

Severn Woods Homeowners Association, Inc.

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Dear Severn Woods Residents,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe. I would like to take a moment to briefly introduce myself. My name is Bruce Contino, and I am the new President of the Severn Woods Homeowners Association (SWHOA). I currently work for the State of Maryland as an Employee Relations and Training Manager within Human Resources, and I also bring several years of community management to the table. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Kara, for 7 years, and we have a daughter named Brighton. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling to destinations that involve American Colonial history and the beach, spending time with my family, and exploring new parks and trails. It is truly an honor to serve you and our community! I look forward to working with and getting to know everyone.

I would also like to welcome aboard our new Treasurer, Kathy Cullins. Thank you, Kathy, for transitioning into this important role!

Next, I would like to express many thanks to George Sunderland (former President), Mike Young (former Vice President), and Mary Robinson (former Treasurer) for their time and dedication while serving in their respective SWHOA leadership roles. Thank you all so much!

While the roles of President and Treasurer have been filled, the SWHOA has a vacancy available for the role of Vice President. If you are interested or if you know of someone who would be a great candidate, please let me know. I would like to have the position filled as soon as possible.

Additionally, I am happy to announcement some new and exciting updates for 2022:

- **A new, interactive, and robust website** is in progress. I anticipate that it will be fully functional and ready for use by no later than mid-2022.
- **More involvement and communication with the SWHOA Facebook page and creation of an email distribution list** is in progress. Looking forward to staying connected with everyone by distributing information in an efficient and a quicker manner as well as posting more frequently on Facebook regarding current events in the area, news, helpful information, and more.
- **A new SWHOA email address** has been initiated. Should you have any questions, concerns, issues, suggestions, and/or requests, please send them to severnwoodshoa@gmail.com. I am managing this email account and checking it daily. When you have a moment, please send me an email with your name and address so that it can be added to the email distribution list that is in progress.
- **The completion of the grant application for the corner tot lot project** is in progress. Many thanks and appreciation to Chuck Arnold for leading this ongoing project! We are anticipating the application to be completed and submitted in time for this year's round of grant awards.
- **The stormwater management pond project** is in progress. There is no direct cost to the SWHOA as the County owns and maintains the two stormwater management ponds within our community. As you may have noticed, Anne Arundel County has begun work around the stormwater management pond located on Severn Tree Boulevard. The County has confirmed that the fencing around the Severn Tree pond, certain normal vegetation removal, and addressing the inflow and outflow areas to bring the site back into compliance with the approved stormwater management plan is part of the work being completed. Thanks again to Chuck for his time, assistance, and coordination with the County!

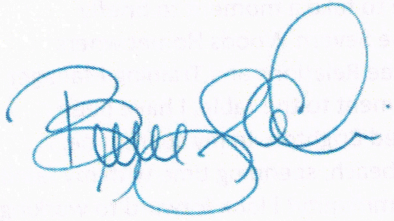
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Lastly, a meeting will soon be scheduled for the Spring. Please stay tuned for more details on location, date, and time. An advance notice will be posted on the website and Facebook as well as via email and a flyer to every door.

Thank you for continuing to make Severn Woods the best place to live! I look forward to seeing everyone around the neighborhood!

Take care, stay safe, and have a great week!



Bruce Contino
President