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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DECEMBER 2014

General Meetings:

Saturday, Jan. 10
10 a.m. - 12 Noon
at the Pip Moyer
Recreation Center
273 Hilltop Lane

Saturday, April 4
12 Noon – 2 p.m.
Hillsmere Library

Board Meetings:

Tuesday, Dec. 9
7 - 8.45 p.m.
Delia Residence

Tuesday, Jan. 13
7 - 8.45 p.m.
West Street Library

Tuesday, Feb. 3 &
Tuesday, March 3
7 - 8.45 p.m.
Hillsmere Library

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FINAL BUDGET DEBATE FY 2016

Our chance to examine the Association's budget for July 2015-June 2016 terminates at the Membership's meeting on Saturday, January 10. Shortly thereafter, the Board and President must propel the final budget to Anne Arundel County from whence our blessings flow.

Thanks to Treasurer Sheila Keating, the latest budget incarnation appears on pages 2 and 3 of this issue. By County directive, the calculations always come in two chunks – the Special Community Benefit District budget (page 2) and the Shore Erosion Control District budget (page 3). Each kitty has its own revenue source – both from our taxes.

Note that the impending debate will occur not on the usual library premises – that site having been reserved for something else on January 10 – but at the PIP MOYER RECREATION CENTER, 273 Hilltop Lane, starting at 10 a.m. **Please Be There** to utter your piece, vote your conscience, and enjoy conviviality.

PROPOSED SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY 2016

	<u>FY15</u>	Proposed <u>FY16</u>
1. Non-Shore Erosion Prevention and Protection	0	0
2. Construction, Maintenance and Repair of, Non-County Owned Roads, Paths Streets, Signs, and Streetlights <i>Roads Sub-Committee maintains a prioritized list of road projects that is reevaluated on a yearly basis.</i>	40,000	60,000
3. Construction, Maintenance, and Repair of Drainage Ditches and Culverts	20,000	8,700
4. Acquisition, Maintenance, and Improvement of Real Property, or Any Interest Therein, Necessary to Accomplish Community-wide Projects This category covers electric bills for community owned property, grass cutting, and other property maintenance. Projects have been proposed for FY16.	39,330	91,000
5. Insect and Pest Control <i>As the county has responsibility for mosquito spraying, minimal Community funds are allocated for this purpose</i>	0	2,500
6. Snow Removal	19,305	15,000
7. Special Police Protection <i>Funds special private police patrols through the Community</i>	25,000	28,000
8. Acquisition or Lease of Equipment Necessary to Accomplish the Foregoing Purposes	0	0
9. Maintenance of Recreational Areas and the Acquisition and Maintenance of Recreation Equipment and Facilities <i>Funds maintenance and improvements to the Community beach playground, and other recreational areas</i>	15,000	15,000
10. Other Expenses Necessary for the Administration and Implementation of These Purposes <i>Includes administrative expenses such as accountant and legal fees, file storage, Newsletter, elections, web site maintenance, etc.</i>	26,240	28,207
11. Funds Held for Future Use		5,000
Total of Above Budget Items	204,875	233,407
Required County Administrative Fee	2,000	2,000
Total Budgeted Amount	206,875	235,407

SOURCES OF INCOME TO FUND SCBD BUDGET

Carry-Over Monies	26,832
County Held Funds	700
Estimated Tax Revenues	207,875
Total Income	235,407

The FY16 estimate of tax revenue is based on a tax rate of \$0.125 per \$100 assessed valuation. The current assessed value of Arundel on the Bay is 1,663,000.

PROPOSED SHORE EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY2016

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>Proposed FY16</u>
Construction, Maintenance, and Repair of Shore Erosion Control	104,977	118,128
Loan Payments	2,969	2,969
Required County Administrative Fee	<u>1,655</u>	<u>1,663</u>
Total Budgeted Amount	109,600	122,760
Tax Revenues	33,100	33,260
County-Held Funds	<u>76,500</u>	<u>89,500</u>
Total Income	109,600	122,760

*This amount is based on a tax rate of \$. 02 per \$100 assessed valuation.
The current assessed value of Arundel on the Bay is \$ 166,300,000*

We currently have one Shore Erosion Control District Loan outstanding. This is a 25-year, no interest loan 4/92 Loan #17-90. Total amount: \$74,220. Annual payment: \$2,969. Will be paid off in 2017.

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About Chesapeake Walk

President Delia reports that “the property claim initiated by a group of residents last October concerning Chesapeake Walk and other nearby platted streets has been settled, we believe amicably and fairly.

“Access for all AOTB residents to Chesapeake Walk and these streets has been maintained. The full text of this settlement can be found on our website.”

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AOTB’s valiant **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE** has been duly elected. The November 22 Membership meeting voted unanimously for Donna Watts-Lamont as Chair, accompanied by Lori Strum and Dave Zeman. Thanks in advance, Donna, Lori, and Dave, for the work you’re about to enjoy.

