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## DACA's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

June 4, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

in the Boy Scout Building at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center

Invited guests: Anne Arundel County Council member Ed Reilly, County Executive John Leopold, Delegate Bob Costa, Capt. William Krampf and Sgt. Timothy Davis of the Southern District Anne Arundel County Police Department. Candace MacCrae who will speak about lowering our utility bills, and Senator Janet Greenip have accepted. DACA President Will Biddle will talk about TREES!

All Davidsonville residents are welcome to attend and participate in discussions about current issues of interest to Davidsonville residents. New members must have paid their dues 30 days in advance, by May 4, 2009. Members may renew their dues at any time; those

who pay or have paid their \$5.00 dues are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. The address label on this issue shows the expiration date of your membership.

Elections will be held at the annual meeting for officers and executive committee members. The current officer and Executive Committee members have agreed to serve another term. A slot is available for an additional member of the Executive Committee and DACA will welcome nominations at the meeting. DACA welcomes new residents and invites them to participate in the act of self government. Please join your civic association and attend the annual meeting on June 4.

### BGE's PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> program

Honeywell Utility Solutions is working with BGE to inform the community about PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup>, a program that provides customers with bill credits and helps to conserve energy while protecting the environment. Their goal is to inform the community and all BGE customers about this beneficial program.

PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> is designed to reduce Maryland's demand for electricity. Program participants can receive a programmable thermostat professionally installed in their home and they will earn \$50-\$100 in bill credits each summer they are in the program – plus a matching bonus of \$50-\$100 in the first year. PeakRewards<sup>SM</sup> is a win-win program for the community and the region since participation also helps the environment and keeps the cost of electricity lower than it otherwise would be.

Come to DACA's Annual Meeting on June 4 to learn how you can reduce your electric bills this summer.

### Welcome to Davidsonville

DACA Vice President Dave Gray is working with State Highway Administration officials to place a sign to greet residents and transients as they arrive in Davidsonville from Route #50 and the north. If all goes as planned, the sign will be placed on land owned by the state at the sweeping curve on #424 at Rutland Road. The proposal was the brainchild of Bob Bradshaw working with Dave as long as two years ago. Dave has consulted with Matt Ciminelli, Robert Carobrese and Harlan Ray, as well as state and county officials. It takes a lot of planning and discussion get the necessary permission and permits all in order.

Will Biddle and Robert Carobrese are meeting with Frank Marzucco of the County Department of Recreation and Parks to discuss construction of a floating dock on the Patuxent River at Davidsonville Park to enable car-top boat launching.

DACA members and their contributions

Welcome new members Mary Ann Hadley, Susan and Greg Hamilton, and Jason and Kim Powell, and thanks for their contributions to DACA in addition to their dues.

Thanks also to Joelle and Donny Brooke, Barbara Carr, Paul and Mary Dallavalle, Robert and Patricia Dalton, Gene Lambert, Sandy and Bo Newport, and Janet Zaccari for their gifts to DACA in addition to paying dues.

Welcome new member Laura Mulvaney, who lists her interest as environment and stormwater, and volunteered to serve on DACA's Executive Committee.

Special thanks to Jack Donovan for his generous contribution to DACA in addition to renewing his dues and renewing his ad in the Villager. Please patronize our advertisers!

I would like to pay for membership in DACA for the Laval Homeowners Association. Thanks for your super work. We are a community of 70 members located off Rutland Road near Rte. #450. DACA is unique and vibrant with many fine volunteers. We support you.

Pam Ramney, President, LHA

Mary Gertrude Hayes Kishel

May 9, 1911 ~ May 5, 2009

Gertrude Hayes Kishel was the daughter of Doctor Mortimer Hayes, for whom the house at 3272 Davidsonville Road was built in 1912 or 1913 as an inducement for the doctor to come to Davidsonville when the village was between doctors. Gertrude Hayes grew up hearing stories of her parents' adventures touring the country with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show before they came to Davidsonville in 1913.

She was a beloved and inspiring teacher of biology, zoology, and general science at Annapolis High School.

Most interested in zoning and land use. Want to become involved.

M.A.H.

Wonderful! Come to the annual meeting June 4!

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## Trees are good; cultivated lawn grass is bad

Why DACA gave trees away during Green Week

by Will Biddle

If you want to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay, planting trees and reducing the amount of grass you fertilize and mow can make an immediate impact on the health of the bay.


