



BAY WINDS

Arrive Alive! Drive 25!



Welcome to Spring! Finally! Our spring campaign of 2013 is "Arrive Alive! Drive 25!". Through this campaign we'd like to encourage everyone - young, old, soccer mom, working dad, working mom, babysitter, grandma, etc - to really focus on their speed within the neighborhood. Selby isn't equipped with sidewalks and we are an active community so everyone needs to share the road safely. Speed limits in Selby vary from 15mph to 25mph. Do a favor for your neighbor and set

down that cell phone and watch out for kids, animals, school buses and anyone or anything else that may hop out into the street. The Selby community will appreciate it!

KAYAK RACK

Kayak rack registrations are now being accepted! You can find the registration form on the Selby website. Space is first come, first serve.

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CAMPAIGNS

A new program being established in Selby are campaigns. Campaigns are used to spread awareness about issues that are continuously arising in our neighborhood. These campaigns are seasonal and community help is strongly encouraged. Every good campaign has a slogan and posters. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook group for opportunities to contribute ideas. These campaigns are excellent ways

of getting children involved and a good time to talk about community volunteership! Once our community center is up and running, then we can get together to kick-off each campaign. Posters will be put up around the community center and website and information on campaign subjects will be highlighted here in the Bay Winds as well as the Selby blog.

Community Center Update

Spring Has Sprung!

And We're Growing A Clubhouse!!



The clubhouse is quickly making its presence at the beach. The concrete slab has been laid and now the structural beams are in place. It is slowly starting to look like a building and the SCA Clubhouse Committee is hoping that everyone is getting excited about the community center's grand opening. A lot of work has gone into this building to make it possible and we think that it will be a great asset to the community.

While we do encourage folks to come down, take pictures and keep up with the building of the project, we've had some problems with theft and vandalism. A few support beams were spray painted and some extension cords were stolen. Please keep in mind that these issues cost the construction crew valuable time and cost the community money. This is our center for the whole community to enjoy and our whole community needs to come together to watch over it so what

happened to the last clubhouse doesn't happen again.

We do have a couple months of construction ahead of us so this is a perfect time to start thinking about some programs and events that the community would be interested in. There is a link on the front page of the website where you can send your suggestions of things that you would like see happen in Selby. Of course, we can't accommodate every idea in the first year, but every idea will be added to the list on the page and taken under consideration. There's nothing better than having loads of fun things to do with your neighbors!



THE GREAT OUTDOORS...KINDA

Animals love their families, but when nature calls then they gotta roll! No matter how loving a family your pet lives in, it just seems that they need to get away. Unfortunately, life outside the yard is not a hospitable place. Roaming animals run the risk of getting hit by cars or unknowingly poisoned by antifreeze or yard chemicals. Animals that are scared or have not been well socialized can be quite dangerous to folks jogging or walking or children biking. Cats pose a special threat. Pregnant women are at risk of toxoplasmosis which is transmitted through cat feces which can end up in flower beds where the mulch is soft to scratch and cover. Cats are also predators and may kill and eat birds and rodents which may carry diseases. As a good pet owner, keep those dogs and cats up-to-date on vaccinations and check out your fences to make sure there are no holes or that

the fence is high enough for the pet not to jump over. Remember, you may love your pet, but that doesn't mean that everyone does as well.



SELBY KIDS!



Welcome to the end of third quarter! We haven't gotten our report cards yet, but we have a list of our Selby Kids that made honor roll in the 2nd marking period!

Nice job everyone!! Keep up the fantastic work!

