

# FALL NEWSLETTER

## October 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to have our General Membership meeting in October. The SCCA Board of Directors would like to use this Newsletter to distribute the information that we would normally cover during the meeting plus other items of interest.

1. Thanks to all owners who participated in the election of the 2021-2023 Board members. The mail slot placed on the side of our shed (common ground 1022 Heron Ct.) was useful for this election.
2. The Board decided to increase to 9 members as is allowed by the CCR's. This will allow for more involvement on committees. Overlapping knowledge of the duties of the Board of Directors is also desirable.
3. The results of the vote are that all six candidates are elected to the 2021-2023 Board of Directors. The entire 9-member Board are: Dotty Byrd, Jane Grogan, Bob Hegerty, Mary Huebner, JoEllyn Norman, Cynthia Parker, Matthew Rando, John Stern, and Jane Whittaker. Welcome to the new members Mary and Cynthia!
4. **The 2021 Budget and the most current Balance Sheet will be posted on the website for viewing.**
5. **Association dues for 2021 will be \$412 per year (\$103 per quarter).** Costs continue to rise which include insurance, lawncare, tree care and infrastructure issues that were neglected for years. It is also important to start to rebuild our reserves for future problems that arise.
6. Grounds and Maintenance Committee chair, Bob Hegerty, reports that Jacobs Yardworks won the bid for our 2021-2024 lawncare. Bids from 2 other companies were considerably higher. This year, we added the care of the stormwater management pond to Jacobs Yardworks duties.
7. Construction and Modification Committee chair, Jane Whittaker, states there have been many home improvement projects completed this year. Letters are sent to homeowners who are in violation of SCCA maintenance rules and regulations with follow-up. Fines may be imposed when a violation is not corrected within a reasonable amount of time.
8. All exterior work projects must have a **Home Exterior Work Proposal** form completed prior to starting the work. The current Board is striving to

improve the Community's appearance by upholding our legal documents regarding maintenance, home repairs and owner responsibilities.

**Every homeowner should be familiar with owner responsibilities of the Spring Chase legal documents (CCR's, Bylaws and Exhibit C). Contact any Board member with questions**

9. Ground around the drain on Bayshore was collapsing. Work has been started to repair.
10. Be aware of SCAM phone calls. Several residents have called and a request for social security number is made. Reminder...**Never give your social security number over the phone.**
11. Reminder that there is no dumping yard waste in our surrounding wooded areas. Bagged leaves and bundled branches will be picked up by the City (<https://salisbury.md/YardWaste>) or 410-548-3177 when you contact them. Pick-up is on Monday morning.
12. Freezing temps are just around the corner. Remember to disconnect your hoses and make sure your gutters are cleaned. Clogged or disconnected gutters can possibly harm your (or your neighbor's) property.

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**The Board members would like to try something for Christmas card delivery to neighbors within Spring Chase!**

Place your addressed Christmas cards to your Spring Chase neighbors in the mail slot on the side of the shed. **NO STAMPS REQUIRED!** Board members will hand deliver them. **They should be put in the mail slot by Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

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Thank you to all homeowners who promptly take care of maintenance issues and keep yards cleaned up. It is noticed and appreciated!

Enjoy the upcoming holidays as much as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Stay safe!