No matter where you live in our community, you live close to water that runs into the Chesapeake Bay. From the Patuxent River to the South River is six or seven miles, and Davidsonville is the land between these two rivers. It is vital to the Bay's recovery that residents of Davidsonville be good stewards of their land, even if their land is a small parcel near the crossroads. What we do to and on our land has a direct impact on the Bay.

All too often homebuilders cut down all the trees on a building site, scrape off the top soil, and in some instances even regrade the land. Nothing could be worse for the health of the Bay. Trees are the climax plants in Davidsonville, not grass. "Forests prevent more than 180 million pounds of nitrogen from reaching the Chesapeake Bay each year," according to Craig Highfield of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Forestry for the Bay (*Bay Journal* February 2009). "Since the 1980s, the Bay watershed has lost an average of 100 acres of forest land per day (*emphasis mine*) to development." It is no

coincidence that the decline in the bay's health coincides with the decline of forest lands in its watershed.

Growing grass requires three things Davidsonville needs less of: (1) emissions from lawnmowers, (2) fertilizer, and (3) poisons (pesticides and herbicides). Many homeowners also water their grass, thus depleting our aquifer. If you must fertilize your lawn, do it in September, during the wet season and only then. If it is dry, applying fertilizer will burn the lawn. Grass is a cool weather crop. In Davidsonville, it grows the best in September, October, and throughout the fall until there are freezing nights. In the fall, grass plants use the nutrients from fertilizer to extend their root systems. Even if October turns dry, the soil may remain moist in the cool days of autumn and allow the grass to absorb most of the fertilizer.

Even in a good (wet) spring, cultivated lawn grass only grows for about two months before it gets too hot for grass to grow. The heat dries out the soil and the grass stops growing. Spring fertilizing makes the grass grow taller above ground, but it does not encourage root growth. In the spring, grass uses nutrients from the fertilizer to flower and seed. It is *(Next page, please)*



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**Trees vs. grass**

*(from page 3)*

grass's natural imperative to reproduce. When the ground dries up in June, much of your lawn will die from lack of roots and overextended growth caused by spring fertilizing. Furthermore, what fertilizer has not been absorbed will be carried into the Bay when we get a summer thunderstorm. This nutrient laden run-off increases algae growth that contributes to murkiness and dead zones in the Bay. One such dead zone killed off millions of menhaden fish last summer in the South River. Pastures and hay fields are a different breed and they continue to grow throughout the warm season.

Trees, on the other hand, are a lot less demanding and a lot more beneficial. That's why they are the climax

vegetation in Maryland. Their shade helps soil retain moisture. When it rains, the moist soil under trees is better able to absorb water. Tree roots hold down the soil during heavy rains and retain streambanks and shoreline. The roots also soak up huge amounts of water when it rains. Trees require no fertilizer, little or no poison, and don't contribute to hydrocarbon emissions from lawn mowers. True, when they get old and have to be cut down, it is likely a chain saw will be used, but the wood the tree has produced can be used to heat your home, sawed into valuable lumber, or turned into mulch to enrich the soil and help maintain soil moisture. The small amount of gas used to cut down a tree is a worthwhile investment in harvesting one of nature's greatest gifts.

DACA gave away 170 trees on March 21<sup>st</sup> to conclude Davidsonville's Green Week. Another 20 trees were planted in Davidsonville Park by Boy Scout Troop 454 under the direction of Vivian Stefany. The Executive Board is grateful to all who came by to get trees and presumably planted them.

DACA chose four species to distribute around our communities.


*(Page 5, please)*

The Turner family, Lynda (holding Elsa), Andrew, Ava, and Grace with friend Clara, were traffic stoppers at Davidsonville Station (old Sweet Mama's) giving away trees to passers by.



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**Planting trees** *(from page 4)*

**Bald cypress** is a deciduous needle-bearing tree that will grow in standing water. Besides being among Maryland's most beautiful trees, they are unique in the fact that they grow knees, which are elevated root systems. Cypress knees are one of nature's most intriguing sculptures. Best of all for those of us who hate raking leaves, when cypress do shed their needles, you can leave them on the lawn without harming the grass. Unlike white pine needles they will not kill the grass.

