

Oyster Harbor News

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

November 2009

www.oysterharbor.org

Board Update

Elections were held on September 22nd and we have a great team of officers, board members, and committee heads in place! Board priorities for the year include:

- Conducting infrastructure surveys to help us understand estimated life expectancy of bulkheads, fishing piers, boat ramps, new asphalt, etc. This, in turn, will help us understand how much money we need to set aside for future projects.
- Continuing to focus on long term planning, particularly with regards to development and use of community property and projecting budget needs for capital expenses.
- Changing the county tax charter to allow us to develop and purchase property – this will be a long process (we need petition approval of 51% of property owners!) but one that will greatly benefit the community and allow us more latitude and flexibility in our long term planning.

It's an exciting time for OHCA and I'm proud to be a part of the group moving us forward. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email manager@oysterharbor.org

Kathy Burk
Chairman, Board of Directors
Oyster Harbor Citizens Association



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

President's Report

On page 3 of this newsletter you will find an opportunity to vote to change the charter of Oyster Harbor. We need to change the charter to allow us to develop, buy and sell property and to potentially raise a mortgage. Many residents and property owners over the past several years have expressed interest in developing the community's lot on Harbor Road; others have talked about selling it to give the community the opportunity to invest in purchasing other property. In addition, we've heard several residents inquire about our ability to "buy" a home here in the community and use it for a clubhouse. None of these options can be pursued, however, until we, as a community, change the county tax charter.

Your board is unanimous in urging you to sign the form and return it to our community manager as soon as possible. I stress that signing the form will give our community an opportunity to develop more facilities but absolutely does not commit us to any expenditure or decisions on expenditures—no decisions can be made without OHCA approval.

Ian MacKinnon
President
Oyster Harbor Citizens Association

Inside this Issue

Roads Committee	2
Audit Committee	2
Property Committee	2
Save the Date	2
Petition to Modify OHCA District	3
Emergency Services Contacts	5
Be Alert!	5
Police Community Relations Council	5
OHCA Elections	6
OHCA Car Stickers	6
Holiday Curbside Collection	6
Fireplace Safety Tips	6
List of Officers, Board Members & Committee Chairs	

Roads Committee

New Permits Needed for Drainage Work

Committee Chairperson: Kathy Burk

The Roads Committee's #1 priority is to get the remainder of the drainage work completed on the developed part of Creek, Shore, and a few "hot" spots on Washington and Louis.

Anne Arundel County recently informed us that we must get new permits for the drainage work to be completed since the newest plan differs from the existing permits. This has caused a delay in wrapping up the project. Mike Kretsch, OHCA engineer, is working on securing the new permits at this time. At the recommendation of the "block captains" and residents, we will hold a meeting with Creek Drive residents when the permits have been secured to discuss the plans, timing and logistics of the work to be completed. We will contact residents once the date, time and location for this meeting have been confirmed.

Second priority for Roads is re-asphalting our developed streets. Calvin Kidd is in the process of getting quotes for paving. We are also working with the engineer to ensure that the paving specs are coordinated with the drainage plan needs.

Oyster Harbor Citizens Association
PO Box 3174
Annapolis, MD 21403
410-280-8999
manager@oysterharbor.org
Office hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Newsletter:
Kathy C. Burk, Chairman of the Board
Claire Dillon, Editor

Direct comments to
manager@oysterharbor.org

Contents of the newsletter posted on the OHCA website: www.oysterharbor.org.

Audit Committee

Planning the Financial Future of OHCA

Committee Chairperson: Garth Wells

The Audit Committee will be working on a 10-year budget including a 5-year forecast with a 5-year lookback.

Property Committee Meeting

Project Update

Committee Chairperson: Jo Burkholder

The Committee Property Committee met in October and is happy to report that the bollard project has been completed. Bob Eyster will be installing reflective tape on poles for night time visibility. Signs are on order to replace existing signs that have been damaged and/or new signage for the fire department. The Committee is getting quotes for resurfacing the Harbor lot and building a kayak rack at the Washington Marina. Additionally, landscaping projects include replacing dead or non-growing ornamental grasses in various areas and assessing the Harbor Lot and reseeding if necessary. Next meeting – November 5, David Wood's house, 1314 Harbor Rd, 7:30pm.

