

## Volume 36, No. 3 P. O. Box 222, Davidsonville, Maryland 21035 September-October 2009

## Welcome to Davidsonville

**P**lans to welcome drivers on #424 to Davidsonville are progressing as DACA's Executive Committee members review various designs and proposals. The Executive Committee received design proposals from three landscapers and gave them serious consideration. The best-approved proposal is **Do It Ourselves**.

DACA recognized that the cost of the sign and its supports with landscaping would take almost half the entire treasury, and the members felt they could not justify this high cost. Mowing grass around the pedestal posts will be much easier if no shrubbery or flowers are planted. Therefore they will proceed on a simpler design without plants that would require long term maintenance. DACA Treasurer Robert Carobrese of Sunrise Environmental Services will lead a group of volunteers in preparing the supports for the sign. Harlan Ray, a retired mason, will oversee the stone work. The committee also recognizes that even the best wood will deteriorate within a few years, so they decided to contract with a sign maker to make it of urethane, which can be etched and colored for a long-lasting attractive life - as long as we last!

The 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 at Rutland Road. The location was approved by District Engineer Greg Welker last year. DACA will need to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with SHA for site maintenance.

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 Gail Enright at gailenright@verizon.net.

### **Senator Ed Reilly to hold Public Forums**

**S** enator Edward Reilly will host several public forums with the citizens of District 33. Before he was appointed to serve the remainder of Senator Janet Greenip's term, Ed Reilly represented South County on the Anne Arundel County Council for seven years.

Senator Reilly now represents an area that includes South County, Edgewater, Crofton, Davidsonville and parts of Severna Park and Odenton.

As a 33 year resident of Crofton, parent, local business owner and community leader, Ed Reilly brings a wealth of experience to his new position. He is eager to meet with the citizens whom he serves, listen to their concerns and gain new insights on what the people of District 33 want from their state senator.

Senator Reilly hopes that you can join him on

## Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. at the Crofton Library.

On October 1, a forum will be held at the West County Library. For more information, please call Senator Ed Reilly's office at 410-841-3568.



## DACA members and their contributions

Welcome new members Mike and Donna Titsworth and thanks for their contribution in addition to their dues. Thanks also to Genie and Mike Greenwell, Marjorie Hegge, Donna McCutcheon, Cynthia Parker, Donald and Stella Redmiles, Amy Richardson, Russell Smith, Gene Way, and Hilda and Randy Whittington, for their generous contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their memberships.

Special thanks to the Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market for its generous contribution to DACA.

Wonderful publication. Keep up the good work! John and Lydia Phillips, Phillips Home Improvements

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You make us proud to live in Davidsonville! What a wonderful newsletter! Thank you!! H. & R. W.

Great job! Thanks for all your hard work. C.P.

Keep up the good work and informing the community of what is taking place around us and [that we are otherwise] not aware of. Thanks. G.& M.G.

#### Farewell and thank you, Dave

DACA's Executive Committee thanks Dave Gray for his service to the community, having spent eight years on the Executive Committee and for his terms as vice president since 2003.

Thanks to Ed Woods for stepping up to fill the remainder of the term as vice president until June 2010.

Thanks to Jerry Walker for taking on DACA's representation to the Greater Crofton Council.

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On August 14, Gail Enright wrote to Frank Marzucco, Director, A.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation:

Dear Mr. Marzucco:

Nancy Covington, a resident of Davidsonville and member of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association, called to my attention the condition of the tennis courts at Riverwood Park. She told me it is the only public tennis court in Davidsonville and she likes to use it with her friends on a regular basis. She took me to the park to see for myself, and it is rather sad.

Mrs. Covington asked me to contact someone in the County Department of Recreation and Parks to ask if the two courts can be returned to the level of care that is shown on the first one. I would be grateful if you or someone on your staff could respond to this message. Thank you. Sincerely, Gail Enright

Secretary, Davidsonville Area Civic Association

Within a few days, Mr. Marzucco responded: Dear Ms. Enright,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Riverwood Tennis Courts. As those who play on these courts will attest, the courts are in need of repair. One court has been renovated. One additional court is also scheduled to be renovated as a tennis court. The second tennis court should be complete by the end of September. The remaining court will be repaired and black-coated for roller blade/hockey sports. The renovations will include replacement of all fencing. Hopefully, the Davidsonville Area Civic Association tennis players will be pleased with the job once it's complete.

