



Longview Beach Club Newsletter

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Awesome Autumn

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EMBRACING OUR MISSION

SHAPING OUR FUTURE

The Board of Directors is as strong and focused as ever. Since May 2012, our direction has been to "Move Forward". We have been on a positive roller coaster looking straight ahead to our vision. We're ecstatic that we have a community like you, encouraging, patient, cooperative and most of all giving.

Now, the area we need more help in is being more supportive, especially when we have fundraisers. Please, help us out – it's for a good cause – helping Longview raise money for our "War on Roads" campaign and other areas of need in the community is crucial. We know we can count on you. For this, we thank you in advance.

We're looking forward to our Fall Community Meeting, Saturday, October 11, 2014, at 1:00 pm. All meetings are important, however this is a meeting you won't want to miss. Longview is changing along with the times of today. We need to make amendments to these changes and begin to update our By-Laws. Motions need to be made to except or oppose the proposed By-Laws. So, please come and give your support to update our yesterdays' By-Laws. Only HOA members, homeowner in good standing, will be able to participate in the voting process.

Article 1: Section 4 states: Thirty (30) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and are empowered to transact any business properly before the meeting. Your vote and your presence are very important to the future of Longview. Please, refer to pages 10 –12 and read the Proposed Amendments. Read carefully and be prepared to discuss and/or vote at our October meeting.

Hope To See You There!

Board of Directors



The Board of Directors extends our services 24-7 to the Longview community with your phone requests. Every 2nd Saturday walk-ins are welcomed from 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

In our continued effort to improve customer service to you, we will try our best to respond within 24 to 48 hours. Call: (301) 769-2241

President's Corner



At the May 2014 Homeowner's Association meeting, the Board of Directors held an election and I am honored to have been re-elected to serve the second term as President of the Board of Directors of Longview Beach Club Association, Inc. During the past years, the Board of Director's has continued to stay focused on our goals to carry out our mission. Our mission to "Move Forward Step By Step", to improve Longview and to serve the members of our community.

So, welcome to another issue of the Longview Beach Club's Newsletter, where we've always encouraged you to jump on board and help make Longview a better place to be.

We feel a tremendous sense of gratitude at Longview and it's all because of you. Your faith and trust in us has pushed us and has made Longview what it is today. For this, we are

thankful – and I know I speak for every member of the board when I say that. You know that old adage, action speaks louder than words- well, that's what the board does, we Act, Not Just Talk. We know our vision and that's to move Longview a little closer to that better place to be on the Wicomico River. That's why it's so important to have you on the same accord with the board. The future of Longview depends on all of us working together for the same cause.

Driving through the community 2½ yrs. after my term as Board President, taking a look at the past, gives me a feeling of pleasure and accomplishment. Pleasure to be a part of this growing community in transition and accomplished to be a part of our successes. I can safely say our entire board appears to share the same feelings. The strive we've experienced throughout these few years are large. Just think about the list of our accomplishments. Look at your September 2012 Newsletter and look where we started and where we are today. It's impressive and I owe it to our board and "yes" – certainly you! And "ok", I had something to do with it, too. Despite the many challenges, we are getting good results. As I've mentioned in other newsletters, when we finish one "To Do List", we brainstorm and start developing another. This is where we are now, starting a new "To Do List". We look forward, to serving you and providing you with relevant and timely information to update you with the progression of Longview.

I can honestly say, our board is not a selfish board, we listen, we discuss and we persevere. You too can be a part of the vision of Longview by sharing your thoughts. Write us – call us and feel free to give your input.

Now, as we prepare to launch into the next 2 years, we will build on our visions of Longview and rise to the challenges of tomorrow. Remember, the choices that make us who we are can be traced to the influence of a single group. I thank you Board of Directors, I thank you Building and Grounds and I thank you Longview Beach Community.

Remember, the future of Longview is in our hands – let's mold it together. Let's not forget to mix a little joy, love, commitment, faith and add your own to this list to give it just a little more flavor. Thanks to all and keep looking up!

