

# White Horse Park Times



**FEBRUARY 2022** 

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

### PRICELESS \$\$

## From The Park Manager

Hello WHP Community,

Hope everyone stayed safe and enjoyed the blizzard last week. It was really beautiful, but crazy having 12-14 inches of snow here at WHP, and on the beach in Ocean City. Really unusual for this area. The roads were cleared, walkways shoveled and everything was salted. It wasn't too long before everyone could move around safely. Of course, then we just had small hills and mountains of snow around. I would like to thank the community members, the guards and staff for getting us safely through the Blizzard of '22!

I would also like to thank Mike McCarraher for shoveling a lot of his neighbors' driveways and steps. Also, thanks to Mike Bussaca and Joyce Smith, Donna and John Emm for offering their help to people who were in need. It is wonderful to have a community where people really care and come together.

Again, it was a perfect photo opportunity. We hope you enjoy the pictures if you missed out on seeing the snow.

We have had tons of gravel added to the boatyard. Joe and John have been busy spreading and raking all of it. They will work with Phil to paint the individual parking spots and number them.

I know a lot of people have expressed that they liked when the billing and posting of payments were done in our office. We recently were notified that Bergey & Co. would not be able to continue to do our daily bookkeeping.

So, you'll be happy to know that WHP will be doing the bookkeeping in our offices.

## Greetings From The B.O.D

February has been a very busy month. The largest snowfall in the Park since 2018. Twelve inches of snow is unexpected and a lot to deal with in the Park.

The Board has been busy preparing a preliminary budget to be presented at the February Open Meeting for your feedback and allowing time for any revisions before final approval at the March Meeting. We are working on the transition from Bergey handling daily operations, to our office staff handling these operations. There is no change in how you pay your dues and electric bills. Farmers Bank will continue to collect and record those payments and our staff will handle crediting individual accounts. The office will not accept payments and will not handle any cash. The Board did not initiate this change; that came from Bergey. Ryan Bergey decided that after a year of handling our accounts, he was not making enough money to handle 465 household accounts. We will continue to have his company's oversight over our accounts, monthly reports, reconciliations and taxes. These will be handled by an associate in his office, Alex West, CPA.

We are looking forward to the new season and making plans to handle the reopening of the Park.

Pat, Brian, Jon, Tammy, Terry



This will also cut back on expenses in this time of serious inflation. Alex West, CPA, will still handle the major accounting, such as taxes, reconciliation, and such. Farmers Bank of Willards will still be processing your payments. Please continue paying as you are currently doing. I am afraid that payments cannot be made directly to the office. All inquiries about your account, please email or call WHP office. Diane, Judy and I will be happy to help you with questions about your account.

I don't think I ever got the opportunity to thank and commend the Beautification Committee. It was such a wonderful sight for me to see the gardens at the entrance looking so beautiful when I came back. I know it takes a lot of work to keep them looking good. I have always thought that it is important to keep our gardens and all areas of WHP looking their best.

I think all is going well so far this year, and we are gearing up for a busy season. Although we have had quite a few weekly and weekend visits from our homeowners. It is always nice to see our community members and see activity in the Park. Ocean City and Berlin are hardly seasonal towns as in the past. There are always scheduled events and even some warm weather here and there!

There is one area I would like to address that has been an ongoing problem. Please use our dumpsters for household trash <u>only</u>. This is a big area where we can cut our costs. They are not to be used for disposal of remodeling items, furniture, cushions, etc. Please inform your contractor as well. The area is monitored by cameras and fines will be given out. I think if we all pull together on this, we can keep our expenses down.



The Staff and I are happy to be here for you. Let us know if we can be of help! Janice



### **OFFICE REMINDERS:**

Please put your **LOT #** on all checks and correspondence.

<u>GO PAPERLESS</u>: Please consider receiving your newsletter and billing **PAPERLESS** by providing your email address to the office. You will receive your bills and correspondence so much faster, and save our community money at the same time.

**<u>KEYS</u>**: Please call the office if you are giving authorization to give your key out for repairs . **<u>ELECTRIC BILLS</u>**: Fourth quarter electric bills have been mailed and are due on March 15.

**PAYMENTS**: All payments should be sent to Farmers Bank of Willards. New PO Box 884, Willards, MD 21874 or pay by Revopay online.

### Winter Office Hours: Monday thru Saturday: 8 AM to 4 PM CLOSED THURSDAYS FOR WINTER

Bath Houses/Laundry are Closed for the winter Laundry Room is open in the Main Office building until 6 PM daily.



