GNPCA

NEWSLETTER

February 2024

GNPCA Mission

Maintain the private roads (including snow removal), the community beach, and the boat ramp in Gregg Neck Park with support from residents who contribute financially through annual dues and donations as well as volunteering their time and labor.



Special Thanks to the Mallozzi Family!

Late last summer the Mallozzi family graciously donated six truckloads of millings. Then, at their own time and expense, they provided the manpower and machinery to spread the millings over Oxford Road, Sassafras River Avenue, and Maryland Avenue. (South Mill Road had already been treated that spring.)

As you may know, applying millings to the roads is typically the largest line-item expense in the GNPCA budget. Costs have averaged over \$2,000/per year. While yearly pothole repair will still be necessary, the major expense of spreading truckloads of millings will be avoided for years to come. The Mallozzi's donation will likely save the community \$6,000+ over the next several years.

Thank you, Dan & Robin!



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SPRING MEETING

Saturday May 25, 2024 12:00 noon

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Saturday August 24, 2024 at Dusk



Beach & Boat Ramp Improvements

Many residents showed up for the annual community beach cleanup, and to make repairs to the boat ramp gate. Thanks to all who contributed. Visit myGNPCA.org/photo-gallery to see our members hard at work.



Capital Improvement: Rebuilt Pier!

The pier has been rebuilt and should last another generation (or more) without major repairs! But it wasn't as easy as just writing a check to the piledriving company. Like everything that happens in this community, members

volunteering made it happen. Thanks not only to the volunteers who devised an ingenious emergency repair early in the summer to keep the pier operational after one of the pilings snapped unexpectedly, but also to those who rolled up their sleeves (and their pants) and got in the water to



prepare the pier for the new pilings in late summer. We encourage you to visit the GNPCA website at myGNPCA.org/photo-gallery for pictures of the effort.

Pictured to the left – the "*Pier Group*": Andy, Steve S., Richard T., Rich W. Mark, Bob, Danny, and Dave.

Special thanks to Bob Virgin for running the bidding process and ultimately contracting with the piledriving company, and to Jeff Pepin for being on hand to supervise the piling driving company.

Community Bonfire

The Bonfire tradition is back! For the second year in a row, good times were had by all on a beautiful night on August 26th at the public beach. So successful has this event been that we've decided to cement a date for the Bonfire going forward -- the weekend before Labor Day weekend.

So put it on your calendar for this year, **Saturday**, **August 24**th, and for the years to come. Go to the GNPCA website at myGNPCA.org/photo-gallery to see our members *NOT* hard at work (*except for Bob working his margarita booth!*).

Mosquito control

We hired the county again last year for mosquito control, but we did not have the same success as the year before. The problem was an unusually wet July--it rained every few days, which made spraying for mosquitoes impossible. The wetness also increased mosquito breeding, resulting in a "mosquito double-whammy!" We will hire the county again this year and hope for better cooperation from Mother Nature.

GNPCA Website

If you haven't created an account on myGNPCA.org yet, we encourage you to do so. An account allows you to access member-only pages such as the boat ramp combo and the Members in Good Standing page. It also ensures we have your latest email address to notify you of upcoming events and important alerts regarding the Gregg Neck Park community.

Have you seen the new *Remember When* page featuring historical pictures? Visit myGNPCA.org/photo-gallery to see the neighborhood's humble beginnings. Send us your photos if you want to add to the memories.

Election of New Board Members and Officers

In spring 2024, the GNPCA membership will need to elect a president, a vice president, and two board directors. In accordance with the bylaws, a nominating committee has been formed comprising Steve Driscoll, Jeff Pepin, and Bob Virgin.

Both Steve Driscoll and Jeff Pepin indicated a willingness to stay on as President and VP for another term, but, as with the board director positions, any members interested in running for these positions should make their interest known. Attend the Spring Community Meeting to throw your hat in the ring! Not interested in serving on the Board, then attend to share your ideas, cast your **VOTE**, and gather with your neighbors.



Annual Dues

Congratulations! 2023 was a record-breaking year for dues collection. We had an 8.5% increase over 2022 participation, which itself was a record-breaking year. This commitment to the welfare of the community reassured the board

that the timing was right for long-overdue improvements to the pier. We are hopeful for your continued support to replenish the coffers!

Dues remain at \$125.00/per property this year. Paying by check? You can hand it directly to any member of the board or you can mail it to the community PO box:

GNPCA, c/o Treasurer, PO Box 477, Galena, MD 21635

Credit card or PayPal payments can be made online, subject to an online convenience fee. The Association will absorb this cost, or you can opt to pay it along with your annual dues.

Donations in addition to or in lieu of dues are always welcome in any amount.



Show Me the Money!

How are our collective dues used to maintain and enhance Gregg Neck Park? In 2023, we collected about \$8,200 (dues-\$7,750 / donations-\$450). About half of this was spent on recurring expenses:

- 26% on road maintenance (millings)
- 7% on insurance
- 7% on administrative expenses (PO box, website, postage, printing)
- 7% on mowing
- 3% on mosquito control
- >1% on social events

The remaining portion was contributed to our capital fund, which has been fully depleted by the recent pier repairs (\$14,400). Please contact the board if you would like a more detailed account.



Spring 2024 Community Meeting & Social

Finally, please join us for drinks, snacks, and socializing at the *Spring Community Meeting* at the public beach on **Saturday**, **May 25**th at **12:00 (noon)**

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

2023 - 2024 GNPCA Board of Directors

Steve Driscoll, *President*Steve Schueren, *Past President*Jeff Pepin, *Vice President*Jen Thompson, *Secretary*Bob Virgin, *Treasurer*

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