For over a year, the Board has announced openings on the Board. A couple HOA members are considering, but are not quite sure. I suppose there is a fear factor of the unknown. This is understandable; however, the following information might give you some insight and comfort about the role of a board member.

Serving on the board as a volunteer is important work. Each board member has a role within the association, all geared towards making our community function and operate well. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)

Probably the most important thing to realize is that by becoming a board member you would have an awesome responsibility to think about the welfare of the entire community/association. This is not easy, but is extremely important. It is a responsibility, but there are other members on the board to help guide you, as you work and learn together. It can also be a lot of fun seeing the progress and knowing you played a role in helping to mold your community. What a feeling!

Being on the Board is important for a variety of reasons. Most importantly you will be able to make a positive and direct impact on the future direction of your community and hopefully a positive impact on the value of your investment and your home. The value of your home is directly affected also by the quality of the common area, maintenance of the amenities, common grounds, the enforcement of the rules and regulation (By-Laws & Constitution) and the community spirit. In short, the Board is responsible for the management of all aspects of the association.

Every owner should serve on the Board at some time during their ownership. As they do, they will gain a better understanding and appreciation for the role of the Board. So, think about joining the Board. I believe we would have a productive future together building and maintaining Longview.

If you decide to become a member, just keep in mind you will be making decisions with the interest of the community at heart. The greatest reward will be the satisfaction of a job well done when the community prospers.

Step up to the plate and help your community today!
Come on board – we're excited for you, call the Board of Directors office: (301) 769-4421.
Happy New Year! Feliz Ano Nuevo! Out with the old and in with the new. Winter Storm Grayson is here with bitter cold temperatures and whistling winds. Remember Longview, bundle up and be prepared – there’s more to come. Offer a helping hand to your neighbors who are seniors, disabled and others who are in need. Remember, members of our community are caring and helpful people.

We have come a long way in the 5.5 years when you first entrusted me to serve as President of the Board. I still need your help to continue strengthening our LV community. The Board pledged to make a clean, safe, maintained, peaceful and fun place to be on the Wicomico River. Let’s stay focused: to the challenges ahead; strong: to give that 100% motivation and determinate: to keep the association viable, progressing and functioning as a wholesome community.

During the holiday several houses were burglarized. I’d like to remind you of this old adage, “If you see something, say something”. We are all familiar with the campaign to motivate by standers to report suspicious activity. That applies right here at Longview, as well. Everyone at Longview is a member of the Neighborhood Watch Team. You are absolutely awesome. We have solved several problems with your help.

Another problem has come back to haunt us and that is dumping trash in the wooded area. We have done so well, until the last couple months where someone dumped a stove, drain pipes, trash, etc. in the wooded area off Upland Drive. New Residents-Old Residents take your trash to the DUMP!!! Security Cameras might be the answer…… READ LONGVIEWS BY-LAWS!

If you know anything about these dreadful acts, please report it to LV Security, our Maintenance Team or the Board of Directors. This cost LV money and time to attend to senseless acts of this kind. Let’s keep our eyes open to break-ins, dumping or any act that defeats our progress. Neighborhood Watch Be Strong Be Vigilant! Thank you in advance.

The Board has worked hard to get LV where it is today and there’s No Turning Back. So, let’s keep high expectations and pride at Longview. Truly, I believe we can’t fail with the community members we have!

I have been truly honored and humbled to serve as Board President and I thank you for your support. In 2018, the Board will face a new set of challenges. I hope you will continue to stand with the Board to help chart our future course.

All the best,
Nellie L. Cureton
Board President
Dear Members:

January 2017 Statement/Invoices have been mailed. Please keep in mind Longview’s $15.00 late fee policy that will be charged on payments received after March 15th of each year.

For your questions and concerns:
If you have computer access and internet service, please use Longview’s email address for faster replies. Longview’s email address always appears on your Statement/Invoice. Otherwise, please use Longview’s mailing address.

Due to limited help, Longview’s telephone message responses will be delayed.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Longview’s email: longview@md.metrocast.net

Longview’s address: P.O. Box 359 – Chaptico, MD 20621-0359

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.

