

# General Development Plan Revisions Public Information Meeting Southern High School, Tuesday, February 3, from 6:00 until 9:00 pm

Residents of Anne Arundel County are invited to learn about and help plan the future of land use in the County.

The Department of Planning and Zoning scheduled public information meetings to make the public aware of the current Development Plan and the proposed revisions that will help guide growth and public services in the county. The forum for south county will be held February 3 from 6:00 until 9:00 pm at Southern High School. Other forums will take place Monday, January 26, at Annapolis High School; Wednesday, January 28, at Old Mill H.S.; and Thursday, February 5, at Meade H.S.

Anne Arundel County's General Development Plan is a comprehensive land use plan prepared in compliance with State requirements and guidelines, a policy document formally adopted by the County Council. It establishes policies and recommendation to guide land use decisions over a ten to 20 year period. County officials use the GDP in making decisions about growth and development, land preservation, resource protection, and the provision of infrastructure and services. Current zoning is based on the last revision of the GDP. The goals of the GDP are to

keep South County rural;

revitalize older communities, and

create mixed-use, transit-oriented development.

The GDP is revised every ten years; the last revision, starting in 1998, used volunteer citizen advisory groups to study 16 Small Areas and recommend plans for future growth. This was a lengthy and laborious process, after which the recommendations were finally enacted into legislation. The last of the 16 Small Area Plans took eight years to be approved and enacted. County Executive John Leopold did not want to repeat that timeconsuming process for this revision. The Draft GDP will be available for public review on the county's web site, www.aacounty.org/PlanZone/ LongRange/GDP.cfm.

Funding is a major issue in revising the plan. Funding for many of the coming developments, such as the consequences of the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), is already incorporated into the General Development Plan. The influx of government employees at every level will create the need for more and better infrastructure in the form of roads, transportation, and public safety. Upper-level officials will want to move to higher priced neighborhoods throughout the county, not only in north county near Fort Meade and Odenton.

Public comments and requests for consideration of zoning changes may be submitted between January 20 and February 16<sup>th</sup> by email addressed to <u>GDP2008@aacounty.org</u>. Now is the time for citizens to ask for changes in current zoning classifications.

# Meet the County Executive

Mr. Leopold will host a constituent Open House on Tuesday, January 27, between 5:00 and 8:00 pm Room 161 at Arundel Center.



You may walk in with your greeting or question; if you want an issue researched in advance, send a n e m a i 1 t o <u>bpoulin@aacounty.org.</u> Department heads will be there to assist you as well.

# DACA members and their contributions

Thanks to Tom Luminello, Judy Van Lunen, and Steve and Debbie Williams for their contributions in addition to renewing their dues in DACA.

[We need to] organize ourselves to resist converting McMansions to multi-family units. T.L. Davidsonville's zoning of RA does not allow legal multifamily units, but it's a good idea to be ever vigilant to prevent such zoning changes.

# What Would Abraham Lincoln Do?

February 12, 2009, is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. County Executive John R.

Leopold will participate in a special event that day at Maryland Hall. He will read the winning essay of a contest for middle school students explaining how President Lincoln would respond to current events facing the country and the world today.

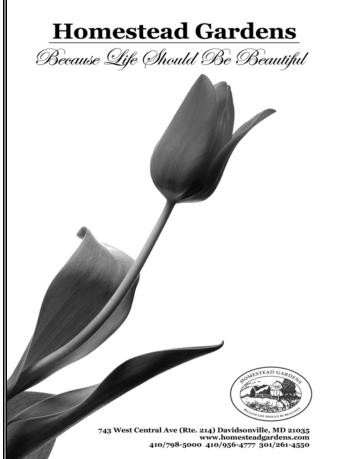


In Memoriam John Blakely Cramer Husband of Joyce Weil Cramer December 6, 1923 ~ November 20, 2008

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In Memoriam J. Compton Peach father of Anne Peach Biddle October 6, 1909 ~ January 11, 2009





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#### Septic system upgrade legislation fails

Bill # 84-08 would have required new home construction— in areas designated as on-site waste management problem areas and in the Critical Area and Bog Protection overlays—to include nitrogen removal technology for their septic systems. The idea was that homeowners would be eligible to receive government grants to fund the upgrades. The bill was defeated by a Council vote of five to two because of concern that public funding to reimburse homeowners for their expenses would not be available.

