



# The Villager

Newsletter of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association

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## *Save the Date!*

**DACA's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024, 7:30 pm**  
**Davidsonville Family Recreation Center**  
**Scouts Building**  
**3789 Queen Anne Bridge Road**

The board of directors will hold DACA's annual membership meeting and election at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC).

This is DACA's 50th year since being founded in November 1974, but it will be our 49th annual meeting as there was no meeting in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That year we held our elections by email and mail-in ballots.

Come meet your neighbors and your elected representatives in local government and learn what is happening in your community. Invited guests include State Senator Dawn Gile, State Delegate Stuart Schmidt, County Executive Steuart Pittman, County Councilwoman Shannon Leadbetter, and Community Engagement Officer Courtney Buiniskis.

DACA members whose dues are current are eligible to vote and to run for a position in the election of officers and board of directors.

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## **Election of Officers and Board of Directors**

Three current officers have agreed to serve another one-year term, if reelected by DACA's members:

President: Bruce Stein  
Vice President: H. Edward Woods  
Treasurer: Brian Stanton

~ The office of Secretary is open ~

Last year we celebrated Gail's extraordinary service as Editor of *The Villager*, and this year her retirement will be complete when she steps down as corresponding secretary.

Board member Kate Fox has assisted in the role of recording secretary, taking minutes of our meetings for several years; she would like another person to step forward and assume this volunteer position.

Board members whose terms end this June are Jessica Adams, Andrew Healy, Lynn Marano, and Frank Purdy. Frank informed the board that he will not run again as he needs to focus on other commitments. The other three members intend to stand again for reelection.

DACA's bylaws allow for additional at-large (non-term) board members if more volunteers step forward to run than the number of offices that are open.

Please offer your time and talent to this civic association. DACA members wishing to become an officer or join the board for the term to June 2027 or as an at-large member for one year is encouraged to attend the annual meeting and put their name forward as a candidate in our election on June 9.

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## Notes and Appreciations

### Editors' Note

The June issue of *Stroll Davidsonville* magazine features Kaitlin Hall's interview of Bruce Stein, President of DACA. Bruce captured the essence and purpose of DACA to "Keep Davidsonville Rural." He noted several projects sponsored by DACA to further this purpose and ongoing current issues that require help from Davidsonville residents. See page 3 for information on sand and gravel mining; see page 4 for scholarship information; and see page 11 for information on *Stroll Davidsonville* and how to receive it.

*Meredith McQuoid-Greason and Gail Enright*

### Outgoing Corresponding Secretary's Note to David Grabau, Publisher of *Stroll Davidsonville*

Dear David—

A wonderful interview with Bruce Stein! He captured the purpose and methods of DACA beautifully! I am so proud of him, and I think (no bias there) it may be among your best articles! You always do coverage of DACA so generously, and

DACA's members who receive *Stroll* really appreciate it. *Stroll* and *Villager* have different but overlapping readerships, and I believe they help each other to grow.

Gail  
Davidsonville Area Civic  
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### Kind Words from a Member

John and I like supporting a scholarship for a Davidsonville area student. Thanks for sending me a hard copy of *The Villager*, which I often share with new neighbors. Good Job, Meredith.

Betty

*Many thanks Betty, for your kind words. And MANY more thanks for your generous donation to our scholarship fund!*

Meredith

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### Update on Patuxent River Road Sand and Gravel Mining

DACA learned that the county’s Board of Appeals has scheduled public hearings on four dates for the Brandywine Aggregates proposal for a new sand and gravel strip mine at 2882 Patuxent River Road.

The hearings will be held from **5 pm to 8 pm** at the **Arundel Center, First Floor Council Chambers, 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD 21401**. *For security purposes, attendees will not be permitted into the Arundel Center after 6:30 pm.*

The following dates are presently scheduled:

- Wednesday, June 26;
- Tuesday, July 2;
- Wednesday, July 10; and
- Thursday, July 11.

This is an appeal of the denial of a special exception to allow a clay and borrow pit and sand and gravel operation in an RA-Rural Agricultural District.

All testimony must be in person, so attendance at the hearing is critical. DACA encourages everyone who opposes the proposed mine to attend and testify.

Interested persons are advised to contact the Board of Appeals ([dbussey@aacounty.org](mailto:dbussey@aacounty.org) or 410-222-1119) in advance to confirm that the hearing(s) will proceed as advertised. As authorized by the General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board may choose to close a portion of the meeting.

Anyone needing accommodations must contact the office at least 7 days in advance. All materials will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

### DACA Community Meeting to Share Your Opinions and Learn from Others About this Matter

In advance of the Board of Appeals hearings, DACA will hold a community meeting for all who are interested in learning what this is all about and the latest information we have to share. DACA would also like to hear the opinions of all interested parties, especially those who live on Patuxent River Road, Rossback Road, and Governors Bridge Road near the site at 2882 Patuxent River Road.