### MARINA

All persons leasing slips for 2022 must provide WHP with a completed Marina Slip Lease Agreement, a current copy of insurance certificate of liability and a current copy of your boat registration. Boats will not be allowed to occupy the slip without these documents on file and you will not be able to purchase a WHP Boat Sticker until all documents are received.

Boat stickers for 2022 will be available after April 1, which starts WHP's New Fiscal Year. Cost of Boat & Trailer sticker is \$75 and this includes storage in the boat yard. They may be purchased in the office with credit card or check. You must have a copy of your registration and proof of insurance.

No Cash will be taken in the office.

Cash sales in office will be for ice only.





## LET'S TALK ABOUT TRASH!

### DUMPSTERS: HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY

Please DO NOT put large items in or behind the dumpsters. The security cameras are on the dumpsters and are monitored. Any violators may be fined. This includes dumping of furniture, building supplies, etc. Inform contractors working for you that they <u>cannot</u> use the dumpsters.

### FOR LARGE ITEMS:

Please make arrangements to take them to: Central Landfill 410-632-3177 8AM to 4PM Monday through Saturday.

There are two locations to drop off items not permitted in WHP dumpsters. You do not need a permit or sticker for either of them.

**<u>RECYCLE:</u>** WHP does not currently offer recycling on site. You may take your recyclable items to:

Berlin Recycling Drop-Off Center (7 containers) Rt 50-Ocean Gateway, Berlin, MD 21811 – Near Wal-Mart/Samuel Bowen Boulevard Open 24 hours – not manned.

Accepts – Newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, magazines, glass, plastic, aluminum & Bi-metal cans & cardboard.

**Bishopville:** Intersection of Rt. 113 and Bishopville Rd., Bishopville, MD

Open 24 hours – not manned

Ocean Pines: (5 containers)

Adjacent to South gate Fire House

Open 24 hours. Not manned.

Accepts newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, glass, plastic, aluminum & bi-metal cans& cardboard, textiles (clothing).



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 26** 

## AT THE CLUBHOUSE 10 AM



**Board of Directors** monthly meetings will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month beginning in February. Please join us.

February 26 March 26 April 23 May 28 June 25 – Annual Meeting July 23 August 27 September 24 October 22

## Environmental Control Committee Helpful Hints

When applying for ECC approval for improvements to your property, please: Include sketches, photos, measurements. As much detail as possible is appreciated.

**Do** contact Worcester County to obtain permit, if necessary, <u>before</u> submitting ECC applications; please include the name and phone number of the person you speak with at the County.

ECC approval is for the improvement exactly as outlined in your application. If you do something other than that, a fine may be imposed.

**Check** the WHP website for guidelines and ECC forms.

## **Annual Spring ECC Inspection**

Will be performed in late spring. If you are not able to complete the items on the inspection checklist in a timely manner, just let us know when you will be here; we want to work <u>together</u> for the benefit of the residents of WHP.

February Birthday Greetings to our residents celebrating this month. Have a happy day!



### **CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Please note, the WHP community-wide yard sale originally scheduled for April 30 must be rescheduled. We will notify you of a new date as

soon as it becomes available.





### Welcome to our New Homeowner!

350 Pine Cone Drive – Cynthia Hughes

### **RENTAL UPDATE:**

If you plan to offer your property in WHP as a short-term or vacation rental, you are required to comply with the Worcester County and WHP requirements to do so. Since 2020, Worcester County has required homeowners to obtain a rental license. Fees and applications available at: www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/drp or by calling the county at 410-632-1200. The WHP office will require a copy of your current county along rental license, with an annual administrative fee payable to WHP. Owners will post the Park's rules and regulations at their property, which will be adhered to by any tenant staying at the Park. Your renters will check in upon arrival at the office, at which time we will present them with a temporary gate pass, and obtain their name, address, number of guests, dates of departure and vehicle details. We are sure to have a busy, fun summer here at WHP and know these procedures will streamline the rental process for owners and guests alike.

## **Ocean City Fun Facts**

Did you know that the Carousel at Trimper's in OC is the oldest continually operational carousel in the USA?

## What's Happening Nearby

### **Seaside Boat Show**

February 18-20 4001 Coastal Highway OC 443-880-3602 The #1 inside boat show on the Eastern Shore

### **Ocean City Film Festival**

**March 3-6** *In collaboration with the Art League of Ocean City.* 

### ST PATRICK'S DAY Parade and Festival.

March 12. Starts at Noon, Festival Starts at 11 AM

Coastal Hwy from 60th - 44th Street Over 100 entries from 3 states in the parade. Irish Festival following the parade at the 45th St. Shopping Center. Music, dance, food & drinks!



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