



Divinity Cove News



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From the Board

The next board meeting and **ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING** is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, 2009. It will be held at the Severn River Middle School at 7:30 p.m. A member of the community will be posted outside of the main entrance of the school and will direct you to the meeting room.

Whether you are aware or not, each of the monthly board meetings is open for anyone to attend. But the '**Annual Community Meeting**' gives all residents the opportunity to participate in the voting of your representative board members for the next term, review the community's budget, express concerns, talk about ongoing or new issues and make suggestions about 'whatever'. You may also decide to run for one of the Board of Director positions. Nominations are currently being accepted for board member positions.

Listed below are the 5 positions on the Board of Directors and a brief description of the position:

1. **President:** Runs and provides an agenda for each of the monthly board meetings, votes.
2. **Vice President:** Runs the monthly board meeting in the absence of the President, votes.
3. **Treasurer:** Conducts the financial affairs of the association, provides a Treasure's Report at each monthly board meeting, votes.
4. **Secretary:** Takes notes (minutes) of the monthly board meetings and maintains paperwork for the community, votes.
5. **At Large:** Votes.

The duties of each office are not limited to the description listed. Other functions of any of the board members can include getting research information, making phone calls on the community's behalf, i.e., to have pot holes fixed, and planning/organizing community events i.e., the community dumpster, community clean-up day, community functions, etc.

Any homeowner can be voted into any one of these positions whether the position is vacant or not. Just remember that only one member of any household over the age of 18 can run for office. All you have to do is show up at the Annual Community Meeting and express your interest in holding one of these offices. If the position is not vacant or more than one person is running for any of the offices, there will be a vote taken by all persons present at the Annual Community Meeting. Or, if you would like, you can express interest in holding office prior to the Annual Community Meeting by contacting any current board member. It's that simple.

Children are welcome to attend the Annual Community Meeting with their parents so don't be discouraged from attending because you don't have a sitter.

If any community members (renters or owners) have concerns, issues or comments for the Board of Directors to be addressed, please feel free to either come to a board meeting or telephone one of the members of the board. The board members' phone numbers are listed at the end of the newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar s
Annual Community Meeting

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At Severn River Middle School
7:30 P.M.

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Kim Spence	Treasurer
Kelly Alperstein	Secretary
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Annual Comm. Mtg	March 12, 2009
Community Yard Sale	TBD
Easter Egg Hunt	April 11, 2009

PHONE NUMBERS

Police/Fire	911
Police Non-Emergency	410/222-8610
Animal Control	410/222-8900
Youth Crisis Hotline	800/422-0009
YWCA Domestic	410/222-6800
Violence Hotline	
MD Poison Center	800/492-2414
Parents Anonymous	800/243-7337
Stress Line	

Community Yard Sale

If you are interested in participating in a community yard sale, which is usually held in May, please express your interest to a board member or at the Annual Community Meeting. If there is not sufficient planned participation, we may decide to skip it this year. The Board will also try to find out when Twin Harbors is having their community yard sale for the possibility of combining with them for a two-community yard sale as we have done in the past.

Community Telephone Directory

Please review the attached draft telephone directory and call or email Kelly Alperstein with any changes, additions, or corrections to the directory. An updated directory with the changes will be provided with the next newsletter.

Community Dumpster

Divinity Cove is scheduled to have the county dumpster again. It will arrive on Friday, June 12 and will be picked up by 8 AM on Sunday, June 14.

Bulk Item Pickup

Do you have trash that is just too big to put out for regular trash removal? As an Anne Arundel County curbside customer you may request collection of bulky consumer goods such as furniture, large appliances, play equipment and other types of hard to handle items.

Bulky items are divided into three categories; furniture, refrigerated appliances and metal. Each is collected separately, but can be scheduled for collection with one advance telephone call. But please, first consider donating your useable items to a charitable organization, some of which offer collection for items in good condition.

Bulky items are picked up Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and items must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. But, you must call and schedule for a pick-up by calling 410-222-6100.

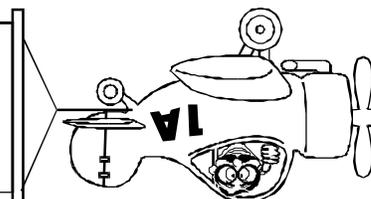
Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11 at

9:00 AM. Bring your basket. There will be lots of eggs to be found!

Remember to pay your
Homeowners dues, if you
haven't already done so.





Recycling News

Anne Arundel County Recycles. More. Often. and You Can Too!

How can I recycle MORE?

Are you a resident who already recycles as much as you can? If yes, are you sure?

Please know that recycling is easy in Anne Arundel County. Most people recycle items that come from the kitchen, but what about your home office? Laundry room? Family or kid's room?

