:

[St. Clement's Shores Civic Association](#) and,
[St. Clement's Shores Civic Association EVENT Page](#)

Please continue to check the message board and Facebook for upcoming events!

T-Shirt Fundraiser:

We have redesigned our T-Shirts. Please join us at our Spring meeting to show your support and purchase one. The cost is \$25 each. Proceeds are for repair of Main Beach concrete wall.

Comments Corner

Welcome New Resident(s): Thomas Trehern, Patrick Irby, David Soltisz, Maria Williams, Chris Hammett and Ashleigh Redding, Isiah Melton III, and Sue Ann Wilms.

Fun note:

- Ospreys are here for all of us to enjoy. Interesting fact - they mate for life and return to the same area each year to nest.
- Also, for those of you who love hummingbirds, get your feeders out by the middle of April. They're on their way up from the south.
- With your dues, we were able to purchase a bike rack at the main beach just outside of the gate. This new addition will help keep bikes from getting damaged while you and your family visit the beach area.
- Earth Day is April 22. Please take some time during the day, or week, and clean up around the community. We have seen an increase in littering - especially at the entrance to our community. A little volunteerism goes a long way.

If you have news you would like to share, please email info to St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com