

BETZ LANDING
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September 16, 2009

Annual Meeting and Buffet

The Association's annual meeting will be held on **Saturday, 17 October at Tommy's Restaurant, 729 Main Street in Reedville**. A social hour and cash bar will start at **1200**. It is important to note the bar will not accept credit cards. A buffet will be served at 1:00 PM. Food and beverages will be provided for all property owners. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked ham, potato salad, tossed salad, beans and rice, rolls, corn bread, coleslaw, fruit cobbler and cheesecake. Coffee, iced tea and soft drinks will be provided.

We need to get an accurate count as to who will be attending the Annual meeting. Tommy's requested the data NLT 10 October. You can contact me by phone at 804-580-4045, email tjmrzylod@hughes.net. If you mail your ballot in early, you can also attach a note telling me if you will be coming. We are charged on a per person basis so our count needs to be as accurate as possible. In the event you can't reach me, please contact Phil Landry, 804-584-2810, email -- betzlandry@gmail.com.

The annual meeting will start NLT 2:00 PM and must end by 3:00 PM. Paul Clarke from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation will provide an update and assessment of the impact of the accidental spray and Phragmites situation in Bush Mill Creek. Following his presentation the annual meeting will take place.

Election of Directors and Committee Members

Each year the terms of three Board of Directors members and one Architectural Committee member end and the positions must be filled. This year, James Cottman's and Elwood Ball's terms on the Board of Directors have expired and they expressed no interest in seeking another term. John Henbest has agreed to remain for another term. I will resign effective 17 October.

From the Architecture Committee, Ginger Landry has completed her term and will be leaving.

The 2009 Nominating Committee consists of Ann Raikes, Mark Shaughnessy and was chaired by John Mrzylod. The enclosed ballot, a separate attachment to this letter, can be mailed in the enclosed envelope, e-mailed or brought to the Annual meeting. **Mailed or electronically transmitted ballots must be received by 16 Oct.** Proxies may be assigned. The nominations follow.

Nominees

- **Board of Directors**

Mark Shaughnessy. Mark and his wife Vicky own a home on Steamboat Lane (lot 88). They can be found there on most weekends, holidays and vacation time throughout the year. Mark is employed by the Federal Government. He previously served on the Board and was Secretary of the Board. In his off time Mark enjoys boating, fishing and home projects.

John Henbest. John and his wife Sandra are full time residents of Betz Landing and reside at 132 Heron Court (Lot 60-61). John is a current member of the Betz Landing Board of Directors, and is the current Board Treasurer. John retired in 1999 from Electronic Data Systems where he was president of an engineering division. He and his wife Sandy moved to the Northern Neck in 2003. Avid kayakers, John and Sandy enjoy outdoor activity.

Cindy Reymer. Cindy Reymer and Garrett Howard have lived at 1315 Steamboat (Lot 81) Lane since April 2006 and have become permanent residents since 1 August when Garrett transferred from his position as Magistrate in Loudon County and became a local Magistrate. Cindy recently retired as Photo Editor and Chief Photographer with a major labor union in Washington DC. Cindy lived in Fairfax, VA for nearly 40 years but has been familiar with the Northern Neck since 1969 and owned a home near Callao since 1990. She enjoys photographing the outdoors, fishing, reading, cooking, gardening, their dogs and grandkids.

Paschal Sheffield. Pack Sheffield and his wife Sherry, own the home at 1389 Steamboat Lane (Lot 75). Pack is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Dartmouth Executive's Benefits Program. He is a former member of the Tidewater Estate Planning Council, the Richmond Forum and the Virginia Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. He splits his time between Richmond and the Northern Neck, "fishing" and conducting "Retirement Income Planning". His wife Sherry, a former private detective, is now an author and is publishing her third children's book. Unfortunately, Pack is an avid UVA football fan and the next time you see him, please extend your condolences.

