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Property Owners Association of Arundel-on-the-Bay

AOTB Blurbs

General Meetings

The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 19th, 2018 in Room #2 at the Pip Moyer Rec Center at 10am. We'll be taking the critical vote to approve our **FY 2020 budget**, which was reviewed and voted upon at our December General Meeting and is published on **pages 4-5** of this newsletter.

There is also a General Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, 2019 in Room #1 at the Pip Moyer Rec Center at 10am. The purpose of that meeting will be to take nominations from the floor for open board and officer positions.

Future Meetings

June 15th - Elections

November 16th - Budget input and election of Nomination Committee

Community History Book Party and Signing

Get Your Holiday Gifts on Sunday, December 23

By Marc Apter, AOTB-POA History Project

The Amazing Story of Arundel-on-the-Bay: 1600s to Today is just off the presses and you can get your copies for the holidays at a discount (\$35) at the home of Aris T. Allen Jr. (1323 Magnolia Ave.). The author signing party will be from 2-4 pm on Sunday December 23. Tee and the other authors will offer you wine and snacks while they sign your books. You will also learn there is a lot of AOTB history in this house. The book chronicles a community evolving from the Gay Nineties, through the segregated Jim Crow era, World War II, woman's liberation, and other 20th and 21st century realities. What emerges in the telling is a portrait of America's social and cultural history that shaped a community.

The books authors, all residents of Arundel-on-the-Bay, banded together seven years ago to research and write the book. They include: Aris T. Allen Jr, Philip Allen, Marc L. Apter, Wilma Coble, Edie Dolberg, Pamela Duncan, Robert Meissner, John Moses, Karen Neale, Bill Semenuk and Arend J. Thomas, III. The lavishly illustrated full color book is available at local book stores and on-line at Amazon for \$39.95.

There will be a "lunch and learn" program at the Maryland Archives on Rowe Blvd. at noon on January 23 where the

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AOTB book authors will give a formal presentation/PowerPoint with a Q & A at the end. Put it on your schedule.

It started in 1890, with the purchase of 350 acres south of Annapolis, Md. on the Chesapeake Bay, America’s largest estuary. Lots on this waterfront land acquired by the Chesapeake & Colombia Investment Company were advertised for sale based on the beauty of the site and its solitude as a woodland paradise.

The community distinguished itself in unique ways;

- It began as almost all white to become almost all black in the 1950’s, and then evolved into the proudly integrated neighborhood of today.
- Hourly passenger train service from Annapolis, connected travelers from Washington, D.C. and Baltimore to the Bay Ridge resort, where the Company’s “Blackberry Train,” open summer cars, ran along the beach to Arundel-on-the-Bay from 1893 to the early 20th century.
- This smallest incorporated town in the U.S. for many years was all but wiped out by a major fire in 1916.
- The only community in Maryland where woman had the right to vote before 1920.
- Thomas Point Island, just offshore, had a home on it until it was destroyed by two hurricanes in the 1930s.
- Famous folks had ties there including Frederick Douglass, Alex Haley, Martha Washington, Patrick Henry, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Todd Duncan-opera star of Porgy and Bess fame and Rep. Clarence Mitchell, Jr.
- During the War of 1812 a British Sloop of War ran aground off Thomas Point, an incident which almost caused Annapolis to be burned to the ground.

The Amazing Story of Arundel-on-the-Bay: 1600s to Today is a brand new, fully illustrated, and very detailed chronicle of generations of families that have both loved and endured a special and precarious piece of Chesapeake real estate. This is a book that demonstrates how all of our family histories are worth the telling.



Two year old Louise Linkins Seely in Arundel-on-the-Bay in 1916 learning to garden. She contributed stories and photos to the book and died earlier this year at 105.

A Letter From Our President

Dear Neighbors,

Fall weather has definitely headed for the exits and winter seems well underway. There are many predictions for the kind of winter we'll have, but one thing that you can be sure of is that now is a great time to perform outdoor winterizing for your home before we get hit with a winter storm.

