

AGENDA
OPA Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Building

Roll Call

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes: January 22, 2025 meeting

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

- Meeting recording reminder
- ENAC Facebook page initiative
- Increased enforcement of excessive leaves in yards/ditches
- Spring Green Street article on Eco-responsible lawn care submitted
- Executive Council Meeting March 27

OLD BUSINESS

Earth Day Cleanup

Our plans for an Earth Day Cleanup event on this coming April 22 have been approved by OPA. Ocean City Beach Heroes have agreed to partner with us on the event. Pat Garcia has been communicating with one of their administrators, Amy Senft, who is an Ocean Pines resident. They would like to focus on the White Horse Park (WHP) Area where there should be sufficient parking for their volunteers and any other OP residents that would like to join us. The event would begin at 11:00 a.m. Beach Heroes will provide bags, gloves and pickers for the WHP volunteers. OP Public Works will be asked to pick up bags around 1:00 p.m.

We would also like to have volunteers help clean up debris and remove vines at the South Gate Pond on April 22 if possible. We would need to request bags and pickup from that area from Public Works. Don Wolski has mentioned that Assateague Coastal Trust might help with this. We can also encourage OP residents to organize their own subdivision/neighborhood cleanups on Earth Day. Hopefully this can become an annual event again!

Pat Garcia will draft some copy for the OPA Weekly Email blast that can hopefully go out beginning the week of March 31.

2025 OPA Kickoff Event Exhibit

- Exhibit Chair Patty Gamby report
- Event is on Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Setup 9:00-10:30 a.m./one vehicle allowed to park and stay in designated area
- Committee volunteers
- Table provided/must bring own chairs/Pat Garcia will supply tablecloth & umbrella
- Our exhibit will focus on the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle
- Distribute copies of Republic Services "Recycling Simplified" resource card (see sample). Pat Garcia will have them printed. Our liaison has reported that no OPA funding is available for this.
- Items to display; who will contribute what?

- Picker/Bucket raffle?
- Oyster Gardening Demo?

Collaboration with Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee

- Review R&P requests for for Improvements at Swim & Racquet Club park/trail (see attachment)

Horn Point Field Trip

Report from Don Wolski on possible dates in June or later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT