



Beverly Beach Community Newsletter

Beverly Beach Community Association – Fall 2010
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Presidents Corner

Dear Neighbors,

Labor Day has passed; the kids are back in school. Soon the leaves will be falling and that means it's time for our Fall Town Meeting. If the weather cooperates we will be holding our pot luck dinner and meeting at the beach around a toasty bonfire. I hope you will all come out and meet your neighbors and learn more about what is going on in our community.

We have lots of things to share about what's been going on and what we have upcoming in the fall, such as our Kid's Halloween Party. We will also be asking for volunteers to work on the various committees – Children's Committee, Environmental Committee, Beach Committee, Dock Committee, and especially the upcoming elections in November for the Board of Directors.

We are looking for some neighbors to step forward and serve on the board. Several of the board members have been serving for 15+ years. We enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship and being of service to our community, but it is time for some of the board members to move on to other things. The truth is that many of us are feeling a little burned out. The Beverly Beach Community will benefit from having some new energy and fresh ideas to help keep everything running smoothly.

Imagine what could happen if new people don't step forward and get involved. The board could simply cease to exist. The county would collect our fees and they would simply sit in county coffers. No one would be there to pay the lease on our marina or do maintenance. Our lease would lapse and the county would most likely turn the marina into a public facility. No one would contract to have the grass cut or the trees pruned on the beach. The beach would simply become an overgrown mess. If we do not maintain the beach the county could come in and turn it into a public beach. Or worse yet, they could decide to sell it to a developer. (I have heard rumors that a developer is trying to lease the Beverley-Triton Park!). Children's events, dumpster days, the newsletter, and the website might simply fade away.

All of us have a stake in this wonderful community. To keep it wonderful, the Board needs more residents to take a turn at being responsible for community matters. I can only speak for myself, but serving on the board these last fourteen years has been both an honor and a privilege – and it's been fun! I treasure the friendships I have made and the sense of pride I have gotten from helping the community. The time commitment is not as painful as you might think. The board meets only four times per year. We conduct most of our business by email.

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2010 Town Meeting Schedule

- Sept. 16
- Dec. 3

Presidents Corner (con't.)

If you feel that you would like to help please talk to one of the board members and ask us any questions you might have about. If you know of someone that you think would be a good candidate, lets us and them know. We will add their names to the ballot. We can't keep our neighborhood functioning without you! We need your help!! Please consider putting your talent to use as a BBCA Board member.

See you at the Town Meeting!

Diane Olsen
President, BBCA

TOWN MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 16

TIME: 6:30pm

WHERE: Beach

This is a potluck and bonfire

(weather permitting!) meeting.

Please bring a dish to share with other board members and fellow neighbors.

Topics will include:

1. Minutes of Past Meeting
2. Old Business
3. Community News
4. New Business

Ramp keys and parking stickers can be picked up at ALL Town Meetings!

Talk with your board members and greet your fellow neighbors prior to the meeting. As always, community input is very important.

COMMUNITY NEWS

County to Do Major Work at the Beach

Thanks to resident Amy Bleich, major work will be carried out by the county at our beach this fall. At the June Town Meeting, Amy asked

our Councilwoman, Trish Johnson, if we could get help with restoring our beach. Overgrown bushes and nonnative trees and plants are taking over, encroaching on the beach and limiting access to it. Trish followed up with Amy and our Board President, Diane Olsen. Councilwoman Johnson set up a meeting with Rick Anthony and Mark Garrity of Recreation and Parks (Rick is a Beverly Beach Resident) and Jim Johnson of the Office of Permits and Zoning. The group recently met at the beach to identify specific issues. The end result is that the department of Permits and Zoning will remove invasive species and trim overgrowth to protect the salt marsh, and the Recreation and Parks Department will remove the fencing and debris at the end of our beach. County officials at the meeting believe that there is funding in their budget to cover this project. The Office of Permits and Zoning will draft the plan for the beach and implement it by the end of this year.