Kennedy Baldwin, 6th, CMS
Alexa D'Angelo, 5th, CES
Jenna Marquardt, 6th, CMS
Gillian Nolan, 7th, BMS
Riley Nolan, 5th, CES
Jenna O'Connell, 6th, CMS
Jordan O'Connell, 3rd, CES
Chloe Palmer, 4th, CES
Trent Palmer, 3rd, CES
Cole Rogers, 4th, CES
Andy Smith, 6th, CMS

Zack Smith, 7th, CMS
Andrew Stecklein, 4th, CES
Paul Watson, 4th, CES
Jack Watson, 2nd, CES



BEACH CLEAN-UP

As everyone knows, the beach is a little busy right now. Construction workers are hard at work building our new community center. Very soon though, it will be done and we'll have to get together for a bit of work cleaning up things, weeding and putting up the swim nets. Also, dumpsters will be here again in May! Keep a watch on the website for more details!

COMING FROM THE GROUND NEAR YOU - CICADAS!

In 1996, these little Brood II cicadas were nestled in the soft warm ground. 17 years later they are ready to emerge to mate, lay eggs and die. That's the sole purpose for their visit.

There are many different cycles of cicadas called "broods". Some are 17 years, some are 13 years and some are every year. There are approximately 15 different broods. Brood X was the last big brood that came out in 2004. Adults live about 2-4 weeks. Males sing to attract females and their chorus can reach about 90 decibels which can be compared to the sound of a lawnmower. Females lay their eggs in branches which can sometimes damage young, tender trees. When the eggs hatch in about 6 to 10 weeks, the nymphs hatch from their eggs and drop to the ground and bury themselves. They stay in the ground until they are due to come out. The exact time of the year when the nymphs emerge varies, but generally it's between late May and early June. The soil has to reach about 64 degrees to encourage the nymphs to dig out. Once the nymphs are out, they sit and wait to complete their final transformations into adult cicadas. They molt their exoskeleton and wait 6 days for it harden. In that time they are white, but darken within 6 hours.

Cicadas are completely harmless to humans and children can have fun holding them and letting them crawl around once they get past their size, creepy appearance and scary vibration. Their sole purpose is to mate, but the nymphs do aerate the

soil as they unbury themselves and weak tree limbs are trimmed as the females cut into them to lay eggs. Cicadas have been referred to as locusts, but locusts are actually a completely different species. Locusts are a type of



grasshopper. Cicadas are also a food source for many animals. Deer, squirrels and even house pets and people indulge in the timely snack. Asian cultures have eaten cicadas for centuries and there are records of Native Americans eating cicadas as well.

Cicadas are Mother Nature's little time capsules, but if you don't care too much for the noise and the assaults as they maniacally fly through the air have no fear. Their life spans are short and they will be gone as quickly as they arrived.

EBAYER WANTED

Wanted: Experienced eBay Seller

Looking for an organized person that has experience selling on eBay. We are downsizing and have several hundred small collectables that we would like sold and shipped over the next 1-2 years. We will pay 25% of the sales value for your help. You can do this out of your

home, at your pace, and make some good money part-time.

We are very experienced eBay buyers/sellers but just don't have the time to do this and just too much stuff! We can assist in determining values, setting starting bids, helping with descriptions, identifying similar items, etc. to maximize the sales

value of a given item. Please email for more information.

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A SELBY BAY FRIENDLY YARD

There are so many things you can do in your yard to help Selby Bay.

Rain Barrels:

First is to install a rain barrel under the gutter of your home. This harvests the rain water and is known as the "first flush". So why is preventing this first flush of rain water from going into Selby Bay/ Because stormwater is the number one pollutant to the South River. When the rain lands on our roofs, there is an amazing amount of "crud", and during a rain storm this crud is mixed with the rainwater and is quickly washed down into the ditches and into Selby Bay. Did you know that the lawn and garden uses 40% of the household water during the growing season? A rain barrel will help reduce this usage! Rain barrels are not just to conserve water, but to control and reduce stormwater.

