

Cloverfields Chronicle

July/August 2025



Upcoming Events

Fourth of July Annual Beach Party

Saturday, July 5, 2025 @ 2pm

CPOA Board will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, water, soda and all the condiments. A DJ will be there to provide entertainment and music. Your membership ID is required to enter the beach to attend this function. If you would like to bring a guest, the cost will be \$3 per person. Please bring a dish to share with others.

HAPPY 4TH!!!

Cloverfields Annual Crab Feast

Sept 6th, 2025 (More information with be posted on Cloverfields.org)

September General Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 21, 2025 @ 2pm

Mark the date for the September General Membership Meeting to hear updates on community initiatives and activities. Most importantly, come to this meeting to vote in the Board of Directors annual election.

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Reminders & Announcements

Vehicle, Trailers and Watercraft

All stickers must be for the current year; no past year stickers will be accepted for any reason. All stickers must be permanently affixed to all vehicles, trailer and watercraft by removing the paper on the back of each sticker and affixing it to the correct location. <u>Tape or any other means is not acceptable.</u>

Sticker locations are as follows:

- Watercraft left side of hull or window area left side.
- <u>Trailers</u> left side forward tong area or winch post, please do not put them behind anything that will obstruct the view of the sticker.
- <u>Vehicles</u> left side windshield upper/lower area is acceptable. The reason for the left side is for the purpose that when entering the beach, the guards and others can see this for easy identification.

FENCES

All fences must be in the rear of the residence. Existing fences, now located in the front of the dwelling, must be removed when they deteriorate. Chainlink fences shall have a maximum height of 48 inches. No filler shall be inserted in the weave of the mesh. Split or post rail fences with two (2) rails may be a maximum of 42 inches high; three (3) rail fencing a maximum of 48 inches high. Picket fences shall have a maximum height of 42 inches. Privacy fences shall have a maximum height of 6 feet. No fences shall be approved or permitted on corner lots if they obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. No double fences shall be permitted. No fence shall block the water view of their neighbors

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CPOA Construction Review Committee

Email: CPOAbuildingpermits@gmail.com



CPOA Beach Rules

One of the nicest beaches on the Chester River is part of our community. Please observe our Beach Rules so that we can all continue to enjoy this wonderful natural feature of our neighborhood.

- 1. Permit sticker must be on vehicle, firmly affixed to front left outside windshield. All stickers will be checked by security to make sure that sticker number matches license number to which it was assigned.
- 2. If security finds any cars or trucks parked in either lot without ID Sticker, security will call towing service and vehicle will be towed at owner's expense.
- 3. Fires must only be made in fire pit on the beach. No fires allowed during high winds. Fires must be attended at all times. Fires must be extinguished before leaving area with water, not sand. All fires must be out by11PM.
- 4. No loud music playing, foul language or any other annoyance which may disturb any resident of the community. Any person or persons involved in such "nuisance" activities will be asked by security to stop, if the nuisance persists, the offender will be asked to leave beach area.
- 5. No vehicles on beach at any time violators will be prosecuted.
- 6. No pets on beach between hours of 7am-9pm. Cleaning up after your pets is a must. Dogs found running loose will be retrieved by security and given to the county animal control unit. Since Queen Anne's County has a leash law, owners will be notified by a summons from authorities. If residents do not cooperate, all pets will be banned from the beach area at all times.
- 7. Beach area will be patrolled by security, commencing Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- 8. It is illegal to enter beach area between hours of 11pm-6am. The beach closing hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day on Friday and Saturday are 12:00am-6am. Maryland State Police and private security will be on patrol during these hours. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- 9. Do not leave garbage at the beach. All Items and Trash brought MUST be removed from the Beach when you depart.
- 10. No climbing on or fishing from rock jetty
- 11. *When walking into the beach you MUST have a valid 2025 Member ID and ALL guest must be with a valid 2025 member with member ID.



