



## SHIPLEY'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

315 ARBOR OAKS COURT  
MILLERSVILLE, MARYLAND 21108

WEBSITE: [WWW.SHIPLEYSCHOICE.ORG](http://WWW.SHIPLEYSCHOICE.ORG)

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October 2025

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next regular general membership meeting will be held:

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: Tuesday– October 21, 2025  
Place: Shipley's Choice Swim and Tennis Club  
947 Rustling Oak Drive  
Millersville, MD 21108

### MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the social welfare and general civic improvement of Shipley's Choice Community Association Sections 1 and 2 and in the Greater Severna Park Maryland area.

### WELCOME

The Shipley's Choice Community Association extends a warm welcome to all of its new residents.

### WEB SITE

We are unable to support an electronic payment method for our annual dues this year. Please check the website for future updates. The website continues to have important and useful information such as current news, useful links, copies of our By-Laws, Covenants, Plats, Officers and Directors, Contacts, and directions for the Architecture Change Request (ACR) process, etc. We invite your comments and suggestions, which can be emailed to [shipleyschoice.scca@gmail.com](mailto:shipleyschoice.scca@gmail.com).

### BUDGET

Enclosed in this Newsletter is the Annual Dues Notice for \$75. We strive to have 100% of our households pay their dues to keep their association financially sound. Your dues pay for removal of dead trees on common grounds which threaten homes, for maintenance of common grounds, for required insurance, for dues to Greater Severna Park Council and other organizations, for support of the Shipley's Choice Garden Club which does a great job in beautifying our community. Our dues are less than almost all the surrounding communities. Please remit promptly so we can pay our bills. Approximately 23% contribute more than the minimum dues to help our community, which is appreciated and helps to fund more services for you.

SCCA 2025 Approved Budget		
<b>Income:</b>		
Dues -Assumes 200 of 283 residents pay @ \$75 +\$2,000 extra donations		\$ 17,000
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Tree Removal	\$ 8,000	
Lawn Maintenance	3,500	
Insurance	3,850	
Garden Club	400	
BGE	300	
Association Memberships	200	
Misc (checks, bank, SCSTC)	125	
Website renewal	120	
Real Property taxes	55	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$ 16,550
<b>Income minus Expenses</b>		\$ 450

### STRUCTURES

Please remember that in Section One (per the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions which, as Matter of law became binding in conjunction with your deed when you purchased your home). Homeowners must submit the **Architectural Change Request (ACR) Form** before starting any construction, structures, fences, playground equipment and playhouses, etc. Every effort is made to review and reply in a timely manner. See your web site: <http://www.shipleyschoice.org/architecture-requests.html> for information, contacts, copies of the ACR Form, etc. Please scan/email to: **shipleyschoice.scca@gmail.com**. On the website you can find our current fence standards recently updated at homeowners' requests and to meet the By-Laws standards. In Section Two residents are encouraged to consult our Covenants Committee Chairman listed on your web site, so that our entire community is consistent and kept beautiful.

### TRAFFIC LIGHT

Anne Arundel County Traffic Engineering Department is still planning to put a traffic light at southern intersection of Governor Stone Parkway and Rustling Oaks Drive. An extensive topographical survey will be used to determine the areas to be impacted and the extent of work.

The Shipley's Choice Community Association (SCCA) endorses the installation of a traffic signal at the southern intersection of Governor Stone Parkway and Rustling Oaks Drive. The SCCA would oppose any expansion to the scope of the project that entails changing the character of the intersection or its expansion. This includes:

- 1.Changes to the existing topography such as filling in the adjacent culverts or regrading of any kind.
- 2.The removal of trees
- 3.Eliminating or restricting the existing hiker/biker lane.
- 4.The addition of traffic lanes.
- 5.Widening of Gov. Stone and/or Rustling Oaks roadways.

## SWING SET PROJECT



In last year's newsletter the SCCA announced that we were exploring two potential swing set projects (like the picture on the left) for our residents.

We're excited to share that the SCCA Board has been working with the Maryland Department of General Services to apply for a grant to help fund our community swing set projects. This grant will allow us to install a new playground in Section 1, along the cut-through path between Rustling Oaks and the Chartwood community and add enhancements to Section 2's new swing set.

