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**POA/AOTB: Property Owners Association of Arundel-on-the-Bay**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**MAY 2013**

### General Meetings:

Saturday, June 22

Saturday, Nov 23

General Meetings are held in Hillsmere Library starting at 10 a.m.

### Board Meetings:

Tuesday, June 11

Tuesday, July 9

Tuesday, Aug 13

Board Meetings are held in Hillsmere Library starting at 7 p.m.

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## **ELECTIONS 2013: The SLATE is Great!**

### ***Needed: Your VOTE & A Candidate for PRESIDENT***

Your AOTB Nominating and Elections Committee struggled to propose a full slate of candidates for our upcoming June election. Look for your ballots in the mail and vote by the June 22 meeting.

You'll find thumbnail biographies of the current slate on pages 2 and 3 – **Donna Watts-Lamont** for **Vice President**, **Pamela Duncan** for **Secretary**, and **Michael Adams**, **Rosalynne Atterbeary**, **Michael Lord**, and **Roxanne Veal** to fill vacancies on the **Board of Directors**. If you elect them on June 22, their terms begin on July 1.

The community owes fervent thanks to all volunteers who offer their services, including the self-effacing committee work exemplified by Nominations & Elections – **Tim Hamilton** (443-994-8350; [timhamilton47@mac.com](mailto:timhamilton47@mac.com)), **Karen Neale** (443-949-7333; [nealekj@gmail.com](mailto:nealekj@gmail.com)), and **Frank Florentine** (410-279-2451; [Fafloren@aol.com](mailto:Fafloren@aol.com)).

Despite their intensive efforts, AOTB is still looking for a candidate to fill the position of **President**. It's a two-year term and its work is crucial to the life of the community. The essential duties are stated in our Constitution/By-Laws (page 7 of the current *Directory*), and there is much help available from a roster of gifted officers, Boardfolk, and committee stalwarts. Successful association presidents – Wilma Coble, Frank Florentine, Harvey Young, and our outgoing incumbent, Andy Grannell come to mind – have skillfully inserted those responsibilities into otherwise full and busy lives. Self-nominations are entirely welcome. If you think your turn has come – which we strongly urge you to do – please make contact with any of the Nominations & Elections members identified above.

## Get to Know Your Candidates

### For Vice President: **Donna Watts-Lamont**

Donna and her husband Lowell Lamont moved into their home in AOTB in August, 2004. The family had often visited the area and as a child Donna loved the community when they visited. Donna is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law and holds a Masters in Labor Law from Georgetown University Law Center. She has served for 25 years on Maryland's Unemployment Insurance Compensation Board, for the past 10 years as the Board's Chairperson. Donna has two grown sons. She looks forward to serving on the AOTB Board and working with its members to build on the great work that has been done for our community.

### For Secretary: **Pamela Duncan**

Pam Duncan is currently serving as Secretary, has done so in the past, and is willing to serve again. She has lived here since July 1995, although she visited AOTB occasionally as a teenager when friends from high school brought her down to parties. Interested in local history, Pam is president of the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, Inc., which operates the Benson-Hammond House museum on the airport grounds in Linthicum and the Kuethe Library for Historical and Genealogical Research in Glen Burnie. She is a member of the group writing our community history and also works part-time for the Historic Annapolis Foundation.

### For the Board of Directors: **Michael Adams**

Michael Adams and wife, Gail, have lived in Arundel on the Bay for the past 9 years. Prior to moving to AOTB they lived in the Magothy Park Beach Community of Pasadena MD for 22 years. Michael and his wife have two sons, Justin and Derek. Michael is a graduate of Baltimore Community College with an Associate of Arts in Accounting. He currently works as a Senior Buyer for Kaydon Ring & Seal, Inc. in Baltimore. Michael is currently serving as the Community Security Chair. He loves living in the community and looks forward to serving as a member of the board for AOTB.

### For the Board of Directors: **Rosalynne Atterbeary**

Rosalynne and her husband moved to Arundel on the Bay seven years ago. The camaraderie experienced during their visits prior to becoming homeowners kept Arundel on the Bay on her mind. The history, beauty, and "pace of life" were very attractive and compelling reasons to become part of the community. As a mother, grandmother, and educator, Rosalynne feels privileged to now be a part of AOTB history and believes that every resident has a stake in helping to preserve its quality of life.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Rosalynne is a graduate of Michigan State University. Prior to moving to Arundel on the Bay, she raised her family in Howard County, Maryland, where she has an over thirty-year history of community activism. Rosalynne is a recently retired Mathematics Department Head, having presided over a department that was consistently ranked #1 in the state of Maryland during her tenure. Her work as an educator has also been honored locally and nationally. She is excited about the opportunity to continue her volunteerism as a member of the AOTB Board of Directors.