**Atlantic white cedar** is another lowland tree like the bald cypress that is tolerant of growing on dry land as well as low land. Sometimes called a boat cedar for its valuable wood this species was the dominant tree that lined the shores of our estuaries and rivers from Maine to northern Florida until it was harvested so heavily for its valuable lumber. Atlantic white cedars don't require raking leaves, nor do they damage your lawn. Cedar leaves stay on the branches until they can no longer get light. When they die they fall to the base of the tree and serve as mulch, helping the tree retain moist soil around its trunk. Their leaves most closely resemble an Eastern white cedar's (arborvitae), but the adult tree is shaped more like a white pine. As seedlings they resemble a juniper (eastern red cedar), but the resemblance lasts for only a year or two.



Clara and Ava provided publicity on the spot

**Chestnut oak** is a type of white oak with leaves that resemble a chestnut (or beechnut or elm which are members of the same family) only with rounded lobes instead of pointed lobes. Like the white oak, it can grow very large and live to be very old, like the Wye Oak. Also native to Davidsonville, the chestnut oak can grow in poor upland soils or bottom land. There are many chestnut oaks in Riverwood. *(Page 6, please)*

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**Planting trees** *(from previous page)*

Chestnut oak acorns provide food for many wild animals. Lumber from chestnut oaks is extremely hard and naturally resistant to rot. Lumber from bald cypress and Atlantic white cedars is also naturally rot resistant; cypress and cedar are softwoods, however, equally prized for their lumber.

[White cedar wood has a special characteristic of keeping fresh water clean. When sailing ships made long voyages they carried drinking water in tanks built of white cedar because the wood discouraged growth of green slime and other invaders. In older homes (I know of two in Davidsonville) a white cedar tank in the attic held water pumped by a windmill from the well for gravity to provide water for interior plumbing. *Gail*]

**White spruce** is not a native to Davidsonville but has been planted in our town for close to a hundred years. It has short (3/4") needles that are sharp and bears beautiful pine cones that get larger as the tree gets larger. It is, like the Atlantic white cedar, an evergreen. White spruce trees make great Christmas trees. White spruce will grow in many soil types, including sand. Like all trees, seedlings need to be watered during dry spells until the tree is established, about five feet tall.


If you are a tree lover and would like to suggest a species of tree for DACA to give away next year, we would welcome your suggestions. If you participated in this year's tree planting venture, let us know how your trees are doing. Remember to water them when the ground gets dry for the first few years. *Will*

**Marylanders Plant Trees**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resource is offering a coupon for \$25 off the purchase of any single tree with a retail value of \$50 or more, selected from the Marylanders Plant Trees Recommended Tree List. Go to [www.trees.maryland.gov/pickatree/asp](http://www.trees.maryland.gov/pickatree/asp) to find the coupon to print out and to view the list of recommended trees. These are native to Maryland and will thrive here once they are established in the conditions they need – sun or shade, space enough to grow; fast or slow growing.

Gail's two chestnut oaks are thriving in a sunny well-drained field and her white cedars are flourishing in a big rain-soaked pot of Davidsonville soil. Come to DACA's annual meeting on June 4 to learn more about the benefits of trees.

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**Arundel Volunteer Fire Department  
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The Arundel Volunteer Fire Department located at 2380 Davidsonville Rd. will be holding pit beef, ham and turkey sandwich sales throughout the year except in July and August. May 23, June 6, June 20, September 12, September 26 at our craft fair, October 3, and October 17 are scheduled to serve delicious pick-up-and-go sandwiches. The meat is smoked all morning and is usually ready for sale by 10:30 am and we close down when it is sold out. The high quality, delectable meat goes on the grill at 6:00 am and is served on freshly baked rolls. All the proceeds benefit the AVFD. The sandwiches cost \$6.00; soda, water and chips will also be available. This is a great way to help support the fire department. Bring the kids! We have picnic tables in the shade and we always have a firefighter willing to give tours of the station and fire engines. For more information about us and upcoming events visit our web site at [www.Arundelfire.com](http://www.Arundelfire.com).

The AVFD would like to thank the Davidsonville communities for their continued support. Our annual fund drive letter was mailed out in early December. We would like to remind our neighbors and friends that funding the cost of life-saving equipment and vehicles must be raised from donations from the communities we serve. We do not foresee any tax or grant funding from any level of government for these purchases. We also remind you that **we have never used phone solicitation and never will!** This year we made it even easier to donate. Simply visit our web site [www.arundelfire.com](http://www.arundelfire.com) to donate. Please support our efforts to make our community safer! This money will be put towards the purchase of new life-saving equipment.

**DIGG bulbs and bluebird houses**

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The Anne Arundel County Police Department would like to make its citizens aware of a possible theft scheme and provide tips to avoid becoming a victim.

