

# North Shore on the Magothy's The Barnacle January 2008

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Animal Control	410 222-7045
AAC Constituent Line	410 222 2222
AAC Departmental Phone Directory Switchboard	410 222-7000
Board of Elections	410 222-6600
Bulk Item Pickup	410 222-6108
County Councilman Ron Dillon (Chairman)	410 222-1401
County Executive John R. Leopold	410 222 1821
Delegate Don Dwyer	410-419-3870
Delegate Nic Kipke	410 841-3421
Delegate Steven R. Schuh	410 841-3206
Health Department	410 222-7364
Magothy River Water Quality Hot Line	410 222-7999
Maryland State Senator Brian Simonaire	410 841-3658
Road Repair	410 222-6120
Zoning Enforcement	410 222-7446

## **Community Calendar**

**Wednesday, Dec 12**

Garden Club, 7:30pm, ornament exchange- bring a new wrapped ornament of no more than \$10 value for fun exchange

**Sunday, Dec 16**

Caroling and Santa's visit, 6pm, Community Beach

**Tuesday, January 8**

Board Meeting, 7pm, home of Fran Kuhne

**Tuesday, Feb 5**

Annual Meeting, 7pm, Pasadena Big Vanilla Fitness Center Community Room, please sign in when you arrive. You can arrive at 6:30PM and there will be a tour of this new facility.

## **North Shore Board Meeting Notes December 4, 2007**

**Board Members Present:** Bud Jenkins, Denise Larbig, Rick Scruggs, Sarah Ann Parsons, Brian Siwinski, Carolyn Wisthoff, Fran Kuhne

**Guests Present:** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM at the home of Denise Larbig

### **Clarification Long Range Planning Item**

In the meeting notes for November 6 there was an item under New Business, Long Range Planning that gave cost estimates for a tennis court at the Park and paving at the pier. The Long Range Planning committee is gathering information to determine what future improvements to plan for the community. The idea of building a tennis court at the park was offered but the cost is too high. When the tennis court was removed at the beach the county allowed North Shore to bank the impervious area and use it on another project. The committee is exploring various uses. Also the estimate for paving at the pier included in the report was information gotten for possible future projects. The Long Range Planning Committee is exploring many ideas for future improvements to the community properties. In this December Barnacle we have asked for ideas and suggestions from members. Please EMAIL, mail or telephone your ideas to an NSA Board Member. The Long Range Planning committee will present a report at the Annual Meeting with recommendations for future projects and get community input as to which projects to pursue.

Motion to approve the meeting notes from November was made, seconded and carried.

**Treasurer:** No Report

**Membership:** No Report

**Park:** A questionnaire is included in this Barnacle which requests your suggestions for

North Shore facilities improvements including the Park & Playground. Regarding the playground equipment, we are planning to replace 2 worn out infant swing seats (bucket type) and possibly the jungle gym which has suffered several bent bars and one missing vertical piece. While still safe and in service the jungle gym space could be improved. The infant swings could be duplicated for about \$80 each (commercial quality including new hardware), or replaced with standard flat seats (\$56 or less each), or one infant and one standard seat, or other choices. There are many types available, including a very cool “Hammock” swing seat for \$388 (You couldn’t get me out of this baby!). If you would care to check out a 250 page catalogue by one of the largest suppliers it is available online at [www.mdmaterials.com](http://www.mdmaterials.com). In addition we are planning to re-mulch the playground next spring. Let us know what you think.

**Pier:** The gabion cage has not been installed at the marina boat ramp as still awaiting permits. At no cost, the marine contractor placed some large stones at the base of the ramp as a temporary fix until the gabion cage is installed at which time these stones will be removed. Water has been turned off and pipes drained at the marina. Lawn mowing costs at the marina were questioned. The lawn mowing at the Marina costs more because of the trimming, and cut-ins, and can only mow in one direction so as not to get grass on the boats. This takes a lot more time. A resident asked why no fee was charged for using the marina boat ramp. It was explained that the use of the boat ramp is covered by the Annual Membership dues. A resident must be a current member of the NSA Community Association to use the boat ramp.

**Entertainment:** The Christmas Caroling at the Beach and Santa’s visit at the Harris’ garage will be on Sunday, December 16 starting at 6:00PM.

**Beach:** Landscape plan is underway. The evergreen at the Beach that is decorated for Christmas Caroling has gotten too tall (@30’) to easily decorate. It was suggested that a new tree for trimming be included in the landscape plan. The current tree will remain.

