

THE Bay Ridge Heron

Bay Ridge Civic Association Newsletter

JANUARY 2025

BAY RIDGE Celebrating 103 years ...1922-2025

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: December 9, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jamie Gonsalves, Jill Whittall, Norm Farley, Renee Montgomery, Mary Wallace, Stuart Jones, Bill Davidson, Meredith Howe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to accept October 15, 2024 minutes published in November *Heron*. Accepted unanimously. [Note: There was no general meeting in November.]

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 9

	10/31/2024	12/9/2024	Difference
General Checking	\$ 11,962	\$ 10,206	\$(1,756)
Checking	\$ 70,648	\$ 69,874	\$(774)
Pier Savings	\$ 48,766	\$ 48,803	\$37
Pier CDs	\$104,284	\$104,758	\$474
Total Pier Assets	\$223,698	\$223,435	\$(263)
Vanguard Reserve	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$-
Vanguard General	\$149,105	\$155,047	\$5,942
Total Vanguard	\$449,105	\$455,047	\$5,942
Camp Account	\$ 71,434	\$ 68,941	\$(2,493)

Renee Montgomery summarized the report above. There was a recent reconciliation on November 26. Renee anticipates that, with no adverse events, we should be \$1-2,000 ahead by the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP: Cheryl Lytle asked everyone to watch your mailbox for the BRCA Dues Envelope and Renewal Letter for paying your 2025 BRCA dues. Dues may now be paid by cash, check, Zelle, or credit card, online. Jamie showed everyone how to access the credit card payment mechanism from the Website online including how to add a donation. He noted that there are currently parts of the website not working. There will be an email blast to remind people they can pay online and it was suggested that there be a button for people to pay for the extra 3% for using a credit card. Otherwise BRCA will cover the cost.

NEWSLETTER: Jane Clark: Deadline for the next newsletter is December 22.

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY UPDATE: Officer Scott reminded everyone that this is the time of the year when more packages are delivered and thieves are known to follow delivery vans and take packages from doorsteps and from cars. There is an uptick in stealing noticed in Edgewater. Thus,

CALENDAR 2025

JANUARY

MON 13 GENERAL MEETING BRCA
7:30 pm • Marina Clubhouse

WED 22 SLIP HOLDER MEETING
6:30 pm • Marina Clubhouse

FRI 24 PUB FRIDAY
6-9 pm • Marina Clubhouse

TUE 28 SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT
6:30 pm • Marina Clubhouse

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and Resident Survey

FEBRUARY

MON 10 GENERAL MEETING BRCA
7:30 pm • Marina Clubhouse

FRI 21 PUB FRIDAY
6-9 pm • Marina Clubhouse

MARCH

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7:30 pm • Marina Clubhouse

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6-9 pm • Marina Clubhouse



keep valuables out of cars and bring packages in as soon as possible. Officer Scott also noted that enforcing correct speeds has slowed but someone did hit a fence and tree opposite 73 Bay Drive. A resident noted that there was a lot of glass and plastic at this crash site. Relatedly, a resident asked about the license plate reader that we had planned for the front gate that might have been used to track the offending car. Jamie reported that the County has not given us permission to use their right of way although we are still pushing for permission. We know the County is interested in putting readers in several neighborhoods including Bay Ridge. Bill Thomas is in contact with a police officer who may be able to help. Without permission, we will need to buy a second reader and they may not work well at a greater distance from the gate. Bill Davidson reminded us that we have some private individuals who have offered to help purchase readers in the past.

FOREST MANAGEMENT: Greg Conner commented first on the ongoing urgent need to cull deer as the biggest problem for the Big Woods. A supplemental document was distributed that outlined the data to support this statement. A cull is presently ongoing and we have asked permission to extend the cull a few extra weeks. A recent email blast, informing residents that drones would reappear (as last year) to count the deer, resulted in some push back from residents who are concerned about privacy. This issue will be addressed during the January General meeting. Greg also reported on the very positive news that about 30 volunteers planted over 100 flowering trees in late October. This was an uplifting community event and there are currently 25 additional trees that are being planted. In addition, there is a plan to build a nursery next to 27 Hull Avenue (Pat Burns) which will have seedlings for later transfer to the woods. FMC has also considered building deer fences to manage the migration of deer down the Annapolis Neck. The Scenic Rivers Land Trust is aware of our issues and on a recent visit claimed to be impressed by all that the community is doing. For example, there have been a few encroachment issues with Annapolis Cove (AC), in part, because we originally put up fences six feet into our land. When informed, AC has been understanding and we are debating whether to repair the fence and plant trees on the other side of the fence but within our property or to build a new fence nearer the property line. A resident suggested that we re-consider having regular walk-throughs in Bay Ridge and proposed that we discuss this idea at the next General Meeting.