This means ensuring your trees are trimmed properly so that weak and dead branches aren't susceptible to heavy snows. If you have concerns about any trees near power lines, be sure to contact BGE for advice. And again, it's always a good idea to clear the yard of extra clutter that can be dangerous if covered with snow and unseen. Let's hope the heavy storm days are minimal!

We enjoyed a great gathering on December 10th on the beach. Neighbors were warm and toasty in our heated tent, and the spread was delicious. Santa was kind enough to pay another visit courtesy of the Fire Department, and once again AOTB's toy donations exceeded that of previous years.



The Board of Directors and Officers presented a proposed budget during the last General Membership Meeting and took suggestions for additions and revisions. The final vote will take place during the January meeting, scheduled for January 19th at the Pip Moyer center. This is your opportunity to weigh in on community spending. Please make it a priority to attend and vote.

Thank you for the notifications you have been sending when a neighbor has passed away. These notifications will be posted in community email blasts. Please preferably send notifications of these types via email to info@arundelonthebay.org for record keeping purposes.

Although we all cocoon a little during the winter months, I look forward to seeing you out and about as the weather allows. Here's hoping your holiday season and New Year are full of joy.

Yours,

Dawn Davis
President
Property Owners Association
Arundel-on-the-Bay

PROPOSED SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY2020

	<u>Current Yr.</u>	<u>Next Yr.</u>
	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>Proposed FY 20</u>
1. Non-shore Erosion Prevention and Protection	2,400	30,000
2. Construction, Maintenance and Repair of Non-County Owned Roads, Paths, Streets, Signs and Streetlights. <i>The Roads Sub-Committee maintains a prioritized list of road projects that is reevaluated on a yearly basis.</i>	60,000	85,000
3. Construction, Maintenance and Repair of Drainage Ditches and Culverts	10,000	30,000
4. Acquisition, Maintenance and Improvement of Real Property, or Any Interest Therein, Necessary to Accomplish Community-wide Projects <i>This category covers electric bills for community owned property, grass cutting and other property maintenance.</i>	80,000	90,000
5. Insect and Pest Control <i>As the County has responsibility for mosquito spraying minimal funds are allocated for this purpose.</i>	4,000	5,000
6. Snow Removal	25,000	40,000
7. Special Police Protection <i>This category funds special private police patrols through the Community.</i>	35,000	45,000
8. Acquisition or Lease of Equipment Necessary to Accomplish the Foregoing Purposes		
9. Maintenance of Recreational Areas and the Acquisition and Maintenance of Recreation Equipment and Facilities <i>This category funds maintenance and improvements to the Community Beach, playground and other community recreational areas.</i>	20,000	25,000
10. Other Expenses Necessary for the Administration and Implementation of These Purposes <i>This category includes administrative expenses such as accountant and legal fees, file storage, newsletter, elections, web site maintenance etc.</i>	116,800	47,100
11. Funds Held For Future Use	30,225.	43,670
Total of Above Budget Items	383,425	413,770
Required County Administrative Fee	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Budgeted Amount	385,425	415,770

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Carry-over monies	150,000	184,270
County Held Funds	8800	2,000
Estimated tax revenues	<u>226,625</u>	<u>229,500</u>
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PROPOSED SHORE EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY2018

	<u>FY19</u>	<u>Next Yr. Proposed FY20</u>
Construction, Maintenance and Repair of Shore Erosion Control Facilities	263,036	270,749
Loan Payments		14,550
Required County Administrative Fee	<u>1813</u>	<u>1836</u>
Total Budgeted Amount	264,849	287,137
Tax revenues	32,260	36,720
County Held Funds	<u>228,589</u>	<u>250,417</u>
Total Income	264,849	287,137

This amount is based on a tax rate of \$.02 per \$100 assessed valuation.

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