

North Shore on the Magothy's **The Barnacle**

April 2004

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* Voting Members

Community Calendar

March 13th	St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, Maryland Yacht Club, 6:30pm
April 6th	Board Meeting at Bob Gardner's home, 477 Edgewater Road, 7:30pm
April 10th	Easter Egg Hunt, location to be announced, 11:00am (Please deliver 12 eggs stuffed with goodies per child hunting to Brenda Mariner or Rose Butts by Friday April 9 th)
April 17th	Community Clean-Up, meet at the beach, 9:00am
April 23rd	Tennis Social, 7:00pm
April 24th	Bull & Oyster Roast, \$25 for NSA members, please make your reservations with Brenda Mariner or Rose Butts

**North Shore Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2004**

Attendees:

Leslie Fenton, *Rich Fenton, *Rose Butts, *Ted Tepper, *Nancy Bassler, *Wayne Bartholomee, Amy Bartholomee, Brian Siwinski, *Terri Siwinski, *Carolyn Wisthoff, *Bob Douglas, *Ray King, Brenda Mariner, Joe Butts, Jackie Tepper, Andy Bassler, Clara Bartholomee, Jack Wisthoff, Jennifer King, Cindy Gottschalk, Sue Coburn, Todd Heath, *Bob Gardner, Laurie Gardner, Cindy Clements, Rick Watts.

* Voting Members

Meeting Called to Order 8:05pm
Meeting adjourned 9:51pm

The following Board Members were nominated and voted on to serve the North Shore Board for the year 2004:

President: Nancy Bassler
Vice President: Bob Gardner
Secretary: Terri Siwinski
Treasurer: Wayne Bartholomee
Beach: Ray King
Entertainment: Rose Butts & Brenda Mariner
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Roads and Zoning: Carolyn Wisthoff
Tennis: Nancy Bassler
Welcome: Sue Coburn
Barnacle: Amy Bartholomee

Committees have been formed this year to enlist the help of our community members for our community events.

The following neighbors were kind enough to volunteer:

General Help: Cindy Gottschalk, Nancy Anello, Sue Coburn, Joe Butts.

Beach Committee: Brian Siwinski, Bob Gardner, Todd Heath, Glenn Ebaugh, Dane Mariner, Ray King, Jason Coburn.

Pier: Todd Heath,

Park: Brian Siwinski,

Everyone is invited to join in and help. Anyone else who is interested, please contact Terri Siwinski 410-255-9472 or email siwinte@comcast.net

Secretary: (Terri Siwinski)

Minutes were approved from last month's meeting. One correction was made from last month's minutes, which was to keep the North Shore Association fees for this coming year, the same as last year.

Barnacle: (Amy Bartholomee)

We discussed a firm deadline for receipt of articles, in order to ensure a more timely delivery of *The Barnacle*. The deadline is always the Sunday following the Tuesday Monthly Board Meeting.

Entertainment: (Brenda Mariner and Rose Butts)

April 10th at 11:00 is our annual East Egg hunt. Please give 12 eggs per child to Rose Butts or Brenda Mariner no later than Friday the 9th. The location is to be determined at a later date. **Please look for a sign at the North Shore entrance.**

The Bull & Oyster Roast is April 24th at 1:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 for paying members and \$30.00 for non-paying

members. Please make reservations in advance so we have a proper head count and don't run out of food and drinks.

Membership: (Ted Tepper)

So far we have 34 paid members for the 2004 season. There are 23 regular members and 11 seniors. We are thinking of having a membership contest by street. More information will appear next month in *The Barnacle*.

Park: (Bob Douglas)

The Park is due for an overhaul. **Motion:** Mulch has been approved for underneath the framed part of the playground area, which was voted on not to exceed \$1000.00. Bob is looking into painting the playground equipment.

Here is a summary of the Park/Playground ("Park") survey conducted by the North Shore Board. The 15 survey respondents agreed in general on several key points regarding the Park. First, the Park is adequately maintained and provides well-used facilities. Second, the Park needs significant improvement because its current condition does not reflect either the strengths or the character of our community. In short, the Park stands out like a shabby-looking home in a community of updated homes. The primary complaint was drainage. Nine respondents cited drainage as a significant problem. One respondent suggested initiating weekly pick-up volleyball games once the drainage problem is solved and the volleyball area dry. Fixing the drainage dwarfed other repairs for the Park. Repairing several pieces of playground equipment (volleyball net, basketball net, horse swing) and updating equipment also ranked high.

