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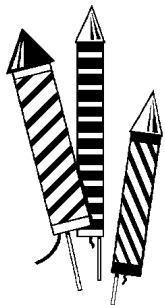
July-August 2009

Who will represent District Seven on the County Council?

Congratulations to (former Council member) Ed Reilly on being selected to fill the final year and a half of Senator Janet Greenip's term in the State Senate. He was sworn in on June 22nd. At DACA's Annual Meeting, Mrs. Greenip spoke glowingly of Mr. Reilly and her pleasure at his succeeding her in office.

Mr. Reilly said he was glad to take Mrs. Greenip's place because he did not want to lose his relationship with the constituency of South County. Martin Zehner asked Mr. Reilly which Senate committees he would serve on; he replied probably the same ones Mrs. Greenip did for the remainder of this term. If he is reelected in 2010 he hopes to work in the area of finance because that is his background; his degree is in Banking and Finance.

Congratulations to DACA member Tricia Johnson, south county's new representative on the County Council. She was selected by the other six Council members to fill the remainder of Senator Reilly's term. DACA board member Jerry Walker and DACA member Tom Angelis also were among the 11 applicants for the Seventh District's south county seat. All three participated in the July 8th forum sponsored by the Harwood Civic Association to answer questions prepared by south county civic organizations including DACA.



JULY



AUGUST

Would you support Welcome to Davidsonville?

In July, DACA's Executive Committee heard a proposal for the "Welcome to Davidsonville" sign on #424. State Highway Administration requires a detailed site plan before it will approve construction of the sign because it will be on state-owned land at the curve in #424 across from Rutland Road. The location was approved by District Engineer Greg Welker last year. DACA will also need to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with SHA for site maintenance. Following state requirements, and designed with concrete pillars, landscaping, and solar powered lighting included, the first cost estimate is close to \$10,000.

Several suggestions were made to reduce the expenditure: Will Biddle noted that aspiring Master Gardeners might prepare the site plans required by SHA as part of the Master Gardeners certification process. Harlan Ray and the Annapolis Woodworkers' Guild offered to provide the labor to build the sign. Bob Carobrese offered Sunrise Environmental to install the sign once it is built. Lara Mulvaney noted that beautification grant money may be available. DACA would seek support from individuals and other organizations.

This project was the brainchild of Bob Bradshaw, and has progressed slowly over the past two years. Now DACA is in a position to move forward, starting by designing a site plan with definite specifications. As the project matures, DACA may invite residents and organizations to contribute toward the cost of the sign, once we have an acceptable plan and have reviewed proposals. If you are willing to contribute toward this project of civic pride in your community, please contact Will Biddle at 410-798-6719 or willbiddle@verizon.net; or Lara Mulvaney at lara_mulvaney@yahoo.com or 410-956-4451; or gailenright@gailenright@verizon.net.

DACA members and their contributions

Thanks to Karen Brooks, Martha Blaxall and Joe Dickey, Fred and Lee Deutsch, PK and Dorcas Goel, Barbara Miller, George Picot and Jean Rock, Debbie and Ken Rubin, Hassan and Teresa Sadeghin, Alton Sadler, the Scrivener family, and Kathryn Sprouse for their generous contributions in addition to renewing their dues.

Dr. Natalia Bassford (Davidsonville), Dr. Rebekah Sims (Davidsonville), and Dr. Yvonne Thomas (Annapolis) would like to show our appreciation for DACA by renewing our membership at Four Legs Animal Hospital. Thanks for keeping us informed on community issues and events.

Dear Gail-

Just a quick note to let you know how much I enjoyed the May-June issue of the Villager, especially Will Biddle's article on trees vs. grass.

Since my dues are paid until 2012, please accept this check as a contribution. Thanks again for all your continued hard work.