Again, I appreciate hearing from you. If you have additional questions regarding this project, please contact our Construction Coordinator, Jack Adamecz at (410) 222-7571. All the best,

Frank Marzucco Director of Recreation and Parks

Gail was delighted to receive such a prompt positive reply to a citizen's valid concern. Nancy was equally glad that the courts will be repaired.

Dear Mr. Marzucco:

Thank you so much for your prompt reply. I will pass this information on to DACA members in the *Villager*, and I will call Mrs. Covington to let her know her concern is getting a good response.

Gail Enright



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### **Rizek rescues Ruritan Christmas program**

Chris Rizek, DACA board member and member of the Davidsonville Ruritan Club, will coordinate the Community Christmas program.

DACA will sponsor this annual event at the Davidsonville Ruritan Club's Hall on Davidsonville Road, on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m. A program of music, lighting the community Christmas tree and a visit from Santa Claus will open the Davidsonville Christmas season.

If you would like to participate and share your holiday cheer, please call Chris Rizek at 410-956-4811.



#### **Agriculture Education at the Pumpkin Patch**

**B** ring the kids and yourselves, to Knightongale Farm on Saturday, September 26. Joel and Cindy Greenwell will host the event to promote the important role agriculture plays in our lives. You can also enjoy Maryland wines, educational displays, music, games, food and more! It goes all day from 10:00 until 5:00, at the sign of the giant (haybale) spider on the corner of Birdsville Road and Route #2: 3924 Solomons Island Road at the edge of Davidsonville/Harwood. For more information, call 410-222-7410 or go to www.aaedc.org.

#### Guard your small yellow recycle bins. They cannot be replaced if lost!

The County's policy is to encourage all citizens to recycle–MORE – to the extent of providing free bins to hold our recyclable papers, cans, bottles, plastic, cardboard, everything!

However, the County has discontinued the distribution of the convenient small rectangular bins in favor of heavy bigger-than-garbage-cans, yellow barrels. We can continue to use the first edition bins, but if the collectors or anyone else succeeds in destroying them, we can't get another one like it. The county will provide only the big ones.

The smaller bins are primarily needed for smaller households, and those with a long driveway who must carry the trash and recycling in the car to the road for pick-up; trash collector trucks don't drive up the driveway. The new big barrels are too heavy and awkward for some people to lift and they don't fit in the trunk or the interior of a sedan. An aging population may necessitate easier-to-manage containers.

Any container can be used to recycle, so long as the container is marked with an "X." However, the County should provide both sizes of County-provided recycle containers in an identifiable, consistent color to encourage community recycling by households of all sizes and means.



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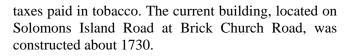
#### All Hallows' Parish Pipe Dreams Get Real!

The oldest church in town will have the newest organ! After three years of planning and fund-raising still ongoing, a tracker (mechanical, not electronic) organ built by A. David Moore of Pomfret, Vermont, will be delivered on September 27 after the ten o'clock church service, while parishioners are there to help unload the components and carry them into the Brick Church. Pizza and cold drinks will be provided by the Pipe Organ Committee for those who volunteer.

The builder and two technicians will spend about ten days here while assembling components – keyboards, blower, seven ranks of hand made pipes. The organ will be playable by October 4th, although complete installation will take a few days longer. David Moore and his technicians will present a "show and tell" for the children, young and not-so-young, on October 4, to show them how a pipe organ works. A hidden door will open to the interior pipes for maintenance.

This tracker organ, although not huge, will be a significant instrument suitable for concerts, instruction, and recitals. The parishioners are very excited to get such a fine instrument to enhance the beauty of the services.

Colonists worshiped at All Hallows' as early as the mid- to late 1600s and the parish was established in 1692 as one of four colonial churches supported by public





This seven rank pipe organ will be installed at All Hallows' Brick Church starting September 27<sup>th</sup>. Here it is partially assembled in the shop of the builder, A. David Moore, Pomfret, VT



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#### Davidsonville Park keeps getting better!

Financial support from DACA enabled DIGG to mulch and plant flowers in the island at the Patuxent River Road entrance to the park.

If you would like to learn more about DIGG and the Perennial Garden Club, contact Anne Peach Biddle at 410-798-6719.





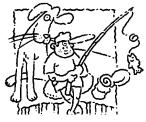
The County Department of Recreation and Parks provided the wooden steps beside the sloped ramp to the water.

