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POA/AotB: Property Owners Association of Arundel-on-the-Bay

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

General Meetings:

Sat. Nov. 19

General Meetings are held in Hillsmere Library starting at 10 a.m.

Board Meetings:

Tuesday, Oct. 11

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Tuesday, Dec. 13

Board Meetings are held in Hillsmere Library starting at 7 p.m.

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After the Hurricane AOTB Community PICNIC!!

Music! Monster Water Slide! Moon Bounce!

Beer and Grilling on the Beach!

AOTB T-Shirts & Hats in a Rainbow of Colors on Sale!

Old Photos in Your Attic Worth Big Bucks!

Saturday, September 24 from 3 to 7 pm

Delayed but not deterred by hurricane or earthquake, AOTB's Property Owners Association is throwing its great annual community picnic on the Magnolia Avenue beach this Saturday, September 24, from 3 to 7 pm, promising **Food & Drink** in abundance. A **DJ** with his high-end sound system and eminent mixing and scratching skills will preside over dance contests for all ages -- with valuable prizes. While a **Moon Bounce** warms up the kids, the County's largest **Water Slide** (21ft high) will cool off adventurers of all ages. At **Volleyball Contests** on water and land, teams representing streets in the community will vie for major prizes, as will the best **AOTB historic photos**.

NEW for sale: AOTB T-shirts and baseball caps in diverse colors and designs -- green, red, ash gray, pink, and white. Tees are priced at only **\$17.00** for sizes small through XL and **\$19.00** for 2XL. Hats are **13.00**. Purchases of both hat and t-shirt get a \$3.00 discount. You can special order t-shirts in other colors for the same price. Call Roxanne Veal at 410-268-7220.

(Community Picnic, cont.)

AOTB will provide two kegs of high quality beer and will have the beach grills all fired up.

Every family is asked to bring a dish to be shared based on the first letter of its last name. Last names starting with A through F should bring a main course (hamburgers or hotdogs with buns for 10 people are suggested, although other main courses are welcome). Names starting from G through M should bring a dessert. Those with last names starting with N through S should bring bottled water, soda, and other non-alcoholic drinks. Folks whose last names start with T through Z should bring hors d'oeuvres. Each family will be charged \$10 for ice, glasses, plates, condiments, etc. as well as to offset the cost of the DJ, Moon bounce, tents, and Water Slide at the picnic. The association needs to make these events come close to breaking even to insure we can keep doing them in the future.

AOTB will be providing a porta-potty, tables, and some chairs, but you are encouraged to bring your own folding chairs. We will have some tents for shade and protection from showers. *Irene* to the contrary notwithstanding, the party goes on rain or shine: no rain day. Please RSVP to marca1030@gmail.com by Sept. 23 so that we may plan accurately for the size crowd to expect.

Most importantly if you are a party person and would like to help plan games like volley ball tournaments, dance contests, or water balloon toss, with real prizes for the winning teams, contact Marc Apter, Social Committee Chair, 301-904-3690 or marca1030@gmail.com.



Bring Old Photos to Picnic for Major Prizes

By Karen Neale and Pam Duncan

When you come to the **Community Picnic** on Saturday, September 24th, visit the AOTB History Project's tent. The Project will award prizes to the folks who bring in the best historic photos and artifacts in various categories from the 1890's to the present.

Do **you** have a photo, memoir, or artifact from "the old days" to add to our AOTB history archives? We think many residents could contribute to the fascinating story of our community. Accordingly, between now and Picnic day, you can enter a **Contest** for the best photograph, artwork, or other depiction in the following categories:

- Gatherings of Residents
- Oldest Standing Structures
- Art-Work Depicting Life at AOTB
- Maps of AOTB
- Most Amusing Depiction
- Architecture from Yesteryear
- Photo or Video Depicting Life at AOTB
- Water Scenes Identifiable to AOTB
- Miscellaneous (you pick the topic).

Prizes for "Best" in each category are awarded at the picnic on September 24; winners will receive \$25 gift certificates courtesy of Homestead Gardens, and/or Bay Ridge Wine & Spirits, and locally crafted jewelry.

It would be ideal if before the 24th you could **lend** your piece to the History Project for consideration; items should be labeled with your name, address, telephone, and e-mail and sent to Marc Apter at 1292 Magnolia Avenue.

Or else scan a photo, map, or picture of an artifact, architecture, or standing structure and e-mail it to Marc at marca1030@gmail.com, phone 301-904-3690. You can be sure that your items will receive the utmost care! They will be returned within one week after being copied via scanner.

You can also bring your entry to the History Project's tent at the picnic between 2 and 5 pm. Contestants need not be present to win.



While anticipating these contributions from residents, the History Project has been accumulating facts, anecdotes, official records, and delightful conversation commemorating the distinctive past of the community. Under leadership by Chair Marc Apter, project participants have been meeting regularly to share ideas, and the AOTB website has gathered a new crop of videotaped interviews with veteran members of Arundel on the Bay. See those interviews on ArundelonthesBay.org.