Within the past several months, the Anne Arundel County Police Department has been made aware of a few incidents involving individuals who failed to perform contracted work. Some of these individuals operated under a construction/contractor business name out of Anne Arundel County and offered written estimates and contracts to some residents in the County for the construction. The contracts were written and required the victims to place a specified down payment for materials. The remaining portion of the contract was agreed to be paid upon completion of the work.

The individuals paid to perform the job never began work and failed to deliver any of the materials to the job site. The victims notified the Anne Arundel County Police Department of these incidents of theft after

several failed attempts to contact the contractor. The Anne Arundel County Police Department suggests that victims report individuals who fail to perform a contract as required under the business laws of the state

The public is encouraged to follow the following guidelines when considering hiring anyone for a home improvement project or when encountering problems with the service:

- Get at least three estimates from at least three different contractors. Check and verify all references supplied by the contractor. Shop around!
- Check to see if the contractor is licensed in the State of Maryland and/or locally.
- Know the difference between proposals (estimated costs) and contracts (specified costs).
- Be sure the contract describes the service(s) to be performed, lists the materials to be used and includes a starting and expected completion date. *(Turn to page 11)*

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Invasive vegetation can be controlled in three ways; mechanically (hand pulling, mowing), chemically (herbicide) or biologically (diseases, parasites). Currently we do not have biological controls for most invasive plants. Mechanical control is often labor intensive and, in some cases, can lead to soil disruption and erosion. Chemical control is often the most economical method but can pose environmental risks such as over-spray, persistence in soils, water contamination and potential health issues for plants, animals and humans.

As part of an ongoing Forest Stewardship Plan, Sustainable Resource Management, Inc (SRM) in partnership with Garden Farm will be using goats as a "green" alternative to herbicide in order to control invasive vines on a property in the Ashley Subdivision in Davidsonville.

"Goats are like herbicide with legs" says Brian Knox, owner of SRM. "They are a fast and broad spectrum control method." Goats will eat the leaves and stems of a wide range of plants. Because they are happy with such a diverse diet, they do require careful advance planning to ensure that desirable native species are preserved while the undesirables are eaten. Although it is a somewhat new method in the east, grazing has been a popular management alternative in western states for several years. In California and Washington, many communities use goats and sheep in place of mowing in both urban and suburban settings.

In order to protect desirable vegetation as well as the goats, a series of small paddocks are set up using portable electric mesh fencing to contain the herd in a given location. The goats are then moved from paddock to paddock every few days until the problem vegetation is controlled.

For more information on controlling undesirable vegetation, visit my web site, [www.SustainableResourceManagementInc.com](http://www.SustainableResourceManagementInc.com), or call or write Brian Knox at 443-458-5237 or [forests@earthlink.net](mailto:forests@earthlink.net).

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We are offering four weeks of summer camp in Davidsonville at Riva Trace Baptist Church and two weeks of summer camp in Annapolis at Eastport United Methodist Church. For more information and registration please visit [www.deliciouslynutritious.org](http://www.deliciouslynutritious.org) or give us a call at 443-949-9496.

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- Ask for a written warranty or guarantee with your contract.
- Beware of companies that require advanced payments.
- Contact the Better Business Bureau to file a complaint for the non-delivery of services or check with them ahead of time to see if there were prior complaints
- File a consumer complaint with the Maryland Attorney General Consumer Protection Division for the non-delivery of services.

Remember! As a general rule of thumb: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Sergeant Timothy Davis has been invited to attend DACA's annual meeting on June 4. Come to the meeting and bring your questions.

**Hide your purse really well!**

In March, Doris Van Swaringen telephoned Gail after reading about the credit card thefts in the March-April *Villager*. She said this has happened to more than one person. Apparently the thieves lurk in parking lots to watch for women not carrying a purse when they leave their cars. That is how they know which car to break into to find a purse and snatch only a credit card, leaving the purse so the owner does not notice that the card is missing. Out of sight is not good enough. Keep it out of reach!

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Children's Summer Series in Shady Side

The Shady Side Rural Heritage Society will sponsor a history camp experience for children July 13 to 17 at its museum, featuring the Star Spangled Banner in a hands-on exploration of local history. The War of 1812 and the history of the Star Spangled Banner will be featured in the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society's Children's Summer Series at the Captain Salem Avery Museum, 1418 E.W. Shady Side Road.