Regards, Fran Canavan, 29 year resident

DACA thanks you for generous gift and Will and I thank you for your kind words. Gail

Thank you for such an interesting newsletter. Very enjoyable and of course one more thing to keep me in touch with beautiful Davidsonville!! Kitty Allen

Thanks, Gail for doing such a lovely job as editor and top writer for the Villager. Kathy Sprouse And thank you for your kind words! Gail

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More nice words:

The *Villager* received this response to Will Biddle's article about trees vs. lawns!

"We need more information about these kinds of things....and repetition is the only way we will see results. I hope to see more articles like this one...it is splendid!

Dear Villager DACA people!

What a wonderful piece from Will Biddle: Trees are good; cultivated lawn grass is bad.

The facts and explanations were incredibly clear and presented in a way that everyone should go out and plant trees. Not only do they benefit the soil, help retain streambanks, and soak up the nutrient run-off, but they help with shade. Those of us who live under a canopy know how our air conditioners run less often.

A bit of lawn is nice. But the myth that has been sold to us about expansive and expensive velvet carpets, weed-free, deep green, etc., is totally overrated...and we are cultivating lawns to our own detriment.


Bravo for including this article....I have shared it with several people in the AA County Master Gardener Program. We support Will in his effort to educate Davidsonville homeowners about caring for the environment!

Elizabeth Matarese

At its Annual Meeting, Bea Poulin congratulated ADACA for giving out 170 trees during Davidsonville's Green Week in March. As part of the State's campaign to plant 50,000 trees, DNR's web site has coupons for a \$25 rebate for each \$50 native tree or shrub a customer buys at retail. With the coupon is a list of native trees eligible for the \$25 rebate. Bea noted that Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville and Greenstreet Nurseries in Lothian are participating in this program. Don Riddle, president and owner of Homestead Gardens, said that Homestead is doing a brisk business in trees and redeeming a good number of the coupons.

Swim clean, or know why!

The County Department of Health will provide water sampling results for 105 County beaches on its web site and Water Quality phone line from Memorial Day through Labor Day. County residents and visitors can check the Department's web site, www.aahealth.org, for water quality results, or call 410-222-7999. The phone line and web site also report emergency closings of local waterways. You can sign up to receive free e-mail notifications when a County recreational waterway is closed or an advisory is issued by the Department of Health due to a wastewater spill or high bacterial level. The Department's waterway notices are also available through Twitter at www.twitter.com/aahealth_water.



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Restoring the Bay, One Watershed at a time

by Kevin Green and Lara Mulvaney, from the South River Federation's *Watershed Watch*, with permission.

Twelve South River Federation members recently completed the course work required to become certified Master Watershed Stewards. Training was held at the Watershed Stewards Academy at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, the Anne Arundel County schools' environmental education center. The Academy is a partnership between the A.A. Co. Department of Public Works (DPW) and A.A. Co. Public Schools. The Department of Public works is responsible for stormwater monitoring and management under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The partnership was formed to establish a way to teach citizens about reducing pollution in order to meet federal pollution reduction regulations.

The Stewards were trained on a wide range of local, water-related environmental issues. Subsequently, the Stewards work in their communities to include neighbors and local businesses in environmental restoration projects and to provide education on positive behavior changes, such as Bay-friendly lawn management.

The goal of the program is to "give Master Watershed Stewards the tools to educate, engage and empower citizens, businesses and communities to restore sub-watersheds in Anne Arundel County."

Emphasis is on community level stormwater management and infiltration to improve water quality. Small scale projects on homeowner property may include rain gardens, rain barrels, green roofs and native plantings. Larger projects on community and business property may include bio-retention areas, living shorelines, swales and parking lot retrofits. Also key is education on pollution source reduction via changes in homeowner habits such as lawn care, septic maintenance and pet waste removal.

The Stewards were required to attend seven evening class sessions at the Arlington Echo campus, one full day of field assessment training and one of two community restoration projects.


