
THE PIER

Property Owners Association of Arundel-on-the-Bay

AOTB Blurbs

Summer General Meeting

Saturday, June 15
10am - 12pm
Pip Moyer Recreation
Center - Room #1

We will be voting to fill open officer and Board of Director positions.

Fall General Meeting

Saturday, October 12
10am - 12pm
Pip Moyer Recreation
Center - Room #1

This will be our annual budgetary input meeting where we will be seeking suggestions from residents

AOTB Dinners

Sammy's: June 5th

Jack's Fortune: July 10th

All money raised from these community dinners go right back to the community to make this a better place to live! See you there!

Annual Jazz & Wine Party and Beach Reopening

by Donna Watts-Lamont, Vice-President

On Sunday, June 9th, we will gather on the beach for our Annual Jazz and Wine Party. We will also be celebrating the re-opening of our beach, which has been in the process of being renovated for the past eighteen months. Smooth jazz sounds will be provided by The Musygyan Collection.

The fun starts at 4 p.m., when the party kicks off for residents and their guests. Hot dogs and hamburgers, with all the fixin's, will be provided, along with soda and bottled water. Wine will be made available for purchase for those of wine-drinking age. Feel free to bring any other beverage you would like to drink.

We are asking for a donation of \$20 per family (maximum 5 people) to cover the cost of this event. Margaret Delia will be collecting these funds at the entrance to the party.

Please bring a dish to share. For those with a last name ending in A-L, please bring an appetizer or finger food. For others, with a last name ending in M-Z, please bring cookies or a dessert.

We are looking for volunteers to set up before the event and to clean up afterwards. For setup, we will meet on the beach around 2:30pm.

This has been a fantastic event in the past, and it looks like it will be even better this year! Looking forward to seeing you on June 9th!

It's Election Time!

by Donna Watts-Lamont, Vice-President

As a property owner, you will receive your ballot for all open AOTB board and officer positions. Completed ballots can be mailed back in the envelope that included the ballot, or can be turned in at the beginning of the General Meeting at 10am, on June 15th at the Pip Moyer Rec Center. All results will be tabulated at that time. Thank you to Donna Watts-Lamont and Christine Crosby for long hours and careful attention to detail! The following unedited biographies have been submitted by the candidates running for office:

David Delia

candidate for President

David has resided in AOTB, with Margaret, his wife and best buddy for over 48 years, since his retirement in 2003, after almost 40 years with CIA and DoD as an Imagery Analyst Branch Chief specializing in world naval systems. He received a BA (International Affairs) from Hunter College, CUNY in 1969 and an MA (Strategic Studies) from the US Naval War College in 1995. When not traveling to distant parts of the globe or simply marveling at the wonders of the Chesapeake from his easy chair, he has served the AOTB community in several capacities since 2004, is an occasional contributor to the PIER, and has been a strong advocate of non-confrontational cooperation and consensus building among our AOTB neighbors to achieve a safer, more secure, and environmentally exhilarating place to live.

Donna Watts-Lamont

candidate for Vice-President

Donna has lived in Arundel on the Bay for the past 15 years. She has served as Vice-President of the POA-AOTB for the past four years and looks forward to continuing to serve.

Donna has been employed by the State of Maryland for the past 31 years as a member of the state's unemployment compensation board. Since 2003 she has served as the Chairperson of that Board. On July 1, 2019 she will retire from the State employment.

Donna is a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Special Education. After teaching for two years Donna went on to attend the University of Richmond School of Law and obtained her Juris Doctor. She has been a member of the Maryland Bar since 1980. Donna also holds a Masters in Labor Law from Georgetown University Law Center.

Donna looks forward to continuing to work for the good of our community. She believes AOTB is a treasure that we should all be proud to live in and care for.