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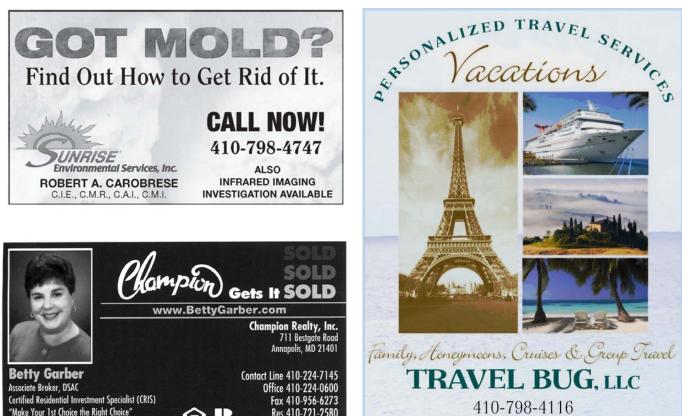
#### **Fishermen meet at DFRC**

The Free State Fly Fishers are a non-profit organiza-

L tion with a mission of conservation and preservation of our natural resources and the promotion of fly fishing and an affiliate of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge. See page 7 for their next



program speaker. For more information visit <u>http://mysite.verizon.net/freestateflyfishers</u>.



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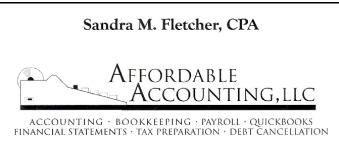
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#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at All Hallows' Parish Chapel Central Avenue, Davidsonville Bring the pets for socializing, for treats, and for the annual blessing on St Francis' Day.

#### Wild animal rabies vaccination

The County Health Department is currently conducting its annual project to vaccinate wild animals, especially raccoons, against rabies. Baits containing liquid vaccine are being placed in neighborhoods by trained Health Department staff; in sparsely populated areas the baits are dropped from County Police helicopters.. One type of bait looks like a small brown brick; the other looks like a light brown ketchup packet. Raccoons are the main source of rabies in Anne Arundel County and can transmit it to your pets and other domestic animals The program should be finished by the end of September.



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#### If it doesn't look right, call 911!

Two burglars were arrested as the result of a citizen's telephoned report to the County police on July 20, 2009. Officers from the Southern District found an unoccupied white Ford station wagon near Tally Ho Court with the keys in the ignition. It contained numerous power tools, hand tools and other property that appeared to be stolen items. While they were investigating this case, five additional thefts from autos were reported in Patuxent Manor and officers were able to locate stolen items valued at approximately \$3,000.00 inside the station wagon.

Douglas Dorsey, 23, and Steven Griffiths, 25, both of Glen Burnie, were targeting areas in Edgewater and Davidsonville and stealing items from unlocked vehicles. A search warrant was obtained for the residences of both suspects. A truck load of property was recovered including five laptop computers, power tools, GPS units and purses, one of which contained a Mazda electronic FOB key, which would have cost \$1,000 to replace.. The areas targeted by the suspects in the Southern District were identified as Riverwood, Patuxent Manor, Cottage Farm Estates, the Riva Road corridor, Loch Haven and Shoreham Beach.

Many people leave their vehicles unsecured overnight or forget to re-secure them when returning home from work. Items such as GPS devices, laptops and Ipods are the most common items stolen during these incidents. We would like to remind the citizens living in South County to keep their doors locked when they are away from their vehicles. Please remember to remove any valuables from your vehicle before securing it. Please notify the Anne Arundel County Police Department should you see any suspicious activity in your community by dialing 911. You can remain anonymous. You may contact Sergeant Timothy Davis (410-222-1960) if you have any questions.





## South River Federation's Sixth Annual Fish Fry

Sunday, September 27, 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Philip Merrill Center

at the Chesapeake Bay Federation in Bay Ridge. The major find raising event for the SRF, featuring great food, cold beverages, live music and face painting.

Admission is \$25 for individual members, \$55 for member families including children younger than 12 years; \$30 for nonmember individuals or \$65 for nonmember couples, and \$5.00 for children under 12 years. To clarify, call 410-224-3802 or buy tickets online at <u>www.southriverfederation.net</u>.

**Free Rain Garden**: The winning raffle ticket will be drawn for a rain garden, up to eight feet by ten feet, designed by Anne Guillette and donated by Homestead Gardens. You don't have to be present at the Fish Fry to win. Raffle tickets cost \$25. The construction site must be within 20 miles of Homestead Gardens. The Rain Garden is designed to prevent storm water from running off your property to the Bay tributaries while creating habitat for birds and butterflies.

