Letter from the President
Hi Neighbors. Happy New Year to you all. Please mark February 6th on your calendar for the annual NSA meeting at 7pm at the Mountain Road Library. Among many topics, the establishment of a Special Community Benefits District (SCBD), will be discussed. The formation of an SCBD is a legislative process that requires a simple majority of property owners to establish. This would allow the NSA Board to submit a budget to the county for capital repairs and improvements with the needed funds being assessed on your property taxes over a period of time. The first priority for funding would be to complete the repairs and dredging at the marina while also fixing erosion and replacing equipment at the playground. These types of major improvements are needed in our community every 25 years or so, but the local zoning and regulatory processes have made them cost prohibitive. With our community dues being voluntary, this is not something that can be paid for by raising membership dues. An SCBD is a tool that our county offers to assist communities like ours. Please refer to the Summary of Establishing a SCBD published on page 4 in this edition. We will be uploading the full special tax district document on our community private FaceBook page. I look forward to your questions and comments on this or any other community issue. The annual meeting is also your opportunity to join the board. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,
Ben Wisthoff

Treasurer’s Report
The starting balance for December was $35,162. The December revenue was $1.46 interest and $100 in barnacle ads. The checking account for the marina fund had $23,162 by the end of December when the interest was added and the new permit check was cashed. The expenses in the general fund for December were Garden Club open house, Christmas Party expenses, Liability for Director Insurance, wreath for Mountain Road sign, and BGE for a total of $2,312.58. The general account balance at the end of December was $32,951.

- Marion Glasby

Community Calendar

ANNUAL Meeting: 7pm on Tuesday, February 6 - Mountain Road Library.

Garden Club: No January meeting.
Secretary’s Report
Our newly launched website is still being updated with links to monthly board meeting minutes. Log on and check it out at www.northshoreonthemagothy.com.

- Melinda Scalio

Entertainment
One of the year’s favorite events! We enjoyed another successful Santa Visit and community Caroling Party!

- Tracy Poyner

Membership
Overview: Dues were increased by 20% for FY 2017/2018 but revenue only increased by 14%. This is consistent with fewer paying members overall and more paying at the Senior rate. A significant increase in dues revenue for FY 2018/2019 is unlikely given some vacant properties and the current rate of turnover which results in more complimentary memberships. A second mailing is done because 60-80 people don’t pay with the first mailing. This costs approximately $70 plus volunteer time every year. Please consider paying your dues after the first mailing. - Jeanne Brush

Roads and Zoning
I received a request for approval of improvements from Jim and Betsy Gregory, 420 Park Creek Road. The addition was approved by the county and a permit is on file, including a new septic system. The predicted 3 month project will begin mid January and was unanimously approved by the board.

It has come to my attention there was an anonymous letter submitted to the Board President regarding an excessive amount of trash and debris at one of the homes in our community. This person expressed a request for board intervention in this matter. As stated before, we are not here to police our neighbors. I can assist in the process of contacting someone at Anne Arundel County but if you would like to contact the County directly, you can call AA County Dept. of Health, Environmental Health Dept. at 410-222-7239. They will accept complaints over the phone. As always, we encourage residents to be good neighbors and help keep North Shore looking its best by keeping your home and yard clean and clear of trash and debris.

It was also suggested that there are safety issues along the border of our roadways that are becoming hazardous to walkers/joggers/dog walkers as overgrown foliage impedes into the road. I have on several occasions contacted the Forestry Dept. at the AA County Permit Office. My impression is that they are reluctant to trim foliage on personal property as some homeowners will on occasion become irate. I have contacted them again today and imposed a sense of urgency in the matter. Please take a few minutes and eyeball your yard especially at the roadside and ensure there is an adequate walkway free of trees/bushes into the roadway.

- Laurie Gardner
Park
Our North Shore Park is in desperate need of volunteers to help stop it from further disrepair before it becomes a community eyesore. Please contact me if you can help. Lisa Stamper (lstamper405@gmail.com) 443-618-2935.

Garden Club
We’re in dire need of friends for the gardens of North Shore to support our gardens and keep them beautiful and blooming. Our goal is to divide up into small groups so that we can focus on a garden that is special to you. Please consider helping out. Contact Lisa Stamper at lstamper405@gmail.com. There is no meeting scheduled for January.

Thank You Neighbor
Thank you Rick Watts and Jon Bailey for delivering the December Barnacle! You are always quick to volunteer and it’s so appreciated, especially in frigid temps!

Annual Meeting
Please join us on Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm! We will be at Mountain Road Library.

Safety
Danger: Please consider trimming your foliage if it is spilling into the road. Walkers are in danger of not being seen by oncoming traffic. Recently a neighbor was walking her dogs and was nearly hit by a truck because of overgrown bushes too close to the street.

Street Lights: If you notice a street light is out, please report the BGE pole number, found on the pole itself, to BGE directly (1-800-685-0123) or use BGE's online reporting form: bge.custhelp.com/app/ODL-LightingOutage.

Welcome
It’s been a busy end-of-year for home sales in North Shore. Susan & Jerry Kreyjcik and daughter Sarah purchased the Alfriend house at 378 Dutchship Road. Their other daughter Katie also lives there when not attending University of MD in College Park. Sarah works at the University of Maryland Medical Center downtown. Susan and Jerry publish the Baltimore HarborGuide www.baltimoreharborguide.com They moved here from Towson and enjoy the peace and quiet of North Shore. The family apparently likes to stay close together; their son, Jerry Kreyjcik III, purchased the Hammer's house at 410 Edgewater Road and will be moving here in January. Please welcome the Kreyjciks when you see them on Dutchship and Edgewater Roads! - Rick Watts
SUMMARY OF ESTABLISHING A SCBD IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

If a community decides to proceed with the formation of a special taxing district, there are certain basic steps in the procedure.

- The community determines the specific purposes for which the district will be formed. Taxes may be collected only for purposes stated in the original petition and in the legislation creating the district.

- The association drafts a petition that defines: the properties that will be included in the district; the purposes for which the district is being formed; the method by which the taxes will be levied; and, the community association that will administer the expenditure of the SCBD assessments.

- The association sends the petition to the Special Taxing District Coordinator, who coordinates review of the petition for content and legal sufficiency.

- The County provides a listing of property owners along with the approved petition. The community association photocopies the final petition and offers each property owner in the proposed district the opportunity to sign a petition.

- When at least the required minimum percentage of property owners has signed petitions, the association submits the petitions to the Special Taxing District Coordinator and requests that legislation be prepared to create the district. For Special Community Benefit Districts, the minimum percentage is anything greater than 50%. For Shore Erosion Control Districts and Waterways Improvement Districts, the minimum percentage is 75%.

- After the County administration reviews the petitions and approves the submission of legislation, the legislation is prepared. It is introduced at a County Council meeting and a public hearing is scheduled. The Council advertises the public hearing for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. The community pays for the advertisements. The County Auditor’s Office will review the petitions and provide findings and petitions to the County Council for their review.

- The public hearing is held and proponents and opponents of the proposed district are offered the opportunity to share their views with the County Council. The County Council then votes on the legislation.

- If the legislation is approved, the district is officially established. The responsible association can then prepare a budget to be included in the County’s next budget cycle. Taxes will be due and payable on July 1 of the fiscal year.

- SCBD assessments collected will be available for use by the association in November. For Shore Erosion Control Districts and Waterways Improvement Districts there may be additional procedures associated with obtaining a no-interest State loan from the Department of Natural Resources.
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