

# News on the Creek

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#### Community Calendar

All events are at the community  
clubhouse unless otherwise  
noted

**Holiday Gathering and Tree  
Lighting**  
Friday, Dec. 16 – 6:30 pm

#### Book Club

November 30, 2022  
Contact Diane Mairs  
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## Matt Tippett, President SRPCA

Hello Neighbors! The holiday season is beginning! I hope all of you are able to connect with your families this year – either in person, via Zoom or at least in a phone call. One lesson that the last two years of the Covid pandemic has taught us is that staying in touch with others is so important.



I am grateful we have been able to celebrate our community together in person this year. The Centennial Celebration was a great tribute to the community of generations. Please plan to join in for the **Holiday Gathering and Tree Lighting** on Friday, December 16 at the Club House. Last year's event was really fun, roasting marshmallows, meeting neighbors, sharing good spirits and of course, seeing our special Santa guest. For 2022, we are asking for small donations (checks only) for the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. The SPCA is still recovering from serious storm damage to their facilities earlier this fall – please consider helping if you can. If you did not make it to our fireside last year, please come – just dress for the weather and bring a chair if you want. Social Chairperson **Patti Pounds** makes sure this event is fun for all ages.

Thank you to all that voted in our annual election and please join me in extending a special thank you to **Nancy Cox** for diligently coordinating the nominations and ballots. All of the officers were re-elected to serve another year for you. In 2023, we will be looking for new volunteers to help on the Board as several officers have indicated that this will be their last year to serve. Please consider lending a hand. This type of service is not too time consuming but it is essential to be sure that you and your neighbors have access to our facilities and that your association dues are well invested. Any of those of the Executive Committee would be happy to talk with you or answer questions about what might be involved. Our contact information is listed on this page.

## *I have a few announcements to share –*



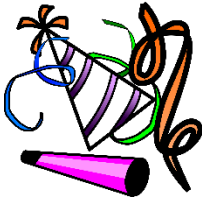
### **The Centennial Celebration Photos are available!**

Be sure to visit our website, [www.southernriverpark.org](http://www.southernriverpark.org) and look under the tab "About" at the top of the page. Once open, scroll down to the "photo gallery" to see the great pictures taken by **Casey Hunt** at the event. Casey is

available at her email, [blackistone@hotmail.com](mailto:blackistone@hotmail.com), if you would like to get a digital copy of any photos for your memory box!



**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.southeriverpark.org](http://www.southeriverpark.org). Webmaster **Andrew Keppel**, welcomes your suggestions and comments. Please contact Andrew at [agkeppel@gmail.com](mailto:agkeppel@gmail.com).



**Clubhouse is available!** Consider renting the community clubhouse! The building looks great with a fresh coat of paint and some repairs to the restroom facilities. 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. Contact **Matt Tippett** at [tippettmatt@gmail.com](mailto: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 November 30 meeting, a discussion will be held to talk about *"The Midnight Library"* by *Matt Haig*. *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](mailto:dmairs11@yahoo.com) or call 410-956-5633.

## Community News and Updates:



**Ingalls Beach Property Update** – At the November Annual meeting, it was reported that the county has turned down the proposal developed by the community for improvements to the waterfront area at Ingalls Beach. The contractor who submitted the permit has returned the funds to the community since the project will not be going forward. Community President Matt Tippett reported that the beach working group will now look for options for a smaller scale project to stabilize the waterfront and shoreline and make other small property improvements. Also discussed at the meeting was the desire to make some improvements at the community long pier property. A work group to consider ideas will likely be assembled to pursue potential projects in the area as well. If you have questions, please contact **Gary Fegan** or **Andrew Keppel** or **Matt Tippett** regarding next steps.