The benefits of a rain barrels are:

- Conserving Water
- Prevention of contaminated stormwater from entering Selby Bay
- Improves groundwater quality- since most of us get our water supply from the Magothy Aquifer- this is highly important.
- Helps prevent erosion
- Helps prevent flooding
- Very pretty landscape feature
- Provides water for your plants and gardens

If every Selby household had 2 rain barrels that of 50 gallons each (Selby has approximately 800 home), that is 80,000 gallons of stormwater water prevented from going into Selby Bay. Wouldn't this be a great goal to have all of us install a rain barrel, and a be the first older community in the State of Maryland to have done so?

Rain Barrels can be purchased almost anywhere now, Ace Hardware, Sam's Club, Home Depot, or Arlington Echo and are extremely easy to install.

Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens are another very important way to help improve the water quality of Selby Bay, South River and Chesapeake Bay. Rain gardens are not muddy ponds that contain mosquitoes as I have heard, but they are very beautiful functioning gardens. The purpose of a rain garden is to capture the rain water, snow melt, ect and are to drain within 4 hours after a 1" rain event. Rain gardens "hold" the moisture the longest and are in the lowest location of the property (approximately 10 feet away). You can make them as formal or as informal as you would like and use native plants to Maryland in the rain garden. I have planted a mix of native plants and my heirloom tomatoes- making it a visually attractively a source of food as well. A couple of things must be performed before you install a rain garden, first see if a grading permit is needed for your property (greater than 5000 sq ft), have the pH of the soil tested, determine what types of soil amendments needed such as Leafgro, then dig and plant. A rain garden should not take more than one to two days. A great example of a rain garden designed by our own Master Gardener, Michele Corkadell is at Central Middle School. This rain garden is planted with native plants, has rain barrels, and maintained by the kids!! More information can be found at:

<http://www.chesapeakeecologycenter.org>

Stormwater Management Tax Credits

Did you know that you could use rain barrels and rain gardens as a tax credit? You must file the information within 45 days after installation. The link below has the information on the Tax Credit.

<http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/Resources/Raingarden/SWMTaxCreditQualifiedDevices.pdf>.

Have A Great Spring!

Your Neighbor,

Capt. Diana Muller, South RIVERKEEPER



On December 21 we were all a bit concerned if not terrified that the world was going to end. Those silly Mayans have way too many calendars! The world didn't end and we were all able to enjoy December 22, but our earth is a bit sick. With terms like global warming and greenhouse effect, it brings about a certain concern that maybe we should make a personal effort to help out the very planet we thought we were going to lose in 2012. There are so many things that you can do to help the environment. Recycling is the greatest effort underway right now in states and counties. The three R's are being taught to children in school. In fact, parents can probably sit down with their kids and get a great lesson on how we all can Recycle, Reuse and Reduce. Living so close to the Chesapeake Bay, we have a special responsibility to care for the water. By using natural yard care products and picking up pet waste, you are helping to prevent contaminated run off

after a storm. Installing rain barrels and creating rain gardens are not only ornamental, but have many good environmental qualities. There are many ways to become more environmentally conscious. Cutting back on prepackaged foods and buying bulk. Using reusable water bottles instead of many plastic bottles. Making your own detergents and household cleaning products. Take care of local wildlife. The animals that share their homes with us have a special place in the world's ecosystem.

The Greenstreet Page on our Selby blog has many ways to help out Mother Earth. Our Riverkeeper Capt. Diana Muller graciously contributes to the Bay Winds about things we can do to help the Chesapeake Bay. Let's make an effort to not make December 21, 2012 a reality.

Earth Day
2013

What are you doing to protect the planet?



Health and Wellness For Selby

The Selby Athletic Association (SAA) has spruced up it's website and is ready to make Selby become the most healthy community on the peninsula. The SAA is promoting a healthy lifestyle and focusing on better eating, exercise and getting rid of those bad habits. Two programs that are in the talks are a kids' athletic equipment exchange and a Jogging Club similar to the one organized at Central Elementary. The SAA website features a blog with information to lead a healthy lifestyle. Check it out at saa.selbyonthebay.org.

DID I MISS IT?