**Monday, June 10, 2024, 8:00 pm**  
**Scouts Building**  
**Davidsonville Family Recreation Center**  
**3789 Queen Anne Bridge Road, Davidsonville**

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*So long Spring!*  
*Happy Summer Everyone!*

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### Applications for the 2024–2025 DACA Scholarship

The Davidsonville Area Civic Association's Gail Enright Educational Scholarship helps DACA members and their dependent children pursue educational training, be it academic, technical, agricultural, or professional. The scholarship is available to high school seniors and graduates of any age.

#### Applications for 2024–2025 academic year due no later than June 15, 2024, 11:59 pm

Learn about the scholarship and access the application by visiting [www.davidsonvillemaryland.org/scholarship](http://www.davidsonvillemaryland.org/scholarship).

The DACA scholarship was established in 2017 through a donation by Davidsonville residents Tom and Kris Angelis. The fund's growth depends on the generosity of our community. Help us grow the scholarship fund by making a check in any amount payable to DACA and write "scholarship" in the memo space. Or donate online via the Scholarship button on our "Dues, Donations, Payments" page.

The Davidsonville Area Civic Association (DACA) is a tax-exempt 501(c)4 organization recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Services. Donations to DACA are *not* tax-deductible for the donor.

Please be a Scholarship Angel, one of this group of generous supporters of DACA's privately funded scholarship program, and help us grow the scholarship fund by donating any amount. Either by check payable to DACA and write "scholarship" in the memo space. Or donate online via the scholarship button on our "Dues, Donations, Payments" page.

### Our Latest Scholarship Angels

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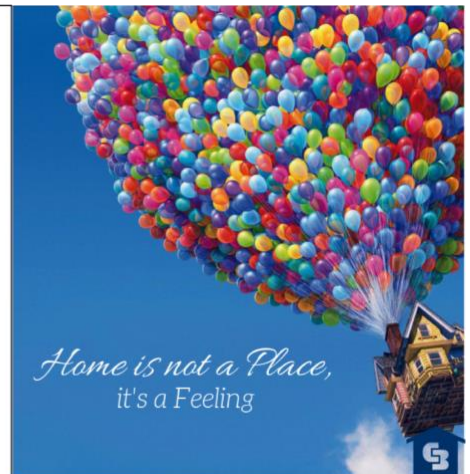


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### Green Expo 2024 Was a Grand Success!

Despite the heavy rain on March 23 that prevented some exhibitors and visitors from attending, those who came to our event at Homestead Gardens were treated to a plethora of environmental treats and info.

DACA volunteers gave away approximately 550 tree seedlings. In addition to the eastern redbuds, white flowering dogwoods, red osiers, and witch hazels that DACA ordered from the John S. Ayton DNR Tree Nursery in Preston, Maryland, Bud Reeves together with Kari Wurth of the MD DNR Forest Service surprised us with a gift of about 150 paw paws and other tree seedlings to give away as well. DACA is exceedingly grateful to MD DNR Forest Service and to Dignity Memorial for sponsoring our tree give-away this year.

Exhibitors who braved wet roads to set up their displays in the Expo area at Homestead Gardens included A.A. Co. Farm Bureau, A.A. Watershed Stewards Academy, Arundel Rivers Federation, Blue Whale EV, Cavanos Perennials, CEPA, Chesapeake Bay Adventure Books author Cindy Freland, Dignity Memorial at Lakemont Memorial Gardens, GRB Roofing, Harwood 4H Club, Londontown Gardens, Master Gardeners of A.A. Co., MD DNR Forest Service, Melaleuca, Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman, Red Carpet Remodeling, Scout Troop 454, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, and Unity Gardens. Southern High School’s Art Department provided face painting for youngsters (and those of us still young at heart).



A.A. Co. Executive Stewart Pittman and DACA secretary Gail Enright are all smiles, as DACA volunteers Lainagail Greason, Bruce Stein, and Andrew Healey look on, and Angie Mattero (right), chief of staff for State Delegate Stuart Schmidt, reads a citation. Also pictured at far left are DACA volunteers John Zajic and Jess Adams. Photo, M. McQ.-Greason.

DACA extends a BIG thank you to our volunteers, and especially to Brian Riddle and Pam Cole Finlay of Homestead Gardens for making Green Expo 2024 not only possible but also a success!

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## Anne Arundel County to Host Five River Days Festivals This Summer

Anne Arundel County is expanding River Days to five different locations this summer, providing even more families the opportunity to get out on the water, celebrate our local rivers, and learn how to protect them.

Each festival will feature fun activities for all ages, including water activities, environmental educators, boat rides, live music, food trucks, games, crafts, face painting, county agencies, and more.

Registration is free and required for entry, as capacity is limited. Registration does not include boat ride tickets, which are also free but must be reserved separately for a specific time slot.

Registration for the first River Days festival opens Wednesday, May 29, 12 pm at [aacounty.org/riverdays](http://aacounty.org/riverdays). Registration for entry and boat ride reservations will open one month prior to each event date. [Sign up here](#) to be notified once registration is open for each event.

