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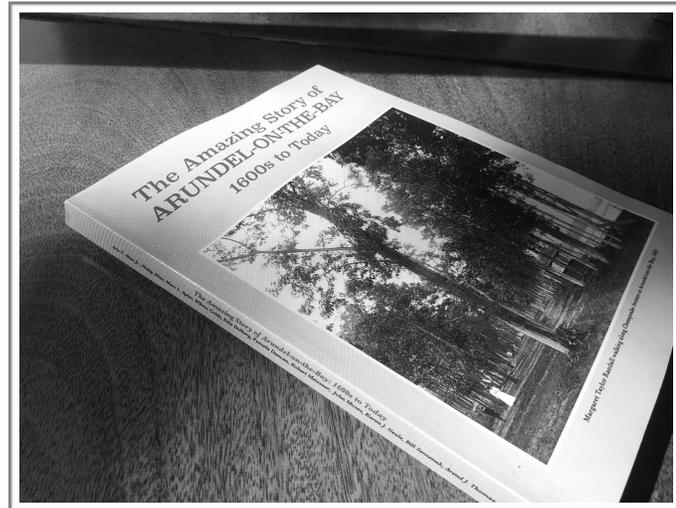
Property Owners Association of Arundel-on-the-Bay

Community History Book to be Sold on November 18

By Marc Apter, AOTB History Committee

The Amazing Story of Arundel-on-the-Bay: 1600s to Today is at the printer and you can get your copy signed by the authors at the Sunday, November 18 publication party at Marc Apter's house (1292 Magnolia Ave, 301-904-3690) from 3-6 pm. 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.

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 women 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.

Letter From the President

By Dawn M. Davis, AOTB-POA President

Dear Neighbors,

We are deep into Fall, and hopefully by the time you read this, we'll be enjoying cooler temperatures and fewer mosquitoes.

Our beach has made considerable progress since our last newsletter. Long-term fencing has been installed around our new dunes. Please be sure to keep off the dunes that are protecting our shoreline, and make sure that children and pets also keep clear of the dunes. There are paths in between the fencing to access the beach itself.

Temporary fencing, which is orange in color, remains (as of this writing) around areas where we are allowing the grass to regrow.

Speaking of the beach, and our community piers (Newport, crabbing on Linden and the Boat Launch on Redwood): please follow a pack in/pack out/leave no trace mentality when visiting community amenities. Take everything you have brought with you away from the site.

Look around to ensure you have not dropped anything. Items that have been found include everything from children's water toys to gloves and fishing gear. Please be mindful.



We have formed a new Parking Committee. The objective of the committee is to identify parking concerns in our neighborhood and to work with our security person, the police department, and residents to resolve outstanding issues. Please be on the lookout for additional information as the Parking Committee makes progress.

Believe it or not, the holidays will be here before we know it. The annual Santa run will be held at the community beach on Sunday, December 9th beginning at 4pm. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate. In recent years, AOTB has had one of the biggest showings in donated toys of all our neighboring communities - let's beat our record in 2018! More information about the holiday party/Santa run will be sent prior to the event.

I hope to see you around the neighborhood.

About those Rain-Catching Trash Containers...

by Frank Florentine

We all know that we have had a lot of rain this year. And just to figure out how much rain we've had, some folks leave their trash and recycle containers at the end of the driveway to see how much water can accumulate in it. Not a very scientific approach to finding a correct answer, and it definitely doesn't help the look of the community. And just maybe those water collection containers will attract some mosquitoes who happen to think that's a pretty neat water front condo for them! Best to

check your favorite weather app for the rain total.

And who knew that Anne Arundel County actually has a law governing when you can put your trash cans out and when you need to take them in? Yep, Article 13-4-104 of the County Code (I had to call the office of Recycling to find this out: 410-222-7951) specifies that solid waste and recyclables containers can be placed at the curb – well driveway in our neighborhood – no earlier than 5 pm the day before pickup, and each emptied container must be properly stored by midnight of the collection day.

And did you know that you can put out a maximum of four containers of solid waste but an unlimited number of containers of Recyclables? Yep, that too, is in the law, created in 1985!

So, there you have it. Open your favorite weather app for how much rain has fallen while you spruce up the neighborhood by moving your solid waste and recyclables containers up/down the driveway to their normal resting place!

Yes, AOTB has Parking Regulations!