Easter came and went without a visit to Selby

from the Easter Bunny. With so much construction at the beach and limited parking, it was best felt to skip Easter-At-The-Beach this year. We appreciate everyone's understanding in this issue and hope everyone will be able to make next year's Easter celebrations!

Thank You!

GANGS IN SELBY?



If you have walked around the neighborhood or looked on signs driving up and down 214, then you may have noticed quite a bit of graffiti. Much of it is spray painted while others are written on small stickers like USPS labels or name tags and stuck onto signs. No matter how it is presented, the letters are always the same - GBA MOBB 721. GBA is a gang that is based out of Maryland that started as a graffiti "crew" and graduated into a gang. They dominate much of Riverdale and Annapolis and the founder of the group is still considered their supreme leader. GBA can stand for many things. On a Facebook group it is defined as Giving Beatdowns Anonymous, but can also mean Glen Burnie Assassins, Gang Bangin' Assassins and Graffiti Bombin' Assassins Make Others Bleed Badly. The number 721 seems to be a popular addition as well and symbolizes the letters' position in the alphabet. Graffiti's main purpose is a gang's calling card. It marks their dominance and warns other gangs not to tread there for fear of retaliation.

Children are seduced by gangs mainly because the gang members take the place of the family the children feel they are missing. The gang offers support and understanding and most importantly attention. Some common indications that your child is involved with a gang would be the presence of older friends or friends that you haven't heard of before, spray paint cans or paint on the child's fingers or clothes, new style of dressing especially bandanas, strange hand gestures and non participation in family activities

or conversations, new or strange nicknames, tattoos or unexplained, large amounts of cash. Many gangs require members to have with them bandanas of the gang's "colors". Grey is the preference for the GBA. The best way to discourage children from gang involvement when you know there is a presence in your area is to keep children involved in sports or school activities. Develop a good line of communication between yourself and your children whereas you listen and they talk and vice versa. Discourage your children from sampling gang lifestyles from dress to drawings to language and especially the music. "Gangster rap" is popular music that glorifies the gang lifestyle. Talk to your children about gangs and their negative effects. Gangs put family and friends in immediate danger. They discourage education that is necessary for a prosperous future and extensive police records can bar hopes of a good career later on in life. Gangs also promote a lifestyle that includes patterns of drugs, alcohol and violence.

The best way that communities can fight a gang presence is to become aware of the problem and communicate effectively. Offer good options for children in the community such as mentoring programs and youth groups. Neighbors talking to each other and working with local law enforcement are also ways of combating gang issues. Community Watch groups are good for keeping the neighborhood abreast of new occurrences and current activity. A solid community is the first line of defense and the best prevention of gangs and the problems they inflict.

The SCA has invited an officer from the Anne Arundel County police station to speak about gang activity. If you would like to attend, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7 May 2013 at 7:00pm at the South County Police Station on Stepney's Lane. More gang information can be found on the Selby-On-The-Bay blog which can be accessed on the Selby-On-The-Bay website.

SPRING AND LOVE ARE IN THE AIR...NOT!



Spring is the traditional time of year for fertility. Trees are budding and little crocus are popping out of the ground. Spring brings thoughts of bunnies and chicks and babies of all kinds, but STOP! Do we really need

more babies? With the onset of warmer weather, many household pets are enjoying their time outside...maybe a little too much. Many wander off in search of love and unwanted pregnancies can cause unwanted troubles. Veterinary professionals strongly encourage all pet owners to spay or neuter their pets. Each year shelters euthanize 4 million unwanted animals across the U.S. 1 in 4 animals brought to shelters are purebreds. Spayed or neutered pets are generally happier and healthier and are more calm, better behaved and more affectionate. They also get along better with other animals especially those of the same gender. Spayed females don't have heat cycles and there is no known benefit from

