

The Pier

March 2007

Property Owners Association of Arundel-On-The-Bay

Mark your calendars:

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 10
 Tuesday, May 8
 Tuesday, June 12

All Board Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Saturday, April 14
 Saturday, June 16

All General Meetings start at 10:00 a.m.
 Meetings to be held at the Hillsmere Library.

Movies at the Beach

Friday, May 11
 Friday, June 8

Dumpsters

May 15-17

Yard Sale

Saturday, May 19

Community Picnic

Saturday, June 23

Inauguration of Officers

Saturday, June 30

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General Meeting

A General Meeting of the Property Owners Association of Arundel-On-The-Bay will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at the Hillsmere Library. The Agenda for the meeting includes the nomination of candidates for the 2007-2008 year and a vote on

reprogramming the remaining funds from snow removal to recreation (*see articles, page 2*). Various reports from Committees will also be presented.

Please plan to attend.

Volunteers Needed

Sadly, AOTB is losing some of its most active residents, the Abrams and the Boyds, who are moving out of state. This leaves only three members on the entertainment committee, so we need some new blood. If you have fresh ideas for events and are willing to commit a little time and effort while having a great time and building community relations, you're someone we're looking for. The Committee will meet toward the end of March, so please contact Debbie Zeman as soon as possible if you are interested by e-mail at

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The informal entertainment committee brings fun to the Community in

many ways. Committee members organize the Community Picnic (scheduled for Saturday, June 23) and the October Fall Festival. They also help plan the Movies at the Beach, which begin Friday, May 11.

We still have the screen and the popcorn machine, but it seems as if the projector and speakers have moved to Florida! So we need some equipment, and we need some suggestions for the movies to be shown. Anyone who might be interested in helping out with the movies should also email Debbie Zeman. Please consider helping out, and joining in the fun.

Good luck and many thanks to Richard, DiAnne,

Oscar and Nita. We wish them well and we promise to raise a toast to their new homes while we enjoy our little bit of paradise.



AOTB LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD CANDIDATES

Nominations for officers of the Association will be held at the General Meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2007, at the Hillsmere Library. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

The offices open for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary and four members of the Board of Directors. The President and the Board of Directors terms are two years. The Vice-President and Secretary terms are one year each. All of the terms of office will begin July 1, 2007.

All nominees for the Officer positions and the Board shall be FULL members at the time they

are nominated, at the time they are elected, and for the entire period of their term in office. FULL membership shall consist of real property owners only, as listed on the tax list of Arundel-On-The-Bay as provided by Anne Arundel County, and shall include the owners of both improved and unimproved properties located in Arundel-On-The-Bay.

The Nominations Committee of Diane Grannell, Ed Johnson and Ray Morgan request that anyone wishing to hold office in the Association contact any member of the Nominations Committee and/or any Officer or member of the Board of Directors.

REPROGRAMMING REQUEST

The Board of Directors, at its February 27, 2007 meeting voted to reprogram the remaining funds in the FY 07 Snow Removal Category to the Maintenance and Recreation Category of the Special Community Benefit Tax District.

At the time of printing the newsletter, the Snow Removal Category had \$3,250.00 remaining from the \$4,550 budget. The Community was plowed twice this winter at a cost of \$650 each



time.

The Board and Officers would ask the Community's approval for reprogramming \$3,250 (or whatever is remaining) from the Snow Removal Category to the Maintenance and Acquisition of Recreational Areas and Equipment. The Board and Officers would hope to purchase additional picnic tables for the beach area to replace existing dilapidated tables. The more durable metal tables, such as were purchased for the playground, cost about \$1,000 each.

PLEASE CLEAN UP!!!

You can see them when you take a walk around the community - those knotted plastic bags containing deposits left by pets that are picked up by their owners, but then tossed into bushes, trees and especially onto vacant lots.

Picking up the deposits is certainly part of the process, but as we all know, tossing the plastic bag on someone else's property only exacerbates the problem. The bags are unsightly, and even worse, don't decompose over time, leaving a mess

behind for a property owner to deal with, which plainly and simply, is unfair and inconsiderate.

We appreciate that most homeowners are conscientious and do clean up after their pets. For those who have not acted responsibly in the past, please consider your neighbors. Vacant lots are owned by someone, and leaving trash of any sort detracts from the beauty of our Community.

BOARD MEMBER TRANSITION

Board member David Delia resigned his position on the Board of Directors per Constitutional requirements effective January 10, 2007. David has provided some invaluable insights into matters affecting the Community, and he has written some wonderful articles for The Pier. Hopefully, he will continue this involvement. David's elected term of office would have ended June 30, 2008.

In accordance with the Constitution, President Frank Florentine has nominated David Zeman to the remaining term of David Delia. David has served the Community in the past, installed the Christmas Tree at the beach this past December,

and provides the free popcorn for the movies at the beach. David lives 1332 Walnut Avenue. The Board of Directors approved David's nomination at its February 27, 2007 meeting. David's appointed term on the Board ends June 30, 2008.