- **Architecture Committee**

Ed Costello. Ed and Carolyn Costello are permanent residents of Betz landing and reside at 135 Heron Court (Lots 65 & 67). They have owned property in Betz Landing since 1985 and have been year round residents since June 2004. Ed is retired from the HVAC industry and previously served on two Architectural Control Committees. Ed can usually be seen riding his bike on Steamboat or working on the trees he planted on his property.

Shallow Channel Signs

The shallow Channels signs, approved by the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors and Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation have been put in place and the issue is closed.

Golf Cart Issue

The process requires VDOT approval before the County Board of Supervisors can address the issue. Delays in receiving VDOT approval are normal. In response to a request from the President of the Betz Board of Directors, the County Administrator, Kenny Eades, solicited Delegate Pollard's help in moving this issue forward. Delegate Pollard directed his staff to provide assistance,

Boat Storage Area

- A special thanks to the person who took responsibility and moved the boat that was filled with water and debris from the storage area. Thank you!
- We have experienced some vandalism and have indications (beer bottles left in the area) that a group of individuals used the area to party. Not much we can do except to be vigilant and notify the Sheriff if we note unauthorized activity. Neighborhood watch might need to be established if the problem continues.
- The storage area became weed infested this summer. Tip of the hat to John Whiteside for cutting the weeds. John will check with our mower to determine the cost of cutting the weeds twice a year. He will also check to see if the sprayer, that is community property, could be used to spray the area.
- We all know that the boat storage area is cluttered. During Board discussions it became obvious that we do not know the owners of much of the equipment that is stored in the facility. If we experience a problem with equipment, need to move equipment, or notify an owner of an accident (tree falls on boat) we currently have no method of identifying owners. **Request that all owners notify Phil Landry of any equipment (boats/trailers/etc,) that they have stored in the area. Please provide the registration and a brief description of equipment to Phil.** You can email Phil at betzlandry@gmail.com or send him a note at **830 Steamboat Lane, Heathsville, VA 22473**
- **Dog Poop**

Some residents have complained that dogs are being allowed to run free and in the process defecate on neighborhood lawns. Also, residents walking their dogs along Steamboat are not removing the poop. Common courtesy dictates that pet owners should make every effort to remove the poop. A little courtesy goes a long way. Thank you

Mowing Contract Payment

The Board of Directors voted to provide Harris mowers with an additional payment of \$340. Many Association members have commented on the outstanding quality of the mowing this year. Additionally, the problem with the dogs on Indian Trail required the mowers to use additional resources, not part of the Work Agreement, to complete mowing and trimming. Considering the Association saved approximately \$5,000 by changing mowing companies, this payment is a small price for the service provided. It could also provide the mower an incentive to return next year.

Welcome.

On behalf of all the Association members I would like to extend a warm welcome to Chris and Mary Catherine Jones, the new owners of the home on Lot 131 and to Brendan, Robert and Karen Goode who purchased the home on Lot 91. Look forward to seeing "y'all" at the annual meeting

Thank You

If you perused this note closely you know I will resign from the Board of Directors. The effective date of my resignation is 17 October. My reasons for resigning are personal and I will not discuss them. I do want to extend my thanks to all the Association members for their support during my term as President. I would also like to tip my hat to all the Board members. We did not have consensus on all issues, however, the Board did not fold when pressured and tackled some difficult problems.

John Mrzyglod
President, Betz Landing Home Owner's Association

**Ballot for Election of 2009-2010 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 position for the Architectural Control Committee.

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

Signature: _____

Board of Directors: Vote for (4) four. You may write in names and others may be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

John Henbest

Cindy Reymer

Pack Sheffield

Mark Shaughnessy

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.

Ed Costello

Other Nominee _____ Write in

Comments:

Please mail this Ballot in the envelope provided or bring it to the Meeting on October 17, 2009. 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 the ballot to: Betz Landing Home Owners Association, P.O. Box 422, Heathsville, VA 22473