#### All around us: More commercial zoning?

In December Joan Turek wrote, "Were you aware of the up-zoning in Edgewater next to South Arundel vets to permit building of a medical building---they got a variance last [September] and now want to make the entire corner of Rt 2 and 214 commercial. An accident guaranteed to happen."

According to the last General Development Plan, the land south of #214 is to be kept in RA zoning, except for grandfathered spots already in commercial use. The parcels in the strip between South Arundel Veterinary Hospital and the corner are held by different owners, including the State of Maryland, the Parlett family, and other individuals. The owner of the two parcels next to the vet office is Albert Stevens. The corner lot is owned by Steve Margousis of Bethesda, and has been on the market for several years, zoned RA.

# **Standing on Sands Road**

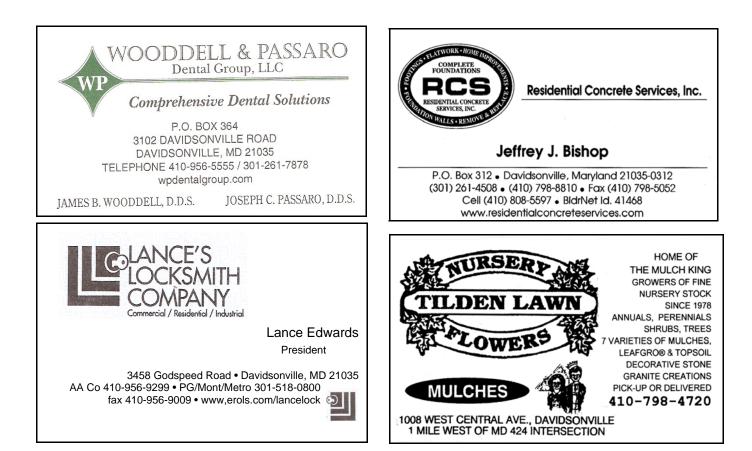
DACA is not alone in seeking changes in the requirements for legal standing to speak on zoning change applications and new developments. Chesapeake Bay Foundation's suit against EPA, support from the South River Federation, Magothy River Federation, CEPA, and Harwood Civic Association are just a few of the associations that claim a voice on local issues.

Local organizations that wanted information and opportunity to speak on the proposed expansion of the Riddle Sand and Gravel Mine on Sands Road were blocked because only landowners within 175 feet were notified of the application. In rural areas, neighbors as far away as a mile can be adversely affected by land use decisions. A hearing on a motion to dismiss the case for the proposed gravel pit expansion was scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 5:30 pm before the Board of Appeals.

County Executive John Leopold replied to Will Biddle's letter "Standing on Sands Road"

"Thank you for your kind words and for your thoughts on the legal issues regarding 'Standing'. It is my understanding that the Maryland General Assembly will address this issue again during the 2009 session. My staff will closely monitor legislation and the debate surrounding this issue.

Please call on me anytime I can be helpful to you." John R. Leopold County Executive



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## Council member Cathleen Vitale, District 5, on the General Development Plan

rehaps the largest project on the horizon for the County Council will be addressing the General Development Plan. Of all the legislation the Council will undertake, other than the budget, the GDP is the most important. For the first time, State legislation dictates that our plan provide a fiscal assessment of the impacts of future land use plans on area water resources, including water and wastewater supply capacities and local tributaries. There has been a push by the current State administration to focus on environmental impacts, and the county GDP will serve as one of those tools. The document, when finished, is to combine the work of the citizen small area plans and new local and state laws to create one comprehensive tool to be used by both the County and citizens for small and large development, preservation and environmental plans.

