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## Bay Hills Community Association President's Message

I wish each and every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Some of the students in Bay Hills are celebrating a prosperous New Year with their grades at Broadneck High School. Three community students made the President's honor roll, **Georgia Harper, Heather Cameron and Heather Franceschini**. The President's honor roll requires an A in every subject. Georgia is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and both Heathers are in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations to all three!

Kudos also to 8<sup>th</sup>-grader (and frequent Bay Hills event volunteer), **Summer Madison**, for winning the University of Maryland's Junior Terapin Club essay contest. She was awarded with a scholarship check for her winning entry.

We have had a **couple of "practice" snows** already this fall and winter and now should be ready for the real thing. Bay Hills' main streets are maintained by the county and are usually plowed and clear soon after the main and collector roads.

The county asks our help to service us better by parking vehicles off the street - in driveways - if at all possible.

They also ask that we don't leave trash cans, recycle bins, and other obstacles in the street. Also, don't place snow from sidewalks and driveways in the street. Doing so could contribute to a greater amount of snow being

### Upcoming Events ...

- Jan BHCA 2006 Dues Notices
- (see p.4) watch your mail; remit to ProCom
- Tue, BHCA Board Meeting
- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm, Providence Center
- Tue, Ladies' Lit. Book Club
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> (see p.4)
- Tue, BHCA Board Meeting
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm, Providence Center

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- pushed toward your property as the plow passes by (which usually results in the snow blocking the driveway again).

- Thanks again to **John and Pat Remias**, all the volunteers, and residents for a beautiful luminary presentation on Christmas Eve.

- If there is any **school news** that involves Bay Hills residents let us know so we can tell the community. Newsworthy items include grades, honor roll, participation in sports, and other school activities. There are seven public schools on the Broadneck peninsula: Broadneck High; Twin Rivers Campus (Magothy River Middle and Severn River Junior); Arnold, Broadneck, and Windsor Farm Elementary; and Anne Arundel Community College.

We have students in five of these

schools; please let us know the achievements of our local students so we can share the news! ~ Pat Nolan

### Bay Hills Board Members:

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| Member-at-Large .....  | Pete Regala.....      | 410-349-1204 |

### Additional Contacts:

|                       |                                                                                 |                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| BHCA Dues Manager:    | V. Starks/ProCom                                                                | 410-721-0777 x155 |
| Resale Packets:       | Mary Jo Kanach .....                                                            | 410-757-7393      |
| Bay Hills Apartments: | Denise Coleman..                                                                | 410-974-0300      |
| Oakland Apartments:   | Pam Jacobs.....                                                                 | 410-974-0855      |
| Pine Valley:          | Dave Jernigan/ProCom .....                                                      | 410-721-0777 x141 |
| St. Andrew's Hill:    | Bay West Mgt .....                                                              | 410-266-3109      |
| The Bluffs:           | Troy Painter/ProCom Mgt .....                                                   | 410-721-0777 x105 |
| Bay Hills Swim Club:  | DRD Pools.....                                                                  | 800-466-7665      |
| Tennis Courts:        | Sally & Paul Vavrek .....                                                       | 410-757-2492      |
| To Reserve Pavilion:  | Kristin Eckels .....                                                            | 410-757-1272      |
| Bay Hills Online:     | <a href="http://bayhills.home.comcast.net">http://bayhills.home.comcast.net</a> |                   |

# Bay Hills Community Association, Inc.

## Minutes of Board Meeting - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bay Hills Community Association was called to order by President Pat Nolan. Other board members present included Paul Cain, Dave Eckels, Lois Findlay, Steve Kidwell, Pete Regala, and Judy Roblyer. Also present was Jennifer Waters, *Beacon* editor.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances as of 11/30/05:

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Checking     | \$ 158.52    |
| Money Market | \$ 32,387.66 |

Revenues:

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Dues and late fees     | \$ 210.00       |
| Newsletter Advertising | \$ 750.00       |
| Pavilion Rental        | \$ 100.00       |
| Interest Income        | <u>\$ 60.96</u> |
| Total Revenues         | \$ 1,120.96     |

Expenditures:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| ProCom (management fees)            | \$ 1,200.00     |
| AA County (personal property tax)   | \$ 234.56       |
| G.P. Landscaping (9/05)             | \$ 1,000.00     |
| Dave Eckels (grass seed)            | \$ 89.74        |
| Cape Graphix (Nov Beacon)           | \$ 401.31       |
| Cape Graphix (second ballot insert) | \$ 114.38       |
| Jennifer Waters (Nov Beacon)        | \$ 450.00       |
| Judy Roblyer (Welcome Party)        | \$ 52.05        |
| IC Group (e-mail forwarding)        | \$ 20.00        |
| Liz Urban (Halloween Party)         | \$ 28.35        |
| Jodi Robinson (Halloween Party)     | <u>\$ 24.34</u> |
| Total Expenditures                  | \$ 3,614.73     |

Lois and Pat attended ProCom's Open House and briefly discussed the management company contract renewal with President Mike Finley. There will be a follow up meeting with ProCom concerning the renewal and 2006 dues invoicing.

Several residents have responded to the second statement mailing to 30 overdue accounts as of 11/10/05.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Capital Improvements:** No items to report.

**Communications:** Jennifer reported that a 12-page newsletter could be sent out at the same or lower net cost as our present newsletter. The postage fee remains the same, and the additional printing charges can be offset by adding some of the advertisers who are on the waiting list. Renewal letters have been sent to all of the current our advertisers. Jennifer is also considering alternative methods for incorporating additional advertisers as demand for advertising space in the *Beacon* is extremely high.

It was suggested that our website address be incorporated into the masthead design.

**Covenants:** Paul Cain, the new covenants committee chairman, has acquired the covenants file and is working on a new letter. He reported that the abandoned car on Bay Green Drive

was towed away. The board discussed the commuter van that is parked on Bay Green Drive.

**Long Range Planning:** No items to report.

**Pavilion:** No items to report.

**Property & Ground Maintenance:** See Old Business.

**Recreation:** No items to report.

**Resale Packets:** Lois Findlay and Lisa Franceschini are working on a method to determine how to identify homeowners who are selling their homes, but who have not purchased a homeowners package. (See p.4 for info on Resale Packets.)

**Social:** No report.

**Welcome:** No items to report.

### OLD BUSINESS

After reviewing a detailed comparison of the three landscaping contractors' bids prepared by Lois, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to retain G.P. Custom Landscaping for the next two years with an option for an additional year. The bids ranged from \$15,460.00 to \$16,850.00.

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# Signs, Signs, Everywhere A Sign\*

## County Council In Action - December 2005

By Cathleen Vitale, 5<sup>th</sup> District County Council Representative



Signs. They are everywhere we look: "New Homes Here," "Snowplow Workers Needed," and "Will Buy Any Home." (I always wondered if that were true.) No matter where you look these days, signs seem to be multiplying everywhere, and it's not even an election year.

The County Council has taken on the issue of signs. Bill number 78-05, regarding zoning devotes much attention to the legal and illegal uses of signs. The bill has been pending before the County

Council for the last several months, and it comes before the County Council for amendments on December 5, 2005 with the final vote on December 19, 2005. Specifically, the bill sets forth in detail when and under what circumstance temporary signs may be utilized.

I recently reviewed the small area plans for Broadneck and Severna Park. I was not surprised to see that both planning groups spent a considerable amount of time talking about signs. Taking a few excerpts from each of the plans, "Signs should be tasteful, small in size and constructed on buildings or markers. They should be distinctive and attractive and incorporated into

a building's landscape. Traffic and directional signs should be fixed into the right-of-ways and advisory in nature."

Nowhere do they discuss those little annoying signs that we see pop up every weekend, or better yet, in the middle of the night advertising all sorts of gimmicks, weight loss, physical fitness or "going out of business." A recent web search indicates that these informational signs cost as little as \$1 a sign. For as little as \$200, you can literally "litter" Severna Park, Arnold or any community.

