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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.

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Amy Bartholomee, Editor



Community Calendar

Garden Club
Tuesday, February 17
7:00pm
Dinner at Brian Boru

NSA Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 3
6:30pm
Potluck Dinner
7:00pm
Meeting
at the home of Wayne & Amy
Bartholomee

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Minutes from the North Shore Association Annual Meeting February 3, 2015

The annual meeting of the North Shore Association was held on February 3, 2015 at the Mountain Road Branch Library. Board members in attendance were Wayne and Amy Bartholomee, Rae Regula, Lana Matovcik, Bonnie Howatt, Sarah Ann Parsons, Jennifer Harris, Rick Scruggs, and Jeff Schell. Also in attendance were North Shore members Jerri and Harry Rupprecht, Jeanne Brush, Tracy Poyneer, Wayne Schatz, Doug O'Connell, Carolyn Wisthoff, Ben and Kelly Wisthoff, Glen and Moe Ebaugh, Nic and Andrea Briggs, Rachel and David Klatt, Charlie Parsons, Dan Doyle, Ty Hancock and Marsha Brady, along with several others who did not sign in.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

The meeting opened with the introduction of Sara Gannon, Constituent Services Officer for Steve Schuh, who is reaching out to community groups to serve as liaison to the new County Executive. Her contact information is: sgannon@aacounty.org 443-679-6941. She offered to help residents with any number of issues from potholes to social services, streetlights, etc. She is a Pasadena native, and graduate of Chesapeake High School, so she is very familiar with our peninsula.

Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes from the 2014 meeting were distributed to attendees for review. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Bonnie submitted her report, including proposed budget for 2014, and distributed copies for all to review. The General Fund ended the year with a balance of \$14,269, the Reserve Fund CD has a balance of \$27,828. Reviewing the proposed budget, a question was raised regarding the replacement of the marina shed, which has "TBD" as the projected cost, the concern being that having no specific budget allocation might limit the Board's flexibility to address this issue. Jeff explained that market rate bids are usually not useful in estimating projected costs, as we usually end up with donations of time, talent and materials from our neighbors which usually results in much lower costs. As we finalize a design for the new shed, we will be able to address the costs at that time. With that explanation, the Budget was approved unanimously.

Beach

Ted Tepper was unable to attend the meeting. Wayne reported that Ted has completed the project to replace the cable along the parking area, and will make adjustment in the spring to provide pedestrian access. We did not renew the grading permit which remained open from the tennis court removal. Unfortunately, the Beach is in need of more dirt to remedy the swampy areas. We hope to reopen that permit this year. Sara Gannon indicated she may be able to help with this issue.

Sarah Ann noted that Ted also put a light in the shed, which is a big help for the entertainment chair and the garden club.

Entertainment

Jennifer suggested that some of our traditional events may need to be reconsidered based upon attendance and popularity in the community. The Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled due to no RSVPs, and a few other events were not well attended. The most popular event is the crab feast, which was a great success again this year. She suggested we try to get some additional members to serve on an entertainment committee to help spread the work load a bit for this responsibility.

Garden Club

The North Shore Garden Club continued to maintain the community gardens this year. They upgraded borders and planted low maintenance plants. Many thanks to all members who dug in the dirt and planted in the hot sun and cold breezes. The community has been very complimentary.

The Garden Club also sponsored the Luau in July and again had very good attendance. The Christmas Open House was a big success as usual and thanks go to Wayne and Amy Bartholomee and Adam and Tracy Poyneer for opening their homes. And thanks also go to all members who spent the day decorating for the event. We really appreciate all the wonderful donations we received that were taken to The Stork's Nest of Baltimore Washington Medical Center. They were very grateful for the generosity of North Shore.

Mosquito Squad will again offer a discount to households in our community who sign up for the 2015 season. The amount of the discount is dependent upon the number of homes signing up. Please let them know by mid-March. They can be reached at 410-317-8385.

The Garden Club has struggled to attract new members this year. Sarah Ann is stepping down as chair in April. New members and new leaders are urgently needed if the Garden Club is to remain viable in the community. The next meeting will be a dinner meeting on February 17 at Brian Boru. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sarah Ann charsar@comcast.net 410-491-9311(cell) or 410-437-6991 (home).

Park

Rick reported that the park expenses for 2015 should be within the proposed budget amount and anticipates no major capital expenses. He wants the grass cut more often in 2015, so that expense will likely increase. He expects to hold a clean up day in May. The Board has approved a new baby swing and basketball nets, which will be added in the spring. The Board has also discussed and approved the addition of two picnic tables for the park. Rick will either borrow these from the pavilion or find something appropriate locally.