Susan Cook

candidate for Secretary

My husband Frank Florentine and I have happily lived in Arundel on the Bay since 1993. After moving into the community, I immediately became involved with the Association and wound up Treasurer for a number of years. Eventually the demands of work at the Department of Justice and then taking care of my mother required me to step back from volunteer work. Now semi-retired (but still practicing law), I had time to jump back into volunteer work with the Association, this time as Secretary. After six months of filling the vacant post by appointment, I was elected last year. I have enjoyed the challenges of getting things organized and getting to know my neighbors better and have chosen to run again.

Charlie Dolberg

candidate for Board of Directors

My wife, Edie and I have lived in beautiful Arundel On The Bay for over 9 years. When we decided to live closer to our children and grand children we looked for a community in Annapolis, on the water, that had established families as well as young families. Most notably we are impressed with the community spirit that strives to improve our environment and well being.

I retired from Lockheed Martin In April 2018, after having worked 46 years participating in various domestic and foreign naval programs. My last position was the manager of the International Submarines group. I managed a diverse group of professionals on contracts with 6 foreign navies.

I would like the opportunity to serve as a Board member, to work towards continuing to make our community better for all residents.

Mike Lord

candidate for Board of Directors

I am seeking election to the AOTB Board of Directors because I feel so strongly about our wonderful community and would like to give something back. My wife Shirley and I have made our home in AOTB since 2004. We initially lived on Rockway Avenue, and subsequently built a house on Narragansett Avenue in 2017. We have 3 wonderful, grown daughters and 7 terrific grandchildren.

Shirley and I served as editors of the Pier during our early years in the community, and I served as a Board member from 2011-2015. I enjoyed my time on the Board, particularly the opportunity to get to know the dedicated volunteers who share their time and talent for the benefit of all of us. They inspired me then, and they inspire me now to volunteer to serve again.

As for my background, I attended the Naval Academy and the University of Virginia School of Law. I served in the Navy for 20 years, was a litigation attorney in the Anne Arundel County Office of Law and the Office of the Maryland Attorney General, and I'm now the Executive Director of the Maryland State Ethics Commission. I would like to, once again, put my background and experience to work for the Community if I am honored with the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors.

Michael MacDonald

candidate for Board of Directors

Michael MacDonald and his wife Janine are new arrivals to AOTB, most recently having lived 20 years in a close-knit, Columbia, MD neighborhood. Mike is a results-oriented professional with a BSCS from University of Maryland. He's former USAF, worked a few years for DoD, and then founded and led three successful software start ups. During his 30-year career he's designed and written apps for over a million users worldwide. Currently he's managing a development team for an Annapolis software company and maintains a mobile app freelancing business. Mike and Janine are avid runners (you've probably seen them running by your house) and Mike occasionally performs in a local rock band. As a new resident, Mike looks forward to pitching in and serving the AOTB community.

Kathleen McLean

candidate for Board of Directors

Kathy moved to AOTB in August 2016 from Alexandria VA. She lived in the Annapolis area previously from 1982 – 1991 and always had her sights on moving back.

As a professional sales person, Kathy is employed at SCLogic, a software company headquartered in Annapolis on West St. Kathy has been the Director of Enterprise Accounts there for 10 years, and manages a territory of 13 states along the southeast corridor from DE to FL. Prior to SCLogic, Kathy was a professional sales person for Pitney Bowes, IKON and UPS Innovations.

Kathy has 3 grown, wonderful sons, ages 31, 29 and 23. They live in Eastport, Arlington VA and Atlanta GA respectively. Her 4th 'son' is Murphy, a lovable yellow Labrador whom many of the neighbors have had the opportunity to be sniffed by on his many walks through AOTB. He loves living here as much as his 'mom'. Kathy's hobbies include sailing as a member of EYC, kayaking from her 'Myrtle Beach' launch (thanks Chris and Jean!), SUP, hiking, fitness (was an instructor until recently) live music and plays ... Born #5 of 7 to a wonderful mid-western clan and raised in Omaha NE, she is very close to her 6 siblings and their families.

Kathy looks forward to the opportunity to give back to this wonderful community by serving on its board and appreciates your consideration.

