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DACA's 39th Annual Meeting Thursday, June 7, 2012, 7:30 pm in the Boy Scout Building at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center Queen Anne Bridge Road and Wayson Road

ind out what DACA is doing to preserve the way of life in this community that you chose as your home, and how you can help maintain it. You will meet and elect officers and the Executive Committee of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association.

State Senator Ed Reilly, Delegate Bob Costa, County Executive John Leopold, and Council member Jerry Walker are invited to meet residents of Davidsonville and answer their questions about current issues important to South County's District Seven. Tom Boyer of Infrared Tools will speak and answer questions about home energy audits and how to reduce the cost of being comfortable in our environment.

DACA seeks volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee in the term to June 2015. Phil Livingstone of Hardesty Estates, who filled an unexpired term to June 2012 and Martin Zehner agreed to continue. Volunteers are invited and nominations will be accepted from the floor as well. In addition to serving, you will benefit by

the vast amount of knowledge you can acquire about any number of issues, from the most local neighborhood events to community- and county-wide concerns, and state issues that affect your homes and lives. Committee members choose the issues and bring their interests to share with DACA.

The "Area" boundaries were selected in 1973 to include parts of Harwood and what is now Gambrills, where many of the farms were considered to be Davidsonville before the present postal zip codes were delineated by the U. S. Postal Service. You can go to DACA's web site www.daca-md.org and click on Bylaws to see if your address is within the "area." Since 1973 roads have been moved and new communities have been developed that straddle the old boundary lines. The Executive Committee has recommended a change in the boundary between Berkshire in Riva and Cambria in Davidsonville. The general membership must vote on this Bylaw change at this annual meeting.

More on page 3.

DACA members and their contributions

Welcome new members Mike and Susan Budney, Mike and Kathy Makowski, Harlow and Jean Manahan, and Vince and Kim Sayan; and many thanks for their contributions in addition to joining DACA.

Thanks to Barbara Bielaski, Joelle and Donny Brooke, Nancy I. Covington, Paul and Mary Dallavalle, Ben ad Margaret Hutchinson, Joan and Lara King, Paul and Ginny Lasko, Donna McCutcheon, Ron and Deb Oakes, Diana Peckham, Jim and Rosalie Potter, and Bob and Jacqueline Tomlinson for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their dues; to Four Legs Animal Hospital and to Debbie Kappel for their kind words and their contributions that merit a lifetime subscription for both of them.

Gail, You are doing a wonderful job—the *Villager* looks great.

Bert and Debbie

Gail, Lovely job on the newsletter! Hope to see you at the expo. Natalia

It looks beautiful. Bea

You are a miracle worker. Buzz (It must have been the colors in the March-April issue).

My husband and I are very aware of all the good works your organization does. We are quite happy to be members. Take care.

J.K.

Gail, you do a very fine job on the newsletter. Thank you for the article about The Composters aka The Jenn Reichwein Trio. Looking forward to the Expo. The committee I'm sure has done a stellar job.

Bobbi Reichwein

Your writing on the history of this area is always so interesting and informative. Thank you for all your hard work and caring for Davidsonville and South County.

R. P.

We enjoy the *Villager* and find it very informative. As we have two young children in sports, I wonder if local kids' sports would at some point be included in the newsletter. Thanks, V.S.

I'd be happy to include any news that I receive. In the past the Davidsonville Athletic Association sent a newsletter and various coaches contributed team news, but DACA no longer receives it. Gail

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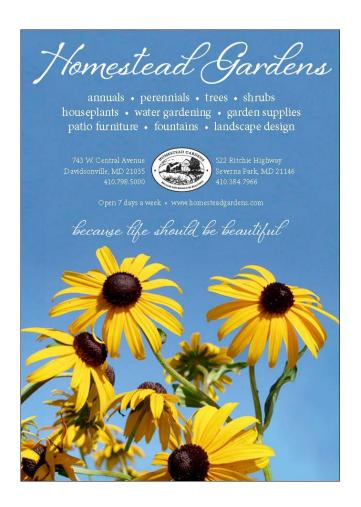
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Join DACA and meet new and old neighbors (From page 1)

DACA is a nonprofit organization directed by a board of volunteer officers and an executive committee of nine to twelve members. The current directors are listed on the last page of this issue. Join DACA and make yourself count in your community.

