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Drum Point Light

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Drum Point Club



President's Column

Mike Snapp, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Our fall paving schedule on Anchor Drive and the upper Mill Creek Drive area was delayed by weather, leaves, and other less-excusable reasons. I apologize for any inconvenience, and we are working to minimize these issues in future paving plans. The Community Beach Erosion project is making slow progress, mostly due to a lengthy joint permit process between the state and Army Corps of Engineers that required a public notification process in addition to tons of paperwork! We got no adverse public comments, so we hope to be able to move sand and rock in 2023! Other projects in the works include several storm water management efforts to improve drainage in our rights-of-way and lots and erosion control along Bay Drive and Lake Charming. Please come to the General Membership Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Drum Point Club on December 17 to hear more.

We'll also discuss the upcoming Board election for March 2023 at that meeting, and solicit volunteers for the Nominating Committee.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and will have a fantastic holiday season enjoying time with family and friends!

Mike



Nominating Committee

The DPPOA Board is asking for volunteers to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. This task involves speaking to neighbors and friends about serving on the Board of Directors for the upcoming year, starting in July 2023.

Please take some time to think about helping your community with this important job and think about who you might consider to be a good candidate for the Board. Anyone serving on this committee or serving on the Board must be a member-in-good standing (current on fees). Contact Rhea at the office with questions or to volunteer (office@dppoa.org or 410-326-6148).

Speeding and Speed Limits

The meeting of the general membership that took place in September was well attended, with a number of issues discussed.

One of the primary points of concern involved the number of people who continue to drive too fast for a neighborhood community such as Drum Point.

In response to the concerns voiced during the meeting, a letter was sent the following day to Sheriff Evans, who will remain in office until the end of the year. The letter included questions about speed limits in Drum Point and whether patrols can be increased in the community. Sheriff Evans was invited to attend the next meeting of the membership, scheduled for December. We await his response.

Sergeant Jason Dean, a community liaison officer, did reply to an email sent a few days later and responded as follows to some of the questions posed:

- Issuing tickets: “If there is a validated speeding issue within the jurisdiction of our responsibility, we will respond appropriately. This response could be in the form of focused enforcement, educational outreach initiatives to curve speeding behaviors or as simple as increasing our visible patrols within the area.”
- Lower posted speed limits: “The State regulated that posted maximum speed limits within undivided highways in residential districts cannot exceed 30 mph. The posted speed limit has been set to 25 mph as a standard within most communities. This is based on crash data to include pedestrian strike survival testing and safety, roadway design and the volume of traffic within the respective area. There would need to be a documented substantial safety concern for the speed limit to be reduced below 25 mph. To the best of my knowledge, the risk of pedestrian fatalities or serious injury crashes within Drum Point is not significant. In order to consider a reduction in speed limit, a traffic and engineering investigation would be completed to establish a reasonable and safe speed limit based on serious or significant crash event history. We thankfully do not have a significant crash event history within Drum Point, so my opinion is that we cannot justify a speed limit reduction request and/or study. “

Sergeant Dean stated also that a deputy can attend the next membership meeting, which is scheduled for December 17th at 10:00 a.m. This is

The Environmental Corner

The annual Phragmites treatment was done at the end of October. While the usual spots were treated, an area at the end of the Drum Point boat ramp on River View Drive was also included in this year’s list.

With the continued success of the program, the cost has been reduced from an initial outlay of \$985.00 in 2017 to this year’s fee of just \$500. The program has been so successful that we may be able to skip next year’s treatment. In addition, natural vegetation has begun to grow in the treated areas.

With cooler weather upon us, and therefore, a reduction in the risk of encountering ticks, the Ivy League will continue its mission of the elimination of as much ivy as possible from the trees. While the ivy can be beautiful, it can choke out native plants and can kill a tree if allowed to grow unchecked.

The group met on Saturday, November 12th and cleared the ivy from a tree on a lot at the corner of Barreda Boulevard and Oak Drive.

If you’re interested in learning how to remove this invasive plant from the trees on your property, please contact Ginny Rice at riceginny@yahoo.com. Ginny has been spearheading this effort and can explain the procedure used by the group. You can also offer your assistance to the group in their efforts. Watch your email for announcements of upcoming ivy removal days.



CLEANUP DAY

Unfortunately, the fall cleanup had to be cancelled due to the unpredictability of the weather in October. The next cleanup will be scheduled for the spring.

If you have an immediate need to rid your life of clutter, you can take advantage of the transfer station and/or the landfill located off Route 4 on Sweetwater Road.

Speeding continued...

your opportunity to ask questions and voice your concerns directly to the Sheriff’s deputy. As of the publication of this newsletter, we are awaiting confirmation from Sergeant Dean. Watch your email prior to the meeting for an update.



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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. Saturday, December 17, 2022

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Nominating Committee Formation

Public Comments

Adjournment