POOL: Jay Green reported on the new Board: Drew Johnson is President and Cameron Arterton is Vice President. Many boats are wintering in the parking lot and a few capital projects are going on.

SECURITY: Norm Farley reported that the additional police shifts will start again in May.

PIER: Kurt Kasten reported a slip holder meeting in January and Pier Day on April 12. Most boats are out of the marina. Pier A has a power issue that only affects the cameras. They are still trying to figure out what is causing the issue.

FINANCE: Stuart Jones reported on the first meeting of the newly re-constituted Finance Committee. They will focus on three items this year. 1. Oversight of investment funds (including the Pier CD). They will find an advisor to assist in this process and plan to attend to this item every 6 months. 2. Determine if insurance costs and grass cutting costs (that both seem high in cost) can be contained (on a quarterly basis). 3. Review end-of-year financial report and tax return.

SUMMER CAMP: Jamie reported that the camp books are closed out for the year and thanked Morgan Gill and Molly Brant for leadership and management execution.

EROSION: Bill Davidson reported that the drainage pipe issue mentioned in the October *Heron* had been fixed with a new pipe under the road at 18-20 River Drive. He credited Dave Openshaw as leading this effort.

OUTREACH: ANNAPOLIS NECK PENINSULA/AA Co/ANNAPOLIS/STATE: Lily Openshaw sent the following written report and commented specifically on items #3,4 and 7. On-going issues that are being tracked: 1. Forest Drive Safety Project – *Phase 1 safety improvements are underway. BRCA had significant role in driving this safety initiative as part of the County/City/State Forest Drive Task Force leadership team.* 2. Annapolis Comprehensive Plan 2040 – *no new information* 3. County Waste Water Treatment Plant Odor Control- *community meeting Dec 17th - Edgewood Road facility needs stricter control.* 4. Clubhouse Resiliency Project – *meeting 12/10. We obtained Resiliency Planning report for Annapolis Maritime Museum. Similar issues to us so the committee will review this report.* 5. Friends of PAL Park- *looking for volunteers to represent Bay Ridge* 6. Annapolis Neck Peninsula Resiliency Committee – *no new information* New Issue 7. Survey for new Quiet Waters Park Expansion: *The proposed expansion was successfully shut down earlier but now the issue is*

back. A questionnaire was sent to Outreach Chair from the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation; Friends of Quiet Waters Park. This was sent via Eblast out to BRCA for additional residents' input.

ZONING: Ed Ervin reported that the committee met recently but no new variances have been proposed.

SOCIAL: Meredith Howe mentioned the BRCA Holiday Party has changed format with a piano bar singalong (from Middleton Tavern!). Tickets are \$50 each with one free drink and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Weather permitting, would include the possibility of fire pits. Relatedly, the new storage and tables and chairs were mentioned. Meredith will discuss with Renee how to fund social events next year (with new chairs Alec Cronin for July 4 and Julie Nogueira for Jamboree; Molly Brant runs the Kid's Holiday Party).

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING THE BRCA 2025 BUDGET. Jamie put the budget up on the screen. A few clarifying questions were answered. **Motion to approve 2025 Budget as printed in the October and November newsletters** was approved unanimously.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT (SCBD) Bill Davidson reported on and presented a draft proposed Budget for FY26. A new item in FY25 year was the Supplemental Special Police Hours that increased the safety of our community. The tax rate per property for FY26 is the same as last year. The Board will vote on this later in December and there will be a special tax meeting in January to go through both tax districts.

SIGN LOSS A resident raised the issue of replacing signs that were lost or broken e.g., A Private Property Sign; The No Solicitation Sign. Jamie said he would pass this along to the Commons Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holiday Party on Friday 7pm at Clubhouse: Venmo Mary Snowdon by Tuesday.

First pub of the new year on January 24.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was accepted unanimously (8:54pm).

MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

General: Second Monday each month 7:30 pm: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

BRCA Board: Last Tuesday each month 7 pm: January 28, February 26, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 30, October 28, November 25, December 30

Pub Friday January 24

6-9 pm Marina Clubhouse

Liven up winter doldrums with neighbors
at the Winter Pub Fridays, beginning
January 24.

Mark your Calendar!

January 24 February 21 March 21



RESIDENT DIRECTORY IN 2025!

I need everyone's help to be sure all contact information is accurate. Please review your information in the 2023-2024 Directory and let me know if your contact information has changed in the past two years:

- Has your email address changed?
- Want to add cell phone numbers?
- Have you eliminated your land line?
- Has someone moved out or in since 2023?

Email me all new information at Clytle78@comcast.net.

Many thanks for this help!



2025 BRCA DUES ARE DUE!

Pay dues and extra donations by cash, check, Zelle or credit card.

TO PAY BY CHECK OR CASH: Insert cash or your check for \$300 (or more?), payable to BRCA, into any envelope and deposit in the BRCA mailbox on mailbox post at 78 Farragut OR mail to the address on the envelope.

TO USE ZELLE: Login to your mobile banking app and use Zelle to make a transfer to BayRidgeCivic8080@gmail.com

Note your Bay Ridge address so we can properly record your payment.

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD: Click on this link to the Bay Ridge Website: [PAY DUES BY CREDIT CARD](#) OR this QR code →

Please consider adding an extra \$50, \$150, \$250, or more with your \$300 dues payment. Your contribution will go to good use, I promise!

Any changes to your contact information for 2025 Resident Directory?

- Has your email address changed?
- Want to add cell phone numbers or eliminate a land line?
- Has someone moved out or in since 2023?

Send new information with your dues —OR email your changes to Clytle78@comcast.net.



Thank you for your support!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Bay Ridge! 2025 is here and we are off to a great start.

I want to thank everyone who has already contributed their annual dues and add a special thanks to the many neighbors who have contributed even more than the \$300 requested amount. Last year we did run a little short on our operating funds so these extras help us get everything done despite some of the cost increases.

Please be on the look-out for the special tax meeting this month where Bill Davidson (BRCA Board Member and Erosion Control Committee Chair) will walk through our two tax districts' (Special Community Benefit and Erosion Control) details. The bottom line is that our taxes will remain constant for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

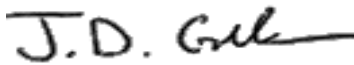
We have some key capital improvement projects for the marina clubhouse area which were approved for 2025 by the community. These include landscaping around the clubhouse, a facelift for the pumphouse, lighting and parking lot improvements. It has been great to see the increase in use of our clubhouse and grounds and we expect that to continue. The clubhouse renovation has been a great investment!

I want to call out Mary Snowdon for running our holiday party for the past many years! The holiday party has become a wonderful tradition and Mary has worked tirelessly to keep this going. This year's celebration in our clubhouse was really amazing! We need a new chair so please consider this important role as we would like to get the hand-off completed this month.

As we head into the new year I want to welcome all of our new neighbors.

And finally, our hearts and thoughts go out to those who lost loved ones in 2024. We hope you find some peace and comfort in 2025 and know that we are praying for you and always available for anything.

At your service,



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NOTICE TO ALL BAY RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS

There will be a Special Tax District meeting for all Bay Ridge property owners, at the marina clubhouse, on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm.** At this meeting any property owner will be heard regarding the proposed tax fund budgets and tax rates described in this notice. Also, a survey form is enclosed for property owners to express their opinions on these budgets and rates. **PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TO THE MAILBOX LOCATED AT 80 EAST LAKE DRIVE BY NOON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, OR ATTEND THE MEETING.**

PROPOSED TAX DISTRICT BUDGETS AND RATES

Each year, as a part of its annual budget process, Anne Arundel County requests civic associations prepare budgets and submit tax rates to fund work in their respective communities. Bay Ridge has two special tax districts: (1) a Special Community Benefit District (SCBD); and (2) a Shore Erosion Control District (SECD). The County maintains these two tax districts as separate "Funds" on our behalf. The proposed budgets and tax rates for these two funds, during County Fiscal Year 2026 (7/1/25 through 6/30/26), are shown below for the SCBD and on the attached spreadsheet for the SECD. The County provides the information on the number of property tax accounts and assessable values.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT (SCBD)

