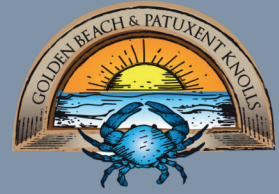


Newsletter

2024

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1 Board Updates

If you are ready to help make an impact in your community now is the time!

The following positions are available on the Board of Directors:

- Secretary
- (2) Board Positions

Please email bemancosecretary@gmail.com if interested.

January Open Meeting Date:
Tuesday, Jan. 9th
7:00 p.m.

Trent Hall Updates



BEMANCO obtained a grant from the State of Maryland to replace the pier at Trent Hall Creek.

We were awarded this money for the sole purpose of replacing the existing pier at Trent Hall because it had become such a safety hazard.

We are grateful to the office of Senator Jack Bailey for his help and support in this grant being awarded to us. Coastal Enterprises did great work and we are happy to recommend their services. A dedication ceremony was held in honor of the many years of effort and volunteering given by Mrs. Doris Hodges to our community. Approximately thirty shrubs and trees were donated by one of our residents and installed at this site while another resident regraded the entire parking area to ensure proper drainage.

Property Updates

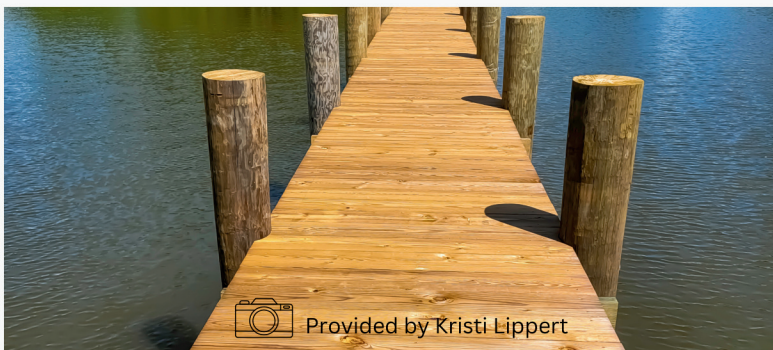
Amazing volunteers have been busy!

Benson's also received a bit of a facelift in 2023! New lights and poles have been replaced by SMECO. We were also able to increase parking by removing old poles and moving an existing light pole to a different spot. This should help on busy summer weekends.

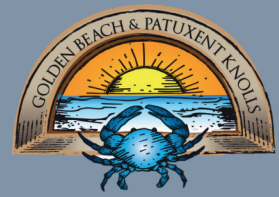
At **Long Point** an 8' fire pit was installed for community bonfires. The blocks and labor were donated by volunteers for all to enjoy! A large tree was trimmed in preparation to have topsoil dumped to fill low lying areas.

Small Beach parking lot has had new millings spread & graded along with additional, donated shrubs placed. The generosity of a neighbor has allowed us to accumulate new pilings to replace the old ones along the parking lot. We are researching fundraising, grant opportunities & equipment sales for the playground.

Unfortunately, a recent storm and tidal surge caused severe damage to the fishing pier at this site and we have had to temporarily close access to the pier. We are looking for a neighbor with a small boat we can work from, a semi-warm sunny weekend, and some time to make necessary repairs to this pier to allow us to reopen for spring fishing and crabbing!



Provided by Kristi Lippert



2 Open Meetings

Quarterly Meetings are held and we invite the community to join us!

Meeting Dates:

Jan. 9th, April 9th, July 9th, Oct. 8th

We understand not everyone can spare the time to be on the board, but if you'd like to help with an event, the Beach Shack, a project, please reach out!

presidentbemanco@gmail.com

The Beach Shack & Fundraisers

Exciting new merchandise & events



Golden Beach, you've been asking for merch and we made it happen! If you didn't catch it in 2023 keep an eye out for new designs and items coming in 2024! We previously had these shirts, sweatshirts, and cups for sale at the Beach Shack, but we are hoping to start taking orders via the website . Stay tuned!

In addition, we hosted the First Annual Golden Beach Corn Hole Tournament and look forward to this being a successful fundraiser for our community properties in 2024 as well.

We are hoping to work with some talented artists in the neighborhood to have a mural painted on the Shack. We have requests in to local businesses for donations of painting supplies. If you'd like to help or donate materials please contact us.

If you are interested in helping with the Beach Shack we'd love to hear from you!

Bylaw Amendments

Times are changing & BEMANCO is evolving to meet the needs of the community.

In our September 2023 meeting we discussed the need to update some of the current Bylaws of BEMANCO. These Bylaws were last updated in November of 1992. The following Bylaw Amendments were presented at both the October Meeting and on our web page for review by the community.

We had an additional open meeting in November for members of the community to vote in person and by Proxy. We are pleased to announce that we had more than enough members of the community represented in person, or by proxy, to constitute a quorum and that all of the following Amendments were voted on and approved.

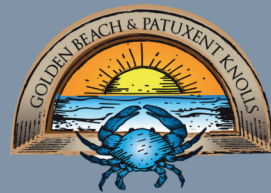
In an effort to save paper & expense the official list of bylaw amendments can be found at www.bemanco.com.

Important changes to note:

- Visitors Passes are increasing to \$5 per day for vehicles and \$15 per day for trailers
- Officer Terms are now 3 years
- 2 additional Board Member positions have been added
- Electronic media used a means of communication
- Beach Sticker requests after June 15th will incur a \$5 convenience fee
- Documents requested for settlements will be charged a \$25 fee



So many of our neighbors have provided constant help, labor, donated materials, use of construction equipment & operators. Without all of this help the improvements would never be possible. We are so very grateful for your time, energy and love of your community. THANK YOU!



3 Beach Stickers

Sticker Distribution will begin earlier this year and we hope to hold it at the firehouse for a limited time during evenings. We are trying to find ways to make it more convenient for residents and volunteers.

Please remember your Covenant Fee must be paid by March 31st to avoid the late fee!

Dates will be announced on the website, Facebook & the sign.

Accounts & Donations

Let's work together...



We continue to make progress in collecting past due accounts, but unfortunately, we still have too many neighbors that have not brought their accounts up to date. If you feel overwhelmed or are not sure where to begin, please know we are willing to work with you on a payment plan.

The collection of mandatory covenant fees, late charges & interest is the most important responsibility of BEMANCO. Work with us and we will work with you.

Included with this newsletter is the annual Permission of Use Form. Please mail this in with your payment, turn it in when you get your beach sticker or complete it online at www.bemanco.com. It helps us keep our records accurate and to better communicate with you.

As always, if you can contribute above & beyond your \$28 it helps so much!

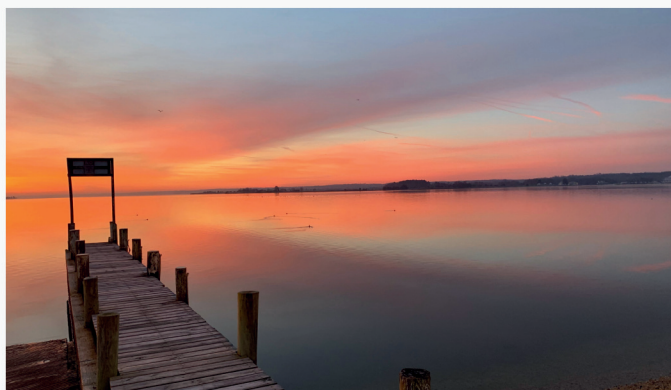
Your Civic Association

The FUN group!

The Golden Beach Patuxent Knolls Civic Association is a volunteer group that puts on the annual Independence Day Parade and Fireworks, Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Tournament, Golf Cart Poker Runs, Trunk-or-Treat, Christmas Tree lighting, and many more fun community events. The Civic Association is led by Dale Antosh and a very dedicated group of unselfish individuals. As Dale would say, "they are the fun group" and they do a wonderful job! If you would like to receive updates of coming events sponsored by the Civic Association, please email Dale at: Dale.antosh@comcast.net.

Additionally, they meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Golden Beach Firehouse. Please consider attending a meeting, having fun, and maybe even helping out on an event! They even serve cookies at their meetings!

Be sure to visit their website: <https://ourgoldenbeach.com>



One final reminder that \$28 per lot to maintain 15 acres of community property with today's expenses is extremely challenging. We accomplish most of what we do thanks to donations & labor. Every dollar you contribute goes directly into our properties & benefits your property value.

Return Payment & Form to:
P.O. Box 142
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622



You can pay & complete this
form online at
www.bemanco.com

Permission of Use Form 2024

Lot # (please use 1 sheet per lot) _____

Property Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Property Owners on Deed _____

Additional Full Time Residents
Over 16 (must show proof of
residence) _____

Is this house rented Yes No

Name of Tenant _____

Mailing Address if Different

In light of our rising expenses would you be willing to round your dues up to \$50 to help your community?
Payment Enclosed:

Lot Fee(s): \$ _____ 50/50 Raffle \$10: \$ _____

Late Fee(s): \$ _____ Fireworks: \$ _____

Attorney Fee: \$ _____

Improve the Beach Fund: \$ _____