"Moving Forward Step By Step" is our Motto – "Keep Your Eye On The Sparrow" is our inspiration.

Building and Grounds

The Building and Grounds Team has worked hard and endlessly, since July 2012. One of the first objectives of the Board of Directors and B&G's was to assess the grounds of Longview. We just shook our heads, because we couldn't understand just how we were going to get ahead. There was so much to do and we saw so many challenges in front of us. We began to construct our "To Do List" and then we proceeded to prioritize our list. Our eyes were on our vision of "Moving Forward Step by Step". We worked together and the team was determined to make improvements to Longview and make it a safe, clean and another attractive place in St. Mary's County.

Hallelujah, it's September 2014 and we are proud to say we are right on target! In spite of all the adversities, we made it happen and we're so proud of it.

Remember, the "To Do List", in the January 2012 edition of our Newsletter, with thirty (30) plus jobs to do at Longview. The Board of Directors will never forget it – it was a challenge. Well, I am pleased to announce that we've completed our last two goals on our "To Do List", which were the roads and our basketball/tennis courts. With our roads, our attention were focused on the roads that were in the worst condition. Those roads included parts of Hilltop Road and Upland Road. Now, due to our budget we were not able to complete the entire roads, but were able to do a large portion. We chose to use asphalt, because it makes a better quality road and will last 15-20 years. We must begin to use material that is going to serve us well and serve us for a longer period of time. This is just the beginning with the "War on Roads" in Longview. Certainly, we are pleased and the residents are smiling. For years there has been an issue with our roads, now is the time to show some action. We are now at the point that we hope to begin to service a road each summer, until we are complete. With your help, by being current with your Homeowners Association Fees, we can do this together. With your help of supporting us with our Fund Raisers, we can "Move Forward". Yes, this is how you can help us the most.

Our newly restored courts are really nice and our rambunctious children couldn't wait to play. Out of sheer excitement, our basketball playing boys jumped right on the courts and began to play – 2 points. Our tennis court will be in operation very soon. We have the net, but the post, that holds the net, are on order. A new picnic table has been placed inside the courts for the spectators. And of course, the girls are there for support!

The bath house, on the beach, is in renovation mode. New toilets and sinks have been donated and installed by one of our new members of our community, Juan C.. Also, he has donated the paint, as well. So, work is in full motion. Thanks, Juan!! In the fall, a new roof will be installed by our Building & Grounds Team.

The Clubhouse has acquired an uplift with new lights, additional outlets in the kitchen and main hall, new white sheer curtains and new flooring in the bathroom/kitchen area. One of our projected goals is to have the exterior of the Clubhouse painted – white, of course.

Thanks for the many compliments from the members of the community. We appreciate your kind words and for just recognizing our efforts to improve Longview. Your kindness encourages us to be strong and know that "We Must Move Forward".

TREASURER'S COVE

MONEY
MATTERS 

Dear Members

Thank you for your installment and full payments for HOA dues in arrears.

Being an independent community, HOA dues are necessary to help maintain our historic development.

Please feel free to write, e-mail or call on any of your financial situations.

It is very important to let us know, as soon as possible , if you are selling or have sold your property.

We are trying to work with you. But, you too must be willing to work with us.

The financial team is always in need of help. Got a little time to spare? Please let me know - 301-769-2241. Or e-mail, longview@md.metrocast.net Thanks!

MOST IMPORTANT – Always update your Home or Cell Phone Number

Please give us your E-Mail Address (if applicable)

You never know when there's an emergency.

Cherry Daniels

Treasurer

In Remembrance

Breton Anderson (Bret) – June 2014, Son of Barbara Anderson

David D. Kittrell, II (Debo) - August 7, 2014, Son of Sherri Kittrell

Elizabeth T. Proctor - August 15, 2014, Mother of Elizabeth (Sue) Frye/Sister-in-Law of Charles Proctor

Please keep the following LVBC Members and Families in your daily prayers.

