

BETZ LANDING
HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
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SPRING CLEAN-UP & Social Day at Betz Landing – Saturday 10 April

Spring officially arrived on March 20th and was a welcomed occurrence, and with it comes our Annual Clean-Up & Social Day (previously called the Arbor Day) - scheduled for Saturday 10 April. Each year volunteers from Betz Landing Homeowners Association – including full-time residents, weekenders with homes here as well as those with just lots at this time have pitched in and helped. In previous years we've planted trees or bushes, cleaned up the brush in the common areas, spread a huge pile of mulch, accomplished other improvements such as fence painting and had a party afterwards. Each year we assess what we want to accomplish and set our agenda. Our Maintenance Chair, John Whiteside will be our activities coordinator for the event. Clean-up activities typically are completed in the morning and are followed by our Spring Picnic Social at Haugan's Landing. Although we probably could hire someone to do this work, we have found it to be a good social occasion and we try to make it fun. So put on your jeans, bring your gloves and please join us. We especially look forward to the out-of-towners joining us. It will give you a chance to meet your Betz neighbors, check your property to see what has happened over the winter and to enjoy the beautiful spring down here. **Start time is 9:00 AM at the Steamboat entrance to Betz Landing.** For out-of-towners arriving later, you will easily find us spread out through the neighborhood.

Betz Landing Web Site

It is now up and running, check-it-out at www.betzlanding.org . Our goal is to over time have it become more a part of our way of communicating with you and an easy way for you to find out what is going on in Betz Landing and the surrounding area.

The Web site now contains the following:

- Board member contact information
- Newsletters and Annual Meeting minutes
- Architectural Guidelines and Bylaws
- Classifieds and Property for sale
- Dates of board meetings, Spring Cleanup Day, Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting
- Site surveys
- Photos
- Links to environmental information and local weather

As mentioned in our last newsletter, if you have any ideas on things you would like to see on the site, please forward them directly to Nancy Hampton (nancy22314@yahoo.com).

Annual Dues & Information Response Form

Thanks to all of you who paid your 2010 annual dues in a timely fashion and to those who also filled out and returned the dues notice/information sheet. The information we requested this time is to improve our ability to communicate with you and help get a handle on what is located in the common

storage area. When we request information from you or ask you to vote on an issue, and we send you a self addressed and stamped envelope for your reply – it is to help us be better representatives of your community. Please help us out and send the requested information back to us. Thank you.

Delinquent Dues

As of 1 March, there are two Property Owners that are seriously delinquent in their prior dues and another 15 who have not paid their 2010 dues. Liens have been placed on the two properties and the lots could not be sold until the liens have been cleared. Although we send out dues notices as a reminder, they are due each year by March 1. Members who have not paid their dues by March 1 are assessed a \$15 late fee and interest at an annual rate of 8% effective January 1.

Membership cards with the combination for the lock at the common storage area and the restrooms at Haugan's Landing are enclosed for all property owners that are current in their dues. Do not give the combination to the locks to anyone other than those authorized to use these facilities. Contractors working on your property are not authorized.

Rest Rooms will reopen on April 1. See the combination on your membership card. Please ensure that the door is securely shut when you leave.

Common Storage Area

Per our covenants, "*The purpose of this lot is to provide a location to store recreational vehicles, boats and utility trailers when not in use on the owner's lot*". This is not a long-term/permanent storage area. We are identifying owners of all items in the common storage area. If you put something in there that has not been previously identified either on the Dues Notice Response, or directly to us, please let us know the details of what it is. Unidentified items in the future will be considered abandoned and subject to removal. Un-authorized items will be required to be removed by their owners. Please be considerate of your neighbors and use this lot as intended.

Neighborhood Watch

In our last newsletter we indicated that we were investigating establishing a Neighborhood Watch program. Cindy Reymer (BOD member) has met with the Sherriff and based on his recommendations we will be initiating first-step activity. Neighborhood Watch signs will be installed at the entrance to Indian Trail and Steamboat Lane. Follow-on activities will be identified and information will be provided to all. You can do your part now. Be aware of what is going on around you here in Betz. If you see something going on that appears out of place or irregular, report it - to your neighbor if appropriate or to the Sherriff's office.