Our proposed SCBD budget contains largely the same items as last year. Primarily, our SCBD pays for a special County police officer assigned to Bay Ridge and to pay scheduled debt service on the \$2.25M loan that helped finance the purchase of our 100-acre "Big Woods". Our Special Police Officer will cost 7.7% more in FY26 than FY24. This is determined by the County. In FY25, we began using our SCBD taxes to pay for additional special police hours summer weeks. The regular Special Police portion of our SCBD tax works out to be about \$467.13 per household, and the supplemental summertime police hours will add about \$37.75 per household. The Camera operating portion of our proposed FY26 SCBD tax works out to be \$13.51 per household. The Anne Arundel County Police Department has advised us, informally, that it intends to include Bay Ridge in a new traffic camera initiative that may obviate the need for BRCA fund our planned front gate camera. Since this is uncertain, we are including an operating cost in our FY26 SCBD budget. Annual debt service on our Big Woods loan, \$114,481, works out to about \$247.47/HH. FY32 is the last year we must collect taxes to pay off that loan, but forest management costs will continue. In FY23, we shifted from BRCA funding our Forest Management costs to paying for them using our SCBD, and we do this using the item "Maintenance and Improvement of Community-Wide Property," which is an allowed SCBD purpose. IN FY26, we will continue to pay forest management costs using SCBD revenues (except for \$3,000 that BRCA budgeted in CY25. Of the \$39,907 in the "Maintenance of Community Property" line item, which works out to \$85.57/HH, \$5,000 is actually earmarked for Commons and the rest for Forest Management. Beginning in FY24, we shifted from using BRCA funds to using SCBD taxes to pay for BRCA's own taxes (i.e., property taxes on seven BRCA-owned properties other than 2 Herndon), and we plan to continue that practice in FY26. This BRCA property taxes portion of the FY26 SCBD charge works out to \$9.64/HH. Finally, in a letter dated 12/5/2024 the County informed us that beginning with FY26, BRCA will be required to bond, receive, hold, disperse, and audit SCBD tax revenues, which we will do using a new account separate from BRCA's general funds. This may add a minor new administrative cost of about \$600 beginning in FY25.

If we do have to pay for the operating cost of the front gate cameras in FY26, then we'll cover that using a draw from the fund balance, since we already raised those funds in FY25. SCBD taxes are charged and collected on a flat per household basis (e.g., same dollar amount per property account). Our FY26 SCBD tax rate proposal is to charge the same as in FY25, \$859.06 per household.

December 17, 2023

PROPOSED BUDGET:	Approved FY24	Approved FY25	Expected Actual FY25	PROPOSED FY26	Parsed FY26 (\$/HH)
1. Police Officer					
Salary & FICA	\$ 116,578	\$ 110,326	\$ 110,326	\$ 121,613	
Pension	\$ 53,939	\$ 52,003	\$ 52,003	\$ 58,067	
Insurance	\$ 13,371	\$ 21,755	\$ 21,755	\$ 22,372	
Vehicle & Equip, 5-yr Replace'nt, Mobile Comput., etc.	\$ 14,620	\$ 18,220	\$ 18,220	\$ 15,808	
Sub-Total, Cost for Police Officer	\$ 198,508	\$ 202,304	\$ 202,304	\$ 217,860	\$ 467.13
2. Supplemental Special Policed Police Hours (new in FY25)		\$ 24,960	\$ 14,127	\$ 17,605	\$ 37.75
3. Front Gate Camera (12 Months of Flock Operating Contract)		\$ 6,300		\$ 6,300	\$ 13.51
4. Funding of Land Acquisition Debt Service ("Big Woods")	114,481	114,481	114,481	114,481	\$ 245.47
5. Maintenance & Improvement of Community-Wide Property	34,500	46,500	44,000	39,907	\$ 85.57
6. Property and Income Taxes for BRCA-Owned Properties	4,806	4,806	3,800	4,498	\$ 9.64
7. County Administrative Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	Distributed into above
8. Fidelity Bond for County (New as of Dec. 5, 2024)			620	637	Distributed into above
9. Cost of mailing notice to residents	440	470	521	536	Distributed into above
Subtotal, Expenses of the SCBD fund	\$ 354,735	\$ 401,821	\$ 381,853	\$ 403,824	
Planned Put to (or Take from) County-Held Fund Balance		(4,934)		(6,937)	
TOTAL PROPOSED SCBD TAXES TO BE COLLECTED	\$ 340,969	\$ 396,887		\$ 396,887	
Number of Properties (No. of Tax Accounts)	464	462		462	
PROPOSED TAX RATE PER PROPERTY TAX ACCT	\$ 734.85	\$ 859.06		\$ 859.06	\$ 859.06
Unappropriated County-Held Fund Balance on June 30 (est.)		\$ 29,301	\$ 65,182	\$ 58,245	

