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# THE BARNACLE

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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.

If you have any submissions for the Barnacle, please e-mail them to me at [adbart65@me.com](mailto:adbart65@me.com). The deadline for submissions is always the Sunday following

## Meet The New Board Members

**Jeanne Brush:** I've lived in North Shore since 2005. I came to Maryland from my native Colorado to be near my son and grandchildren. I volunteered to be on the Board because I felt it was sort of my turn to help out in the neighborhood and I'm looking forward to the experience.

**Doug O'Connell:** We purchased our North Shore home in 1999, coming from Columbia, MD. I am retired, married (Sue) with 3 children, 6 grandchildren. I have been on the Boards of several home and condo associations, serving as President, Vice President and Treasurer. We really enjoy living in North Shore and I look forward to being of service to the community.

**Ben Wisthoff** has lived in North Shore for over 30 of his 38 years. He and his wife, Kellie, run an antiques and collectibles business from their home. Ben looks forward to serving this neighborhood in any way that he can, and preserving this slice of paradise that his family has enjoyed for generations.

**Tracy Poyneer** is a 42 year resident of AACO and has resided in North Shore along with her husband, Adam, and their children and two Weimaraners for six years. She works as a Senior Marketing Manager for Corporate Office Properties Trust in Columbia. With her experience in event planning, we are very excited to welcome her to the Board as Entertainment Chair to help us create an environment that adds value to our community.

### Community Calendar

NSA Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 7th  
7:00 pm  
at the home of

North Shore Neighborhood  
Earth Day Clean-Up  
Saturday, April 18th  
9:30 am -3:00pm

Garden Club  
Tuesday, April 21st  
7:00 pm  
at the home of Laurie Gardner  
Subject: Orchids

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The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

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\* voting members with their term end date

No Report

### Garden Club

The Garden Club held a dinner meeting on February 24 at Brian Boru. It was well attended with 4 new members. Although little business was conducted, the four new members have agreed to help Sarah maintain the garden at the park. They are Laurie Gardner, Lisa Stamper, Mo Ebaugh and Sue Coburn.

There were about six surveys returned with excellent ideas for the Garden Club. Sarah Ann will consolidate the results to present at the next meeting on April 21. There were also some individuals who responded that they would be willing to volunteer some time to help with the gardens.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on April 21 at the home of Laurie Gardner. She will show her tricks for growing orchids.

### Park

Rick had nothing to report other than the continuing problem of the four wheelers rutting the park during and after the snow storms. Cyndi Gottschalk witnessed the last offenders and chased them off.

### Pier

Despite the extreme weather and below average temperatures, the ice eaters along with the help of a few dedicated marina users, we have been able to stay up with Old Man Winter. Currently one of the ice eaters in the ramp area is not working properly but Jeff believes it's simply filled with debris (a common problem). Another pulled itself from the power supply in one of the extremely low tides. With the help of

Bill Paul and Glenn Ebaugh, they launched Bill's dinghy and were able to reconnect the power, but could not reach the second one to clear the debris due to the thick ice.

Disappointingly, someone has cut off the "overlock" Jeff placed at the ramp gate for safety. It was Jeff's, personally, and he requests that either the resident that removed it pay to replace it or he will seek reimbursement from the board.

Boat slip and ramp key bills will be mailed out by month end. As a reminder, all slip applications should include a current copy of the boat's Maryland registration.

As a special request, Jeff asks that all marina users place a priority on getting their ramp and slip payments in as soon as the invoices go out. (*"Thanks in advance"* from Jeff).

### Roads & Zoning

A request was submitted for the board to approve removal of bamboo at 1143 Valley Drive. This project was approved by County and unanimously approved by the Board.

### Old Business

1. Community drains/ Light posts - Wayne will be meeting with Sarah Gannon this week to follow up on the street lights and community drains.

2. We need to update our membership form to include a request for current phone numbers as many of the numbers in the current porthole are old land-line numbers that are no longer in service. Sarah Ann is working to update the Porthole.

### New Business

1. Jeff Schell asked the Board if it would consider allowing Cody to continue mowing the community grass until he leaves on August 18 for school. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the proposal.

