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Drum Point Light

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CELEBRATION FOR A LONG-TIME RESIDENT

One of our oldest gentlemen in Drum Point is Robert E. Berry. Better known to his friends as Bobby, he will be 100 hundred years old this April 6th. Bobby was born in Wilmington, DE on April 6, 1918.

We do not know much about his personal life because Bobby is a very private person. Bob has two relatives, Linda Price Matthew living in Exton, Pennsylvania and Theodore T. Price living in Oregon. Linda and her husband, Richard, have two adult sons, Jeffrey and Peter and have visited Bob at Drum Point frequently over the past 48 years. Bob had the honor of commissioning both Jeff and Pete as 2nd Lieutenants in ROTC during their college graduation ceremonies.

Bobby was drafted into the Army before War World II, and was onboard a ship bound for Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Shortly after arriving in Hawaii, he was sent back to the states to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS).

By 1944 he was a 1st Lieutenant and Platoon Leader of 25 men in the 3rd Platoon of the Quartermaster Corp's 607th Graves Registration Company in Wyoming. In June 1944 Bobby and his platoon were sent to England to prepare for the invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord. On June 6, 1944 (D-Day) at 1530 hours Bobby and his 3rd Platoon landed in the 13th wave on Omaha Beach. During the next two years he was promoted to the rank of Captain and was honorably discharged in January 1946.

After the war, Bobby married Mildred in his home town in Delaware. In February of 1949, because of the Korean conflict, he was recalled as the commanding officer of a Central Identification Unit stationed in Japan. After the Korean War, he worked at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. In 1962 Bobby was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and remained at the Center until his retirement from the Army in February of 1965. He continued to work as a civilian for the Quartermaster Corp at Walter Reed Hospital for another ten years before retiring to Drum Point.

Bobby and his wife enjoyed living in Drum Point. Unfortunately, in 1989 his beloved wife, Mildred, passed. Today, Bobby continues to be an active person. He goes out twice a day, as he admittedly does not cook. He doesn't talk about his military experiences but is eager to tell you about Drum Point's developer, Paul Kerman, Drum Point history, and what is going on in Solomons and elsewhere in Southern Maryland. We are very fortunate to have a neighbor like Bobby, and we all wish him a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



The above tribute was written by Walter and Rosemary Logan with input from Linda and Richard Matthew, (Mr. Berry's niece and nephew).

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



It is going to be very easy to write this President's message.

Even though winter has been too long, too cold and doesn't seem to want to go away, our March 24th General Membership Meeting will be fun and informative. The fun part first. On April 6th, one of our oldest Drum Point residents, Bob Berry, will be celebrating a centennial. To help him get ready for his hundredth birthday, to thank him for his service, and to celebrate his service, please come to the meeting. Cake, coffee and refreshments will be served.

I'm sure we all remember that soon we must have an election to fill DPPOA Board positions. At the same March celebratory meeting, our Nomination Committee will present the slate of candidates to fill our Board vacancies. As the new Board will guide our community efforts in the upcoming year, it is important that as many of you as possible attend the meeting.

In the Maryland Fall election, Calvert County Commissioners will be elected. A candidate for one of the at-large positions, Mr. Earl (Buddy) Hance, has requested to attend our meeting and learn about those issues that concern us as a community and as residents of Drum Point. This is a unique and excellent opportunity to meet, exchange ideas with, and share our concerns with a candidate for County Commissioner. Let's take full advantage of this opportunity.

This promises to be a great meeting, so please attend. Celebrate with Bob. Influence the future of the DPPOA Board. Share your ideas with a candidate to be one of our elected Commissioners.

See you at the meeting'

Tony

Covenant Fees and Mandatory Assessments

Statements have been mailed, and yearly fees were due by March 1st. The fees just billed will be posted to the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1st. This is done, per the Covenants, in order to keep voting rights intact throughout each year.

Once again, the Covenant fee is adjusted each year, according to the Consumer Price Index calculator, which can be found online. Therefore, the Covenant fee for the upcoming year is \$104.00 per lot. The Mandatory Assessment of \$55.00 per developed property and \$20.00 per undeveloped property remains unchanged. The total amount charged for a developed lot is \$159.00 and \$124.00 for an undeveloped lot. All fees are mandatory.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For those of you 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 winter's accumulation.

Please note below those things 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*.

Receive the Newsletter by Email and Save the Association Time and Money

If you're still receiving the Drum Point Light in your mailbox, please contact the Association office and provide an email address. You'll not only enjoy the newsletter more, when there are color photos, you'll save the Association money.

Contact Rhea Webster, the Association Manager by email at office@dppoa or call her at 410-326-6148.

REMINDER

If you are in the Critical Area, defined as within 1,000 feet of tidal water, please remember that there are restrictions imposed by the State Critical Area Commission.

If you want to remove vegetation,, including dead trees, pave your driveway, erect a shed or make other changes to your property, you must contact the Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning to acquire the appropriate permits (410-535-2348). Failure to do this may result in a fine. Refer to the Association website at www.dppoa.org for additional information.



The lovelies pictured above are known as Lantern Flies and they may be paying this area a visit in the coming months. Please contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture if you see one (click on the following link from the Washington Post for more info <http://wapo.st/2oDVZDI>).



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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. 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

10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Guest Speaker

Earl (Buddy) Hance

Candidate for County Commissioner

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Nominating Committee

Public Comments

Adjournment

Please note that the March 24th meeting will be held in accordance with the above cited Maryland Code regarding quorums.