The draft General Development Plan can be found on the County's website by going to <u>www.aacounty.org</u> and scrolling down to the GDP Homepage. Once there, you can download any one of the many background area reports, which make up the draft plan. The document itself is some 250 pages. Reading it on line is one way to save trees and expenses.

Public input is critical to the success of the plan. As we saw with the small area plans of the last revision, citizens have an incredible grasp on the needs and resources of their particular area. Because of citizen input, the County created commercial revitalization districts, mixed-use zoning and preservation areas. The County administration has scheduled four public forums where citizens can be briefed on the General Development Plan. [See page one].

Much has been written over the last several months about the lack of public input, inability of community activists to disseminate the plan to their community membership and the feeling that we have been left out of the process.

The plan is much more than mere zoning. The policies and strategies that the county will approve are as important as what can be built on what site. I urge each community group or community umbrella organization to hold your own forums. Learn what the County believes its vision for your area is, and if that vision is not yours, STAND UP and SPEAK OUT. As I have said in the past, your voice is the most important advocacy tool you have. I will be glad to see you attend these meetings with me and to provide input where you disagree and agree on the GDPItallet@nactmantycongtbot4glbts222-1401.

From Ms. Vitale's constituent newsletter

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#### **PST** rubble landfill emits hazardous chemicals

The County Health Department notified residents within a quarter mile of the former rubble fill on Sands Road that elevated levels of heavy metals beryllium, cadmium, and chromium were found in the water of monitoring wells drilled around the landfill site. Before the landfill was closed, PST contributed money for local community organizations. The remaining funds were allocated to the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association to monitor the local water supply. Concerned residents must ask the Health Department to test their private wells before January 26<sup>th</sup> for free water tests.

From the Capital, January 12, 2009, by E.B.Furgurson

#### Sprinklers in new homes

The County Council enacted legislation by a vote of six to one on January 5 to require sprinkler systems in new construction of private homes. Homes on wells with insufficient water pressure to serve the sprinkler will be exempted. Ed Woods is the Legislative Director for the State Fire Chiefs Association; he testified in favor of the legislation. He said the cost of installing a sprinkler system in a new home is about \$1.10 per square foot, or about \$3,000 in a home of 2,500-3,000 square feet.

After the fire at 1070 Governors Bridge Road two weeks ago, Don Riddle told Gail Enright that the farms

of Homestead Gardens have two ponds on Governors Bridge Road west of #424; one already has a system for fire fighters to withdraw water and they are planning one for the former Russell Rossback property. The ponds hold ground water and are sometimes fed by streams and springs. Having a pond nearby for fire fighting may reduce a homeowner's insurance premium.

Ed Woods said he has access to four hydrants provided by the Department of Natural Resources: the two at Homestead's farms, one for the pond at Homestead's site on Central Avenue, and one more to place where it will be needed. He said the fire at 1070 Governors Bridge was put out in five minutes, with damage to only part of the house. He praised County Executive Leopold for supporting increased and improved fire fighters training programs.

#### A note to our 7<sup>th</sup> District Council member, Ed Reilly Dec. 17, 2008

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Re Riverdale Baptist Church in Lothian

Congratulations and thanks to you and the other Council members who stood firm in denying the construction of an oversized institution in South County, and for protecting the fragile ecology of the area near Jug Bay from the increasing pressure of inappropriate development. *Gail Enright* 



# Davidsonville UM Church's CrossRoads Child Development Center in its Second Year

A lmost hidden in the tranquility of the rolling fields of Davidsonville, CrossRoads Child Development Center has emerged as a sanctuary for children and a blessing for parents. Serving working parents, stay-athome parents and those in transition, CrossRoads is nestled on seven acres of land planted with beautiful trees. An inviting enclosed playground and covered outdoor activity area give children creative options.

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the guided lessons from a child-centered curriculum. Safe and secure, pre-K children are joined by elementary school age students who enjoy Before and After, and Holiday care. They are provided breakfast and an afternoon snack.