2. The marina sign is coming along, and is under budget at this point. All are anxious to see the finished product.

3. The voting officers for 2015 are as follows:

President:	Cyndi Gottschalk
Vice President	Rae Regula
Treasurer	Bonnie Howatt
Secretary	Lana Matovcik
Roads & Zoning	Ben Wisthoff
Beach	Doug O'Connell
Membership	Jeanne Brush
Entertainment	Tracy Poyneer
Pier	Jeff Schell
Park	Rick Scruggs

The next meeting will be held April 7 at the home of Tracy Poyneer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Lana Matovcik, Secretary*

Good news for North Shore residents who need a car, truck, motorcycle, or repair to sport bikes and jet skis. We have two new families on Valley Drive who can meet your needs.

Josh and Diana Lott, and their 7-year old son L.J. just moved into 1139 Valley Drive. This is the newly rebuilt, long vacant ranch house, and it's great to see a young family in there. Josh owns Magothy Motors on Mountain Road. Diana is an accountant for a pain management clinic in Annapolis. They come here via Rivera Beach and they also have two friendly dogs. Both enjoy boating and they look forward to meeting their new neighbors.

David and Rachel Klatt also have two dogs next door at 1143 Valley Drive. Dave owns R and D Powersports in Glen Burnie and can repair all your motorized toys. Rachel works for Harley Davidson of Baltimore. They obviously enjoy motorcycles and boating. They are already making some long overdue improvements to the yard and house now that it is out of the bank's hands. A third Klatt is expected to bless the house come May.

Please extend a warm North Shore welcome to our new neighbors when you see them.

*Rick Wa*



### WELCOME REPORT



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The Magothy River Association held a public meeting at Anne Arundel Community College on Wednesday, February 18. Presentations included the state of the river's health, septic systems, and the importance of preventing run off. There was also information on the effects of harmful algal blooms and dark false mussels, which have sickened and even killed dogs exposed to them (See page 8.)

The Magothy received a health grade of 32% in 2014. This is a D. While still a miserable grade, it is an improvement from the 22% in 2013. Improvements were noted in the percent of dissolved oxygen in the water and water clarity. However, the presence of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation, or SAV, remains at 0%. Some studies by local kayakers found some signs of SAV returning to a few creeks, but these have not been verified. SAV is crucial as breeding grounds for fish and crabs. Clearly, much remains to be done.

The Magothy is a part of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem which is currently very stressed. If we continue on the present course, it will not survive for the next generation. Just ask the "old timers" who grew up here about how clear the water was 30-40 years ago, with an abundance of SAV and marine life. Compare that to today's "D" grade. Like Howard Beale in the film "Network", we should all be "Mad as hell and not going to take it any more."

### What You Can Do

We can choose to ignore the warnings and wait for the river to completely die and fail. But there are lots of easy things anyone can do to help reverse the decline of the river and improve bay health. Plant more native trees; install rain gardens and storm water

retrofits to prevent runoff. Don't fertilize your lawn – if you must, do it sparingly in the fall only. Clean up your pet waste. If you have an old septic system, consider replacing it with a new nitrogen replacement system. State funds to cover 100% of the replacement of your current septic system and pay for monitoring and maintenance for five years are available to anyone with household incomes under \$300,000/year!

Visit <http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-health/well-septic-systems/brf/instructions>

Waterfront owners can participate in oyster gardening and a new floating wetland plant program that not only helps oxygenate and clear the water, but beautifies your bulkhead. These are at very low to no cost to the home owner. There are also numerous volunteer opportunities for all ages if you can give a little time to help with restoration efforts, grass planting and monitoring, and many others. While your individual efforts may not seem that important, it is the combined effort of the tens of thousands living around the Magothy that will help preserve and improve it for generations to come.

Wouldn't it be nice if a few decades from now, when kids today become the "old timers", they could stand next to a clear, healthy river and tell their grandkids about the bad old days when the river had a "D" rating? That will not happen unless you get involved. Please log onto [www.magothyriver.org](http://www.magothyriver.org) NOW and find a way to do your part.