Save the Date

Thursday, November 5, 7:30 p.m. **Community Property Committee Meeting**

Information: JoBurkholder@comcast.net

Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. **OHCA Board Meeting**

Anne Arundel County Public Library
Eastport-Annapolis Neck Branch
269 Hillsmere Drive

Tuesday, November 24, 7 p.m. **OHCA General Meeting**

St. Anne's School of Annapolis
3112 Arundel on the Bay Road

Thursday, December 10, 7 p.m. **OHCA Board Meeting**

Anne Arundel County Public Library
Eastport-Annapolis Neck Branch
269 Hillsmere Drive

**PETITION TO MODIFY THE "OYSTER HARBOR"
SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT**

I (We), the undersigned property owners, hereby petition the County Council of Anne Arundel County to modify the existing Oyster Harbor Community Benefit District in accordance with the Anne Arundel County Code, Section 4-7-203. The limits of the modified Oyster Harbor Special Community Benefit District shall remain unchanged.

The purposes of the modified Oyster Harbor Special Community Benefit District are changed from:

Construction, maintenance, and repair of, and snow removal from, non county owned roads, streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, street or road signs, street or road lights, bulkheads, drainage ditches, and culverts; the maintenance of community areas; establishing and operating a community security program; and dredging.

to:

construction, maintenance, and repair of, and snow removal from, non county owned roads, streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, street or road signs, street or road lights, bulkheads, drainage ditches, and culverts; the maintenance of community areas; **acquisition, development, improvement and maintenance of community real and personal property or any interest in real property necessary to accomplish community wide projects**; establishing and operating a community security program; and dredging; **covering the administrative expenses incidental to carrying out these purposes, including management fees, postage, mailing, auditing, insurance, legal costs and the repayment of any loans.**

The method of taxation shall remain an annual assessment for each real property tax account.

The Oyster Harbor Citizens Association, Inc., a community association that meets the criteria set forth in the Anne Arundel County Code, Section 4-7-101(d), shall continue to be responsible for the administration of the Oyster Harbor Special Community Benefit District.

I/We, the undersigned, affirm under the penalties of perjury that I am/we are the owner/owners or the property whose address is within the Oyster Harbor Special Community Benefit District.

PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR DEED. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, SPELL OUT YOUR FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES. ALL OWNERS OF RECORD MUST SIGN.

Address of the property in the Oyster Harbor Special Community Benefit District

_____ I/We vote YES

_____ I/We vote NO

Signature and Printed Name

Date

Signature and Printed Name

Date

PLEASE REMOVE PETITION AND SIGN

Petition can be folded into thirds, stapled, stamped and mailed without envelope.

If you own more than one property in Oyster Harbor, complete a petition for EACH property address. Additional petitions can be found on the website at www.oysterharbor.org

**OYSTER HARBOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 3174
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403**

Emergency Services Important Contact Numbers

Anne Arundel County Fire Chief

John Robert Ray

firechief@aacounty.org

410-222-8200

Emergency: 911

Annapolis Police Department

Michael A. Pristoop, Chief of Police

police@annapolis.gov

Information: 410-268-9000

Dispatcher: 410-268-4141

Emergency: 911

BE ALERT!

Thefts from cars in Oyster Harbor and Bay Ridge Reported

The Anne Arundel Police Department suggests that we residents be careful and lock our cars when parked in front of our homes. Also, be sure that any valuables that might be in your car are hidden away from view. Better yet, bring them inside.

Be aware of your surroundings and keep a watch for your neighbors. If you see anything or anybody who looks suspicious, don't hesitate to call 911!

10 Ways to Be ALERT

(Source: www.annapolis.gov Car Watch Program)

- Annapolis Police Department and you - working together - will prevent or reduce auto thefts.
- Always roll-up the windows and sun-roof, lock the car and take the keys with you, even if you are coming right back.
- Accept the fact, thieves can find hidden, spare car keys.
- Avoid parking in isolated and unlit areas.
- Act to prevent a crime, keep valuables out of sight.
- Auto registration and driver's license should be kept with you, not in the car.