SHORE EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT – (SECD)

We are a peninsula community. Our Shore Erosion Control District (SECD) pays for many erosion control activities around our shoreline. These activities are detailed in the table below. With minor exceptions, our SECD budget for FY26 includes much the same items as for FY25. Vegetation management (Items 3-5) are proceeding and within budget. Item 6, provides an allowance to be used during the year to pay for technical assistance from our technical advisor, BayLand Consultants & Designers to secure sources of sand from nearby dredging operations and associated County permitting activities. In FY25 we renewed our 5-year Federal and State permits, but we would need a County permit to receive any sand. Items 7 and 8 are budget allocations aimed at attracting dredge spoils suitable to nurture our Bay and River Drive beaches. Our technical advisor, BayLand says that while it may be several years for a suitable dredging operation arise, we should remain ready to purchase sand at when dredged sand becomes available. It is important to understand that any budgeted appropriation that we do not actually spend in any year (e.g., if we can't find sand) remains in our fund (carries over) for use in a subsequent year, but we can't spend what we don't "appropriate." For Item 9, "Stabilize Steep Slope at 57-63 Bay Dr.," we paid for a survey in FY25 showing it worthy of County attention, so no FY26 expense is planned. Marina bulkhead maintenance costs are now County-approved to be in our SECD, and we have both short term and long-term plans there—Items 10 and 11. Item 10, "Replace short section of marina bulkhead south of ramp", was completed in FY24, but some settling has occurred that needs about \$3,000 to correct, which we will do by this June. Item 11 proposes \$5,000 in FY26 to take care of sinkholes that have repeatedly developed behind our main bulkhead. Item 12 calls for about \$3K to keep the pipe inlet at 2 Herndon Ave from clogging causing overtopping of the basin there resulting in beach erosion at the base of the stone stairs there. Otherwise measures installed there in FY23 appear to be working well. With respect to Item 13, to "Periodically power wash and reseal BRCA beach stairs at road ends", due to weathering, the stairs actually now need sanding as well as staining, and we plan to do that in FY26. Items 14 and 15 are engineering studies that we believe are very important based increasing storm threat, and the ages of both our offshore breakwaters and River Drive groin works. We are doubling our cost estimate for Item 14, "Bay Drive breakwaters performance review", include our River Drive groin system, and Item 15, "Sea level rise resiliency planning", is increased to \$75K based on our team's review of actual resiliency plans performed in our area. We also propose a \$6,668 miscellaneous allowance, and finally, there is our \$25.7K annual debt service. Our fiscal plan proposes to do all this, without raising the SECD tax rate.

