

Oyster Harbor News

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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OYSTER HARBOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00 p.m. VOTING BEGINS AT 7:30 p.m.

St. Anne's School of Annapolis

3112 Arundel on the Bay Road

2nd floor Media Center

Report of the OHCA Nominating Committee

The OHCA Nominating Committee was appointed by the OHCA President, convened and unanimously recommended the following OHCA members for the Officer and Board positions as noted below:

Positions to be filled at the Tuesday, September 28, OHCA Election:

- All officers serve for one-year terms.
- Three board members for a three-year term.

Officers: The OHCA Nominating Committee recommends the following candidates for OHCA offices listed below. All are elected for one year terms:

President: Brooke Doswell

Vice President: Norm MacLeod

Recording Secretary: Arlene Rankin*

Corresponding Secretary: Elvia Thompson*

Association Treasurer: Naomi Perry*

Financial Secretary: Garth Wells*

Special Tax Treasurer: Patty Jenkins*

*Incumbent

Board of Directors: The OHCA Nominating Committee recommends the following candidates for the three OHCA Board vacancies. Board members are elected for three-year terms and these candidates will be elected to serve three-year terms.

Winston Dunkley*

David Ginsburg*

Kathy Shaffer

*Incumbent

This Report and Recommendations for Officer and Board nominations is hereby submitted by the OHCA Nominating Committee:

Rhoades Whitehill

Eunice Cherry

Bennie McCrotty

Jo Burkholder

Gerald Winegrad, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald W. Winegrad, Chair

OHCA Nominating Committee

Save the Dates

Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.

OHCA Board Meeting

Anne Arundel County Public Library

Eastport-Annapolis Neck Branch

269 Hillsmere Drive

Thursday, November 4, 7 p.m.

OHCA Board Meeting

Anne Arundel County Public Library

Eastport-Annapolis Neck Branch

269 Hillsmere Drive

Tuesday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.

OHCA General Meeting

St. Anne's School of Annapolis

3112 Arundel on the Bay Road

Thursday, December 9, 7 p.m.

OHCA Board Meeting

Anne Arundel County Public Library

Eastport-Annapolis Neck Branch

269 Hillsmere Drive

Meet the Candidates

**Denotes an incumbent board member or officeholder seeking re-election*

CANDIDATES FOR OHCA BOARD



DAVID B. GINSBURG*

David Ginsburg and his wife, Jackie, have been living at 1335 Fishing Creek Road for almost 11 years, which to them still makes them relatively new to the neighborhood.

David has served on the OHCA Board as a Director for the past year when and headed up the committee to review the OHCA Constitution and Bylaws. David is an attorney with the firm of Wingfield & Ginsburg in Washington, D.C. His wife, Jackie, is a local pediatrician. They enjoy being near the water and are boaters. David enjoys being part of a neighborhood that pulls together, whether it's a fire, hurricane, blizzard, or even just adjusting dock lines or retrieving a stray trash can. When his and Jackie's boys had an apprehension of dogs, their neighbors made a project of getting them comfortable around their pets. Now the boys want a family dog, but are concerned that the family cat may object!

David wants to serve on the Board again and continue to help the community retain the character that makes it such a great place to live. You can reach David at 410-268-4310 or djginsburg@comcast.net.



WINSTON DUNKLEY*

I have been a resident of Oyster Harbor for the past 14 years and have served the community in various capacities. I served as President for a short time, Vice President, currently serving on the Board and Chair of the Benevolent Committee. This community means a great deal to me and my family and my desire to see our community be the best it can be has led me to seek reelection to the Board.



KATHY SHAFFER

Kathy Shaffer has been a member of the Oyster Harbor family since fall 2008. She lives on Arundel on the Bay Road with her husband and two small children. With a one and a

two year old in toe, you can often find her double stroller out on our community streets or visiting the beach and its playground equipment. Prior to recent stay-at-home mommyhood, Kathy was a Vice President of public relations and marketing in top 10 firms in both Manhattan, New York and Los Angeles, CA. Since moving to Annapolis, she has attended many of the community's social functions, and also currently serves on the Community Property Committee. kathykinney2000@yahoo.com Phone: 443.458.5216

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CANDIDATES FOR OHCA OFFICERS



CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT: BROOKE DOSWELL

I have lived in Oyster Harbor since June of 2002 on Fishing Creek Road with my two standard poodles. I liked the community so much that in 2005, when I wanted a bigger house, I just bought the one next door. I have been very active in the community, both tutoring neighborhood children as well as serving twice as President. I have worked in the field of commercial real estate for 27 years specializing in redevelopment, asset and construction management. I am very interested in the environment and doing everything we can to get the Chesapeake Bay healthy. My hobbies include sailing and travel. You can reach Brooke at 202.302.3894 or brooke.doswell@me.com.



CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT: NORM MACLEOD

As a former President and Board member, I am aware of the challenges facing OHCA. If elected, I will act to support the board and officers in their efforts to meet these challenges.



