



SHIPLEY'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

315 ARBOR OAKS COURT
MILLERSVILLE, MARYLAND 21108

WEBSITE: **WWW.SHIPLEYSCHOICE.ORG**

***** S. C. C. A. N E W S *****

October 2024

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next regular general membership meeting will be held:

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday– October22, 2024
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 posted into the website.

The SCCA board is continuing to move toward providing this Newsletter via email; this is good for the environment (less paper), and provide greater efficiency in communication

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. Approximately 25% contribute more than the minimum dues to help our community, which is appreciated and helps to fund more services for you.

SCCA 2024 Approved Budget		
Income:		
Dues -Assumes 205 of 283 residents pay @ \$75 +\$2,000 extra donations		\$ 17,375
Expenses:		
Tree Removal	\$ 9,250	
Lawn Maintenance	5,000	
Insurance	1,750	
Garden Club	400	
BGE	300	
Association Memberships	200	
Website renewal	120	
Aspen Grove	150	
Real Property taxes	55	
Total Expenses		\$ 17,375
Income minus Expenses		\$ 0

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 constructions, 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 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 performed an extensive topographical survey for putting a traffic light at southern intersection of Governor Stone Parkway and Rustling Oaks Drive and is preceding to the design phase. The 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. Based on our resident mail in responses and other communications, the board concluded that there was not enough resident support for these projects at this time. We will be returning funds donated by residents as designated on their dues notice form for this project. The board would like to encourage residents who feel strongly about these projects and willing to be in charge of fundraising for it to email us at shipleyschoice.scca@gmail.com

SHIPLEY CHOICE GARDEN CLUB



their Fall Plant Sale!! Save the morning of Saturday, September 28 9am - 12pm to stock up on your favorite fall plants at the Shipleys Choice Park (before Shipleys Choice Elementary School.)

Mums

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.
- Avoid riding at night.

For more information regarding children and e-scooters, please visit HealthyChildren.org and watch this short video from MarylandEM.

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 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

Thank you to so many responsible 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 2024 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 2024 are eligible to vote.

When:

Please cast your ballot by **October 18, 2024**.

How:

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

Ballots will be counted in November 2024, and the results will be posted on the SCCA website.

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SCCA BALLOT FOR November 2024 Through October 2026 ELECTION

All candidates are elected for two-year term

* = Incumbent

Blank space for write-in candidates

Office	Voter		Candidates	Board of Directors	Voter		Candidates
	1 st	2 nd			1 st	2 nd	
Vice- President: (Vote for up to One)			*Neda Newnam	Vote for up to Four			*Ed Maddox
							*Chris "Ike" Eichenlaub
							*Jen Edwards
							*Mary Kuhn
Treasurer: (Vote for up to One)			*Rebecca Blaschak				