

The Shoreline

March 2013
The PWSCC Newsletter

From Our President

Spring is just around the corner! We will be having our annual membership drive, purchasing of keys to the ramp, slips, and the like. The dates are listed elsewhere in the newsletter so please try to attend one of these times and see old friends and make some new ones. Bring your neighbor; our membership is one of the things that make our community strong!

As the association's president, I am asked to write a paragraph on something of interest to the community. I procrastinated this month, since I did not know what to write. Unfortunately, after our last board meeting, Wednesday, February 13, 2013, I have enough material to fill up an entire newsletter. We opened up two certified letters that had been picked up the previous day. The first one was expected. Our registered agent, Mayo and Mayo, tendered their resignation, as of February 1, 2013. Given their alleged conduct in assisting certain members with their quest to find information that could be used against the association, their resignation as our registered agent is gratefully accepted.

But what is the real news here? This takes us to the second certified letter the PWSCC Board of Directors received. The PWSCC board and civic corporation are being sued by two of its members. We have discussed this issue in previous board meetings, annual meetings, and newsletters, but now that shoe has finally dropped. No more beating around the bush and threats and intimidation. There are four major points to the complaint, such as the corporation was erroneous in allowing Potomac Shores to be part of the community; that because of this, the plaintiffs have suffered trespass on property either rightfully theirs or rightfully the Westmoreland Shores community; that with all of these extra folk from Potomac Shores clogging up the ramp and using slips, the plaintiffs had to endure hardship in waiting to use the ramp; and, that the PWSCC board unlawfully spent \$13,000 to join Westmoreland County's suit against American Water and wasted community money. What is the relief from these alleged egregious actions? Dissolving the PWSCC and all of its assets (including the riparian rights to the community swim area) and creating a new home owners association; dividing Westmoreland Shores from Potomac Shores; and, \$200,000 in damages to be paid to the plaintiffs.

This community has been here for over half a century and the hard work of its members have consistently built a stronger community. We work on the foundation that has been in place for so long. I have been taught that honor and integrity, along with courage and hard work, pays off, especially if I share this hard work with others. I want to make this a better community for all, not just for a few, and certainly not just for myself. As such, as a board, we will continue to represent the community as best as we, as volunteers, can.

We will be posting all court documents and correspondence on the web (<http://www.pwsc.org>). We will also try to summarize what is going on as it goes on. So, remain positive, enjoy where you live, lend your support where you can, and we will all get through this one way or the other. Thanks!

From Our Vice President

It has been good meeting more and more of our members who have introduced themselves at the meet and greets, the pancake breakfast, our picnics and the family festival. I know we can count on seeing you again at the beach clean-up. Let's all come out and have fun while we clean up the beach. The beach is our treasure, but she needs some TLC, too.

Yes everyone, it is PWSCC Membership Renewal Time!!!!

It is now time for everyone to renew their PWSCC memberships. Remember that March 31st begins a new year for our membership. I am hoping to increase our membership again this year. We need everyone to encourage their neighbors to join us. We thank our members for all the trust you give us to serve you to the best of our ability. We have a lot of ideas for the future, but we need more members and more volunteers to make this possible. The more members we have, the more activities we can offer. The new membership form is located on our website. We plan to have 2 membership drives at the clubhouse on **Sunday, March 17th** and **Saturday, March 23rd (11am - 1 pm)**, so mark your calendars and watch the community boards for your reminder announcements.

Membership has Benefits for everyone.

1. Last year, we represented the community in the water rate hike fight, last per your request. We can expect yet another hike request; your dues covered the community's share of legal fees, resulting in both an immediate savings for the next two years, since everyone uses water and pays for it, as well as

laying the groundwork for future rate hike defenses. You will be investing some of your membership money into a fight to keep the water affordable for all. We thank our community representatives for being at the meetings and fighting for each us, as volunteers, so that our voices could be heard. We also thank our members for the donations to the fund for the water hike legal fees, as well.

2. Free family picnic in the summer for the community members.
3. Reduced rates for the civic center rental; we have started to spruce the building up for all.
4. The PWSCC hosts "Meet and Greets" for the whole community. It is great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and meet the board members.
5. The marina is available for slip rentals by members. There are some smaller slips that are available, as well. Don't forget that the key changes every year (the key fee helps pay for pier and ramp maintenance, for all of our community's safe and enjoyable use).
6. The children's event of the year is the annual Children's Santa Workshop. Children have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa, do crafts, eat a snack and purchase family gifts for a small fee.
7. We still have a couple dozen "PWSCC" and "PWSCC Marina" caps for \$ 15.00, with profits going to PWSCC. Contact Edie Mann if you are interested in purchasing a hat, they make great gifts for Easter, Father's Day and they show community support.
8. There are two annual yard sales in the Community Clubhouse and members may sign up to rent a table (spring and fall).
9. We are trying to keep the membership updated with new communication boards, the quarterly newsletter, e-mail information @ PWSCC.org. Please be sure to update all your contact information on your 2013 membership application so we may keep you informed of events, news, etc.
10. The beach belongs to all the community property owners. We will announce the date of the "Beach Clean-up Day!" We hope to have an even larger group pitching in, this year.
11. Our Community Action Chairman has successfully gotten new street signs installed at many of our intersections and trees/grass cut on the roadside, for better visibility. He has also taken many community questions to the county to get information for our members. He keeps abreast of all the problem areas that concern our membership.
12. We had a good turnout for our Family Fall Festival. We hope to do this and more activities, in 2013.
13. As a member, you may either choose to step up or become a board or committee member, or just have the input and vote on the election of new members and passing or failing of new policy for the community.