- Anything you can do to make it more time consuming and discouraging for a thief - do it.
- As you approach your car, have your keys ready to open the door.
- Stay alert, if you see something that looks suspicious call 911.
- Be especially alert in large parking lots and multi - storied garages.

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

Crime Prevention Initiative looking for new members

The Anne Arundel County Police Community Relations Council is a voluntary, independent advisory body whose membership includes business and community representatives as well as private citizens. It serves as a liaison between the police and the community to recognize that the citizens, communities and the police have a common goal: the preservation of law and order, the reduction of crime and the protection of the community.

The Council meets regularly with police officials to

- Discuss problems of mutual concern,
- Develop programs to reduce crime, improve personal and property security,
- Improve the police-community partnership necessary to reduce crime and its effects.

Regular monthly Council meetings are held and may include:

- Captain's report on community crime statistics and community crime problems,
- Committee reports on crime prevention, legislative affairs, court watch and drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs,
- Guest speakers on crime prevention, the criminal justice system, police operations and related subjects,
- Crime prevention workshops.

Meetings are held in their respective district station at 7:30 pm and are open to all individuals, community representatives and local business organizations.

(Story continued on page 6)

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL (cont.)

Meeting Schedule:

Northern District

1st Wednesday of the month
Northern District Station, Hammons Lane near Rt. 648

Western District

2nd Wednesday of the month
Western District Station, Telegraph Road, Odenton

Eastern District:

3rd Wednesday of the month
Eastern District Station, 3700 Mountain Road

Southern District:

3rd Thursday of the month
Southern District Station, Rt. 2, Edgewater

For more information contact Joseph V. Cifala, Chairman at 301.261.7640.

OHCA Held Elections on September 22

OHCA held its Annual Elections on September 22, 2009 at St. Anne's School. All nominating committee selections for officers and board were accepted with no nominations from the floor. There were 35 OHCA voting members in attendance. Election results were as follows:

Officers	Number of Votes
President Ian MacKinnon	35 votes
Vice President Troy Juliar	33 votes
Recording Secretary Arlene Rankin	32 votes
Corresponding Secretary Elvia Thompson	32 votes
Association Treasurer Naomi Perry	32 votes
Financial Secretary Garth Wells	31 votes
Special Tax Treasurer Patty Jenkins	31 votes

Board Members	Number of Votes	Length of Term
Kathy Burk	29 votes	3 years
Linda Nivens-Epps	26 votes	3 years
Bob Eyster	25 votes	3 years
Jane Miller	25 votes	2 years
David Ginsburg	24 votes	1 year

OHCA Car Stickers



Show your Oyster Harbor community pride by displaying an OHCA decal on your vehicle. Decals were provided to each resident by mail late last year. The decals are non-permanent and should be placed in the lower left hand side of rear window. They serve a few important purposes:

- To help maintain security at our community beaches and piers by alerting security guards to community vs. non-community cars.
- To help Block Captains monitor community parking lots and alert residents if cars need to be moved.
- To show the rest of Annapolis our Oyster Harbor community pride!

If you did not receive a sticker, contact Claire Dillon at 410-280-8999.

HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTION

A reminder that there will be no curbside trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th. Trash will be collected on Friday, November 27th.



FIREPLACE / WOOD STOVE SAFETY TIPS FOR A SAFE WINTER

- Burn only seasoned hard wood, not trash or cardboard boxes which can burn unevenly.
- Use sturdy screens or glass doors to keep embers in.
- Open flues before fireplaces are used.
- Have a professional chimney sweep inspect chimneys every year. They will fix any cracks, blockages and leaks and clean out any build-up that could start a fire.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home.