**Get to Know Your Candidates****For the Board of Directors: Michael Lord**

Mike Lord is a native of North Adams, MA. He's a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the University of Virginia School of Law. He served in various assignments during the course of a 20-year Navy career, including Officer in Charge of the Naval Legal Service Office, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. Subsequent to his retirement from the Navy he served as Executive Director of the Commissioned Officers' Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Assistant County Attorney in the Anne Arundel County Office of Law (handling civil litigation matters), and Assistant Attorney General in the Maryland Office of Attorney General (serving as the Attorney General's supervisor of tort litigation). He currently serves as Executive Director, Maryland State Ethics Commission.

Mike and his wife Shirley have lived in Annapolis since 1987, and moved to AOTB in 2004. They have three adult daughters and five grandchildren. Mike loves living in AOTB. He says the people are great, and how can you not like the water! He is completing his first term on the Board and is glad to volunteer for another round.

**For the Board of Directors: Roxanne Veal**

[After stepping down for a couple of years, Roxanne offers to return to the Board of Directors, where she has served several productive terms. She heads the Beach and Security Committee and is so well known that she really needs no further introduction {editor}]

**WANTED -- A PRESIDENT!**

At our latest Membership meeting, one veteran officer attributed the absence of a presidential candidate to the atmosphere of civility and harmony under the incumbency of Andy Grannell. Whenever strife divides the community, he said, we see a surge of self-appointed champions for the various litigants, partisans, and factions that divide us – or used to – and they run for the office. If this account is accurate, it is a fitting tribute to the Grannell administration for maintaining the peace – a motion that this newsletter staff fervently joins, grateful as we are for Andy's benevolent encouragement, patience, and willingness to suffer our folderol.

However, it's also true that AotB is suffering from its own success, for we absolutely need a president – and Andy must vacate the office on July 1 when his second term expires. It's going to be hard enough to say good-bye to President Grannell if we can't at the same time welcome a new leader who will supervise our labors, implement Board policy, and make sure the Membership meetings are accurately scheduled, efficiently conducted, and preceded by coffee and donuts.

To our outgoing President: THANK YOU, ANDY!

To the incoming: WELCOME, WHOEVER YOU ARE!!

## **AOTB Party for Adults - Wine Tasting & Live Jazz on the Beach**

***Sunday, June 9th from 4 to 7 pm***

***Wine Tasting Theme: Summer Wines; Sip, Swirl, Savor***  
**(We've Added Reserve Wines & Beer to the Mix)**

The AOTB Property Owners Association is throwing another great party on the community beach Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. **Wine tasting will be offered by Wine Cellars of Annapolis at no charge to adult community members.** Their experts will guide party-goers through some of the best vintages for summer sipping. Wine will also be available for purchase by the full glass and by the bottle. We are even adding some Reserve Wines and great beers for purchase. The wine and Jazz party is an **adults only** event.

**The Jim Ballard Jazz Quartet will perform** all afternoon for those who wish to listen or dance. Ballard has performed with the Ink Spots, locally at Middleton's Tavern, and was even featured during the Obama Inaugural. Jim will do the vocals for the group that includes saxophone, bass, piano, and drums. Contact Marc Apter (below) with song requests.

**Every family is asked to bring a dish to be shared, based on the first letter of their last name.** Last names starting with A through F should bring hors d'oeuvres. Names starting from G through M: please bring a main course. Last names starting with N through S: dessert. Names from T through Z: bring bottled water, soda, and/or other non-alcoholic drinks. Each family will be charged \$10 at the event to defray the costs including tents, ice, glasses, plates etc.

AOTB will be providing a porta potty, tables, and some chairs but you are encouraged to bring your own folding chairs. We will have some tents for shade and protection from showers. There is no rain day planned. The party goes on rain or shine. **Please RSVP to [marca1030@gmail.com](mailto:marca1030@gmail.com) by June 5th so we may plan accurately for the size crowd to expect.**

We would appreciate folks **volunteering** for one hour to either 1. **Set up**, 2. **Take Money**, 3. **Pour Wine**, 4. **Supervise the food table** or 5. **Run dance contests.** Contact Marc Apter, Social Committee Chair, 301-904-3690 or [marca1030@gmail.com](mailto:marca1030@gmail.com).



**Arundelers on the Bay know how to enjoy their parties!**



### **Fire Drafting Sites Completed** *Now it's your turn to help out*

David Delia reports and exhorts:

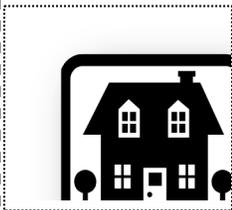
After over three years of bureaucratic delay, much effort by various neighbors, and significant monetary costs, your POA has taken a positive step to help ensure our continued safety: we've completed five new fire department water-drafting sites along all sides of the southern end of our peninsula, complementing the three existing sites at our northern end. By providing firm locations where the big pumper trucks can get close enough to the Bay to suck up water in case of an Oyster Harbor-type conflagration, we've already gained the respect of County fire officials for our forward-leaning approach to our own safety. **Now it YOUR turn to help out!**

The fire department is negotiating to erect "No Parking" signs, which we hope will be enough to prevent parking on the new pads, endangering us all. If common sense and the signs aren't enough, we may be forced to explore more expensive and perhaps less attractive options. For a time, our security officer--Dep. Sheriff Mike Harris--will issue warnings, and, after that, parking tickets. If illegal parking persists, we will have to tow the vehicles, entailing much inconvenience to everyone. To minimize visual impact and maintain a natural environment (it's a waterfront community after all), we would prefer not to be forced into erecting pole-and-chain-type barriers around the sites. We plan to start small and reasonable and only escalate these measures as a last resort, so please understand and keep off the pads--they could save your life!