There is a Summer Adventure for every CrossRoads student, including those seven- to twelve-year-olds who enroll just for the summer.

Visit the web site at <u>www.crossroadscdc.com</u> and call 410-798-5790 for more information or an appointment to tour the Center.

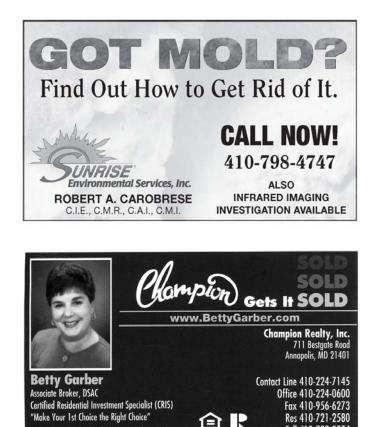
# Dogwood Acres Pet Retreat offers "Out & About" dog walking services

Out & About is a personalized pet care service that Dogwood Acres provides to those who wish to have their dog or cat cared for during the work week in the comfort and convenience of their own home. We offer Dog Walking, Neighbor Playdates, Mid-Day Pit Stops for Dogs and Cats, as well as offsite services including a Pet Limo and Doggie Daycare. For more information, call Erin Bogan at 410-798-4670.

# Look to the summer boating season!

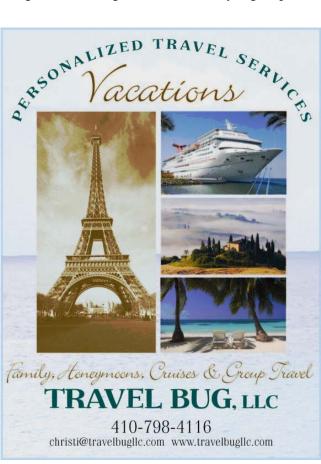
While you are huddled up by the fireplace and the television set with your comfort food snacks and dreams of warm weather, think about putting your boat in the water when it gets warmer. The county provides boat launch sites for car-top size boats, perfect for exploring small waterways or even venturing out to the Bay.

Davidsonville Park off Patuxent River Road is closest, but you have to carry your boat to the water. Mayo Beach Park will get you right in the Bay. Carr's Wharf and Galesville Wharf enable you to explore the Rhode and West Rivers. You can get a canoe in the Patuxent on Prince George's side of the Governor's Bridge. For details go to <u>www.aacounty.org/recparks</u>.



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# **Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market** (from the web site)

The Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market was first organized in 1981, by the County Office of Planning and Zoning. The Market was sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Farm Preservation Board, Farm Bureau, Co-operative Extension Service, and the Maryland Department of Agriculture. It opened its first season in the Board of Education parking lot on Riva Road on Saturday, June 27, 1981. It had no building and only a handful of vendors. The season was very short, with summer produce only.

The Anne Arundel County Farmers Market remained at the Board of Education site for three summers. In 1984, the first building to house the Market at the corner of Riva Road and Truman Parkway was dedicated by County Executive O. James Lighthizer. Over the years, the number of vendors grew to more than fifteen, the season lengthened, and the variety of items offered also grew.

In 1992, the second building was dedicated by Robert R. Neall and the Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market was privatized and became a nonprofit corporation. In 1994, the Farmers' Market dedicated both buildings to the memory of Michael R. Cirino, the market's first manager. The Farmers' Market participates in the State WIC Program, to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to women, children, and infants, and the Senior SFMNP program to redeem coupons for fresh produce at the farmers' markets.

Martin Zehner of Davidsonville is president of the Farmers' Market and he has overseen the many changes over the 28 years since the first gathering of farmers. The market now has more than 60 vendors. It is open three days per week in the summer season. A huge variety of items is offered and the season runs from mid-April to the Saturday before Christmas.

The Farmers Market will hold its annual meeting in February and work out the 2009 schedule. They anticipate cuts in funding from the Tri-County Council.