Richard J. Peyton

candidate for Board of Directors

Thank you for this opportunity to re-introduce myself to the community. My wife, Peggy, and I have lived in Arundel On The Bay since 2006. We feel most fortunate to be in a neighborhood so rich in beauty and history.

I am currently serving on the Board, having replaced a resigning member. I hope to continue to serve our community in this capacity. While on the Board and off, I have volunteered at many neighborhood events, including holiday parties, wine and jazz evenings, and the AOTB Fun Run. I feel that these events are most important for our community in bringing so many of us together.

I am currently the Chair of the community's Constitution and Bylaws review committee. I have worked and served on a committee organized by David Delia to meet periodically with Anne Arundel County police officers in order to explore ways to maintain traffic safety and the overall safety of our neighborhood. I also am on the Board's traffic safety and social committee.

I hope to have the opportunity to serve the people of our neighborhood in the years to come.

Lori W. (Wilkerson) Strum

candidate for Board of Directors

Lori has lived in AOTB for 57 years, since she was four years old, and is among three generations of her family to enjoy life by the water in Annapolis. She grew up in this once-quiet, summer-filled community as a full-time resident on Narragansett Avenue and was part of the first group of children to go to Hillsmere Elementary School when it opened. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland in College Park. Lori worked in management at AT&T and retired with 16 years under her belt and is currently retired from United Airlines after 20 years. She previously served at AOTB Board Member from 1993 to 1995 and served on the board from 2012 to 2016 and 2017 to 2019, with five years as Board Chair. Lori is married to James Strum. They have four daughters (Aja, Kerra, Krista, Teaera, one foster son (Michael Alexander), and eight grandchildren. She and James previously lived in Houston, Texas, where all their children were born. They moved back to AOTB in the mid-eighties, built their house in the middle of the community, and raised their children here. She enjoys traveling, shopping, sewing, boating, fishing, spoiling the grandchildren, and walking the family dog, Dooney.

Amenities for Boaters and Paddlers

by Aris T. Allen, Chair of the Pier, Ramp, and Rack Committee

Our Arundel-on-the-Bay community, overlooking both the Chesapeake Bay and Fishing Creek, provides residents and their guests with various amenities. Some of them include the Community Pier, located at Magnolia and Newport Avenues, the Kayak Racks, located adjacent to the community beach on Magnolia Avenue between Narragansett and Cohasset Avenues, and the Boat Ramp, located at Redwood Avenue. The Community Pier is 390 foot long and is available for your enjoyment...fishing, crabbing, and boat dockage. Remember to obtain the access code for entry through the pier's security gate. There are fourteen deep-water slips and eight shallow-water slips for the dockage of both power and sailboats. Residents are permitted to install boat lifts. Currently four lifts exist and a fifth is planned. The benefits of lifts include protection from wave action, easier boat access, and reduced boat maintenance. The Kayak Racks provide sixteen storage spaces and is located in close proximity to the water for ease of launching. They are currently at full capacity and therefore a waiting list is maintained for interested residents. The Redwood Avenue Ramp is available for trailerable boat launching. Boat launching at the Newport Community Pier Beach is not permitted. The Ramp is secured by a locked gate and keys are available to residents for purchase. For further information for slip rental and lift installation and kayak rental, see the documents listed on the AOTB website.

Farewell, From Our President

Dear Neighbors:

When I ran for the office of Secretary two years ago, I did not anticipate that the end result would be to step into the role of President of the Association. I am grateful that my time in the office of President was punctuated by the help of the heavy lifters who keep our community going strong.

Thank you to Michael Adams, Lori Strum, David Delia, Donna Watts-Lamont, Susan Cook, Brigid Haragan, Pam Bennett, Aris T. Allen, Jr., Alan Hinman, Richard Peyton, Roxanne Veal, Gail Adams, Phillip Allen, and Ed Conaway for your tireless efforts to improve and maintain our wonderful life on the Chesapeake Bay.