By Susan Cook, AOTB-POA Secretary

While AOTB street rights-of-way are 60 to 80 feet wide, the actual paved portion of our streets is quite narrow. In some locations, even under ideal conditions, they

present a driving challenge for other residents, emergency vehicles, trash collection, delivery vehicles, and snow plows! All of our streets provide access for emergency response vehicles and are considered fire lanes; in addition, some are designated as an Anne Arundel County fire truck drafting site (See AOTB Rules & Regulations).

The Rules & Regulations have always stated that parking on paved streets is forbidden (Article II, Sec. 2). In November 2003, the AOTB Constitution was amended, granting the security committee enlarged authority over parking including the right to tow vehicles in violation of the rules.

By the way, the first two paragraphs of this article are a repeat of a notice issued by President Frank Florentine in March 2004. But judging by the number of complaints that current President Dawn Davis receives, things have not improved much! In response, she has organized a Parking Committee to explore solutions to the constant challenge posed by our narrow streets.

But it may be a new attitude, not new rules, that is needed. The Constitution empowers the Security Committee to provide written notification to vehicle owners who repeatedly violate the street parking prohibition. In addition, the Security Committee has the power to have vehicles towed if necessary.

The Rules & Regulations provide that no parking is allowed on any street (paved or not). This includes street ends and of

The General Meeting on November 17 at 1:15pm, which will be held at the Pip Moyer

course there is never any parking at our street-end drafting sites! Since all streets are to provide access for emergency response vehicles (see Rules & Regulations), no vehicle should ever be parked on a street in a manner that would make it difficult for a fire truck to pass (they might be on the way to your house!). That includes parking near a stop sign or parking near a corner or curve where your vehicle could obstruct a driver's vision.

So, Why Attend a General Meeting?

By Susan Cook, AOTB-POA Secretary

Have you attended a General Meeting yet this year? If not, WE MISS YOU! Need an extra social event in your life? Here's a good chance to get acquainted with some new neighbors or get caught up with some old ones.

General meetings are a chance for your Officers and Board of Directors to keep you updated on what is going on in the community. Yes, even this newsletter or our monthly email blasts can do no more than cover the highlights! The General Meetings provide the best opportunity to ask questions when it is likely that the Officer, Board Member or Committee Member will be there to give you the best, most current information. It's also a good time to present suggestions and new ideas.

But a more important purpose of the General Meetings is exactly why we are holding the November General Meeting – to get input from our members on budget items for next fiscal year. How do you want us to be spending our tax monies?

Recreation Center at 273 Hilltop Lane, will be your chance to let us know what your priorities are for next fiscal year's budget. Of course, you can also let us know how you think priorities are being handled in the current budget as well.

Farewell to Joyce McManus

The March Funeral Home Obituary

As many of you know, the community, the county, and the world lost an amazing human being this past August.

Joyce Picot McManus received her B.A. Degree from Bennett College in North Carolina and pursued a Masters Degree in Music Education and Performance from Syracuse University in New York and did further advanced studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore and at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.



Before moving to Maryland, Joyce taught music for many years in North Carolina and South Carolina. She was a music teacher for over 28 years in Anne Arundel County. She taught at Bates High School from 1956 until 1962. She was then transferred into integration wherein she was the first African American to teach music in Anne Arundel County. She taught at Arundel Junior High, Annapolis Junior High, and Arundel Senior High Schools. She received

many awards from the State of Maryland for her outstanding choirs.

In 1958, she joined Mount Moriah AME Church with her family wherein she taught Sunday School. For 15 years, she was the Choir Director of the Senior and Children Choirs. In 1974, she organized a Midshipmen Choir of over 25 voices that performed one Sunday out of the month at Mount Moriah AME Church.

Joyce also found time to serve with many organizations in the County including, being one of the founders and the first president of EBO Arts, Inc. She was the first African American to serve on the Annapolis Fine Arts Festival Board, and she was the founder and first president of the Annapolis Fine Arts Club. Joyce also served on the Annapolis Opera Board. She was appointed to the Cultural Arts Board of Anne Arundel County by County Executive Janet Owens.

She served as a member to the Anne Arundel County Advisory Board for Planning and Zoning for 11 years; appointed consecutively by three County Executives, O. James Lighthizer, Robert R. Neall and John G. Gary.

Mount Moriah AME Church has always been the center of her faith and has helped her over the years to deal with the reality of life. Joyce was very involved in the community and was a fixture at community meetings for years. She was a devoted member of the Annapolis Chapter of The Links, Inc. for 30 years and also was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Pi Omega Chapter.

Joyce will be missed by her family, friends and students. She touched so many lives with her positive outlook and love of life.