### A different kettle of fish!

While vacationing at the beach last summer, Rick Hughes stopped at the Fish Grill Restaurant in Rehoboth. He paused to admire a huge fish trophy on the wall, and



was surprised to see a piece of Davidsonville there. The Delaware State Marlin Fishing record was taken by a Davidsonville resident, J. Livingston, on August 23, 1983. Mr. Livingston pulled in a 715 pound blue marlin on that date. The big fish was stuffed and is now displayed in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

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Corner of Birdsville Road and Solomons Island Road This large-scale, free event will feature a car show, live music, moon bounce, pony rides, food, drinks, farm animals, straw bale maze, face painting, door prizes and a host of other attractions designed for the entire family. Everything is FREE! The beautiful rural farmland of Davidsonville provides the perfect setting for a Fall Festival. For more information please visit www.graceep.org or call 410-798-5300.

## **Support Arundel Volunteer Fire Department**

The Arundel Volunteer Fire Department members would like the Davidsonville, Crofton, and Gambrills communities to know that we have begun mailing out our annual fund drive letter. We wish to thank everyone who has supported our fund drive in the past. Please remember that funding for life saving equipment and vehicles must be raised from donations from the communities that we serve. The AVFD has been serving its neighbors for more than 54 years. We never have and never will call you on the phone to solicit your contributions.

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## A refresher course update on the General Development Plan

with information from Cathleen Vitale and Bea Poulin

The County Council held another public hearing on Council Bill 64-09, the General Development Plan, on September 15. Rick Hughes agreed to attend and speak for DACA's support of the existing zoning limitations in South County.

The "GDP" is the governing document for planning future development, growth and preservation for Anne Arundel County; it goes through a formal review process every ten years, with input provided by a Special Advisory Committee appointed by the County Executive, and input from the County Council, local businesses and community activists. You can find it at the county web site, <u>www.aacounty.org</u>. It is very long and complicated, but the executive summary sums up the pertinent issues.

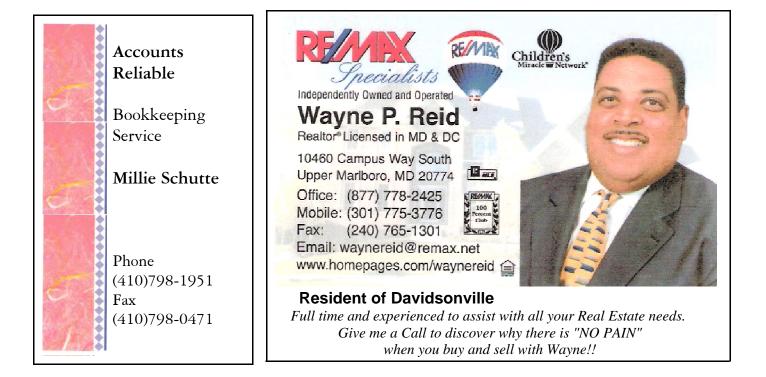
The new GDP will provide an opportunity to review zoning modifications and land use alterations, but it will serve as the planning tool to guide the County in addressing the costs of infrastructure to serve the increasing population and one of our greatest resources water. Under new state regulations, all new General Development Plans and Comprehensive Land Use documents must identify how the County is going to handle water and sewer service. It must show the steps the County will take to improve water quality, reduce storm water run-off and modify septic systems and management practices that currently adversely impact our waterways.

After the General Development Plan has been updated the Comprehensive Zoning process occurs.

Proposed zoning changes are sent in the form of legislation to the County Council, which must hold public hearings on proposed changes prior to their adoption.

In August, Bea Poulin informed DACA's board that community associations along Central Avenue are concerned about the remaining undeveloped properties on the south side of #214 between Route #2 and South County Veterinary Hospital, now zoned RA. Many believe that the current owners will eventually apply for rezoning for commercial use. To some, it may seem logical for commercial zoning as it lies across #214 from the Edgewater Village Center with BB&T Bank and the Safeway. However, all of the existing business sites were grandfathered for these uses before the current zoning system was in place. The South County Small Area Plans have recommended, and previous GDPs have pledged, that there will be no additional commercial zoning in South County south of #214. It is the dike that prevents further commercialization of South County. If this dike is breached, not likely to occur soon, the RA zoning could conceivably fall like dominoes. Davidsonville residents use this corridor every day and it impacts on our community. Local civic organizations will be wise to monitor this zoning very carefully, because while change is not imminent, it could happen in the future.

