

Spring 2023



Drum Point Light

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Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival

Saturday, April 1, 2023

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Drum Point Club

(with pre-festival events scheduled for March 30th and 31st)

Spring is nearly here (woohoo), and that means the Osprey Festival has been scheduled. All Drum Point residents and their guests are welcome to the event (admission \$10.00 per person, or \$15.00 per family). Those who can, are encouraged to walk to the event, as parking will not be allowed at the Drum Point Club. Parking is plentiful at Patuxent High School, and a courtesy shuttle bus, from the high school to the Drum Point Club and back, will be available. The bus will also make a stop across the street from the Association office.

Additional information can be found on the DPPOA website at www.dppoa.org. Scroll down and click on the link - Osprey Festival 2023. You can view a video from last year's event by clicking on the following link: <https://videopress.com/embed/TMSEXeb2>. Visit the Osprey Festival website at: www.marylandospreyfestival.org. Questions should be directed to marylandospreyfestival@gmail.com. Links may need to be cut and pasted into your browser.

The Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival is supported by local governments, state wide conservation and wildlife rehabilitation agencies, local and international businesses and the military community. The Festival strives to educate, conserve, and celebrate local surroundings, nature and wildlife. If you wish to make a donation, you can do so by visiting the website: <https://marylandospreyfestival.org>

Beach Patrol is Hiring



With summer on the way, the beach patrol will be checking property owners and residents in at the community beach. The patrols are scheduled at random times throughout the week, including weekends and holidays.

Shirley Bean, who does the scheduling for the patrol, is looking for two or three additional people to help out. The position pays \$12.00/hour. For more information or to apply, call Shirley at 301-221-7969, or send her an email at shirl2204@yahoo.com.

President's Column

Mike Snapp, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Happy February when we start seeing some warm days (between the cold ones!). Please plan to attend our March 11th General Membership meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Drum Point Clubhouse where we'll bring you up to date on all the DPPOA happenings. Also keep an eye out for our announcements about the Ivy League project to remove the invasive English ivy that's strangling many of our roadside trees. Ginny Rice will show you how easy it is to remove the ivy and protect our trees.

Our paving project on the Anchor Drive and Mill Creek section hasn't gone as well as we hoped. We are still working with the paving contractor to complete the paving correctly, including your driveway interfaces. Please accept our apologies for the delays and incomplete workmanship. But I do want to thank our Road Chairman, Sal Icaza, and our past Project Manager, Jeff McDonald, for their volunteer efforts to identify and fix problems. If anyone has any background in Highway Engineering, Road Maintenance, and/or Civil Engineering and you would like to help us with these major projects on our roads and storm water management, please contact Rhea Webster at our office.

Lastly, we continue to make slow progress on the Community Beach project to construct a protective spur to protect the beach and slow erosion. We just got approval for our plans in December from Maryland Departments of Natural Resources and Environment. The next steps are approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and Calvert County so that we can get the final permits. Then we'll go out for competitive bids. Long process indeed, but we hope to start moving rock in 2023! We are also working on restoring the Bay Drive Causeway, which suffered erosion during a storm in late 2021. It's taken some time for the contractor to get the permits, obtain needed material and get us on their schedule.

Mike

New Statement Format

Annual statements were mailed on February 1st this year. Property owner fees are now tracked using QuickBooks. The new method will allow for the printing of statements that will be less confusing than those that could be generated from the previous database. Each property owner's information was entered manually in order to conduct an audit and verify ownership, contact information etc.

As usual, the Covenant Fee was adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index calculator, found online. The fee for the upcoming fiscal year, increased from \$117.00 to \$126.00. The Mandatory Assessment remains unchanged from the first time it was assessed in 2014: at \$55.00 per developed lot and \$20.00 per undeveloped lot. Therefore, the total annual fee for a developed property is \$181.00, with \$146.00 due for an undeveloped property. All fees are mandatory, are due March 1st of each year, and post to the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1st.

Please note that the fees billed by the Association office are separate from the Special Tax District (STD). The STD is billed and collected with your property taxes each year in August. The current STD was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in the amount of \$175.00 per lot/per year, for a period of five years.

SPRING CLEANUP

The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, May 13th, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please do not leave items before 8:00. Someone will be along shortly to help direct which items go into which bin.

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 winter's accumulation of unwanted items. Please note below those things which CAN and CANNOT be accepted:

Items which CAN be accepted include:

- Stoves and 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.



The importance of planting native species

The term “native” plant generally refers to plants indigenous to a particular geographic region. Native plants play a very important role in our ecosystems. Native plant species are more favorable for supporting local wildlife, including insects such as bees and butterflies, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. Native plants feed the creatures at the bottom of the food web that then provide meals for creatures on the next ring of the webs such as birds and toads that visit our yards.

To get more native species in your landscape think about incorporating a few of the following non-invasive flowering perennials.

- White wood aster
- Blue false indigo
- Tickseed
- Eastern purple coneflower
- Joe-pye weed
- Coral berry
- Cardinal flower
- Bee balm
- Black-eyed Susan
- Stonecrop
- Goldenrod
- Foam flower

For more information on the importance of native plants check out Doug Tallamy, Bringing Nature Home: The Importance of Native Plants on YouTube.

Contact Information

Be sure to keep your contact information, such as email address, phone number, and mailing address up to date. Contact Rhea at the Association office to make any changes: 410-326-6148 or office@dppoa.org.

The March meeting of the General Membership will be held according to the following:

Maryland Code, Corporations and Associations, Title 5, Sub Title 2, section (§) 5-206.I.

The ordinance is stated on the back page of this newsletter.



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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

10:00 a.m. March 11, 2023

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Guest Speaker—Sal Icaza

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

Options for erosion control at community beach

New Business

Public Comments

Adjournment