**Roads and Zoning:** The property owners at 410 Edgewater Road have applied to add a room on top of the existing garage. The improvement meets all covenant requirements. Motion made to approve, conditional upon documentation of attempts to contact the neighbors who have not yet signed. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Sarah Ann sent a letter to the County Executive in support of a walking path along North Shore Road. She received a call from the County Executive’s office that they received the letter and that they are investigating the possibility of making this improvement. A complaint about speeding in the community was made. The possibility of speed bumps was raised. In the past the installation of speed bumps was not allowed by the county due to snow plowing.

**Margot and Ed Melotti have been cleaning up trash when taking their walks on North Shore Road. Many thanks to you both for keeping North Shore Road green.**

**Welcome:** Please join me in welcoming Megan and Brian Nolan, who reside at 409

Dutchship Road. Megan originally moved to the neighborhood with her parents, Rusty and Keely in 1998. She and Brian moved into North Shore in June 2007. Megan is co-owner of Keely's Hair Salon and enjoys entertaining and socializing with friends and family. Brian works for Absolute Sign Company and is a student majoring in computer science. Brian likes video gaming and runs sound and lighting for a friend's band.

**Greater Pasadena Council:** There was no November meeting. The annual election of officers will be at the December 6 meeting. Carolyn reported the Lake Shore Vol. Fire Dept is raising money to buy land and build a new facility.

**Garden Club:** The Christmas House Tour is scheduled for December 7 at 7:00PM

**Old Business:** The Financial Review Committee has completed a review of the North Shore books for the period March 1, 2005 thru February 28, 2007. The books were found to be in order with no material discrepancies or significant exceptions. Many thanks to Bonnie Howatt, Betty Fletcher and Lani Cochran for all their time and effort spent on this tedious task.

**New Business:** A mailing will go out to North Shore residents prior to the February Annual Meeting containing proposed By-Law changes and projects proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee.

A suggestion was received to put boat racks for kayaks, canoes, lasers and other small non-motorized craft at the Beach. This suggestion along with particulars as to cost, size, and suggested site at the beach will be included in the list of Long Range Planning items presented at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Pasadena Big Vanilla Fitness Center Community Room. You must sign in when you arrive. This will be on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00PM. You can arrive at 6:30PM and there will be a tour of this new facility.

Vandalism of mailboxes in North Shore has been reported.

Donations will be made to Ritchie Volunteer Fire Dept in Capitol Heights in memory of Jason Coburn and to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in memory of Tim Dougan.

The next meeting will be held on January 8 at the home of Fran Kuhne.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:50PM, seconded and carried.

*Respectfully submitted Fran Kuhne Secretary*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **December 4, 2007**

Christmas is upon us and we have just faced unbelievable tragedy in our community. It is always hard to understand why God takes our loved ones so quickly and so unexpectedly. The loss of Jason Coburn and Tim Dougan has been impossible to comprehend and our sympathy, love, thoughts and prayers go out to their families. I have asked Brian Siwinski and Pam Murdock to write a tribute to Jason and Tim since they knew them much better than I did. However, it doesn't matter how well you know someone it is still a huge loss in North Shore and we all must hold on to memories we share.

As we approached the Holiday Open Houses, it was difficult to know whether to go forward with our usual holiday celebration. We did not want, as a community, to do anything disrespectful or upsetting to the families. However, they assured us that it was the right thing to do and encouraged us to celebrate the season and remember the good times. I think their encouragement was a truly unselfish and brave thing to express and we thank them for that. They have also been so appreciative of how our family of North Shore has supported and cared for them during this sad time. As I have said before, we are all blessed to be surrounded by so many loving friends.

Now we must go forward and in that vein, I must report some community news. On the financial front, you can see from the minutes that our annual audit has been completed and there were no material discrepancies or significant exceptions, as it was reported. My personal thanks must go to Bonnie Howatt, Betty Fletcher and Lani Cochran for all of the time they put in to bringing us up to speed with a financial review of the last two years.

Also, we are in the process of preparing a budget to be used for next year. We have not ever had a budget and we feel we need one so the board can responsibly track where and how our money is being spent. As we do some future planning we need to know what kind of funds we may have to invest in maintaining and improving the community.