Be sure to attend the September 16th Town Meeting to get the full details of the project from the County Spokesman.

AA County Southern Police District – Project WEEP (Waterfront Educational Enforcement Program)

An update to Project Weep In the "Summer 2010" edition of your Beverly Beach Newsletter we described the basic purpose of Project WEEP. Specifically: "The prevention or mitigation of those summer time activities that degrade a waterfront community's quality of life".

We know of two major police WEEP incidents so far this summer. There may be more.

1. One involved multiple individuals on Beverly Triton Beach Park during the hours of darkness being arrested and charged with trespassing and underage alcoholic drinking.

2. The second incident involved the arrest of two individuals on our community beach area at 2:00 AM for drug possession (82.2 grams of marijuana). They also had a digital scale, plastic baggies and \$1,000 in cash. They were not picnicking folks!

The point we'd like to make here is that both of these incidents involving the police were initiated by a Beverly Beach citizen calling 911. Calling 911 is exactly what you should do if you suspect illegal activity in our community. Again, here is what Police Captain Krampf of Southern District emphasized when observing and reporting a problem:

- (1) Call 911. Do not call any other number.
- (2) Call 911 - Do not confront the offending individual(s).
- (3) Get as much identifying information as possible such as:
 - (a) Vehicle tag number.
 - (b) Vehicle description.
 - (c) Individual's description.

Please attend our next town meeting on Thursday, September 16 at the beach if you have any questions, concerns or comments about the Police Department's WEEP initiative.

Tall Grass – Route 214 versus Personal Property

Rt. 214

As we drive down Rt. 214/Beverly Ave. into our community it is becoming increasingly apparent that grass is becoming quite tall and unattractive along the sides of the street. Since most of these homes sit along Rt. 214 part of the lawn cutting is handled by the State Highway Administration (SHA). However, the SHA offices and routine operations are being curtailed due to budget reductions. These services may or may not happen on a regular basis!

Although it appears that most of the grass has recently been cut, please

help keep Beverly Beach beautiful before the grass gets tall again; consider cutting the grass if you can, safely, or contact the SHA and submit a request on-line to have someone come out to cut the grass (please remember it could be weeks before they are able to come out!)

On-line: <http://marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request-for-service>

Personal Property

However, property owners are responsible for ensuring their lawns are routinely cut. If the grass becomes taller than 12" you can contact the Bureau of Highways, Southern District to become involved. If a property owner is in violation of code (Article 13, Title 6) notification will be sent to the property owner via certified letter and the owner is given 7 days to comply. If they do not comply by the 8th day, the County's contractor is sent to cut the property and the property owner is invoiced. See <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/WeededLots.cfm> for more information. To report a weeded lot, call 410-222-7582 (Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm) or you can submit your request online at <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/ContactDPW.cfm>.

Newsletter Changes!

BBCA has gone "Green and Electronic" with their newsletters. With the new changes at the post office BBCA will no longer be able to mail out the quarterly newsletters to every resident.

Join the BBCA Mail List to receive updates on community matters and newsletters. You can join at our [Mailing List](http://www.beverlybeach.org/MailingList.htm) page on our Internet page (<http://www.beverlybeach.org/MailingList.htm>).

For residents that do not have email or a computer the newsletter will be available at Lou's Corner store. If have any problems receiving the newsletter please contact Info@BeverlyBeach.org. A notification will be put up at the

Community entrance announcing that newsletters are available.

Tired of The High Cost of Electricity?

Brian Cox of Electric Advisors attended the March Town Meeting to talk about competitive electricity rates. Brian has been helping commercial companies lower their electric bills for several years and can now offer residential customers the option of comparing electricity rates among several providers. If you are interested in getting a free quote all you need to do is contact Brian directly at 301-538-4384 or BrianK@electricadvisors.com

Gunfire and Illegal Hunting on Beverly-Triton Beach Park

This issue continues to be an concern. Please report anything suspicious immediately!