Comprehensive Rezoning legislation is the next step currently under way. The Council will consider zoning changes for specific properties at (*Page 16 please*)



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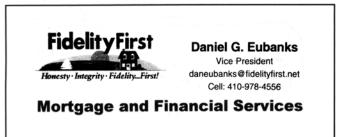
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#### PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES ON EXHIBIT

Captain Salem Avery Museum 1418 East West Shady Side Road. Shady Side, MD

A n exhibit of photographs taken in South County and the Bay during the summer of 2009 will open on Sunday, October 4. A reception from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. is free and open to the public.

Jurists for the photo contest include Bea Poulin, Assistant to County Executive John Leopold and local photographer famous for her photos of tobacco barns; Lynn Abercrombie world wide photographer with *National Geographic*; and April Nyman, of the Maryland Arts Council. In addition, guests at the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society's West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival to be held October 18 will be invited to vote on their favorite photograph, thus creating an Audience Choice Award. Winners will be announced in



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## Patuxent Riverkeeper invites you to have fun on the river September and October events

**▼**o for a boat ride; paddle your own Jkayak. Saturday, September 26, meet the bus 8:00 a.m. at the Safeway in Dunkirk for a 9:00 departure from Jefferson Patterson Park, launch site for a kayak tour of Sotterley Plantation and Sotterley Creek. From the park you will paddle across the open water of the Patuxent into Sotterley Creek; have lunch in the pavilion, and follow the magnolia-shaded farm path to the sprawling grounds of the plantation. Older than Mount Vernon, older than Monticello, Sotterley is the only remaining tidewater plantation in Maryland that is open to the public. It maintains a wide range of visitor activities and educational programs.

Sotterley's significant architectural features include the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century mansion, an original slave cabin, and a full array of outbuildings set among 95 acres of rolling fields, gardens, and riverfront. After a guided tour of the mansion, participants will paddle back to the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. Cost is \$50 for non-members; members \$40; \$10 less if you bring your own kayak. The fee covers your lunch, the \$5 launch fee, the \$10 mansion tour and, for non-members, a one-day membership in the Patuxent Riverkeeper. To register, call 301-249-8200 or log on to www.patuxentriverkeeper.org.

Calvert County Waterman's Day Festival, **September 27, 2009**, at the Solomons Watermen's Marina: lots of children's activities.

St. Mary's Riverfest 2009, **Sunday**, **September 27**, noon until six o'clock; gates open at 10:00 a.m. Historic Saint Mary's City. Free admission and fun for the whole family. Take a ride on a skipjack; wade in the river with Senator Bernie Fowler; enjoy live music, touch tanks, crafts, great food and drink; learn about sturgeon, birds of prey, and rain barrels. Visit www.smrwa.org/riverfest.html.

St. Mary's County Oyster Festival and National Oyster cook-off, St. Mary's County Fairgrounds, **October 17-18**. \$5 admission, children under 12 are free. Call 301-863-5015 or go to www.usoysterfest.com. **Patuxent River Appreciation Days**, Calvert County Museum, **Saturday-Sunday**, **October 10-11**. PRAD aims to create awareness, recognition and promotion of the economic, social, recreational, cultural, and historical impact of the Patuxent River, its tributaries and the basin through which they flow. The 31<sup>st</sup> annual PRAD festival will feature an arts and crafts show, food vendors, free boat rides, free admission to the museum, environmental displays, live music and more. Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman is the Grand Marshall of the parade scheduled for Sunday at 2:00. Call Melissa McCormick at 410-326-2042 ext. 41, or <u>www.pradinc.org</u>.



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## Get your rain barrels from Lara

Lara Mulvaney, DACA's newest board member, is a Master Watershed Steward and she can help you install a rain barrel or a rain garden. To prove the worth of the system, Lara has four rain barrels and a rain garden at her house in Gravely to collect rain from the roof and driveway. She also has access to some rain barrels at a reduced price. Rain barrels are also available at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center for \$60.

Lara is a graduate of the Watershed Stewards Academy, an initiative of the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works and the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center. Community leaders learn to work within their neighborhoods and communities to reduce stormwater runoff that carries pollutants to the tributaries and the Bay. Stewards can coordinate small-scale restoration on private property such as installation of rain gardens, green roofs, rain barrels and septic retrofits, as well a large-scale restoration efforts such as bio-retention areas or shoreline restorations on community property.