Most respondents (9) said that the Park was adequately maintained; two said it was poorly maintained and one said it would be adequate once the drainage was improved. Most (10) said that the Park was safe, but two said that the tall slide caused anxious moments for parents of young children. One person questioned whether the merry-go-round posed a liability issue. Last, four respondents volunteered to help maintain the Park: Rick Watts, Brian Siwinski, Monica Fenton and Lana Matovcik, who also volunteered to help with Park gardens and landscaping. A copy of the survey with all results is attached to the Barnacle. Here is a summary of Board action at the March meeting upon receiving the report on the Park survey. The Board authorized spending not more than \$1,000 to mulch the playground area. It also discussed forming a Park committee to coordinate improvements. Other improvements depend upon availability of funds. The Board agreed to explore ways to fund the improvements. It was noted during the Board discussion that damage caused by Hurricane Isabel requires immediate expenditures in order to utilize the Beach this season. The Board noted that it must develop a way to pay for these improvements as well as pay for work at the Park. In the meantime, the Park committee plans to paint the rusty metal equipment, fix the broken horse swing and apply new mulch as a first affordable step. Please contact Bob Douglas if you have any ideas or would like to help improve your Park.

North Shore Website: (Bob Douglas/Jon Bailey (Webmaster)

Please go on-line and view our North Shore website at www.northshoreaa.com Basic information is posted on the

website (i.e. bylaws, community events, the covenants, the beach, the pier, the park, the tennis courts, Garden Club, and *The Barnacle*).

Treasurer: (Wayne Bartholomee)

Beginning Balance: \$11,570.22

Ending Balance: \$11,570.22

Pier: (Rich Fenton)

Motion: The cap on the pier fund has been postponed until the next board meeting. Wayne and Bob along with Rich and the pier committee will make a recommendation on the cap and any other issues associated with the marina.

Roads and Zoning: (Carolyn Wisthoff)

No report.

Magothy River Association: (Bud Jenkins)

No report.

GPC (Carolyn Wisthoff)

See page that begins "GPC."

Small Area Planning: (Roberta Watts)

No report.

Garden Club: (Jean Williams)

So far, 60 people are attending the St. Patrick's Day dance.

Tennis: (Nancy Bassler)

As I write this article, we are experiencing the first signs of spring. Of course, the local weather gurus are predicting snow three days from now. Anyway, the tennis net will be in place by April 1st. Use of the tennis court is open to all NSA members and their guests. As a result of last year's renovations, the board has reinstated an

annual tennis fee of \$25.00 per family. The fee is voluntary, not mandatory, and is requested as a means of gathering funds to maintain the court. Tennis members have priority at all times and a roster of current members will be posted. Other guidelines for court use can be found in the Porthole. Checks should be made out to NSA and given to Nancy Bassler or Wayne Bartholomee. Your support will be greatly appreciated. We are going to hold tennis social Friday, April 23rd, at 7:00pm. All tennis players are welcome. We will probably have a round robin of some sort, but the real purpose is for community tennis players to meet one another. Hopefully some groups will form and begin to play on a regular basis.

Beach: (Ray King)

Motion: (Bob Douglas) The Beach Committee has been authorized to determine the long range plans to address all problems at the beach. The meeting date is to be determined. They will report on their decisions at the May meeting.

Motion: (Brian Siwinski) we have agreed to allocate \$600.00 to make a temporary drainage repair and to gravel the sidewalk and to resurface the parking lot with crush and run. We need volunteers to help with repairing the swim platform at the beach. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Ray King.

Motion: (Brian Siwinski) A motion was brought up and voted on to sell 50-50 raffle tickets at the Bull & Oyster Roast as well as on Family Day, to raise funds for the Nettle Net at the beach.

Motion: (Ray King) Materials to repair the swim platform will be paid for with NSA funds and community volunteers will provide the labor.

Beach Reservations:

No reservations.