CANDIDATE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY: ARLENE RANKIN*

I am a native Washingtonian and have enjoyed the community of Oyster Harbor for over 47 years. As a little girl, crabbing and boating at Dr. Johnson's summer home on Washington Drive with my family brings back fond memories. In 1986 while working for the Defense Department, my father (Harry L. Jackson) and I purchased a lot on Arundel on the Bay Road, where he lived until his passing in 1997. "Jack" as many neighbors called him, took care of the beach

and other public property in Oyster Harbor. In 1997 my family and I moved to Oyster Harbor.

After leaving the federal government in 1988 I owned and operated a small print shop/copy center on Capitol Hill; served as assistant to the VP of a property management firm; worked for UPO as a housing/employment counselor; sold real estate with Century 21; and as a HUD-certified housing counselor with the Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency in Annapolis.

As a means of continuing to help and educate homeowners, I am currently a licensed loan officer with Academy Mortgage, LLC, specializing in Reverse Mortgages. I am a notary public, a member of the AAC MLK Dinner Committee, and was a recipient of the 2008 MLK Drum Major Award; VP, AAC Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., a group whose mission is to serve underprivileged children in Anne Arundel County; a board member of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.

I volunteer at the Housing Authority for the City of Annapolis, holding Budgeting and Credit Repair workshops for individuals and families living in public/subsidized housing, and have been a provisional judge with the Board of Elections of AAC for the last five years. This will be my xxxxx term as serving as the OHCA Recording Secretary. Arlene can be reached at 301-261-1071 or arankin58@hotmail.com



CANDIDATE FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: ELVIA THOMPSON*

Elvia Thompson runs a web and print design and public relations consulting business from her home in Oyster Harbor. Elvia is a retired federal employee. Her last assignment was at NASA headquarters, where she worked primarily as a policy writer. She has a Master's Degree from Florida International University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Miami.

Elvia serves on the boards of the Annapolis Maritime Museum, the Anne Arundel Chapter of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and the Spa Creek Conservancy and is former Vice President of the Eastport Business Association. In 2007 Elvia founded Annapolis Green to consolidate local

environmental connections and help people live an environmentally responsible life in this area. Annapolis Green works cooperatively with Green Drinks Annapolis, which provides the “fun part of environmental awareness” that brings people together. Her local web clients include non-profits and small businesses including the Eastport Civic Association, the Property Owners of Arundel on the Bay, Severn Riverkeeper, among many others.

Elvia has lived in Oyster Harbor for six years and has served as the OHCA Corresponding Secretary for two years. She enjoys both sailing and power boating. Elvia can be reached at 410-990-9025 or info@stellarpresentations.com



**CANDIDATE FOR
ASSOCIATION
TREASURER:
NAOMI PERRY***

Naomi Perry has been a resident of Oyster Harbor since 1952.

Her two sons also live here. Her son, Joe Butcher, is a former member of the OHCA Board. Naomi has served as the Association Treasurer for 14 years. She would like to continue her service to the community where she has spent so much of her life. Naomi can be reached at 202-723-5238.

**CANDIDATE FOR FINANCIAL
SECRETARY:
GARTH WELLS***

Garth has been a resident of Oyster Harbor for five years. Two years ago he volunteered for the position of Financial Secretary when the position became vacant mid-year and would like to continue in this role.

Garth has 12 years experience underwriting and finding the debt and equity for commercial real estate. As part of his work experience, he must manage the budgeting and financial dealings of several large projects.

His hobbies include racing, sailboats, golf, and enjoying the community beach with his son. You can reach Garth at 410-268-7182 or garthwells@comcast.net.



**CANDIDATE FOR
SPECIAL TAX
TREASURER:
PATRICIA JENKINS***

Patty Jenkins and her husband, Bill, have lived in Oyster Harbor for 15 years at 1349 Washington Drive. They have two children, Billy and Annabelle.

Patty has been involved in OHCA for the past 11 years, volunteering for different projects and committees, including past nominating and elections committees. Before becoming the Special Tax Treasurer last year, she served as the recreation chair for 4 years.

In addition to OHCA, she also does volunteer work for St. Mary's School and the Maritime Museum in Eastport. Patty is retired from a law firm in Washington, D.C., where she worked for 25 years. In this position, she handled all of the financial needs of the firm, including billing, accounts payable, bookkeeping, retirement accounts, insurance benefits, and payroll.

She is looking forward to holding the position of Special Tax Treasurer for a second year, where she can further contribute her talents, skills and knowledge about Oyster Harbor to the community. Patty can be reached at 410-626-1766 or pattyjenkins1@comcast.net

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Registration begins at 7 p.m. and voting at 7:30 p.m. In order to vote you must be over 18 years of age, and a property owner in Oyster Harbor. You will be asked to show identification such as a drivers' license and your name will be checked off of a copy of the most recent tax roll. You will be given one ballot package regardless of how many properties you own in Oyster Harbor.

The nomination committee's slate will be presented and nominations from the floor will be accepted as well. Retiring officers and board members may run for any office.

Voting for the officers will occur first. As those votes are being counted by the volunteer vote counters (none of whom may be a person who is running for office), voting for the Board candidates will begin.