The Stewards began by learning about their local watersheds and how to use the tools and resources available to identify areas in their neighborhoods that could benefit from better runoff management. Next they prepared a presentation to summarize the assessment and to identify possible restoration opportunities.

To officially become certified Master Watershed Stewards they must complete a "capstone" project by the end of the calendar year. The project must be a self-directed restoration or

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Watershed Stewardship, from previous page outreach education project in the Stewards's own community.

One steward will be building a raingarden on her own steeply sloped property and then giving tours of techniques to deal with stormwater runoff. Another will conduct a rainbarrel workshop and education campaign. A riparian buffer improvement and invasive species control area is planned by another steward. Finally, a series of small raingardens are planned to be built with Steward help on neighbors' properties, and in the roadside swales in the utility right-of-ways upstream from storm drain inlets.

To remain certified, the Stewards are required to continue with advanced training and complete 40 hours of community service each year.

Consortium of Support Professionals: To assist the Stewards, the Academy has gathered a group of 31 professionals who will provide technical assistance, and also will serve as resources for the Stewards' continuing education and community level projects. The consortium members range from Riverkeeper groups, State and County Government representatives, grand funding organizations and other public and private individuals experienced in water quality issues.

Diana Muller, South Riverkeeper, and South River Federation Executive Director Erik Michaelsen will

represent the South River Federation on the Consortium of Support Professionals

To reach a watershed steward in your area, contact the South River Federation at 410-224-3802, or the Watershed Stewards Academy at 410-222-3822, or call Lara Mulvaney at 410-956-4451.

DIGging the island at the Park

Anne Biddle and her gardening group, DIGG, are maintaining the island at the entrance to Davidsonville. The first island is planted with drought resistant native plants. The purple cone flowers and the black eyed Susans are in full bloom. The island looks great and it has been fairly easy to maintain. DIGG has done a lot of weeding, but once the weeds are under control, as they are now, the need to weed will decrease.

The second and third islands also need volunteers to plant and maintain them. The second island is particularly challenging because so much concrete rubble was thrown into the holes when the gates were moved. The third island is challenging because it is so long and skinny.

DACA's board approved the expenditure to help DIGG in Davidsonville Park. You should go check out DACA's dollars at work and see the beauty of the volunteers' work. *Will Biddle*

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County Executive at DACA's Annual Meeting

At DACA's Annual Meeting on June 4, County Executive John Leopold spoke in detail, without notes, about Anne Arundel County's FY2010 budget approved by the County Council. He noted that, according to polls, citizens prefer a reduction in spending over increased taxes to align the budget, so that is what he strove for – no increase in the property or income tax rates. His administration negotiated reduced health care costs for county employees; introduced a third hiring freeze and eliminated 107 vacant positions, thus saving millions of dollars. By reducing take-home vehicle privileges, reducing energy costs, denying pay raises including merit and colas for county employees and his own \$5,000 increase – the county avoided furloughs and layoffs.

Mr. Leopold advocated successfully for a state requirement for monitoring fly ash in area dumps and wells, a bill which was passed during the Maryland General Assembly session this past winter.

He has continued to preserve land to keep south county rural. By using State Public Open Space dollars, he is replacing all high school stadium fields with artificial turf to create safer playing fields that are also available to the Recreation and Park leagues as well as to students. The Quiet Waters Ice Rink also benefitted from Open Space dollars, and drew record crowds this last winter for the first time in several years.


This year Mr. Leopold convened a clergy committee of 21 members to advise him on social and economic needs, location of food banks, and needed resources for the homeless and low income residents. He noted that Anne Arundel County is basically a conservative and tax-averse population.

Saving money on energy bills

Miles Hill of Honeywell presented a new program for citizens to reduce their energy bills; Honeywell will install new digital programmable thermostats that can be monitored by BGE, who can then reduce power during peak hours to prevent brown-outs and black-outs. He brought applications to the program and noted that details and applications for the energy saver program can be found at www.BGE.com.

