

News on the Creek

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Community Calendar

All events are at the community
clubhouse unless otherwise
noted

August 17, 2022
7:30 pm - General
Membership Meeting

Book Club

August 31, 2022
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Matt Tippett, President SRPCA

Hello Neighbors! WHEW!!! Wow – what a hot summer! But we have been blessed with a lot of rainfall so is everything is still green! The weather really has been amazing including some of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets too. Early in the day, there have been some beautiful mornings in South River Park. It is hard to believe schools open soon - August 29 – enjoy these last days of summer!



The **BIG EVENT** is coming up!! I hope you have marked your calendars and got your family together to help us celebrate the 100th Birthday of South River Park! The date for the **Centennial Celebration** is Saturday, September 10 from 4 to 8 pm. We are excited to see you and your family, as well as past residents of the Park return to play some games, enjoy delicious food from Adams Grille and share refreshments and recall happy times. There will also be some interesting exhibits that will take you back to the early days of South River Park, It all began in 1921 as a collection of lots and rustic “cabins” and dirt roads offering some respite for city people to come to the creek and river to enjoy fishing, boating, swimming and family fun. Our September Centennial Celebration has been planned by a great team of your neighbors and is guaranteed to be fun for all. More details are in this newsletter – please be sure to **RSVP to Patti Pounds by September 1!**

At the June General Membership meeting, we reported on progress securing a contractor to begin work on Ingalls Beach property. We will hold the next **General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, August 17.** Please plan to attend for more information from Committee members Gary Fegan, Andrew Keppel and myself. We will also discuss other community business and possible future projects for the community.

I would like to encourage you to consult the water quality readings for Warehouse Creek that are posted each week on the community website, www.southernriverpark.org by **Andrew Keppel**, our community webmaster. The weekly water samples are taken by the Arundel Rivers Federation to help all of us know how clean our creeks are before swimming or entering the water. There have been some geese families this summer that have likely caused a few spikes of e coli bacteria now and then so it is good to be aware. Those readings can also be high due to doggie business that is not cleaned up so pet owners please help out by cleaning up after your pets!



Website Reminder - The community website is always open! Minutes from community meetings, water quality readings, past newsletters, forms to rent the clubhouse facility and a collage of community photos are all there for your review. Please visit the site at www.southriverpark.org. Webmaster **Andrew Keppel**, welcomes your suggestions and comments. Please contact Andrew at agkeppel@gmail.com.



Clubhouse is available! Consider renting the community clubhouse! Tables and chairs are included in the rental fee and there is plenty of outdoor space, free parking and a catering kitchen. Members of the community can rent the clubhouse for \$150 and non-residents \$300. As a reminder, these revenues are used to maintain the facility and pay for utilities. For rentals, we adhere to whatever the COVID guidelines are but it is never too early to book your event. Contact **Matt Tippett** at tippettmatt@gmail.com or 301-938-2530.



Upcoming SRPCA Book Club Meeting Dates and Reads – The Book Club is meeting as COVID guidelines allow. For the August 31 meeting, a discussion will be held to talk about "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony. *New Members always welcome!* Meetings are usually held once a month at 10 a.m. and include a lively discussion of the book and an enjoyable short get-together of neighbors for conversation. Contact **Diane Mairs** at dmairs11@yahoo.com or call 410-956-5633.

Community News and Updates:

The Celebration is Happening on September 10 – South River Park is 100 years old!!

The party is on and **Saturday, September 10** is the day. **Centennial Celebration Chair Karen Tollestrup** and her team are ready for a great event that has something for everyone – including great food from **Adams Taphouse Grille**, desserts, plenty of refreshments including sodas, wine, beer and a signature cocktail as well as music, games and great company! All of this is free and open to anyone who now lives or has lived in South River Park.

Patty Cassidy and **John Soellers** will kick it off by leading some fun field games for all ages around 4 pm – prizes will be given. Even if you are not a player, we need cheering from the sidelines with refreshments in hand. The Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department is planning to have a fire truck onsite for all to see close up - please bring your kids! The Big Top Tent will provide shade and plenty of seating as you renew friendships and make new ones. **Fran and Suzanne Jaques**, with input from **Fred Hunt, Karen Tollestrup** and **Missy Cassidy** have pulled together a great display of a 100 years of SRPCA history events including pictures and stories beginning with the first activities in 1921 when the summer cottage community lots were sold.

The party atmosphere will be carried throughout the evening thanks to the Big Top tent, music and great food and drinks coordinated by **Matt and Tara Tippett and Shannon Abrahams**. Our Creekside decorations are designed by **Casey Hunt and Diane Mairs**. As we begin our dinner together, **Jack Morkan** and **Clare Vanderbeek** promise a bit more fun with a special edition of SRPCA Trivia. Special thanks to **Patti and David Smith** for designing our cool Centennial logo and to **Patti Pounds** for designing and coordinating the invitations and RSVPs. This has truly been a TEAM effort to bring us together on this 100-year occasion.

We look forward to seeing you and your family, meeting our new neighbors and seeing some that have since moved away that return for this reunion party. If you can, please walk to the clubhouse as parking is fairly limited. We want to be careful to not block our roadways or neighbor's driveways. **RSVPs are a must!** Contact **Patti Pounds** at ptpounds@yahoo.com or call 410-956-1444 no later than September 1st!