To be clear, those signs are already illegal. Sign litter, as it is commonly being called, is prohibited. The code currently provides that "signs shall be located within the lot lines of the use to which it refers." They may not obstruct a road, sidewalk, or driveway; obstruct the view of traffic signs, traffic signals, oncoming traffic, or pedestrians; or in any way interfere with the placement or function of a traffic control device. Directional signs are supposed to be six in number, may be posted only on weekends between the hours of 3:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on the following Monday, or between 9:00 a.m. on County, State, or Federal holidays and 9:00 a.m. on the following day. Temporary directional signs may be placed within a County right-of-way if the signs are located at least three feet from any curbed or paved area. So why the problem?

The problem is that no one takes the law seriously. How often do we see temporary directional signs well into the week following an event, or in some cases, months after the event is completed? Those responsible never come back to claim them, nor care whether or not the sign becomes broken, has fallen down, or ends up in the roadway. They are traditionally not our neighbors, or local businesses, so there is no vested interest in the way they are destroying the local scenery.

The other day I called the one eight hundred number for "part-time workers needed." I was to leave my name and number and someone would call me back. So I called twice. Once to leave a name and number, and the other to advise the business that they were in violation of local ordinances. I received

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# Community Events and Notices

## Welcome New Residents

If you are a new resident or have a new neighbor, we would like to drop off a welcome bag from the Bay Hills Community Association. Also, if you have a business and would like one of your business cards included in our welcome bags, please contact Judy Roblyer at (410) 757-6226.

## 2006 Annual Dues Invoices

The Bay Hills Community Association is mailing dues assessment invoices for 2006 in early January. Dues are \$60/year for homes and townhouses, and \$30/year per apartment (paid by the apartment management companies). For residents of The Bluffs at Deep Creek, Pine Valley and St. Andrews, please note this annual assessment is separate from your monthly condo association fees (and yes, you have to pay both).

Our management company, ProCom, is mailing invoices to the owner name and billing address of record in the association database. If the person responsible for paying the annual dues is not the name on the mailing label for this issue of the Beacon, please contact Valerie Starks at ProCom (vstarks@procomgt.com, 410-721-0777 x155).

## ProCom News

Congratulations to Valerie Starks of ProCom Professional Community Management for her recent promotion to Association Manager. As mentioned above, Ms. Starks is Bay Hills' community association manager; please contact her directly regarding BHCA dues invoice questions.

## Home Resale Packets

If you are selling a residence in Bay Hills, you are **required by law** to purchase a resale packet from the Bay Hills Community Association. The packet contains our bylaws, covenants and community regulations. It must be furnished to the buyer prior to sale closing. The BHCA will confirm if there is any balance due on the homeowner's account before releasing the packet. Sellers are expected to clear their BHCA accounts prior to selling their home. To request a resale packet, contact Mary Jo Kanach at 410-757-7393.



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| Initiations (All Types) |  |                          |



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## Ladies' Literary Book Club

The Ladies' Literary Book Club will reconvene on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the home of Kathleen Benson. The book under discussion will be *The Queen of the South* by Arturo Perez-Reverte. On Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 we will discuss *1984* by George Orwell.

The book club meets the second Tuesday of the month (except for December and July). The club is comprised of a diverse group of ladies from the community. Contact Kathleen Benson at (410) 757-6198 for further information or if you are interested in attending the meetings.

## Editor's Corner

You may have noticed several changes that the *Beacon* has undergone over the past few months. A new masthead design, as well as incorporation of new features such as the community calendar, "Door of the Month" feature and an increased number of pages are just a few of the changes that we hope you have been enjoying as Bay Hills residents.

With these changes, we have also increased the number of display advertisers. Our advertisers help support publication of the *Beacon* and help maintain a critical means of community communication. We sincerely thank our advertisers for their support and hope you will, in turn, consider supporting these local organizations.