**Saturday, June 29, 11 AM – 4 PM**  
[Smithsonian Environmental Research Center](#)  
 647 Cantees Wharf Rd., Edgewater, MD 21037  
**Registration opens Wednesday, May 29, 12pm**

**Saturday, July 20, 11 AM – 4 PM**  
[Annapolis Maritime Museum Park](#)  
 In partnership with Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating and Annapolis Sailing School,  
 7300 Edgewood Road, Annapolis, MD 21403  
**Registration opens Thursday, June 20 at 12pm**

**Sunday, August 11, 11 AM – 4 PM**  
[West River Center](#)  
 5100 Chalk Point Road, West River, MD 20778  
**Registration opens Thursday, July 11, 12pm**

**Sunday, August 25, 11 AM – 4 PM**  
[Quiet Waters Park](#)  
 600 Quiet Waters Park Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403  
**Registration opens Thursday, July 25 at 12pm**

**Saturday, September 14, 11 AM – 4 PM**  
[Fort Smallwood Park](#)  
 9500 Fort Smallwood Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122  
**Registration opens Wednesday, August 14 at 12pm**

**Questions?** These events are hosted by the Office of the County Executive. For questions and special accommodations requirements, please email [riverdays@aacounty.org](mailto:riverdays@aacounty.org). Please do not contact the venues with questions about River Days.

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### Police Shooting Range Community Meeting

DACA’s president Bruce Stein attended the May 28 meeting. Councilwoman Shannon Leadbetter was also in attendance. Bruce shares these notable points:

The location of the new, all indoor range is set. I asked if it could be moved further away from the nearest homeowner (400 feet) and the answer was no due to various land restrictions and soil conditions. Also, it seems that some soil swapping is necessary as the soil under the construction site is not appropriate to support the facility, so some will need to be swapped out for stronger supporting soil.

Noise concerns were addressed. The range building will be heavily insulated for noise control and, of course, bullet resistance. The estimate given was that at 5 feet away from the outside of the building, the noise would be in the range of 45–50 decibels, which is about the sound of “quiet conversation” or light rain. This sound will attenuate the further away you are.

Also of concern is the noise from the extensive air-conditioning system on the roof. It will be designed to remove all the contaminated air (e.g. lead) from the shooting range, filter it to remove all the particles (e.g., lead) so that air expelled from the facility does not contain any contaminants—it “will be cleaner than when it went in,” so no air pollution. The AC units themselves are designed to be quiet, and an additional sound-retaining wall will be put into place on the roof to further reduce noise from the units. The goal is to get it down to a similar level as the noise from the range. These AC units will only operate when the range is in use.

There was a concern expressed about the capability of Queen Anne Bridge Road to sustain the traffic of the various dump trucks, etc. Other than having to deal with it when/if it happens, basically they said they would ask DPW (Department of Public Works) to look into it. Apparently various dump trucks are operating on the road and causing problems.

Requests for proposals are being prepared now and will be released soon. Estimated start of construction is in 2025. The present facility is reported to be in “dilapidated” condition, and it would require hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring it up to standard.

### Southern High School’s FFA Raises Funds to Attend State Competition in June

Members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter at Southern High School have been preparing for the Maryland state FFA Convention and competition to be held June 23–26 at Wisp Resort. Qualifying student members will compete in both general and specific aspects of farm and agriculture management.

To raise funds, the club held their annual plant sale at their greenhouse the first two Saturdays in May. On offer were an abundance of both flowers and starter vegetable sets.

Pictured above are (from left to right) FFA student members



Lilly Wineke, Claire Ogilvie, Rylee Hardesty, Sam Moreland, Caroline Harding, Sasha Painter, Katelyn Bullock, and Adam Wilson. Photo by Stacy Eckels, club advisor.

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### SCCA's 2024–2025 Concert Series

**Venue:** Southern High School, 4400 Solomons Island Rd. (Route 2), Harwood, MD 20776

[*except for* Forever Simon & Garfunkel, November 9, at Riva Trace Baptist Church, 475 Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD]

*Bachelors of Broadway*  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:30pm

*Jason Lyle Black*  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 7:30pm

*Forever Simon & Garfunkel*  
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 7:30pm

*Junghoon Park: Pianist with Soloist*  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:30pm

*Kim McLean: My Friend Loretta Lynn*  
Sunday, April 27, 2025, 3:00pm

If transportation to attend SCCA evening concerts is required, check the box on the subscription form, and SCCA will provide a guest card for a driver of your choice.



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DACA's current membership is 268 and growing ~ We are small but mighty!

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New to Davidsonville? Or still need to renew your membership for 2024? Pay dues of \$20 per person and your voice will be amplified by this respected civic association in meetings and discussions with representatives of our county and state government.

DACA exists to assist by speaking with you and for you. Members and guests are welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, usually on the first Thursday of the month.

If you have an issue to bring to DACA's attention, contact our president, Bruce Stein, to request an addition to our agenda.

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