



Marling Farms Community Association

P. O. Box 123, Chester Maryland 21619

2019 Annual Newsletter

Upcoming Events



Annual Community Picnic
Saturday, June 8th

4 PM Beach 3 Volunteers
needed to help setup, cook, and
cleanup the event!

Please contact
marlingfarms@gmail.com if
you wish to help.



Annual Ice Cream Social
Friday, June 14th 4 - 5

PM Frozen treats given to
children of all ages to
celebrate the end of another
school year.



Annual Autumn Wine, Beer,
and Cheese Social

September TBD, 6 PM

Join fellow community
members at our Beach 3
pavilion to sample wine, beer, and
cheese as we catch up with one
another while watching the sunset
over Crab Alley Bay. This was a
well-attended event last year.



Message from the President

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the beautiful Spring weather! A big thanks to all who attended the Spring Community Meeting at Fisherman's Inn. We discussed the treasurer's report, the new play set installation and pier replacement at Beach 3, and the schedule of upcoming community events.

*The vote to increase the dues to \$100 this year passed with an astounding 78% of the community [MFCA members in good standing] voting "YES!". The breakdown of the results is in this newsletter and will be posted at our website, www.marlingfarms.com. **Also, with this newsletter (also posted at our website) is the [2019-2020] dues invoice for mailing to MFCA, P.O. Box 123, Chester, MD 21619.** If you prefer, you can alternatively submit your dues payment using your Paypal account. After you log in, go to "Send & Request" and type in marlingfarms@gmail.com.*

There are many projects planned for our community. First on the list is the pier at Beach 3. Our estimated start date for replacement is June 15. The old pier will be completely removed along with the old pilings. New pilings will be installed and the new pier will be the same length, but also a foot wider! Next, we will address the beach access at Beach 2. Large rocks will be used to form steps down to the beach. The pavilion at Beach 3 will need repairs as well. We received several comments and suggestions from community members. For example, one suggestion was to consider adding electricity to the pavilion. Please keep your ideas coming, we are only an email away at marlingfarms@gmail.com. It is great to see community members engaged in wanting to make Marling Farms the best it can be.

As always, please remember the speed limit is 25 MPH throughout the community. Enjoy your Spring and Summer! Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and the Fall Community Meeting. Be grateful for each and every day, and I wish all the best to you and your family.

— Tim Vrabel



THANK YOU SHOUT OUTS!

- * To the Euler Family for the Beach 3 Playset donation!
- * To the volunteers who added the finishing touches to the Beach 3 Playset area!
- * To our mystery gardener for beautifying our entrance area!

Community Association Executive Council

OFFICERS

President - *Tim Vrabel*

Vice President - *Steve Ripkin*

Secretary - *Donna Sutherland*

Treasurer - *Denise Reilly*

Board of Directors

Brian Burkett

Peter Martinez

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**Marling Farms
Community, Kent Island**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Maintenance, Work Day, and

Improvements.....*Tim Vrabel*

Community Safety.....*Steve Ripkin*

Website.....*Mark Kimball*

Communications.....*Donna Sutherland*

Front Sign, and

Facebook.....*Marie Martinez*



If you have an idea for an article that would be of interest to the community then please submit it for the next newsletter!

Contact us by email at:
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Next Newsletter: Spring 2020



We had a great turn out from our community at Fisherman's Inn on Thursday, April 25th. Tim Vrabel, in the President's message, presented the meeting highlights, including that our dues are increasing to \$100. If anyone wants a copy of the complete minutes from the meeting, they are available upon request by emailing marlingfarms@gmail.com.

Here are some other highlights from the meeting. As Tim mentioned, the estimated start day for work on the pier at Beach 3 is June 15th. We are taking out a loan for the pier and plan to pay this off within 18-24 months. The dues increase will allow for the loan to be paid off quickly as well as give us funds for future projects.

After his report out, Tim opened up the meeting for questions and concerns. Below are just some of the questions and concerns.