## Beach Yoga: Summer Session 2013

Join us for **YOGA** at the Arundel on the Bay beach! Every Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Summer Session 2013 from June 18th 'til August 27th. Prior Yoga experience is helpful, not mandatory. Minimum age 14 years. Our teacher is **Julie Blamphin** of *Stretch Your Spirit! Yoga and Meditation*. Whatever your needs -- physical, mental, emotional -- techniques within yoga and meditation will help you. To Pre-Register, visit [www.StretchYourSpirit.com](http://www.StretchYourSpirit.com). We practice on the grass. If you need a yoga mat, just let Julie know and she'll bring one for you. Call or email: [443.370.4162](tel:443.370.4162) / [j.blamphin@gmail.com](mailto:j.blamphin@gmail.com). Cost is \$120 for Summer Session (11 practices) or \$15 per practice drop-in rate.

### INTERESTED IN RENTING YOUR HOME?



*Retired, responsible professional woman  
relocating to Annapolis is seeking to rent a  
waterfront, 2 to 4 BR home  
or townhouse, ideally with a garage  
for at least one year;*

*move-in dates and length of lease are flexible.*

*I'm also a homeowner and will take exceptional care of your house!  
If you or anyone you know is interested in renting their home please call:*

**202- 643-9297**

*Thank you!*

## AotB, Ward of the Water:

Our diligent neighbor Julie Winters has reported: The stormwater /wetland/shoreline project along Chestnut Avenue is expected to be constructed in Fall, 2013. All impacted neighbors (where grading will occur) have met with the engineers, the South River Federation, and others to convey their interests, specific project comments, concerns, and desires for the project's outcomes and appearance. This coordination will continue until all parties are happy with the details of the proposed project. The federal/state permit application for the living shoreline portion of the project was submitted, with a County grading permit application following. This is the culmination of a 3-year, \$500,000 effort led by the Property Owners Association and the South River Federation. Additional information is available from Julie Winters: [winterstime@aol.com](mailto:winterstime@aol.com) or 202-997-4240.

[We note that on May 1, the Association agreed with requirements from the South River Federation to suspend playground and other landscaping activity along Newport and Chestnut Avenues temporarily until the drainage project has been concluded.]

In addition to Julie Winter's Herculean efforts on our behalf, David Delia would like to share news of other environmental issues from his Board chair:

AOTB has been approved to participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's summer program of mosquito control; the streets of our neighborhood will be sprayed with an ultra-low volume mixture when warranted under State measurements. Although it won't eliminate *all* the pesky critters, this program has been very effective in controlling several species, including the West Nile virus-carrying mosquitoes. Spraying will be done late at night so as not to interrupt your summer barbecues. More information can be obtained from MDDA's website ([http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\\_control\\_program\\_description.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control_program_description.aspx)) or, if you prefer, give me a call at (410) 268-8622 and I'll try to explain your options.

Did you also know that, *at our request*, AOTB is one of several spots on the Bay that is regularly monitored (biweekly) for water quality? Or that we have some of the best (that is cleanest) water in the Bay area? You can view last year's reports at <http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/rec-water/reports> and look for more of the same this year. We're also on direct distribution for County and State-wide water quality alerts that we'll pass on as appropriate via e-mail blast.

Your POA has been trying to alleviate the problem of an eroding beach for the past few years and has finally developed a strategy that, so far, seems to be working, both for our neighborhood and its Bay. The offshore breakwaters have helped to blunt the force of the waves, but Nature has proven a relentless mother. When we traditionally tried dumping sand, the storms just overtopped the bulkhead and left the soggy, smelly mess we've come to expect. Over the past several months, we and our contractors have experimented with an affordable, multifaceted approach of bulkhead repair -- adding a solid base of crushed rocks topped with a new filter cloth, more substantial soil, covered with larger rocks, stabilizing mats, and new plantings, all to make a more beautiful, more environmentally friendly, and more permanent beach area. Of course, nothing is really ever *permanent* in our marine environment, but this long-term effort and novel approach should help keep more of your neighborhood out of the Bay longer. We welcome additional comments and suggestions; please call or send them to [ddelia@comcast.net](mailto:ddelia@comcast.net).

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