Welcome: (Brian Siwinski)

No report.

Traffic: (Cindy and Ralph Clements)

Cindy gave a full report on North Shore traffic. She will share her findings in the Barnacle at a later date.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

We discussed gathering trash cans and recycling bins in a timely manner as a result of neighborhood complaints.

Terri Siwinski, Secretary

Neighborhood Notes

- **North Shore Cleanup Day April 17th.** Please make a note on your calendar to participate in the spring cleanup. We will meet at the beach at 9:00am. Our community areas are still showing the effects of Hurricane Isabelle and your help is really needed. Take pride in your community and help get it in shape.
- **Dumpsters at the Beach.** The dumpsters will be at the beach April 13th thru April 15th. The following materials are not permitted: junk automobiles, trailers, gas and propane tanks, paint, oil drums or tanks, liquids,

hazardous wastes, boats, tires, tree trunks or logs, refrigerators, and air conditioners. If there are any questions regarding dumpster information please contact Brenda Mariner @ 439-3263

- Check www.northshoreaa.com for updates that perhaps are not listed in the Barnacle.
- Volunteers wanted for repairing the Swim Platform at the Beach. Please call:
Brian 255-9472
Bob 439-9666
Ray 437-9993
Ted 255-1716
- We would like to make a correction from last month's Barnacle concerning the judging of Christmas decorations. Terri S. and Sue C. worked together on the North Shore Fishing Hole and Pier. Terri and Sue will split the first place prize.
- **New Baby**
Davis Brian Ferguson was born Thursday, February, 26th at 3:45 a.m. at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.4 inches long. Congratulations to proud parents Meg and Brian!

NSA Park Survey

The North Shore Board plans to improve the Park/Playground facility in the community. We are seeking the guidance and suggestions of the community before acting. Please take a moment to either fill out this printed form and return it to Bob Douglas at 446 Park Creek Road, e-mail it to **robert.douglas@piperrudnick.com**, fax it to Bob (put his name on the first page) to 410-580-3001 or fill out the electronic survey on the community web site: **www.northshoreaa.com**.

Please return the survey by February 29, 2004 so that we may begin work following the March Board meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please answer all questions which apply to you and/or your family by placing a check mark:

I (meaning you and/or your family)

- Do not use the park/playground **3**

I use the park/playground

- Several times a week or weekly in appropriate weather **3**
- Several times a month in appropriate weather **1**
- Occasionally **5**
- Only a few times a year **3**
- Other: please list

I

- use the Park area for games and recreation e.g., tossing a ball, volleyball, etc. **4**
- use the park area to walk my pet **3**
- other: please list

I

- use the playground equipment **10**

On the playground, I use

- The swings **10**
- The tall slide **9**
- The shorter slide **7**
- The monkey bars **8**
- The metal jungle gym **10**
- The plastic gym play area **3**
- The merry-go-round **9**
- The swinging tire **6**
- The spring based rides **3**
- The rocking see-saw **6**
- Other: please list

I use the basketball court for

- Basketball **3**
- Other activities: please list: roller skating (1), bike riding (1)

I think that the park/playground is

- Well-maintained
- Adequately maintained 9
- Poorly maintained 2
- Other: please list adequate if drainage fixed (1), poor otherwise

When I use the park/playground there are problems with

- Broken equipment 3
- Uncut grass 3
- Trash and litter 3
- Dirty port-o-pot 2
- Drainage 9
- Other: please list

I think that the park/playground is

- Safe (no hazards for users) 10
- Not safe; 1
 - List hazards: tall slide (2), merry-go-round (1)

When I use the park

- I pick up trash 6
- I fix broken items 1

I would like the following changes made to the playground:

- Different equipment 3
 - List equipment: crawling tunnel (1)
- Replaced equipment: 2
 - List equipment swinging tire (1), volleyball net (1); basketball net (1), basketball court drainage (1)
- Updated equipment: 7
 - List equipment spring horse (1); enlarge basketball court (1), install walkways (1), fix broken equipment (2), better volleyball playing area (2)

I

- would like to serve on the community park board
- would like to help maintain the park 4 (Rick Watts, Brian Siwinski, Monica Fenton, Lana Matovcik)
- would like to help on the gardens and landscaping of the park 1 (Lana Matovcik)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

