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Property Owners Association of Arundel-on-the-Bay

It's Time To Vote!

As a property owner, you should have received your ballot for all open board and officer positions for the AOTB POA. Completed ballots can be mailed back in the envelope that was included with them, or can be turned in at the beginning of the General Meeting at 1pm, on June 16th at the Eastport Library. All results will be tabulated at that time. Thank you, again, to Elections and Nominations Chair, Donna Watts-Lamont, for her long hours and careful attention to detail! The following unedited biographies have been submitted by the candidates running for office:

Donna Watts-Lamont

candidate for Vice President

My husband, Lamont, and I have loved living in Arundel-on-the-Bay since August of 2004. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Association's Vice-President since 2013 and I look forward to continuing in that role for another year.

General Membership Meetings

Elections
Saturday, June 16, 1p
Hillsmere Library
269 Hillsmere Drive

Budget Input
Saturday, November 17, 1p
Pip Moyer Recreation Center
273 Hilltop Lane

In March of this year I began my 30th year of employment with the State of Maryland, as a member of the state's Unemployment Compensation Board. I was first appointed to the board as an Associate Member in 1988, by then-Governor William Schaffer. I have since been re-appointed to succeeding six year terms by Governors Glendenning and O'Malley. In 2003, I promoted to the position of Chairperson.

I am a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Special Education. After teaching for two years, I went on to attend the University of Richmond School of Law and obtained a Juris Doctor. I have been a member of the Maryland Bar since 1980. I also hold a Masters in Labor Law from Georgetown University Law Center.

I look forward to continuing to work for the good of our community. AOTB is a treasure that we should all be proud to live in and care for.

Timothy Wighton
candidate for Treasurer

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania most of my childhood, living in Upper St. Clair outside of Pittsburgh and Yardley in Bucks County.

Following the death of my long-term partner in 2012, I decided to move back to the U.S. and choose Annapolis. Most of my career was spent in Vaccine Development, including malaria, HPV, Rota virus, Meningococcal, and Dengue Fever. We lived in Brussels, Belgium and London, U.K. for most of the past 20 years. I received my training in Preventative Medicine and Public Health at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In addition to my work with GlaxoSmithKline, I was a regular volunteer with Doctors without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres, working in some of the most challenging environments in over 100 countries around the world. My undergraduate education was in Economics and Finance from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to me, the household consists of my 4-year-old black lab, Madaket and a 7-year-old grey tabby cat, Vixen. I work out of my office above my garage, consulting on a variety of medical issues. I am really enjoying AOTB and the absolute kindness of everyone I have met!

Susan Ford
candidate for Secretary

Susan Cook was born in Chicago, raised in Tucson, and moved to San Diego to attend law school. After passing the California Bar, she worked for the California Attorney General and the San Diego City Attorney. In 1980 she moved to Washington D.C. and for 29 years was employed as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice until her retirement in 2009.

Since her supposed retirement, she passed the exam to become a member of the Maryland Bar and has continued part-time legal work with several law firms. Lured to Annapolis in 1989 by a sailing suitor (former AOTB President Frank Florentine), they moved to Arundel-on-the-Bay in 1993 where she served several terms as Treasurer. Lured back into Association activity when she volunteered to take on the vacant Secretary position, she has enjoyed getting to know her neighbors better.

Richard J. Peyton
candidate for Board

Thank you for this opportunity to re-introduce myself to the community. My wife, Peggy, and I have lived in Arundel-on-the-Bay since 2006. We feel most fortunate to be in a neighborhood so rich in beauty and history.

I have served on the board for a number of years and hope to do so for many more. While on the board, I have volunteered and organized many neighborhood events, including holiday parties, wine and jazz evenings, and the AOTB Fun Run. I feel that these events are most important for our community in bringing so many of us together. Most recently, I have served on the committee that has helped to improve the lighting along our roads.

I have worked and served on a committee organized by David Delia to meet periodically with Anne Arundel County police officers in order to explore ways to maintain traffic safety and the overall safety of our neighborhood. I also am on the board's traffic safety committee. I hope to have the opportunity to serve the people of our neighborhood in the years to come.