After her retirement, **Senator Janet Greenip** plans to work with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on programs to clean up the Bay and tributary waters. She will promote activities that individuals can do. Residents of waterfront communities can hang oyster bags off their docks and shores to raise oysters to filter the water. Mrs. Greenip noted that the water is at its most oxygen-deprived in August and boat owners can help by running their bubblers in the summer months to aerate the water, not only in winter to prevent ice from forming.


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DACA Officers and Executive Committee Members

Welcome Lara Mulvaney, the newest member of DACA's Executive Committee. A resident of Gravelly, Lara brings great enthusiasm for environmental issues, having recently completed the Watershed Stewardship program of the South River Federation. She brought brochures on the sale of rain barrels and invited those interested to purchase a rain barrel or to become a Master Watershed Steward. See her article on page 5.

Kate Fox conducted the election of officers for the coming term. Current officers Will Biddle, Dave Gray, Gail Enright, and Robert Carobrese had agreed to serve another one-year term; hearing no nominations from the meeting, they were duly elected by voice vote.


Joyce Cramer, Andrew Turner, Ed Woods, and Martin Zehner agreed to serve another three year term to 2012. Hearing no nominations from the meeting, these four also were duly elected by voice vote. Kate opened elections for the at-large position on the Executive Committee; Lara Mulvaney had agreed to serve and she was duly elected.

A note from Lance Edwards:

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Messages from the County Police

With four uniformed county police plus Mr. Leopold's plain clothes security detail, everyone at DACA's annual meeting felt very safe and secure. Guest speakers from the Southern District County Police took the opportunity to warn residents of current crime trends in the local neighborhoods.

Lt. Michael Brothers spoke of the rash of shed burglaries, mostly south of Central Avenue in south county extending into Edgewater and almost as far as Parole. Many homeowners do not have or use locks on their sheds and most burglaries take place in early morning hours, although some in the middle of the day. Choice objects are lawnmowers, saws, and other power equipment. Among the methods of defense are



motion detectors; first advice is to lock house doors and cars to prevent thieves from getting to garage door openers. Lt. Brothers and Sgt. Tim Davis answered questions regarding these and other issues.

Some communities are considering installing surveillance cameras at the entrance to the community; the drawback to this is the need to have someone available to monitor the cameras constantly. Sgt. Davis said that community watch signs are almost as effective at deterring thieves. The most effective way to help the police stop crime is to provide information from residents. If you see something that is "not right," or out of line with what you know is normal, call 911.

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See page ten for safe summer travel tips.

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In Anne Arundel County we are focused on reducing waste and increasing recycling. Recycling is an important component of the County's integrated solid waste management plan because of the long-term environmental and economic benefits it offers. Additionally, it is a more resourceful choice to the dead-end alternative of burying waste. Landfills require large tracts of land and since undeveloped land has become scarce in our County, the Millersville landfill is a highly valuable resource. One way to protect that resource is through recycling. A landfill's life ends once all of the capacity is consumed. A recycling facility is not dependent on land disposal and allows for the reuse and preservation of many natural resources.

The County earns revenue for the recyclables we market for processing. If we had to treat the thousands of tons of material we recycled, as trash, it would cost us

over a million dollars a year for disposal. Recycling minimizes the reliance on landfills and is vital to sustaining our quality of life for years to come.

Recycling also lowers energy consumption, reduces greenhouse gases and other air and water pollutants and provides jobs in the County and the State. Materials collected for recycling are manufactured into many useful products.

Recycling is easy when you live in Anne Arundel County. With recent enhancements to our program you can recycle more items than ever before. You can put all your recyclable materials in the same container and there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can put out every week. Please visit our new web site at www.RecycleMoreOften.com for tips to boost your recycling.

On June 25th route 424 was closed between Rutland Road and Governor's Bridge Road for almost three hours after a landscaper's load of straw was ignited by the truck driver's cigar. Sirens wailed and radios crackled while they extinguished the fire and cleaned up the roadway.