COMMENTS: (1) FIX DRAINAGE AND INTITIAE WEEKLY PICK-UP VOLLEYGAME; (2) CHECK COMPLAINCE WITH CURRENT PLAY GROUND STANDARDS

GPC

Jan 22, 2004 The speaker was Bob Poliakoff, President and CEO of the Fedder Company, the developer of Lake Shore Crossroads and Giant. He gave a review and status report for the overall development of the project. The audience voiced their concerns, mostly traffic and congestion on Mtn. Road. There were mixed reviews of the store. The discussion of traffic turned to the improvements that were promised at Hog Neck Rd. and Mtn. Rd. There is an appeal of the permit for the additional 9000 sq ft of retail shops. Fedder Company will not make those improvements if the appeal is not decided in favor of Fedder. The appeal hearing is sometime in March. No building can start until after the hearing. Fedder is waiting for the permit approval before investing about \$150,000 into road improvements. If the permit is approved, then Fedder would improve Hog Neck Rd. by widening the intersection and retiming the lights. (I do not remember that these improvements were attached to the smaller retail stores in the two original presentations.)

Feb 26, 2004 Dr. Eric Smith, Superintendent, Anne Arundel Co. Public Schools was the speaker at Chesapeake Bay Middle School. A very small group attended, about 20 plus or minus. He gave an overview of the changes that he has made since he became superintendent. Several parents asked questions—mostly about the math program, text books and text book purchases and the stress that parents, students and teachers were experiencing. Dr. Smith justified the push in the math program to meet the demands of colleges and the business community. Money spent on text books was to get the county on a uniform program. As to stress, he implied that it is a way of life and that all are going to have to live with it to meet the county, state and federal goals. (I encourage parents to join the PTA/O and the CAC and volunteer at the schools where they have children. Request parent conferences if you see problems on the horizon—don't wait for the problem to get out of hand.)

Next Meeting Representatives from the State Highway Administration and Anne Arundel County roads will discuss traffic and road conditions in Pasadena – Thurs. March 25, 7:30 at Eastern District Police Hdqtrs.

These meetings are open to the public. If a topic interests you, please attend.

Community Notes: With the current warm weather the following observations were made: A father and two youngsters riding their bikes all wearing helmets; Neighbors walking his/her dog with a plastic bag in hand or hanging out of a pocket; A very tense young man (middle school?) with both hands on the steering wheel driving a "golf cart" with the back loaded with children, (pre-school to second grade?); Another young driver, this time female, in a "golf cart type vehicle" with a small cluster of squealing little ones weaving down hill on Edgewater Rd.

It's March and the North Winds Blow and we shall have trash cans and lids all over the place especially in the roads. Let us all try to avoid problems by putting the cans away from the road and wind as soon as possible after the trash has been picked up.

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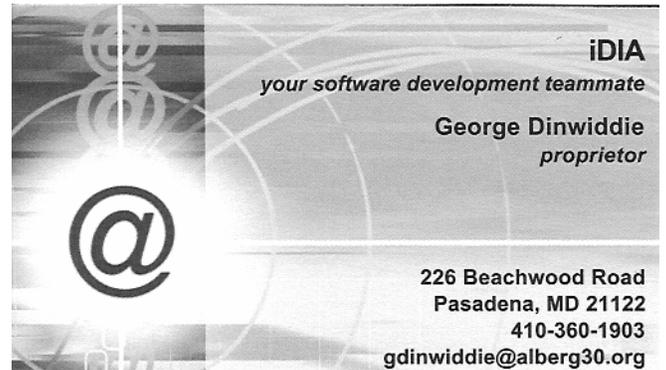
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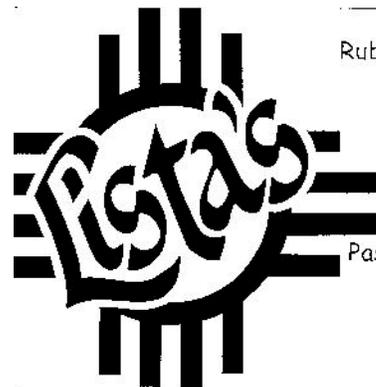


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