Among the activities planned for the children are making a soldier's haversack, preparing and eating hardtack, learning the meaning of the Stars and Stripes, and making and designing a flag. There will be two sessions on the first four days of the Series. Morning sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and afternoon sessions are from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Sessions are limited to 20 participants ages 6 to 11.

On Wednesday, the two sessions will join for a field trip to Fort McHenry and the Flag House in Baltimore. Families of participants are welcome. Parents are needed to provide transportation and chaperone this all day trip from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost of the Series is \$60 for children of members of the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, and \$70 for children of non-members. An additional \$7 fee for materials and admissions will be collected on the first day of the camp. For more information and to register, call the Museum at 410-867-4486 or visit our web site at [www.shadysidemuseum.org](http://www.shadysidemuseum.org) or contact Mavis Daly at 443-607-8277.

From DACA Minutes April and May

Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman attended DACA's April Executive Committee meeting and spoke about the Chesapeake Bay Report Card and the Patuxent River Report Card, both of which are abysmal. The Bay's rating of C minus was no improvement over last year. The Patuxent's D minus is due to heavy sediment and contaminated pollution from the northern sections of the Patuxent and sub-tributaries washing down the river. The Patuxent is least bad in the upper half of Calvert County, rating a C. The report cards were announced at a prestigious press conference held at Site #58 (58 miles from the Bay), a boat launch site on the river near the Governor's Bridge.

Mr. Tutman noted that Delegate Jocelyn Peña Melnick, who represents part of Prince George's and part of Anne Arundel County, introduced legislation to add a surcharge of 25 cents per ton to specialty (non-agricultural) fertilizers. He noted that the industry lobbyists said it would put them out of business, even though one of the opposing lobbyists acknowledged during Senate hearings that it would cost businesses only an added \$1,000 over a year's time.

Fred told DACA also that the new Administrative Hearing Officer (for zoning change applications) who replaced Steven LeGendre is Doug Hollman, whose former law practice represented citizens in environmental matters. Mr. Hollman and his wife Patricia (now deceased) were very active in helping to form the Severn River Association many years ago and very instrumental in getting Critical Areas protection laws passed. The Patuxent Riverkeeper considers Mr. Hollman a friend of the environment and an excellent appointment by the County Executive, based on Hollman's past track record of working for underdog citizens on law cases that many lawyers would decline to take.



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**County budget information**

You might think that Budget month this year will be quick and easy. After all, there is not much money (certainly not enough) to go around. After the County addresses the personnel costs of its employees, departments will have little extra, right? Maybe so; however, I don't subscribe to those thoughts. Although I am proud of the work of prior Councils regarding budgeting, I know that this year our responsibility will require diligence, careful scrutiny and an understanding of what the 2010 budget means on future years. As I write this column, we are still awaiting the final State budget. I am very concerned about plans to shift spending and State funding responsibilities onto the County government. The State is threatening to withhold income taxes collected from our citizens from the County in order to permit the State to have a cushion in case there is excess spending at the State level. I have read estimates between \$32 and \$39 million worth of cuts to the County being proposed by the State legislature. The loss of this revenue, along with decreases in recordation and transfer fees, and other revenue due to the economy will create significant financial issues.

Currently, approximately 50 percent of our County's revenue will go to the school system with the balance to the remaining departments. With projected shortfalls reported in excess of \$130 million, the 2010 budget will have to be mean and lean. It is expected that services may need to be drawn back, positions reduced or eliminated and projects delayed a year or so. Until the State and County revenues are back on track, the County must either reduce spending and ser-

vices or increase taxes. In hard economic times, increasing taxes when people are losing jobs and homes seems to be a last resort. I expect you will see and hear a lot from the council in the next month about reducing spending to accommodate only those departments and projects that are core to the mission of the County. Tough decisions are ahead, and I will continue to look for your input as we together try to get through these difficult times.