Congratulations to:

Lorraine and Arend Thomas for the picture story in the November 2 *Capital* reporting their All Hallows Parish church’s dedication of a memorial to the slaves who built the church, and to William S. Keyes for the center-piece photo story in the November 7 - 13 *Annapolis Times* featuring his recollections and memorabilia of World War II, among other exploits.

President David Delia Blows His Thanksgiving Horn:

Every year around this time, many of us reflect on what we might have to be thankful for. We rightly concentrate on our families, or health, or other very personal matters. Let me now add a whole bunch of stuff to that laundry list that is just as personally impactful, but seldom reflected upon. Each of us has been given gifts by others in or near our small community that have truly enhanced the quality of all of our lives, often without any of us consciously noting them. And like family, these folks (listed in random sequence) are usually taken for granted, unless somebody blows their horn for them. So, rather than Ishmael, just call me Gabriel.

AOTB Thanksgiving List 2013-2014

Ultimately balanced budget	Sheila Keating, Becky Morris, Rick Napoli, Heath Nielsen
Revitalized playground	Lori Strum
Board/GMM minutes	Pam Duncan
Nominations and Elections Committee	Tim Hamilton and Donna Watts-Lamont
Wine & Jazz parties; Summer picnics	Marc Apter
Fixed piers/locks, rescued/berthed boats	Mike Morrison
Meeting dates and venues	Mike and Shirley Lord
Planted and maintained green spaces	Roy Karten
Community Directory renewal	Sheri Reno <i>and lotsa others</i>
Drainage project realization	Julie Winters
Drainage project plantings	Keller Williams Realty
Drainage project management	Kirk Mantay, SRF
Chestnut-Newport, Magnolia fixes	Jim Small and Andy Watcher, DPW/AACo
Paved, patched, plowed, salted roads	Alan Hinman
AOTB history	Marc Apter, Pam Duncan, <i>and lotsa others</i>
Chestnut pothole patching	Michael Postlewaite
Beach Cleanup	Joe Phillips <i>and lotsa others</i>
Block party	Lori Strum
5K Fun Run, Halloween & Holiday parties	Alison Buckler
Super fundraisers	Margaret Delia
Directory ads	Helene Rodriguez-McConnell, Toni Ray, Margaret Delia, Gail Nichols, Sheri Reno
PIER times 10!	Philip Allen
Removed "stuff"	Tony Lewis, Sr.
AOTB property walkabout	Dick Peyton
Legal Representation	Sue Ford
Email blasts (a bunch)/Website (world class)	Elvia Thompson
Phragmites control	Tim Hamilton
Constitutional review	Mike Lord
Entryway lighting; new portal design	Frank Florentine
Holiday Heat	Dave Zeman, Marc Grigsby, <i>and lotsa others</i>
Entryway beautification/flagpole righting	Isam Saman
Beach use management	Roxanne Veal
Kayak rack initiative	Ed and Kathy Conaway
Kayak rack sharing	Eric Epstein, OHCA
Oyster adoption program	Chris Harmon, OCA
Safe/Secure AOTB	Mike Harris, AACo PD, AACo FD

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ANIMAL CONTROL: LEASHING IS REQUIRED

*A reminder to all AOTB residents that County Ordinance Article 12, Title 4(b) requires that “an animal may not be at large” in the Community. At large is defined as “off the property of an animal’s owner and not leashed and under the control of a responsible person.” Animals included in the ordinance: **dogs, cats, livestock, and fowl**. Under section c of the ordinance, “a person who is aware of an animal running at large shall report the condition to the Agency” (Anne Arundel County Animal Control: **410-222-8900**. We hope it doesn’t come to that here! Thank you.*

Hugo, shown here begging for his leash, urges AOTB canines to be sure a best human friend is at the other end.



His **Winter Guide** to sisters and brothers recommends the following roads:

- Chesapeake Walk - with its welcoming population (birds, at least) and soft turf;
- Saratoga - where you’re safest from speeding vehicles that elsewhere seem to lack turn signals;
- Hollywood - with its fantasies of Lassie, Snoopy, and Beethoven;
- Chestnut - where the Drainage Doctors left the largest number of good watering holes to drink from;
- Sycamore - where scented, crunchy leaves cover the withering wood-chip paths;
- Walnut - with its new black surface, great for trimming paw-nails;
- Oak - with its big black-dog deposits at one end (now frozen and never legal, but full of scent for our data base)
- Myrtle - best for kicking mulch;
- Cohasset - the only thoroughfare where vehicles actually do use turn signals, and all the cats are leashed (ho-ho!);
- Newport - where house-bound dogs barque ‘Good Morning,’ and where traffic provides less interference than on...
- Narragansett - which has the best series of ‘posts’ to leave messages for the rest of us;
- Hugo warns canine friends to beware of Linden, except for the bucolic Keyes Highway from Rockway to the crab pier; otherwise, drivers seem to think Linden is lined with sidewalks for us pedestrians;
- Rockway - itself where vehicles do not **DRIVE LIKE YOUR DOG LIVES HERE**.

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