



HPCA Newsletter

October 2024

Oyster & Bull Roast – Not only does HPCA hope to make a little money after the bills are paid, but we also hope that everyone has a terrific time at our annual Oyster and Bull Roasts. For our 95th event this year, everything was **outstanding**: The weather was extraordinary with a bright sun and gentle breezes; the aroma of beef roasting filled the air; the oysters were plump and tasty; and sounds of community and fellowship abounded. This year, for the first time, we included a band. The Hyland Brothers' music carried through the crowd and it was great. They will be back again next year. We don't have final figures yet, but the feeling is the event was a big financial success. HPCA will let you know when we have the financial report.

Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) study results on state road MD 261/ Walnut Avenue scheduled – HPCA is pleased to host a presentation by the SHA at the Loveless Building/ Holland Point Community Center on **November 7, at 6:00 PM**. The presentation will be about the SHA study of state road MD 261/ Walnut Avenue and should last about 90 minutes. We hope you can attend this meeting.

Unlike most rural or country roads, MD 261 is peppered with side streets, intersections and home driveways as it transits through our communities. Along its two-mile length, there are five intersections, 25 side streets, 88 driveways, and 201 resident mailboxes at the edge of the pavement serving either adjacent homes or neighboring residents. Some residents must walk across Rt. 261 to get their mail. At the end of this newsletter, you will find data about the width of Rt. 261 at various cross streets throughout our community and Rose Haven.

Vehicle-pedestrian interaction is frequent and hazardous. Six factors contribute to the hazard: the road is substandard width; it has no shoulder (for bicycles or pedestrians); adjacent to the road's edge are deep drainage ditches; there are no pedestrian sidewalks along Rt 261/Walnut Avenue; mailboxes line the route on only one side; and there are frequent cross streets and home driveways.

New Round of Oyster Restoration Projects – Right here in our Backyard – As Maryland works to complete the last of five large oyster restoration projects it committed to a decade ago, state officials have decided to tackle three more. The state has [restored more than 1,100 acres](#) of reefs so far in Harris Creek and the Little Choptank, Tred Avon and Manokin

rivers, all on the Eastern Shore, and in the St. Mary's River off the lower Potomac. Now, the Department of Natural Resources has announced it intends to restore and repopulate hundreds of acres more in oyster sanctuaries in Herring Bay on the Western Shore and in the Nanticoke River and Hooper Strait on the Eastern Shore. "These three large-scale restoration sanctuaries represent a new chapter for oyster restoration in Maryland," DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz said [in announcing the selection](#) on Oct. 9. "We've had tremendous success with our existing restoration sanctuaries, and we're excited to build on that achievement and keep up the momentum for oyster recovery in the Chesapeake Bay." Maryland and the federal government have spent more than \$87 million so far rebuilding reefs and planting hatchery-reared oyster spat in the first five sanctuaries. The effort has proven durable to date with nearly all reefs at least 6 years old yielding the minimum expected densities of bivalves, or better — and 83% sustaining the hoped-for goal of more than 50 oysters per square meter. Herring Bay could be the state's largest project yet. About 20 miles south of Annapolis, it has almost 8,000 acres of historic oyster bottom, according to the DNR report. Though some has silted over, there is still extensive firm bottom, and DNR officials are planning to build new reefs there in addition to planting spat-on-shell.

Also, Advocates for Herring Bay, Inc. (AHB), a community-based environmental group that works to preserve, restore, and enhance the ecosystems of Herring Bay, is raising money to restore oyster habitat on a 3-acre site in the Herring Bay Oyster Sanctuary. The first phase of this community-sponsored campaign is to plant up to 10 million juvenile oysters (spats). See <https://www.herringbay.org/oyster-restoration>.

Association Holiday Party – Please plan to join us Saturday, December 7, 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. (Please bring "tasteful" items.) 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!!!

General Membership Meeting – We also hope to see everyone next April at our first meeting for 2025. Date and time to be determined.

Pets – A reminder that we follow Anne Arundel's leash law. Please keep your pets leashed while walking them and be sure to clean up after them. Thank you.

President's Corner

As I looked around our Community Center grounds on Saturday, October 19, I saw people enjoying our 95th Oyster and Bull Roast—picturing a quieter and simpler time—a Holland Point of maybe long ago. A little nostalgia. It was a glorious fall day with the sights and sounds of families and friends enjoying themselves. The essence of what community spirit is

all about. The success of the Oyster and Bull Roast was the result of the support of everyone who attended the event, to whom we are grateful!

Also, our thanks and appreciation go out to all those involved in the planning preparation and advance ticket sales for the event, as well as to those who set-up tables and chairs at 8:30 am Saturday morning and helped close down and clean up at the end of the day. Thank you to: Ricky Quigley and Rob Bryan for cooking our delicious roasts; Suzie Galler for securing our food license; Nancy Young for coordinating our apparel; Gregg Borchelt, our Treasurer, for handling the financial end of this endeavor; and for all the volunteers who worked during the event. Everyone's commitment and hard work help to make this event such a success.

This event does not start at 1pm on the day of. It starts months ahead. Hats off, again, to Woody and Kathy Young and Doug and Terri Sisk. They did an incredible job of organizing and coordinating the many pieces that had to be in sync in order for the event to be the success that it was. A special "thank you" to Terri Sisk for her untiring effort in coordinating the kitchen and food. Her job starts on Friday morning and does not stop until Sunday morning with the final cleanup. Most of us do not see this part of the process but her work resulted in a super day that was enjoyed by all. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED !**



Gayle

Holiday Painted Crab Basket Tree: Holland Point residents are encouraged to participate in the 3rd annual Holiday Crab Basket tree project in Deale to benefit the Anne Arundel Watermen's Association, their annual scholarship fund, the Arts Lab, the Deale Merchants Association and other association projects that help local watermen. The crab basket tree will be lit this year on December 7th at 6pm 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 must be returned to Gayle not later than November 25.**

Dates to Remember – 2024

Nov 7, 2024 (Thursday): 6:00 PM SHA Route 261 presentation

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

Dec 7, 2024 (Saturday): 6:00 PM HPCA Holiday Party

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WIDTH OF RT. 261 AT VARIOUS CROSS STREETS HOLLAND POINT AND ROSE HAVEN

Width measured at:	Width of road
New causeway to North Beach	26’ 4”

Beach Ave	24' 10"
Birch Ave	21' 4"
Cedar Ave	19' 6"
Cherry Ave	19' 4"
Cypress Ave	20' 8"
Elm Ave	21' 11"
Filbert Ave	20' 7"
Hemlock Ave	20' 6"
Holly Ave	19' 8"
Juniper Ave	20' 4"
Linden Ave	20' 4"
Locust Ave	19' 9"
Magnolia Ave	19' 9"
Maple Ave	20' 3"
Myrtle Drive	19' 10"
Palmetto Ave	19' 10"
Catalpa Ave	21' 4"

Pine Ave	22' 0"
Poplar Ave	20' 4"
Chestnut Ave	20' 0"
Spruce Ave	22' 1"
Sycamore Ave	24' 0"
Albany Ave	25' 7"
Boston Ave	23' 4"
Charleston Ave	24' 0"
Alabama Ave	28' 2"
California Ave	28' 2"