

## **From the Beach Committee**

*~Kate Penn, Beach Chair*

I received a few inquiries about the safety of our stone revetment after explosives were found in the granite placed on the shoreline of the Round Bay community in Severna Park. At that time, in August, I spoke with Wes Matheu of Shoreline Design to determine if there was any risk with our shoreline. Wes acknowledged that the stone came from the same supplier, although it was not possible to determine if it came from the same quarry. He also told me that after the incident in Severna Park, both he and a representative from the supplier inspected the rock and did not observe any remnants from the explosives.

Wes explained that it would be clearly visible because the material is placed in brightly-colored tubes. The bright yellow tubes observed on the Severna Park project encased the explosive materials. However, both the article run in *the Capital* in August and Wes have pointed out that the material is not explosive. The material used is a mixture of fertilizer and diesel fuel, which must be detonated with an explosive or blasting cap. It is not flammable, and cannot be detonated by either flame or heat. It is water soluble; therefore, even if some had been left on the stone when it was delivered, there is no chance of it being there now, given its exposure to both the water and the weather.

I recently spoke with someone who was concerned about a plastic container he saw in the stone on our shoreline. What he observed was clear plastic, and was not the type or color of the material found in the rock at the Round Bay community shoreline. However, in order to provide greater assurances to our residents who are concerned, we will have a third party inspection of our site.

We are looking for volunteers for our Beach Committee. If you enjoy the community beach, playground and park, we could use your help to maintain this precious gem. We are looking for Beach Committee members to handle on-going projects as well as occasional volunteers to help with clean-up and work days. If you are interested, please contact me at [beach@hillsmershores.net](mailto:beach@hillsmershores.net).