DACA wants to acknowledge all who serve their community in this manner. We wish to thank Lara Mulvaney of Gravely for her outstanding work on DACA's third Green Expo. We are sorry to lose her as she completes her term on the Executive Committee and continues working on environmental issues.

Board member Joyce Cramer served her community through DACA for more than 20 years, always attentive to our issues and sharing the wisdom she gained from serving on local, national, and international non-governmental groups. DACA will make a contribution of \$200 from its treasury to the American Cancer Society in memory of Joyce. We will miss her wisdom and enthusiasm.

As of May 17, nominees for the Executive Committee are Ron Oakes, Nick Kemp, and Tracie Hovermale. Senator Reilly, Councilman Walker, and Tom Boyer of Infrared Tools will speak at the annual meeting.

In memoriam **Joyce Wiles Cramer** August 9, 1933~April 12, 2012 DACA board member 1991-2012 Girl Scout leader Political activist and election judge **Board member Population Institute** Global Population Education, Inc. Volunteer in the Clinton White House Volunteer at the U.S. Archives Member Red Hat Society

From DACA members:

The funeral was a very moving tribute to Joyce, and a bittersweet memorial, seeing so many old friends.

I can't think of a better place [than DACA] to make

a donation in Joyce Cramer's name. I'm sure she would approve. She will be missed.

Steve Hughes (friend and neighbor) Many thanks to Steve from DACA.



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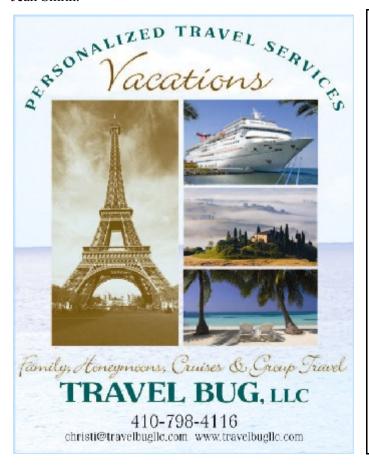


Green Expo was a huge success!

DACA and the Ruritan Club extend ten thousand thanks to all who helped present this super community event, and to the 400 or more people who attended. People, ate, drank, and learned. Goats ate, a tree was planted, and DACA gave away 300 white oak, pin oak, and redbud trees.

Davidsonville Elementary School's Green Club prepared and gave away bottles with safe green spray cleaner. Afterwards, Principal Jean Marie Hofstetter wrote, "It was a great Green Day for Davidsonville, DES and the Irish!" Thanks to Mrs. Susan Madden for her work with the Green Club. Katie and Kim Barker, Natalie and Debbie Boyd, Christopher Bulmer, Lile and Courtney Casey, Robin Danesi, Kelsey Giorgio, Lanagail Greason, Jayden Harrold, Seneca Rice-Woolf and Cassandra Rice, Leah Shapleigh, Amy and Tory Swank staffed the exhibit table in shifts throughout the day.

arah Healy's entry, right, won the poster contest sponsored by Killarney House at the Green Expo on March 17. Sarah is already making plans to win again next year. She and second place winner Sean Healy used their gift certificate prizes to take their grandmother Sheila McCloskey to brunch at the Killarney House. Sarah is the daughter of John and Paula Healy. Jayden Harrold won third prize. Many thanks to contest judges Bea Poulin and Jean Smith.







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Thanks to all who helped make it so grand!

Green Expo 2012 found the perfect home at the Ruritan's Community Center on Davidsonville Road. We made the front page of the *Capital*! Thanks to reporter Laura McGehee for great publicity.

