



St. Clement Shores News

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
YOU ARE AMAZING!

Thank you to every single person who responded so quickly to our call to Restore the Shores! We were overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Through your kindness, we raised \$22,620.00 and donations are still coming in! Thank you to Michael Dean for his project management skills and dedication to seeing this project through from beginning to end, thank you to Laurine Toone for doing an excellent job managing our money, and thank you to each of you who stopped by the beach to lend a hand and support the project – there were many behind the scenes workers and we appreciate you!

The total for the seawall was \$24,275; the total for the walkway was \$14,463; and, the total for sand at the beach was \$600. This brought the total of the project to \$39,338. As you can see, we are short of our goal, but with the current improvements and more improvements to come, we hope you feel a sense of pride in the community and join as a member by paying your dues. Your dues and donations are the prime income for maintaining and improving the community you call home. This not only adds value to your community, but it also gives you a beautiful place to enjoy!

We plan to re-seed the area in the fall and plan to add more seating areas at the water. We still need to repair the deteriorating boat ramps, the rotted wood on the pier, make repairs to the pavilion, and we would like to pave the parking area to make it more handicap accessible. These are only some of the next major projects we need to tackle. We will keep the Restore the Shores fundraising open until we can get these projects completed and we will continue to look for fundraising ideas.

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Meeting with Commissioner Hewitt...

As you know, Commissioner Mike Hewitt and Lt. Douglas Mills of the St. Mary's Sheriff's office attended a meeting at the Pavilion on June 4. During that meeting, we discussed the excessive speeding in the neighborhood, neighborhood crime, access at the end of Archer Street, telephone pole obstruction at the beach parking area, the health of Cecil Creek, the water drainage problem in the ditch lines, feral cats and stray dogs, legalizing golf carts, and paving of the parking area at the beach.

Commissioner Hewitt and Lt. Mills came very well-prepared for our meeting and engaged in very informative discussions about our concerns. We didn't get all the answers we wanted, but we are grateful for the exchange of dialogue.

Excessive speeding: There is a very serious problem with speeding on Lady Baltimore Avenue. The cameras actually recorded someone driving 81 mph! Citizens are to call 301-475-8008 to report speeding, note the time of the incident, and be prepared to be a witness in court. Any information you can provide such as a tag number and make of car is helpful. We have requested to have calming humps installed on Lady Baltimore Avenue and we are waiting on confirmation that it will be done in 2023 when the roads are paved.

Feral cats and stray dogs: Please call Animal Control to report these issues. Daytime number is 301-475-8018 and the after-hours number is 301-475-8016. It is very helpful if you provide a picture and a location of the animal.

Archer Street: Commissioner Hewitt visited the end of Archer Street and assigned the County to clean up the area. This was completed soon after the meeting.

Neighborhood Crime: Lt. Mills came with statistics of the number of times they have patrolled the community and the amount of calls they have received for crime. His report was very informative, and he encouraged every citizen to call when they have a concern or to report a crime. Lt. Mills will also start attending our monthly meetings if we have concerns we'd like to share. He has provided us with his contact information and has agreed to be more engaged with our community.

Legalizing Golf Carts: Currently, golf carts are not legal to drive in our neighborhoods without being ticketed by the Sheriff's Department. We asked Commissioner Hewitt to assist us in getting them legalized in our communities and he agreed. We need to submit a petition to him by October 1 with at least 75% of the community signing. We have a petition prepared and are asking the community for signatures. If we are able to get a majority of residents to sign, we will present the petition to the Commissioner and he will ask our State Representative and State Senator to introduce legislation in the 2023 legislative session in the hopes that it will pass.

Please understand that the petition to legalize golf carts means the following:

- The person operating the golf cart must possess a valid driver's license;
- The golf cart must be equipped with certain lighting devices;
- The driver of the golf cart must keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible; and,
- The person driving the golf cart must adhere to all traffic laws and obey all traffic signals.

Please watch for opportunities to sign the petition. Many thanks to Shirley Beavan for taking on this project!

Telephone pole obstruction: We asked Commissioner Hewitt to intervene on our behalf with SMECO to have the telephone pole moved out of the parking area and closer to the fence. Unfortunately, SMECO will not move the pole without a fee. We are waiting to hear what it will cost to see if that is something we should pursue prior to paving the parking area.

Cecil Creek: We asked Commissioner Hewitt if there is State or Federal money to improve the health of the creek and open the access at the mouth. Unfortunately, we are not eligible for any funding.

Standing water in the ditch lines: Commissioner Hewitt came bearing good news about our standing water issues in the community.

Phase 1 (2 drainage systems) \$500,000

- Survey – summer to fall 22
- Engineering – fall 22 to fall 23, with the fastest two phases pulled out to proceed to bid
- Easement acquisition – summer 23 to winter 23, also used to determine which become the first two construction phases
- Permitting – fall to winter 23, but ongoing until all permits obtained for the later phases
- Bidding – Winter 23
- Construction – late winter 23 to end of spring 24

Phase 2 (3 drainage systems) \$750,000

- Bidding – early spring 24
- Construction – mid-spring to late summer 24

Phase 3 (3 drainage systems) \$750,000 (project start 7/1/24)

- Bidding – mid-summer 24
- Construction – late summer to early winter 24

With the new drainage system, pipes will replace the ditch lines, make for a shoulder along the roads, and allow easier mowing on your property. Please have patience as the project moves forward. We are very excited that we are scheduled to receive these much-needed improvements.

Upcoming Events...

Tie Dying - July 30 from 10 am - noon at the main beach. Please bring a WET T-shirt, or small garment, in a zip-lock bag with your name on the bag. We will provide the rest!

Community Meeting – August 13 at 9:00 am at the pavilion. Please join us to share your ideas and concerns.

Youth Fishing Tournament – August 13 at the main beach: Sign-up begins at 10 am., fishing begins at 11 am and a light lunch follows at noon. The event is sponsored by the St. Francis Xavier Church, Knights of Columbus.

Reminders...

- Mosquito spraying is scheduled to occur on Wednesday evenings between 8:30-9:30 p.m. This can change if the neighborhoods scheduled prior to ours don't receive their treatment. Please be sure your kids and pets are inside when spraying occurs. We understand there has been some inconsistency, but be assured that we are working with the county weekly.
- Please remember to pay your yearly dues. If you do not pay your dues, you are not entitled to use any of the following: boat ramps, pier, pavilion, or the beach.
- Please sign up to receive your newsletters electronically to save money.

Comments Corner...

Please welcome our new residents: Deborah Lilley, Brittan Taylor McIntosh, Elizabeth Kaspar, Chris and Jen Conner, and Zach and Susan Sanford. Thank you for choosing our community to call your home. We hope to see you at upcoming events!

Please join us in sharing our condolences to the family of the elder Francis Russell on his passing.