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Safe summer travel tips from County Police

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When leaving for vacation:

- Arrange to have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Hide your garbage cans out of plain view as empty cans give the indication that the residence is unoccupied.
- If possible, use programmable light timers for lights inside of your home to give the impression that you are inside.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to watch your home while you are away and request that they occasionally move your vehicle into different locations to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Leave a contact number with the person(s) watching your home.

While on vacation:

- If staying at a hotel, make sure that your suitcases have a lock on them to secure your property.
- Label your luggage with a name and return address, preferably a business address.

- Never leave valuables out in your room while away. Take them with you or secure them in the room safe.
- Use the peep hole on your room door to view those who request entry.
- Make sure to locate the nearest fire escapes and elevators at the hotel in case of emergencies.
- Carry a minimal amount of cash with you and try to use a credit card or travelers' checks for purchases.
- When driving to your destination, remember to keep items locked away in your trunk if possible and park your vehicle in well-lit areas with other people in the vicinity.
- Don't stop your vehicle to pick up a stranger in distress. Simply call the police and provide them with the location.


From all of us here at the Anne Arundel County Police Department, we hope you and your loved ones have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Please contact Sergeant Timothy Davis (410-222-1960) with any questions you may have.

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Respectfully submitted, Robert A. Carobrese

Thank you to our treasurer

Ed Woods's tribute to DACA Treasurer Bob Carobrese:
 "August 9, 2008: I've served on DACA's Board for quite some time now, and as such, I've seen change come to DACA over the years. One positive thing that has occurred is an increase in the financial worth and stability of the organization. In my opinion, this is largely due to Bob's careful stewardship of our funds. Bob, thank you for an outstanding job.

Regards, Ed"



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July and August events**

The Patuxent Riverkeeper organization works to conserve, protect and replenish the State's longest and deepest intrastate waterway. Our tools include strategic advocacy, restoration and education to achieve long term sustainability for the ecosystem of the entire Patuxent River Basin and the people who rely on its future. Most programs are FREE, except where noted, but we do require advance registration. For information, please call 301-497-5887.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm at the Patuxent Research Refuge.

Weed Warriors, age 13 and older, are needed. Non-native invasive plants are threatening our wildlife habitat. We need YOU to help stop them! Bring gloves and drinking water and hand tools if you have them. Reservations are not accepted via email. To register and for information, please call 301-497-5887. Reservations are not accepted via email. Please advise us of any special needs in advance so that we may accommodate you. Sponsored by Friends of Patuxent.

July 22, at 7:00 pm, at Kitamaquindi Worship Community, Olivers Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way in Columbia, Maryland.

Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman will be the guest speaker in the SEED speaker series, focusing on care for the earth, our spiritual connection to the earth and creation, and the call to stewardship of the natural world.

Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m.

Help clean up the Azalea Garden at Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's Brighton Dam. We will provide the gloves and bags. For more information contact Kim Knox at 301- 206-8233.

Saturday and Sunday, August 8-9



River tubing trip with an overnight sleep-over along the C&O Canal at Little Orleans, co-sponsored by Sierra Club. A modest trip fee covers expenses.

Space is limited, so you must sign up online at the Riverkeeper web site www.paxriverkeeper.org.

Friday, August 21, at 7:00 pm

Visit Sotterly Plantation

Guest speaker Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman will relate how our values and economic system have transferred the wealth of our public rivers into private hands, leaving the public to pay the bill for the inevitable cleanups; he will tell how citizen advocates like Riverkeepers are restoring power to those most affected by profit-based pollution. With decades of clean-ups, billions of dollars and numerous compacts, treaties, agreements and accords, the Chesapeake Bay is worse than ever. The Patuxent River generally gets a D—on most report cards rating tributary water quality. Go to www.sotterly.org for more information about the plantation.

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SMOCS also needs a few volunteers in late August through early September to help tow oyster floats by boat to sites in Solomons Harbor. These deposits will be completed by September 12.

