

Welcome to
PLACID BAY ESTATES



Some fun facts on the history of Mattox Creek and Placid Bay:

- Originally, the land which is now Placid Bay Estates consisted of farmland and Wirt's Grist Mill at Crystal Lake and Mattox Creek. Grain was then transported to Wirt's Ferry on the lower Mattox Creek. into our neighborhood! (Thus, the street, "Ferry Landing"!)
- What is now the path around the dam and Crystal Lake was the main roadway into our current neighborhood.
- A 1654-62 map indicates Rich Brown and Alex Baynham owned a total of five hundred acres of land which is now Placid Bay Estates.
- In 1664, immigrant John Washington (Great-grandfather of President George Washington) purchased land on Mattox Creek.
- On March 17, 1865, a naval battle broke out on Mattox Creek. During the battle, a landsman named Aaron Anderson became one of the first African Americans to receive the Medal of Honor for his bravery on the Creek that day.
- In December 1960, "Placid Bay" was sectioned into private lots.
- In July 1969, our community, "Placid Bay Estates" was established!
- In 2011 a massive rainstorm washed out the earthen dams on Lake Placid. The Placid Bay Community did not have the resources to repair the extensive damage to the dams. To rectify, in 2012 the Placid Bay Sanitary District was established.

Roads and Dams

In 1975 when ownership of the roads, lakes and other properties were signed over to the Placid Bay Civic Association (PBCA), membership dues were the sole means of maintaining the common property. How to pay for road repairs and maintenance has been a long-standing issue for the community. Both mother nature and mankind have contributed to the conditions of the roads.

Placid Bay Estates is a golf cart community. The speed limit throughout the community is 25 MPH.

Placid Bay Sanitary District

When the Sanitary District was implemented in 2012, a user fee was established. Your County Real Estate Tax Statement indicates the dollar amount fee for each lot. Currently the Placid Bay Sanitary District fees are \$140 for road improvements and a separate tax for the Lake Placid Dam rebuilding loan is based on the present value of your property.

- The Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors sits as the Placid Bay Sanitary District's governing body and oversees all of Placid Bay's dams and Placid Lake. The Placid Bay Sanitary District is a separate taxing district, established by law, which supports the funding, operation, management, improvements, and maintenance of Mattox Dam and our private roads. The dams also provide a critical supply of water for lakes to feed fire hydrants.

Paved roads are owned and maintained by the State. Non-paved roads are owned by PBCA. Property owners are responsible for maintenance of their driveways, including the culvert piping. Installing culvert pipes and keeping them maintained, and keeping ditches flowing is critical to maintaining our roads.

Lakes, Docks, Boat Ramp and Fishing

The Lakes, Docks, and Boat Ramps are available for use by all owners and renters. Fishing licenses are not required on the lakes, and fishing should be limited to "catch and release." Fishing on Mattox Creek and on the Potomac River does require a Virginia or a Potomac River Fishing Commission license. Absolutely NO gas motors are permitted on the lakes. The boat launch and dock are available by key access only to members of the Placid Bay Civic Association and are "right of way" for boats and trailers.

Utilities

- Water is provided by Placid Bay Estates Water Supply: HELP@pbewater.com
Website: www.pbewater.com
- Electric services are provided by Northern Neck Electric Cooperative:
804-333-3621 (Power Outages: 1-866-663-2688) www.nnec.coop/
- Sewer service is provided by Westmoreland County and any issues regarding sewage should be directed to Westmoreland County Utilities. To add sewer service or report emergency service M-F call 804-493-0130. For weekend emergency service, call the Sheriff's Office (non-emergency number) 804-493-8066.

Schools

Children in the Placid Bay community may attend schools in either Westmoreland County Public Schools or Colonial Beach Public Schools.

PLACID BAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Placid Bay Civic Association (PBCA) serves our area by striving to build a strong sense of community.

*Our mission is to improve the quality of life for our residents
protect the value and beauty of our homes and neighborhood
assets; and work with local government officials and law
enforcement to protect and serve our citizens.*

The PBCA is a non-profit (501(c)(4) and consists of volunteers who donate their time and resources to make our community a better place for everyone. If you are not already a member, please support our efforts by becoming a member today. Membership is open to any owner or renter in Placid Bay Estates. Only members who are current on their dues are eligible to vote on association business or gain access to the boat ramp area. The Board of the PBCA meets on the first Monday of each month (time and date subject to change for holidays or other conflicting community events) at the Community Center/Event Venue. All are welcome to attend!

There is an annual meeting in May of each year for the election of PBCA Board members.

Membership in the Civic Association is voluntary. Membership fees are used to keep up with maintenance of our community and Placid Bay properties. Members receive discounts on all PBCA-sponsored events, and discounted rates for rental of the Venue. Current fiscal year (May 1-April 30) membership fees are as follows:

\$25.00 individual membership

\$50.00 family membership

\$75.00 per key for one year to access the boat launch area (must also be member)

Membership can be paid in a variety of ways, including: (1) online at placid-bay-estates.com; (2) packages can be obtained at Halls Supermarket on Route 205; or (3) you can obtain your membership at any monthly meeting of the Board of Directors.



PLACID BAY EVENT VENUE

Here in Placid Bay, we are very proud of our Community Center, which is a beautiful Event Venue for hosting meetings, weddings, parties, etc. Members of the PBCA receive discounted prices on rentals. With volunteer support, the PBCA looks forward to hosting events for our community. For more information on the Event Venue, check out the PBCA website at: <https://placid-bay-estates.com/pbca-community-center/>



WE ARE ALWAYS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to help coordinate activities, to work on maintenance and projects, and to assist Board members with their many responsibilities. We **need** your talents and expertise!

Volunteers are the  of our community!

CONTACT US:

- Phone: 804-742-0026
- PBCA Website: placid-bay-estates.com
- PBCA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553802898590&mibextid=LQQJ4D>
- PBCA email: pbca.org@gmail.com
- PBCA Instagram Page: [pbca.org2025](https://www.instagram.com/pbca.org2025)
- Community Center/Event Venue Address:
67 Mattox Avenue, Colonial Beach, VA 22443

COMMUNITY CONTACT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY (Police, Fire, Rescue): 911

Sheriff's Office and Westmoreland County Non-Emergency number 804-493-8066

Virginia Poison Control: 800-828-9123

VA Emergency Marine Police: 800-541-4646

Northern Neck Electric: 804-333-3621

(Power Outages: 1-866-663-2688)

Westmoreland County Admin. Office 804-493-0130

PBE Water: HELP@pbewater.com Website: www.pbewater.com

Westmoreland County Utilities to add sewer service or emergency

Service M-F 804-493-0130. Weekend emergency service

Call the Sheriff's Office (non-emergency) 804-493-8066

VA State Road Repairs and Signs 1-800-367-7623

Animal Control 804-493-8066