Cherry Daniels
Treasurer

What’s so exciting about the start of a New Year is that it opens up with endless opportunities and new challenges. In this phase of the Newsletter, we want to spotlight our 2017 accomplishments.

By keeping our “Eye on the Sparrow” and “Moving Forward Step By Step” our 2016 vision to build a more improved Longview Community for 2017 has come to fruition and has truly made us PROUD!!!

James and Rick, our ground maintenance team, continues to make great strides to maintain, care and keep the infrastructure of Longview a priority.

The Board will continue to go through the community, access the areas, and talk with members of the community about their neighborhood priorities and how we can continue to improve Longview.

Now, the Board of Directors would like to share with you and Spotlight our 2017 accomplishments:

Asphalt Roads-Upland Dr. - Grass Cutting/Trimming
Exterior Painting of Clubhouse - Pot Hole Repairs
Steel Landing at Apartment - Ditch Cleaning
Water Pump Repair - Power Sprayed Brick
Installed/Marked Speed Humps - Entrance Wall, etc.
Removal of Bricks/Entrance Wall - Installed Stick Markers
Widen Entrance Wall/Roadway - for Speed Humps
Repaired Picnic Tables & Benches
Installed Street Signs & Metal Posts
Purchased 2 Custom Flags
Replaced a 275 gal. Diesel Fuel Tank
Moved/Renovated/Painted Apartment
Repaired Apartment Roof
Installed Security Lights behind Clubhouse

Don’t forget to sign-up in April for Longview’s Grass Service from May-September. Thanks to all who participated! This service is for Lots Only. Thanks for your support! WOW!!

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
The Board of Directors strongly asks that when you are selling your property that you let our Treasurer know your selling plans. Often we are left out of the actual planning process until the last minute. In order to keep our records clear and up-to-date, we ask that sellers contact us or ask your Realtor if they have contacted Longview’s Board Treasurer.

The Realtor must work with our Board of Directors’ Treasurer, to make sure all information is correct and current. A Welcome Packet is provided for all new Property and Home Owners, compliments of the Board. The Realtor is provided a Welcome Packet, as well. The Welcome Package includes: Board of Directors Listing, Welcome Letter, Constitution and By-Laws, a current Newsletter, Map of Longview, Important Numbers to know and other pertinent information.

Constitution & By-Laws you should be aware of and follow:

WHERE AS, the transfer of property is frequently changing ownership; be it resolved that the buyer shall be governed by all assessments and articles of the Constitution and By-Laws as set forth by the Association.

All members report to the Board when they propose to sell their property, or when a new owner proposes to build on the property.

WHERE AS, MEMBERS CURRENTLY RECEIVE AN INVOICE FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNED. If you have an outstanding debt and want to sell all, or a portion of your property, the entire amount of the outstanding debt must be paid in full before the property or portion of the property can be transferred to the new owner.

It is important that our Treasurer is informed about the sells, because if the sellers owe a debt to Longview – we need to collect, at the closing. That money needs to be placed into our HOA funds for the upkeep of our community. The Homeowner, the Realtor and our Treasurer must work together to make a smooth sell.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to inform their guests of LVB’s By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. A copy of Longview’s By-Laws and Rules and Regulations must be given to the renters and discussed by the property owners.

Happy New Year!!! Let’s move forward for a better community. We can’t do this alone without having your commitment to help Longview live up to its potential.
Paying Your HOA Fees

HOA stands for Homeowners Association. You have bought property in Longview that has HOA fees and unfortunately you have no choice, but to pay your fees. The Board has not had to put LIENS on properties, however 2018 is a new year and we must continue to enforce our Constitution and By-Laws.

The reason for HOA fees is so the HOA has funds to maintain a community to set standards that homeowners can enjoy. Your Board of Directors puts you and the Longview Beach Community first.

Some people do not see the benefit to pay HOA fees, so they don’t buy properties where there are fees. Others like to be in these types of communities, like LV, as they offer things like a fishing pier, fishing slip, beach, playground, picnic areas, Clubhouse (rentals/non-fee events), tennis/basketball court, maintenance of the common grounds, etc.