*Council member Cathleen M. Vitale*

At DACA's meeting, Bea Poulin, South County Community Specialist, spoke briefly about the budget. On May 1, County Executive John Leopold presented the County's fiscal 2010 budget to the County Council. The Capital Budget and the Operating Budget top out at \$1.2 billion each. The Council will work on it through this month and it must be finalized by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. It is down to the bare bones, with no raises or COLAs for county employees, but no layoffs or furloughs. 107 positions were eliminated by attrition. Davidsonville Elementary School will lose three teaching positions, combining and enlarging some classes. The budget proposes a slight decrease in the property tax rate and no increase in the income tax. Bea said A.A. County still has the lowest tax rate of the "Big Seven" counties. *From DACA's May meeting minutes*

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*If you really have to have a lawn, the Bay Gardener has reduced the proper method to ten common sense principles, mostly to control the use of fertilizer and poisons.*

1. Lawn shall not be mowed shorter than 3½ inches.
2. Lawn clippings will be left on the lawn.
3. No lime or fertilizer shall be applied, except as indicated by a soil test taken within one year of the proposed application.
4. Only slow-release organic fertilizers shall be used. Fertilizers must be composed of at least 65% slow-release nitrogen. Recommended fertilizers include chicken waste, compost, and milorganite.
5. Fertilizer shall be applied only once each year in the fall for cool season grasses and four times per year for warm season grasses. No more than one pound of fertilizer per 1,000 square feet may be applied per year.
6. When spreading fertilizer, the application must target the lawn. No fertilizer may get on impervious surfaces.
7. To combat pests, Integrated Pest Management will be used, beginning with over-seeding and core aeration. Pesticides shall be used only as a last resort after specific pests have been identified. Only natural remedies such as Milky Spore shall be used for general application. Other treatments will be used only on a spot treatment basis.
8. Only corn gluten meal products may be used for pre-emergent weed prevention. Other herbicides shall not be used for general application, but may be used only for spot treatment. (If applying fertilizer later in the season, the nitrogen in corn gluten meal must be taken into account, thereby lowering the amount of nitrogen needed later in the season.)
9. Lawns with water access to the Bay, rivers, creeks, etc., must maintain a six-foot minimum buffer of a

NO PESTICIDE/NO FERTILIZER ZONE at the water edge of the property.

10. Fertilizer and pesticides will not be used within twelve hours of a predicted rain event.

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**Hospice of the Chesapeake Benefit feeds the Body and the Soul**

Hospice of the Chesapeake serves up a benefit fund raiser in partnership with The Real Seafood Company and The Chop House, Annapolis Towne Centre at Parole's newest fine dining destinations. The event will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, following the restaurants' ribbon-cutting ceremony. Both restaurants are located at 1915 Towne Centre Blvd. at the east end of the Annapolis Towne Centre at Parole. The event is open to the public with reservations any time between 6 and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person to dine at the Real Seafood Company or \$200 per person dining at The Chop House; and includes an all-inclusive evening with gourmet delights and wines.

Two amazing restaurants — one great location! The Real Seafood Company features a full range of seafood fresh from the waters throughout the world served in an energetic, contemporary setting. Located above the Real Seafood Company is The Chop House, an elegant destination steak house and lounge with impeccable service, the finest beef available and a world class wine list.

Proceeds from the benefit grand opening will be used to support programs and services offered by Hospice of the Chesapeake in both Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties. For reservations and ticket information, please call 1.888.456.DINE (3463) or Chris Wilson, Hospice of the Chesapeake Community & Corporate Relations, at 443-837-1530. Seating is limited.

Hospice of the Chesapeake improves the quality of life for those in our communities experiencing advanced illness or bereavement through hospice and other palliative care, compassionate support and education.

Hospice of the Chesapeake President and Chief Executive Officer **Erwin E. Abrams** announced he will step down from his position as head of the nonprofit organization effective January 1, 2010. Abrams joined Hospice of the Chesapeake in 1993, growing the number of patients served from 40 per day to an average of 260. He has dedicated his professional life to bringing awareness of compassionate care options to the community, ensuring that patients and families are honored throughout the dying and grieving process with comfort and dignity. During his tenure at Hospice of the Chesapeake, Abrams successfully demonstrated that community-based hospices may offer a home-like alternative when caregivers are unable to meet patient needs at home. Because of his pioneering leadership, Hospice of the Chesapeake now proudly operates two hospice residences, the original in Linthicum, and a newer facility in Harwood, Maryland.



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On May 16<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 until noon, the Annapolis Horticulture Society will bring with them a very wide assortment of plants and info on growing them.

The Market accepts both WIC and Senior FMNP Coupons. For more information check out the web site at [www.aacofarmersmarket.com](http://www.aacofarmersmarket.com), or contact Brenda Conti at 410-349-0317 or write to her by email at [Theherbaltouchusa@earthlink.net](mailto:Theherbaltouchusa@earthlink.net).

The next improvement at the market will be drop-down curtain screening on the building to provide a windbreak when the weather gets bad.

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