POOL RULES

NO POOL PHOTO I.D. – NO ENTRY

NO PETS OR GLASS

- 1. **POOL HOURS:** 11 A.M. TO 8 P.M.
- 2. GUEST POLICY: \$3.00 per person per day. Guest will be limited durning high occupancy (80% of pool capacity)
- 3. All children 10 years or younger MUST have an adult, 18 years or older in attenaance who is required to stay in the pool area with the child, all children 11 years or older are allowed in the pool by themse (MUST PASS A SWIM TEST).
- 4. The baby pool is reserved for children under age of 6. All children MUST have an adult in attendance at all times in the baby pool area. <u>Babies and children NOT toilrt trained MUST wear</u> disposable diapers with rubber pants over them to swim in the baby or main pool
- 5. ADULT SWIM is 15 minutes before every hour. 18 tears and older.\
- 6. NO running, rough playing in the pool area, or diving in the shallow end where marked.
- 7. NO cut off's NO street clothes in the pool.
- 8. LIFEGUARD MAY REQUIRE YOU TO PASS A SWIM TEST FOR DEEP END SWIMMING.
- 9. Please clean up after yourself.
- 10. <u>CPOA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR THEFT, AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CLOSE THE POOL AT ANY TIME.</u>
- 11. You will be asked to leave if you fail to comply with any and all of the rules
- 12. Children can only sign in one guest at a time.

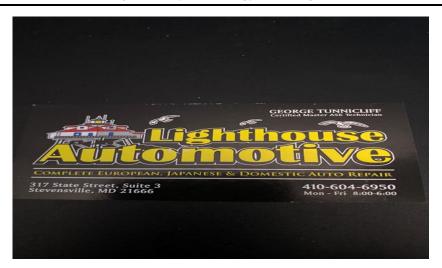
SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK

Lawn & Home Care

As we enter the spring and summer months, please remember to regularly mow your lawns and be respectful of your neighbors as we are able to enjoy longer days outside. If you are looking to build, add an addition, shed or fence to your property please review the Construction Guidelines available on our community web site:

www.cloverfields.org/cpoa/rules-regulations. If you can't find the answer you are looking for, please contact

Javier Piquero at cpoabuildingpermits@gmail.com.





Thank you to the following:

Thank you ALL that came out to help clean-up Cloverfields Beach and installed the Sea nettle net. The BEACH looks Beautiful

Stephen Harper for Power washing the Pool Deck & Pavilion William & Matt Paquin for replacing the broken fence post and rails



<u>Interested in submitting input to the Cloverfields Chronicle?</u>

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Cloverfields Swim Team Committee Update



The Cloverfields Stingrays had a fantastic summer season. The team hosted four home meets and traveled twice for the other competitions. Coaches Mark Mangold and Becky Pope provided top notch instruction while also making sure the kids had fun all summer long. Maggie Yonts also served her first season as a youth assistant coach-in-training. We look forward to doing it again in Summer of 2026! If you are interested in becoming more involved as a parent volunteer or just want to get more information, please email: cloverfields.swinteam@gmail.com

Stingrays Contact Information:

Email: cloverfields.swimteam@gmail.com

Facebook: Cloverfields Stingrays (private group – you need to request invite)

Community Website: www.cloverfieds.org/swim-team-information

CPOA Contacts					
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Clubhouse/Rental

Send requests for rental dates and other questions by email to Kelly Oliver at cpoaclubhouse@gmail.com, including your name, phone number and prospective dates. Check CLOVERFIELDS.ORG for open RENTAL dates.

Clubhouse/Rental Information

The Clubhouse is located at 101 Nichols Manor Drive. The banquet hall is about 1,800 square feet, with standard-height tables and chairs for 80, and bar-height table and chairs for 12 included in the rental fee.