allowing a female to breed at least once. Neutered males lose their desire to escape their confines and go looking for females. For those men who feel they are emasculating man's best friend? No worries. Animals don't have the ability to understand or conform to a sexual identity. They will not have any emotional breakdowns or feel violated in any way. In fact, it makes them better pets. Spayed or neutered dogs don't lose their protection instincts. Those instincts are deeply ingrained in their pack mentality and have nothing to do with their sexual hormones. Having your dog spayed or neutered is just good pet ownership. Most dog parks and daycares require it and there's less mess from males' marking and females' heat cycles. There are many low cost options available to pet owners. The SPCA spays and neuters and the Rude Ranch just opened up shop locally and folks have been very happy with them. The Rude Ranch also offers low cost vaccinations including rabies which every pet requires. Your pet is your best friend. Be their best friend back and show them you care.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE ON THE STREETS

When was the last time you sat down and talked with your children about stranger danger? Communication between parents and children is the best line of defense against child abductions. Sit down with your child and age appropriately discuss who we don't talk to, why don't we talk with them and what to do in case they are in a situation where they don't feel comfortable.

Many kids are very friendly and generally that's a great thing, but having your child too comfortable talking to or sitting with a complete stranger can be dangerous. There have been many young children down at the beach that are more than willing to share their name, address, parents' names, schools, etc. Not every stranger is a danger, but you can't be sure. Detailed conversations about why we don't talk to strangers may frightened small children. The last thing you want is your child to be afraid to go outside. Very small children are very familiar with the term "mean". No one likes to be around someone who is mean. Strangers can sometimes be mean to children. As children get older and get an added responsibility of walking to the beach or friends' houses alone, make sure they know to never approach a car or walk to someone to calls out to them to come over. We've heard to never take candy from strangers, but what about someone walking around with a leash and no puppy? What if that someone would like some help finding his puppy? Let your children know that adults do not need directions or help from children. What if your child is grabbed and they have to fight? Have them drop to the ground and keep their kicking feet between them and the suspect while screaming "stranger, stranger, call 911" as loudly as they can. It's difficult to get a writhing child off the ground and the noise will call out neighbors and frighten the suspect. Try practicing with your children so that they know what to do when you're not there to protect them. Above all else, get to know your neighbors. A tight community is a criminal's worst nightmare. If a child is quite a distance from home, then it's good for them to know a safe house they can run to if they need help. Let's help to make Selby a safe place for everyone.

RELAYING RESPECT OVER THE INTERNET

Have you noticed an overwhelming amount of negativity on social websites? Social websites, by nature, are supposed to be just that...social. They were designed to encourage dialogue between folks and share what's going on in life. Unfortunately, they have become breeding grounds for negativity and just down right meanness. People post on social sites many things that if given the chance, they would never say to that person's face. If you have ever posted something on YouTube, then you are more than aware of how mean people can get and a lot of times it's our youth. Are you friends with your kids on Facebook? Just read what some of them post. It can get really ugly, really quick. Researchers are now studying online interactions between people and have discovered that it is more uninhibited than face-to-face interactions. A new study in Human Behavior magazine suggests that people are more ornery online due to lack of eye-to-eye contact. In an experiment, two people were blindfolded and were twice as likely to be mean to one another. Later, the eyes were uncovered, but the rest of the face was blurred out. The people were still mean, but a lot less. It's been said that 93% of our communication is nonverbal. From hand gestures and facial expressions, we rely a lot on how a person looks when they are talking rather than focusing on the words on their own. Ask any Italian to talk with their hands down by their sides! We need these gestures to relay how each other is feeling about the conversation that is

going on. Noam Lapidot, lead author and behavioral scientist at Max Stern Yezreel Valley College in Israel, says that seeing your partner's eyes "helps you understand the other person's feelings, the signals that the person is trying to send you". This he says fosters empathy and communication.

