



St. Clement Shores News

Second Quarter 2024 Spring Edition

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Calling All Community Members!

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.

Update on Drainage Plan Department of Public Works held a meeting on March 27 and shared their updated plan regarding the project. Fortunately, several of our residents were able to attend. The overall outcome of the meeting was that they had a good turn-out and a lot of questions were asked and answered. Link https://youtu.be/fy2Q6yEtKWI?si=tg33aD_44S9v4Xml
The plans for our neighborhood have not been finalized as there are two residents of our community which Public Works needs for them to sign a of right of entry for engineering testing. We're hopeful we can get this done so they can proceed.

If we cannot obtain their authorization, then Public Works will have to go back to the drawing board and see what changes could be made to implement this project to move forward. Delaying the project indefinitely. Drainage is a major problem in our neighborhood. Public Works contact is Sam Roen, Project manager, 301-475-4200 x3524 if you have any questions.

It is not Public Works responsibility to fix any drainage issues IN your yard. It is the homeowner's responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership notices will be mailed the beginning of April. Dues go towards maintaining and protecting our waterfront community. Your community needs your help and support. **Please pay your dues.**

Those who paid electronically last year, we will email you an invoice through PayPal for payment.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

May 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. - Monthly Board Meeting will be held at the beach pavilion. All are welcome to attend.

May 5, 2024 - Scratch Mobile Kitchen Food Truck will be coming to the Main Beach. Please come out and support our local businesses! Watch out for the menu, and time - we will post on the community event page and send out an email blast!

May 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. – **Spring General Meeting**
We will talk about maintenance projects and activities we have planned for the community this year. We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions as we go forward. Potluck dinner to follow meeting. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there. Member cards will be available for pick-up at the meeting to help with mailing costs.

June 22, 2024 Beach Bingo Fundraiser - Please join us on Saturday, June 22. We will play bingo, have food for sale, and good community fellowship. Please plan to come and enjoy the evening starting at 2:00 p.m.

Past Events

Fall General Meeting was held **October 15, 2023** at the main Pavilion. The Community voted on the proposed By-Laws changes. The approved revised By-Laws will be posted on our community website. Many were there to vote. Thank you to Jimmy & Mary Fitzgerald for tallying the votes.

November 11, 2023 2:00 p.m. – Oyster Scald was held at the main beach. It was an amazing turn-out with many members requesting another event. We made \$651.00 after expenses. The weather was sunny and beautiful. We were very fortunate. Another event is in the works for next fall. Thank you to Michael & Jessica Dean for organizing, and everyone who helped get everything set up. As well as a **BIG** thank you to Johnny Curry for catching, cleaning, and cooking them.

Pending Improvements...

Archer Street ramp is in desperate need of repair. The estimate for repairing the ramp is roughly \$26,000. We are researching ways to help raise money to get the project moving forward as there are no grants/funding we can obtain. Once again, we are relying on your generous donations to get this project underway.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help restore the shores.

Someone once complained about the lack of work being done in the neighborhood. The response was a challenge asking them what they have done to make it better...

It takes all of us.

News to Share

Golf Carts: We are monitoring the Fall Commissioners meeting to be certain our community is on the golf cart use approval list to send to Annapolis for the 2024 Legislative Session. Stay tuned...

Seahorses: Did you know that several of our members have (accidently) caught seahorses at the pier? A species called Hippocampus Erectus is showing up in the tributaries of the Potomac River. This is due to the enormous amount of grasses which clean the water and provide the right amount of oxygen and sunlight for the seahorses to thrive. If you catch one, please be sure to release it back into the water.

Ditch Lines: After so many complaints last year about the ditch lines being overgrown and not maintained, you all stepped up last year and it shows! Thank you for caring enough to take the time to help keep the ditch lines cleared out so the water can keep moving.

Crabbing Lines: We had numerous complaints about people NOT cleaning up after themselves, last year, when crabbing or fishing at the pier. A new trash can will be placed on the pier, and we are hoping this will solve the problem. Please be respectful of others – and wildlife – by cleaning up after yourself.

TREASURY REPORT

Cash January 1, 2024 was \$22,860. For the period Jan-Mar 2024 our net expenses were \$3,374. Leaving an ending cash balance on Mar 31, 2024 of \$19,486. Breakdown of Net Expenses are...

Utilities: \$686 Port-a-Potty: \$239 Trash Service: \$129 Mosquito Spraying (2023 Season) \$2,409 PO Box Rental \$72 Postage/Printing expenses \$274 Bank/Paypal Fees \$2 **Earned \$2 Interest: Dues Payments \$390: Donations \$45**

2024/2025 Officers and Board of Directors

President: Laura Morgan

Vice President: Jessica Varesko-Dean

Treasurer: Laurine Toone

Interim Secretary: Courtney Lowe

Members at Large: Jim Beavan

John Morgan

Michael Dean

Event Coordinator: Jessica Varesko-Dean

Internal Accounting Review: Laurine Toone

Maintenance: Michael Dean, Jim Beavan, and

John Morgan

Newsletter: Courtney Lowe

Ways and Means: In need of Volunteers.

Comments Corner

Welcome to our new neighbors. We are delighted you chose our neighborhood to call home. Terry & Tracy Corrinne, Richard Winford and family, Sonia Gonzalez, and Kevin Lloyd.

Condolences: It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Joey & Nancy Knott, Buster Greathouse.

If we have missed any new residents, passings, or births, please let us know by sending an email to: 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.

Community Reminders

- With the changing of the season, be careful while out in the neighborhood. People and pets are out walking. Please adhere to the basic safety guidelines and *please watch your speed.*
- Our streets are narrow, please keep the roadways clear.
- Pets must be on a leash and *please, pick-up after them.*