William (Billy) Bevans

Juanita Green

Bernard Lucas

Rhonda Poteat

Diane Tucker

Ernest Armstrong

LeVert Queen - BOD, Social Chair

Thank You!

Thank You from the Longview Beach Recreation Committee (LBRC)

The Committee mission is to promote pride and community spirit by providing beach activities for the Longview community (children, teens, and adults). Recreational equipment for the little ones has been installed and picnic tables and benches have been installed. The cabana is being updated, but other things to enhance the beauty and functionality of the play area are needed. Also, to help offset the cost of such activities as the Diamond Celebration, New Years Eve Celebration, Kids Day, etc. we need to have FUND RAISERS. We have asked you to suggest activities you like and will participate in. So far, we've had no suggestions from you and our attempts to incite you have failed. All the planned/suggested activities depend on your generous support.

We have not given up hope. For the 2015 year, we will concentrate our efforts on raising monies for a Longview Day to coincide with the opening of the Beach. We will continue with the sale of dinners and baked goods, while we research and devise other activities you may support. We will have another dinner sale the last Saturday in September (9/27/14). Details of what will be served will be forthcoming. But help us out. For the LVB community we can deliver meals, and we do setup the Clubhouse for a pleasant dining experience with your neighbors/friends if desired. If you can't or won't buy a meal, make a donation. We will willingly and gladly accept them. In whatever manner, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

We need suggestions from you of things you will support. Please contact the LBRC chairperson, LeVert Queen through the LVB message line (301-769-2241). All ideas are welcome.

Let's get excited and move forward together! This is your community, and however you wish to enjoy it, we want to make the experience pleasurable and memorable.

Thank you in advance.

LeVert Queen

Chairperson, Recreation Committee

CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

SEPTEMBER

- 7th **Grandparent's Day**
- 13th **Board Meeting** 10:30 – 12:30pm
- 27th **Dinners - \$10.00** 12-4:00pm
- 30th **Beach Closing**



OCTOBER

- 11th **Fall Membership Meeting** 1:00pm
- 13th **Columbus Day**
- 18th **Delta Sigma Theta Art Social** TBA
- 25th **Costume Pre-Halloween Party** 1-4:00pm
For Kids
- 31st **Halloween**



NOVEMBER

- 2nd **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 11th **Veterans' Day**
- 15th **Dinners - \$10.00** 12-4:00pm
- 27th **Happy Thanksgiving!**



DECEMBER

- 25th **Merry Christmas!**
- 26th **Kwanzaa Begins**
- 31st **New Year's Eve Gala**





Neighborhood Watch Club



Just ask Derrick Gilchrist

Derrick is asking for your participation; join him in the Neighborhood Watch Club by calling the Board of Directors' Office at (301) 769-2241. Leave your name, phone # and/or e-mail. You will receive a response within 24-48 hours.

Remember: "You are our eyes and our ears."

Join Derrick in his effort to make Longview safe.



Fall Community Meeting

Saturday, October 11, 2014

1:00 PM

We need your support!

**HOA Members in good standing will vote on
Proposed By-Laws.**



A Gala Afternoon At Longview



Longview Beach Association Proposed Amendments October 2014

The Rules and Regulations contained herein are an integral part of Longview Beach and are prescribed to promote the general welfare of the residents and property owners. It will, also assure a successful Homeowners Association. These provisions are designed to protect the property value of all homes in the community. These Rules and Regulations apply to all Longview Beach homeowners, property owners, their associates, tenants, guest and all other persons within the Longview Beach Properties.

HOMEOWNERS AND LOT OWNERS

(Amend By-Law Article V Sec I Para 2) Membership

Annual assessments invoices are mailed in January each year. Annual assessments payments are due on or before the last day of February each year.

A charge of \$35.00 shall be made on any check made payable to Longview Club Association, Inc. which is returned marked insufficient funds (NSF). Payment arrangements with applicable penalties must be voted on by Board members.