One on-going issue is the occasional vandalism via vehicles "off-roading" in the grass areas of the Park. Consideration has been given to some low-level fence or barricade around the open areas. This would be fairly expensive so Rick welcomes input from community members with any ideas to address this issue. Sara Gannon suggested we report the issue to the police so they could increase their patrols in the area. Rick indicated that it usually occurs on snow days, when schools are closed.

Pier

There are a total of 35 marked slips in the marina. Of those, 3 are unusable due to depth or length. Twenty of the remaining available slips are rented and we anticipate that they will all be returning for the 2015 season. The slips that are available for rent are shallow and narrow and will only accommodate 18' or less power or center-board sail boats. There is a waiting list for slip upgrades and/or larger boat owners and we currently have 5 residents on that list. It is not economically feasible to reconfigure the remaining slips to accommodate more/bigger boats. Slip rentals generated \$5700 in 2014. Key rental revenues were \$1300.

The launch ramp started with 100 available keys, 15 are unaccounted for and 11 have been reported lost/moved. We have 63 assigned keys out and 11 available for rent. During the 2014 season, 53 residents paid the annual key rental.

There are 4 major projects that need to be completed.

1. Electrical wiring (circuit overloads). Ted has helped with some of these issues, but major issues remain to be addressed.
2. Water leaks underground need to be addressed. Water laying behind the bulkhead is not a good situation and there are swampy areas along the bulkhead where the leaks are.
3. Drainage issues. The runoff from the road is an issue that must be addressed before/concurrently with the shed. This runoff is a significant contributor to the deterioration of the existing shed.
4. Replacement of the utility shed.

Jeff hopes to form a pier committee this year to get neighbors' input on these issues.

Harry Rupprecht asked whether anything has been done about the holes at the bottom of the ramp. Rick responded that we dropped in pre-cast lintels at the bottom of the ramp, but there is a gap between them and the bottom edge of the ramp. Harry said he thinks the problem was caused by people power-loading their boats. The consensus was that if there was a significant low tide, this issue could be addressed.

In response to a question from the membership, Jeff noted that the rent for a ramp key is \$25.00 per year which is less than a day-pass anywhere else, and fee for slip rental is \$20 per foot/ annually.

Another attendee asked whether there had been any further consideration on installing security cameras. Jeff said he had spoken with Mike Davis on this issue but shelved the project when the police actually caught the battery thieves in Glen Burnie. One issue with the security cameras is the need for a place to keep the equipment, which gets back to the need for a new shed and answer to the drainage issue.

Roads and Zoning

In Cyndi's absence, Lana summarized the state of Roads and Zoning, with no significant matters pending at the time. Wayne reminded everyone that the critical area has been increased to 1000' and that means no tree cutting, pruning, or disturbing natural vegetation within 1000' of a body of water.

Charlie Parsons pointed out the need for something to be done about the mudhole at the intersection of Mountain Road and

North Shore Road. There are issues to be addressed on both sides of North Shore Road. Our attempts to address this last year were unsuccessful and were shelved. Sara Gannon again said she would take this issue to the County Executive's office.

Rae Regula has collected the pole numbers for the street lights that are out and will turn them over to Sara Gannon for follow up.

Welcome

Rick Watts was not in attendance so there was no report.

Barnacle

Amy reported that she had 8 advertisers in 2014 at \$50.00 each for annual revenue of \$450.00. The Barnacle is printed and delivered each month, and is also available on line. Amy also sends copies to all of our elected officials each month. The cost of printing was \$483.00. The anticipated budget for 2015 is \$600.00

In 2015 Amy and Jon are working together to launch a new website which will allow access by committee chairs so that it can be updated regularly. She is also planning to add a PayPal feature to the website where members can pay dues, etc. Finally, Amy is planning to establish a Facebook page for our community.

A question was raised about the status of the Porthole, and Sarah Ann indicated that she is planning to update the Porthole now that her garden club duties are winding down. She encouraged all members to provide e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers when they renew their memberships this year.

Sara Gannon also encouraged members to provide email addresses to the community so that community leaders can relay important information from county officials. She also pointed out that all county residents can subscribe to receive alerts from the County with email or cell phone numbers. These alerts come from emergency management officials, and are an important means of communicating weather, safety and other alerts.

Membership

There are a total of 186 homes in the community, and 144 of those paid their dues for 2014, for total revenue of \$12,410.

OLD BUSINESS

1. There is no news about the proposed Bike Path that Rick Watts was promoting at last year's meeting.
2. The following new Board Members were nominated and approved:

Jeanne Brush
Doug O'Connell
Tracy Poyneer
Ben Wisthoff

3. Sarah Ann pointed out that all of the funds needed for the Pavilion renovations was raised outside of the regular budget, which was a great accomplishment and has kept all of our general funds available for other projects.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wayne described the "Get it Done" committee – an idea that he and Ted have proposed to stay involved to help with

community projects after their terms are complete. Several volunteers expressed interest.

