



# St. Clement Shores News

Second Quarter 2025 Spring Edition

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## Membership Dues

It is time to renew your dues for the 2025/2026 year. Your dues matter! Due to the raising costs of everything the Board took a vote at our December 21, 2024 board meeting and voted to increase the dues to \$70 this year, up from \$65. For your \$70 a year, you can enjoy the many amenities in your community and have peace of mind that the community properties are being maintained. Let's continue to be proud of what we have and invest in keeping our community clean, well-maintained, and a great place to live.

Thank you to our many volunteers for donating their time and materials when they were able. Going into 2025, we have a lot more to do to make our community great. Below is a snapshot of the 2024 expenses:

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| Utilities (electric beach and streetlights at the community properties/ internet) | \$943.40<br>\$1,873.36   |
| Mosquito Spraying (2023 & 2024 seasons)   | \$2,409.29<br>\$2,632.46 |
| Post Office Box Rental  | \$72.00                  |
| Postage for mailing newsletters and general correspondence                        | \$402.50                 |
| Printing/Copying/Mailing of Newsletter  | \$153.18                 |
| Repairs and Maintenance   | \$277.45                 |
| Port-a-Potty Main Beach   | \$954.00                 |
| Meeting Expenses  | \$163.31                 |
| Events  | \$132.55                 |
| Trash Service   | \$516.00                 |
| General Expenses (other/includes paypal fees)                                     | \$518.55                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>   | <b>\$11,048.05</b>       |

There are 291 households in our community. Last year, there were 175 paying members. This brought our total dues income to \$11,310.00. With basic yearly expenses constantly increasing, we needed to raise the dues.

Membership notices will be mailed at the beginning of April. Dues go towards maintaining and protecting our waterfront community. Your community needs your help and support. Please pay your dues.

Those who paid electronically last year, we will email you an invoice through PayPal for payment.

Now we need to focus on being realistic about future costs for repairs to the community pier and boat ramps.

For those of you who have not joined us, please consider paying your dues. **The beach, pier, pavilion, boat ramps, and remembrance garden, are for paid members ONLY.**

We will discuss fundraising ideas at the Spring Meeting on May 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the beach and ask that you bring a side dish to share. Please join us as we work together to brainstorm ideas. **It takes a village – or in our case – a waterfront community to get the job done!**

## Calling All Community Members!

**MOSQUITOS:** The most effective way to control mosquitoes is at the community level. Spraying **will start in May for \$3,100.**

**Prevention:** give your yards a once over and eliminate standing water in and around the house. Mosquitoes can breed in containers as small as a bottle cap, even with only ½" of water. Every week, empty and scrub items that hold water such as birdbaths & containers under plants, which can potentially become a breeding farm for mosquitos.

## Upcoming Meetings/Events

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Knights of Columbus at St Francis Xavier and the St. Clement Shores community will team up with the Wolfpack, for their 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration on **April 19**. Registration for the egg hunt is from **11:00-12:00** with the egg hunt starting at noon & ends at 2:00. Please join us for an afternoon of family fun, outdoor activities, photos with the Easter Bunny, hot dogs, sodas, snacks, and tons of fun for all ages. The event will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church, 21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown.

**Spring General Meeting** - May 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

We will be discussing maintenance projects and other misc. items at the spring meeting to include the following:

- improvements to the community properties
- fundraising ideas

We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions as we go forward. Potluck dinner to follow meeting. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there. Member cards will be available for pick-up at the meeting to help with mailing costs.

**Meet & Greet – April 26, 2025** Please join us on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to meet & greet our new neighbors and each other for the 1<sup>st</sup> time or renew past friendships. Potluck and BYOB, water will be supplied. Hopefully, the weather will be balmy and we can spend a pleasant evening socializing and getting to know one another. We would love to see you there. Starting at 4:00 p.m.

#### Monthly Meetings:

- Board Meeting, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.
- Board Meeting, May 3 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Spring Meeting**, May 17 at 2:00 p.m.

(Everyone is welcome to attend the board meetings; however, you must be a dues paying member to vote at the Spring Mtg.)

#### **Past Events**

Fall General Meeting was held **October 19, 2024** at the main Pavilion. Board of Elections was held.

#### **2024/2025 Officers and Board of Directors**

President: Laura Morgan  
Vice President: Jessica Varesko-Dean  
Treasurer & Membership: Laurine Toone  
Secretary: Courtney Lowe  
Maintenance & Members at Large:  
    Jim Beavan  
    John Morgan  
    Michael Dean  
    James Morgan  
Event Coordinator: Jessica Varesko-Dean  
Internal Accounting Review: Laurine Toone  
Newsletter: Laurine Toone  
Ways and Means: In need of Volunteers.

#### **Pending Improvements...**

Archer Street ramp is in desperate need of repair. The estimate for repairing the ramp is approximately \$26,000 and increasing due to rising concrete costs. We are researching ways to help raise money to get the project moving forward as there are no grants/funding we can obtain. Once again, we are relying on your generous donations to get this project underway.

**Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help restore the shores.**

#### **Challenge Question - What have you done to make your community better...**

**It takes all of us.**

#### **News to Share**

Facebook page: When the page was created, we intended for it to be a place where we could inform the community on upcoming events and meetings. It's turning into a place where the residents feel they can say whatever they want about each other, mostly hurtful things. It is our hope, the community can come together and remember life is a gift and we need to learn to be more thankful. Kindness starts at home.

Crabbing Lines: Just a reminder to clean up after yourself when crabbing and fishing. Be sure to pull your lines from the dock and throw away your trash. Please be respectful of others and wildlife by cleaning up after yourself. Thank you.

#### **Comments Corner**

Welcome to our new neighbors. We are delighted you chose our neighborhood to call home. Jeff & Helen Krissoff; Joe & Jodi Stanalonis; Dawn & Dallas Buckler; Chad Welch, and Keith & Katherine Schmidt

There were many passings this winter. Our prayers go out to the families of: Arthur Farrell, Barbara Higgs, Marvin Smith, Francis "Stumpy" Delozier, Greg Pobst, and Mary Bellere. We also lost Jim Cryer owner of the Back Road Inn.

If we have missed any new residents or passings, please let us know by sending us an email, noted in the footer. This helps so much with the cost of mailings.

**PLEASE, sign up to get information electronically.**

#### **Community Reminders**

- With the changing of the season, be careful while out in the neighborhood. People and pets are out walking. Please adhere to the basic safety guidelines and *please watch your speed.*
- Our streets are narrow, please keep the roadways clear for fire and rescue vehicles.
- Pets must be on a leash and please, pick-up after them.

#### **Be in the Know:**



We are a part of the [Facebook](#) community:

[St. Clement's Shores Civic Association](#) and,  
[St. Clement's Shores Civic Association EVENT Page](#)

Visit our [Website](#) – you'll be able to keep up with events, read newsletters, search for forms, and more:

<https://stclementshores.org>