

Spring 2024



Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival Saturday, April 6, 2024 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Drum Point Club

This year's festival has been scheduled for the first Saturday in April, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Last year's event was successful and well attended, despite the rainy beginning to the day. All Drum Point residents and their guests are welcome to the event (admission \$10.00 per person, or \$20.00 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 or by clicking on the festival website link: www.marylandospreyfestival.org. Questions should be directed to the following email address: marylandospreyfestival@gmail.com. Links may need to be copied and pasted into your browser.

This year's event will include a free concert at the Drum Point Club, the evening before the main festival. Come to the Club on the 5th of April, with music by Monkey Business, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and listen to their covers of hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's. The evening will include the first of the scheduled three-part lecture series by area naturalist, Alex Pellegrini. Come and enjoy the music, door prizes and raffle, and hear information about the importance of the Osprey to this area. Then we'll see you on Saturday.

Donations can be made at the Osprey Festival website: www.marylandospreyfestival.org or by calling 443-624-5590. Proceeds from last year's event were donated to three worthy organizations: The Owl Moon Raptor Center, The Calvert Nature Society, and the Phoenix Wildlife Center. Send an email to the address above to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



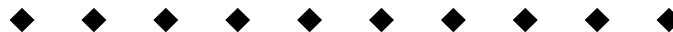
As I write for this March newsletter it seems that this year's winter has loosened its icy grip allowing us to prepare for spring. While winter was cold and did present some storms, fortunately there was not a lot of snow. We only had two minor storms forcing us to pre-salt the roads at a total cost of \$16,347 well within our budget.

With a break in the weather, the 3 - 5 year cut back is underway. This is when we improve the visibility and safety of our roads and intersections by cutting back and trimming all overhanging and ground vegetation in our unpaved rights of way. If you are aware of any area that might need special attention or that might need additional clearing after the initial cut, please bring it to our attention by notifying the DPPOA office (office@dppoa.org).

The March General Membership Meeting also presents us with an annual community milestone. The Community Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates for the DPPOA Board for the upcoming fiscal year. The community thanks all who are willing to volunteer their time by serving on the Board. Special appreciation is extended to Mr. Curt Larsen for once again leading the Nominating Committee.

As spring moves further along, all of us should pay stricter attention to our community children who will be out playing in greater numbers each warmer day. Please respect our stop signs and speed limits. Please be sure that all dogs are under adequate control or leashed so they cannot dart out and upset or startle an unsuspecting child or adult. And lastly, please clean up after your dog as you walk them along the roads and beaches. Remember our children will soon be playing on those areas.

Tony



FY 2025 Board of Directors Slate of Candidates

The current Board members, listed below, have agreed to continue to serve on the Board for the upcoming term. The official slate of candidates will be presented during the March 16th membership meeting, with nominations from the floor to be accepted by the Board.

There are currently five open seats, with five candidates thus far. If no nominations are made from the floor during the March meeting, a motion can be made to accept the slate as presented and to elect them via acclamation. With an equal number of open seats and candidates, there is no need for a mail ballot. If you are unable to attend the March meeting, please stop by the Association office and fill out an absentee ballot so that the slate can be presented and accepted. Absentee ballots count toward the required quorum of 35 property owners.

The current slate of candidates for fiscal year 2025 are: Jack Andre, Allen Fine, John Latham, Mike Snapp, and Tony Spakauskas.

Spring Cleanup

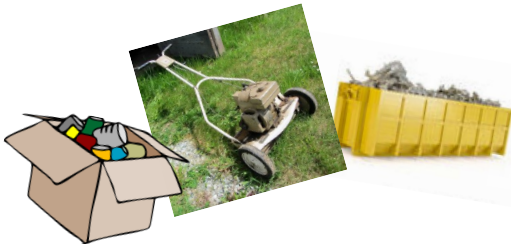
The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11th, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please do not leave items before 8:30. Someone will be along shortly to help direct which items go into which bin.

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 (no household trash, tree or yard debris, tires etc.).

We often have items dropped off that might be useful to others or that someone might be able to repair, such as lawnmowers and bicycles. These are put in the dumpster at the end of the day if nobody has shown interest.

Click on the following link to the DPPOA website (www.dppoa.org) for a complete list of items that can and cannot be placed in the dumpsters. Scroll down on the homepage

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 other unwanted items.



Do you live in the Critical Area of the Bay?

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 Maryland 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.

You can download the application for removal of vegetation in the Critical Area by going to the Calvert County government website and searching for "Vegetation Removal Permit in the Critical Area" or by calling (410-535-2348). You should be aware that failure to obtain a permit may result in a fine.

For additional information on what can and cannot be done in the Critical Area, go to the DPPOA website at www.dppoa.org. On the drop-down menu at the top of the homepage, click on Environment, and scroll down to the "Chesapeake Bay Critical Area" link.

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.

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. Attendance is expected to increase this season, thanks to the beach restoration project which finished in the fall of 2023.

Shirley Bean, who does the scheduling for the patrol, is looking for three additional people to help out. The position pays \$12.00/hour. All members of the beach patrol will be required to complete a W-9, provided by the Association office, for purposes of tax filing. Anyone who makes more than \$599 will receive a 1099 from the DPPOA office. For more information, call Shirley at 301-221-7969, or send her an email at shirl2204@yahoo.com.



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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 16, 2023

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Guest Speaker—Sal Icaza

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Slate of Candidates for FY 2025

Public Comments

Adjournment