

Podickory Point of View

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Community Covenants

Change is inevitable and the Podickory Point Community Land Covenants should remain current and timely with the issues and concerns of the community members, as well as with evolving Community Association Law.

It was resolved at the past Board of Directors meeting on June 22, 2006, that an initiative will be undertaken to obtain community involvement in dialogue and review of Architectural and Community Aesthetic standards and norms which involve the size and scale of homes which may be built in Podickory Point. The objective is to determine if an Amendment to the Covenants is in order with regards to this issue. Any Community member who wishes to offer input may contact any Board member with comment. Bill Shaughnessy has also volunteered to assist the Board to frame the issues and draft some proposed updates to the Covenants for the Community's consideration in this specific matter.

Is anyone interested in Election Poll work? The County needs help. Contact Stan Lemon for details.

Summertime – Rules Change for the Streets in this Neighborhood

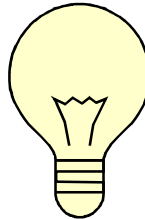


Neighbor Photo Courtesy (l to r) Tom Wilson, Olivia Leigh and Jeffrey Wilson, Jr. The children are 2 sons of Kerry & Jeff Wilson, and grand daughter of Ginny & Bill Jones

BE AWARE when driving around the Podickory Point Community at this time of year that the streets are not just for cars. More so in the

Summer than in other seasons, the neighborhood children are outdoors, out of school and are enjoying their summer games and playtime – sometimes in the roadway.

PLEASE be mindful of the carefree attitudes of children on Summer vacation... as was somewhere in your own distant past...and keep your **EYES OPEN** for that soccer ball rolling out of a driveway onto the street. The ball will be closely followed by a child, chasing it gleefully into the path of your car or SUV which is moving forward at 25+ mph.



SO, SLOW DOWN!

If you are old enough to drive a licensed motor vehicle, then you are old enough to comprehend that an 8-year old child on a bicycle does not yet have the capacity to exercise the best common sense judgment when “piloting their craft” to the pool or beach at the PPYC, etc. It is up to you -- the one behind the wheel of the 3,000 pound or larger

moving motor vehicle-- to be ready for any unexpected turn or weave of that 8-year old on the bike!

... That also goes for the kids on roller blades, the Razor scooters, and generally for any of the neighborhood children who are taking a walk to their friend's house down the street.

WATCH OUT FOR THEM!

We must also offer friendly safety reminders for the construction traffic from outside the community, also those who travel to and from the PPYC for boating. This is a residential neighborhood and their cooperation in driving carefully into or out of our neighborhood, at the marina gate, and onto Bay Front Terrace and Harbor Drive, will avoid any tragic end to an otherwise fun filled Summer day for a neighborhood family.

* Our Board may wish to contact the County Public Works Dept. to request several “CAUTION Children At Play” road signs to be erected at the Tydings Road corners of Bay Front Terrace and Harbor Drive.

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*******STAY INVOLVED!*******
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
HURRICANE & TROPICAL STORM
SEASON IS HERE!

*PPCA needs participation for
Community Emergency Disaster
Preparedness*

**Have you completed your
family's disaster emergency
plan yet?**

*If you wish assistance or have
questions, please contact
Volunteer Coordinator Beverly
Braun 410.757.4126*

This action will also be placing Podickory Creek on the County Dredging Priorities List, but we will be added at the bottom of the list of 16 creeks, at this time. That may change, however, depending on future funding factors and political advocacy.

The June 13, 2006 report from DNR (Bob Gaudette), on the soundings and feasibility study (as you may recall they were on the creek in April), is as follows: The project costs are estimated for the entire creek, except about a 200 to 300 ft. stretch from the vicinity of the point or bend of the creek between the two branches, and slightly beyond toward the head of the commercial channel for the marina. It would be a cost DNR estimates at \$680,000 (this is both branches of Podickory Creek). The DNR estimates are based on a 30 ft. wide channel, 5 ft. MLW depth. DNR estimates that there will be 7,200 cu. yds of dredge materials to be removed.

The largest issue against us in DNR matching funds to the County, which would have been in our favor with better placement and position on the County "Q" List, is the "USER" to COST RATIO. (The number of users of the creek

READY, SET, GO ONLINE!

Electronic Notice

The PPCA Board of Directors established a regular schedule of monthly Board meetings for the second Tuesday of every month at the PPYC for the remainder of the year 2006. Those dates are posted at the Community Website Calendar and are only subject to change under extreme circumstances or at the request of the PPYC.

Official PPCA generated email arrives in your email boxes from the sender address of

podickorypointcommunity@comcast.net

Keep watching for PPCA emails!

- BUT, DNR only counts slips/piers – not users or number of boaters.)

The DNR report indicates their findings qualifies us for the Interest Free Waterway Improvement District aka "WID". State DNR is recommending the WID as a way to pay for our Podickory Creek dredging project. Options are based on cost factors which DNR assigns in their analysis.

PPCA Waterway Improvements Committee will request that DNR representatives arrange a meeting with our Community members in September to help us understand financing options of State Interest Free Loans, after we have received the full written Comprehensive Report from Anne Arundel County DPW.






Committee Standings

PPCA WATERWAY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Waterway Improvements Committee for PPCA received notice from Anne Arundel County Dept. of Public Works (DPW) by telephone on June 22, 2006, that the DNR Feasibility and Needs Report for dredging Podickory Creek has been preliminarily completed by the State. This State DNR report has been forwarded to Anne Arundel County's Consultant for additional review of other aspects about the creek, to work this into a Comprehensive Report that will be provided to us in writing, likely by mid-August.

[http:// www.neighborhoodlink.com/aacounty/ppca/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/aacounty/ppca/)

Did You Know...

-  Gisela Grotheer planted and tends to the Community entrance flower plot, at the sign on corner of Tydings Road and Harbor Drive. THANK YOU FOR A LOVELY JOB, GISELA!!! Well Done!
-  The Web site production and maintenance is not costing the Community Assn. any money and is a 100% volunteer project. Contact the general delivery email: podickorypointcommunity@comcast.net
-  Community Members are invited to submit articles & photos to the Newsletter or for the Web site.