Expenditures By County Fiscal Year	(Note: County Fiscal Year is June 1 - July 30)	Approved For FY2025	Actual During 1st Half of FY25	Expected During 2nd Half of FY25	Proposed Budget For FY2026
1 County Admin Fee (for Collecting and Dispersing SCBD Taxes)		\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)
2 Copying and Postal Costs for Annual County-Required Notice		\$ (470)	\$ -	\$ (536)	\$ (550)
3 River Dr. Vegetation Maintenance (kill invasives and plug stabilizing species)		\$ (7,004)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,504)	\$ (7,214) (a)
4 Bay Dr. Slope: Remove Harmful Invasives (e.g. Rosera), Grubbing & Herbicides		\$ (19,570)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (16,070)	\$ (20,157) (a)
5 Bay Dr. Slope: Seeding and/or Re-Planting w/Lespedeza, Panicum, Watering as needed		\$ (6,180)	\$ -	\$ (6,180)	\$ (6,365) (a)
6 Technical Assistance Including Permitting Services for Projects on BRCA shoreline		\$ (20,000)	\$ (6,000)	\$ (5,000)	\$ (10,000) (b)
7 Sand Nourishment for the Balance of the River Drive Beaches		\$ (123,500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (123,500) (c)
8 Sand Nourishment for Bay Drive Beaches (South of Wainwright)		\$ (247,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (247,000) (d)
9 Stabilize Steep Slope at 57-63 Bay Dr. Survey completed by BRCA, asking County to fix.		\$ -	\$ (4,974)	\$ (1,026)	\$ - (e)
10 Replaced the Short Section of Bulkhead on the South-Side of Ramp at Marina in FY24		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,000)	\$ - (f)
11 Main Marina Bulkhead: Repair Sinkholes in FY25, then in FY33, replace entire Bulkhead		\$ (5,000)	\$ -	\$ (9,700)	\$ - (g)
12 2 Herndon, Drainpipe Entry Maintenance to Mitigate Overtopping & Beach Gullying at Stairs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,000)	\$ - (h)
13 Periodically Power Wash and Re-Seal Wooden Stairs at Road Ends Along Bay Drive		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,750) (i)
14 Bay Drive Breakwaters & River Dr. Groin Performance & Maintenance Study		\$ (25,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (50,000) (j)
15 Sea Level Rise & Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment; Resiliency Planning, Regional		\$ (20,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (75,000) (k)
16 Fidelity Bond for County (New for FY26)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ (971)	\$ (997) (l)
17 Miscellaneous Allowance		\$ (3,907)	\$ -	\$ (1,954)	\$ (6,961) (m)
18 Debt Service on 2008 DNR Loan for Mayo-to-Tolley Pt. Work (20-Yr. Interest Free)		\$ (25,771)	\$ (25,771)	\$ 0	\$ (25,771) (n)
Projected Expenditures		\$ (514,087)	\$ (45,745)	\$ (50,939)	\$ (585,266)
Planned Contribution to (or draw from) Fund Balance: (negative value indicates draw)					\$ (461,922) (o)
Fund Balance at End of Period Indicated by Column Heading		\$ 600,481		\$ 603,615	\$ 141,693 (p)
SECD Taxes To Be Raised during FY26 in order to pay for budgeted FY26 expenditures, net of draw from fund balance, District-wide tax base (State-assessment value of all properties in the SECD, as reported by AA County).					\$ 123,344
SECD Tax Rate expressed as (\$/100 of Assessed Property Value)					\$ 6,669,000
					\$ 0.0180 (rate must rounded to 2 decimal digits)
(a) Included in a County-approved up-to-date Vegetative Management Plan ("Buffer Management Plan").					
(b) Unit cost, not to exceed, contract w/BayLand Consultants (find sand, navigate permitting process). Renewed 5-year Joint Federal & State permits in FY25. Will still need County permit.					
(c) Highly variable. Assumes \$19/CY for 6,500 CY incremental cost to dredging contractor to bring to Bay Ridge instead of other disposal location. Commercial sand costs about \$100/CY.					
(d) Assumes 6,500 CY at \$38/CY (BayLand est.) to pay for attracting sand for sand delivered to Bay Dr. beaches. Higher unit cost anticipated due to the difficulties of access.					
(e) Very steep slope near 57-63 Bay Dr. w/destabilizing trees & erosion from road runoff. Survey and report completed in FY25 indicates County should add curb and remove trees.					
(f) We replaced the section of bulkhead south of boat ramp in FY24 (Shoreline Solutions contract). Settling occurred (well after job accepted) and needs to be filled, compacted & reseeded.					
(g) Sinkholes along the Marina main bulkhead need repair now (FY25). Then, in approx. 8 years, plan to replace the entire 375-foot bulkhead, future cost based on the actual FY24 \$/LF.					
(h) Storm pipe extension, in FY23, is diverting storm water away from base of stone steps, but pipe inlet in basin at top of bank needs periodic clearing of debris to prevent overtopping.					
(i) The stairs need sanding to smooth all foot and hand contact surfaces. Our plan is to sand and stain in FY26, then replace all surface boards with hardwood in a future year (e.g., FY29 or 30).					
(j) It's been 35 yrs. since Bay Dr breakwaters constructed (30-yr design). River Dr older. Model sand migration, evaluate breakwaters & groins, define needed enhancements. New NOAA data.					
(k) Assess vulnerability of Bay Ridge to increased frequency & intensity of storms and sea level rise, review Annapolis & USNA plans, participate in regional "Resiliency Planning," seek grants.					
(l) Presumes, same as for our Special Community Benefit District, that BRCA, itself, will receive & disperse SECD tax revenues, maintaining a separate account, rather than let County hold.					
(m) This miscellaneous budget contingency is calculated, as in past years, as 3% of all non-debt and non-sand purchase costs.					
(n) Scheduled DNR loan payment for our 2008 construction project (Mayo to Tolley Point). Our last \$25,771 payment will be 8/1/2029. That amount must appear in the FY29 appropriation.					
(o) Negative value indicates a planned draw from the fund. One-time expenses proposed for the upcoming budget year (e.g., sand purchase) were provided for (raised) in prior tax years.					
(p) Fund balance at the end of FY24 (6/30/24) is as reported by County. Fund balance at end of FY25 is calculated by adding FY25 receivables of \$99,819, less above FY25 expenditures.					
DRAFT Prepared: 12/17/2024					For FY26, The average property will pay \$266.98

