

BEMANCO News 2023

Beach Management Corp. Annual Report

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HELLO GOLDEN BEACH - PATUXENT KNOLLS!!!

Well 2022 was definitely a bizarre year to say the least! The latest Covid variant challenges Monkey-pox for attention. Russia invades Ukraine. The U.S. Supreme Court over-turns Roe vs. Wade. Hurricane Ian sweeps across Florida and other southern states. Elon Musk purchases Twitter and cleans house. Lastly, the Academy Awards gets a major boost in ratings after actor Will Smith slaps comedian Chris Rock. Fortunately, 2022 is now clearly in the past and now we can focus on all the possibilities of 2023! We live in a wonderful community, filled with great neighbors, surrounded by beautiful beaches. We are truly blessed with what we have at hand.

CONSTRUCTION IS COMING TO TRENT HALL CREEK!! As you know, we had to close the pier at Trent Hall Creek due to the unsafe condition of the pier itself. We are pleased to announce that BEMANCO has secured a grant from the state of Maryland in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the purpose of removing the existing pier and constructing a completely new pier with the same footprint! We expect this work to start at the end of March or the beginning of April. During the time of construction, a roll-off dumpster will be on site for the disposal of the old wood. For obvious safety reasons, Trent Hall Creek will be closed to residents until the work is completed.

BEACH STICKERS ARE COMING!! In years past, some residents have expressed frustration that they are unable to stop by Long Point beach on the Saturdays and Sundays that Beach Stickers have been distributed. This year, BEMANCO has added a number of Friday evenings to the days we will be distributing the stickers. If we are unable to distribute the beach stickers on the days listed below due to rain, we will add additional days to the list and those days will be posted on our website at www.bemanco.com **Please keep in mind your Annual Covenant fee is due by March 31st to avoid the \$5.00 Late fee.** We currently plan to be at Long Point the following days:

***** **Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM** *****
These will be the last "sticker" days to pay your Annual Covenant Fees to avoid the \$5.00 Late Charge

Saturday, April 1st and Sunday, April 2nd from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Friday, April 14th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Friday, April 21st from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Saturday, April 29th and Sunday, April 30th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

FIRST ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT!! This Memorial Day weekend, BEMANCO will officially open the beaches by hosting our first Annual Corn Hole Tournament at Long Point Beach on Saturday, May 27th! This promises to be an awesome day for families at the beach and the cash prizes should definitely bring out the serious Corn Hole players! More details and registration information will be posted on our website at www.bemanco.com. We are also trying to secure a Moon Bounce for the smaller kids! Our Beach Shack will be open so please stop by and meet the new Beach Attendants and members of BEMANCO. As always, all proceeds from these events go right back into funding our community! If we are rained out on Saturday, the Corn Hole Tournament will be moved to the Golden Beach Firehouse.

2023 BEMANCO ELECTIONS!! This year's Board Election saw a vast increase in community participation and for that we are extremely grateful. We had over 120 properties represented by either in-person or proxy votes!

Your 2023 BEMANCO Officers are as follows:

President: Harry Grant

Vice President: Gina DiMichele

Treasurer: Kathy McGurk

Secretary: Tiffany Price

Your 2023 BEMANCO Board Members are as follows:

Carol Stanley, Sean Smoak, Jackson Miller, John Beatty, Paul McGowan, Claude & Nicki Showalter

BEACH SHACK ADDITIONS!! Claude and Nicki Showalter are new members of the BEMANCO Board this year and they certainly bring special talents to the table. This summer you will see new Polos, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Coffee Mugs, Tumblers, Hats, etc. with new Golden Beach / Patuxent Knolls designs for sale both at the Beach Shack as well as our website: www.bemanco.com. Come down to Long Point and check out the new items for sale to support your community.

FUTURE PROJECTS!! BEMANCO is currently working with Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) on a major project to completely revitalize the beach properties from Long Point over to Main Beach. We are extremely excited about this project and what it could mean to our community. At this point, BEMANCO has a Memorandum of Understand with RC&D that allows them to work on our behalf with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and their Chesapeake / Coastal Grants Gateway for state funding of these projects. With letters of recommendation from both Senator Jack Bailey and Delegate Matt Morgan, RC&D has already applied for fiscal year 2024 funding for design and engineering of this project. If awarded, this will allow RC&D to generate necessary designs to address shoreline protection, beach restoration, wetland creation, and storm water management for our community. This would also pursue a new parking area at Long Point as well as a new larger boat ramp. We understand that this is a long term multi-year process but funding for the initial designing has already been applied for and we are very hopeful!

Another area that we have identified as a future project is the playground area at Small Beach. While we will be pursuing grant money for this needed area of our community, we will also be targeting this project with future fundraisers. As a group, we realize that we need to focus on both immediate needs as well as projects for our future.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT!! We need your help. We have plenty of suggestions for additional task or improvements we can do. What we need now are individuals willing to come out and work alongside the existing volunteers on all projects. We still need neighbors and businesses to donate materials, labor, and financial funding. If you've already done this or are continuing to do this...PLEASE KNOW WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL! All the money we've raised from raffles, 25 Days of Christmas, etc. goes right back into our community. When you pay your Annual Covenant Fee this year, please consider adding an extra \$20, \$50, or \$100 to your payment to help our efforts.

ASK THE BOARD A QUESTION!! Per the By-Laws, BEMANCO is required to have one open meeting each year for the residents of the community. This has always taken place at the January meeting with the election. We have decided to open quarterly meetings for members of the community to join us. In addition to January of this year, we are opening the Tuesday night meetings of April 11th, July 11th, and October 10th. These meetings take place at the Golden Beach Firehouse and start at 7:00 P.M. We do ask that if you have questions to please submit them at our website prior to the meetings to allow us time to research your topic so we can discuss the item at the meeting.

PAYMENT INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION!! Please use the section below to designate how you would like us to allocate any additional funding you are submitting.

Lot Fee(s)	\$ _____	50/50 Raffle \$10 per ticket	\$ _____
Late fee(s)	\$ _____	Lot Lotto \$20 per ticket	\$ _____
Attorney Fee	\$ _____	Fireworks	\$ _____
	Improve the Beach Fund	\$ _____	

GOLDEN BEACH / PATUXENT KNOLLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION!! This is a volunteer group that puts on the annual Independence / Labor Day Parade and Fireworks, Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Tournaments, Golf Cart Poker Runs, Christmas Tree lighting, and many more fun community events. The Civic Association is led by Dale Antosh and a very dedicated group of unselfish individuals. As Dale would say, they are the fun group and they do a wonderful job! If you would like to receive updates of coming events sponsored by the Civic Association, please email Dale at Dale.antosh@comcast.net. Additionally, they meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Golden Beach Firehouse. Please consider attending a meeting, having fun, and maybe even helping out on an event!

Thank you,

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