Mosquito Squad

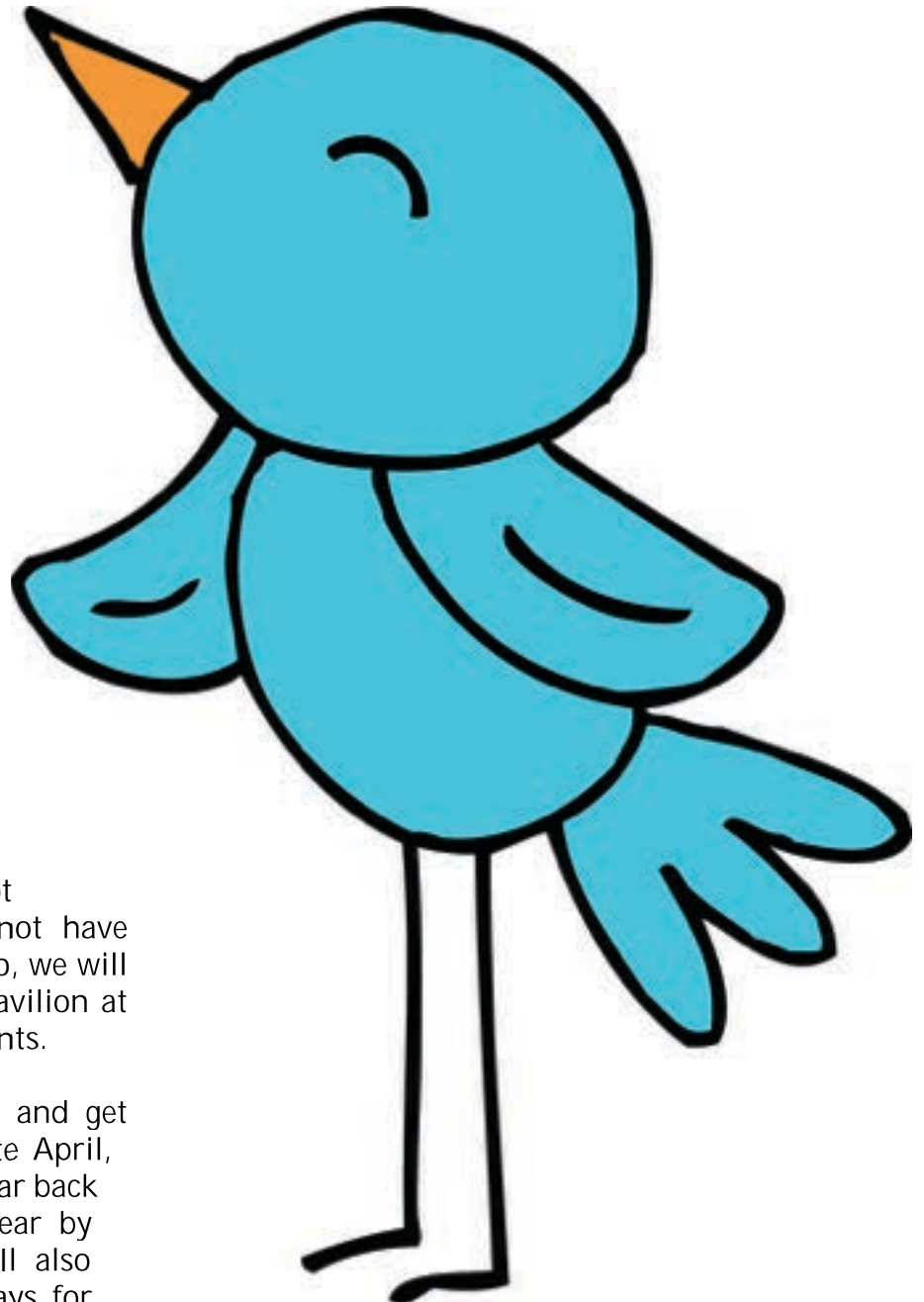
Hello,

We hope you have been enjoying your winter and staying warm. Spring is around the corner... hopefully! Although there is snow on the ground, it is time to start thinking about those pesky mosquitoes again. We are happy to provide a group rate for North Shore again this year. Last year, we had 23 homes participate in the beginning of the year which amounted to a \$200 savings per home. I have already heard from a lot of you so I expect the same or even more in savings this year. Below is a breakdown of the discount off our price based on how many homes sign up. Since there are different size lots in the community there are some different prices so if you have a question on what your full price would be just shoot me an email or call. It will not have changed from previous years. Also, we will treat the community beach and pavilion at no extra charge for community events.