Thanks to David Delia for his many contributions, and welcome to David Zeman. David Zeman's contact information is as follows:

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BOAT SLIPS AVAILABLE

The Newport Avenue Pier and the Redwood Avenue Boat Launch Ramp are being readied for the upcoming boating season. The annual boat slip renewal period begins April 1. All existing boat slip renters must post the annual slip fee during the month of March. The annual boat slip rental fees are \$1,000 for a deep water slip, \$500 for a shallow water slip and a one-time refundable deposit of \$500. Both shallow water and deep water slips are available.



tion and to sign both the Boat Slip Application and the Operating Procedures. Copies are available on the web.

The modest sand dune accumulating on the north side of the boat launch ramp has been blown off, affording a better launch ramp for the season.

The Board of Directors approved revised Operating Procedures for both recreational areas at its February 27, 2007, meeting. All slip renters will be required to revise their boat slip applica-

Anyone wishing additional information should contact either President Frank Florentine or Pier and Boat Ramp Chairman Tee Allen. The Pier and Boat Ramp Committee will hold a short meeting after the General Meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2007. All boat slip renters are asked to attend.

PARKING IN THE COMMUNITY

Residents are reminded that parking along Community Streets poses a serious problem for all residents. The streets in Arundel-On-The-Bay are narrow by any standard, and parking along the streets can make it difficult for delivery vehicles, trash trucks and emergency vehicles to navigate the Community.

The Community's policies state that all streets

must provide access for emergency vehicles and are considered fire lanes. Also, "No parking is allowed on any paved street or unimproved street that accesses residential property or is designated as an Anne Arundel County fire truck drafting site."

Please consider the importance of keeping the streets open. Park your vehicles in your driveways.

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Alan Hinman has agreed to become the Chairman of the Committee on Planning and Development and Community Service. Alan will begin performing the duties outlined in the Constitution as follows:

- ⇒ Shall maintain written assessment, with priorities, of the needs of Arundel-On-The-Bay.
- ⇒ Shall develop long and short range plans.
- ⇒ Shall be responsible for (1) maintenance and beautification of all community property, (2) environmental health and welfare, e.g., arranging for the clearing and cleaning of neglected unimproved property, organizing community cleanups and the control of litter on community and public streets and roads, and (3) maintenance of road signs, mosquito control, and fire control.

Alan has been a property owner in the Community for many years. Alan brings renewed enthusiasm to this critical position in the Community. He is looking forward to working with the Board, Officers and community members to achieve planning and maintenance goals.

Thanks to Anthony Suggs for being Chairman of this Committee during the past three years. Anthony has served the Community well for many years while continuing to work for the Navy. It is our good fortune that Anthony will continue to be available to assist with projects.

Please give Alan your full cooperation in the planning and development of both short and long range goals as well as all other aspects entrusted to this Committee.

THE DUMPSTERS ARE COMING!!!



The Community Clean Up Program for 2007 sponsored by Anne Arundel County which provides dumpsters free of charge for the Community use will take place Tuesday through Thursday, May 15 through 17, 2007. The dumpsters will be delivered at the end of Co-

hasset Avenue near the pumping station by noon on Tuesday and will be picked up by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday.

We might want to organize a Community Cleanup to put debris in the dumpsters. We could use someone to lead this effort.

Please spread the word.

SARATOGA AVENUE LITIGATION

The Property Owners Association of Arundel-On-The-Bay, after consultations with the Officers and members of the Board of Directors with advice from counsel, have determined not to appeal the adverse possession decision regarding Saratoga Avenue/McManus rendered by the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County, the Honorable Judge Lombardi.

The Circuit Court’s decision focused solely on factual matters pertaining to Mrs. McManus’ ad-

verse possession claim. It would be unlikely that Plaintiffs would prevail on appeal due to the deference given by appellate courts to the factual findings of the trier of fact (in this case, Judge Lombardi) at the Circuit Court level.

The Association and plaintiffs understand that this decision not to appeal means that the Circuit Court’s decision becomes final and binding upon all parties.

HURRICANE ISABEL UPDATE

The engineers working on the specifications for the repairs to Community Property as a result of Hurricane Isabel have submitted the 95% final drawings and specifications to POA-AOTB. The Board of Directors and the Officers reviewed the plans and had very few comments. Andrews Miller and Associates will now proceed to the 100% construction drawings and specifications, will obtain final permits from Anne Arundel County, will assist POA-AOTB in advertising for bidders, will evaluate the bids and will make a recommendation for award of contracts.

The Board of Directors and the Officers reviewed the plans and had very few comments.

Two work areas have been identified in the package: Cedar Avenue at Chesapeake Bay, and Rockway Avenue at Fishing Creek. Both areas had the greatest amount of funding from both FEMA and Maryland DNR.

The Maryland Board of Public Works has issued wetlands license No. 06-1141 on June 7, 2006. The work under this permit must be completed by June 7, 2009.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) have extended the nearly \$87,000 grant completion date to September 2007. The grant is a matching grant with 75% provided by FEMA, 25% provided by the Association.

The drawings and the specifications will be available for review at the General Meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2007. At press time, the Association was making an effort to get electronic copies of the documents and post them to the web site.

NOTIFICATION REGARDING COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Property owners are encouraged to beautify POA-AOTB owned (Community) property adjacent to their own property. However, written permission

must be obtained from the Board of Directors prior to the clearing of trees, the planting of trees or significant shrubs, or the erection of structures of any

kind, including roads, swales, and rights-of-way, whether on Anne Arundel County or POA-AOTB Property. (POA-AOTB Policy III.A)

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