



## HPCA Newsletter

September 2023

### *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

Hello neighbors. It is Sunday afternoon, September 24 – a day after Ophelia blew through here. We all prepped for a stronger storm; and, fortunately, got hit with a milder version of a Nor'easter. Didn't see much damage in the community other than a tree down in Carol Wyman's back lot with no damage done there. *That's life in our Bay Community!*

Our 94<sup>th</sup> Oyster Roast – *This year marks our 94<sup>th</sup> Oyster and Bull Roast—having to miss two years for Covid and one year during WWII. These oyster roasts began years ago as a friendly get-to-know your neighbors affair. They were held on the lawns of different residents, but the weather often presented difficulties. Sixty-one years ago, October 11, 1962, the oyster roast was moved to the new Loveless Civic Center, where we still gather today.*

This event requires a tremendous amount of work and time to organize and generate. Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up this year to help on the day of this event. As I mentioned before, there is a great deal of prepping, before this event, with County licensing, food vendors, oyster shuckers, tickets, wristbands etc. But I would like to give a special “shout out” to Terri Sisk who has run our kitchen for this event for many, many years. She works tirelessly in the kitchen for the entire event and long after most of us have left. *Thank you, Terri for your dedication and love to this community.*

*See you all at our 94<sup>th</sup> Oyster and Bull Roast - Saturday, Oct. 7, 1-4 PM.*

*Gayle*

## September 16, 2023, Membership Meeting

**Special Guest Speaker Bartlett Tree Experts Arborist Eli Walker.** Following the discussion of tree decline in Holland Point at the July 13th HPCA membership meeting, HPCA invited arborist, Eli Walker, to speak to the membership. Eli knows our region and its trees well, having moved here in 2020 from Bartlett Tree Experts Atlanta region to join their Southern Maryland team.

The number one stressor to our trees, particular the oaks, is climate: the speed of climate change; drought – the current rainfall deficit for the trees is over 14 inches; and milder winters affecting tree dormancy, which they need. Stressed trees excrete ethanol (the intoxicating agent found in beer, wine and liquor), which in turn attracts insects such as ambrosia beetles. Ambrosia beetles are very tiny, five to ten of them fit on a pinhead. They may be small, but they can kill a tree in a matter of a few months. If you find really fine sawdust collecting at the base of tree, that is a sign of ambrosia beetles and it's usually too late to save the tree.

The best approach to keeping trees healthy is long term health management provided by a licensed arborist: Soil sampling to look for nutrient deficiency such as iron or manganese; deep root fertilizing; and judicious pruning.

Eli also reminded our membership that Anne Arundel County requires a permit to remove any tree in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area. Fines are steep for failing to obtain the required permit.

### **Key Takeaways from the HPCA Board of Directors and Membership Meeting:**

**Speed Enforcement and Community Policing:** Residents may have noticed that the speed monitoring device at the Loveless Center was removed earlier this month by the County. It's no surprise that nearby residents noticed drivers slowing down while the device was in place and now that it's gone, speeding up. The HPCA Board is reviewing various options including acquiring a speed monitoring device.

Our HPCA-paid police officer had a busy month: 18 traffic stops, 56 citations/warnings; and 28 no parking citations/warnings. The four-month trial period for the police officer ends in November. The HPCA Board is gathering data and assessing whether to continue with this arrangement through the Winter months or break until Spring.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** HPCA's Long Range Planning Committee will meet with State Highway Administration ("SHA") staff Kellie Boulware at the Loveless Civic Center on Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 PM for an update on SHA projects. A key topic will include the state of Walnut Ave., including the ditches. As you no doubt have noticed, we are still awaiting the promised ditch clearing on the west side of Walnut Ave. The monthly HPCA membership meeting has been deferred to the following Thursday (October 19th). HPCA and Rose Haven residents are welcome to attend this meeting.

**Congratulations to Rich Erickson:** The Anne Arundel County Commission voted on the appointment of Rich Erickson to the Region 9 Stake Holder Advisory Committee ("SAC"). The County received 45 applications for the SAC and Rich was one of only a few selected. The first meeting of the Region 9 SAC will be on October 14th in Millersville. Future Region 9 SAC meeting dates will be posted on the respective Region Plan Hub Site ([www.aacounty.org/region9](http://www.aacounty.org/region9)) under the heading Committee. To learn more about the role of the SAC and Anne Arundel County's planning process, check out <https://www.aacounty.org/county-executive/news/anne-arundel-county-launches-stakeholder-advisory-committee-applications>.

**Arts Lab of South County Mural Project:** The Arts Lab of South County is excited to announce that it has received funding from the Maryland State Arts Council to explore a new public art project that will bring a professional mural to South County. The goal is to produce a mural that will represent the community for years to come and also set the stage for further expansion of mural art within South County. To further that goal, the Arts Lab is conducting a survey to hear the voices and perspectives of residents throughout South County to ensure that the Arts Lab decisions embody the experience, the values and the aspirations of all community members. Here's the link to the survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrZx8pM-q2jQA6Hf71x47D4\\_2Onsw6TEor\\_Vlh0JR3o95odg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrZx8pM-q2jQA6Hf71x47D4_2Onsw6TEor_Vlh0JR3o95odg/viewform)

Don't know about the Arts Lab? Since 2019, the Arts Lab of South County mission has been to improve the quality of life in Southern Anne Arundel County by providing an inclusive space where artists and community members come together to make art accessible, nurturing, and thrilling. Arts Lab operates as a workspace where artists can create their own work and share the experience with others. The Arts Lab provides dynamic interactions with the arts through its community of visual artists, open studio tours, and programs. It offers art up close, in person, and in progress. Arts Lab aims to create value for Southern Anne Arundel County residents through classes, lectures, and other community events.

**Love the new Holland Point Signs as you enter the Community?** Thank Doug Sisk next time you see him. What an improvement! *Thank you, Doug, from all of us!*

### Dates to Remember – 2023

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

Thursday, October 12 – Long Range Planning Committee 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 19 – General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM *New Date*

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

Saturday, December 9 – **Community Christmas Party** (Time TBD)

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# Holland Point Oyster & Bull Roast

**Rain or Shine**



**All you can eat!**



Pit Roasted Beef •

Raw, Roasted or Steamed Oysters •

Cole Slaw • Potato Salad • Baked Beans

•Lemonade• Iced Tea• Water

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2023 1:00-4:00**

Arts & Crafts for Kids



Bake Sale



**Loch Less Farms**

Loveless Community Center

919 Walnut Ave.

Holland Point, MD 20714

Beer &  
Wine  
\$2.00

**Public Invited**

Buy your tickets with Paypal at  
[Hollandpoint.org](http://Hollandpoint.org)

\$40.00 advance \$45.00 door

8-15 \$12.00 advance \$15.00 door

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