

## **UPDATE – October 19, 2022**

**2023 Budget Approval** – The membership unanimously approved the 2023 balanced budget as presented; there is no increase in Association dues for 2023. If you are a member in good standing and want a copy of the approved budget, e-mail [info@covepointbeach.com](mailto:info@covepointbeach.com).

As before, the Association's dues include the annual road maintenance fee included in the covenants to every deed in the community. Any property owner who declines to pay dues, must still pay the road maintenance fee by June 1, 2023. Since this contractual fee is adjusted annually as determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the amount of the 2023 road fee will be announced next spring when CPI figures for 2022 become available.

The deadline for payment of Association dues will continue to be June 1. An invoice will be sent to all property owners in April 2023.

**Annual Association Meeting** – We held our annual/fall meeting on Saturday, August 27; highlights are summarized below.

- Road Work – Annual roadwork was performed earlier in the spring and new potholes are being filled as they are identified.
- Security – Overall things were quieter this year with fewer trespassers. Please remember that if you “see something, say something” and call the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's department at 410-535-2800. If it is a true emergency, please call 911.
- Board of Directors Election – By unanimous consent, the membership re-elected Matt Lehtonen and Paul Plattner to new three-year terms. Congratulations!
- Next Association Meeting – Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023; details to follow.

### **August 21, 2022 - Association Update**

Fall Membership Meeting – Just a reminder that our next meeting will be this Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 10 - 11 am at the Southern Community Center, Lusby, Maryland. At this meeting we will be voting on the proposed 2023 budget and the election of two board members. If an Association member would like a copy of the Treasurer's Report, contact [info@covepointbeach.com](mailto:info@covepointbeach.com).

Absentee Ballots – If you will not be attending Saturday's meeting and if you have not mailed your ballot, please do so today! All absentee ballots must be received by this Wednesday, August 24, 2022, to be counted.

Our Website – Remember you can find copies of the meeting notice, proposed budget, absentee ballot and more at the Association's website: [covepointbeach.com](http://covepointbeach.com).

Two Reminders – With Labor Day weekend just two weeks away, please remind your family and guests not to get in the water at the point by the lighthouse due to the dangerous currents. Also, please remember to pick up after your dogs.

Thank You to Our Volunteers – A big thank you to those volunteers who help out maintaining our roads, beaches and cutting the grass around the entrance sign and along some of the undeveloped lots. They include: Teddy Booker, Tom Clifton, Mike Howdysshell, and Matt Lehtonen.

### **July 28, 2022 - Golf Carts!**

For safety's sake, we've been asked to reiterate Maryland laws and regulations regarding golf carts. Kids who are 12 years or older may only drive golf carts when they are accompanied by an adult (parent or guardian); minors 16 or older may only drive alone if they have a driver's license. **A golf cart driven by a minor without an adult or a driver's license is illegal.** If an underage driver gets into an accident driving a golf cart, the child or his/her parents would be liable for the damages incurred. According to Maryland's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), golf carts cannot legally operate on public roadways, such as Lighthouse Blvd. The exception is a cart crossing a street to continue its journey to another portion of a private property. Keep our kids and everyone else safe this summer!

### **July 26, 2022 - Meeting Notice and Ballot**

This year's Fall Meeting of the Cove Point Beach Association, Inc., membership will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Southern Community Center, Lusby, Maryland.

If you prefer to participate via Zoom, please contact [info@covepointbeach.com](mailto:info@covepointbeach.com) for the link.

In the event you are unable to participate in person, please complete and return the [Absentee Ballot](#) so it is received no later than Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The file also includes the [draft meeting Agenda and draft 2023 Budget](#).

**June 4, 2022 - Maryland's Wild Turtles are on the Move...** [Read more on Baynet.com](#)

### **June 4, 2022 – Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department (SVRSFD) Presentation @ Spring Meeting**

Rick Hargrave, SVRSFD Fire Captain, presented information on the proposed move to a new central location. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

### **April 27, 2022 – 2022 Dues Invoice**

Annual Association dues remain the same as last year. The 2022 Invoice can be found [here](#). Dues are to be paid by June 1, 2022, either by check or via [Square](#) (a link is also available on our About page.) Please remember Square charges you a fee for providing this payment service. If you have any questions, please contact the Association's treasurer at [Treasurer@covepointbeach.com](mailto:Treasurer@covepointbeach.com).

### **April 19, 2022 – Meeting Notice**

This year's Spring Meeting of the Cove Point Beach Association, Inc. membership will be held in-person at the Southern Community Center, Lusby, Md, on Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 11:30 am. Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing everyone in-person with year!

Following the meeting we will hold our annual beach clean-up. Use the following link to sign up: [Annual Cove Point Beach Clean-Up](#). Then, please join us from 3 pm to 6 pm for our Spring Gathering...find the info [here](#).

### **March 27, 2022 – Association Update**

- Hold the Date – We are planning to hold our first in-person Association membership meeting in two years on Saturday, May 21st from 10 am to 12 noon followed by our annual beach cleanup. Then, from 3 - 6pm there will be a social/cocktail get-together...so plan on joining us! Specifics and sign-up lists will be forthcoming.
- Audit Report – The 2021 Audit Report is complete, and we are in sound financial shape. Thanks to the Audit Committee members Ted Hernandez, Rich Davidson and Jeffrey LaRocque and our treasurer, Julie George, for their hard work. If an Association member would like a copy of the Audit Report, contact [info@covepointbeach.com](mailto:info@covepointbeach.com).
- Dog Owners – As more residents start coming back to Cove Point Beach after the long winter, please be reminded that both Calvert County ordinance and Association regulations require dogs to be on a leash when not on the homeowner's property. We have had several situations where dogs have charged folks walking on the beach and or roads. Also, remember to pick up after your pet when out walking.
- County Sheriff – Questions have been asked about whom to call in emergency and non-emergency situations. If the situation is a true emergency, call 911. If it is a non-emergency (trespassing, illegal parking etc.), you should call the sheriff's office at 410-535-2800. Please do not call a board member as this will only delay the sheriff's response.
- 2022 Dues – Good news...there is no increase in Association dues for 2022. In late April you will receive your 2022 Dues Invoice. Payment is to be made by June 1.
- Association Website – Remember to check out our website at [covepointbeach.com](http://covepointbeach.com). You'll find all my updates, bylaws, Member Directory and more. Association members can contact [info@covepointbeach.com](mailto:info@covepointbeach.com) for the Member Directory password.

**March 17, 2022 - Fire Department Training**

The Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department will be conducting training at the unoccupied home located at 10973 Chesapeake Drive here in Cove Point Beach. This will occur on Thursday evenings and some Saturdays as the department works on perfecting its work with other local volunteer fire departments as they jointly fight fires. The house will not be burnt down at this time, rather they will be pumping it full of smoke (the house will be torn down later this year.) During the exercises Chesapeake Drive will be open to residents. If you have any questions, you can email fire department Captain Rick Hargrave at: [richard.hargrave@svrsfd.org](mailto:richard.hargrave@svrsfd.org)