



HPCA Newsletter

July 2023

Good Morning Neighbors: It is July 23, a little cooler today—a respite from the hot and humid days of last week. Never tire of the glistening water of the Bay on a sunny morning. Included in this newsletter are updates from our latest correspondence with Senator Elfreth and SHA and our last membership meeting. Also included in this newsletter is a ballot for voting for the two Director positions that are up for election.

Long-Range Planning Committee:

Route 261 Drainage Issues: Earlier this month, the HPCA Long Range Planning Committee responded to State Senator Elfreth's Office. Our community was tasked to: "solicit and compile community feedback on locations of crushed pipes and share with SHA and Senator Elfreth's office by July 15th." **The written feedback included twenty-seven items, based on the responses from HPCA residents.** If you would like a copy of that feedback report, please contact the Committee Chairman at: larrybrownesq@cs.com

With respect to all future state highway issues, Senator Elfreth's Office suggested that individuals can report issues regarding "needed repairs, enhancements, really anything SHA related," by using the online service request (SR) at: <https://mdotsha.my.salesforce-sites.com/customer-care/request-for-service>. She also requested that the "SR" number that is generated from those requests be sent to her office.

State of the trees in Holland Point Community:

Tree decline in Holland Point was a topic of discussion at the July 13th HPCA membership meeting. HPCA member Greg Mann raised the issue of our dead and dying trees, with particular emphasis on those trees that pose a risk to adjacent properties. Many of our beautiful trees, particularly white oaks, are stressed by years of fluctuating climate conditions – drenching rains and droughts – making them more susceptible to attack by pests. Common pest issues with white oaks are phytophthora (mold) root rot and canker caused by fungus. And Ambrosia beetles. Ambrosia beetles can kill a majestic tree in a month, and we've certainly seen that here in Holland Point. By some accounts, Holland Point has lost over 40 trees in the last 18 months, perhaps more. Dead or dying trees create risks to people and property. Large falling limbs are not uncommon as dead or dying trees deteriorate, aided by more forceful storms. Dead or dying trees should be removed, consistent with HPCA rules and Anne Arundel county requirements, especially those that pose a danger to abutting properties. The best course of action is to preserve our wonderful Holland Point trees. There are several licensed arborists that focus on keeping trees healthy. They can advise homeowners on steps to manage soil, compaction and water runoff around trees and, arborists with pesticide licenses, can treat affected trees in compliance with Anne Arundel County regulations. Greg has generously volunteered to collect data on dead and dying trees that pose a risk to our community and to talk with the Anne Arundel arborist. You can email Greg at grg_mnn@yahoo.com.

A Fourth of July “thank you” – to all those who helped place the flags in our community for that weekend. Also, thank you to Seng and Amy Tech for taking on this responsibility for our community. Everyone’s efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you also to: Glenn Parks. I saw him this morning walking Walnut picking up debris on the side of the road. Glenn’s mom was our Corresponding Secretary for many, many years and his family grew up here in Holland Point. Thank you, Glenn.

Notice to all who rent homes to others: Please tell your renters that dogs must be licensed and leashed in AA County at all times and that dog waste MUST BE CLEANED UP. While you may rent out your house, by virtue of owning property here, you still have a duty to be a responsible steward of Bay health and vitality. And respect those who walk along the Bayfront.

Speeding on Walnut Ave: So glad to see our speed monitoring sign that is located by the community center. I have seen a significant difference in travel speeds and hope it continues. Thank you to both Courtney Buiniskis, Community Engagement Officer, from the Office of the County Executive and to State Highway Administration.

Reminder: Oyster Roast: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Oct 7, 1-4pm**. We will have a sign-up sheet at our August meeting. Please consider helping at this event; it takes many volunteers for a successful event. Thank you to Suzie Galler who will be taking the reign this year.

Nominating Committee Report (Doug and Terri Sisk, Kathy Young):

Voting will take place at our regular Membership Meeting, Saturday, August 19, 9:30 am. Below is the slate of candidates who were approved at our membership meeting, Thursday, July 13.

