

### **October 29, 2021 - State of Emergency**

Earlier today Calvert County declared a State of Emergency and Activated its Emergency Operations Center due to the high winds and coastal flooding. Additionally, Huntingtown High School has opened as an evacuation center. Check the county website for further information.

At high tide this morning, strong sustained winds at 25 mph and gusts up to 33 mph were recorded on a home weather station which forced water from the Bay and over the beach and into some of the yards facing the beach on Calvert Blvd. This tidal surge continued most of the morning.

Several of our roads in Cove Point are flooded out...Lighthouse Blvd east of Poplar; Polar north of Lighthouse; and Elm north of Lighthouse.

The winds have since died down (now around 5 mph). The steady rain has stopped...we only received 3/10" of rain.

The next high tide is around 9:30 pm tonight. With reduced winds, I don't expect as many problems tonight.

**FYI, Calvert County provides sand and sandbags (you have to fill them yourself) at the Appeal Landfill here in Lusby.**

### **October 27, 2021 - 2022 Budget**

The calendar year 2022 budget as approved by the Association membership at the August 28, 2021 Annual Meeting (held via Zoom). Again this year we have a balanced budget and no dues increases for calendar year 2022. If an Association member would like a copy of the budget, contact [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, 2022.** Since this contractual fee is adjusted annually as determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the amount of the 2022 roads fee will be announced next spring when CPI figures for 2021 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 2022.

### **September 1, 2021 - Association Update**

Fall Association Meeting – We held a virtual meeting on Saturday, August 28; highlights are summarized below:

- Roadwork – Annual roadwork was performed the week of August 23rd with an emphasis on Cedar Drive north of Lighthouse Blvd. For next year, we will try to

get the roadwork completed in the late spring, weather permitting.

- Security – Deputy Sheriff Dave McDowell advised the membership that if we “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.
- No Swimming at the Point - Please remind your family and guests that swimming is prohibited at the Point due to the deadly rip current.
- 2021 Annual Association Dues – Dues collection have gone well with only four property owners that have not paid their 2021 dues. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so; the deadline was June 1.
- 2022 Budget Approval – The membership unanimously approved the 2022 balanced budget as presented; there is no increase in Association dues for 2022.
- Board of Directors Election – By unanimous consent, the membership re-elected Carol Booker, Trish David, Denise Davidson and Allison Haines to new three-year terms. Congratulations!
- Speeding – There was an extended discussion on the need to get folks to slow down while driving on Calvert Blvd. A motion was passed to install three stop signs on Calvert Blvd. The Board will evaluate the effectiveness and report back to the membership at the May 2022 Association meeting.
- Airbnb– Concerns were expressed about Airbnb rentals in our community. We were reminded that under Maryland law, (upheld by the state’s highest court), the fact that the owner receives rental income is not inconsistent with the property being used as a residence, and therefore, short-term rentals in themselves do not violate zoning laws or covenants to deeds in Cove Point Beach.
- Next Association Meeting – Our next meeting will be held on May 21, 2022. Details to follow.

**July 27, 2021 - Meeting Notice and Ballot:** This year’s Fall Meeting of the Cove Point Beach Association, Inc. membership will not be held in person due to Covid-19 considerations. Instead, we will hold a Zoom meeting on Saturday, August 28th from 10:00 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m. If you need a ballot, the agenda, or the draft 2022 budget, contact us at [info@covepointbeach.com](mailto:info@covepointbeach.com).

### **July 20, 2021 - Association Update**

- Road Maintenance – Our annual road maintenance is scheduled for the first week of August dependent of the weather. Besides the normal maintenance, there will be a complete overhaul of Cedar Drive north of Lighthouse Blvd.

- Annual Meeting – Mark your calendars. The next virtual Association meeting will be on Saturday, August 28 at 10 a.m. We will be electing four board members and approve the 2022 budget.
- Volunteers Needed– We are currently in need of volunteers with riding mowers to regularly mow the grass around the entrance area to the community and two other locations. Please contact Paul Plattner at: [president@covepointbeach.com](mailto:president@covepointbeach.com) for more information.

**May 26, 2021 - CPBA Rules:** As we begin another summer season here at Cove Point Beach, the Board of Directors want to share with everyone, especially all of our newer property owners, the long-standing beach and road rules ([Click here.](#)) Adherence to these simple, common sense rules ensures everyone's safety and enjoyment. Please read to familiarize yourself with these rules and share them with your family and guests.

### **May 24, 2021 - Association Update**

- Spring Association Meeting – We held our virtual meeting this past Saturday, May 22; highlights are summarized below.
- Beach Cleanup - Thanks to board member Allison Haines and a group of volunteers for cleaning the beach and walkways. Everything looks great!
- New Beach Signage – New beach rules signs have been installed at all beach entrances. And again this year, we are using the “no public beach access” blue yard signs in an effort to keep out trespassers.
- Summertime Security – Our daytime weekend security patrols start on Memorial Day weekend and run through Labor Day weekend. One of the purposes of having off-duty Calvert County sheriff's deputies patrol the community beach is to assist in dealing with trespassers. As a related reminder, there is no guest parking permitted at the beach entrances including at the gate to the north beach.
- Speeding - New “slow down – 15 mph” signs have been installed on Calvert Blvd. Please drive slowly on all of our roads as we have more families and children in the area this time of year. We had several close calls last year, so keep your speed down...it also keeps the dust down.
- No Swimming at the Point - Please remind your family and guests that swimming is prohibited at the Point due to the deadly rip current...this is a Calvert County regulation. At least 5 drownings have occurred over the years and several near drownings.
- Road Work – In addition to the annual pothole and apron repair work, we will be focusing on roads north of Lighthouse Blvd. We expect work to begin in the next 30 – 45 days, depending on weather.
- New Fence Regulations – At Saturday's Association meeting, the membership approved, by a wide margin, the proposed regulations, which spell out long-

standing Association policies. You will be able to find this and all other rules and regulations on our website.

- 2021 Annual Association Dues – If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so; the deadline is June 1. Thanks to all of you who have already paid.
- Board of Directors Election - There are four seats on the Board that will be vacated in August. If you are interested in serving, please contact Larry Hultberg at [vp@covepointbeach.com](mailto:vp@covepointbeach.com)
- Next Association Meeting – Our next meeting will be held in-person on August 28. We are also planning a social event later that afternoon. More details to follow in July.