Votes will be counted immediately so results will be known immediately. A board containing all candidates' names will be at the front of the room and vote counts will be presented to the meeting participants on that board.

All votes must be counted by 8:50 p.m., so please arrive early.

After the Election

Committee Chairs are NOT elected but are appointed by the President after the election. We have had great Chairs and committee members and Oyster Harbor reflects their efforts. We hope that the present Chairs and committee members will continue or that many of you will chose to chair a committee or join a committee where vacancies need to be filled.

President's Report

It's been a busy but frustrating year. When I was elected, my intent was to complete the roads project, gain acceptance to a change in the constitution allowing us to buy and sell property so as to prepare the ground for a potential club house and to continue improving the community with 'green initiatives'.

I'm ashamed to admit that we have still not completed the roads project. It hasn't been for the lack of effort but we have been frustrated by engineering design delays and last minute pipe failures forcing us to put our plans on hold and develop new plans / get permits etc. to move forward. I am confident we will complete the project before year end (2010!). Thanks to Kathy Burk and Calvin Kidd for keeping on top of the issues.

There has been little enthusiasm for a change in the constitution so that has been put on hold and will be rolled into a bigger project being headed up by David Ginsburg to revisit our whole constitution.

On the green front we have made great progress in tree planting and rain gardens thanks to the efforts of Kim Boris' green committee but sadly I have to report that our Oyster project has been disappointing; an unknown source of pollution in the spring killed

all the oysters. Recovering the bay will not be easy!

As always we are grateful to our community property team headed by Jo Burkholder for keeping the community looking attractive and a great place to live. Thanks are also due to Dan Craig and Linda Nivens-Epps for respectively keeping on top of the beach and compliance and the recreation team of Courtney D'Leon, Amy Luongo, and Kathy Shaffer for providing the social events we have enjoyed through the year.

A major unforeseen problem has hit us with the bulkhead failing which could potentially block the entrance to Oyster Creek. Dan Craig has headed up a team to assess the situation and get bids to remedy the problem. This will not be cheap and we are in parallel looking for grants and other ways to share the costs. We are fortunate that we are in a strong financial position and can manage this expense. Thanks especially to Patty Jenkins for managing our community tax funds, Naomi Perry for looking after our discretionary funds and Garth Wells as Audit and Financial secretary ensuring we manage our funds appropriately.

We have had a few incidents on the beach and a couple of break-ins in the community. Thanks to Winston Knight as security chair for keeping on top of our security situation.

Although I have been disappointed about the poor attendance at some of our community meetings and the board meetings, thanks to Arlene Rankin for recording our community meetings and Jane Miller as board secretary.

Our community is very welcoming and supportive of our neighbors. Thanks to Winston Dunkley for running the benevolence and welcoming committee. Thanks are also due to Elvia Thompson for keeping our web site up to date and I'm pleased that we are able to reduce our carbon footprint by using our web site as our main communication tool between the officers, board and the community. Once again, thank you Elvia.

I have enjoyed being President and am very grateful for the support I have had through the

year from Kathy Burk as Board Chair, Dan Craig who stepped in to manage the bulkhead crisis and especially Claire Dillon as community manager. Claire has ensured we are using our funds cost effectively and providing the service our community deserves. I believe we are one of the best run communities in the county and Claire is very much part of that success.

Finally, this is election time and as you can tell from the number of people involved in the community it does not run itself. Gerald Winegrad as Chair of the nominating committee deserves our thanks as he has put together a strong panel of candidates many of whom have already demonstrated their skills. I urge you to get involved in the community, attend the election meeting and support our officers and board who are working on your behalf.

Best wishes for the future.

Ian MacKinnon
President

New Play Area Coming to Harbor Lot!

Jo Burkholder and her Community Property Committee have been working hard to make Oyster Harbor a beautiful, well-maintained, family friendly place to live. With their research, hard-work and the Board's approval, a new playground will be installed on the Harbor Lot for families on the south side of Arundel on the Bay Road. We also want to thank Kim Boris and her Green Committee for their hard work of planting the trees in the Harbor Lot earlier this month.



Be a Courteous Neighbor

Just a few reminders to ensure that you are being a courteous neighbor:

- It is a county law that dogs cannot run at large. As stated on the Anne Arundel County Animal Control website, "at-large" means off the property of an animal's owner and not leashed and not under the control of a responsible person. Please make sure that you keep your pets and neighbors safe by leashing your dog. If you notice a dog that is running at-large, is a public nuisance or is threatening the safety of humans or domestic pets, please contact Animal Control at 410-222-8900. To file a formal complaint, you must complete an affidavit which is available online at <http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/Resources/Complaint.pdf>
- Cigarette butts do not belong on the ground or on the beach sand. They are toxic and find their way into our waterways and the Bay. Additionally, we have many young children playing on the beach and we don't want the beach to turn into an ashtray. The Beach Committee has purchased six cigarette butt receptacles which have been placed strategically by the gazebos, benches and picnic tables. Please properly dispose of your cigarette butts into one of these canisters.

Emergency Services Numbers

Anne Arundel County Fire Chief

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Anne Arundel County Police Department

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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.

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