**Firehouse Santa - December 4 at 6 pm!** Thanks to the great team at the **Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department**, we LOVE seeing **Santa** and his team arrive on a real firetruck each year! For December 2022, the drop off spot is marked at the corner of Washington Street and Riverside Road by the school. Our firehouse team of volunteers is working with Toys for Tots to provide gifts for children under 18. Please bring your new unwrapped donation gifts to give to Santa at the fire truck. This event is a fun way to enjoy giving to others, see Santa and real firemen and firewomen as well as get a close up look at the truck. Bring your children and grands or just come on your own (the editor comes by herself every year – true confession, I love fire trucks and Santa!). Its also a good time to chat with your neighbors while we wait for the big arrival, siren and all! Come on out!



**Breakfast with Santa at the Woodland Beach Volunteer Firehouse is December 3** from 9 am to 12 pm. Pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. Santa enjoys reading stories and posing for pictures at this family event. Tickets are required: \$12 for ages 10 and up, \$8 for ages 5-9 and free for those under 4. The address is 529 Londontowne Road, Edgewater. The Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department is always participating in community events to benefit others.



**Get Your Updated South River Park Directory!** The South River Park Directory has been updated and is available to each property owner. **Patti Pounds** has done a great job of updating the directory with new property owners and other contact changes. This was no small feat to have the latest information included both alphabetically and also listed again chronologically by street address. Many thanks for getting this task completed! To get your copy, please contact Patti at [ptpounds@yahoo.com](mailto:ptpounds@yahoo.com).



**Package Deliveries** - As the holiday delivery trucks make the rounds, please keep your eye out for packages to be delivered. While we have been fortunate to not experience "porch pirates" in South River Park, it has been an issue in neighboring communities. If you are aware of a package that may be coming while you are not home, consider asking a neighbor to keep an eye out or perhaps keep it until you get home. I am sorry to say these are the times we live in, but better to be safe than very disappointed! If you notice any unusual activity, please contact the Southern District County Police at their non-emergency number, 410-222-8610. We have a very good relationship with our police and have found them responsive to any calls or concerns.

## THIS IS IT! LAST CALL FOR NEWS ON THE CREEK NEWSLETTER!



"*News on the Creek*" has been your periodic newsletter for several years bringing you meeting notices, updates and some fun stories of history and nature. As was announced this past summer, your editor is stepping down after six years of bringing you the news. She has enjoyed putting together the information, working with neighbors on stories and learning more about South River Park. But the volunteer publishing curtain call is here for her, and with no new volunteer in place, this is the "last call" newsletter! Sadly, no one has stepped up to fill the role beginning in 2023. You will still find information regarding meeting announcements and meeting minutes on the community website at [www.sourthriverpark.org](http://www.sourthriverpark.org). If you would like to consider keeping the newsletter going, please contact **Matt Tippett** or **Missy Cassidy**. New ideas and formats are welcome!

Friends, it has been a fun experience for me! Thank you for your interest and support!

**Missy Cassidy**

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## **SRPCA Holiday Gathering & Tree Lighting**

**Friday, December 16, 2022**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Clubhouse Lawn, 1410 Circle Drive**

Light Refreshments ~ Holiday Cocktail  
Fire Pit ~ S'mores ~ Music ~ Tree Lighting  
Santa Visit ~ Good Fun!

Bring a chair to gather around the fire and  
celebrate the holiday season with friends,  
refreshments and cheer.

### **This year's charity ~ SPCA of Anne Arundel County**

In a single year, the SPCA of Anne Arundel County takes in thousands of animals. The money generated by minimal adoption fees does not begin to cover shelter expenses. The SPCA relies on the generosity of individuals and businesses in our community. They would be thankful for a small donation of \$10-15. Please make your check payable to "SPCA of Anne Arundel County" (no cash). Bring your donation to the party, and attach it to "The Giving Tree." For more information about the SPCA of Anne Arundel County, visit [www.aacspca.org](http://www.aacspca.org).

**Please RSVP to Patti Pounds by December 9th:  
[ptpounds@yahoo.com](mailto:ptpounds@yahoo.com) or (410) 956-1444**