In a related project, SMOCS needs many volunteers on Saturday, September 19, to help load young MGO oysters (spat) into cages provided by the Department of Natural Resources or deposit them in a nearby creek for temporary storage.

Please contact Matt Regan, 301-461-0100, or by e-mail: MattRegan@starpower.net, or Len Zuza, 410-326-0450, or e-mail to MrOyster@SMOCS.org to offer your support for this effort to improve the waters that make our state such a pleasant land.

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Photo Contest and Exhibit at Shady Side Museum, starting September 13

Photographers are invited to submit their photos in a juried competition to be held at the Captain Salem Avery Museum, 1418 East-West Shady Side Road, opening Sunday, September 13. A reception, open to the public is invited, will be held from 1:00 until 4:00 for the first viewing on the opening day. Admission is free.

Adults and children are requested to submit photographs taken in South County and the Bay Area during the summer of 2009. They may enter as many as three photos, either black-and-white or in color, framed or matted and ready to be hung.

On Sunday, October 18, the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society will hold its West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival. Guests at this event will be invited to vote for their favorite photograph, thus deciding a People's Choice Winner.

Winners will be selected in elementary school, middle school, and high school age categories as well as adult amateurs and professional photographers. The deadline for submission of entries in August 2. Winning entries will be published as greeting cards for sale at the Museum's gift shop.

The exhibition is part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society. For more information, call the Museum at 410-867-4468, or visit the web site, shadysidemuseum.org for full details, instructions, and entry forms. Adams' Ribs, BayVue Consulting, Inc. and Greenstreet Gardens are members of the Captain's Circle, corporate sponsors of the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society.

Go to the web site, get the entry form, and go out to get some great pictures of our beautiful area! Otherwise come to the exhibit and the Oyster Festival for some great enjoyment and food!

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**Hospice of the Chesapeake
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Hospice of the Chesapeake will offer Volunteer Information Night Open House for prospective volunteers from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at the Annapolis office, 445 Defense Highway.

A ten-week Patient Care Volunteer Training course will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday afternoons from September 9 through November 18, 2009 at the Annapolis office. 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.

Camp Nabi and Phoenix Rising help grieving children and teens.

Hospice of the Chesapeake is now registering participants for Camp Nabi, a weekend camp for children aged six to thirteen, who are grieving the loss of a loved one, and Phoenix Rising, a weekend retreat for teens in grades nine to twelve. Both programs will be held on the weekend of August 14-16, from 5:00 p.m. on Friday until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville, Maryland.

For more information or to register for Camp Nabi or Phoenix Rising, please contact Director of Bereavement Services Karen Frank at 410-987-2129 or kfrank@hospicechesapeake.org.

From Council member Cathleen Vitale

Please keep watch for the General Development Plan legislation this month. The Council will begin hearing testimony over the summer with final voting likely to be in September. If you are interested in having changes made to property you own, or are concerned about possible changes to property near you, please keep reviewing the GDP which you will find on line; contact Planning and Zoning regarding any applications for land use or zoning changes and ATTEND THE HEARINGS. This way, you won't miss out on being involved in a process that happens only once every ten years or so. As a community we have a responsibility to be involved in shaping our communities and our County. Have a safe and happy remainder of the summer and keep the communication coming.



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A note from the County: Congratulations to South River High School for raising the most money and food in the state for Harvest for the Hungry – Kids Helping Kids Campaign.

Congratulations to the Boys' Lacrosse Team on their first 4A/3A State Championship! Go Seahawks!

Riverwood Park has three tennis courts maintained by the County Department of Parks and Recreation. One was recently cleaned up, with weeds removed, cracks sealed, fresh striping and new netting installed. The other two look like they are reverting to a natural state with weed-filled cracks that resemble river maps, one sagging net, and no net at all on the third court. If you want to play tennis, you must wait until the only good court is free and available.

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