



# Chelsea Beach Resident's Newsletter

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## YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

### Santa Clause Came To Town (or Chelsea Beach)

Each year the CBRA committee works with Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department to schedule a visit from Santa upon one of their fire trucks. Residents young and old, run out of their houses for a sighting of the Jolly Old St Nick! This is a great way for the volunteer fire department to raise funds for their expenses to help the residents of our community. Please be sure to thank them or give a donation the next time you have the opportunity!



Residents on A St watching Santa

### Quarterly CBRA Meetings

Did you know the community meets each quarter to discuss changes in our community, answer questions/concerns, provide updates, etc.? We do! Every 3-months in the basement of Magothy/Chelsea Community Lutheran Church on 265 Beach Ave. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30PM. All residents are welcomed/encouraged to attend!

At our upcoming March 4th meeting, we will be discussing the proposed property taxation to help fund the communities on-going expenses along with the purchase of boat ramp keys. In order to purchase a key, bring your completed application, current registration and payment. Hope to see you there!



Magothy/Chelsea Community Lutheran Church

### Boat Ramp Updates

One of the perks of being a resident of the Chelsea Beach Community is access (for a nominal fee) to one of the best boat ramps in Anne Arundel County! There is one person in particular who makes sure the boat ramp is safe and accessible and that person is Carl Harding. At each meeting he provides the community with updates on the boat ramp. See a few below:

- The county finished repairing the concrete and drainage issues at the ramp.
- To ensure the safety of the community and boat ramp, the community is looking into security cameras.
- The fire department has requested access to our boat ramp to utilize in case of an emergency. This is a wonderful thing to be able to offer our community and county!
- Time to purchase your new key!! Attend the March 6th meeting.

### Welcome to Chelsea Beach!



If you are a new resident to the Chelsea Beach Community, **welcome!** We have many things to offer within our community. Park with playground and basketball court, boat ramp, fishing hole and nature trail. Feel free to contact any of our committee members (see chart pg. 2) with questions or concerns.

### Did you know?

...that the Chelsea Beach Community has a nature trail? We do! Located at the end of 10th Street and Riverside Dr. The partially wooded lot is great to bring a blanket and have a picnic, sled in the winter or peacefully watch the water. Please use caution walking down as the steps have deteriorated through the years.

...that the Chelsea Beach Community has a fishing hole? We do! Located right near the boat ramp on Riverside Dr. It is heavily overgrown so you might miss it. Be sure to wear your hiking boots on your journey!



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## Property Taxation

We have a beautiful community with around 800 homes. The community owns multiple properties, including the boat ramp, fishing hole, nature trail, park and a few others through out the community. It costs the community money to maintain these properties and a few of them are in desperate need of attention in order to safely utilize them. Listed below are a few needs that the community is unable to afford:

- Playground
  - The equipment is dated and close to the end of its useful life. We would like to offer our residents a safe place to play and enjoy time with each other.
- Nature Trail
  - Steps have errored and need to be rebuilt
  - Add benches to enjoy the property
  - Clean up over growth
- Fishing Hole
  - Needs to be professionally cleared of overgrowth to make accessible.
- Boat Ramp
  - Add a digital/mechanical access to alleviate the cost and time at annual renewal time and would allow a more seamless entry.
  - Digital registration (documents, electronic payment, etc.)
  - Recurring maintenance and upgrades as needed.
- Empty properties (community owned)
  - Professionally remove dead trees
  - Utilize for community needs (additional parks, gathering areas, etc.)
  - Recurring maintenance
- Newsletter
  - Offer mailing as an additional communication source. We understand not all residents do digital or even know we exist. It costs \$\$ to print and mail to 800+ houses.

Membership in our community is completely voluntary with the vast amount of membership and revenue originating from boat ramp key purchases. Funding community costs through property taxation is common throughout Anne Arundel County and with the large number of homes in our community the nominal fee applied to each home would really go a long way. In fact, our close neighbor Magothy Beach utilizes this method to fund their community expenses. Community costs are allocated to each home in our community and applied to the annual property tax bill.

How will this benefit you?

- Increase property value through well maintained community amenities. Community amenities continually rank high on buyer wish lists.
- You and your family will be able to utilize these amenities, safely.
- Our community will look nicer.

If you would like more information or have questions. We will be starting the discussion/process at our March 4th meeting. Please join us with an open mind.

## CBRA Officers

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Secretary: Laura Slattery

Vice President: Kathie Clark

Member-At-Large: Elizabeth Parrott

Treasurer: Cindy Martin

- Have something to sell? Looking for a great plumber? Want to connect with your neighbour's? Join us on [www.NextDoor.com](http://www.NextDoor.com)
- Like us on Facebook  CBRA FB (residents only)
- Notice a storm drain needing maintenance? Need another recycling bin? Submit through See Click Fix [https://seeclickfix.com/md\\_anne-arundel?locale=en](https://seeclickfix.com/md_anne-arundel?locale=en)