



## Newsletter October 2022

**President's Corner:** Hello Neighbors: It is Wednesday morning, November 2. Another beautiful fall morning. The leaves are coming down faster than we can rake them! The mums on everyone's porches look beautiful. Happy Fall to all and hope everyone is doing well. Here's what's been happening:

**Oyster Roast** – It was a great success and a great time with a great crowd!! Thank you to all our volunteers and for everyone in attendance. We sold more than \$8942 in tickets. After expenses, the oyster roast tickets, plants, and bake sale brought in \$3618. !!! A special thank you to Woody and Kathy Young for the 12 years of coordinating this event. There is a lot of time and work that goes in to making this happen. Suzie Galler will be taking on Woody's role for this event. And, thank you to Terri Sisk, who will continue to oversee the event and run the kitchen—no small task either! Just an FYI – our oyster shells were recycled by the Oyster Recovery Partnership in Annapolis.

**Long Range Planning Committee** (Larry Brown) – Committee is working on a report to send to Anne Arundel County about our plans for the community. In December, AA County will be ramping up the committee for Region 9, and we want to get someone on the committee to ensure we have a voice. Rich Erickson volunteered to serve on the committee. Please see a more detailed report of the committee's agenda in this newsletter from Larry Brown.

**HPCA Apparel** – Nancy has sold lots!! She will be ordering more of our polo shirts that everyone is asking for. Please send her an email if you would like something for yourself or possibly as a gift for the holidays. [vinylrabbit1@gmail.com](mailto:vinylrabbit1@gmail.com)

**New Director** – The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Laurie Bryan to step into the Director's position that was open following Lester Pulse's resignation the end of August. Laurie will serve in this position until our next election in **August 2023**. Laurie has lived in our community for 5 years and is a Civil Engineer with the State of Maryland. **Welcome, Laurie.**

**Painting Crab Baskets** – fundraiser for the Anne Arundel Waterman's Association as well as a \$1,000 scholarship to assist a graduating senior in the Deale neighborhood with college expenses. Please let me know if you would like to make a \$50 contribution and paint a crab basket. You can also make a donation without painting a basket. The basket will be added to a holiday tree to be assembled at the traffic circle in Deale, Maryland for the holidays. I

will deliver your basket to you, pick it up when you have finished painting it and return it to you after the holidays. **Baskets are due November 21.** Just send me an email if you are interested. Thanks. [gshumate9@gmail.com](mailto:gshumate9@gmail.com)

**Trees Available** - Stacy Allen, our Recording Secretary is working on compiling a tree order for plantings later this month. See below for a link to the resilient native species list. The cost is \$25 per tree. She needs to get to 20 trees in order to make this happen, so please reply if you are interested, and feel free to share with local friends. All the trees must be planted in Anne Arundel County, and homeowners will also need to sign an agreement to care for the trees, including watering. This project is through the Watershed Stewards Academy. This is the same group that Stacy worked with in planting the trees on our community property. [slynn@mac.com](mailto:slynn@mac.com) <https://aawsa.org/resilient-species>

**Association Holiday Party** – Please plan to join us **Saturday, December 10, 6-9 pm** for our annual Holiday Party. Roast beef sliders, wine, coffee and mixers will be provided. Please bring a side dish—appetizer, salad, hot dish, dessert, etc. Also, please bring an unwrapped item for the auction (7:30 pm). Something new or an item from “the attic” that you no longer use and think someone else would enjoy using. Proceeds from the auction go to the North Beach Fire Department. We will also be collecting an inexpensive unwrapped gift, such as toiletries and the like for the Senior House residents. Hope to see you there!!!

### **Community Business:**

**Revised Bylaws** – have been emailed to all members and sent by USPS to all members who requested them. The current bylaws and proposed revised bylaws are on our website under the “About” tab. Please review them. We will vote on acceptance of these bylaws at a special meeting on Monday, December 12, 6:00 pm at the Loveless Building. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Injury Claim** - The Association has received a claim for injuries sustained on community property during July 4 holiday weekend. This claim is from a non-resident of Holland Point. We have turned over this information to our insurance company and will keep the community apprised of the situation.

### **Long Range Planning Activities:**

1. Rt. 261. You may recall that in August a group of county and state officials met with HPCA about the condition of Rt. 261. At that time they promised that a study would be done and that we would meet again in November to review it. We don't yet have a date, but we did discuss it with our state Senator and Representative at the Bull & Oyster Roast, and Rich Erickson will follow up and let everyone know when we can get briefed on the results of that study.
2. Storm Water Management. Barbara Moskowitz has been busy researching this, and reports that now is a great time to be making this effort on behalf of HPCA.
  - When we last tried to engage the County/State on the issue of stormwater management six or so years ago, they were so busy pointing fingers at each other as to which was responsible for the issue that nothing really got done. Add to this that the County Office of the Environment took the position

that any efforts should be concentrated in North County because "there are too few people in South County to matter."

- Also at that time, there were separate non-profit organizations tracking the health and enforcement of environmental concerns for the South and West/Rhode Rivers. Since then, Arundel Rivers Federation has consolidated efforts for all three rivers into a single advocacy organization, and they are now looking specifically at issues in South County where there have not been many efforts and where regulations have not been well-enforced.
- There is a lot of money (possibly as much as \$4 million) available for projects.
- Matt Johnson, head of Steuart Pittman's Office of the Environment until last March, is now the Executive Director of Arundel Rivers Federation and very proactive about stormwater management in our area of the County.

Barbara has learned that HPCA residents can get financial help with their individual water management issues.

- [Watershed Protection & Restoration Fee Credit Program](#) - Eligible property owners in Anne Arundel County have the opportunity to reduce their Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee (WPRF) assessments by up to 50% (annually renewable, no expiration) for proactive and sustainable uses of stormwater runoff controls.
- [Stormwater Management Property Tax Credit](#) - Eligible property owners in AACo can also claim a one-time Stormwater Management Property Tax Credit (10% reimbursement for initial implementation costs).

### **Last newsletter until April 2023**

This will be our last newsletter for the year. I will send out an email reminder for our December 12 meeting.

### **Thank you to:**

- all our volunteers in the community who have helped us throughout the year with our activities. Clearly, our functions could not be successful without the help of many.
- our Board of Directors, treasurer, membership, welcome, bldg. mgr, webmaster, recording and correspondence secretaries; each of whom brings talent and interests to the functions they perform.

All of you have worked hard to help champion the lifestyle we all enjoy here on the shores of the Chesapeake.

*We hope your holidays are filled with warmth, peace, and joy.  
Wishing you and your family a very happy holiday season.*