Thank you to Elvia Thompson, the world's most patient webmistress and email expert. All of the messages you have received from the community are because of Elvia's willingness and expertise.

Thank you to Sheri Reno, for ensuring our directory is up to date.

Thank you to Tim Hamilton, the journalist behind our newsletter, *The Pier*. Tim is a one man shop that produces our legally critical paper. And please give him articles to publish!

Thank you to all our volunteers across the neighborhood.

I apologize that this sounds like an Oscar speech!

I am grateful that my husband and I chose to come to this community thirteen years ago. We were immediately embraced by this community, and it has been my absolute pleasure to serve it.

Fair winds, neighbors, and following seas.

Dawn M. Davis, POA-AOTB President



Proposed New Community Policies

NOTICE: The following policies, adopted by the Board, will be voted on by the membership at the June 15th general meeting:

Competitive Bidding

- a. Competitive bidding is encouraged for all contracts entered into by the Association when practicable regardless of the amount of the contract.
- b. All contracts entered into on behalf of the Association in excess of \$5,000 may only be entered into after a competitive bidding process. In making its decision of which bid to accept, the Board of Directors shall consider, in addition to the price of the proposal, any other relevant factors including which proposal offers the best value, the quality of the customer service offered by the bidder, and the feasibility and/or practicability of the details of the proposal.
- c. Subparagraph B of this provision shall not apply to contracts for accounting and legal services. While competitive bidding is encouraged for all Association contracts, it is not required for contracts for professional services given the benefits of a continuity of professional knowledge.

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Officers and Members of the Board of Directors have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the Association at all times. In carrying out their fiduciary duty, the Officers and Board Members shall adhere to the conflict of interest provisions set forth in this policy.

Definition

An Officer or Board Member may not participate in the discussion of, or voting on, any matter in which the Officer, Board Member or family member (spouse, child, parent or sibling, whether natural or adopted) has a direct personal or monetary interest in, or will benefit from, the matter at issue in a manner not common to other Officers and Board Members. A conflict of interest need not involve money, but can involve matters such as professional standing.

Duty to Disclose

An Officer or Board Member who has a conflict of interest as defined above has a fiduciary duty to disclose such conflict upon first learning of a matter touching on the conflicted interest, and to thereafter recuse him or herself from proceedings concerning that matter.

Duty of Confidentiality

An Officer or Board Member may not disclose to anyone, or use in any way, confidential information acquired by reason of the person's position or status in the Association for personal or monetary advantage when that information is not available to the full membership of the Association.

Failure to Recuse

If the Officer or Board Member who has a conflict of interest fails to disclose that interest and to thereafter recuse him or herself from proceedings relating to that interest, the Board of Directors is entitled to make and approve a motion to bar the conflicted Officer or Board Member from being involved in matters concerning the conflicted matter.

Drainage Questions?

by David Delia

Yes, it has been an extremely wet year, as we received almost twice the amount of precipitation as we would in an average year.

As a result, you're probably experiencing drainage problems on your property that you have never seen before. That said, we are actively working on improving drainage in the community. If you have questions about what the community is doing, and would like to find more information, here are some online resources you should check out:

https://www.arundelonthebay.org/pdf/AOTB_DrainageArticlePIER_4-19.pdf

https://www.arundelonthebay.org/pdf/AOTB_NotesFromJan19_DPWdrainage_meeting.pdf

David Delia, at **ddelia@comcast.net** is coordinating AOTB's community drainage efforts.

Newsletter Changes

If you haven't gotten a Pier in the mail in a while . . . well we have re-adopted our policy of mailing our community newsletter, "The Pier" four times per year to all taxpayer addresses per County records. Or you can always access the Pier electronically from our website **www.arundelonthebay.org** (Documents tab). We will be posting the newsletter on our community website on the same day it goes to the printer for mailing. And while the county doesn't let us change addresses in their taxpayer records, let **secretary@arundelonthebay.org** know if you would like a copy of "The Pier" sent to an address other than your county address. Renter residents: we'll be happy to send you a copy of the Pier, just email Susan Cook at **secretary@arundelonthebay.org**.

