



# April 2023 Newsletter

**Below are highlights from the Watersedge April 15 board meeting, along with other information. We hope you find this helpful and welcome your suggestions for future communications.**

- **Annual Meeting**—The annual meeting for members (shareholders) will be held on Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m. at the Emerald Isle Town Hall. Members (shareholders) may speak at the annual meeting; spouses/family members who are not members may attend but may not participate in the meeting.
- **Annual Celebration**—Our annual celebration will be held at the picnic shelter at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 27. Smithfield Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q will provide barbeque pork, fried chicken, hushpuppies, potato salad, and slaw. Water, tea, and soft drinks will be provided, but residents can also bring their own beverages if desired. Those attending are asked to bring one dish per person or enough sides and desserts for the number of people in their party, along with serving utensils, and deliver them to the picnic

shelter between 5:15 and 5:45. If you are available to help with serving, set-up or clean-up and have not already volunteered, please contact Bobby Whitt at 919-523-6163 or [whitt4030@twc.com](mailto:whitt4030@twc.com).

- **Marsh Renourishment**—This project was completed on April 25. Oyster catcher-based sills have been installed at the east end of our property, which will create a mass to trap and retain sediment. Within a couple of months, we should begin to see baby oysters; and over the coming year, we should see oyster-dense reefs on the special coated oyster tables in the water. In addition, granite rock sills have been added along the west end of our waterfront, which will trap sediment behind the stone. We have received a \$10,000 grant from the NC Coastal Federation to help offset the cost. These improvements should help provide shoreline protection by rebuilding marsh and seagrass, which will not add to the square footage of our property but will protect against erosion and constant breaking waves that lead to erosion. Additional information about these improvements is included on our website under [Residents & Owners Only/Resident & Owner News](#).\* The application for new piers is moving slowly due to long response times from CAMA.
- **Park Security**—Community watch signs have been ordered. Two vehicle stickers will be issued to each resident so that residents can watch vehicles without stickers more closely. More details will be provided at the annual meeting. The possibility of webcams is being investigated.
- **Election**—Ballots for the election of three board members were mailed on April 1. Ballots must be

postmarked by May 1. Results of the election will be made at the annual meeting.

- **West Entrance**—The west entrance gate is open until the fall.
- **Coyotes**—There has been only one sighting since early January. Warning signs will be posted in the park. Report any coyote sightings in the park to Bobby Whitt (919-523-6163) and the Town of Emerald Isle (252-354-3424).
- **Water**—Water has been turned on at the pier. Water costs are one of our major expenses, and the board continues to investigate ways to reduce our usage and costs. Grass watering should be done in the early morning. Sprinklers should not be used midday or overnight. Automatic irrigation systems that operate on a routine basis should be used no more than two times a week, or three at the most, and turned off on Saturday and Sunday. Residents should not turn off water at another mobile home unless they observe a problem, in which case they should notify the owner immediately.
- **Reservations for the Picnic Shelter**—Residents may reserve the picnic shelter for gatherings by making a request through the Contact page on our website, <https://www.wemhp.com>. Reservations will be posted in the Residents & Owners Only/Resident & Owner News. \*
- **Park Guidelines**—Park guidelines have been developed as a quick reference regarding your responsibility as a resident of Watersedge. Please become familiar with them to make Watersedge a better place to live. They are located on our website under the [Residents & Owners Only/Park Guidelines](#). \*

- **Free Parking Permits**—Emerald Isle taxpayers are eligible to receive two annual free parking permits for the Eastern and Western Ocean Regional Access. Additional information is located on our website under the [Residents & Owners Only](#)/Resident & Owner News. \*
- **Condolences** go to the family of Gordon Jones, who passed away on April 22. He is survived by his wife Joan and children Robin Butler, Lloyd James, and Kara Jones. He owned his beach place at 346 Watersedge Drive along with his wife and Powell Banner. Condolences also go to the family of Jack Polo, who passed away on February 4. He is survived by his sons, Jack and Jim, and daughter, Jennifer. His beach place was at 320 Watersedge Drive. Finally, condolences go to the family of Al Gosztyla, former resident and member, who passed away on March 15, and is survived by his wife Glenda and three children.

**\* The confidential password to the Residents & Owners Only web page is ilovethebeach**

**Vote on Motions Passed by the Board:**

- Donate \$50 for each [board] meeting to the church where the meetings are held, for a total of \$200 per year. Unanimous
- Approve \$2,000 to authorize Brooks Dredging to replace existing rotten wood retaining wall made of powerline poles along the west side of the WEMHP boat ramp with newer powerline poles to match the existing rotten wood pole retaining wall. Approximately 25-28 new powerline poles will match up to the existing

poles that are not rotten and in good condition. The price includes labor for removing and disposing of rotten wood poles off the premises and labor for installing newer materials. Mobilization costs are included in the current construction project and occur at the same time the rock sill is installed along the west end waterfront. Unanimous