The more members we have, the more events we can plan. As always, we are anxious to hear all suggestions from our members. Any member that wishes to get involved in our community is always welcome. We would like to be able to have more activities. We do need more volunteers to help with all events and any new membership activities. We appreciate all of our volunteers. If everyone pitches in a little, then no one has to do a lot.

The membership and marina applications are being mailed out! Please be sure to read them and provide all required information before the March 31st deadline to prevent a lapse in membership and its benefits. If you have any new neighbors, please make a copy of the application, so your neighbors can all share in all the PWSCC events. For more inform

PWSCC Events			
MARCH <u>MEMBERSHIP & SLIP RENTAL RENEWAL</u> March 17 March 23 11 AM – 1 PM @ the Clubhouse	JUNE <u>ANNUAL Membership Meeting</u> 10:00 – 12:00 Saturday June 1 @ the Clubhouse	Look for the yellow sandwich board for other announcements 	Have an idea for an event? Let us know! Call Margaret Bowen at (804) 224-7923 or send an email to: activities@pwsc.org



We would really like to send you your next newsletter by email. It saves us paper, postage and a lot of folding, sticking and trips to the post office. Please let us know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email. Just contact the PWSCC Secretary, or any board member, and give us your email. We promise it will NOT be distributed to anyone else!

The PWSCC Clubhouse

The PWSCC Community Center located at 762 Shore Drive is available for any type of event, such as Weddings, Receptions, Showers, Family Reunions, Graduation and Birthday parties. Any type of party/event you are planning can be hosted here! We have a full kitchen and a beautiful outside patio/deck with gorgeous water views.

Check the Community Center out on our webpage www.pwsc.org and go to the Community Center Portal. Contact Ruthi Pietras at 804-224-0479 with any questions or to rent our facility.

Rental prices are as follows:

\$175.00 Non-Members with a \$150.00 Deposit- One day only

\$100.00 Members with a \$150.00 Deposit. - One day only

\$100.00 Non-Members with a \$150.00 Deposit - 6 hours only

\$50.00 Members with a \$150.00 Deposit - 6 hours only

\$50.00 Members for rental of center day before your event - starting at 2:00 p.m.

\$75.00 Non Members for rental of the center day before your event starting at 2:00 p.m.

\$25.00 Members for rental of center 1/2 day after party - ending at noon

If you have a special date that you want to reserve for a party at the Center, don't wait until the last minute! Building rental reservations have increased! Rentals can be confirmed by sending a check for the appropriate amount to: PWSCC, 659 Holly Vista Drive, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, **no less than two weeks before the event**. Or you may call Ruthi and set up an appointment to pay your rental fee. Cancellations: A minimum of 14 days notice prior to your rental is required to have your deposit refunded. All rentals canceled less than 14 days prior will forfeit the deposit. DEPOSITS are required to be paid within 5 days of requesting the use of the Community Center.

Building and Grounds

BEACH CLEAN UP DAY IS COMING! WATCH FOR THE YELLOW SANDWICH BOARDS TO SEE THE DATE!

Dock Master's Message

With spring approaching there is renewed interest in slips. At 'press' time there are three slips available – two shallow water slips #9, and #12, and one 'deep water' #37.

An update on annual slip charges (no changes since 2009): up to 9 ft wide \$247.50; from 9 – 11 ft wide \$302.50; 12 ft plus \$385.00 and up. Fees include \$40 ramp key fee.

Additional slips may become available due to low annual boat ownership turnover, so check the list posted in the cabinet at the marina, or call me at 804-224-0592 until the end of March - at which point, due to other commitments I will be resigning from this position.

Anyone interested in stepping up to fill this vacancy please let me know – there is sufficient infrastructure and transparency to managing dock and ramp activity to make this a relatively easy task. There are benefits – meeting fellow boaters, becoming acquainted with active members of PWSCC and most importantly, being a member of a hardworking Board devoted to representing and serving in the best interests of our community. All remarkably good people for whom I have nothing but praise, I shall miss working with them.

