St. Clement Shores News

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#### We hope to see you!

**October 15 at 3:00 p.m.** Please come to the pavilion to vote on upcoming projects, give your input, and elect the leaders for the 2022-2023 year. We would love to see new faces – and we always enjoy seeing familiar faces!

#### We need your vote on the following issues:

Extend the seawall with fill dirt, silt liner, and rock at the left side of the beach. We own the property in front of the Morris residence and we need to preserve the land that is eroding away. The cost is expected to be between \$2500-\$3000.

Security System at the beach gate. We are having a constant problem with visitors OUTSIDE of the community using the pier. We are also having a MAJOR problem with community members using the facilities that DO NOT pay dues. This is a blatant lack of respect to those who have dug deep into their pockets to pay for the upgrades to the area and those who continue to pay their dues to sustain the community properties! This behavior MUST stop. For many years, the Board has overlooked the problem, but after the citizens spent \$40,000 to improve the property, we cannot let this continue. If you have not paid your dues and you walk through the gate - you are trespassing. Please come share your ideas to solve this problem.

Community drainage project. All homeowners have received a letter from the County detailing the drainage improvement plan - which includes access to community-owned properties. We need to vote to allow right-of-entry and follow-up with a letter from the Association. Individual homeowners may need to allow a right-of-entry to their property and we will have the draft document at the meeting for you to review. We all must work together to solve the drainage problem. Standing water has wreaked havoc on everyone's property and we finally have the help we need to fix the problem. Let's keep the momentum moving forward.

# **Comments Corner**

As we all try to do our best in the community to make our house a home, our neighbors like family, and our community the best place to live, it's important to always remain respectful. We all have different ideas, opinions, lifestyles, and morals. We have recently had a few incidents of rude and vulgar behavior at the beach. This type of language, threatening behavior, and attacks on members of the community will not be tolerated. We can and must do better!

Many people have expressed concern about coming down to the beach to enjoy the amenities because of the rude and disrespectful behaviors of others. Please take an opportunity to discuss this issue with **everyone** in your household – we can all use a little reminder in being kind, respectful, and thoughtful of how our behavior affects others.

# Mutual respect is the foundation of genuine harmony

### Upcoming Meetings/Events

<u>October 2 at 8:30 a.m.</u> – Monthly Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend as we discuss issues of importance to the community and plan for the General Meeting.

<u>October 15 at 3:00 p.m.</u> – General Meeting and Elections. All are welcome to attend, however, only dues paying members will be allowed to vote. Please be sure to bring your membership card with you. We will be voting on several issues and electing the new Board for the 2022-2023 season.

<u>October 22 at 6:00 p.m.</u> – Fall Family Movie Night. Everyone is invited to bring a blanket, lawn chair, treats to share, and a beverage of your choice. We will provide the Halloween movie, popcorn, and s'mores. Please join us for this fun, free, family event!

# **GREAT IMPROVEMENTS!**

Since our last newsletter, we are still reaping the benefits of more improvements to the beach and pavilion:

- Two new picnic tables at the waterfront with umbrellas
- One new picnic table outside of the pavilion area with an umbrella
- A basketball stand and ball (donated by Barbara Roberson thank you!)
- A new toddler swing and infant swing to go along with a new swing stand
- New website developed by our volunteer Bruce Lutz
- The shed was relocated, rotten wood was replaced, and the shed was re-painted (BIG thank you to Jim and Shirley Beavan for painting the shed)
- Three dead trees were cut down and removed by Kerwin Tree Service (they did an outstanding job!)
- Port-a-potty was relocated to the corner by the shed (thank you to Michael Dean for building the foundation!)
- A dining shelf was built and installed at the pavilion for future events (thank you Jim Beavan, Michael Dean, and John Smith)
- More American flags were purchased for the utility poles on Lady Baltimore, but we are holding off on installing them while the old poles are being removed
- Broken electrical outlets were replaced and new outlets installed at the pavilion
- The ladder at the high dive platform has been repaired and secured for better ease of climbing (thank you to Jim Beavan and John Smith)
- The Woods community sign was cleaned and painted (thank you, Cecile Moran!)

Thank you to our volunteers for their free labor and donation of time to make these projects so cost-effective. This is a huge savings to the community budget! You're the BEST!

### Proposed Improvements

- We plan to add lighting inside of the shed at the beach, and also add security lighting outside of the shed to light up the port-a-potty.
- We hope to install a walkway to the port-a-potty and we'd like to install a changing area as well.
- We are looking at ways to get water access at the pavilion although it won't be potable water, it will at least allow you to rinse off after a day at the beach.
- We are trying to move the power line out of the parking area and closer to the fence. This will provide more parking spaces.
- We are still working to get electricity to the community sign at the entrance and hope to have that installed this year.
- In the winter, a clean-up of the hill at the beach will take place and we hope to improve the area in the spring with new plantings.

Please let us know what improvements you would like to see in the neighborhood and let's work together to make them happen!

#### Summer Events

<u>Tie-Dye on the Beach</u>: We had a great turn out this year at the pavilion on July 30! Thanks to Laurine Toone for her expertise and for organizing this event. This year Laurine surprised us with neon and glitter tie-dye, and it was a huge hit! We hope you will join us next year.

<u>Youth Fishing Derby</u>: Great weather and great fishing on August 13 for the 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. We had some strong competitors this year and everyone had a great time.

# Important News to Share

<u>Community Beware:</u> Please be aware of your surroundings – especially at night. There have been multiple reports of a person seen standing in people's yards during the nighttime hours. The police have been notified and are taking action.

<u>Golf Cart Petition</u>: We are still working hard to get the required signatures to legalize golf carts in the community. This will require the driver to be a licensed driver, follow all traffic safety laws, and to have the golf cart properly marked.

Welcome to our new neighbors: Richard & Deidre Whitty, Franziska Dubac, Roger Bussler, Jayson Lynde, and Emma Carpenter. We are so happy you chose our neighborhood to call home!

<u>Condolences:</u> Our deepest condolences to the Hartnett and Farrell families for their loss. Your loved ones will be deeply missed in our community.

If we have missed any new residents, passings, or births, please let us know by sending an email to: <u>St.Clements.BoardofDirectors@gmail.com</u>

The Board would like to thank each and every one of you who have paid your dues. We will continue to work hard to make this a community to be proud to call home.