

# BAYCLIFF CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

9/18/07

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### Call to Order

Second V.P. Claire Polley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She introduced Jim Wood, Councilman and turned the floor over to him. 62 people were in attendance.

JIM WOOD: Jim told us about himself, city council 2002-2010, one daughter at 1<sup>st</sup> Colonial High School, a son at Hampton Sydney. He spoke of huge ban against fireworks in Virginia Beach and told us over all, Baycliff is a fairly safe neighborhood. City Council had met today about our drought, not yet mandatory, but encouraging the public to minimize their use of water. City has granted interest free loan to rescue squad to build a new rescue station next to fire station on Bayne Drive by Lynnhaven Middle School. Jim turned the floor over to Captain Zucaro, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct.

Captain Zucaro briefed us on his 29 years with our police department, originally from the Bronx, gave phone number 385-2700 and email ( ) to correspond with him and introduced Master Police Officer Gillespie, Baycliff's Neighborhood Watch Liaison.

Master Police Officer Gillespie advised to lock cars and not leave valuables in eye sight, and cut back bushes around houses to prevent predators from hiding while scoping out your home.

Treasurers' Report: Bob Swink let us know that funds were moved to a money market account, already earning over \$300 in interest, and report was approved.

### Announcements:

Fall Festival, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30. Sandy Barea and Marian Buis, Cochairmen, will need several volunteers and sign up sheet was passed around.

Rosalee Haight, Hospitality Chairman, informed us of her 7 visits to greet new neighbors.

Susannah Uroskie announced Santa Visit, which will occur Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m.

Boat Ramp and Landscaping were commented on, looking good and boat ramp simply needs a little cleaning up.

Christine Westendorf announced Garden Club fund-raiser holiday greenery for sale on Baycliff website. Deadline to order Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, which will also be same date of garden club craft show at the Westendorf's home from 10-2. Profits will benefit front entry landscaping, and many of the exhibitors are residents of our neighborhood.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Construction docks/piers on Harbor Lane: President Bill Westendorf took over to discuss the development four new homes across the water from our boat ramp and along our canal, and advised that these docks do not encroach on civic league property. Baycliff has been legally advised that we do not own any land under water, it is all owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Va. Code 282-1200.

Dave Johnston, Boundaries Cochairman, appeared at a hearing for the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Board regarding variances for development of the Godfrey Farm property. This land has been recently sold and subdivided into 5 lots. The original Godfrey home, built in 1770, was deeded in 1883 to the children and grandchildren, who have recently sold property subdivided into 5 home lots.

Jim Cecelic, Boundaries Cochairman, advised that Baycliff's western property line opposite the boat ramp is not clearly marked, and explained the survey work and legal process that we need to go through to get the deed corrected. Mr Goffigan who owns property across from our boat dock can't find his deed, but he is agreeable to working with Baycliff to jointly define the mutual boundaries.

Dave Johnston made a motion to spend up to \$2500 for legal advice to guide us in defining and recording our western borders and how to best protect our boat ramp from encroachment by future development opposite the ramp area. We also need several estimates on what the inclusive legal and survey work will cost.

Brian Baker and Robert Frazier joined the Boundaries Committee. Both volunteered to meet with different attorneys to investigate getting this task completed, then we will vote on how to proceed and future additional expenditures in November.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Paula McGowan, Recording Secretary