Neil Ruben
candidate for Board

Neil is originally from Florida and enlisted in the Navy in 1995 at the age of 18. Neil performed his last relocation to Maryland and moved into Arundel on the Bay in November 2008 while still on active duty in the Navy and retired after 22 years of service at the beginning of 2017. Neil spent the last 12 years of his Naval career in various leadership positions leading and mentoring 35 - 200 sailors across his various posting. He started his second career as a Government contractor shortly after the retirement glow wore off and currently works full time commuting to the Fort Meade area daily. He previously served on the AOTB Board of Directors from 2016-2018 and is a single parent, raising two young boys, 8 and 6, in our community.

Alan Hinman
candidate for Board

I have been honored to serve the Arundel-on-the-Bay community for the past two years as an elected member of the Property Owners Association Board of Directors. My family and I built our home here in AOTB 16 years ago. We began attending the POA General Meetings while our house was under construction. Within a couple of years I was asked to take on the job of road maintenance and became Chairman of the Planning, Development & Community Services, Capital Improvements Committee. Since beginning to work with the POA, I have assisted the community with road issues, drainage and beach concerns, planning and coordinating the development of the fire department water drafting sites, helping out at Community events and a variety of other projects. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the other board members, POA Officers and neighbors to continue to improve our neighborhood.

Michael Adams
candidate for Board

Michael Adams and wife Gail have lived in Arundel-on-the-Bay since 2004. Prior to moving to AOTB, they lived in the Magothy Park Beach Community in Pasadena MD for 22 years. Michael and Gail have two sons, Justin and Derek, and fur baby Sir Kingley, their dog. Michael have been retired since April of 2015 and spend most days reading books and listening to music or working in the yard. Michael retired as a Senior Buyer from Kaydon Ring & Seal, Inc in Baltimore MD after 36 years of employment. Michael is currently serving AOTB as

Security Chair and have served two terms as a board member in the past. Michael loves living and serving the AOTB community and looks forward to the opportunity to serve as a member of the board again.

Dr. Michael Meyer
candidate for Board

Lead Scientist for the Mars Exploration Program
Senior Scientist, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters
Dr. Meyer is responsible for the science content of current and future Mars missions, and Program Scientist for the Mars Science Laboratory – Curiosity Rover Mission. He was the Senior Scientist for Astrobiology and Program Scientist for the 2001 Mars Odyssey, Mars Microprobe mission, and for two Shuttle /Mir experiments. The Astrobiology Program, started in 1997 with him as the Discipline Scientist, is dedicated to the study of the life in the universe. He has managed NASA's Exobiology Program from 1994 to 1997. Dr. Meyer was also the Planetary Protection Officer for NASA, responsible for mission compliance to NASA's policy concerning forward and back contamination during planetary exploration. Dr. Meyer has been an assistant research professor at the Desert Research Institute, University of Nevada, and has served as Associate Director and in Research for the Polar Desert Research Center, Florida State University. In 1982, he was a visiting research scientist at the Culture Centre for Algae and Protozoa in Cambridge, England. Dr. Meyer's interest is in microorganisms living in extreme environments, particularly the physical factors controlling microbial growth and survival. He has conducted field research in the Gobi Desert, Negev Desert, Siberia, the Canadian Arctic, and veteran to six expeditions to Antarctica. His experience also includes two summers working as a professional diver / treasure salvager off the coasts of Florida and North Carolina. Dr. Meyer earned a Ph.D. and M.S. in Oceanography, Texas A&M University, and B.S. in Biology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Brigid Haragan
candidate for Board

Brigid Haragan has been an Annapolis resident for nearly three years now - first renting a unit in Chesapeake Harbor and then moving into her own home in Arundel-on-the-Bay in October of 2016. Brigid's career in financial services was focused primarily on training and writing/editing. She had no intention of leaving a full-time position so early, but her last employer made a generous downsizing offer in 2016 and she couldn't resist.

She now spends her days working on freelance editing/writing projects and volunteering with the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. Brigid can also be discovered trotting behind her three-legged Morkie, Tapsi — who is an approved pet therapy dog! On occasion, Brigid has been known to participate in a 6:45am boot camp at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation!

Letter From the President

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is coming in fits and starts, but it is coming. I'm hopeful that by the time this newsletter arrives, the weather has turned for the good and we'll see more of each other outside.



Speaking of outside, our shoreline project began on May 16th. The beach will be closed during renovations for safety reasons. Please especially be mindful of children and pets during the beach closure. At times large machinery will be present that will present a danger to anyone on the beach. Thank you for your patience and understanding—it will be well worth it!