Bottom line: For FY26 we propose to hold the SECD tax rate constant at \$0.018 per \$100 of assessed value. However, SECD taxes are charged in proportion to each property's state-assessed market value, and property values vary. Based on a total of 462 properties paying the SECD tax, we estimate that the average Bay Ridge property will pay \$266.98 in FY26.

We encourage you to attend the January 28, 2025 Special Tax Meeting. During the meeting, we will offer added details, review our ten-year fiscal plan, and answer any specific questions about this proposal. —BRCA Board

BAY RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
December 31, 2024

SURVEY FORM

Please express your opinions on the tax budgets and rates as provided in the enclosed notice and attachment. Also, your Civic Association Board welcomes comments on any other matters you would like to bring to our attention. **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE BRCA MAILBOX AT 80 EAST LAKE DRIVE BY NOON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 AND/OR ATTEND THE SPECIAL TAX MEETING AT 6:30 pm THAT EVENING AT THE MARINA CLUBHOUSE.**

SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT:

BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR POLICE OFFICER, LAND
ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- All Property Owners

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SHORE EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT:

BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR SHORE
EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT

-All Property Owners

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OPPOSE

Please describe any other matters you would like to bring to the Board's attention. Also let us know if and how you would like to help around the community. Thank you in advance for your input and participation.

Mail completed form to:

BRCA, 80 East Lake Drive, Annapolis MD 21403

OR Bring to Meeting on January 28



BAY RIDGE POLICEMAN: CPL. RICH SCOTT

Remove Valuables and Lock Your Car

To report a crime: Emergencies: 911; Non-emergencies: 410-222-8610
Cpl. Rich Scott: p91793@aacounty.org

DOG SAFETY

We all love our Bay Ridge dogs and the majority of dog owners are courteous and in control of their dogs. However, there is still a handful of owners who do not practice courtesy or follow the laws.

Please Do Not allow your dog to approach another person or dog without express permission from the other person. You are responsible to maintain total control of your dog at all times, on or off the leash.

Anne Arundel County laws apply to all common areas in Bay Ridge, including the bluff, woods and beaches. The laws require you to control, leash, and clean up after your pet. We expect to post a few signs near them so all dog walkers, including non-Bay Ridge residents, will know the rules.

We were surprised to learn of the many dog attacks that have occurred, including some multiple attacks by the same dog. Please report incidents to Anne Arundel County police (410-222-8610 or 911 if emergency) to help protect your neighbors.



PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY

SEVEN REASONS WALKING ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROAD FACING TRAFFIC KEEPS EVERYONE SAFE!

1. Pedestrians can see traffic coming toward them if they are facing oncoming traffic.
2. Pedestrians cannot see or hear a bicycle approaching from behind if they are on the wrong side of the road.
3. Walkers/joggers with ear buds can't hear any traffic. If they facing traffic, they can at least see approaching cars and bicycles.
4. Pedestrians are less likely to step in front of a car or bicycle that is in front of them.
5. Walkers with small children can react better to protect their kids if they can see cars or bicycles coming towards them.
6. Dog walkers on the correct side of the road present less of a hazard to cyclists, themselves and their pets by keeping pets on their left and on the road's shoulder.
7. It's easier to wave to neighbors enjoying our great community!