In the past it has been reported that illegal deer hunting was a chronic, ongoing problem on Beverly-Triton Beach Park property presenting a safety issue to residents residing near park property and anyone walking on park property. Please report gunfire, illegal hunting or other illegal activity to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police at 1-800-628-9944, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please be reminded that deer hunting on Beverly-Triton Beach Park property is illegal and weapons of any kind are also illegal on Beverly-Triton Beach Park. DNR Police ask that you call providing as much information as possible such as time of day, the direction gun shots were heard coming from, or any other information that may be useful in identifying the perpetrators. If a vehicle is seen, please attempt to get its tag number, make, model and color.

Volunteer opportunities

Do Something Good and Fun! Volunteer your time. Here are a few different ways you can:

Board Service

- Be part of the team that meets 4 times a year to manage the association and plan for its progress.

Serve on a Community Committee

- Beach clean-up, Dock, Environment, Kids Activities
- Meetings are usually 3 or 4 times a year to plan and carry out specific activities

Respond to calls for help for specific community projects. Examples:

- Pick up trash on beach clean-up day
- Help with the Easter Egg hunt
- Carry out maintenance chores at the marina and boat ramp
- Get donations for the annual July 4th picnic
- Cook at the picnic
- Write a grant for a specific project
- Help monitor the dumpster use when it's on site
- Assist with the community yard sale
- Show others how to install a rain barrel
- Monitor a game at one of the kids' events

Want More Info? Want To Sign Up? Send an email to info@beverlybeach.org or sign up at the town meeting.

Picnic Area Reservations

The BBCA requires reservations and a \$200 refundable security deposit for all large groups wishing to use the Picnic area. Your deposit will be returned provided that all trash is removed. A copy of the form can be downloaded from the web or you can contact Info@BeverlyBeach.org for more information or call Diane Olsen at 410-798-0089. Your reserved time will be posted on the calendar on Beverly Beach's website.

Parking Stickers for Beach and Marina

ALL cars must display a BBCA Parking Sticker to park at the beach and/or marina! These stickers will be available at Town Meetings or weekends from the beach guard

between Memorial Day and Labor Day during the hours of 10:00am - 4:00pm. Slip and Ramp key holders can get their parking stickers from the Dock Master when registering. If you are unable to get them on the weekends send an e-mail to

parkingstickers@beverlybeach.org or contact Betsy Lynch at 410-798-6858. You MUST show proof of residence!! There will be a limit of 2 passes per household and the new sticker will expire in 3 years. In addition, a replacement fee will be

charged for any lost passes. If you have any questions, please feel free to email parkingstickers@beverlybeach.org or we will see you at the Town Meeting!

Beverly Beach's 2010 Community

Halloween



Kids Party

Date: Saturday, Oct. 30
No Rain Date

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Where: Beach

Come join in for refreshments, hayrides, games, and more! There is a plan for a Spook Walk for the teens in the evening. If you are interested in participating, please email info@beverlybeach.org! If you can, please bring a dessert (cupcakes, fruit or cake) to share.

We can use volunteers! If you can help, please contact Sharon at 410-798-8588 or at Info@BeverlyBeach.org.

The Classifieds...

Small businesses can put their business cards or other advertisements in this space for a small fee. The board reserves the right to refuse any notice it considers to be unacceptable for any reason. Each ad or business card will remain in the newsletter and/or on the website until January of each year unless otherwise notified. If you would like pricing information, please see box to the right for contact information.

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Calendar		
Date	Time	Event
9/16/2010	6:30pm	Town Meeting - Beach
10/30/2010	2:00pm	Halloween Event (see page 4)

Newsletter will no longer be mailed out!

All newsletters can be found on-line at www.BeverlyBeach.org/Newsletters. Read more on page 2.

Board of Directors

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