- “Are we going to just break even at the end of the year?” *“No, we have reserved funds in case of emergencies.”*
- “Do some people still owe past dues?” *“Yes, and we are in the process of doing more to collect those dues.”*
- “What happened to the trash cans at Beach 3?” *“The trash cans were constantly blowing over and there was a problem with using bungee cords to secure them. Also, there was a problem of people bringing their own personal trash to Beach 3 to deposit in those cans. Perhaps, we will get the trash cans back for the summer?”*
- “Can we get electricity to the pavilion in the future?” *“This is a great idea and we would like to see even more done for our community in the future.”*
- “What about security and policing the beaches?” Major Dwayne Boardman spoke to this concern. He stated that they do police our neighborhood and have the speed data, etc. He also spoke about the free app that you can get from the sheriff's office. With this app, you can send in tips, etc. This can curb offenses that are happening in our neighbor. Tim included that we should never approach people ourselves, but to call the police. It was also mentioned that we should have our community stickers posted on vehicles when using the beaches.

It was great to hear these questions and concerns from our neighbors. Of course, you can also share your questions and concerns with the board at marlingfarms@gmail.com.

Lastly, Tim shared our upcoming events with the community; Community picnic on June 8th, the ice cream social on June 14th for children of all ages, and our Fall social to be held sometime in September. Hope to see you there!

— Donna Sutherland, Secretary

News to Share

Welcome our new neighbors!



Ken Zimmerman, Kathryn & Zachary Finnical, Susan Knox & Danny Baxter, Douglas Talley, Ivan Siminyak, Annette Byers, Jeffrey Dillon, Rebecca & Harrison Sommerville, Deborah & Kerry Kohnhorst, and Kendall Ruth.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was attended by over 40 children and their families, even though there was a two hour delay due to rain. There were four golden egg winners who received big chocolate bunnies. There were many food and drink donations for a nice after party. The kids played Carrot Toss and had sack races for prizes. Kim Leedy planned this event and would like to thank all of the parents who helped to make this such an enjoyable time for the children. Kim would also like any suggestions to make this event even better. Also, Kim is happy to host next year, but would be happy pass this on to another parent who would like to take over the planning of this event. If you are interested in helping out with or planning this event next year, please send a message to marlingfarms@gmail.com. **Our thanks to Kim and to the other parents for helping to make this event so successful.**

Marling Farms Community Association *Treasurer's Report: April 2019*

Account Balance as of April 1, 2018: \$29,961.24

Income

Dues	\$13,218.33
Ads	\$ 100.00
Donations	\$ 210.00

Expenses

Landscaping	(\$ 5,475.00)
Mosquito Spraying	(\$ 2,400.00)
Insurance	(\$ 1,643.00)
Improvements (playset, locks)	(\$ 4,868.29)
Community Functions (Egg Hunt, Picnic, Ice Cream, etc)	(\$ 1,122.20)
Delmarva Power	(\$ 422.01)
Trash pick-up Beach 2 & 3	(\$ 450.00)
Member Stickers	(\$ 331.18)
Postage	(\$ 391.25)
Newsletter	(\$ 172.25)
PO BOX Fee	(\$ 134.00)
Zero Waste Bags	(\$ 101.75)
Website	(\$ 263.92)
CD	(\$15,000.00)

*Opened w/Shore United Bank 4/26/2018,
interest earned \$146.10 as of 12/31/2018*

Account Balance as of April 30, 2019: \$10,714.72

Marling Farms

Community Beaches

- ☀️ For Dues-Paying Members Only
- ☀️ Open Sunrise to Sunset
- ☀️ Use at Your Own Risk
- ☀️ Children Under 13 with Adult Supervision Only!
- ☀️ Please Clean Up Your Trash and After Your Pet
- ☀️ CAUTION-Water Subject to Heavy Tidal Action
- ☀️ Swim at Your Own Risk
- ☀️ No Overnight Parking
- Violators Will Be Prosecuted



Are you not receiving occasional email messages from Marling Farms? Then make sure to include your personal email address on the Dues Invoice form when you mail in your dues. This will allow you to receive timely updates on events happening in the community, notification of the occasional missing pet, and other community-centric communications.