And speaking of future planning, at the end of this note there will be a questionnaire asking for your input regarding things you think should be priorities for the future. In meeting with the long range planning committee (Bud Jenkins, Rick Scruggs, Fran Kuhne and me), one of our goals is to make sure our existing amenities are in tiptop shape before we go forward with any major endeavor. You may agree or disagree but we need to know your opinions and your ideas. We want to have a report for the Annual Meeting in February and we want to get that report to you ahead of time so you have a chance to review it before the meeting. Please respond to the questionnaire by calling or emailing me or any board member with your ideas.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, mark your calendars for February 5th at 7 pm at the Big Vanilla community room. They have been gracious enough to let us use their room free of charge and say if you come at 6:30 they will give tours of the facility. We will also be

serving refreshments. The rain date is February 12.

Once again, I want to express our love and support to the families of all those we have lost over the past year. It has been unusual to have so much sadness for our community but I can only think that God must have needed some new angels in heaven and He felt North Shore had an overabundance of them right here in our midst. They are still with us in spirit and will be missed.

“The life of a soul on earth lasts beyond his departure. You will always feel that life touching yours, that voice speaking to you, that spirit looking out of other eyes, talking to you in the familiar things he touched, worked with, loved as familiar friends. He lives on in your life and in the loves of all others that knew him.”---Angelo Patri

*Sarah Ann Parsons, NSA President*

## **Jason Coburn (1988 – 2007)**

Dear North Shore, on November 29<sup>th</sup> our community tragically lost one of our children. Jason Tucker Coburn was involved in an automobile accident that Thursday morning, the following is a short obituary prepared by his family.

Jason Tucker Coburn

11/2/88 - 11/29/07

Graduated from Chesapeake H.S. 2006

Student at AACC, majoring in the Emergency Medical Technician program.

Hobbies include boating, hunting, fishing, volunteer fire dept. and spending time with his friends and family. He was an active member of the Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department, Company 37.

Jason was first introduced to the North Shore community at the age of 11, and was excited to actually move into 381 Dutchship Rd. in 2002. He didn't mind that his house was a fixer-upper because he loved this community and called these people his family. We pleasantly found out that he also loved doing demolition and he encouraged his friends to grab a sledgehammer to work by his side during our early remodeling years! Friends, family and fun were very important to Jason and he never missed an opportunity to help someone in need. Some of you may remember him as the boy with loud toys, (sorry!) and the bigger the better. Whether he was driving his Dodge 3500 dually or 4-wheeler, operating a bob cat moving mulch at the park, running a rollback truck up and down the highway, behind the helm of his center console, or riding in the seat of an emergency vehicle....."Jay the Boy" was always smiling. He made the most out of any situation and truly achieved a lifetime of successes in his 19 short years. He will be greatly missed on this earth by ALL of his family and friends.

## **My Friends**

This past week was perhaps the most tragic of my life when every mother's worst nightmare came true for me. On November 29<sup>th</sup> I lost my son Jason Tucker Coburn in an automobile accident at the young age of 19. There are no words to describe the disbelief and devastation our family is suffering or how this loss has and will affect us for the rest of our lives.

What I do know, is the tremendous outpouring of love and support that has been shown to us from the North Shore Family. I would sincerely like to thank this community from the bottom of my heart for EVERYTHING. Within moments of finding out that my son had passed I was surrounded by friends who immediately jumped into action to help us through this tragedy. That day was a blur, but thanks to our extended family, arrangements were made down to every last detail. Jason's Celebration of Life service was attended by over 600 people on 12/2/07 and reflected the true essence of his compassionate and determined life.

As time goes on, the love and support continues. I only have to reach out for a steady hand or warm embrace and it is there. I may never know why this happened, but I do know that we will survive and are lucky to be part of this community. Now I truly understand what Jason means when he calls our neighbors "His Family." In fact, Jason has the most "Moms" and "Uncles" of any one boy I have ever known! Once again, I can only offer my deepest appreciation and gratitude from Jason's entire family to the North Shore Family.

Sincerely,  
Sue Coburn

### **A Firefighter's Pledge**

I promise concern for others.  
A willingness to help all those in need.  
Promise courage - courage to face and conquer my fears.  
Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me.  
I promise strength - strength of heart to bear  
whatever burdens might be placed upon me.  
Strength of body to deliver to safety  
all those placed within my care.  
I promise the wisdom to lead,  
the compassion to comfort,  
and the love to serve unselfishly  
whenever I am called.