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## Door of the Month

The "Door of the Month" feature encourages our residents to look around the neighborhood and enjoy the community. So far, it has been a popular addition to the Beacon, and we thank all of the homeowners, "guessers" and winners who have participated in making the feature such a success.

So, once again, the question is: **Whose front door is this?** Hint...it's in Bay Hills and it's in a cul-de-sac! Send your guesses to [Lisa@longandfoster.com](mailto:Lisa@longandfoster.com) or call 410-991-2514. The first correct answer wins a \$50 gift certificate to O'Loughlins!

### Recent Bay Hills Real Estate Transactions:

#### Sold:

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 655 Bay Green Drive     | ~ \$500,000 |
| 504 Burning Tree Circle | ~ \$475,000 |
| 507 Burning Tree Drive  | ~ \$549,000 |
| 501 Augusta Drive       | ~ \$574,000 |

#### Under Contract:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 555 Bay Green Drive | ~ \$449,900 |
|---------------------|-------------|

#### For Sale Currently:

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 503 Bay Green Drive | ~ \$499,900 |
| 630 Bay Green Drive | ~ \$534,900 |

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## Financial Focus for 2006

### Time to Make New Year's Financial Resolutions

Do you remember any of the New Year's resolutions you made for 2005? If you don't, it may not be such a tragedy. After all, you still may have had a good quality of life even if you didn't get to the gym three times a week, learn a new language or take that gourmet cooking class. On the other hand, you can make a big difference in your future if you make - and keep - financial resolutions for the coming year.

Of course, like all resolutions, the financial ones are easier to keep if they don't force you to radically change your lifestyle. So, with that in mind, here are a few achievable financial resolutions you may want to consider for 2006:

- **Increase your 401(k) contributions.** If your salary goes up this year, increase the percentage of your earnings that you defer into your 401(k). With tax-deferred growth, pre-tax contributions and a variety of investment choices, your 401(k) is one of the best retirement-savings vehicles around. Plus, since the money is taken out before it even reaches your check, you won't really "miss" your increased contribution.
- **"Max out" on your IRA.** In 2006, you can put in up to \$4,000 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$5,000 if you are 50 or older. If you cannot come up with the maximum amount at once, try dividing your IRA contributions into 12 equal monthly payments - and have the money taken automatically from a checking or savings account (see more info on p.9).
- **Pay down your credit card debt.** As you may know, the Federal Reserve raised short-term interest rates 12 straight times from June 2004 through November 2005. Sooner or later - and probably sooner - these rate increases will affect interest rates charged by credit card providers. So, if you are paying a variable rate on your credit cards, be prepared to pay more in interest. These interest payments do you no good, as you can't deduct them from your taxes; consequently, you'll want to pay down this debt as quickly as you can.
- **Review your investment portfolio.** It's a good idea to review your investment portfolio at least once a year. Over

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## Calendar Notes



### On the Horizon ...

Tues, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:

**BHCA Board Meeting**

Tues, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:

**Ladies Lit Book Club Meeting**

### Looking for local events?

Check out these websites for information about events and lots of ideas for things to do in and around Bay Hills, Arnold and Annapolis:

[www.hometownannapolis.com](http://www.hometownannapolis.com)

[www.insideannapolis.com](http://www.insideannapolis.com)

[www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com)

[www.annearundelcounty.com](http://www.annearundelcounty.com)

