

# The Saunders Point Citizen

Newsletter of the Saunders Point Citizens Association, Inc.  
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**So Soon The Summer's Over...So Let's Party...**

**Meet and Greet Your Neighbor At the Community Park Picnic**

**Saturday, September 13, at Noon**

Once again, newcomers, old timers, and those in the middle and all the kids and grand kids are invited to the annual Saunders Point picnic, featuring all the traditional American goodies—hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, soft drinks, etc.—plus some dishes contributed by some of the finest cooks on the peninsula. And this year we expect to have lots of fun and games, including a Moon Bounce, horse shoes, a kids vs. adults softball game and a 50-50 raffle. Meet at noon at the entrance to Saunders Point if you'd like to participate in a "wheel event" to bike, skate, or push a stroller through the community to our park. Or if you'd prefer, come directly to the park. If you'd like to help make it a lovely day or have some ideas, call Millie Bowers at 410-798-7870.

**Welcome to [www.saunderspoint.org](http://www.saunderspoint.org)**

For better or worse—and in our view it's better—our lovely little corner of the world has joined the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with its own web site, courtesy of our resident web master, Carole Bartolini, who is also the association secretary and has done a fine, professional job. If you have a computer, check it out at [www.saunderspoint.org](http://www.saunderspoint.org). And if you don't, ask a computer-savvy neighbor, relative or the library to show it to you. Its list of "contacts," which can be printed, includes most of the phone numbers you'll need to make life a bit easier. You may sign up for e-mail alerts (if a pothole threatens to swallow an SUV), and there's a place on the web site for those who have a message to send to the community, a complaint, or something to sell. You can find copies of recent newsletters, meeting minutes of the association, and the names of your officers and directors. While it's hoped that these newsletters will be published on line, homeowners without computers will continue getting it as usual.

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## **Your Association and the Community Improvement Fund—A Primer**

Once upon a time, as newer resident may not know, all the roads in Saunders Point were private and privately maintained with money from the Road Fund—\$20 per year per lot-- to which each home or property owner was obligated to pay under the community's "Restrictions of Record." As new home buyers have discovered during the closing process, that obligation remains—and is enforceable in the courts—even though the county has taken over the roads. Why collect it? Now called the **Community Improvement Fund**, it is the only way we can pay for such things as the community park, the equipment and landscaping, the stairs and deck at the beach and the jetty to conserve the beach. Why can't we charge more than \$20 per lot? The Restrictions of Record cannot be changed without difficulty. So enjoy the rare fact that this fee cannot go up, and please, if you have not done so, get off your check to the association. If you have a question about your payment, call Dave Shrewsberry, who runs the fund, at 410-798-8474.

Quite apart from the obligatory fund is membership in the **Saunders Point Citizens Association** which is voluntary, but also ridiculously inexpensive—\$10 a year. What does it buy? The food and drinks for the coming party. These newsletter mailings. Doing some nice things for the community, for which we cannot use the Improvement Fund. Also you can't vote for new officers or any other issue at the upcoming annual meeting unless you've paid your association dues. Besides, it'll make you feel good. And this community is worth a lot more than \$10. Send it to the address on the letterhead, to the attention of treasurer Kim Prochazka.

### **Annual Elections and Membership Meeting**

Under our association by-laws we are obliged to hold a membership meeting the second Thursday in November to hold elections for the association's officers and the board of directors. It is our exercise in democracy, which these days has added meaning. Mark the date on your calendars: November 13.

Current officers are, President, Jerry Oosterhous, 4166 Carroll, Vice-president Robert Chidester, 1531 Ridgely; Treasurer, Kim Prochazka, 1512 Warfield; Secretary, Carole Bartolini, 1509 Warfield. Board members are: Saul Friedman, Leon Kestenbaum, Dianne Morris, Valerie Webster, and Charles Reese. Although the present officers and directors may be willing to stand for re-election, the community can always use new blood..If you'd like to volunteer to serve on the board, or run for any office, please call President Oosterhous, 410-798-1010.

### **Finally....**

While no one objects if you're working to fix up a car for your kid's use, or restoring a vintage Chevy, that has nothing to do with keeping a junk car on your property. If the car is unsightly, has no license tag, and cannot be run that is a violation of the county codes, punishable by fines. And your association will call a county inspector to cite violators. Surely Saunders Point has gotten past those times when South County was known for its junk cars..

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