### **Jason's Poem**

No words can express what happened that day  
Your beloved Jason was taken away  
How can this be happening to you and to me?  
Losing a loved one so very tragically

But it has happened, that we can't deny  
And now is the very time to cry  
And mourn all that has been lost  
And all this precious child's passing has cost

But when you cry and shed a tear  
For your Jason, who was loved so dear  
Please remember others are crying too  
And their tears and hearts are always with you

What can we do what can we say  
There are no words to express what happened that day  
Please know we love you and we're here for you  
And Jason is to in all you say and do

We Love You, The Hammer Family

### **Timothy Dougan (1955 – 2007)**

It is with great sadness that we reflect on the passing of our neighbor and good friend, Tim Dougan. Tim's selfless love for his children, great wisdom and gentle nature will always be remembered and greatly missed. We will try to smile as we remember Tim's fondness for boating, motorcycles, photography, home improvement and the North Shore community.

We know how much the support of this community has meant to the Dougan family during these difficult times. We ask that you please continue to watch over their sons, James, Kyle, Matt, and Graham. They, along with his wife Kathy, were the focus of Tim's life. Please remind the boys that the force of their father's love will always be with them.

Please continue to provide Kathy with your thoughts and prayers through this heartbreaking time. Please encourage and sustain her as she, with the help of family and friends, provides care for James, Matt, Kyle and Graham. Help them to be comforted by the wonderful memories of their loving father, devoted husband, and faithful friend.

We'll miss you Tim!!

*The Parrott and Murdock Families*



## From the Maryland Gazette, Dec. 5, 2007

Mr. Timothy Dougan died of cardiac arrest Nov. 30 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born July 26, 1955, in Buffalo, N.Y. He was a 1977 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He lived in Baltimore before moving to Pasadena 18 years ago.

Mr. Dougan worked for 25 years for the W. R. Grace Co.

He enjoyed photography, riding motorcycles and boating, traveling and doing home improvements.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth W. and Barbara H. Dougan.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Katherine Dougan; four sons, James, Graham, Kyle and Matthew Dougan, all of Pasadena; and one sister, Heather Atterbury of Kingston, N.Y.

*Maryland Gazette, Dec. 5, 2007*

### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING

1. WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR NORTH SHORE?
2. WHAT SHOULD OUR FIRST PRIORITY BE?
3. WHAT IMPROVEMENTS DO YOU ENVISION FOR THE:
  - A. PARK?
  - B. BEACH?
  - C. MARINA?
4. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT RAISING THE DUES TO HELP FINANCE SOME IMPROVEMENTS?
5. HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE MORE RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION?

## SANTA IS COMING!

On Sunday, December 16th at 6:00, we will once again join around the North Shore Christmas Tree for singing carols, and then we will take a short walk up the road and await the much anticipated arrival of Santa. North Shore children are very fortunate to have Santa come and visit them! We will have light refreshments and hot chocolate to warm your chilly

bones. If your child would like to sit on Santa's lap and receive a present, please provide a wrapped present (no more than \$15) and drop it off to 424 Park Creek Court (the Schell's house) by 4pm on the 16th. Hope to see you all there!

## Garden Club

Garden club meetings will fall on the third Monday of the month for this entire calendar year. Except January to accommodate the three day weekend in case people travel. We will be printing a list of the dates and locations in the new version of the Port Hole. January's meeting will focus on the planning of the dance. It will be in a new location this year. We are hopeful to have the dance in February.

January Garden Club meeting is at Jen Harris' on the 28<sup>th</sup> 432 Edgewater  
Call Kristin for information: 410-360-2242

## Neighborly Notes

- Thank you to Sadie Lane for delivering the Barnacle.
- We are looking for a few more neighbors to deliver the Barnacle. Please contact Amy Bartholomee if you are willing to help out.

## North Shore Youngsters Working for Spending Money

*If you would like to be added to this list, please e-mail me at [adbart65@comcast.net](mailto:adbart65@comcast.net). We will run this list in each issue.*

### **Childcare**

Austin Murdock 410-360-8668

Sara King 410-437-9993

Megan Hammer 410-437-1485

Kate Morris (certified babysitter) h 410-360-9704 or c 410-868-6073

### **Pet Sitting**

Kendall Parrott 410-255-5211

James Dougan 410-255-2040

Sara King 410-437-9993

Megan and Kaitlyn Hammer 410-437-1485

### **Yard Work**

James Dougan 410-255-2040

*The Barnacle* is a monthly publication pertaining to the community of North Shore. Please feel free to send birth announcements, death notices, recipes, items for sale, workers for hire, thank you notes to neighbors for being especially neighborly, North Shore history, and upcoming events. If you have any submissions for the Barnacle, please e-mail them to me at [adbart65@comcast.net](mailto:adbart65@comcast.net). The deadline for

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--Amy Bartholomee, Editor