

Fall 2023



Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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Saturday, October 7th from 3:00 - 7:00 at the Drum Point Club*

Enjoy a brat and traditional German sauerkraut
or a burger along with side dishes.

Bring your favorite beer or other adult beverage.
Water and soda will be provided.

Enjoy the fun of family and friends on a hayride or
with a walk along the beach!!

This year's entertainment will be provided by
Rhythm and Blues music by Monkey Business



Sponsored by the Drum Point Property Owners' Association and the Drum Point Club
All property owners, residents and their guests welcome (bring your hang tag for ease of entrance).

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Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Happy Fall everyone! I realize the weather seems more like summer, but September was forecast to be hot and dry. The warm weather combined with schools being in session contribute to possible safety concerns in our community. After classes, children will be playing outside everywhere including on the streets while enjoying the beautiful weather. Please let's all drive as if our own children were out there playing and observe all of our stop signs as well as the posted speed. Yes, you may even have to slow down to 5 m.p.h. in order to avoid hitting a pedestrian or small child.

This Fall has a busy schedule for community improvement. We have ongoing stormwater management projects and others in discussion and development. Fall is also when we have our annual large construction/maintenance project -- street paving. This year's target area is Beech Drive, Surf Street, Iris Lane, Cree Drive, Delaware Drive, Holly Way and portions of Ottawa Drive and Grover Lane. While letters were sent to property owners on these streets, please watch for detailed messages from the office on exact scheduling. There might be a bit of a start delay as we wait for progress on the biggest project we have planned in a few years -- erosion control and restoration of the community beach, located off of Beech Drive. It would not make sense to pave Beech Drive only to have it damaged by beach construction equipment.

After years of discussion, study and waiting, the beach project should/will start on September 11. All permits have been obtained and the contract awarded to Resource Restoration Group (RRG) LLC.

Let's all hope for success with this Fall's projects.

Tony

Wild Animals in our Midst

In recent weeks, there have been a number of sightings of a fox in Drum Point. This particular fox appears to be in ill health (mangy and skinny). The Department of Natural Resources and Calvert County Animal Control were both consulted as to what might be done. The following information was provided:

1. CC Animal Control is not equipped to handle wildlife. They are to be called with regard to household pets and their treatment and whether leash laws and other ordinances that pertain to pets are being followed.
2. The fox is not likely rabid, as it has not been aggressive and is not foaming at the mouth. It has been found on a porch, which is not common. This is likely due to someone having fed the animal. This was confirmed when a Board member saw the fox eating from a plate, near where it may be nesting.
3. If a wild animal displays dangerous characteristics, DNR lists several local people who can trap said animal at an average cost of \$850.00. Keep in mind that the animal will be euthanized by most of these companies (perhaps not all).

Do not feed wildlife (excluding bird feeders), as it will create an environment where the wildlife feels comfortable around people. While the wildlife is lovely to watch, you may be creating a situation that could be hazardous to people but also to that wildlife. The following link will provide some information about foxes: <https://blog.nwf.org/2018/04/what-to-do-when-foxes-move-in/>



Fall Cleanup

The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday morning, September 30th, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the community cleanup, dumpsters are placed on the vacant lot across from the DPPOA office at 401 Lake Drive. Owners and residents can bring their unwanted items to the dumpsters. One dumpster will be set aside for the recycling of metal, at no cost to the Association. The Association is charged a fee for the dumpster used for disposal of all other items.

This is your opportunity to recycle that old grill and anything else made primarily of metal as well as clean out the inevitable accumulation of unwanted items.

Please note the list of items, established by Calvert County, which **CAN and CANNOT** be accepted:

Items which CAN be accepted include:

- Stoves
- Grills
- Lawn mowers, weed eaters etc.
- Furniture
- Exercise Equipment
- Metal for recycling

Items which CANNOT be accepted include:

- Household trash/garbage
- Building material
- Tires
- Batteries
- Tree branches and other yard debris
- Paints, stains and other hazardous material
- Televisions and computer monitors
- Refrigerators and AC units.

Items that can not be accepted can be taken to the Appeal Landfill on Sweetwater Lane off of Route 4.



Invasive Species

Italian Arum (Arum Italicum)

Like so many invasive species, Italian Arum, native to southern Europe, was introduced into North America as an ornamental garden plant with red berries and silver-colored veined foliage. While it has been wreaking havoc in California and the Pacific Northwest, it has now shown up in our region.

Italian Arum thrives in moist shady areas and quickly spreads to choke out native plants. It is extremely difficult to get rid of once established, able to survive harsh winter conditions and periods of drought. It spreads through seed, deep underground prolific tubers, and even root fragments. While you can try to control it by digging up the whole plant, roots and tubers included, it is almost impossible to eradicate.

Sarah Morse of the Little Falls Watershed Alliance (LFWA) in Montgomery County, advises digging it up and throwing it away, along with the soil, in the trash. The Lewis Ginger Botanical Garden, Richmond VA, says that chemical controls may be necessary as a last resort, but are not completely successful. In addition, the plant exudes a toxic sap causing poison ivy type symptoms. Finally they say that “despite the fact that it is invasive, toxic, and its flowers emit an unpleasant aroma, it is still a commonly sold as an ornamental.”





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General Membership Meeting

All meetings will be conducted according to Maryland Code, Corporations and Associations, Title 5, Sub Title 2, section (§) 5-206.J which states, If the number of members present at a meeting does not meet the requirements of a quorum, those present may call another meeting to meet quorum requirements. At the additional meeting, the members present in person constitute a quorum.*

*Per the DPPOA Attorney - Any and all business of the Association can be discussed at the meeting.

General Membership Meeting

Agenda

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 26
Drum Point Club
Call to Order
President's Remarks
Approval of Minutes
Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
Community Beach - Shoreline Restoration
New Business
Public Comments
Adjournment