

PPPOA Newsletter

Pleasant Pointe Property
Owners Association

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Northern Neck Nature through the lens of Richard Davis on Gull Lane





To the Pointe - Greener Times Are Coming

By Deb Matthews

After the recent snowfalls and with warmer temperatures, thoughts turn to Spring. A time when plants begin to pop up to reach for the warmth of the sun and buds begin to grow and swell. A time to consider planning what will be done on our properties this year.

When planning, consider selecting plants that are more likely not only to survive, but thrive. Native plants have already adapted to our local climate, temperatures, rainfall, and soil. They are less likely to need watering or pesticides, pesticides that will end up running off into our creeks, and they will improve soil and reduce erosion.

Natives also provide nectar for pollinators—hummingbirds, native bees, butterflies, moths, and bats, and a habitat for birds, other pollinators, and small animals.

Resources to learn more about native plants are plentiful.

Northern Neck Master Gardeners volunteers are available to provide education about selecting, planting, and caring for natives, controlling pests, and protecting against erosion. They will come to your house, or you can visit the office in Heathsville, next to the library, or the **Plant Clinic** table at the monthly Farmer's Market. There are numerous monthly programs. <https://nnmg.org/>

Northern Neck Native Plant Society welcomes new members. There are monthly meetings as well as special programs and publications such as the **Northern Neck Native Plant Guide** that lists about 300 indigenous NNK native plants. <https://www.nnvnp.org/go-native-grow-native>

Digital Atlas of Virginia Flora is a comprehensive guide to plants in the commonwealth. Go to county and select Northumberland for a list of hundreds of plants identified as native or invasive. <https://vaplantatlas.org/>

Virginia Natural Heritage Program, Department of Conservation and Recreation, is another resource. **Native Plants for Conservation, Restoration & Landscaping** lists beneficial plants for our coastal area. <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/document/cp-nat-plants.pdf>

Virginia Native Plant Society lists native plant nurseries. <https://vnps.org/native-plant-nursery-list/>

Many of these resources have Facebook pages.

Plants that require less maintenance, watering, and pesticides, while providing food and shelter for wildlife, erosion control, and soil improvement, make native plants excellent choices.



Oystering Applications

Neighbors might want to know that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission has received applications for oystering leases for the state-owned bottom of Hull Creek (not for floating cages). You can [submit comments](#) on the applications; you'll need the application number(s). Click on a "Map" link to see the proposed lease area.

Application Number	Applicant	Acreage	Waterway	Map
2025015	Little Wicomico Oyster Co.	24.6	Hull Creek	Map
2025014	Little Wicomico Oyster Co.	4.8	Hull Creek	Map
2025013	Little Wicomico Oyster Co.	3.9	Hull Creek	Map

Board Members for 2025

President	Ellie Schmidt	(Term Expires 2026)
Vice President	Gordon Seagrave	(Term Expires 2027)
Treasurer	Maura Burke Weiner	(Term Expires 2027)
Secretary	Bill Ruberry	(Term Expires 2026)
Director-At-Large	Leo Bashinski	(Term Expires 2026)
Director-At-Large	Deb Matthews	(Term Expires 2027)
Director-At-Large	Gary Mullinax	(Term Expires 2027)

Upcoming Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 6	10:00 a.m. (before PPPOA picnic)
Wednesday, November 5	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 3	7:00 p.m.

Grounds Spring Spruce Up

Please volunteer and mark your calendars for Saturday, April 26, at 9 a.m. (weather permitting)
Meet at the Pleasant Pointe sign

Contractor Recommendations Needed

Concrete contractor needed to provide an estimate for the boat launch concrete work.
Also, please send names of other contractors you would recommend.
Send suggestions to: PleasantPointeVA@gmail.com



Committees and Their Chairs

Architectural Review Board

Ellie Schmidt
Gordon Seagrave
Bill Ruberry
Maura Burke Weiner
Leo Bashinski
Deb Matthews
Gary Mullinax

Our covenants say, "all buildings, additions, fences and other structures constructed or erected upon any lot shall be approved prior to construction, in writing, by the Architectural Review Board... as to placement of buildings, landscaping and design."

Water Committee

Leo Bashinski, Chair
Gary Mullinax, Co-Chair
Bill Ruberry
Maura Burke Weiner
Richard Davis
Ed Weiner
Phil Ulversoy

Nominating Committee

Leo Bashinski
Gary Mullinax

Communications

Deb Matthews, Chair
Bill Ruberry, Newsletter Editor
(Looking for Volunteers)

Grounds & Maintenance

Leo Bashinski, Chair
Phil Ulversoy, Co-Chair
Gary Mullinax
Maura Burke Weiner
Ken Harris

Finance Committee

Chair (Vacant)
Maura Burke Weiner
Ellie Schmidt

Administrative Committee

The Board is evaluating the need for this committee.

Interested in volunteering? | Have a PPOA question? | Need to update your info?

Email the Board at: PleasantPointeVA@gmail.com

Save the Date!

PPPOA Annual Picnic on Saturday, September 6 – Details to come

Community Dock Lock Code: 2030

Water Update

Routine water testing will be on Wednesday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m., including an orientation for anyone who wants to learn about the process. Meet at Well No. 1 on Gull Lane.