A winter farmers market is open every other Sunday morning at the Nordstrom parking garage, offering food items and crafts. It is not affiliated with the Anne Arundel County Farmers Market.



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Throughout December the phones rang and the mechanical voice on the other end asked you to send money for the (you fill in the blank) fire fighters association. If you were smart, you just hung up. The two fire



companies that respond to calls from Davidsonville, Arundel VFD in Crofton and Riva VFD in Riva, do not make their solicitations by phone. Each one sends only one letter per year to seek your support. Of course, they welcome your support at any time.

The Arundel Volunteer Fire Department has been located on Davidsonville Road for many years, just south of Route 450. If you have a mind to be a firefighter they welcome new members. Otherwise, please mail your contribution to AVFD, P. O. Box 3310, Crofton, MD 21114.

#### **Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary**

**S** andy Carr writes the most FUN newsletter, telling about the trials and antics of the animals she and her band of volunteers care for. In her Fall-Winter issue she tells of Oatis the caiman, a small alligator-like lizard native to Central and South America.

Last year Gail Enright, Meredith McQuoid-Greason, and seven-year-old Lainagail Greason visited the village of Sierpe on the southern coast of Costa Rica.. Behind the fish market on the Sierpe River, hundreds of caimans lolled side by side in the water, moving sluggishly until the fishmongers threw a pile of fish parts over the side of the concrete pier. Then in a flurry of splashing they shouldered aside the large water turtles to grab a mouthful. The fisher family's six-year-old daughter told us, "Don't fall in. They will eat you!"

All the animals need to eat. Sandy wrote, "Donations are down. Feed costs are up." Please send a generous check to Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary, 3156 Beards Point Road, Davidsonville, MD 21035.





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# **South County Concert Association** 2008-2009 series

**Barbershop Harmony** 

Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Barbershop harmony à capella from the '30s to the 1990s:

Pops, Broadway, classic and jazz

Brian Ganz, pianist Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m. An Annapolitan regarded as one of the leading pianists of his generation plays classical favorites including works by Chopin

**Annapolis Symphony Orchestra** Sunday, March 29, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of José Luis Novo performing "Music of Spain" Concierto de Aranjuez and The Three-Cornered Hat by Manuel de Falla

The Music of Benny Goodman and His Orchestra Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. Get carried back to Goodman's Carnegie Hall performance of January 16, 1938, this time by the 15-piece Brooks Tegler Orchestra featuring Joe Midiri on the clarinet. John Tegler will narrate the program

telling of this world famous concert.

The South County Concert Association will present Barbershop Harmony on January 27, 2009. The program will feature the Chorus of the Chesapeake, the Sweet Adelines and two nationally ranked quartets. Come and enjoy an evening of à capella music in barbershop harmony. You will hear a mixture of exciting songs from the 30s to the 90s, including pop, Broadway, classic and jazz. The program is free to members of the South County Concert Association (SCCA) and the Anne Arundel Community Concert Association. Admission at the door is \$20 per person or become a member of SCCA. For additional information contact F. R. Gouin at 301-261-5802, Betty Knupp at 410-956-4881 or visit our web page at southcountyconcert.org.

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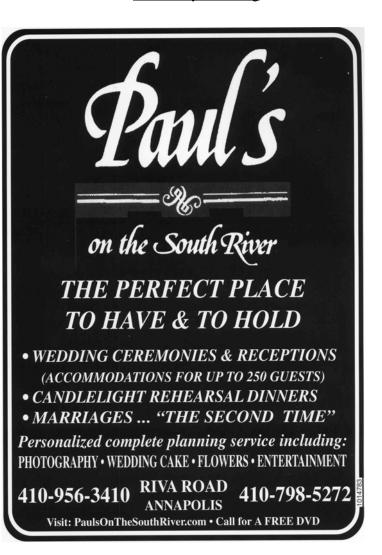
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# Ongoing events of concern to Davidsonville residents and DACA

from DACA's December Meeting Minutes

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A t DACA's December meeting Bea Poulin reminded the Executive Committee that our Council representative, Ed Reilly, is serving as Council Chairman. She announced that 400 people attended the opening of the ice rink at Quiet Waters Park. She spoke of the needs for the cutbacks in the County's 2009 budget. AA County has several thousand employees in county government



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and its schools, and everyone is being asked to cut back on expenditures.

