

## St. Clement Shores News

Second Quarter 2022 Spring Edition

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### Membership Dues

It is time to renew your dues for the 2022/2023 year. Your dues go towards maintaining and protecting The Woods and St. Clement Shores. However, in order to maintain and make improvements, it takes money and volunteers. We do our best to keep you informed of how your dues are being spent and ask for your voice to be heard at the monthly meetings. It is important for everyone to know that your dues provide mosquito spraying, maintenance of the pier and pavilion, trash service at the beach, the seasonal rent of the port-a-potty, and the purchase of miscellaneous items to benefit the community. In addition, we constantly look for ways to improve the community, and plan events to bring everyone together for fun and fellowship.

We were able to accomplish quite a bit last year and we were very fortunate to have numerous volunteers in the community donate their time and materials. Going into 2022, we have much more to do to make our community great. Below is a snapshot of the 2020/2021 budget:

Electric (Lights at the beach	
and streetlights at the	
community properties)	\$673.68
Mosquito Spraying	\$1,720.18
Post Office Box Rental	\$56.00
Postage for mailing newsletters	
and general correspondence	\$514.20
Printing/Copying/Mailing of	
Newsletter	\$88.93
Lawn Care of Community	
Properties	\$1,163.71
Port-a-Potty at the Beach	\$689.00
Repairs and Maintenance of	
Community Properties	\$1,464.48
Meeting Expense	\$174.47
Events	\$305.30
Trash Service	\$473.00
General Expenses (Other)	\$434.83
Total Expenses	\$7,757.78

There are 296 households in our community. Last year, there were 142 paying members. This brings our total dues income to \$8,520 and with the basic yearly expenses averaging \$7,800,

we struggle to have anything extra for the needed repairs and improvements in the community. We hope you will consider joining the association this year. Your dues and participation will make The Woods and St. Clement Shores a better place to call home and add value to your property.

Last month, we sent out a letter asking for donations to help cover the cost of the replacement of the seawall, the repairs of the boat ramps, and money to install a walkway at the beach property. Thankfully, we have been fortunate to receive several major donations because of our plea for help. This will allow us to start the process while we still hope to continue receiving donations.

In that letter, we also asked for input for fundraising ideas. One suggestion was made to create an Amazon Smile account; however, after researching the idea, we unfortunately don't meet the criteria. Please keep the suggestions coming – we appreciate your input!

Please also consider helping us cut the cost of mailing the newsletter and provide us with your email address. This will also allow you to get information more quickly. 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

#### **Community Concerns**

We continue to reach out to the Sheriff's Department to voice our concerns about the speeding issues on Lady Baltimore Avenue. At this time, the Sheriff's office has committed to random patrolling of the community to address the speeding issue. In addition, the path at the end of Archer Street is not accessible, leading the community to travel the main road to access the park. Please use extreme caution and we will continue to work with the County and Sheriff's Department to find a solution.

#### On the Calendar

Community Yard Sale: We held a community yard sale on April 9 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:000 a.m. Thank you to everyone who asked for this event. This is the feedback we want and we are excited to work with you!

Easter Egg Hunt: The Knights of Columbus at St Francis Xavier and the St Clement Shores community will team up with the Wolfpack, for their 6th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration! Doors open at noon. Register for egg hunt at 12:00 noon and the egg hunt is from 1-2:00. Please join us for an afternoon of family fun; indoor and outdoor activities, photos with the Easter Bunny, hotdogs, sodas, snacks and tons of fun for all ages.

Spring Clean-up Day: Please come to the Main Beach on April 23 at 9:00 a.m. to help us spruce up the community! We have a long "to do" list and need all hands on deck. We are hoping to clean up the beach property, clean the community signs, trim up bushes, replace damaged boards at the pavilion, pick up trash, and remove debris from the community property.

Monthly Meeting: The next monthly meeting will be held at the Main Beach on May 7 and 9:00 a.m. T-Shirts will be sold at each monthly meeting while supplies last.

Spring General Meeting: Please join us on Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the main beach. We will be giving an update and discussing in more detail the seawall replacement project, and discussing ideas for upcoming activities/events. We want everyone to get involved in the future decisions of the community. Please plan to join us and remember, only members who have paid their dues are allowed to vote.

#### T-Shirt Fundraiser:

Please join us at any of our community meetings to show your support and purchase a T-Shirt. The cost is \$25 each. Proceeds are for the replacement of the seawall. If you would like to purchase your T-Shirt in advance of a meeting, please contact Debbie Smith at 301-643-7785.

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

#### For Your Information

- We have had multiple reports of unleashed dogs roaming the neighborhood. Please keep your pets in your yard, or on a leash, to ensure everyone's safety. If you see a stray animal, please call Animal Control at 301-475-2500.
- Mosquito spraying will start up in May. Given our
  constant problem of standing water, this is a huge benefit of
  your dues. Please be sure to go inside when you hear the
  truck coming so that we don't have any interruption in
  service. We are hopeful the county will expedite our
  concerns in the community of standing water.
- LSR has completed the survey of the St. Mary's Avenue boat ramp.
- With the enormous cost to purchase a port-o-potty, and the
  concern with vandalism, a decision was made to continue
  renting a unit from T&T to include weekly cleaning. They
  provided excellent customer service last year at a low cost.
  We ask everyone to please keep the area clean and be
  respectful.
- 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.
- 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.

#### **Comments Corner**

<u>Welcome New Resident(s):</u> Mejia Bivian Del Carmen, Kelsey Bender, Kristi Zaphe, Emily Spears, Draven Hunter Silks, Floyd Mallet IV, and Derek and Barbara Stonestreet

Thank you for choosing our community to call home. Please let us know if you have any questions about the community and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events!

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

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

