



Bay Winds



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Help The South River and the Bay!

The Center for Watershed Protection (CWP), and the South River Federation (SRF) made a presentation at the June 4, 2002, SCA Board of Directors meeting explaining what is causing stress to our estuary and described to us simple projects that can be done in our own yards to lessen human impact on the South River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Pollutants enter our waterways in many forms and from many sources. CWP and SRF focused their discussion on stormwater runoff from suburban neighborhoods such as ours. Prior to the intense population growth that has occurred in our region, forests and marshes filtered and contained stormwater before it reached the river and bay. Now, because many of our forests and marshes have been replaced by roads and buildings, stormwater rushes directly into waterways with little chance of being filtered or slowed down. This stormwater often contains substances such as motor oil and other vehicle fluids, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, sediment and pet waste. Once these pollutants reach our local bodies of water, they can cause high bacteria counts, cloudy water, low oxygen levels and high nutrient levels, which cause stress to aquatic plants and animals. Another real concern is our groundwater levels because this area obtains its fresh water from wells. Since rainwater is running off the land instead of soaking in, groundwater is not being replenished.

On a positive note, the speaker from CWP mentioned that because we live in an older neighborhood that was not fitted with extensive, modern stormwater management devices such as curbs, gutters and underground pipes, the stormwater has more of a chance to soak into the ground and be filtered by our roadside swales and marshes. Unfortunately, pet waste is a problem in our area. Many of the high bacteria counts in neighboring rivers after storms are from animals, so it is a good idea to pick up pet waste from your yard and when you walk your dog and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.

CWP and SRF offered two solutions for managing stormwater on their property. One solution is to connect rain barrels to downspouts to capture rain from rooftops. The rain barrels have a hose and/or spigot installed near the base to allow for controlled release of water from the barrel. The rainwater collected can be used to water gardens or houseplants. The rain barrels are secured so that mosquitoes cannot get in to lay their eggs in the water. The second solution is to plant a rain garden. This is a landscaped area using plants that are strategically placed to hold stormwater for a few hours, allowing it to nourish the plants as well as soak into the ground. Lawns, although better than roofs and driveways, are not very effective in containing stormwater.

Not only did the groups offer ideas to solve runoff problems, but SRF has a group of volunteers that will come to your home and help design and install your rain barrel(s) or rain garden(s). (Homeowners, however, must purchase the rain barrels and plants.) For more information, please call Tracy at (410) 224-4724 or Darin at (410) 990-0628. Websites that you may visit for additional information include South River Federation (www.southernriverfederation.org), Center for Watershed Protection (www.cwp.org), and Weems Creek Conservancy (www.weemscreek.org), a site which has detailed information on installing rain barrels. All three sites have links to other environmental groups and information.

Beach Upgrades Made

On June 8, 2002, except for an unusually high tide, conditions were perfect for hanging the jellyfish nets at our swim area. The following residents and friends deserve our thanks for their hard work: Louis Anuszewski (for the use of his boat), Jerry Brice, Kenny Connor, Dan Duval, Alan and Bruce Lanier, Martin O'Callaghan and Ed Robey.

In addition, during the past couple of weeks, new swings and chains have replaced the old ones on our community swing set. Thanks go to Bill Harding and Bruce and Susan Lanier. The equipment for both of these projects was paid for from our Special Community Benefit District (Special Tax) Fund.

Todd Croteau, Clubhouse Chairman, has set up a volleyball net at the beach for community use. Play

is first-come, first-served, and you must provide your own ball.

Selby Beach Flora and Fauna

Those of you who have taken time to enjoy the beach have no doubt noticed the abundant seaweed present in the water and washed up on the beach. This seaweed is a native plant called Horned pondweed, (*Zannichellia palustris*). It grows in early Spring and dies off as the water warms. Sometimes, it will sprout again in the Fall. The seeds and vegetative parts of the plant are eaten by waterfowl, particularly shovelers and widgeon.

Also, the Mayo Peninsula Conservation Association's (MPCA) oyster float has been brought in for most of the summer. The oysters were returned to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). The spat, which had grown to between one and two inches

were planted on an oyster reef sanctuary in Little Aberdeen Creek, South River. MPCA will receive more spat from CBF in August or September. For

information on oyster gardening, contact CBF at 410-268-8816 or www.savethebay.org/oysters.

Neighborhood News

Operation ID

Selby on the Bay is participating in Operation ID. This program involves using an engraver to etch your driver's license number onto your valuables, or photographing them instead, in order to assist police with locating your belongings if they are ever stolen. You will receive two Operation ID stickers to place on doors or windows of your house to let others know you participate in this program. To borrow an engraver, or for more information, please call Beth Livingston at 410-798-9474.

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Thank You for Your Support

Although dues are no longer required for membership in the SCA, many residents have chosen to show their support for the community and the Community Association financially. Monetary donations for our legal costs and/or the general fund are always appreciated. Mail to SCA, PO Box 599, Mayo, MD 21106.

Anne Arundel County Police Report *

Selby on the Bay May 2002

5/07/02	Theft	6 th Ave.
5/10/02	Trespassing	Fontron Dr.
5/10/02	Disorderly Conduct	Hillside Dr.
5/11/02	Disorderly Conduct	2nd Ave.
5/13 & 16/02	Disorderly Conduct	Selby Blvd.
5/18 & 25/02	Disorderly Conduct	1 st Ave.
5/26/02	Disorderly Conduct	Selby Blvd.
5/27/02	Disorderly Conduct	Holly Ave.
5/28/02	Disorderly Conduct	6 th Ave.

*** This report shows calls made to the police. An officer responded to each call; however, it does not necessarily mean a report was written up by the responding police officer or that a crime was committed.**

- If any community resident is having a problem on his or her street, please call Dennis Gheen and report it to him as well as to the police. Mr. Gheen will discuss the problem with you and keep a record of it to be compiled in a report to be reviewed by the county police so that problem areas in the community can be addressed. **Please call Mr. Gheen at 301-261-7021 or via email at cptree@aol.com.** Additionally, the Southern District County Police has an officer available to answer any questions and concerns by any resident through the Police and Communities Together (P.A.C.T.) program, whose goal is to build a working partnership between the citizens of Anne Arundel County and the police department to improve our quality of life. Contact Officer Don Clime at 410-222-1961 or ofclime@hotmail.com.
- For the past several months and continuing through summer, more police patrols have been and will be occurring in Selby.

Important Contacts:

- Beach Parking Stickers and Boat Ramp Keys: Dennis Gheen 301-261-7021
All Selby residents and property owners must display a Selby parking sticker on their car to park at the beach.
- Clubhouse Chairman: Todd Croteau 410-798-7503
- SCA By-laws: Evelyn Gingell 410-798-1719 or moser@erols.com
- SCA President: Ed Robey 410-798-6105
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