Here are the table dimensions:

16 - 4' x 30" tables (when put together they make a 4' x 5' square)

2 - 2' x 30" tables

1 - 5' x 30" table

4 - 4' x 2' tall tables and 12 stools

Serving tables

3 - 4' x 30" tables

3 - 6' ft folding tables

2 - 8' ft tables that can be used inside or out

There is an 800 square foot kitchen with both a 3-compartment sink and a prep sink. A large stainless steel prep table in the middle of the kitchen for set up and food prep. The cooking appliances include a 6-burner stove plus a 24" griddle top, and 2 ovens, a 36" char-broiler and a 16 lb. gas fryer. All of the cooking appliances are under a large exhaust hood with a commercial-grade fire suppression system. There is no longer an ice machine for use - you will have to bring your own ice, if necessary.

The rental rates are:

- \$250.00 for a half day (up to 6 hours including setup and cleanup, for small parties under 50 people), and
- \$450.00 for a full day (large parties such as wedding receptions, family reunions, etc.).
- There is also an optional \$50.00 surcharge for the use of the cooking appliances, and
- A required \$100.00 deposit for cleanup and damage which is refunded after the event if all is well.
- Rentals can only be booked by Cloverfields Community members with dues in good standing.

Send requests for rental dates and other questions by email to Kelly Oliver at cpoaclubhouse@gmail.com, including your name, phone number and prospective dates, and she will get back to you quickly.(if you do NOT hear back from Kelly within 24 hours, text her at 410.253.7230

CLOVERFIELDS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 8, 2025 7:30 pm

> MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Bob Morelli (President)

Bill Boyle (1st Vice President)

Courtney Chambliss (2nd Vice President)

Jeanette Meinhardt (Treasurer)

Scott Clark (Financial Recorder) Not Present

Kelly Oliver (Recording Secretary)

Russ Shallue (Member-At-Large I)

Skip Hunt (Member-At-Large II)

Steve Harper (Member-At-Large III)

Javier Piquero (Member-At-Large IV) Not Present

Teresa Lewis (Corresponding Secretary)

Ofc. Davidson (QA County Sheriff's Dept.)

Debra Hopkins (QA County CERT: Emergency Management)

- I. OPENING REMARKS/REVIEW OF MINUTES
 Bob opened the meeting at 7:32 pm. Minutes approved.
- II CRIME WATCH: 20 Patrol check. 10 Warning. 9 Traffic Stop. 0 Traffic citation.
- 2 Collision, 1 Radar, 2 Welfare Check, 2 Summons served, 1 Theft,

NEW BUSINESS

Debra Hopkins spoke regarding the FEMA funded program. They set-up classes to anyone interested in basic disaster preparedness. If you need to help until offical help arrives. The classes can be for groups, individuals and youths 16 years and older, of at least 10. They teach CPR/AED as well as an array of first-aid. Her display and literature was followed by Q &A with the Board.

Bob posted the Newsletter online.

A date for the Beach Clean-up was set for May 10th at 9 am.

The gate is up and running well.

The Beach parking lot has been leveled.

Courtney got 2 new picnic tables for the Beach area.

48 Lien letter have been sent out for past dues collection. Asking them to cooperate in 90 days. 150 people still owe dues.

One Clubhouse A/C motor has been replaced – all up and running. GM meeting set for this Sunday.

The children's Easter Egg hunt will be this Sunday morning.

The Sea nettle net is ready to be delivered whenever we are ready. Chains are ready also.

The board discussed the possible need for a rental increase at the Clubhouse due to electricity costs.

The pool was drained and there were air pockets found. Bob has been working with the pool company to get a price on fixing it. Courtney contacted another company to look at it also. Patriot Pools gave a price to replace the pool bottom, not just fix it. The board discussed the pros and cons. The Board agreed to table the repairs until next spring. A Caulk professional repaired the caulk also.

III OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Boyle (1st Vice President) – Bill has the chains for the Sea Nettle net ready to go.

Courtney Chambliss (2nd Vice President) – Courtney had a call from a neighbor asking about a variance for a fence. The particulars were discussed and a vote was taken. Vote passed.

July 5th Beach Party was set.

Use of gate guards on the weekends this summer was discussed with some wanting just the gate, others felt we need 2 guards while others felt one guard can keep traffic moving and monitor the stickers.

It was voted on and agreed that this summer will have two for 8 hours.

