



HPCA Newsletter

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Elections –Director/Officer elections were held at our September 12th Membership meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Larry Brown was re-elected for another term on the Board of Directors and Lannie Elderkin was elected to the new Secretary position.

Re-gravel of our Access Roads – This subject was again discussed at our Board of Directors meeting on September 12th. It was decided that the Association will hire and pay a contractor to re-gravel some of our access roads (access roads are those with tree names). For those who live on Bay Front Ave and other alleyways, you are asked to share the expense for re-graveling those specific areas. The schedule for access road re-graveling will be based on “worst roads first”. Once we get costs and specific details, we will send out an email that describes how residents can take advantage of this bulk purchase to re-gravel adjacent road areas at a reduced cost by piggy-backing on the HPCA projects.



Holiday Painted Crab Basket Tree - Holland Point residents are encouraged to participate in the 4th annual Holiday Crab Basket tree project in Deale to benefit the **Anne Arundel Watermen’s Association annual scholarship fund and other Association projects that help local watermen, as well as the Arts Lab and the Deale Merchants Association.** The crab basket tree will be lit the first week of December at the Deale traffic circle. If you would like to make a \$50 contribution and paint a crab basket, please contact HPCA president Gayle Shumate at gpshumate9@gmail.com. You can also make a donation without painting a basket. Gayle 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 to be returned to Gayle not later than **November 25th.**

Anne Arundel Watermen's Association Calendar – The Anne Arundel Watermen's Association has created a calendar that captures life on the Chesapeake Bay. Each month features a different view of our Bay watermen and Bay activities. Holland Point is featured for the month of August 2025. The calendars are for sale and will be available at our next meeting on October 10th. They are \$20 and all proceeds go to the Watermen's Association.

Piers - There are a number of piers in our community that have become littered with boards and debris as a result of damage from recent storms. In addition, there are loose boards that are hanging from these piers that are further loosened every time a wave hits them. **All this debris poses actual or potential hazards to navigation.** Some of these conditions have been left without repair or cleanup for a long time. As part of the Pier Agreement between each pier owner and HPCA, it is the owner's responsibility to maintain a safe pier structure. Those piers that are not in compliance with Federal, state and/or county requirements or the pier agreements will be identified and a notice sent to each homeowner. Please take action now to return your pier structure to a complaint condition.

Last General Membership Meeting for 2024 - Hope everyone will join us for our last meeting of 2024—Thursday, October 10, 6:30 pm. We will be discussing last minute details for the Oyster Roast and plans for our upcoming Holiday Party in December. Our meeting will be more social with hot cider and pumpkin donuts to enjoy during our discussions. The Anne Arundel Watermen's Association calendars will be for sale, as well as our Holland Point coffee mugs. Hope to see you there!

Reminders:

- **Fire Lanes:** There have been a number of reports that the fire lanes in some areas are being blocked by parked cars for extended periods of time. Fire lanes include the un-graveled "paper" roads that lead to the waterfront. HPCA rules clearly state that **"Parked vehicles shall not restrict the fire lanes"**. These blockages may impede emergency vehicles from accessing our community in the event of a fire (including accessing water from the Bay to fight fires) or other emergencies. Please comply so we can protect each other. HPCA will not hesitate to notify the police and arrange for those vehicles to be towed from the property at the owner's expense.
 - AIRB&B/VRBO owners – please ensure that your renters are aware of where to park their vehicles.
- **Dog owners:** There is a leash law in Anne Arundel County. Dogs should never be running loose. When walking, please keep your dog on a leash and always pick up the waste. This makes for a pleasant walk on the Bay for everyone. Sorry that there is no comparable law related to the geese!

President's Corner:

Labor Day is over and with it the holiday marking the end of summer. As always, we all look at one another and wonder where the summer went. Although this year, I believe we are all ready for Fall and some cooler temperatures. I love the Fall season—cooler temps, beautiful leaves, sitting around the fire pit, or just huddled together for an evening of chatting while

still being able to sit in our lawn chairs outside. For me, it is a regenerating time and looking forward to the holidays.

The HPCA season is almost at an end with only our October meeting, our Oyster & Bull Roast and our annual Holiday Party remaining. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at one or all of these events.

Just a note to all: Thank you for your increasing membership, meeting participation, comments, ideas, and help. I continue to get calls regarding Rules and Regulations, permits and easements, trees dead or alive, dogs, parked cars, wells and drainage, signs and fences, and other miscellaneous issues. The Board and I try to respond quickly with the best and correct information for you. We welcome your concerns and hope to help in the most appropriate way in the spirit, intent, and purpose of the HPCA organization.

See you all at our 95th Oyster and Bull Roast – Saturday, Oct. 19, 1-4 PM.

Gayle

Dates to Remember – 2024

Oct 10, 2024 (Thursday): 5:30PM Board of Directors Meeting; 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting

Oct 19, 2024 (Saturday): 1:00PM Oyster and Bull Roast

Nov 21, 2024 (Thursday): 6:30PM Board of Directors Meeting

Dec 7, 2024 (Saturday): HPCA Holiday Party (time TBD)

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