



St. Clement Shores News

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Let's Celebrate Our Community!

July Celebration at the Beach! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, July 1, to celebrate our community! We will provide hot dogs and water and we ask you to please bring a pot-luck dish. We will spend the evening at the beach enjoying volleyball, Bingo, and a 50/50 raffle for a fundraiser.

Mission Accomplished! We have already made so many improvements this year and we want to share the news with you:

- Boxes built around the beach picnic tables and filled with sand.
- Replaced two broken swings.
- Boxes built around the benches at the beach.
- Broken light at Remembrance Garden was replaced.
- Dog Poop Station was relocated for better placement.
- Rusted metal edging was removed from beach, replaced with wood, and redesigned for safety.
- Hillside was cleaned up and old metal posts were removed.
- Broken fence at beach gate was repaired.
- Two new swim buoys were installed.
- Landscape rock was moved from the beach to the port-a-potty area.
- New sign was installed at the beach with pilings, sand, and décor.
- Four new picnic tables were donated and placed at the pavilion.
- New volleyball net and balls set up at the beach.
- Upgraded security cameras with audio/visual have been installed at the pavilion and beach.

Coming Soon!

- Security camera with audio/visual will be installed at pier.
- Picnic tables and benches will be treated and sealed.
- Pier pilings will be sealed with epoxy paint for preservation.

More To Do!

- We need to replace the Archer Street boat ramp. It is in terrible shape and a major expense that will need to be done as soon as funds allow.

- We need to replace the wood at both boat ramp piers and treat and seal the wood.
- We need to replace the wood on the main pier and treat and seal the wood.

We thank everyone who has paid their dues this year and we especially thank everyone who included a donation to improve the Shores. We are very aware that your trust in the handling of your money is critical, and we work hard to share with you a full accounting of where your money goes. Thank you for your confidence in the Board.

Please note that the small repairs are often done by volunteers at no cost to the community. Other repairs are free of labor, but materials are expensed to the community.

Spring Meeting

We had a GREAT turnout! The meeting was very successful with members sharing ideas for the community. We had four members donate the new picnic tables for the pavilion, a member who donated volleyballs, and a member who will donate a set of cornhole boards and bags this month.

We asked for a volunteer to organize a golf tournament as a fundraising event, but we didn't have anyone willing to make that commitment. If you would like to take on that project, please reach out to Debbie Smith 301-643-7785. We understand that a golf tournament has the potential to raise a large sum of money that we would put towards some of the major projects that need attention.

We received an estimate of \$19,850 to replace the Archer Street boat ramp with a 50'x12' ramp with an 8'x6' pad at the pier. (This does not include de-watering the work area.) A motion was accepted to get another estimate for the size we currently have (35'x12'). The community agreed that we need to tackle the project very soon, but we do not currently have the funds.

We also received an estimate of \$5,280.29 for wood only to replace the piers at the two boat ramps. A decision was made to get two more estimates with at least one estimate to include removal of the old piers and all labor.

Community Updates

Drainage: We have been in contact with the County in reference to the drainage problem in our community. There are currently several drawings on the table and in order to confirm which plan will be implemented, you will see some digging in the community. This will allow the engineers to determine where any underground obstacles may be to then decide on which plan is the most effective without being the most destructive. Once this part of the project has been completed and the final plan is in place, the County will come out and provide information to the community. At that time, we will hold a meeting at the pavilion.

Golf Carts: The St. Mary's County Commissioners confirmed that our community is on the list for approval at the Fall meeting to allow golf carts in our community. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen! As soon as the list is submitted to the State Legislature (by December 1, 2023), the legislation will be considered in the 2024 Legislative Session. We will continue to follow the events and keep you informed.

Upcoming Events

Board Meetings –

- Friday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Food Trucks –

- Nicolette's Pizza – Friday, July 14 from 5-7:00 p.m.
- Chaptico Market – Wednesday, July 19 from 5-7:00 p.m.

Laser Tag – Saturday, July 8 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please sign up at <https://events.rallypoint.fun/scsca/fundraiser/>

Movie Nights –

- Saturday, July 8 at dusk
- Saturday, August 19 at dusk
(Movie titles will be updated as we get closer.)

Tie Dying - July 22 from 10 a.m. - noon at the main beach. Please bring a WET T-shirt, or small garment (socks, hair ties, etc.), in a zip-lock bag with your name on the bag. We will provide the rest!

Youth Fishing Tournament – August 19 at the main beach: Sign-up begins at 10 a.m., fishing begins at 11 a.m. and a light lunch follows at noon. The event is sponsored by the St. Francis Xavier Church, Knights of Columbus.

Comments Corner

Welcome to our new residents: Jonathan and Julianna Burson, Susan Nobles, and Macualey Fejes and Morgan Tabor.

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

Resident Concerns

In the past several years, there has been much discussion about the appearance of our community. As we have made huge improvements to the beach area, community signage areas, and general maintenance of the properties, it has also encouraged many residents to spruce up their personal properties. As our community continues to make improvements, please consider the appearance of your property and show respect for your neighbors. If you need assistance with lawn care, or general repairs around your property, please reach out to the community. There are many in the neighborhood who are looking for work or are willing to help you with repairs. Remember, it takes a village to make a great community.

Reminders

- Mosquito spraying is scheduled to occur on Friday evenings around 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.
- Please remember to pay your yearly dues. **If you do not pay your dues, you are not entitled to use the boat ramps, pier, pavilion, or the beach.**
- Please sign up to receive your newsletters electronically to save money. Email us at: st.clements.boardofdirectors@gmail.com
- Please call Animal Control to report feral cats and stray dogs. Daytime number is 301-475-8018 and the after-hours number is 301-475-8016. Please provide a picture and location of the animal if possible.

Be in the Know:

 We are a part of the [Facebook](#) community:

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

Visit our **Website** – you'll be able to keep up with events, read newsletters, search for forms, and more:
<https://stclementshores.org>