Outdoors, Senator Reilly and former Delegate Virginia Clagett assisted while Davidsonville's Cub Scout Troop 454 planted a redbud tree. A number of exhibitors, especially the Eco-Goats, had requested spaces outside. They were comfortably close by at the rear of the building. Parking was adequate, under the watchful eyes of DACA's traffic controllers, Ed Woods, Dave Gray, Phil Livingstone, Don Opedal, and Harlan Ray.

Thanks to the Ruritan Club president Russ Smith and members Bob Bold, John Trussell, Albert Entzian, Bob Tomlinson, Chris Rizek, Mark Van Lunen, and Tinker Shoemaker, for manning the beer sales and readying the building. The club building had space enough to accommodate the exhibitors and the musicians – thanks to the Composters, Jenn and Larry Byrne and Pete Reichwein; beer sales by the Ruritan Club; kitchen big enough for A Taste of Italy and tables for casual dining. Thanks also to Patti Brennan for her assistance to Bob Carobrese in the kitchen.

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Thanks also to Sharon Galloway, Meredith-McQuoid Greason, Hunter Mulvaney (Boy Scout Troop 731 of Crofton), and Lionel Whitcomb, working with Gail Enright at the welcome table. They greeted the attendees and collected tickets for the gift certificate drawings. At the end of the day they had collected 244 tickets for door prizes. How many more people slipped past the table and did not get their chance? Don Opedal, Diane Fisher, Tom Freeman and Peggy Wormwood gave away 300 pin oak, white oak, and redbud tree seedlings.

Will Biddle was omnipresent throughout the day making announcements over the sound system, and happily awarding gift certificates to the winners of the drawings. Tilden Lawn Nurseries winner was Mary Ann Sabo; Infrared Tools, Scott Rasmus; Killarney House, Sandra McDonald; Homestead Gardens, Kristi James; Ciminelli's Landscaping, Ashley Miller; Giant Foods, Joe Antonelli; and Safeway, Kristy Mosely.

Aleah, Alison, and Gerry Mathews of All Hallows Youth Group kept the tables clean and nice. Thanks also to Girl Scout Troop 1609 and their leader Karen Gladstone; Bea Poulin and Lara Mulvaney for coordinating with numerous County offices; and to Ann Biddle, Peggy Wormwood, Bobbi Reichwein, and any others doing stuff I did not know about.

Green Expo will be back at the Ruritan Club again in March 2013. With the knowledge and experience we gained this year, it will be better than ever. Special thanks to DACA's Green Expo Committee chair Lara Mulvaney, and our 2012 event planner, Elvia Thompson and her company, Stellar Productions. Alas, we'll be working without them in 2013 as they pursue other interests. DACA is seeking an events coordinator for Green Expo 2013. This is a paid position (unless someone wants to volunteer their time and skill). See page 6 for the job description, along with comments from participants.

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DACA seeks 2013 Green Expo Coordinator

The coordinator for 2013 will work with DACA's Executive Board and the Green Expo Committee to accomplish the following tasks in planning, promotion and implementation of Green Expo 2013:

Maintain contact with previous Green Expo exhibitors and sponsors; sign up exhibitors

Outreach to new potential exhibitors and sponsors; exhibitor enrollment

Coordination with beverage and food vendors Plan seminar/speaking sessions when applicable

Booth layout

Promotion of event through press releases, DACA website, social media

Manage Green Expo page of DACA website, upload documents, logos, etc

Production of printed material such as flyers, signs, exhibitor table signs

Assist with event "greening" by use of recyclable

Work with volunteers for set up and take down on event day

Miscellaneous assignments as needed by Expo committee

DACA's board has learned much and has many effective connections with participants upon which to build for next year. Please contact any board member.



Notes from Elvia, 2012 coordinator

These things worked very well:

■ The Ruritan Club in general – had it rained we could have put most of the outdoor exhibitors in the small room (except the goats!).

