



# St. Clement Shores News

Fourth Quarter 2021 Fall Edition  
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## Community Improvements

As summer wraps up, we have a lot to be thankful for in the community:

- Two new benches with reversible backs were purchased with community dues and have been installed at the beach. A shout out to Jim Beavan and John Smith for volunteering their time to get this project completed for everyone to enjoy.
- The old benches at the beach have been spruced up, painted, and repaired. Thank you to Jim Beavan and John Smith for ensuring they are now safe to sit on and enjoy the sights of the Bay.
- New ceiling fans were purchased with community dues and installed in the pavilion by Jim Beavan, John Smith, and Dale Wince. A welcome addition on a hot summer day.
- Security measures have been taken to help protect beach property. In addition, the port-o-potty has been moved inside the fenced area for better safety.
- The Woods and St. Clement Shores have had a full season of mosquito spraying. This helps stop the spread of disease from mosquitos. This is a huge expense that is paid with your dues.
- The drain pipe that runs under the beach property was flushed out and the old terra cotta pipes were removed from the water. The County is working with the association to ensure the pipe remains intact and continues to carry rainwater from the community to the St. Clements Bay. John Smith has taken the lead on this project, and we are grateful to the County for taking responsibility.
- John Myles has taken the lead role in working with MetCom on the water hydrant installation for the neighborhood. We appreciate his knowledge and time to ensure the project is moving forward. Please check his updates on the community Facebook page.
- Michael Varesko-Dean has been unfailing in keeping the community properties maintained. This is a HUGE savings to our budget, and we are thankful he volunteered his time this year.
- We have contracted with LSR Surveyors to have the St. Mary's boat ramp property surveyed to determine the property markers. This was voted on at the August association meeting. Thank you to Dottie McCubbin for taking on this project.

- New American flags were purchased for the street poles. We plan to purchase more as funds allow to include more streets. Thank you to Laura and James Morgan for taking care of this.
- New boards were installed on the seawall at the remembrance garden. Thank you, Michael Varesko-Dean, for taking care of this.
- A "No Dumping" sign has been ordered and will be installed at the beach entrance.

There are many heroes in the neighborhood who silently work to improve our community. They might pick up trash, make small repairs to something that needs attention, they might take the time to keep the grass cut around the community mailboxes or keep the ditch line cut back when a neighbor might not be able to, or move fallen debris from the roadway or a neighbor's yard. These are the people that make our community so great. **Kindness is our mark that we leave on the world - thank you for being kind.**

## Upcoming Events

**Membership Meeting** – Please join us on Sunday, October 17 at 3:00 pm at the beach. We will be holding elections for the Board members, discussing improvements to the community, and hoping to hear your concerns. We want you to come out and enjoy a free burger and fellowship. We understand that life is busy, and that time is precious, but even donating an hour of your time at an event, sharing your input at a meeting, or providing wisdom to solve a problem could make a huge difference in our community. **Please bring your ideas and concerns to the meeting along with a side dish to share with your neighbors. We hope to see you there!**

**Halloween Pre-Game Bash** – Come dressed in your Halloween costume on Sunday, October 31 at 4:00 pm, and enjoy hot dogs, chili, popcorn, a goodie bag for the kids, some spooky music, and guessing games. For those of you with golf carts – get them decked out to show off at the beach. BYOB and come party with the neighborhood before hitting the streets to trick-or-treat!

## Proposed Improvements

The community voted at the August meeting to research key card access for the beach property. This decision was made because of recent property damage to the pavilion and the influx of non-paying members using the community property. A concern was also raised about non-paying members using the community boat ramps so we will be pursuing a security system for that as well.

We hear your concerns about people speeding in the neighborhood – especially on Lady Baltimore Avenue. We have reached out to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's office to see if they can assist us in any way to deter the high speeding in our neighborhood. We hope to get their assistance and we will keep you updated.

We are working with Don Kaspar to get lighting for the community sign at the beginning of the neighborhood. He has been gracious enough to provide his property for our sign and is working with us to provide electricity.

Please know that we understand the importance of using the community dues wisely. We take your concerns very seriously and strive to make as many of the improvements that we possibly can with our limited budget. Please continue sharing your concerns. We are grateful to those of you who are able to pay \$60.00 a year to improve the community.

## Summer Events

We have had a very successful summer of events. Thank you to Jessica Varesko-Dean and everyone who volunteered to help with each activity. We would love to hear from you with new ideas for events or improvements to current events. Please send an email to the association or join us at one of our monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome!

**Tie-Dye on the Beach:** We were so fortunate to have a wonderful breeze on July 17, and although we didn't have a large turnout, a great time was had by all. We had participants from every age group and we enjoyed seeing everyone's Facebook posts of their finished project. We hope you will consider joining us for the event next year – and start thinking of what you'd like to tie-dye. Thanks to Laurine Toone for her expertise and for organizing this event.

**Bingo at the Beach:** We had great weather again on July 23 for Myra's Food Truck and Bingo. John Morgan did a great job leading us in a fun game of Bingo and we raised \$102 for the community.

**Youth Fishing Derby:** Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring and working this event for the benefit of our neighborhood children. Also, a heartfelt thanks to James & Laura Morgan for coordinating and working the event each year. Unfortunately, the weather on August 7 didn't cooperate, but the kids and parents weathered the storm (literally) and we managed to finish the tournament.

**S'mores at the Shores:** Thank you to everyone who came out on September 18 to enjoy some s'mores. We had quite the menu this year and we hope to see you next year at this event.

*Please check message board, Facebook, and emails for upcoming events*

## Comments Corner

**Welcome to our new neighbors:** Barbara Roberson, Anthony Souza, William Tice, Britta Spicer, and Jane Saunders. We are so happy you chose our neighborhood to call home!

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

[St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com](mailto:St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com)

## Fundraisers

**Brick Fundraiser -** If you're interested in purchasing a brick for our garden of remembrance, you can find the brick form on our website at:  
<http://stclementshores.org>

**T-Shirt Fundraiser -** We have posted a picture of the community T-Shirts on the Facebook page. The shirts are \$25.00 and come in a variety of sizes for men and women. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, you can email us, comment on the Facebook post, or come to any monthly meeting as we will have them available there.

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**Note of Interest:**

As we continue to have an issue with speeding on Lady Baltimore Avenue, many of our families use Archer Street to safely access the county park. Please be aware that there is a fallen branch that is blocking the pathway. We will reach out to the county to have them clear the path as soon as possible. In the meantime, please use extreme caution.