Jeanette Meinhardt (Treasurer) – Jeanette said she was all up to date.

Teresa Lewis (Corresponding Secretary) Not present

Scott Clark (Financial Recorder) – Not present

Kelly Oliver (Recording Secretary) – No Report

Russ Shallue (Member-at large) - No Report

Skip Hunt (Member-At-Large II) – No Report

Steve Harper (Member-At-Large III) – Steve asked if the Cloverfields was going to have a Community Yard Sale this year. All agreed it would be good. Steve volunteered his wife to look into it.

Javiar Piquero (Member-At-Large IV) - Not Present

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Ethan Yonts and his father were again there to discuss his Eagle Scout project. He had asked the Board for ideas of things we would like. He looked into a new See-Saw for the playground but the County Parks and Rec. require a contractor so a Board member suggested a new firepit down by the Beach. He will get back to us.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm





THANK YOU TO THE EAGLE SCOUTES

For another Eagle Scout Project

Fires must only be made in fire pit on the beach. No fires allowed during high winds. Fires <u>must be attended</u> at all times. Fires must be extinguished before leaving area with water, not sand. <u>All fires must be out by11PM</u>. If the fire pit is full, please clean it out, for uses of your next door neighbors.

CLOVERFIELDS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 13h, 2025 7:30 pm

MEETINGMINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Bob Morelli (President)

Bill Boyle (1st Vice President)

Courtney Chambliss (2nd Vice President) Not Present

Jeanette Meinhardt (Treasurer)

Scott Clark (Financial Recorder) Not Present

Kelly Oliver (Recording Secretary) Not Present

Russ Shallue (Member-At-Large I) Not Present

Skip Hunt (Member-At-Large II)

Steve Harper (Member-At-Large III)

Javier Piguero (Member-At-Large IV)

Teresa Lewis (Corresponding Secretary) Not Present

Ofc. Davidson (QA County Sheriff's Dept.) Not Present

Frank Migliaccio Community Member

Sean Samblanet Community Member

Andrew, Marisa & Sofia Cole Community Members

OPENING REMARKS/REVIEW OF MINUTES
 Bob opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Minutes approved.

II CRIME WATCH: 36– Patrol check. 6 – Warning. 6 - Traffic Stop. 1 – Collision. 1 – Radar. 3 – Civil Process Service. 1- Traffic Complaint,1 - Fraud

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Migliaccio a Community Member wanted to inform the Board that there is a Dumpster in from of his home because his home was flooded by some broken pipes

Sofia Cole presented a request to build a kayak rack at the beach as an Eagle Scout project. Sofia will check and report back to the board as to the location size and other information before starting. The board discussed and approved Sofia to start phase one of the project.

Bob informed the Board that Courtney was in the hospital and her condition, About 25 folks showed up for the Beach cleanup, the new sea nettle net was installed, but will need 8 more pieces of chain, lifeguard chair was moved to he beach

2 new picnic tables were placed at the Beach area. And the tall grass on the mound was cut down for the summer

100 residents have not paid the yearly dues as of today

Liens will be filed mid-June as stated on the mailed letters,

Bob said that we did not have enough members at the April General Membership meeting

Bob spoke about possible dues increase in September 2025,

The children's Easter Egg hunt was a big hit and a lot of children showed up, Bob spoke about the other Eagle scout project (New fire pit at the beach) will be started soon.

The pool will be inspected tomorrow May 14th at 9AM by the health department and fire department. Pool will open Saturday May 24, 11AM to 8PM

New wood chips were delivered today May 13th at the playground

" WWW.CLOVERFIELDS.ORG" will be added to the sign on Larch and the sign by the clubhouse (the Board was all for it)

4th of July party will be Saturday July 5th 2PM, DJ has been booked.

III OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill Boyle (1st Vice President) – Bill will pick up more chain that is needed for the sea nettle net. 3 new camera was installed

Courtney Chambliss (2nd Vice President) - No present.

Jeanette Meinhardt (Treasurer) – Jeanette said she was all up to date. Jeanette will order flowers for Courtney.