2. Concern was expressed regarding the children playing in the street and cars parked illegally near the blind turn on Edgewater Road. Doug O'Connell said the police have been there, but apparently do not care about the cars as long as they are off the road. The consensus was that the situation with the small children playing in the street was much improved over last year, but still occurs at times.

3. Carolyn Wisthoff offered to attend the newly-reformed Greater Pasadena Council meeting and report back to the Board. Wayne mentioned that North Shore was one of about three final members of the old GPC when it dissolved. We have not taken any action to join the new organization at this time.

4. Ty Hancock has been leading our Christmas Caroling event and says that it is well attended, but younger members of the community don't know the traditional carols. He would like to buy new caroling books that have more contemporary carols. The Board was in favor of pursuing this idea, and Ty will look into the costs, and make a proposal to the Board at a later date.

5. Next month's Board meeting is a pot luck dinner at Wayne and Amy's house. Tuesday, March 3. Dinner at 6:30; meeting at 7:00.

With thanks to the outgoing board members for their service, and thanks to the community members for attending, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

*Respectfully submitted by Lana Matovcik,
Secretary*

Neighborhood Notes

- Thank you to **Rick Watts, Philippe Bartholomee, and Emma & Kelman Thayil** for delivering the January issue of The Barnacle.



MESSAGE FROM THE NORTH SHORE GARDEN CLUB

The North Shore Garden Club needs your help as we go forward into 2015 and beyond. Our current membership is too small to maintain all the gardens and events that are our responsibility. We have struggled to grow the participation and now we are at a crossroads. Please consider reading this letter and filling out our questionnaire below as your input is vital in helping to reevaluate our direction. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

Currently the Garden Club plants and maintains 6 community gardens: Mountain Road, North Shore entrance, Beach, Park, Valley at Dutchship and Valley at Park Creek Road. We hold monthly meetings and sponsor the Luau in July and the Christmas Open House in December, events that are extremely well attended and popular. We hope you feel that the Garden Club makes a significant contribution to our community.

Due to our aging (and tired) membership, we need new members. You don't need to be a master gardener or social planner. You only need to care about your community enough to continue the good work that the Garden Club has initiated or offer input regarding a new direction for the Garden Club.

Some of the alternatives we have considered are:

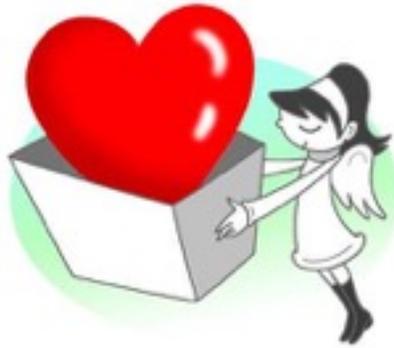
1. Have the Luau and Christmas tour become a subcommittee of NSA Entertainment, if this is agreeable to the Board
2. Have residents accept, on a regular basis, the responsibility for the 6 community gardens
3. Sponsor trips to regional garden, and events like Paint Night and the ACC Craft Show
4. Resurrect the community plant sale

5. Occasionally, sponsor educational programs on garden related subjects

Please take a moment to answer these questions and return them to Sarah Ann Parsons as soon as possible at 374 Dutchship Court or at charsar@comcast.net or to any Garden Club member. Again, your input is important as the Garden Club needs your help to move forward and any and all creative suggestions are welcome.

1. Do you see the Garden Club as a closed group?
2. Can you budget an hour a week outdoors in a community garden? An hour a month?
3. What other things can you envision the Garden Club offering?
4. What kind of event/task would you enjoy participating in?
5. Where do you see the Garden Club contributing to the community in the future?
6. Can you offer suggestions for a better direction for the group?
7. If the Garden Club ceases to exist, who will maintain our community property?

Thanks so much for your participation and help.



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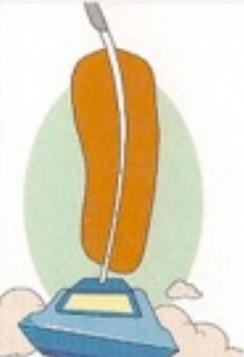


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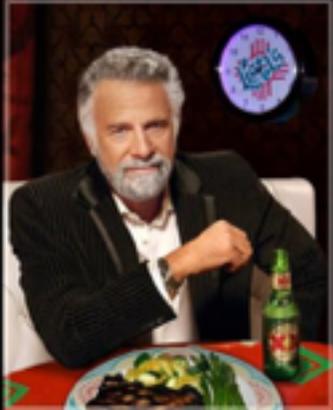
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