MFCA Annual Dues Increase

After the recent mailing of a letter from the MFCA President, with postcard to vote and return by April 12, the dues increase to \$100 passed by an overwhelming majority. Ballots were mailed to 334 homeowners in Marling Farms. Only votes from homeowners in good standing counted (dues up-to-date). Here is the breakdown of results based on postcards returned:

152 Votes Counting = 78% FOR INCREASE

119 Yes

33 No

1 Yes, but to \$75

2 No (no address given)

7 Yes (no address given)

15 No (not current)

20 yes (not current)



Attention Pet Owners

Please be mindful and pick up after your pets. Our community provides waste bags at each of our community beaches. It has been reported that people are leaving used “poop bags” on the sides of the roads. Please take these bags home and deposit them in your own trash cans. See further information on page 3 “Did you Know” section.



We were fortunate to have Major Dwayne Boardman attend our recent community meeting at Fisherman’s Inn. He suggested that we download the mobile app that is now available on the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). **Thanks Major Boardman!**

An advertisement for the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff mobile app. It features a smartphone displaying the app's interface, the text "QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY Office of the Sheriff", and the slogan "Download our app today!". To the right is the Sheriff's Office badge and logos for Google Play and the App Store. At the bottom right, it says "Search: Queen Anne's County MD Sheriff".

The Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff mobile application is an interactive app, which will help improve communication with Queen Anne’s County residents, businesses, and visitors. Information will include, but not be limited to contact information, news, emergency alerts, local weather, inmate search, sex offenders, and Most Wanted. Citizens may submit a crime tip directly through the app, as well as see and share social media posts. By empowering people through technology, the Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff will be able to better ensure the public safety of our county.

This App is not meant to be used to report emergency situations. If you have an emergency please call 911

Mosquito Control within the Community

Again this year, the Community has signed up with Queen Anne's County for adult mosquito surveillance and spraying. The County is not assigning specific days by community this year. They hope to better serve all communities with flexible scheduling. That way when inclement weather strikes we will not have to wait till a set day for spraying service.



In accordance with guidance found at <https://www.qac.org/511/Mosquito-Control...>

Regular surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes: Sunday-Thursday (excluding State holiday's), bi-weekly service anytime between 7:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds below 1 MPH or exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89F.

The County's technicians are instructed to turn off the sprayer when they see people and, for this reason, they ask that we stay inside when we see or hear the spray truck. The density of the adult mosquito population will be measured by landing rate counts and CDC mosquito light traps. Spraying only takes place when the density of mosquitoes reaches a standard threshold. Much more detail regarding this may be found on the Marling Farm's website under the Community Documents section.

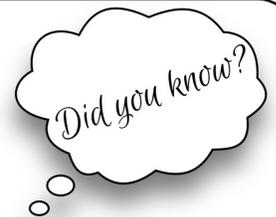
The Marling Farms Community Association provides dog waste bags at each of our Community Beaches to support QAC Law.

Queen Anne's County Code Chapter 9, Animal Control, Section 18 states the following on the Discharge on Property of Others:

A. Private property. The owner or custodian of an animal may not allow his or her animal or any animal under his or her care to defecate on the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property.

B. Public property. The owner or custodian of an animal may not allow his or her animal or any animal under his or her care to defecate on public property unless the owner or custodian of the animal immediately thereafter removes and disposes of any and all waste in a sanitary manner.

NOTE: All dogs, cats and ferrets (4 months and older) require registration in QAC.



How much are MFCA dues, and how is the money used?

Annual dues are \$100, and they go mostly toward mandatory liability insurance, maintaining community areas, mosquito spraying, printing and mailing newsletters, community gatherings and beautifying our community.

Why is the community speed limit 25MPH?

Many residents enjoy hiking, riding, and dog walking along our community roadways.

Unfortunately, there are no sidewalks. During the most recent traffic safety study, it was found that the posted speed limit best remain at 25 miles per hour. Raising the speed limit 10 MPH will subtract less than one minute of commute time through the neighborhood. An added note: Parsons Island Road is posted at 30 MPH, a good idea especially considering the deer, foxes, turtles and other surprises.

What can you do about speeding in the neighborhood?

This is the most frequently asked question. If you observe ANY dangerous or illegal activity, this includes vandalism, theft and trespassing, along with speeding or aggressive driving, let the QAC Sheriff do their duty, by calling (410) 758-0770. Of course, in the case of true emergency, call 911. Please be considerate of your neighbors when driving around and through the community.



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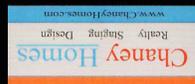


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 AND NEWSLETTER