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September 15, 2008

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUFFET

WHEN: Saturday, October 18th
PLACE: Tommy's Restaurant
729 Main Street (Rt. 360)
Reedville, Virginia
TIME: 12:00 pm

The Association's Annual Meeting will be held at Tommy's in Reedville. Social hour and cash bar starts at 12:00 pm, followed by a lunch buffet at 1:00 pm, sponsored by the Association. Please note that the "cash bar" is cash only and no credit cards will be accepted.

Food and beverages will be provided for all property owners and their families until 2:00 pm. The business meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 pm and is expected to last approximately one hour.

The menu will be a fish fry, baked ham, hush puppies, potato salad, tossed salad, beans and rice, coleslaw, fruit cobbler and cheesecake. Coffee, iced tea and soft drinks will also be provided.

Directions

Tommy's is located almost at the end of the Route 360 in Reedville.

Departing from Betz Landing, make a right on Rt. 604 (Indian Valley Road). At the end of 604, turn right onto Rt. 360, and follow for approximately 9 miles into Reedville.

Tommy's is located on the left and there is plenty of parking. Their phone number is 804-453-4666.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each year, three Board positions, and one Architectural Control Committee position become vacant.

The positions to be filled this are:

Board Member – Bill Kirby
Board Member – Anne Raikes
Board Member – Mark Shaughnessy

Architectural Control Committee – Ellen Kirby

The 2008 Nominating Committee consists of Mark Shaughnessy, Chair; Gregory Haugan, and Garland Dillard

The term of the members to be elected for the Board and Architectural Control Committee will be 3 years.

The enclosed ballot may be mailed so that it is received by the Association before October 18, 2008; or brought to the Annual Meeting. Proxies may be assigned.

NOMINEES

For Director:

Susan O'Bier - Susan and her husband Stuart live in their home on Indian Trail (lot 5) This will be our first opportunity for a representative from the Indian Trail section of our development. They are life long residents of the Northern Neck. Susan is a Registered Nurse and currently the school nurse for Northumberland Elementary School. She is a member of Henderson



United Methodist Church, a past member and officer of the Northumberland Junior Women's Club, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoys walking for exercise, antiques, reading and gardening.

Michael Goodwin – Michael and his wife Lynn live in their home on Steamboat Lane (Lot 59). They relocated from Louisa, where Michael worked for Daimler Chrysler in Charlottesville for many years. Michael has a passion for restoring vehicles and has recently started restoring golf carts. When not pursuing those hobbies, Michael enjoys boating, fishing, and crabbing

Philip Landry – Phil and his wife Ginger, who is a member of the Architectural Control Committee, live in their home on Steamboat Lane (lot 51). Phil retired in 2005 from Hewlett Packard, and also is retired from the Navy Reserve where he was a Chief Warrant Officer. He and Ginger are continually working to improve the appearance of their property's landscaping, and in his spare time he enjoys fishing and boating as well as being actively involved in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

For Member of the Architectural Control Committee:

William Hallman –Bill owns a home on Lot 84 on Steamboat Lane and, when his work schedule allows, he can be found there taking care of his home, grounds and boat. He enjoys boating and fishing. Bill has extensive experience in the construction industry as a brick mason and construction project superintendent for a large residential home builder. Bill has been a Deputy Sheriff in Fairfax County, his current employer, for over 25 years.

As indicated on the enclosed ballot, other nominees may be presented for consideration or nominated from the floor at the Annual meeting.

Use of Golf Carts in Betz Landing

The Board of Directors is seeking lot owners' views on the use of golf carts in Betz Landing. Under Virginia State Code golf carts are not authorized on public streets, highways, or right of ways unless authorized by the Board of Supervisors

The operation of golf carts has been authorized on certain streets in Reedville, Bay Quarter Shores, Potomac Bay Estates, and Mallard Bay. In order for golf carts to be authorized in Betz Landing a formal request must be made of the County Board of Supervisors.

In the event such a request is made, the Betz Landing Board of Directors will be asked to provide its position on authorizing golf carts. **Before determining its position, the Board wants your input.** On the rear of the ballot sheet we have provided some background information and a short form on which you can indicate your opinion and any comments you have. We are particularly interested in knowing the reasons for your position. Please return the form with your ballot or bring it to the annual meeting. Thanks in advance for your input.

The Chesapeake Bay Harbors Deadly Bacteria

By Gregory Haugan, Ph.D.

In June of this year, the head of the Chesapeake Bay Waterman's Association Ken Smith was treated for a serious infection in his arm caused by the bacterium vibrio vulnificus. It is present in the warm Bay waters in the summer and normally causes no problems. However, if you have a wound of any kind and get it in the water you are at risk. Ken Smith said the following:

“The only reason I knew to get to the emergency room as fast as I did was because another waterman told me his

story. As soon as the chills and convulsion-like shaking started, I knew that I had contracted the infection. Every year I hear stories of the watermen who have been infected.

It is my understanding that the estuary of the Chesapeake Bay has more outbreaks of vibrio vulnificus than anywhere else. It is also my understanding that more people die from this infection every year than people who die from shark attacks worldwide. If someone gets bitten by a shark in Florida, it gets national coverage by every newspaper and television station. Yet when we have something that will kill one just as dead, or limbs are amputated, we hear very little.”

