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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

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This year may prove to be one of the most exciting years for White Horse Park.

In the last eight years, the park has improved the Club House, Swimming Pool, Playground, Bath Houses and the Laundry rooms. This year is the year to improve the Marina.

### **Down to Business**

Well the New Year is upon us and this means changes at White Horse Park. This year will be the beginning of Marina Construction, Board Elections, and our June Owners Meeting to mention a few. I have received numerous calls about when will the marina be started. So lets first visit the marina .

### **Marina**

#### **History**

Our marina is over 25 years young. This is beyond the expected life span of the bulk head (the wall that runs along the oyster shell

walkway from the boat ramp up and around the flag pole, and around the fish cleaning station). Tie rods are used to hold the bulkhead in place so it doesn't fall into the water. These tie rods are deteriorating. Two out of three of the rods are broken or have rotted through. This is a priority.

Marina improvements have been discussed since 2005; between the Board of Directors, Home Owners and the Marina Committee. The marina project is a big one, but a project that needs to be done.

When we pulled up some of the boards on the main walkway (large deck that runs from the marina shed to the gazebo) it was discovered in many areas the bracing for the walkway has washed away. The large cement blocks that are under the walkway are leaning into the boat slip area. Stacey Hart, Marina Engineer, and four marina construction companies strongly recommend we put a bulkhead up along the inside of the walkway on the boat slip side to stop the erosion of the soil and to hold the cement blocks in place. This would stabilize the main walkway. This is also a priority.

Originally the Marina Committee and the Board of Directors did not realize the wear and tear taking place under the walkway.

This past Aug/Sep we searched for a bank that would offer WHP a loan for the project. Several banks and institutions were sought out. Bank of Ocean City offered us the best rate.

Bids were requested; four marina companies considered the project. Two companies could not fit us in their work schedule this year. Two companies did respond: Mid Atlantic and McGinty Marine Construction.

The Board of Directors voted on the bid from Mid Atlantic which comprises of a vinyl bulkhead replacement construction along the canal side starting with the boat ramp and ending with the timber bulkhead inside the end boat slip. (A vinyl bulkhead will last 50 years or more.) The bulkhead cross section will be designed with tie rods and a concrete dead man. PVC sleeves will be provided within the concrete dead man to accommodate the proposed bulkhead for along the boat slip side. The cost for this year's project is \$124,230.00.

## **Elections**

Elections of new officers for the Board of Directors are right around the corner. Here's the scoop of how it all works.

### **Positions to open**

Three positions are opening up this year. Phil Rensch (President) and Barbara Price (Treasurer) are the only two who will remain on the board. The terms of Tootie Donaldson (Secretary), Willie Gohen (Vice President) and Bunnie Jenkins (Board Member), expire this year.

**White Horse Park will have (3) vacancies on the Board of Directors for this upcoming election.**

### **Who can run for election?**

A nominee shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must be a member of the association in good standing. A member of the association is an owner. "Owner" means any person, or persons, who hold fee simple title to any campsite.

### **How to get nominated**

Any member in good standing may file a nomination, in writing, with the Board of Directors Secretary at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting. Mail or email the office with a nomination by 12 May 2011. The office will forward it to the secretary.

Your nomination is to have a short Bio about the nominated person and what they feel they can contribute to our park.

\*\*\*There are 3 vacancies for this election\*\*\*

### **How to Vote**

Every member shall be entitled to vote either in person or by absentee ballot: one vote per lot. The absentee ballot shall be used for the purpose of casting a vote at the annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, 25 June 2011.

Election of Directors shall be by majority vote, in person or by absentee ballot, at the annual meeting.

Since there are three positions opening on the board of Directors; the 2 nominees with the most

votes will serve a 3 year term and the nominee with the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest will serve a 2 year term.

Election of the officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the members. The Board shall elect the officers of the Association annually and each shall hold office for 1 year unless he or she shall resign sooner, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.

\*\*\* I would like to see the nominations in to the secretary of the Board no later than 1 May 2011. This way I can get all the nominees' profiles out to all the owners in time for the election results 25 June 2011.

In your WHP Declarations are listed the responsibilities of each office held.

### **Board of Director Meetings**

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at the clubhouse at WHP; owners' meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June. No meetings Nov/Dec/Jan.

### **Cable TV**

In your packet you will notice a Cable TV renewal letter. Please send the bottom portion of the letter back. You can mail it separately or with you HOA dues or with the Cable Fee. If you need to send portions of your payment in you may, BUT the balance must be paid by 1 April 2011. If the balance is not paid, your cable will be disconnected. The fee for reconnection is \$50.00.

### **Leaves**

Please bag your leaves and place them in the dumpster. It is not cost effective to mulch them. Also please do not throw your leaves into the woods. There are enough leaves there already. Thank You.

### **Boat and Trailer Registration**

The registration for all watercraft within the park is \$35.00. You will need a copy of your insurance and registration before I can issue you a boat sticker. Effective June 2, 2011, a \$100.00 per month fine will be implemented until sticker is purchased or boat removed from WHP.



### **Fishing License**

Last year those who fished had to sign up for the free Federal Salt Water Angler Registry. Starting 1 Jan 2011, everything changes. The annual fee for Maryland residents will be \$15.00 per person. It will be good from 1 Jan 2011 to 31 Dec 2011. Non-residents will pay \$22.50. A 7-day Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport License will cost residents \$6.00 and non-residents \$12.00. A boat owner can purchase a consolidated license for \$50.00 which will allow everyone on board a recreational fishing vessel to fish; however each individual angler must still register with the DNR.

### **Hint**

Last year the Board concentrated on the mildew on units. This year, besides the mildew, they will be looking at sheds. Please fix or repair your shed. We all want to live in a nice community.

I pray that everyone who enters our park in 2011 leaves their worries behind and has a joyous New Year. I would like to thank all the many, many people of the White Horse Park Community who wished us a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It was so thoughtful of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Susan Naplachowski**

**Park Manager**

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## **Park Activities**

### *Stew/Soup Night*

*WHP Clubhouse*

*Fri 28 Jan 2011*

*6pm till 8pm*

*Bring a Crock Pot of Stew or Soup to share with your neighbors*

*\$5.00 at the door*

*No charge if bringing Soup or Stew to share*

*Bread and Butter,*

*Sodas, Tea, Coffee provided*

*Joyce and I hope to see you and wish you a "Happy New Year"*

*P.S Bring a dessert if you like...*

**Please RSVP by 25 Jan 2011**

**410-641-5102**



### *Valentines Dance*

*12 Feb 2011*

*9pm to 1am*

*\$8.00 in advance*

*\$10.00 at the door*

*Bring an appetizer or dessert  
Soda, beer, and snacks provided*

*50/50 Raffle*

*DJ: Whitelighter*

Please RSVP by 09 Feb 2011  
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