Our Facebook group is special because many of the faces on those tiny thumbnail photos are people that we know and more importantly, people than we will probably meet at community events. Any animosity that is stirred up in online conversations can tarnish a person's reputation and greatly diminish that first impression when you finally get a chance to meet. The rules to the Internet Highway are simple. Never say anything online that you wouldn't say to someone's face and never type anything that could be used against you in the future. Treat others with respect and honor their opinions. In a large group of people, there is no unanimous opinion. Watch those caps which is considered yelling in cyberland and watch the "tone". Ask yourself how could this be misread before you hit that post button. The internet is a tool and should never be a substitute for person-to-person interaction. Get out there and meet some neighbors so when you catch up online you can enjoy and share!



VOLUNTEER SPOT

If your children go to Central Elementary, then you are familiar with Volunteer Spot. Volunteer Spot is an online volunteer sign-up sheet that lists what activities are needed and by how many people. All the information is there and volunteers just need to click on what they would like to be responsible for. Selby will start to test out Volunteer Spot's effectiveness in our neighborhood. With our new community center up and coming, there will be many events and each event will give neighbors the opportunity to help out. Our first test will probably be the spring beach clean-up. Stay tuned for further details!

BLACK NIGHTMARES



For the past two years we have had very mild winters. The snow haters of the county probably

love that, but there are some drawbacks to the mild temperatures. Cold weather, although unpleasant, thins out the population of bugs, especially spiders. When the cold weather hits they get very sluggish and when that temperature plummets they begin to die. If the weather is mild or on-and-off cold, then they can crawl back into a protected area and stay relatively warm enough to live through that particular cold spell. The result is larger spiders popping out earlier in the spring.

The Black Widow is not an unfamiliar site around Selby. Many neighbors have had their run-ins with this highly venomous spider so it's a good idea to learn a little bit about this dangerous lady. The Black Widow is the 3rd most venomous spider in the world. It is a glossy, black spider that has a red hourglass on her abdomen. Sometimes the red marking can be red spots. Markings are easily recognized since black widows hang upside down from their webs. Their webs are generally built close to the ground and can be rather

large. They are very easily recognized with their crisscross patterns and are very sticky. Only the females are poisonous and it is only myth that they routinely kill their mates who are significantly smaller than the female and are brown and harmless. The egg sacs are about 1/2" long, oval and papery brown. The females may carry their egg sacs with them and are very protective of them. The babies are whitish in color. Black widows are very shy, nonaggressive spiders that prefer to be left alone. They will bite in defense when a human comes across one by accident. The black widow bite is extremely painful and within hours can cause nausea, muscle aches and paralysis of the diaphragm making breathing difficult. Less than 1% of widow bites are fatal and children under 30lbs, seniors and those with compromised immune systems are more at risk for fatalities. Commercial spider sprays will not kill black widows. Many sprays show black widows on the front, but when you read the label they will clearly mention that widows are not included. Only a professional exterminator and one or two specialty products can kill black widows. A praying mantis will eat a black widow so take care of them! Black Widows are very common in our area and are highly dangerous. Talk to your kids about the dangers of these spiders and make sure that they know what they look like. It is not a creature to mess with.

Calendar

April 2013

2nd - Community Meeting
12th - AACPS 2 hour early dismissal
25th - AACPS Report Cards

May 2013

1st - AACPS 2 hour early dismissal
7th - Community Meeting
10th - AACPS interims sent home
23-27 - AACPS schools closed

June 2013

4th - Community Meeting
11-14 - AACPS 2 hour early dismissal
14th - AACPS last day of school

* All community meetings are held at the South County Police Station and begin at 7:00pm until further notice.

Selby Broadcast

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Community Website

www.selbyonthebay.org

Community Blog

selbyonthebay.blogspot.com

Facebook*

Search Selby-On-The-Bay

Twitter*

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NextDoor

selby-on-the-bay.nextdoor.com

* Direct links can be found on the community website

The Bay Winds is always looking for submissions. If you have newsworthy information, then please send it to SelbyBay@gmail.com.