### Calendar Key:

**AACC**= Anne Arundel Comm. College

**AACPL**= Anne Arundel Public Library

**AACPS**= Anne Arundel County Schools

**BES**= Broadneck Elementary School

**BHCA**= Bay Hills Community Assoc.

**BHS**= Broadneck High School

**MRMS**= Magothy River Middle School

**USNA**= U.S. Naval Academy

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Jan 1</b><br><br><b>Happy New Year!</b> | <b>2</b><br>AACPS: schools closed                                                                                                                     | <b>3</b><br>7:30pm: BHCA Board Mtg         | <b>4</b>                                 | <b>5</b>                                 | <b>6</b><br>AACPS Art Teachers Exhibit at Maryland Hall, through 2/10. Free. 410-263-5544. www.marylandhall.org | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>9</b>                                                                                                                                              | <b>10</b><br>7:30pm: Ladies Lit. Book Club | <b>11</b>                                | <b>12</b>                                | <b>13</b>                                                                                                       | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>16</b><br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day<br><br>AACPS schools closed | <b>17</b>                                  | <b>18</b>                                | <b>19</b>                                | <b>20</b>                                                                                                       | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>23</b><br>AACPS: 2-hr early dismissal                                                                                                              | <b>24</b><br>AACPS: 2-hr early dismissal   | <b>25</b><br>AACPS: 2-hr early dismissal | <b>26</b><br>AACPS: 2-hr early dismissal | <b>27</b><br>AACPS: schools closed                                                                              | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>30</b><br>AACPS: schools closed                                                                                                                    | <b>31</b>                                  | <b>Feb 1</b>                             | <b>2</b>                                 | <b>3</b>                                                                                                        | <b>4</b>  |



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## Just for Fun - MD Scramble!

Unscramble the following words and phrases associated with Maryland. Shown below are hints to each solution; complete solutions appear on page 10.

1. SLIPANONA \_\_\_\_\_
2. EHT LOD NILE ATTES \_\_\_\_\_
3. HET EFRE SEATT \_\_\_\_\_
4. KLABC, LOGD, DRE & THIWE  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. ARMDYNAL, YM DRYMANLA \_\_\_\_\_
6. GUSTOJIN \_\_\_\_\_
7. SECROLAS \_\_\_\_\_
8. CALKB-DYEE NAUSS \_\_\_\_\_
9. THIWE KOA \_\_\_\_\_
10. AORTIBLEM LOORIE \_\_\_\_\_
11. SHEEPEACKA AYB IVEERRRET  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. PRITEDS SABS \_\_\_\_\_
13. ANDYLAM UBLE BRAC \_\_\_\_\_
14. STROYE \_\_\_\_\_
15. MORTIEBAL OCTHESPERCK RYETTBFLU  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. PIKKSJAJC \_\_\_\_\_
17. SAOMN-XIOND NEIL \_\_\_\_\_
18. ITHREATEN RAMIE \_\_\_\_\_
19. SNARFIC OCTST EYK \_\_\_\_\_
20. RATS PLANGEDS RANEBN \_\_\_\_\_

- Hints:
1. State Capital
  2. State Nickname
  3. Another State Nickname
  4. Colors of the State Flag
  5. State Song
  6. State Sport
  7. Indian Sport, often mistaken as MD's state sport
  8. State Flower
  9. State Tree
  10. State Bird
  11. State Dog
  12. State Fish, also known as Rockfish
  13. State Crustacean
  14. Popular, once abundant, Bay Shellfish
  15. State Insect
  16. State Boat
  17. Division between Maryland and Pennsylvania
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## Financial Focus for 2006: New Year's Financial Resolutions & IRA "Catch-ups"

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the course of 12 months, your life can change in many ways; e.g., new spouse, new house, new child, new job, etc. And if your life changes significantly, your investment goals may also change. But even if your circumstances haven't changed much in a year, you should review your holdings to make sure they are properly diversified in a way that reflects your individual risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives. A financial professional can help you review your investments to make sure you are still on track.

- **Avoid last year's mistakes.** Everyone makes investment mistakes, but the smartest investors make them only once. So, try to identify any errors you made in 2005. Did you chase after "hot stocks" only to find they had already cooled off by the time you purchased them? Did you incur a large tax bill by constantly buying and selling investments? These are the types of mistakes you should try to avoid in 2006.

So, there you have them: some New Year's financial resolutions that, if followed carefully, can provide you with benefits long after 2006 is over.

### Take Advantage of Higher IRA "Catch-up" Limits

Now that it's 2006, you are one year closer to retirement. Of course, if you are still in your twenties, this milestone may not

mean that much to you. But if you are 50 or older, the prospect of actually becoming a retiree looms larger as the years go by. Fortunately, it's just become a little easier to build savings for your retirement years. Why? Because, starting Jan. 1, you can put in \$1,000 in "catch-up" contributions to your traditional or Roth IRA, up from \$500 in 2005. So, given the \$4,000 annual limit for regular contributions, you can put in a total of \$5,000 to your IRA in 2006.

