

2026 Dues Notice
Shorewood Estates Civic Association, Inc.

It's time once again to join your neighbors and pay SECA Annual Dues*! Membership voted for a 1-year moratorium on Dues increase and keep 2026 Dues at the 2025 rate of \$162 (only \$13.50/month). **SECA Dues are a *fraction* of other water-access communities on the Sassafras River** (e.g., Gentle Winds = \$1,800/year). To help keep expenses down, many of our neighbors generously volunteer their time and talents to maintain and enhance our community to ensure Shorewood Estates is a safe, clean, and *highly desirable neighborhood* to live.

Your Dues help cover costs of annual liability insurance and maintenance of the beautiful common-access areas and amenities we ALL enjoy – adding tremendous value to ALL our properties!

Recent projects include removing a large, downed tree across the access road to Boat Dock area, refurbishing access road (replace 6x6 timbers, regrade path, install new catch basin, add new stone, and topdress), and participating in environmental/public safety programs (SwimTesters Bacteria Program, Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV)) to monitor the health of Swantown Creek; New projects may include a pond walkway & fountain, improve boat launch & Anchorage picnic areas.

Annual general expenses are approximately \$10,000 for:

- Mowing, weed-eating, landscaping, tree care, and poison ivy control at all common-access areas including Anchorage Lane Dock Area, Boat Dock Area, and Shorewood Road entrance
- Anchorage Lane Picnic Area & Boat Dock Area Maintenance and Repairs – access roads, swimming area, community dock, picnic tables, benches, personal watercraft storage racks, gangway, and winterization; Slip Dues also help maintain Boat Dock
- Common rail-system mailboxes at Duck Hollow Dr, Sassafras Rd, Swantown Creek Rd, Pineywood Rd, and Anchorage Ln (private roads with no USPS mail delivery to each house)
- Liability insurance, general administrative activities, and website maintenance that keeps all Shorewood Estates residents/property owners informed of community events and activities

Your Membership allows you to vote on community issues, participate in the annual Slip Lottery for the Boat Dock, and use convenient personal watercraft Storage Racks

Over the past few years, we raised almost \$10,000 in additional contributions from generous Members – please consider including a contribution with your Annual Dues. Safe, convenient, and well-maintained access to the water *benefits the entire community and adds tremendous value to YOUR property*. Please, help us keep ***Shorewood Estates one of the most desirable neighborhoods on the Sassafras.***

*Dues and contributions for common area maintenance are voluntary and not tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes as SECA is not a charitable organization. **Need to make arrangements to pay in installments? No problem, just contact us!

Please complete this section & send with a check by March 31 to: SECA, PO Box 283, Galena, MD 21635

YES, I want to keep Shorewood Estates & MY property values up, and our common areas safe & clean!

_____ **\$162 Dues**** + **Extra Contribution* (Your Choice)** _____ **\$50** _____ **\$100** _____ **\$150** _____ **Other**

Name: _____

Address 1: (Shorewood Estates) _____

Address 2: (Other) _____

Phone # 1: _____ e-mail # 1: _____

Phone # 2: _____ e-mail # 2: _____

Contact information is for Shorewood Estates use ONLY to keep you informed of community activities