Free Advice from David DELIA:

***Irene* and Other Windy Subjects: a very partial postmortem**

I know, hindsight is often 20/20 but foresight isn't all that hard to acquire. That is, what might we learn from *Irene* and apply to the next big wind or ice storm? Here are a few of the lessons Margaret and I learned about the all-too-frequent 100-year storms we first experienced during Isabel in 2003 and were able to apply to *Irene* (and several winter storms) with some beneficial effect. Rather than keep secrets from friends and neighbors, we thought we'd share them. You're free to keep reading or not; accept the suggestions or don't, but at least don't fudgetaboutit until it's too late.

First it's called a hurricane for a reason--there's a lot of wind and wind peels old, and even new, poorly-installed shingles off roofs. So when we saw several shingles leave during Isabel, we bit the bullet and replaced our "20-year-roof" after only 10 years with a new 165-mph, Rolls-Royce of a roof -- five (not four, or the "industry-standard" three) nails per shingle, mid-nailed, ice-dam protected, ridge-vented, with lots of other bells and whistles. After all, that roof would be the first line of defense between us and the buckets of rain threatening all of our stuff--and we have a lotta stuff! So far, that super-roof has held out just superbly and we'd be glad to share the roofer with any who might ask. Good roofs don't come cheaply, but they needn't cost the farm either.

Next, the trees. OK, so you can't always tell which tree will come down, but you certainly can look out for several telltale signs of tree collapse and act on them before the big wind hits. Sounds stupid, but yes, you gotta look--regularly--to see. Dead limbs overhanging anything you'd rather not see destroyed (and that includes power and utility lines) have to go too; no they won't heal and magically grow back. Of course, no one will do any of this for free, but do you really want to share your living room with a tree? And speaking of living, is that tree really alive, or is it just counting the days to its demise and your despair? Dead trees have no leaves and that giveaway should be your first sign--get rid of it now! You can also troubleshoot by inspecting the trunk. Can you even see the trunk for all the vines you may have strangling that tree? Vines are added weight and can sap the strength from a healthy tree and bring it down when it would ordinarily stand up to the wind and/or wet. Cut the vines off at the base and let them wither; a few weeks of dead leaves are well worth a healthy tree. If you plant a new tree, dig a big, deep hole or don't bother. And just what kind of a tree are you nurturing? Locusts are pretty, but very weak-limbed. Oaks are usually sturdy, but very shallow-rooted and prone to plopping over. Gums are a pain, but have twisty trunks that make for a sturdy stance. See your arborist/landscaper for some real expertise and have them fix stuff before stuff fixes you. Another small point that might help keep your tree roots in the ground even during super-saturating storms is to plant around the tree bases (shade lovers, of course), plants that will help keep the soil porous and drain the water. Look at the most persistent puddles in our neighborhood; any plants growing there?

And what if that tree pulls down a power line anyway? You really want to wait for BGE to come to your rescue? My sainted mother (OK, maybe not-quite-sainted, but savvy) always said "...the Lord helps those who help themselves."

(Post-Mortem Advice from dd, cont.)

Whether you think the Lord is all that interested in helping you, you can certainly help yourself. Go ahead, get a whole-house, propane-fired, automatic, wired-into-the-panel, generator. Yes, they're noisy and they're not inexpensive, but what price independence? Again it's a matter of priorities. Maybe you drive that late-model SUV an additional year and spend this year for survival. You decide: do you like flushing the toilet or taking a shower? And during disasters, the TV is no longer just entertainment. They all require juice and that requires a generator. And I'm not too keen on killing myself with the el-cheapo gasoline-burners that can just as easily suffocate as save you. And consider this, how are you gonna get to the gas cans in the shed when the snow is 5 feet high? Hmmmmm? Oh, and I've got a good source for generators too; gimme a call.

A couple of smaller things, waaaay less expensive, that you can do include filling up 1/2-liter bottles with good-quality water and sticking them in your freezer to do double duty: they help keep the frozen stuff frozen (or at least delay defrosting) and when they do thaw you can drink them if the water hasn't come back yet and you've chosen not to get a generator for your well. Finally, just how many of you took our suggestion and signed up for e-mail blasts? Or read them regularly? There's some really good poop there just for the reading.

Of course these are only my scattered thoughts; what about yours? I very much encourage you all to share with us and let us know what disaster-survival skills and/or preparations you have discovered. Feel free to e-mail me at (ddelia@comcast.net) or our PIER commandant (pallen@frostburg.edu) and we'll try to compile a list for the next issue; maybe make it a permanent feature of the PIER; who knows? But remember, if you don't help you, who will?

[Amos Grannell, here on the AOTB Wharf, also wonders how to answer that rhetorical question]



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