HOA rules and guidelines protect the rights and property of those who live in the community. HOA is to assist with maintaining and improving the property values in a community. HOA enforces community rules and regulations – Deals with fines, violations, various other consequences and soon to be liens.

Members not fully paid-up with their assessments are not considered in “Good Standing”. Those homeowners who are not paid-up are subject to: names being sent to a Collection Agency or procedures towards a Lien.

- Lien: Liens on real estate are claims against property that are made in order to secure payment of a debt. The creditor may place a lien on the debtor’s property for the value of the debt owed. A lien is typically a public record that’s filed with a county/state records office.

- Collection Agency: Pursues payments of debts owed by individuals or businesses.

If you owe Longview HOA fees, please contact, by e-mail, the Board of Directors Treasurer: Mrs. Cherry Daniels at: longview@md.metrocast.net or call (301) 769-2241.

Let’s rise up to the Challenge and create a Brighter Future for Longview!!!

As always, the Board of Directors, Thanks You for your continued support...
January

1st  Happy New Year!
13th  Board Meeting
15th  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

2nd  Ground Hog Day
4th  Rosa Parks Day
14th  Valentine’s Day
19th  Presidents Day

March

11th  Daylight Savings Time Begins
17th  St. Patrick’s Day
20th  Spring Begins

April

1st  Easter
17th  Tax Day

What Do You Know About the Common Cold?

The Common Cold

Sneezing, scratchy throat and runny nose are all signs of a cold. The common cold is caused by multiple viruses in the respiratory system. Although the common cold is mild, it is said to be the leading cause for the majority of doctor visits, especially among children. Experts estimate that one billion Americans suffer from the common cold annually. You can catch a common cold from anyone who is infected. The common cold is usually spread through surface touching, germs from a keyboard, doorknobs, utensils and when you touch your nose and mouth. Be sure to consult your doctor about cold remedies and flu shots for you and your children.
Address Signs Should Be Visible From the Road

The Board has noticed that many homeowners do not have address signs. We must display an address on our house or on an address sign in our yard.

Emergency responders can’t help you if they can’t find you, so it’s important to ensure your civic address signs are visible and in good repair.

If there’s a fire at one of our summer homes and the Fire Department can’t find an address, it would take extra time trying to locate the owner and their information. Having an address sign saves time.

Having the civic address clearly visible can save precious minutes in an emergency. Having a reflective address sign would be really great. A number in a dark color will not be visible from the street and not acceptable at Longview. Responders must be able to see the address in the day and at night time.

The Board of Directors is proclaiming that all property owners are required to obtain and display a proper address sign. Violation letters will go to those homeowners who do not comply. Work with us, please.

Signs can be purchased at Lowe’s, Home Depot, Ace and local sign manufacturers. Homeowners, please help us unify our community and become a safer Longview.
Monday, January 15th, marked what would have been the 89th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Even 50 years after his death, his courageous and poignant words continue to both empower and inspire people worldwide.

Here are a few of King's most famous quotes:

- We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked and dejected with a lost opportunity.

- “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

- “If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

- Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

- “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

- “In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

- “Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”

- “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

- Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

- Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

- We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

- If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

- “Let no man pull you so low as to hate him.”

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Derek Despertt - January 2018, Son of Helen Despertt
Although no words can help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Anderson
Prayers for Healing and Strength are sent from the Longview Homeowners Association.
Snapshots of Life at Longview Beach
NUMBERS TO KNOW

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

Aménities

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

Annual Assessments

Improved Property $135.00
(Lot w/structure)

Unimproved Lot 85.00
(Vacant lot)

Each Additional Lot 20.00
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. Kudo, Kudo, Kudos!

There is a $15.00 late fee charge on assessments paid on or after March 15th of each year and a $35.00 charge on returned checks marked insufficient funds. The annual assessments payments are now due on or before the last day of February. There is an additional vacant lot increase from $10.00 to $20.00.

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.

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Website: www.longviewbeachmd.com
that all men are created equal.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident,
and live out the true meaning of its creed:
I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up

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