Dear SCCA Association members,

Your SCCA Association Board are ten elected volunteer members representing the 283 homes that comprise sections 1 and 2 of your Shipley's Choice community and are working hard for you. Our SCCA mission includes supporting and encouraging community residents to participate cooperatively in neighborhood projects that promote the general welfare, pride of home ownership, improve, and protect the appearance, value and convenience of families living in Shipley’s.

Our current voluntary Annual Dues are $50 with a necessary increase coming as discussed below. Unfortunately, only 216 households out of our 283 memberships participate in our latest funding. We have a few members who have generously contributed more to our mutual benefit. This is an appeal to those 67 households who do not pay but continue to benefit.

Over the years your association has provided all 283 homes with an attractively landscape and has maintained your neighborhood. We maintain a Tot Lot on Live Oak Drive and have recently rehabilitated the Severn Crest Median Strip with a new sign and benches and landscaping. We contribute to the community Garden club, sharing in costs of seasonal plantings and decorations that grace the 5 entrances to Shipley Choice. Our board members devote many hours responding to Architectural & Covenants requests and prevention of tree threats and destruction from aging and dying trees to all homes in Sections 1 and 2, requiring cutting down dead trees on common grounds which threaten Homeowners' property for your protection, which is very expensive and uses most of our dues. Per a Certified Arborist, "The entire East Coast has an epidemic of dying Oaks."

Our dues have been historically low -- $35 annually until 2019. They were necessarily raised to $50 during years 2019 and 2020. We have experienced an unusual number of threatening dead trees in our common areas, whose expensive removals have created a fiscal disaster. We have barely stayed solvent. Our sincere gratitude to those who have contributed over and above the requested dues assessment. Dead tree removal expenses have been so excessive this fiscal year that your board has had to spend our emergency funds. Each additional rain and windstorm bring more urgent requests for relief from threatening trees. We are now forced once again to raise the annual dues to $75. And we are asking **all** households to contribute their fair share. Feel free to contact all or any of your Board Members with any questions or concerns.

Please see your interesting web site for useful information, links, maps, By-Laws & Covenants, etc. ShipleysChoice.ORG

This fall look for your annual SCCA Newsletter, your annual Dues Notice, your Annual Ballot for Election of Officers and Directors for 2-year terms of November 2021 thru October 2023 to mark and submit per instructions. There is one Vacant Director's position for Volunteers.

Thank you for voting and for your prompt payment of our Annual Dues.

Jim Guilfoyle, President

Neda Newnam, Vice President

Amy Hamilton, Treasurer

Dan Giles, Secretary

Ed Maddox, Director

Jen Edwards, Director

John Norville, Director

Tyler Schulmeister, Director

Chris Eichenlaub, Director