

# SEVERN RIVER Lions Club

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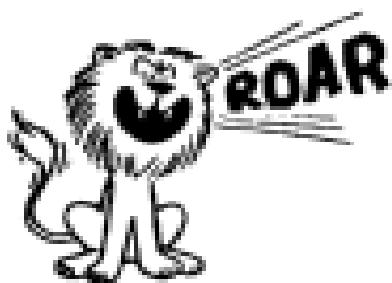
Thus far our projected year of transition and service is off to a good start.



**We Serve**

We are still an active service group that consistently serves a segment demographic of our community through programs such as highway pick up, loan closet, eyeglass collection and meals on wheels to name a few.

This year's new fundraiser is a "Million Penny Drive" which we are doing jointly with another lion's club. Once successfully completed we will have achieved a monetary goal of \$10,000.00. So please go get those coins! Collect at your golf games, bowling leagues, church, grandkids games or your favorite barbershop, etc. Remember the funds raised from this will directly impact the community in which we live and serve.



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Still looking forward to a fantastic year of service in transition with this long standing service organization.

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## Lions Prep The Truck

On July 3 Lions Chuck Horne, Dick Maurer, Bill O'Neil, Chris Werth, and Ollie Wittig gathered to ready the SRLC truck that Rollins Clark had delivered that morning. When examined the truck really looked like it needed a bath to remove the leaves, stain, and dirt that had collected when the vehicle was parked under the trees at Pete Geis's property. A hose was connected to the long handled scrub brush, a bucket was filled with soapy wash water, and the work began. For about a half hour the Lions took turns with the brushes and removed the soil from the sides, doors, hood, and roof of our truck and when completed it looked much more presentable for the July 4 parade. With rain in the forecast that night it was decided that decorating with the banners and flags should be done just before the march so Lions were reminded to arrive early and put the banners and flags on the truck to tell the audience all about SRLC. Marchers will follow the truck on Benfield Rd and they will be joined by our Cub Scouts from Pack 688 for this annual event. A long time tradition will also be offered by Lions who will give out popsicles to warm marchers at the end of the parade-something that has been appreciated by the marchers. After all the "hard work" the Lions adjourned to a nearby porch to rehydrate and chat. There was agreement that the annual parade is a fun event and we hope that the weather man will cooperate and "not rain on our parade".



## No Rain On The Parade

The weather man was cooperative this July 4<sup>th</sup> and held off the rain so that the Severna Park community parade could go off without a hitch. The SRLC truck and the marchers were assigned to position 11B which put them close to the front. Lions arrived at the church about 9:00 am to decorate the truck and the banners told of the club's many community service activities as well as displaying the red, white, and blue. Pete Geis's convertible arrived and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jackie donned the lions costume and prepared for the ride. Signs on the side of the car announced the Severn River Lions Club. Then it was time to step off and proceed down Benfield Blvd. Nearly fifteen Lions rode, marched, or gathered at Cypress Creek Park to give out popsicles. Cub Scout Pack 688 was in position in front of our club and the bikes that the Cub Scouts were riding were patriotically decorated. Lions had an opportunity to interact with the boys and the Pack leaders before the parade began and the club was thanked for the continued support given to the Pack. As the parade progressed down Benfield the side of the rode was lined with watchers, many attired in patriotic hats, shirts and costumes. Hearty waves were exchanged along the route. As the Lions truck and marchers approached the intersection of Evergreen Road and B&A Blvd. the announcer read about SRLC and listed our club's many contributions to the community and got a round of applause. As the parade made the final turn onto Cypress Creek Road a group of Lions along the road were giving out popsicles, something we have done for many years, and these treats were appreciated. The annual July 4 parade is a fun event and we are looking forward to taking part again next year.





## **SEVERN RIVER ANNUAL PICNIC**

All Lions and their guests are invited to our annual picnic at the Linstead beach on Tuesday September 6.

Happy Hour will be from 6 to 7 PM at a pay as you go bar provided by Lion Pete. A special dinner provided by ADAMS RIBS will be served at 6:59 PM or as soon after the King Lion can get things settled down. The following menu will be served.

BBQ Ribs, Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans,  
Fruit, Rolls and Butter, Cookies and Brownies

The cost will be \$23.00 Per Person. Active lions will be given a \$16.00 meal credit

There will be a special new member induction for PIP Clement Kusiak and his wife Lion Jeanne who have transferred from the Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club



## SRLC fruit sales for 2016/17

With the bad fruit received in 2 of the last year's fruit sales and the cancellation of 3 of the sales due to lack of fruit, the fruit sale committee investigated alternative fruit suppliers. Our historic supplier, H&S has reported an iffy year for the Florida crop (disease and smaller crop overall).

Florida Fruit Association, Inc., Riversweet Citrus, and 800Apples2 florida fruit suppliers were looked at and we felt were set up for commercial accounts and not non-profit organizations.

Florida Indian River Groves (FIRG) does have a division supplying non-profit organizations, and a check of FIRG customers showed organizations satisfied with both the quantity and quality of the fruit provided and FIRG service. The SRLC board accepted the recommendation of the fruit committee to change to FIRC as the club's fruit supplier.

FIRC offers Red grapefruit at all sales, navel oranges in November and December, with Honeybell and Temple oranges offered in January and February/March respectively.

We will be changing our fruit offerings by adding 1/5 bushel Navel and Grapefruits to our usual 4/5 and 2/5 bushel boxes. We are also going to take advantage of the FIRC 2/5 bushel of mixed Navel and Red grapefruit.



The club will also take advantage of a web site for online ordering by our customers offered by FIRC. Our customers will be able to order the fruit we are offering and pay by credit card. They will receive a receipt to present at pickup and we will receive a receipt from FIRC about the transaction.

The November and December fruit pickup will be held in the Severn River High School parking lot. The school plans to move into their new facility over the Christmas break, we are investigating how this will affect our pickup location.



Current schedule is: November 19, December 17, January 14 or 21, February 11, March 11

The fruit being offered for each sale are

November:

- Navel oranges in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes
- Red Grapefruit in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes
- Mixed Navel & Red Grapefruit in 2/5 bushel size



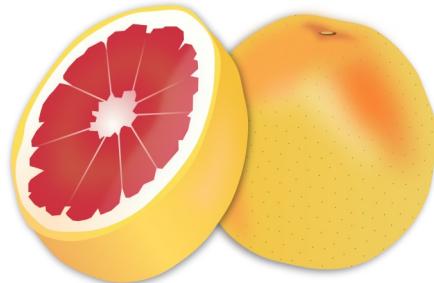
December:

- Navel oranges in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes
- Red Grapefruit in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes
- Mixed Navel & Red Grapefruit in 2/5 bushel size

Fruit availability and prices for January thru March will be announced in mid December

January:

- Navel if available
- Honey bells sizes to be determined
- Red Grapefruit in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes



February:

- Temple oranges if available
- Red Grapefruit in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes
- Mixed Temple & Red Grapefruit in 2/5 bushel size

March:

- Temple oranges if available
- Red Grapefruit in 1/5, 2/5, 4/5 bushel sizes
- Mixed Temple & Red Grapefruit in 2/5 bushel size



## **Take Me Out To The Ballgame**

For at least ten years the Severn River Lions have gone to a Bowie Baysox game and enjoyed a great evening with the “national pastime” and this year the fun night is being repeated. On Saturday, August 20 nearly two dozen Lions, spouses, and friends will journey to Prince Georges Stadium to watch the Baysox take on the Akron Rubber Ducks. This year we will have upper deck reserved seats on the third base side-the shady side- to watch nine innings of double-A baseball. In the past we have been treated to excellent play and enjoyed the refreshments and special activities that take place between innings. The game will be a “Glow in the Park Event” and the first 3,000 fans will be given a free glow stick and will be part of the post game fireworks show. Past games with fireworks have been a booming and colorful event and this game promises to be a repeat. Be sure to wear a Lions shirt or cap and come out to root for the Baysox to win over the Akron Rubber Ducks.

Lion Ollie has 3 tickets left and additional upper reserved tickets behind 3rd base can be purchased at the gate.