Once more, a seasonal reminder regarding boat trailer parking protocol:

- Pickups w/trailers left in the marina parking area must not encroach on the turning circle simply because fellow boaters will then have difficulty maneuvering into a position to access the ramp....and a PWSCC decal must be displayed on trailer in addition to watercraft. As you all know, there is limited space so always be prepared to park your rig at the upper parking area at the end of Avalon Drive (approximately 300 yards from the marina).
- The upper parking area is ideal for parking long truck/trailer rigs BUT this is not PWSCC property so we must observe the kind owner's request not to leave rigs overnight.

Reality check - PWSCC membership offers:

- (1) Boat ramp access and slip rental at lower cost than anywhere else on the river.
- (2) Access to a large, pleasant, sandy beach.
- (3) Access to the Community Center (for rent) and invitations to community events advertized elsewhere in this newsletter.

"Let's work together to make this community strong!!!!!"

From the Treasurer

Greetings to Friends and Neighbors!

I have recently been appointed to fill the vacant Treasurer position. I look forward to serving on the PWSCC Board to help support our community. While I have only recently become a full time resident, we have had our house here for the past 5 years and have been very pleased with the work of PWSCC Board during this time. I will be one of your main POC's over the next few months as we gear up our 2013 registration process, so I hope to get a chance to meet many of you.

Speaking of registration, I cannot stress how important it is to get participation of all PWS residents in the PWSCC. This organization strives to improve the quality of life throughout our community. If you are already a member. Great and please renew your membership, if you are not a member please consider joining, your membership fee goes to helps keep PWS a great place to live.

Finally if you know a neighbor who is not a member, encourage them to join.

If you need to contact, email me at treasurer@pwsc.org or call me at 804-920-6088.

You will find a membership form in this newsletter. You may fill it out and bring it to the clubhouse March 17 or 23rd and renew or become a new member. Or, you may mail the form back to us, with your check. If you choose to send us your renewal or new membership requests please send to:

PWSCC, P.O. Box 251, Colonial Beach, VA 22443 ATTN: Renewal

POTOMAC-WESTMORELAND SHORES CIVIC CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 251
COLONIAL BEACH, VIRGINIA 22443

2013 - 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

***NOTE: Slip rental forms mailed under separate cover**

*APPLICANT _____ (LAST) _____ (FIRST)
(MI)

*SPOUSE/OTHER _____ (LAST) _____ (FIRST)
(MI)

***MAILING ADDRESS**

(HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET NAME)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

*HOME PHONE (____) _____ DAYTIME PHONE (____) _____

***LOCAL ADDRESS**

(HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET NAME OR LOT NUMBER AND SECTION)

EMAIL:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

***ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

Please read the "*Hold Harmless Agreement*" on the reverse before signing this application. By signing, below, you acknowledge the Corporation's absence of liability and agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and standing rules.

_____ Enclosed is \$40.00 for membership dues. (Must be a member to purchase a key)

_____ Enclosed is \$50.00 for boat ramp key. (Total for membership and boat ramp key is \$90.00)

_____ Enclosed is \$_____ for boat slip #_____ rental fee. (No charge for key w/slip rental)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

 SIGNATURE OF SPOUSE/OTHER: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Whereas membership in the Potomac-Westmoreland Shores Civic Corporation, a non-stock not for profit entity, is voluntary and not a condition of real property ownership; and

Whereas actual and constructive written notice of liability disclaimer is given to each property owner upon the acceptance of membership application; and

Whereas each building, facility and beach area is posted with signs stating "Use at your own risk" as a condition of usage; and

Whereas each member assumes individual responsibility for the conduct of himself, his family and his accompanied authorized guests while on or using corporate property; and

Whereas the member acknowledges that inherent risks and potential hazards exist in using corporate property and beach areas;

Therefore by signing this membership application the member acknowledges, accepts and agrees to the corporation, its officers' and directors' absence of liability for any loss or injury the member or his accompanied authorized guests may sustain through the use of corporate property or facilities. In so doing, the member agrees to hold the corporation harmless, its officers or directors to recover actual or perceived damages.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:	
NEW _____	RENEWAL _____
MEMBER NUMBER _____	
STICKER NUMBER(S) _____	
KEY NUMBER(S) _____	
SLIP NUMBER _____	
CASH \$ _____	
CHECK \$ _____	CHECK # _____
AUTHORIZED BY: _____	DATE: _____
COMMENTS:	



You Asked for It! We have it!

RAIN BARREL CLASSES

When: May 11 and May 25

Time: 10 Am – 12 Noon

Where: PWSCC Clubhouse

Cost: \$30.00 per barrel (everything included)

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: April 5, 2013

That's right...we are going to have some more rain barrel - making classes offered at the PWSCC Civic Center! Classes fill up fast! Please contact Linda Lumpkin at: 804-224-9832 and leave your name and phone number to sign up. Class size is limited to 10 participants. You get to make your barrel right there in class and get tips for setting it up when you get it home!

YOUR PWSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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