The band in the same room with the exhibitors and the dining tables.

All the food service: bar, food, and coffee service in the same room with the exhibitors.

Welcome area just outside the entrance.

Outdoor exhibitors accessible through building.

Tree planting a yearly tradition, including Boy Scouts and politicians was perfect.

Volunteers were terrific.

Poster contest – not many entries. Promote it a few weeks in advance by flyers at the schools Davidsonville kids attend, and coordinate with teachers; more promotion in the press releases and social media.

Signs on site: all signs should be planned in advance, professionally designed and printed and mounted on rigid poster board by the printer.

Sign to say the face painter sign was free.

Announcements every 30 minutes or so about the outdoor exhibits. (More on the next page)





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More compliments for Expo

(from previous page)

You and all the volunteers should be very proud of yourselves. It was a lovely event. The exhibitors were happy and I think the audience learned a lot – which of course, was the point. Cheers, Elvia

Monday, Front page of the *Capital!!!!!* I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work in the planning and execution of this great community event.....and I think a debrief is definitely in order, as long as their are lots of beverages! Lara

. . . how well I think today went. There were a lot of people interested in what the vendors and people at the tables had to say. And I think many enjoyed running into friends and neighbors too. . . . At the [Ruritan] Center most everything could be inside in the event it was not a good day, but today was beautiful. It was very organized, food looked and tasted good.

Good job to you and all who helped organize it.

Bobbi Reichwein

Will wrote to the DACA board:

Fellow Board Members,

[You know when I address you like that, something good has happened.]

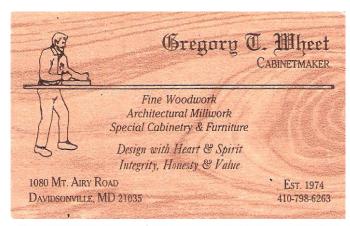
On Saturday morning, I was smoozing with Big Ed [Senator Reilly] about how the Expo was a partnership between business and community groups interested in the environment. I said being concerned about our environment shouldn't be a political issue, that it isn't anti-business, but rather an opportunity for new business... when I was interrupted by one of the vendors who said, "It's a great opportunity!"

Senator Reilly suggested: Just a suggestion to bring

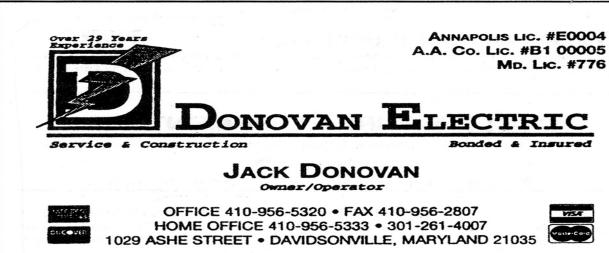
4 H into the program so we can attract kids. Also, the more group inclusion such as dance, singing, other group activities, will bring new people who have not been engaged previously. Ed

From Virginia Clagett:

I enjoyed so much your wonderful green expo yesterday! Beautiful weather, fine crowd, engaged exhibitors, everything one could want. Thank you for including me in a great beginning to spring.









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County Council voted 5 - 2 in favor of development of Open Space land County Executive Leopold signed bill 15-12

In response to the Key School's wish to use Open Space land in the Annapolis Roads community for athletic fields, County Councilman Jamie Benoit proposed Bill 15-12 to change the definition of Open Space zoning, which will allow up to 25 percent of each piece of OS land to be cleared for parking, bleachers, and buildings related to 'active' recreation uses. Lighting will be allowed every night of the week and until 11:00 pm on weekends. The bill applies to all Open Space land throughout Anne Arundel County.

At present, more than 37,000 acres of land in Anne Arundel County are zoned Open Space, including environmentally sensitive land that is now used only for 'passive' recreational uses. We need Open Space to help protect the Chesapeake Bay; homeowners value the environmental and aesthetic benefits of land zoned Open Space.

