

**2020 Dues Notice**  
**Shorewood Estates Civic Association**

**It's time to pay your SECA Annual Dues\***! In last year's Dues Notice, we reported that dues would increase this year. As expected, the Membership voted to increase Dues to \$150 (\$12.50 per month). Our research shows SECA Dues are a fraction of other water-access communities on the Sassafras River, and many of our neighbors work very hard *personally* maintaining community structures and common areas to keep expenses down while maintaining Shorewood Estates as a safe, clean, and highly desirable place to live.

**Your Dues cover the costs of annual liability insurance and maintenance of the beautiful common-access areas and amenities we all own – adding tremendous value to all our properties.**

Annual general expenses are approximately \$6,100 for:

- Mowing, weed-eating, landscaping, tree care, and poison ivy control at all common-access areas including Anchorage Beach, Boat Dock Area, and Shorewood Road entrance
- Anchorage Beach Maintenance and Repairs – entrance road, beach area, swimming area, community dock and benches, and 2 dinghy storage racks
- Boat Dock Area Maintenance and Repairs – entrance road, boat landing area, dock ramp and benches, and 2 dinghy storage racks; Boat Slip Dues also help maintain the dock
- Mailbox common rail systems at Swantown Creek, Pineywood, Anchorage, Duck Hollow, and Sassafras Roads (private roads with no mail delivery to each house)
- [Shorewoodestates.com](http://Shorewoodestates.com) website, which keeps everyone informed of information relevant to SECA Members and all Shorewood Estates residents and property owners.

**Your Dues allow you to vote on community issues, participate in the annual Slip Lottery for our Boat Dock, and use any of the 4 convenient dinghy storage racks.**

We're diligent about maintaining our docks but the harsh environment has taken its toll. After the ice damage of 2018, we discovered that the boat dock and pilings were severely deteriorated and needed to be replaced. **We are now midway through a dock raise & rebuild that will ultimately cost over \$35,000 and use nearly all of SECA's carefully saved maintenance funds.** In response, we increased Slip Dues \$100 per slip in 2019, 2020, 2021, increased Dues this year, and established a Dock Fund last year for contributions to help with the dock rebuild and start "rebuilding our coffers".

**To date, the Dock Fund has raised close to \$2,100 but we need more - 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 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 send 2020 Dues by March 31 to: SECA, PO Box 283, Galena, MD 21635**

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

\_\_\_ **\$150 Dues\*\* + Dock Fund 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*