

2021 Dues Notice
Shorewood Estates Civic Association

It's time to pay your SECA Annual Dues*! The Membership voted to retain Dues at the 2020 amount of \$150 (only \$12.50 per month). Our research continues to show SECA Dues are a *fraction* of other water-access communities on the Sassafras River. To keep expenses down, many of our neighbors generously volunteer their time and talents to maintaining community structures and common areas in order to continue to ensure Shorewood Estates is 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 \$7,500 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 personal watercraft storage racks
- Boat Dock Area Maintenance and Repairs – entrance road, boat launching area, dock ramp and benches, and 2 personal watercraft storage racks; Boat Slip Dues also help maintain the dock
- Common rail-system mailboxes at Duck Hollow Dr, Sassafras Rd, Swantown Creek Rd, Pineywood Rd, and Anchorage Ln (private roads with no mail delivery to each house)
- Shorewoodestates.com website that keeps everyone informed of information relevant to SECA Members and all Shorewood Estates residents and property owners.

Your Membership allows 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 both docks but the harsh environment takes 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 in the final Phase of a dock raise and rebuild that will ultimately cost over \$38,000, and use ALL of SECA's carefully managed maintenance funds.** In response, we increased Slip Dues \$100 per slip in 2019, 2020 & 2021; increased Dues in 2020; and established a Dock Fund for contributions to help with the dock rebuild and start "rebuilding our coffers".

To date, we raised over \$3,300 in contributions but we continue to operate at a deficit - 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 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' property values up and our common areas safe & clean!

___ \$150 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