Our scheduled for smoke detector replacement program was held on on Saturday, May 5th, 2018 to much success. An additional day will be scheduled for Fall. Special thanks to Board Member Pam Bennett, the American Red Cross, and our local Fire Department for creating the program.

The dumpster(s) is/are scheduled to arrive by noon on June 29 and will be picked up at 2:30 p.m. on June 30. For advance information on what is or is not acceptable in the dumpsters, visit www.recyclemoreoften.com.

Elections are upcoming. You should have received ballots in your mailboxes. Please return them, or bring them to the June 16th, 2018 meeting at the Hillsmere/Eastport Library at 1pm.

Looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Dawn M. Davis
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Get Ready for the County Dumpsters!

On June 29th around noon, the county will bring a dumpster to the the end of Cohasset, near Magnolia, and will remove it on the afternoon of June 30th. This is your opportunity to get rid of trash and bulk items from your basement, attic, garage, shed, or yard! There are some restrictions, of course... no cars, trailers or boats, no big appliances (that's A/Cs and larger) and no hazardous waste, such as propane tanks, oil drums, tires, and/or paint... and no trees or large amounts of yard waste, please.

Once the dumpsters are gone, please do NOT leave junk on the site, hoping that someone will take it away. This is an issue every time the dumpsters disappear and we'd love to have a clean exit this year!

Mosquito Spraying Coming to AOTB

This is going sound familiar to many of you, but for many others we must repeat it. AOTB voluntarily participates in our Maryland State mosquito control spraying program that should commence on or about 30 May 2018. This is especially important now since a new CDC report found that illnesses caused by ticks, mosquitoes and fleas have more than tripled in the United States between 2004 and 2016.

Our State's program has been found to be very effective in controlling all stages of the types

of disease-carrying mosquitoes associated with viruses such as West Nile and Zika. Collection - sampling teams will be sent periodically to each participating neighborhood. These teams will determine if our adult mosquito population warrants spraying with an ultra low volume (ULV) insecticide that would commence well after 7pm on a very few Monday evenings through October 2nd; in our experience, spraying usually doesn't happen until much later than that—closer to midnight. While this ULV spray has been deemed safe for human exposure, you should always be careful about any chemical exposure. So, we'd advise you (and your pets if you're walking one that late) to be careful. If you see or hear the spray truck, which is pretty hard to miss what with the flashing lights, just turn the corner and choose another path.

I've tried to encapsulate the State's information above, but if you'd like to see all the literature, check our website or send me a note and as always, you can exempt yourself by filling in a form that I can send you, but also please remember that, with a 300-foot radius spray hiatus, even if only a few folks do so, our tiny peninsula simply won't get sprayed at all, and that would place us all in danger.

David J. Delia
Board Member; POA-AOTB

The New Beach Is Almost Here!

An arduous three-and-a-half year engineering, design and permit approval process, involving several Federal, State and County agencies, finally came to a successful conclusion this month.

Property owners present at the 14 April AOTB POA General Membership Meeting, and upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, voted unanimously to approve the award of a contract to Maryland State approved marine construction company Resource Restoration Group, LLC to construct our hybrid “living shoreline” erosion control and beach restoration system. On April 16th a Firm Fixed Price Construction Agreement was executed, and on May 3rd a formal Notice To Proceed was issued to the contractor authorizing work to begin, starting with site preparation and equipment staging during the week of May 7th.

Construction of the shoreline erosion control system including grading, the removal of the existing bulkhead and breakwater structures, the construction of new repositioned breakwater structures and beach restoration operations is scheduled for completion not later than the end of July. The planting of native grasses (both ground/surface and sub aquatic vegetation), bushes and shrubs specific to our region to create and stabilize the “living shoreline”, will be accomplished between 15 August and 15 October. Additionally, and in order to meet the requirements of our approved Planting Management Plan, a period of 4-6 months after planting must be allowed to assure plant viability and to maximize their survival in our environment. Therefore, and in order to meet the required bond obligations of the County, these areas will be fenced-in and posted to restrict access.

There will be access to the beach area through designated access points after (1) construction operations are completed, (2) the area of disturbance in the community park is restored, and (3) the Project is accepted by the approving agencies. During construction access to the park area outside the fenced in area, with care, remains the same.

Please refer to the April 27, 2018 issue of the AOTB Email News for additional information regarding construction operations/work hours, materials delivery, site access and parking along Magnolia Avenue. If you have a questions regarding the Project please contact me by phone: 443-458-5993.

Ed Conway
Project Director