Continuing the discussion of police issues, Bea reported that two men were caught in the act of stealing catalytic converters from vehicles in shopping center parking lots. They were reported to the police by people passing by. Police are patrolling every mall in the county and every shopping mall is as safe as any other. Anyone who wants to read the Southern District police alerts can receive them by email.

Discussion segued into issues of concern to citizens and how each one leads to another issue, showing how all are interconnected to affect our life style.

**Impact fees**: Bea said that bringing impact fees up to date was a major goal of County Executive Leopold's administration. He was *(continued on page 12)* 



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# The Annapolis Symphony Orchestra at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts

Family Concerts

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Conductor José Luis Novo and guest artist Dan Kamin will present a symphonic comedy concert to demonstrate how musical instruments turn everyday sounds into beautiful music. Lots of laughs for the whole family.

All tickets are \$12 per person. To order tickets call 410-263-0907 Monday through Friday, from 9:30 to 5:30, or go to www.annapolissymphony.org.

# Young Geniuses

February 27 and 28, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

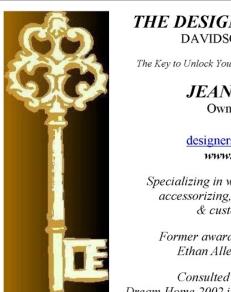
The phenomenon of young genius is explored in four masterpieces from composers who stunned the world with great talent at an early age. Conductor José Luis Novo and Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers will perform Sergei Prokofiev's Symphony No. 1 in D, Classical;

Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto:

Felix Mendelssohn's *The Hebrides* (*Fingal's Cave*); and Georges Bizet's Symphony No. 1 in C.

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#### More from DACA's December Meeting Minutes

*(Continued from page 10)* pleased that a majority of the County Council recognized the will of the taxpayers to stop subsidizing new development. This legislation will help fund our school construction and road improvement needs, thereby enhancing our ability to be competitive in the regional and global economy. The impact fee is levied at the beginning of construction.

The current impact fee for a single-family detached home is \$5,096. Under the revised bill, a new house at 3,000 to 3,499 square feet will cost \$2,272 in January 2009. In January 2010, the cost will increase to \$4,546. In January 2011, it will increase to \$11,363.

The current impact fee per 1,000 square feet of retail space is \$3,140. In January 2009, the cost will decrease to \$1,405. In January 2010 it will increase to \$2,811, and \$7,027 in January 2011. The new fees take effect in January 2011 after a period in which lower fees will help preserve and create jobs.

Jerry Walker is on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Impact Fees. The CAC recommended that the full cost of impact fees be charged. Jerry reported that the amended fee structure was never mentioned to the CAC nor were they informed of the changes before it went to the Council.

Due to the current state of the economy, fewer new homes are being built, thereby decreasing environmental and infrastructure impact. For the same reason fewer zoning issues are being heard. In December 26 homes were under construction on the Mayo peninsula, three on Muddy Creek Road, and several in Severna Park mostly large homes, not modest ones. The County is preparing for the onset of BRAC, to begin taking effect by September 2011.

The **Chesapeake Bay** Foundation's lawsuit against EPA is seeking to make EPA enforce its own standards for **water quality** in the Bay. The Chesapeake Bay Agreement is 25 years old and the Bay water quality is worse than ever. Governors of Maryland, VA, PA, and

> NY have agreed to do something, but it is not happening. The farther away the source of pollution from the Bay, the less the people and leaders there are inclined to change their habits that degrade the Bay – fertilizer runs off farm fields and lawns; Ohio's power plant exhausts are carried by wind straight to Anne Arundel County, which has one of the highest cancer rates in the country, degrading our air quality as well as drifting into the Bay water. Virginia is just beginning to limit the harvest of crabs and oysters.

