Spring is Here!

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A Message From The Board of Directors
“Continuing to Move Forward”

Spring is finally here! Now we can look forward to summer, warm weather, the beach, boating, family picnics, bike riding, etc. We encourage everyone to be active in our Community and lend a helping hand. Our vision for Longview’s future is to build on the successes of the past, with this we can’t go wrong.

We are looking forward to our June Community Meeting, Saturday, June 14, 2014, at 1:00pm. All members are Welcome! This is the meeting where we discuss what’s going on in our Community and our plans for the summer. Our President of the Board’s two year term is coming to the end and an election for that position will take place. Please, plan to attend and afterwards let’s “Chat and Chew” over a light lunch.

A hearty “Welcome” to our new neighbors; we hope to meet you at the Community Meeting.
A sincere “Thank you” to our volunteers for their help at Longview.
A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendidous miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.
Welcome to another issue of the Longview Newsletter, where we encourage “Moving Forward” by working together to improve the quality of life for you, your family and the Community. Now, as we prepare for the next steps, we will build on the past achievements and rise to the challenges of tomorrow.

Let me begin by saying my two year term as President of the Board is coming to an end in June. I want to thank each of you for your kindness, warmth and love that you have shown me. Your support was huge during these two years and it has meant the world to me. A special thanks to our board who have been truly committed and dedicated to the growth of Longview. Also, thank you to our volunteers who care about our community and worked very hard to help make it a clean and safe place to be. We’ve made much progress over these two years and we must continue to stay focus and ” Move Forward”. Thanks again for everything. Hope to see you at the June Community Meeting!

At Longview, the Board oversees continuous quality improvements for our community. In 2012, the Board set out implementing a strategic plan to improve Longview. We’ve accomplished about 95% of our goals and still have the roads, basketball/tennis court repair and the children’s playground merry-go-round to go. Hopefully, since the weather has changed, the projected time is within the next 3-4 months. Our vision is make LV that right place for you! We have had a long and extra cold winter. When is spring actually coming? During this time we had pipes to burst in the Clubhouse kitchen and the damage overflowed into the board’s office. Our Building and Grounds team worked effortlessly to repair the damage.

A job well done and it looks like new. Kudos! Yes, we had plenty of snow, as well. Again, our team woke up early each snowy day and cleared the streets, to make it safe for the community. These are examples of our incredible and reliable Building and Grounds Team.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope you enjoy this issue of our May Newsletter. We remain committed to providing you with relevant and timely information to keep you informed about our community, and as always, we look forward to serving you.
Attention!

Longview Beach Constitution

Initially, the board of 2012, wanted to update the by-laws, however, we were so pre-occupied with the many to-dos and concerns of the beach, which were priorities; therefore, we postponed it until we had time to really focus.

One main concern was the unsightly/dilapidated houses in our community. We really wanted to make an amendment to this issue. Many of our residents complained about these houses being right next to them and we could not blame them. We understood St. Mary’s County had an ordinance to this effect that everyone was waiting and hoping it would pass. When it passed Tues., Jan. 23rd and then went into effect Tues, February 4th, this answered our prayers and for many residents of St. Mary’s County.

Please, read the “Blight Ordinance” of St. Mary’s County. We have given you a part of the ordinance; however, you can get a full copy from the courthouse or on the internet. Now, it’s your responsibility to report those blighted houses in your neighborhood. Longview does not have to worry about making an amendment on this issue – it’s an Ordinance Now!

At our Community meeting, the board will introduce a few updated issues that will help the continued growth of Longview. These concerns will be introduced and discussed with you and then voted on as an amendment to our by-laws or not. As you know, every few years we should review and update our By-Laws, if necessary, with the times. Let’s Move

Open For Business

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 – 3:00 pm.

In our continued effort to improve customer service to you, we will try our best to respond within 24 hours. Call: (301) 769-2241
Due to the extreme and long cold winter, our Building and Grounds Team has prevailed. The challenge was demanding, but with focus, determination and dedication to Longview, our team forged on through the hardships of winter 2013-2014.

Spring is here, but the temperature is not quite there, yet. As soon as the team sees a break in the weather, pot holes will be filled. It appears that we don’t have as many as we’ve had, which is a good thing. However, don’t you worry, the pot holes will be filled in due time.

Our continued goal and key, no matter the time of year, is to stay on top of the maintenance. The team knows, the Boards expectations are high, therefore we work closely to assure that regular ground inspections and regular maintenance are in order.

Our focus is keeping Longview clean and attractive, at all times.

We do need your help, as a member of this community, not to throw trash on the grounds. Keep your own property free of clutter and keep your property maintained. Please, pick up trash if you see it on the grounds and put it in the receptacles. During the summer, I’ve seen a family, riding in their golf cart, picking up trash throughout the Longview community. We thank that family and what Good Samaritans! Working together will make our Dream Place Come True!

