



# St. Clement Shores News

Second Quarter 2023 Spring Edition

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## Membership Dues

It is time to renew your dues for the 2023/2024 year. Your dues matter! For only \$65 a year, you can enjoy the many amenities in your community and have peace of mind that the community properties are being maintained. Many people are shocked that our community offers so much for only \$65 a year. They comment about how beautiful the beach is, how nice the pier and pavilion are with the new seating areas and paved walkway, they rave about the convenience of having two boat ramps, the serenity that the remembrance garden offers, and they envy our community fellowship events. Let's continue to be proud of what we have and invest in keeping our community clean, well-maintained, and a great place to live.

We were able to accomplish a tremendous amount of improvements last year due to your generosity. Thank you to our many volunteers for donating their time and materials when they were able. Going into 2023, we have much more to do to make our community great. Below is a snapshot of the 2022 budget:

Electric (lights at the beach and streetlights at the community properties)	\$730.38
Mosquito Spraying	\$1,675.85
Post Office Box Rental	\$62.00
Postage for mailing newsletters and general correspondence	\$689.20
Printing/Copying/Mailing of Newsletter	\$120.28
Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,533.05
Port-a-Potty at the Beach	\$845.35
Meeting Expenses	\$175.30
Events	\$414.75
Trash Service	\$516.00
General Expenses (other)	\$424.25
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,186.41</b>

There are 296 households in our community. Last year, there were 169 paying members. This brought our total dues income to \$10,140.00 and with the basic yearly expenses constantly increasing, we needed to raise the dues and ask more in the community to pay your dues. It's easy to see how

much you all have so generously contributed to make beautiful improvements to the community and we THANK YOU! But we need to start being realistic about the needed repairs to the community pier and boat ramps. These will be very big upcoming expenses.

We hope that those of you who paid your dues last year and enjoyed the amenities, that you will again pay your dues in 2023. For those of you who have not joined us, please consider paying your dues. This is the ONLY way you are able to enjoy the community properties. The beach, pier, pavilion, boat ramps, and remembrance garden are for dues paying members ONLY.

We will discuss fundraising ideas at the Spring Meeting on May 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the beach and ask that you bring a side dish to share. Please join us as we work together to brainstorm ideas. **It takes a village – or in our case – a waterfront community to get the job done!**

Please keep in mind that in 2022, we saved a great deal of money by having so many people volunteer their time, tools, supplies, and materials as a donation to your community. This is a huge savings to the budget and we are grateful. Please let us know if you would like to help with upcoming projects. The more, the merrier!

Please also consider helping us cut the cost of mailing the newsletter and provide us with your email address. The newsletter is printed three times a year by a volunteer who supplies the paper and cost of copying the document. Thus, leaving the Association to **only** pay for the mailing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter newsletter which includes the membership form. This saves us hundreds of dollars! **PLEASE, sign up to get your information electronically.** This will allow you to get information more quickly, save paper, stamps, and envelopes. To those of you who already receive your newsletters online – THANK YOU! If you do not receive your newsletters electronically, please email us with your name and email address so that we can add you to the list: [St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com](mailto:St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com)

## Community Concerns

**Drainage:** We have been in contact with the County in reference to the drainage problem in our community. They are still in the planning process but we are on track to see some movement. The engineers have completed their work and the County is in discussions with the contractors. We are excited to see the plans in the near future and will keep you all updated.

**Golf Carts:** Delegate Matt Morgan introduced HB 219 and the bill cleared the House on March 20. We have been in contact with Delegate Matt Morgan's office and Delegate Todd Morgan's office to track the bill. They have both been incredibly helpful and we will continue to track the progress of the bill in the Senate and share the outcome as soon as we know more.

## For Your Information

- As the weather warms up, please drive slowly and watch for kids playing, neighbors walking, and bicyclists.
- Mosquito spraying will start up in May. 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 we won't have the issues we had last year, and the spraying will be done weekly.
- T-shirts can be purchased at any of the community meetings or events. The cost is \$25 each and the proceeds go towards the maintenance of the community properties. Please contact Debbie Smith at 301-643-7785 if you would like to make a purchase at another time convenient for you.

## On the Calendar

**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 7th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration on April 8. Doors open at noon. Registration for the egg hunt is from 12:00-12:30 with the egg hunt starting at 1:00. Please join us for an afternoon of family fun; outdoor activities, photos with the Easter Bunny, hotdogs, sodas, snacks and tons of fun for all ages. The event will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church, 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown.

### **Monthly Meetings:**

- Board Meeting, April 2 at 9:00 a.m.
- Spring Meeting, May 20 at 2:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting, June 4 at 9:00 a.m.

(Everyone is welcome at each of the meetings; however, you must be a dues paying member to vote.)

**Spring General Meeting:** We will be voting on several very important items at the spring meeting to include the following:

- purchase of security cameras for the pavilion and beach area
- fundraising ideas
- improvements to the community properties

### **Movie Nights are Back!**

- June 10 at dusk
- July 8 at dusk
- August 19 at dusk

(Movie titles and exact viewing times will be updated as we get closer to summer.)

### **Tie-Dying at the Beach:**

- July 22 from 10-noon (we will provide more details as the date gets closer)

We hope to schedule some food trucks, Bingo nights, and cookouts this summer to bring the community together. Stay tuned!

## Comments Corner

Welcome to our new residents: James Clint and Robert & Sara Evans. 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!

In memory of Donelle Shannon FitzGerald, we send our condolences to the Fitzgerald and Moran families.

If you have news you would like to share, please email info to [St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com](mailto:St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com)

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<https://stclementshores.org>

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