President: Gayle Shumate, running unopposed
Vice President – Rob San Martin, running unopposed
Treasurer – Gregg Borchelt, running unopposed
Corresponding Secretary – vacant. Lannie Elderkin running unopposed
Recording Secretary – Stacy Allen, running unopposed
Membership Secretary – Nancy Young, running unopposed

Board of Directors: Directors are elected to three-year staggered terms.

Those directors whose terms are still current are:

Larry Brown, Craig Ryan, Woody Young

There are two director positions whose term has expired and two additional members who have expressed an interest in being a Director. You will only be voting for **two** of the four individuals who will be listed on the ballot:

Carol Wyman – up for re-election
Laurie Bryan – up for re-election
Tom Bragg – eligible candidate
Rich Erickson – eligible candidate

If you are unable to attend the membership meeting, **Saturday, August 19, 9:30 am**, a “mail in” ballot sheet is included in this newsletter.

Dumpster Days – Monday, August 14 – Wednesday, August 16. Time to clean out the garage and shed. A dumpster will be in the parking lot of the Association Building on these two days. There will be a list posted on the dumpsters of what you can and cannot dump; specifically those items which are not allowed are: paint, tires, lawnmowers, oil drums, gas and propane tanks or other hazardous wastes/chemicals, tree trunks or

limbs. For our newer residents, there is the Southern Recycling Center (Sudley Landfill) located in Deale, if you have larger items for disposal. 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road, Deale, MD. 410-222-6100.

Hope everyone has a wonderful remainder of the summer. Safe travels if you are on the road vacationing. Looking forward to our Oyster Roast and sharing the day with everyone.

See you around the block. Gayle

Dates to Remember – 2023

Monday, August 14 – Wednesday, August 16 – **Dumpster Days**

Saturday, August 19 – General Membership Meeting 9:30 am **Elections** (President & Vice President and 2 Directors)

Saturday, September 16 – BOD Meeting 8:30 am; General Membership Meeting 9:30 am

Saturday, October 7 – **Oyster Roast 1-4 pm**

Thursday, October 12 – General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 30 – Board Meeting (Budget and Calendar) 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 9 – **Community Christmas Party**

Officers and Board Members

President – Gayle Shumate
Vice President – Rob San Martin
Recording Secretary – Stacy Allen
Corresponding Secretary – vacant
Treasurer – Gregg Borchelt
Membership – Nancy Young
Director – Carol Wyman
Director – Larry Brown
Director – Craig Ryan
Director – Laurie Bryan
Director – Woody Young
Bldg Mgr/Rentals – Meredith Page
Welcome Committee – Suzie Galler
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BALLOT INFORMATION

Below are the instructions for absentee voting. The following page is the ballot form.

1) Once you have completed your voting, please trifold your ballot with the ballot's text facing inwards.

2) Your return envelope must be mailed to:

Holland Point Citizens Association
c/o Stacy Allen, Recording Secretary
PO Box 232
North Beach, MD 20714

3) You **MUST** include your return address on the envelope, to include your name so that we may use this envelope to confirm your membership before adding your ballot. Any envelopes which do not contain a return address, will be discarded and not counted.

4) All Absentee Ballots must be received at the above referenced post office box on or **before August 18, 2023**. No ballot will be accepted in the event that it is delivered by alternate means or after August 18.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact our Recording Secretary, Stacy Allen at slynne@mac.com. Any questions regarding your membership status, please contact Nancy Young at vinylrabbit1@gmail.com.

**Official Ballot for Holland Point
Citizen's Association**
Election 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Vote for up to TWO (2)

☐ Carol Wyman

☐ Laurie Bryan

☐ Tom Bragg

☐ Rich Erickson

President
Vote for up to ONE (1)

☐ Gayle Schumate

Vice President
Vote for up to ONE (1)

☐ Rob San Martin

Recording Secretary
Vote for up to ONE (1)

☐ Stacy Allen

Treasurer
Vote for up to ONE (1)

☐ Gregg Borchelt

Membership Chairperson
Vote for up to ONE (1)

☐ Nancy Young

Corresponding Secretary
Vote for up to ONE (1)

☐ Lannie Elderkin