Keep the compliments coming-we just love it! Your kind words continue to inspire us to “Keep On Board That Moving Train”.

On Going Projects:
- Road Repair
- Rehab of Basketball/Tennis Court
- Children’s Playground
First, please note that with the collaborative efforts between the county Sheriff’s department, Longview security and our community the air condition copper thief’s have been apprehended and are facing prosecution.

(A community effort pays off--congratulations all)

I want to thank all who have cooperated with the established ATV licensing policies for Longview Beach. Unfortunately we have not had full cooperation mainly from the adult residents. Additionally, there have been complaints about dirt bikes over the posted speed limit. Therefore, more aggressive steps are being taken to alleviate the problem if necessary banning all ATV’s and Dirt Bikes from operating on Longview Beach public streets and common grounds.

We are also monitoring very closely the back roads for illegal trash dumping.

All offenders will be caught and prosecuted!

The Longview Security Force has been expanded for additional common area and roadway monitoring. Any resident who leases or rents there Longview property are responsible for passing all the above communications to their tenant. Stating that they are unaware cannot be used as an excuse.

This is our community and we must continue to work together for the security of our beach and residents.

Carroll Boswell
Board Security Representative
Dear Members:

Happy Spring! This is a reminder, within our financial processing system, we have made one welcoming improvement and one needed change.

**Improvement** – We have enclosed a self-address return envelope with your 2014 invoices. Please be sure to enclose your check, invoice stub; and place a stamp on this envelope. Envelopes will be mailed with first notices only. We hope this convenience has answered your request as well as improve our payment processing.

**Change** – Your block and lot number will now show in the “Home Owner ID” area on your invoice. If you have multiple lots, the number will be followed by an asterisk (*).

All property numbers will still appear in the body of the invoice. The nine digits identification number we removed will still appear in the name and address area.

Please show block and lot numbers on the memo line of your check.

Also, please inform us of any Address Change or Sale of Property. If you are selling or have sold your property, please send us a copy of your settlement sheet. We don’t want to invoice you for property you do not own.

**Outstanding Homeowners Assessment Fees:** We have been reaching out to those of you who are behind with your assessment fees. We have suggested the payment plan. However, some are cooperating and we have not heard from others. You will be sent three (3) letters of intent to collect your HOA fees. After the third letter and we have not received your payment or you have not called to set up a payment plan, the next letter you receive will come from the Collection Agency.

MOST IMPORTANT – Please give us your Home or Cell Phone Number

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

You never know when there’s an emergency.

Our Future Goal – To send your Invoice / Statement by E-Mail or US Mail.

It will be your choice. We are still working on this process.

Cherry Daniels

Treasurer
THANK YOU FROM THE LONGVIEW BEACH RECREATION COMMITTEE (LBRC)

Again the LBRC wishes to thank the Longview Beach community and friends for the support of our 2013 fundraising events. Our short-term goal to promote pride and community spirit by providing beach activities for the Longview community (children, teens, and adults) continues. We plan to install additional equipment for the little ones before the opening of the 2014 beach season; install tables and benches for adult seating; and continue research for affordable smoothing and re-lining of the basketball and tennis courts. We have not received any suggestions from you regarding activities you like and will support. Therefore, we’ll continue with what offers some small delight and money.

Planned fundraisers for the 2014 season include:
- $10 Dinners & Bake Sales June –August, 2014
- Another Casino and/or Shopping trip? TBD

What’s YOUR pleasure?

All the planned/suggested activities depend on your continued generous support and participation. We need suggestions from you of things you would prefer or would like to add to the agenda. Please leave a message for the LBRC chairperson, LeVert Queen (301-769-2241), or LaVerne Queen (lcqueen@verizon.net). All ideas are welcome.

We are moving forward to build a better community.
SAY IT LOUD!  TAKE OWNERSHIP!

**Home Protection:** It is not Longview’s responsibility to protect your personal property. So, please make sure you take time to make your house safe. Check and secure all window, air conditioners, doors, etc. from the thieves. Security alarms, outdoor lights, security cameras are some suggestions.

**Address Alert:** All homes must show their address on the front of the house or on a post in front of the house. It will help in an emergency...

**Dogs:** According to our By-Laws all dogs must be on a leash or confined when outside. Remember, to bag your dog Poop! Animal Control will be called – don’t let them take your family member. Give them love – Obey the Law.

**Dumping:** In previous Newsletters, we’ve ask that you don’t dump trash on Longview’s property. You’ve done better, however a load of trash was dumped in the wooded area and the culprit was almost caught by a Neighborhood Watch neighbor. The neighbor didn’t actually see the person in action – only saw them driving away in that red truck. Whoever you are – get on board and take your trash to the dump like the rest of us. Help keep Longview a decent and clean community. You can do it!!!! The Sheriff will be called, if caught!

**Landlords:** Check out the property you’re renting regularly. We have renters who are not obeying the By-Laws of Longview. You are responsible for your property. The Board will report to the Landlords those renters/tenants who are not respecting our dream place – Longview. Landlords, we still hope you care about Longview and conduct a background check on potential renters.