If you have any content suggestions, pictures, or articles that you would like to contribute, email **timhamilton47@mac.com** to have them included in the next edition of the community newsletter.

Let's Eat! Together, That Is.

by Margaret Delia

You are invited to join with your AOTB neighbors on a regular basis to eat, discuss issues of common concern, eat, laugh, schmooze, eat and drink, trade fish stories, and oh, did we mention, eat?

We hope you had fun and met some super AOTBers that you didn't know before at our May 6th dinner at Caliente Grill. If you missed that opportunity, or simply liked it so much you're literally hungry for more, please join us on Wednesday evening, June 5th at Sammy's Italian Pizza Kitchen in Eastport for some great Italian fare and/or on Wednesday July 10th at Jack's Fortune, just off the peninsula, for some exquisite and authentic Chinese grub.

We know you're all busy folks, but we've all got to eat anyway! And what better way to aid digestion than to chow down with folks you just met and actually like?



The few bucks we make from these events help keep us together better; for a more complete review see <https://www.arundelonthebay.org/pdf/The-Pier-2017Sep.pdf>.

Interested? Contact Margaret Delia at omdelia@comcast.net or 443-534-7230.

Letter to the Editor

I urge residents to make their thoughts known to Anne Arundel County. The county's Department of Public Works (DPW), which is helping us with our drainage problems on county streets are doing as much as they can with what they have and are greatly appreciated! But we need to urge the County to increase the resources – money and people – available to DPW. If you are so inclined, a broad brush approach through our county executive's "contact us" link at <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/county-executive/contact-us/index.html> would hopefully let them know we appreciate what they've done so far and hope they could do more.

David Delia, ddelia@comcast.net

Community Improvements are in Full Swing!

by Lori Strum, POA-AOTB Board Chair

The following is a current list of all ongoing projects in AOTB:

- New Doggie Waste Stations...Stations were installed at Narragansett at Cedar and Cohasset at Sycamore.
- New Signs at the Beach...Three new signs have been installed to replace the old green ones.
- New Grills...Large, covered smoker grills with 360' swivel, that has 500 square inches of cooking surface, have been installed along the fences at the beach to give room for full activities.
- New Additions to the Playground...New train spring-rider in our 2-5 year-old area and two new roof structures were installed for sun relief on the older 2-12 year-old climbing station.
- New Shed...Will arrive by June 1st for storage of AOTB equipment and supplies.
- New Benches...Bench installation has commenced at our street ends for community enjoyment.

Please take care of all of our new acquisitions as if they were in your own yard!

When It Comes To Your Landscape... Go Native!

by Tim Hamilton, POA-AOTB PIER Editor

When it comes to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators, you can't go wrong with native plants! Annuals are expensive, last only a few months, require a lot of watering, and only a few of them provide sustenance for pollinators. If you want to plant them in containers for the front porch...fine. But leave the garden beds to natives plants and flowers. Natives are built for Maryland and take far less care than pricy annuals. Plus, they are a valuable source of food for the pollinators that you want to attract your yard anyway.

Local nurseries like Bay Ridge Nursery, Bru-Mar, and Homestead Gardens have very good selections of native plants such as Black-Eyed Susan, Foxglove, Ox Eye Sunflower, Partridge Pea, Goldenrod, Milkweed, Joe Pye, Virginia Day Flower, Coneflower, and Bee Balm, among others. If you don't see what you are looking for for at these nurseries, just ask them and they will generally be more than happy to order them for you.

By planting native trees, plants, and flowers, you are creating an ideal environment for insects and pollinators. If you really want to ramp up your game, try putting up Mason Bee houses, "insect hotels", and pollinator walls. There are myriad plans online that make a fun weekend project that can add character to your yard while providing valuable resources to local wildlife. Except the deer. We've had it with the deer.

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