You may be surprised to know that recent surveys at the landfill have shown that at least half of what is thrown away **COULD** be recycled. Recycling makes good environmental and economic sense. Recycling is an easy way to save energy, reduce pollution, save money and take better care of our environment.

So remember to place a recycling container next to each trash can in your home: in the office, bathroom, kitchen and laundry room. Paper, plastic, metal and glass can all be placed in the same container for collection.

You make a choice with every item you throw away, a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go. Please visit our new website at www.RecycleMoreOften.com or contact us at 410-222-7951 for a list of newly added accepted items to help boost your recycling and to take the 50/50 Challenge.

eCycling

Anne Arundel County offers permanent year-round collection of electronics at all Waste Management Services facilities at no charge. This service is provided during convenience center operating hours and is available to residential customers only.

We gladly accept the following:

- Chips and Cards
- TV's
- VCR's
- CPU's
- Power Supplies
- Laptops
- Computer Cables and Cords
- Miscellaneous Circuit Boards
- Other Computer or Electronic Related Accessories
- Computer Monitors
- Computer Mice
- Keyboards
- Cell Phones
- Printers
- Scanners

Mill Creek News

The phase 1 dredging of the boating channel and private spurs in Mill Creek was completed in mid-February. The Phase 1 dredging project cost \$188,750 for removal of 2,734 cubic yards of material and was funded by a combination of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund (DNR WIF) and County bonds. The cost of design and permitting for the entire dredging project, including the DCHOA pier was paid for by Anne Arundel County. The DCHOA board approved the expenditure to dredge our private community pier in order to maintain community property and allow boating access once again. The cost for the DCHOA pier dredging was \$9,010 which includes \$1000 fee for the Wetlands License, \$10 for the Army Corps of Engineers permit and \$8,000 for the contractor to perform the dredging operation itself. A graphic of the entrance and dredge channel near Divinity Cove may be found on Bayland's website: <http://bayland.zftp.com/WebSite/MillCreekJanuary2008.pdf>
<http://bayland.zftp.com/WebSite/MillCreekConceptualRendering.pdf>

Phase 2 of the Mill Creek project includes the headwater restoration is currently on target for execution the winter of 2009 / 2010. The current budget for the Phase 2 Headwater Restoration is 100% funded by County Wastewater Funds and is therefore (fortunately) not subject to the severe decline (elimination) of the 2010 DNR WIF budget. DCHOA will not be incurring any costs for the Phase 2 Headwater restoration project. Only those homeowners desiring private spurs will incur costs (if permits are all approved). For Phase 2, the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Plan has already been developed and is expected to be submitted to the various permitting agencies this spring. The final plan, which will deliberately include elements for grass and wetland planting by the community, scout troops and other organizations, may be seen here:

http://bayland.zftp.com/WebSite/Mill_Creek_Final_Restoration_Plan.pdf

The headwaters restoration and associated watershed retrofits will improve water clarity, water quality and aquatic habitat in upper Mill Creek by providing for:

- Shallow water fish habitat
- SAV restoration (seeds, transplants, or geotubes)
- Tidal marsh plantings
- Mudflat stabilization and sediment source reduction
- Watershed retrofits / BMP's to reduce upland sediment and pollutant sources
- Minimal boating access, only to avoid habitat disturbance, eliminate active boater prop dredging and sediment resuspension

Project Clean Stream is an annual April stream clean up held in Central and Eastern Maryland. History:

Since its inception over 30 years ago, this annual event has grown from a local trash pick up to encompass about 100 sites around Maryland. New sites are brought on each year as we expand. Partners include local watershed associations, who help coordinate volunteers and sites in their region, and local government staff, who coordinate trash removal by providing dumpsters or curb-side pickup. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay acts as umbrella coordinator, ordering supplies, helping to recruit volunteers, staging site captain meetings, arranging for trash pick-up, and filling in any gaps where needed. <http://www.acb-online.org/cleanstream.cfm> Saturday, April 04, 2009 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Stay Informed: Join the Divinity Cove Yahoo Group

Important facts about the group:

- Only important community information is sent to this group.
- Only the President and the Vice President can send emails through this group.
- You will not get junk emails through this group.

We will be emailing the proposed changes to the Community's "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions" through the Yahoo group. Please join the Yahoo Group so you can stay informed & read these changes prior to the community meeting on March 12th.

If you are interested in joining this group please email Melissa Wilson at boxer4us@aol.com

Beautification Committee

We are looking for community members to serve on a Beautification Committee. This committee will be mainly responsible for maintaining the appearance of the entrance to Divinity Cove. So, if you love to work in the garden and decorate for holidays this is the committee for you! More information will be provided at the annual meeting on Thursday, March 9.