**Speeding:** 20mph—20mph —20mph is our speed limit. It hasn’t changed. Slow down, make it safe for others. Adults be an example for the younger members of our community. Parents talk with your children about the speed limit. Thanks!

**Security Patrols:** Moving a step forward for your protection. Beginning this month, two additional security patrols will be added to Longview. Two will be surveying during the day and one at night. Longview will have three reputable and dependable security patrols. We’re not saying this is the answer to the stealing and break-in’s, but certainly it’s being pro-active. The security patrols are not policemen, but they will be working very closely with the St. Mary’s Sheriff’s Department. All members of Longview have be deputized as Neighborhood Watch members, so let’s continue to help our community and Security Patrols by continuing to be vigilant.

**ATV’s:** Due to the many complaints the Board of Directors have received and are still receiving, there’s a great possibility that ATV’s and Dirt Bikes may be BANNED from Longview. More information is forthcoming.
St. Mary’s County government now has more tools at its disposal to deal with blighted properties throughout the county, as three of the commissioners voted Tuesday to pass an ordinance setting standards.

Previously, local government could only require that vacant and unsafe structures be boarded up. Now, the code of St. Mary’s County is updated to establish property maintenance standards and to provide a mechanism for the removal of nuisances.

The ordinance defines blight as a nuisance and defines blight as structures “with objectively determinable exterior signs of substantial physical deterioration, dilapidation or lack of maintenance,” that “may be reasonably concluded to significantly depreciate the economic value of properties in the neighborhood,” and are also determined “to be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of occupants of neighboring properties.”

The ordinance does not apply to the height of grass. “You can let your grass grow six feet tall,” said George Sparling, county attorney, as long as it does not obstruct public passage on a right of way. “This does not apply to anybody’s yard.”

The ordinance also exempts tobacco barns as they are historic structures, Sparling said, and the ordinance “doesn’t apply to a farm [or] to agricultural land.”

Enforcement of the rules on blighted structures would originate from a citizen complaint, not from county government, Sparling said. “It’s not intended to send an army of inspectors out” on their own, he said. “The intent of this is we would not go after anybody.”

After a citizen complaint is made, an inspector will make a visit to verify if there is an issue. A violation would be issued by the St. Mary’s County Department of Land Use and Growth Management. That decision can be appealed to the St. Mary’s County Board of Appeals and to the court system thereafter.

If there is a violation, St. Mary’s County government could issue a fine of up to $1,000 and the finding of an infraction could result “in a court order authorizing St. Mary’s County to abate the nuisance and a lien for the costs of abatement,” the ordinance states.

Those of lower income in a home they live in can be spared from the ordinance if they are working under a state program called the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

As for foreclosed homes owned by banks, St. Mary’s County will be able to issue a $1,000 fine to banks that don’t keep updated with the state’s foreclosure property registry, which is supposed to have a point person listed as responsible for a property.
| May  | 10th  | Board Meeting         | 10:30-12:30pm |
|      | 11th  | Mother’s Day          |               |
|      | 17th  | Seniors Diamond Luncheon | 2:00-5:00pm |
|      | 26th  | Memorial Day          |               |
|      |       | BEACH OPENS           |               |
| June | 14th  | Community Meeting     | 1:00pm        |
|      | 15th  | Father’s Day          |               |
|      | 21st  | Dinners $10.00        | 11:30-3:00pm  |
| July | 4th   | Independence Day       |               |
|      | 12th  | Board Meeting         | 10:30-12:30pm |
|      | 12th  | Kids Game Day         | 1:00-3:00pm   |
|      | 25th  | Dinners $10.00        | 11:30-3:00pm  |
|      | TBA   | Beach Family Affair    | TBA           |
| August | 9th  | Board Meeting         | 10:30-12:30pm |
|      | 9th   | Clothing Drive for the Homeless | 10:00-3:00pm |
|      | 9th   | Kids Game Day         | 1:00-3:00pm   |
2014 Diamond Hall of Fame Luncheon

Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 2:00-5:00pm, the Board of Directors is sponsoring a luncheon and a program featuring a Special Speaker, “Praise Dancers” and Singers, especially for our 80+ year old members of Longview. This is our Second Anniversary for this senior affair. Last year we had a grand time. Let’s do it again!!!! Each Diamond Club Member will soon receive their personal invitation. Place this date on your calendar and let’s make this affair better than last year. Remember, to invite your family and friends. If you’re interested in attending this affair, please contact one of your board members or call the Board of Directors office @ 301.769.2241. Come one.
GALLERY

Goodbye Winter
### Amenities

- 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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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.

### 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 due upon the completion of the application. No overnight use is permitted.

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Clubhouse: (301) 769-2241

### Numbers To Know

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**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, at all times. Be Alert -- Stay Alert.

For all emergencies, call **911**