Walking Dogs

We have received complaints from residents that some dog owners are walking their dogs on Steamboat Lane, and are not cleaning up after their dogs relieve themselves, typically on someone's property. When you walk your dog, be prepared to pick up after them. If your dog "poops", "scoop" it up and take it back to your property and dispose of it properly there. The wildlife can't be controlled, but your pets can be. Thank you for your understanding here.

Local contact list

We will be publishing a Local Contact List with contact information for all property owners with a house in Betz Landing. We are still waiting for a few who have not responded yet, and would like to

give them the opportunity to opt in or out. We prefer not to have to republish this document a number of times due to late participants. Having your information include in the list is voluntary. It will allow those living here to contact or be contacted by neighbors or remote weekenders regarding their property. It is one of the tools used in an effective neighborhood watch program.

Annual Picnic

Our annual Betz Landing picnic for residents and property owners will be on July 17 at Haugan's Landing. Event will start at 12:00 PM with food serving at 1:00 PM. All food and beverages will be provided. We've moved the event away from the 4th of July as many of you have other family related plans for that week. Our goal is to make it easy for you to be able to get together with your present/future neighbors and have a great social event.

New Construction

There are no new construction requests before the ACC at this time.

Upcoming Events –

Courtesy vessel exams - by U.S Coast Guard Aux – contact Phil Landry if you are interested

Annual Picnic July 17

Annual Meeting TBA

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

June 6th, September 12th and December 12th

Board of Directors and Architectural Control Committee Positions

Nominations are being sought to fill 3 positions on the Board of Directors and 1 position on the Architectural Control Committee. We are looking for individuals who have an interest in being actively involved in the management of the affairs of the Betz Landing Association. You should be willing to work with the other board members and committees that may be formed on projects and activities for the betterment of our community. You will be expected to participate in four quarterly board meetings per year, an annual meeting as well as some between meetings project work. Computer access and email capability is a must. Term of office is three years. You do not need to currently reside in Betz Landing to be on the board. Election for these positions will be via written ballot and completed and announced at the annual meeting in October. Our Bylaws (per Article IV, Nomination and Election of Directors) states that "nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting". This would work fine if we were a homeowner's association in a townhouse community where everyone attended that annual meeting, and the votes were done there. It doesn't work for us, and a great candidate being nominated on the floor at the annual meeting doesn't stand a chance of being elected. So, if you have an interest in serving on the Board or ACC, or want to recommend someone for consideration, please contact John Henbest at jmhenbest@kaballero.com, Don Phillips at nodphil@gmail.com, or Phil Landry at betzlandry@gmail.com.

Mailing List changes

Please provide us with any address or contact information changes. They can be sent via U.S. Mail to our P.O. Box, or via email to Phil Landry at betzlandry@gmail.com .

For You PWC and Boat Operators - Virginia Boating Safety

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is phased-in over several years, with the following in effect for July 1, 2010:

- PWC operators 35 years or younger shall meet the requirements.

Motorboat operator education requirements do not commence until July 1, 2012. Specific requirements can be found on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) website at www.dgif.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-1125.

For You Fisherman

NOAA fishing registration is required this year. The following describes who needs to register:

Who Needs to Register: Recreational saltwater fishermen will need to register if they:

- Hold a license from one of 10 coastal states or territories which do not currently have comprehensive saltwater angler license or registration requirements—Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Virginia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Fish for or are likely to catch anadromous species in tidal and salt waters; these are fish like river herring, shad, smelt and striped bass that live in the oceans but spawn in fresh water, OR
- Fish in the federal waters more than three miles from the ocean shore or from the mouths of rivers or Bay

Who Doesn't Need to Register - Some anglers don't have to register. For complete details on the program, go to <https://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/> for complete details on the program.

Fishing is great here, Take advantage of what's available in Northumberland County from the Potomac and Great Wicomico Rivers to the Bay itself.

Enjoy

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