Once the grant is formally awarded, **we may need volunteers for Section 1** to help prepare the land, select play-set equipment, and assist with managing the project. If you're interested in being part of this effort, **please email [sccagrants21108@gmail.com](mailto:sccagrants21108@gmail.com)**.

The SCCA board would like to thank Kaitin Watson for working with the Board to keep the Section 2 project on track and the volunteers that helped make the Section 2 swing set a success.

### **Section 1 Street Names**

Arbor Oaks, Court, Braeburn Glen Court, Briarwick Court, Candlewood Court, Galena Court, Lazywood Court, Rustling Oaks Drive 1018-1067, Songwood Court, Tanglewood Court, Windfern Court, Wood Shadows Court

### **Section 2 Street Names**

Boxelder Court, Broadleaf Court, Gambel Oak Court, Live Oak Drive, Oak Stump Drive, Scarlet Oak Drive, Severncrest Drive, West Benfield Road 822 & 826

## ACTIVE KIDS



Many of our community's younger residents spend time outdoors enjoying their bikes and scooters with friends. To help keep our community safe, we encourage all parents to talk to their kids about bike and scooter safety. Here are some important safety tips to share:

- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride defensively and be aware of your surroundings.
- Use bike paths and sidewalks when available.
- Riding at night - Please wear light colored clothing and/or carry reflective gear

## STREET SAFETY



Authorities are asking walkers and runners to use the sidewalks to prevent accidents with motorists in our community. Drivers may not be able to move far enough and fast enough to avoid hitting pedestrians in the street. Avoid walking or running in the street, but if doing so, please face the traffic to see oncoming vehicles. Make yourself visible if you walk at night. Wear light colored clothing and/or carry reflective gear and/or a light. When driving please watch out for children, bike riders, skateboarders, seniors, etc. We want to keep all of our residents safe, so please travel safely and observe the speed limits. Many pedestrians walk way out into

Rustling Oaks Drive, despite our good sidewalks on both sides, creating dangerous situations!

## DOGS



Anne Arundel County has laws regarding animal control. The two most common violations are:

Article 12 Title 4-905 – Running at Large (not on leash)

Article 12 Title 4-909 – **Removal of Animal Excreta**

Offenders can be reported to the Anne Arundel County Animal Control by phone (410-222-8900) or via their web site- [www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/Resources/Complaint.pdf](http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/Resources/Complaint.pdf)

Thanks to the numerous conscientious pet homeowners in the community who always show concern for others by cleaning up after their pets and keeping their dogs on leashes. It's unfortunate that we once again need to remind some dog owners to keep their pets on leashes while walking, to not let them use your neighbors' private nice lawns, etc., and to clean up after your pets every time. Not doing so can spread disease, be an irritant for many others, and is a safety issue that affects everyone, especially our children playing on lawns. Please be legal and courteous!



The 2025 Nominating Committee has submitted the candidates listed below:  
 The SCCA By-Laws state that each household is permitted **two votes**.

**Who can vote:**

All residents of Sections 1 and 2 who have paid their dues through 2025 are eligible to vote.

**When:**

Please cast your ballot by **October 19, 2025**.

**How:**

Please complete the attached ballot and mail to SCCA at 315 Arbor Oaks Court, Millersville, MD 21108

Ballots will be counted in November 2025, and the results will be posted on the SCCA website.

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**SCCA BALLOT FOR November 2025 Through October 2027 ELECTION**

All candidates are elected for two-year term

\* = Incumbent

Blank space for write-in candidates

Office	Voter		Candidates	Brief Candidate Description:
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
President: (Vote for up to One)			Chris "Ike" Eichenlaub	Has been our Chair of Covenants Approvals, etc.
Vice President (Vote for up to One)			Jim Guilfoyle	As President, has continued for many years to lead us well, administer of dead tree removals, liaison with A.A. County Officials & with the SCHOA, etc.
Secretary: (Vote for One)			*Dan Giles	Has served on Nominations Committee and helped publish SCCA Newsletter for many years, etc.
Board of Directors	Voter		Candidates	
Vote for up to <b>Three</b>			*John Norville	Has been Delegate to the GSPC & APC, & Sales info.
			* Tyler Schulmeister	Has also been our Webmaster for our great Web site.
			Neda Newnam	Has been our Vice President, Garden Club Rep., etc.