

Dear Neighbors,

## Welcome to 2024!

Before we dive into the exciting prospects that lie ahead, let's take a moment to celebrate the remarkable achievements and cherished moments that made 2023 a truly special chapter for our Piankatank Shores community.

Our unity as friends and neighbors was exemplified through a myriad of social events that brought joy and lasting memories to our neighborhood. From the grand Easter egg hunt hosted by the ever-delightful Easter Bunny to the heartwarming Memorial Day potluck, the vibrant July 4th golf cart parade and cardboard boat race, and the festive Fall celebrations in September (Shores Day Picnic) and October (Chili Cook Off) each gathering reinforced the strong bonds within our community.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each contributor who played a role in making 2023 a standout year for Piankatank Shores. Your dedication is the heartbeat of our community. There are too many volunteers to list... but I'd like to give a special thanks to neighbors Jackie and Oweda for organizing two successful yard sales... and, Ray, and Wayne for their delicious Brunswick Stew sale. It's the traditions and collaboration within our community that define our success.

Beyond the joyous occasions, 2023 witnessed significant strides in the realm of business and maintenance. Our collective efforts resulted in vital road maintenance, with the laying down of 200 tons of new asphalt millings and the power raking of troubled sections. We replaced a culvert at Woodberry and Plum, trimmed trees and bushes to preserve our breathtaking views, and transformed the large field next to Rec 4 into a convenient space for PSCA members to store boats and trailers at an affordable price, which has been a resounding success!

Additionally, we welcomed non-owning residents as non-voting PSCA members to join and enjoy our amenities, broadening our community's inclusivity. Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to our success. Piankatank Shores wouldn't be the same without you!

Now, let's sneak a peek at the promising events and initiatives lined up for 2024. We have an exciting lineup of traditional and new events that promise to bring us together once again. Keep a lookout for the 2024 events calendar by visiting our website (<u>piankatankshores.com</u>) or Facebook (<u>Piankatank Shores</u>) announcements for details.

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Road maintenance remains a priority, with additional millings and the return of our trusty "Fergie" tractor. She was a little down in 2023 after a few early sightings, but thanks to the help of neighbors Simon and Steve, she's ready to help us out again.

All three Rec area docks and piers will be repaired and refurbished to be ready by springtime for fishing and general enjoyment. Rec 1 will also receive some additional gravel spread out to keep it ready for our boating members. Our largest undertaking for the year will be to fix up the concrete pad at Rec 3 where so many of our community events and meetings are held. In 2023, we joined together for sunset yoga on this pad led by our neighbor, Tessa. Making the surface safe also opens the door to expanded use of the space for other recreational events for our community. This project will allow us to continue to have an invaluable place for our events and association meetings for many years to come.

As we usher in 2024, I encourage you to become a Piankatank Shores Civic Association member or renew your membership if you haven't already. By contributing your annual dues, you ensure the continuance of our successful community. Simply, login to our <a href="website">website</a> and pay your dues. If you wish to make an extra contribution for some of our special projects, find the "Donate" option on our website or include it with your dues payment. Your volunteer contributions, along with annual dues, play a vital role in maintaining Piankatank Shores as the best river-front community in Virginia

There are also opportunities for you to get more involved. Elections for key roles, including 1st Vice President (Maintenance Chair), 2nd Vice President (Social Chair), and District Representatives for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, will take place during the annual Association meeting in May. If you're interested in these roles, please let us know. **All members, new and renewing,** are invited to participate in the May meeting, where you can cast your votes for the candidates of your choice.

Wishing you all the best in 2024, and I look forward to seeing you around the Shores.

Warm regards,

Shaun Sandlin

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## **PSCA Schedule of Events for 2024\***

Spring Yard Sale 4/27/2024

Membership Annual Meeting 5/4/2024

Memorial Day Potluck 5/25/2024

General Meeting 6/8/2024

Independence Day 7/6/2024

General Meeting 8/10/2024

Shores Day 8/31/2024

Fall Festival 10/26/2024

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<sup>\*</sup> Dates subject to change based upon weather challenges and other unforeseen events, please refer to entrance sign, website and Facebook page.