Fully funding your IRA should be one of your top investment priorities. Keep in mind that IRAs offer two major benefits:

- **Tax advantages** - If you have a traditional IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred, so your money can grow faster than it would in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. (You will eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, but, by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket.) Also, depending on your income level, your contributions may be tax-deductible. When you have a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes. You can also take out earnings, free of taxes, as long as you don't begin withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.
- **Variety of investment options** - You can invest your IRA in virtually any security you choose - stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, etc. In fact, you're not confined to just one type of investment within your IRA; you can create a diversified portfolio containing a variety of holdings.

Given these tax advantages and this investment flexibility, it's almost certainly a good idea to "max out" on your IRA every single year. Of course, it's not always that easy to come up with \$5,000 at one time, but you don't have to. You can fund your IRA over the course of a year by putting in about \$416 per month. And, to make it even easier for you to completely fund your IRA, you could have that \$416 moved automatically, via a bank authorization, from your checking or savings account to your IRA.

On the other hand, if you can possibly afford to pay the full \$5,000 in the first few weeks of the year, you may well end up with more money in the long run. That's because you'll be giving your money more time to grow - and, as an investor, time can be your greatest ally.

But however you do it - over 12 months or right away - put the full amount into your IRA. Along with your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, your IRA is one of the best retirement-savings vehicles you have available. And now that you are on the "plus" side of 50, you'll want to really focus your efforts on making sure you have the resources available to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you deserve.

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## BHCA Board Meeting Minutes

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### NEW BUSINESS

Pat reported that the hearing for the individuals who attacked the golf course worker has been scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Council Woman Cathy Vitale will have an article dealing with the removal of event signs, once the event has occurred. (See p.3.)

Pat reminded residents to remove their cars from the streets when it snows so that the plows can clear the streets more easily.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm. The next board of directors meeting will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Providence Center on Shore Acres Road.

Respectfully submitted.  
Judy Roblyer, Secretary

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| THE FREE STATE                  | 3.  |
| BLACK, GOLD, RED & WHITE        | 4.  |
| MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND           | 5.  |
| JOUSTING                        | 6.  |
| LACROSSE                        | 7.  |
| BLACK-EYED SUSAN                | 8.  |
| WHITE OAK                       | 9.  |
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| CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER        | 11. |
| STRIPED BASS                    | 12. |
| MARYLAND BLUE CRAB              | 13. |
| OYSTER                          | 14. |
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| SKIPJACK                        | 16. |
| MASON-DIXON LINE                | 17. |
| HENRIETTA MARIE                 | 18. |
| FRANCIS SCOTT KEY               | 19. |
| STAR SPANGLED BANNER            | 20. |

## County Council In Action

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a return call for the first phone call. When I told them I was really calling about the "sign litter," the caller stated "Oh you are one of them" and hung up. Vested interest in our community? I think not.

The new law would allow any County employee to remove signs, and for the County to recover the cost of removing the signs. Additionally, the owner of any business advertised on the sign can be cited for violation of the zoning code. Currently, the Department of Public Works will remove signs as they get the chance. Their ability only extends to County roads, and therefore, roadways such as Ritchie Highway are not likely to see much change.

My opinion? We need to have a cooperative program with State Highway officials, maybe call it litter day, and take them down, all over the County at least once a month. It may not be efficient; it may not do any good, but one day of clean driving? I think it's worth it.

Thanks to all who have testified on this issue. We appreciate your input. You can always contact me at [cvitale@aacounty.org](mailto:cvitale@aacounty.org). Next month, I hope to have information on the School Capacity studies and what it means for our district. Enjoy the holidays, and please, have a happy and safe holiday season. See you next year!

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## The Bay Hills Beacon

Newsletter of the  
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