A \$15.00 Late Fee will be charged on assessments paid on or after March 15th each year. If account is still delinquent at year end, this late fee will be included in the balance forward of the next year, and will continue to be charged each year the account is delinquent, until account is paid in full.

(Sec 1 Para 2) Lot Increase

Members at a special meeting on Sat., Jan. 12, 2000 agreed that an increase in the annual assessment was needed. So, it's been fourteen years since an increase, the Board has reached an agreement that it's time for this increase in 2014.

An increase for an additional lot from \$10.00 to \$20.00 is needed. All homeowners with a one family dwelling shall pay ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$135.00) FOR THE FIRST LOT AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00) FOR EACH ADDITIONAL LOT. Lot owners without any structure shall pay EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$85.00) for the first lot and twenty dollars (\$20.00) FOR EACH ADDITIONAL LOT.

(Sec 1 Para 6) Sale of Property With Outstanding Debt

Members are currently invoiced for all property owned on one single invoice. If you have an outstanding debt and want to sale all or a portion of your property, the entire amount of the outstanding debt must be paid in full before property or portion of property can be transferred to the new owner.

(Amend By-Law V Sec 1 Para 7)

It is the responsibility of the property owners to inform their guests of LVBA's By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.

All persons in Longview Beach shall present when requested a valid LVBA Membership Card or Guest Card as appropriate. To use the amenities you must provide a valid membership card or guest card.

Property owners must provide copies of the By-Laws and Rules and Regulation to their renters. The rental agreement must require their tenants to comply with such LVBA rules. Property owners will be held responsible for the tenant's adherence to Rules and Regulations of LVBA. Tenants cannot be a Member of the Association, so they must be provided Guest Cards by the property owner. They are encouraged to participate in LVBA activities. See Board of Directors for copy of By-Laws and Constitution.

(Amplify Restriction 1) All properties shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner.

No temporary structures, tents, trailers, motor homes, sheds or similar items will be allowed to be placed upon a lot for use as a dwelling or storage. Anyone intending to use the trailer, motor home or camper as a dwelling longer than forty-eight (48) hours must be approved by the Board President. Longview is a community, not a camp site.

Vehicles, including trailer and motor homes, boats and boat trailers, may be parked on properties which have a permanent dwelling, provided that they are properly registered and licensed.

(Amplify Restriction 3) No outside toilets may be erected. Temporary toilets may be used for special events.

No appliances, such as kitchen appliances, shall be stored around the exterior of any property.

If the property is observed to be unsightly, the property owner will receive one written notice to restore their property to a neat and orderly condition.

If the property is not restored to a neat and orderly condition within one month (30 days) after the receipt of the written notice, the Association reserves the right to impose a fine, in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per month, as deemed appropriate by the Association, for those months that the property is not maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Such fines assessed shall be regarded as dues and shall be collected as such.

(Amend Ord V) Property owners are responsible for maintaining homes and property in accordance with the St. Mary's County Housing Code, St. Mary's County Health Department Code, Rules and Regulations of Longview Beach. Failure to maintain homes and property within specifications of the County's code will render the Association no choice but to seek corrective action. The Association reserves the right to bill the property owner for the service. Any new construction, additions, etc. must have the required building permits and proper inspections.

The grass on each property must be mowed and maintained, on a regular basis, by property owner. If the Association determines the grass is not being mowed and maintained, the Association reserves the right to mow the grass upon any property and to assess a lawn mowing fee in the amount of \$60.00. Any such fee assessed shall be regarded as dues and collectable as such. Grass lengths longer than 8 inches will be considered in violation of the guidelines. The property owner will be notified in writing and will have seven (7) business days to respond or commence work on the problem.

(Amend Ord VI) Profanity, boisterous, loud music and unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.

It is unlawful for any person to make, cause or continue any loud, unnecessary noises, which annoys, disturbs the discomfort, peace, safety of others at any time, day or night. This includes audio equipment, AT-V's, vehicles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, dogs, etc. Especially, during the hours of 10:00pm – 9:00 am.. Report violation to the Sheriff's Department and give information to Longview's Security.