Master Watershed Stewards have participated in an intensive Certification Course, including hands-on training in restoration techniques, and each must complete a stormwater infiltration project within their sub-watershed. They serve as resources and community leaders to coordinate efforts to place water gardens and rain barrels where they can serve this purpose. They work with private property owners and in common areas.

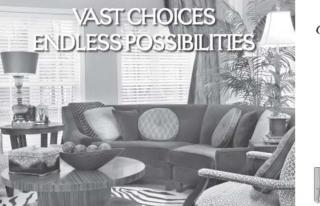
Lara and her family moved to Davidsonville in summer of 2008 and at that time she became very interested in the health of local streams, the South River, and the Chesapeake Bay. She is a former US Navy Oceanographer, married to Sean, and mom to Hunter 14, Hannah 11, and Sarah 9. Her sub-watershed area is Flat Creek and the nearest reaches of South River. Ask her about rain barrels, rain gardens, native plants, invasive species, and Bay-friendly lawn care.



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## Best in Harvest Awards Reception

Sunday, September 20, 2:00-5:00

## Artists' Receptions

Saturdays September 19 and 26. 4:00-7:00 p.m.

## **Closing Party**

Sunday, September 27, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Collecting canned goods for S.C.A.N. food bank

www.muddycreekartistsguild.org

## **Road improvement construction**

The State Highway Administration has installed an office trailer near the corner of Route #2 and Birdsville Road. They plan to widen Birdsville Road near the intersection and add an acceleration lane on Route #2 heading south.



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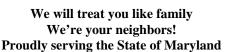


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#### **THE VILLAGER**

## *Flotilla*: The Patuxent Naval Campaign in the War of 1812

Revised edition, by Donald A. Shomette

Donald Shomette has written a number of books on local history. Barney's flotilla may well have disappeared from memory without Mr. Shomette's research. This is a recently updated edition using more recent information than its earliest publication.

With the Royal Navy's offensives in the Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812 came devastating raids that wreaked havoc on the small villages along its shore and the very economy of the region. American naval forces were incapable of wresting control of the Tidewater from the superior enemy forces. Then in 1814, Captain Joshua Barney, a rare American hero during the struggle, intrepidly led his Chesapeake Flotilla against the invaders, determined to contest their advance on then nation's capital and drive them from the region.

Donald Shomette, director of the archaeological excavation of the flotilla's flagship, substantially revises the first edition of this captivating history with new information about Barney, his crew, and the mosquito fleet of gunboats and war barges that so valiantly fought the British. He sheds new light on the efforts of the U.S. Flotilla Service to build a viable coastal defense force. Shomette details the construction and manning of the famed Chesapeake Flotilla and recounts the terrifying details of British attacks on the towns, plantations and farms throughout the bay region.

Doomed from its conception by sparse funds and the natural limitation of the bay's coastline, the flotilla ultimately suffered defeat. Yet its efforts were not completely in vain. Turning back wave after wave of British attacks, the fleet earned an improbable victory at St. Leonard's Creek and its men went on to make heroic stand at the battles of Bladensburg and Fort McHenry in 1814.

This thoroughly updated and enlarged edition of *Flotilla* is the re-

sult of impressive research on a forgotten chapter in the development of the young nation's naval and maritime tradition.

The book is available at Amazon, Borders, or your favorite book sellers. (From the Patuxent Riverkeeper's web site).



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## **Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market**



## **Riva Road Saturday Market**

will be open every Saturday morning 7:00 a.m. until noon through December 19 Tuesdays June 9 through October 27 offering seasonal vegetables and fruits as well as plants, baked goods and crafts. Special events are scheduled throughout the season.

The Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market is a regular contributor to the Davidsonville Area Civic Association. The Market accepts both WIC and Senior FMNP Coupons. For more information check out the web site at www.aacofarmersmarket.com, or contact Brenda Conti at 410-349-0317 or write to her by email at Theherbaltouchusa@earthlink.net.

**General Development Plan** (from page 10) the request of the administration or of property owners. This is similar to what occurred after the Small Area Plans were completed for each of the sixteen geographical areas of the county.

Don't hesitate to let your new Council member, Tricia Johnson, know how you feel about zoning in South County. Call the Council office 410-222-1401.

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