Oyster Harbor Community Association Leadership

Board of Directors

Kathy Burk, Chair
Term expires September 2012
1354 Washington Drive
410 280-1359
kathycburk@verizon.net

Dan Craig, Vice Chair
Term expires September 2010
3301 Shore Drive
410 268-7929 H / 202-222-2410 W
dan.nmn.craig@gmail.com

Winston Dunkley
Term expires September 2010
1327 Washington Drive
410 216-9656
winstond44@hotmail.com

Bob Eyster
Term expires September 2012
1251 Creek Drive
410 267-6261
reyster1@comcast.net

David Ginsburg
Term expires September 2010
1335 Fishing Creek Road
410 268-8763
diginsburg@comcast.net

Calvin Kidd
Term expires September 2011
1333 Harbor Road
410 267-0711
calvin.kidd@fms.treas.gov

Jane Miller
Term expires September 2011
3357 Thomas Point Road
410 263-5938
jills11@comcast.net

Linda Nivens-Epps
Term expires September 2012
1430 Howard Road
410 263-0717
lnivens64@aol.com

Nancy Plaxico
Term expires September 2011
3303 Shore Drive
410 280-1972
nancy.plaxico@healthways.com

Officers

President
Ian MacKinnon
1314 Washington Drive
410 295-9416 H / 443-852-6100 C
incolumis.on.the.bay@gmail.com

Vice President
Troy Juliar
3320 Arundel on the Bay Road
410 263-6571
tjuliar@yahoo.com

Recording Secretary
Arlene Rankin
3370 Arundel on the Bay Road
301 261-1071
arankin58@hotmail.com

Corresponding Secretary
Elvia Thompson
1346 Washington Drive
410 990-0230
info@stellarpresentations.com

Association Treasurer
Naomi Perry
6530 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
202 723-5238 / 410 263-3610
josephbutcher@mris.com

Financial Secretary
Garth Wells
3384 Arundel on the Bay Road
410 268-7182
garthwells@comcast.net

Special Tax Treasurer
Patty Jenkins
1349 Washington Drive
410 626-1766
pattyjenkins1@comcast.net

Committee Chairs

Auditing
Garth Wells
3384 Arundel on the Bay Road
410 268-7182
garthwells@comcast.net

Committee Chairs (Con't)

Beaches
Dan Craig
3301 Shore Drive
410 268-7929 H / 202-420-8481 C
dan.nmn.craig@gmail.com

Benevolence
Winston Dunkley
1327 Washington Drive
410 216-9656
Winstond44@hotmail.com

Communication/Web
Elvia Thompson
1346 Washington Drive
410 990-0230
info@stellarpresentations.com

Community Property
Jo Burkholder
1324 Fishing Creek Road
410 271-9464
joburkholder@comcast.net

Piers & Harbors
Rhoades Whitehill
3357 Thomas Point Road
410 263-5938
crwhitehill@comcast.net

Reclamation
TBD

Recreation
Kathy Shaffer
443-458-5216
Kathykinney@yahoo.com
Courtney D'Leon
410-353-9807
cdleoncourtney@gmail.com
Amy Luongo
617-304-8879 C / 443-949-8100 H
Amycaires_6@hotmail.com

Roads
Kathy Burk
1354 Washington Drive
410 280-1359
kathycburk@verizon.net

Security
Winston Knight
1363 Washington Drive
410 263-0590
202 744-1815
Wknight564@verizon.net

Post this page in your home for quick reference – or access online:
www.oysterharbor.org/board&officers.html

Updated: October 20, 2009



Are you putting out more recycling than trash? You should be.

All of us can Recycle. More.

Oyster Harbor resident Robb Fish, a recycling program specialist at Anne Arundel County Waste Management Services, has written us an article all about recycling. See it on our website: www.oysterharbor.org/recycle.html

Recent surveys at the landfill have shown that at least half of what is thrown away COULD be recycled. Recycling makes good environmental and economic sense. Recycling is an easy way to save energy, reduce pollution, save money and take better care of our environment.

You make a choice with every item you throw away, a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go.

Make the right decision: Recycle!

PS – Recycle this newsletter after you read it. It will be posted online.

**Oyster Harbor Community Association
PO Box 3174
Annapolis, MD 21403**

Prsrt Std US Postage Paid Annapolis, MD Permit 5