(Amplify Ord 8) Trash

All trash shall be stored in covered sanitary trash cans and shall be disposed of on a regular basis. No lot should be used as a dumping ground for rubbish.

(Amplify Ord 11) MOTOR VEHICLES

All vehicles must obey the 20mph posted speed limit in Longview Beach.

Only licensed drivers are permitted to drive licensed motor vehicles within Longview Beach.

All vehicles, including boats and boat trailers, parked upon or in front of any property shall have an attached valid and current registered license plate. Persons without a valid license plate will be reported to the LVB Security Committee and St. Mary's Sheriff's Department. This is a state violation and it's a State Law.

(Add Ord 15) GOLF CARTS

Unlicensed/Unregistered motor vehicles are NOT permitted to be used on Longview Beach Association's common roads in Longview.

Slow speed golf carts with a maximum of six seats may be licensed/registered with LVBA Board of Directors, for use within Longview Beach if all of the requirements below are met:

A low speed golf cart is owned by a Longview Beach Homeowner Member in good standing.
Golf carts registration is limited to vehicles powered to travel NO faster than 20 mph and must be able to seat NO more than six people. Note: The vehicle must have no more passengers than the vehicle has seats.

(Add to Ord 16) CLUBHOUSE

Requests for use of the Clubhouse are restricted to Members in good standing. Non-members can rent the Clubhouse at a special rate, but must be approved by the Board of Directors. Requests must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Clubhouse Committee or Designee.

(Add Ord 17) Property owners are encouraged to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program and report violations to the Sheriff's Department (301) 475-4040. These violations include loud noises such as music, vehicles, bikes, dogs, suspicious activity, etc. If the Sheriff's Department does not respond, record the date and time that the violation occurred and give this information to the chairperson of the Security Committee, Longview's Security or to the Board President for appropriate resolution.



NUMBERS TO KNOW

SMECO
1-877-747-6326
1-877-74 SMECO

Sheriff's Department
(301) 475-4040

Marine Police
(301) 645-0067

Community Services
(301) 475-4200 Ext. 1846

Office of Aging
(301) 475-4200 Ext. 1050

Board of Education
(301) 475-4230

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
CALL 911**



Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

Health Department
(301) 475-4330

Animal Control
(301) 475-8018

Use the list of numbers to get help quickly. We are our brothers' keeper and we need to watch over and care for one another. Fires, suspected criminal activity, unsupervised domestic animals, wild animals – make that call- it will protect us all. Remember, our objective is to make Longview safe for everyone. Know your neighbors and keep watch around you and our beach,

Amenities

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Beach and Playground | Fishing Pier |
| Tennis and Basketball Courts | Picnic Areas |
| Non-Fee Events at Clubhouse | Rental of Clubhouse |

Annual Assessments

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| Improved Property (Lot w/structure) | \$135.00 |
| Unimproved Lot (Vacant lot) | 85.00 |
| Each Additional Lot | 10.00 |
| Road Fee | 80.00 |

If you are **not current** with your assessments, the amenities of Longview Beach are **not** available to you and your guest. Entering these areas would be considered trespassing.

Special Thanks to all residents who have paid their assessments. Truly, it affords us to continue to maintain our community. Reminder notices are being mailed out in the next two weeks to the residents who have not met their assessment fee obligation. Please, make your payment, as soon as possible, so you too can help with the upkeep of Longview. We know times are hard, but please do your very best.

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Clubhouse Rental Fees

Rental of the clubhouse is for both members of Longview and outside residents. Rental rates will be for a six-hour block of time that includes set-up and clean up. There is a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee and a \$100.00 Security Deposit fee due upon the completion of the application. No overnight use is permitted.

| | <u>Non-Member Price</u> | <u>Member Price</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st. Floor Rental: | \$425.00 | \$325.00 |
| 2nd. Floor : | \$425.00 | \$325.00 |
| Both Floors: | \$850.00 | \$650.00 |

Clubhouse: (301) 769-2241



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