Teresa Lewis (Corresponding Secretary) Not present

Scott Clark (Financial Recorder) – Not present

Kelly Oliver (Recording Secretary) – Not present

Russ Shallue (Member-at large) - Not present

Skip Hunt (Member-At-Large II) – No Report

Steve Harper (Member-At-Large III) – Steve talked about the Community Yard Sale this year. Steve said he received \$50 donation and collected \$30 dollars so far for table setup, Steve gave Jeanette the money to be deposited into the swim team account.

Javiar Piquero (Member-At-Large IV) – Javier said he is getting HOA building request and processing them

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned 8:18 pm

Some Kent Island History

Site For Aircraft Factory

by Gil Dunn Jr.

The Taft Airplane and Manufacturing Corporation (T.A.M.C.) is not about to hold the first meeting of its stockholders since 1934, but should such a meeting be called, Mr. William E. Denny Jr., is prepared to attend. Mr. Denny, of Chester, is still the proud possessor of one share of common stock in the T.A.M.C. Although the Taft Airplane and Manufacturing Corporation has been out of business for almost forty years, Mr. Denny has kept his stock certificate as a souvenir. "Maybe, he said, "it will be worth something some day as an antique."

The T.A.M.C. itself might be considered a valuable antique, if only there were something left to be considered. Originally, the T.A.M.C. was the bud of an idea fostered by the company's founder and president, Mr. Phillip S. Taft. A pilot and owner of a single winged, double pontooned sea plane, Mr. Taft came to Love Point, Kent Island, in 1934, to build airplanes.

Where Philip Taft came from is an unknown but Mr. William E. "Mike" Thompson, of Wye Neck, Grasonville, remembers that Taft was "a member of a flying club from North Carolina."

Tall's friend and partner in the airplane manufacturing business, however, was an Eastern Shoreman, Mr. Seth Brown. Mr. Thompson knew Brown well. The two men worked logether on the Berlin-Love Point R.P.O., the railroad which at one time carried passengers and mail between Love Point and the lower eastern shore.

"By about 1934, Seth could see the end of the Berlin-Love Point R.P.O. coming", recalls Mr. Thompson. Naturally, Brown was on the look-out for a new job. And Brown was infected by an increasing urge to pioneer the

two friends who could not keep their thoughts below 5000 feet?

In 1934, the U.S. economy was struggling in the backwash of the Depression of 1929. Franklin D. Roosevelt had been president for two years and the New Deal's efforts to revive the country were centered mostly around federal contracts with private industry. Signing such a con-



tract with the government proved

It was Taft's plan, assumed Mr. Thompson, to design a land plane based on his sea plane and then build these planes in a love Point airplane factory.

To give his freshly found company a location, Taft leased a small tract of land from a Mr. Messersmith, the owner of the Love Point Hotel. A small tin building was erected where Taft labored for "months" over a drawing board.

In order to defray some of the operating expenses, Taft and Brown tried to initiate an airplane shuttle service between Love Point and Baltimore. With his sea plane, Taft hoped he could deliver Baltimore vacationers to the pier behind the Love Point Hotel.

It seems that Taft was more than a little ahead of his time because Mr. Thompson has no recollection of the Taft shuttle service ever carrying a passenger.

As for the government contract, it never came through. Taft could not quite finish his airplane design before the deadline and Mr. Thompson thinks "some fellow in Ohio got it."

Phillip Taft dropped out of sight and the last time Mike Thompson heard of Seth Brown, he had been elected Mayor of Clinton, Virginia.

Mrs. Madison Brown, no relation to Seth, has a more vivid memory of the T.A.M.C. When she and her husband, Madison Brown first moved to Love Point, they rented a house in which there were some of Seth Brown's possessions. One of these possessions, tucked away in a corner of the attic, was an airplane propeller, a remmant of the Taft Airplane and Manufacturing Corporation.

There was another man connected with the T.A.M.C. This is the gentleman who sold stock in the company to Mr. Denny. His name, Carl Hubble. No, not the former major league pit-

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