In order to provide a final price and get everyone scheduled to start in late April, we would appreciate if we could hear back if you want to participate this year by March 31. At that time we will also provide a price for one time sprays for people that do not want to do the season

but may only want a treatment for a party or such.

- 10 – 14 houses - \$100 off
- 15 – 20 houses - \$150 off
- 21 – 25



houses - \$200 off  
26 – 30 houses - \$250 off  
31 – 35 houses - \$300 off

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you so much!!

Kendra Burnett, Owner

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## Neighborhood Notes

- Thank you to Rick Watts & Cyndi Gottschalk for delivering the February issue of The Barnacle.
- Applications, questions or inquiries about the use of the Beach for the coming season should be sent to Doug O'Connell, 410-439-1620, [djogov@comcast.net](mailto:djogov@comcast.net).
- Moving Sale: '75 San Juan 24, lift kept, proven Wednesday night race winner, 5 sails, race equipped, 4 HP Yamaha 4 stroke, \$2500, make offer, Carl Kuhne 410-255-0609

# Dogs & Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)



## WHAT ARE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS?

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are overgrowths of algae that cause water quality problems in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Most often HABs are due to growth of blue-green algae or cyanobacteria, resulting from the flow of nutrients from fertilizers or septic systems into our creeks and rivers. Blue-green algae can produce toxins that can cause liver damage. These toxins can poison people, waterfowl or dogs. HABs often appear as a green or blue-green discoloration of the water. If such a change in color is evident, keep children and pets out of the water. Maryland residents can check for the presence of HABs by going to <http://mddnr.chesapeakebay.net/eyesonthebay/habs.cfm>. If you see an algal bloom, you can report it on the Fish Health Hotline, 877-224-7229. There is more information on HABs at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/hab>.



A cluster of dark false mussels that might be found growing on pilings or floats left in the water. (Photo by Steve Troy)



Dogs like Finnegan love to play in the water, but may be at health risk from algal toxins. Although Finnegan did eat some dark false mussels, quick veterinary attention saved his life. (Photo by Kathy Gardiner)

## HOW CAN DOGS BE EXPOSED TO CYANOBACTERIAL TOXINS?

Because of their behavior, dogs are more susceptible than humans to cyanobacterial poisoning. When toxins are present, dogs can be exposed by drinking the water, by eating debris on the beach, or by licking their coat after returning from the beach. Additionally some parts of the Magothy River watershed, and areas north of the Magothy, are supporting the growth of dark false mussels, *Mytilopsis leucophaeata*. Although these mussels are contributing to greater water clarity by acting as filter-feeders and removing algae and sediments from the water, they many concentrate toxins from algae as well. Several dogs that have eaten these mussels have been sickened or even killed due to liver failure. Repeated exposures to low levels of toxins can have health consequences for your dog down the road.

## COMMON SIGNS OF HAB TOXIN POISONING:

- Repeated vomiting (green liquid)
- Diarrhea or tarry (bloody) stool
- Loss of appetite
- Jaundice (yellowing of eye whites, gums)
- Abdominal swelling that may be tender to the touch
- Cyanosis (bluish coloration of the skin)
- Dark urine or reduced/no urine output

## HOW CAN YOU REDUCE THE RISK OF DOG POISONING?

- Always keep your dog on a leash near shorelines
- Don't let dogs drink creek water or wade in beach debris
- Don't let dogs eat mussels or any shellfish on the beach
- Don't let dogs near an area where boaters may have scraped mussels off boat bottoms and lines

**If you suspect your dog has been exposed to cyanobacterial toxins, seek immediate veterinary care.**


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