The infection acts very fast and kills the flesh around the wound like gangrene and spreads. Delay in getting treatment can result in amputation. The infection can also be caught by eating raw contaminated oysters from the Bay. The hospitals around here are familiar with vibrio and know how to treat it. Don't rely on hospitals in other areas because they may not recognize it.

The CDC classifies this infection as “rare” but in this country, the bacterium causes a disease with over a 50 percent mortality rate, and it causes 95 percent of all seafood-related deaths.

So, if you have a scratch or any open wound, please keep it out of the water

Architectural Control Committee

There has been no new construction (and only one property transfer) in Betz Landing during the last year, reflecting the general slowdown in the local real estate market.

During the June – August period, the ACC received one proposed house construction request, and approved one request to extend a house deck.

Please note that Architectural Control Committee approval is needed before starting a project that involves any type of land disturbance, (except minor underbrush clearing and dead tree removal). The Architectural Control Committee guidelines given to all property owners provides helpful interpretations related to Betz Landing Protective Covenants and describes the steps necessary to receive the quickest decision on your project. You may obtain this document by calling the current Committee Chairperson, Ellen Kirby, at 804-580-8104 or E-mail: evkirby@wildblue.net.

THIRD ANNUAL BETZ LANDING TURKEY TROT



Please join your Betz Landing neighbors on Friday morning, November 28, 2008 for the Third Annual Betz Landing Turkey Trot. The walk along Steamboat

Lane starts at 8:45 a.m. at the intersection of Highlands and Steamboat Lane and proceeds east.

Brunch follows at 10:00 a.m. at the Kirby's home at 689 Steamboat Lane. Feel free to bring family and guests and enjoy a neighborhood get-together!

RSVP to Ellen or Bill 580-8104
evkirby@wildblue.net wkirby@wildblue.net

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

December 7, 2008

The meetings are scheduled for Sundays at 1:00 pm at the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. A time period at the

beginning of the meeting has been set aside for public comment. Visitors are encouraged and welcome. If you have business that you would like considered by the board, we ask that you provide us with advance notice, so that we can make allowance for it on the agenda.

Newsletter Mailing Preferences

In our last newsletter we again gave folks the option to receive their newsletters by e-mail. So far about over 20 lot owners have chosen to do so. You can also!

Just let me know (wkirby@wildblue.net.) Electing to receive the newsletter electronically will save a few trees, some modest printing and mailing expense, and a good deal of effort in envelope addressing and stuffing. It will also help us keep our directory of email addresses up to date.

We will continue to mail annual dues notices, and election ballots.

Our intention is to communicate with you after each of our Board Meetings. Please do get in touch with me with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Bill Kirby
President

Ballot for Election of 2008-2009 Members of the Board of Directors and Architectural Control Committee for Betz Landing

To fill 3 positions on the Betz Landing Home Owners Association Board of Directors and one person for the Architectural Control Committee.

Member Name (Print) _____ Lot No. _____ (One vote per lot)

Signature: _____

Board of Directors: Vote for (3) three. You may write in names and others may be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

Michael Goodwin

Susan O'Bier

Philip Landry

Other Nominee _____ (write in)

Architectural Control Committee: Vote for (1) one. You may write in a name and others may be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

William Hallman

Other Nominee _____

Comments: _____

Please mail this Ballot in the envelope provided or bring it to the Meeting on October 18, 2008. If you wish to assign this proxy to another person who will attend the meeting, please simply note it in the Comment section.

Return the ballot in the enclosed envelope, If you lose the envelope, mail ballot to: Betz Landing Home Owners Association, P.O. Box 422, Heathsville, VA 22473

Information About Use of Golf Carts in Betz Landing

In Betz Landing, Steamboat Lane, Heron Ct. and Rockfish Lane are public streets under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Transportation. Golf carts are not authorized on those streets or on the VDOT right of way. The remaining streets in Betz Landing, as well as the boat landing and all common areas are the property of the Association. There are currently no regulations covering golf carts on those streets or areas. Golf carts may also be operated on private property in Betz Landing with the permission of the property owner.

If the County were to authorize golf carts on any public street in Betz Landing, certain limitations would apply:

- The speed limit in the areas designated for golf carts cannot exceed 25 mph
- Golf cart drivers must have a valid driver's license
- Golf carts must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem
- Golf carts must have lights conforming to state code when operated after dark
- Betz Landing would be required to install and maintain one sign on each street indicating that golf carts use the road.

There are a number of Betz Landing residents who favor authorizing golf carts as an alternative way to accomplish short trips in the community for a variety of convenience, cost, and environmental reasons.

It is likely that in the near future the County Board of Supervisors will be requested to authorize golf carts in Betz Landing. The Betz Landing Board of Directors will be asked to provide its position on authorizing golf carts. **Before determining its position, the Board wants your input.** We are particularly interested in knowing the reasons for your position. Please return this form with your ballot or bring it to the annual meeting. Thanks in advance for your input.

Please indicate your position on allowing the use of golf carts in Betz Landing:

I support the use of golf carts in Betz Landing on all community roads and common areas

I do not support the use of golf carts in Betz Landing

I'm neither for nor against the use of golf carts in Betz Landing

Please provide any comments or reasons for your position: