



**Middlesex Beach Association
June 17, 2023**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beach Patrol

We are off and running for the 2023 summer. Things are off to a good start. We are fully staffed (one of the few on Delmarva) and the beach is running smoothly. A couple of quick updates:

- ❖ We have been running three stands during the week for Middlesex Beach. The budget-friendly staffing has been more than sufficient given the light crowds and cold weather. We will be going to full patrol on weekends and four stands the next two weeks. Coming into July 4th, we will have five stands, permanently.
- ❖ The shack is working out better than everyone expected. The bathroom and shower look great (the top of the shower was installed this week) and everyone seems pleased with the way it turned out. The recommendation for the off season is to extend the beach side roof for extra cover.
- ❖ The beach boxes have been built and put at the dune line, along with pull-up bars for the guards. Everything is well built but everything can be removed, which we will do in the fall. The money came out of our "equipment" budget, as we do not need a paddleboard this year.
- ❖ I asked Cathy, at Solutions Property Management, to review the insurance coverage for the guards and Middlesex Beach. Two concerns: (1) workers' compensation for the guards; and (2) who is covering them while they work at the Indian beaches. We have dealt with workers' compensation issues for competitions over the last two years. It was determined when two guards were hurt at competitions two years ago, they were covered. I am working under that assumption this year. To provide some clarity around that point, we will be paying the competitors one hours' worth of compensation to compete at the events. This will ensure that they are "on the clock." The other benefit is it will cover their entry fees for the competitions, which they were paying for themselves (which is not what we want). Competition season starts next week.
- ❖ Our first big event is the women's competition on 6/27. It's a big deal, as it is the only true women's only competition on Delmarva. Please have the Board encourage friends and neighbors to attend. T-shirts will be sold to raise funds for the guards so please bring your wallet! (By the way, the t-shirts are privately funded, and costs are taken out of proceeds to repay the seed money. Is there a better way to do this? They almost always sell out.)
- ❖ Thanks to those that had our umbrella signs made! You can imagine the smile on my face when I went out on the beach the other day, during a very sudden and hard south wind, and all the umbrellas were pointed in the right direction! It is now part of our protocol on high wind days and the signs help with that.

Social

BBQ MEET AND GREET: Organized by Toni Wood and Nancy Glasgow took place on Saturday, May 27 and drew a large crowd of perhaps more than 150 people. The event was held on E. Bayberry due to strong winds on the beach. Tom Glasgow and Bob Wood prepared pulled pork and smoked brisket for the crowd, and community members brought plenty of side dishes and desserts. The lifeguards were introduced and mingled with homeowners. Musical entertainment was provided by Steel Happiness. Nancy Glasgow had long-sleeved t-shirts made to commemorate 2023 and the old guard house. These were sold for \$20 apiece, with any surplus over cost going to support lifeguard participation in out-of-town competitions. Total cost of the event was \$893.

FAMILY BLOCK PARTY: This will take place Saturday, July 1, 6 - 8 p.m., with a rain date of July 2. This will be held on Beach Plum Road between Bayberry and Errett. Adjacent neighbors have been informed. There will be fun and games for kids, and guests are asked to bring desserts and snacks to share, as well as their own beverages and chairs. Organized by Linda Uhas and Terri Reilly.

HAPPY HOURS

These Happy Hours are potluck. According to the first letter of your last name, you are asked to bring either drinks (wine/beer) or appetizers (finger foods).

- ❖ **June 23:** Home of Ilene and Neri Cohen, 4 Bridge Rd, 5 - 7 p.m.
 - (A-L Drinks; M-Z Food)
- ❖ **July 22:** Home of David Burgess and Kate Mounteer, 4 Errett Rd., 5 - 7 p.m.
 - (A-L Food; M-Z Drinks)
- ❖ **August 19:** GAME NIGHT at the home of Ron Thomas, 14 Short Rd., 7 - 10 p.m.
 - Eat dinner first, and then come to Ron's 2nd floor game room for pool, cards, and so much more. BYOB. Desserts/snacks appreciated.
- ❖ **September 23:** Home of John Eckrich and Kathy Lyons, 2 Errett Rd., 5 - 7 p.m.
 - (A-L Drinks; M-Z Food)
- ❖ **October TBD:** Home of Bob and Toni Wood, 31 East Bayberry Rd., 5 - 7 p.m.
 - (A-L Food; M-Z Drinks)

WELCOME COMMITTEE: Virginia Liddle and Toni Uhas delivered goodie baskets and welcomed three new families to the community. Their biggest challenge has been scheduling when to meet folks. They also are trying to set up a routine way of getting notification that a home has been sold, and who the new owners are. Those reached were Irmer at 1 Addy, McGill at 139 Evergreen, and Finnegan at 31 Bridge.