MARINA NEWS

WINTER SLIP HOLDER MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 6:30 PM, MARINA CLUBHOUSE

WINTER PLANNING: Think about winter planning. Contact BayRidgeMarina@gmail.com to let us know when you will be taking your boat out. For those staying in, please remember to double your lines to the Northwest, make sure batteries are charged, and check to make sure your bilge pump is fully operational and your through hulls are in good working order. No standard extension cords can be left plugged in for more than 24 hours - that is dangerous. A boat is not like a house - the AC current to your boat needs to be properly and fully grounded or you are putting both your boat and other people's lives at risk - especially the divers who clean boat bottoms in the marina, and kids who swim there (when they are not supposed to!).

SUBLETS: If you plan on leaving your slip for good or for awhile in 2025, let the Pier Committee know at BayRidgeMarina@gmail.com so we can get someone on the waitlist assigned a slip or at least into a slip for at least a while and the slip won't sit empty. There are no "private sublets"; all sublets must go through the Pier Committee, to be fair to your neighbors who are waiting. Remember that boats not assigned to the slips they are in without Pier Committee approval will be removed and stored at the owner's expense.

BRCA BOAT RAMP KEY: To purchase a key, place cash or check made out to BRCA in an envelope in Shawn Geraghty's mailbox at 16 Hull with your name, address, and phone number. To borrow a key: 410-279-2081 or shawn.geraghty@gmail.com

MARINA CAMERAS: Remember that you can keep an eye on your boat online with the marina cameras that are on the web. Contact Shawn Geraghty or Bill Thomas for details on getting the App and getting access. You can check your boat from anywhere you can get online!

PUMP OUT TRAINING: If you need Pump out training on using the Pump out, contact Rich Mount at richmount.83@gmail.com who is running the Pump out training required by Anne Arundel County.

NEED ICE? The ice machine electronic Bluetooth lock is operational. To access, email richmount.83@gmail.com with your email and full name. He'll include you as an authorized user and email you instructions on downloading and setting up the "Master Enterprise Vault" app on your phone. Note: the app has an audit trail feature, so we can see when and who opened the lock. You can pay for ice using Venmo or pay in cash using the lockbox to the left of the machine. If you have Venmo setup on your phone, open the Venmo app and scan the QR code located on the front of the ice machine. This will take you right to the BRCA Ice machine account where you can type in the amount. Go to [Venmo.com](https://venmo.com) for instructions on downloading and setting up a Venmo account.

BRCA MARINA PERSONNEL CONTACTS:

Dock Masters: Dave Russell 703-407-3334 and Jeff Gilbert 301-538-5900

Pump out training and keys: Rich Mount 410-349-6205

Waitlist/Slip Sublets/Slip Assignments: Kurt Karsten 410-991-3184

Ramp Keys and Ramp issues: Shawn Geraghty 410-279-2081

Marina Cameras access: Shawn Geraghty 410-279-2081

Dinghy/Kayak/SUP Stickers for the rack and beach: Mark Schultz 410-279-2832

Marina Clubhouse Rental: Besse Rose 202-631-7937

FOREST MANAGEMENT

The FMC hosted the Scenic River Land Trust on the annual Big Woods walk-through on November 21. A summary report from SRLT will be delivered in the coming month. In general, we are doing our part to actively manage the woods and monitor encroachment.

We are looking for volunteers to help us water the trees recently planted. You may have seen a large water tank on a trailer. We are watering Mondays through Fridays so drop an email to grgcnnr5@gmail.com with your availability or when you see the water tank, lend a hand!

FMC is starting a nursery this spring! Our goal is to buy and plant 400 native tree seedlings that we will nurture and eventually plant in the Big Woods. If you would like to volunteer to plant this spring, please email grgcnnr5@gmail.com.

POOL NEWS

BOAT SHRINK WRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM: Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a recycling program that provides bags and a convenient disposal site. BRPA is offering this service for boats stored at the pool as well as to the entire community. Participants simply need to place their shrink wrap in the provided bag (\$15 for boats not stored at the pool) and BRPA will arrange for transportation to the disposal site. For more information, visit [DNR Shrink Wrap Program](#). Click on this link: [Think Before You Shrink](#) to consider skipping shrink wrapping altogether if you don't really need it. **If you wish to participate in the Recycle Program but are not storing your boat at the pool, contact Cameron Arterton:** arterton1@gmail.com

PARTY AT THE POOL ALL YEAR LONG! Plan a holiday party at the Pool Clubhouse overlooking the Bay, available to pool and BRCA members.

Contact: Cheryl Lytle clytle78@comcast.net



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