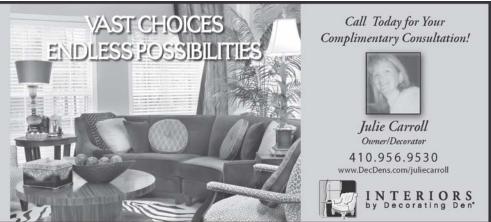
> Stephen LeGendre, after 22 years with the County and ten as Zoning Hearing Officer, is leaving Anne Arundel for a new position with Howard County.



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# Volunteer open house at Hospice

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Volunteer opportunities include those surrounding patient care and bereavement support, general office duties, special events and community outreach. During the open house, hospice staff will talk about the various volunteer opportunities available and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information or to register, please contact Kathy Bourgard, Director of Volunteers, at 443-837-1549 or at kbourgard@hospicechesapeake.org.

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# Erwin Abrams continues his service to Hospice Network of Maryland

Hospice of the Chesapeake's President and CEO, Erwin Abrams, was recently reelected as president of the Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland based in Millersville, Maryland. This marks his second term as president.

Dr. Abrams also serves on the Public Policy Committee for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) based in Alexandria, Virginia, and is a member of NHPCO's Council of States. With more than 40 years of direct health care management experience, Abrams has served as Hospice of the Chesapeake's President and CEO since 1993. He received his M.B.A. in Healthcare Administration from George Washington University and his B.A. from the University of Minnesota. *Lori Phelan* 

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Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association advocates responsible management of water resources

The state of the Bay continues its slow decline, in spite of small steps which are encouraging for their successes but not sufficient to alter the decline. Government leaders are unable to face the consequences of inaction. Among the best catalysts for action are informed citizens who can influence government leaders at all levels. Public education on important environmental topics constitutes the major part of CEPA's annual efforts.

At the 2008 public forum, speakers focused on groundwater resources. Dr. M. Gordon Wolman, Professor of Environmental Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, presented findings and recommendations on Management and Protection of the State's Water Resources. Dr. Robert Summers, Deputy Secretary of MD DNR, gave an overview of groundwater conditions within the state. Robert Shedlock, Hydrologist with the US Geological Survey, discussed the science of groundwater. Several areas of Maryland have experienced water shortages and the threat of further shortages continues. The general conclusion was that while some central Maryland aquifers are under stress, deeper aquifers are adequate for the present. Rapidly changing water usage, especially irrigation for agriculture on the Eastern Shore may cause danger of further shortages.

In 2008, CEPA was awarded a grant from Anne Arundel County to provide oversight of groundwater monitoring by Waste Management at the site of the former PST rubble landfill of Sands Road in Harwood. This may be the largest and last unlined landfill on the east coast (See Villager page 5).

CEPA is also following the construction of an additional reactor at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and potential construction of a high voltage power transmission line through Southern Maryland, across the Chesapeake Bay and through Delaware to New Jersey. **CEPA's 2009 Public Forum** 

Stormwater Management and Stream and Habitat Restoration

Friday evening, February 27, 2009 Southern High School, Route #2, Harwood Featured speakers are Dr. Margaret Palmer, Director of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Mr. Ron Bowen, Director of AA Co Dept. of Public Works Erik Michelsen, Executive Director of the South River Federation.





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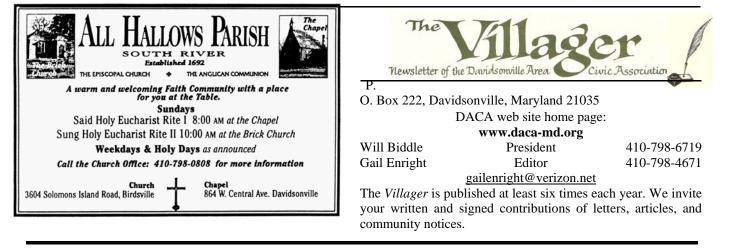
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