Despite a flood of protests from homeowners and environmentalists, the County Council voted in favor of the bill, five to two. Since he had expected the bill to be passed despite opposition, Chris Trumbauer introduced an amendment to delay it from taking effect until September 1st. John Grasso, District Two, and Chris Trumbauer, District Six, voted against the bill.

The Office of Planning and Zoning had requested additional time to evaluate the need for significant changes to the OS zoning regulations. These professionals are trained and experienced in land use planning and policy. Such study requires more time than is allowed in the legislative process. Mr. Trumbauer's amendment allows time for the Office of Planning and Zoning to study and prepare a better bill to deal with issues of Open Space zoning in the County. Jamie Benoit wrote that he did not believe this administration will ever present such a bill.

The County's General Development Plan advocates the protection of natural features including stream areas. Bill 15-12 allows the placement of active recreation in any land zoned OS including the sensitive lands adjacent to streams, and it further dilutes the purpose and value of Open Space. DACA, Harwood Civic Association, and

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Open Space Bill 15-12 (from page 8)

other organizations are enmeshed in a lawsuit against the County for comprehensive rezoning changes that violate the letter and the spirit of the General Development Plan.

The Growth Action Network, a coalition of civic and environmental organizations, led the opposition to Bill 15-12. DACA President Will Biddle testified before the Council when the bill was heard in April. The Sierra Club of Anne Arundel County, Severn River Association, Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation, Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association, Arnold Conservation Team, Save Your Annapolis Neck, South Anne Arundel Citizens for Responsible Development (SA-CReD), Linthicum-Shipley Improvement Association, Riva Woods Homeowner Association, Advocates for Herring Bay, Broadneck Council of Communities, Russett Community Association, and Piney Orchard Community Association and other groups placed a full page ad in the *Capital*.

Ms. Fligsten urged GAN members to contact their County Council member and urge him to oppose this change in the definition of Open Space without a comprehensive study of the impacts and public comment.

As the May 7 Council vote approached, several DACA members wrote to Councilman Jerry Walker

asking him to vote no on Bill 15-12. One quotable message was: "In this era of Think Green, Go Green, the concept of Open Space is more important and more understood than ever. Finally, the public considers Open Space important to our future. In 1962, Rachel Carson published *The Silent Spring*, her fourth book on nature. It had an almost fairy-tale beginning: 'There once was a town in the heart of America where all life seemed to live in harmony with its surroundings.' We want to save this life before it is further abused."

Mr. Walker responded to DACA on May 6: "At this time I will be voting in favor of 15-12. I would strongly encourage you to read it in its entirety including the most recent amendments offered by my colleague Chris Trumbauer." A DACA member observed that Mr. Walker's reply implied that his "colleague Chris Trumbauer" supported the bill when in fact, Trumbauer voted against it.

A flurry of discussion ensued over the possibility of a veto by the County Executive, but he signed the bill the day after it was passed by the Council.

In a letter to Mr. Leopold in which he asked him to veto the bill, Will Biddle waxed eloquent:

"...No river in Anne Arundel County received a water quality rating better than a D. That is pretty sad.

The planet Earth is in no danger of being destroyed by humans. Long after the (page 10, please)



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Will Biddle's letter on Open Space, (from page 9) human race has vanished, the planet Earth will survive with an abundance of life. The environmental concern is not about the survival of the planet but about the survival of the human race. We are so concerned with making money and preserving archaic personal rights, that we are destroying our environment with pollution, the introduction of invasive species, and the depletion of natural resources, such as clean water.

Even with the current open space laws, our waterways are foul. They carry bacteria for which we have few weapons to cure if we are infected by them. The fish are dying with open lesions or die outright from water depleted entirely of oxygen.

You have stood on the side of trying to preserve what little rural land we have left in Anne Arundel County. As a state delegate you voted to preserve what little natural resources we have left. I beg you to veto this latest attack on the environment from County Council by redefining Open Space.

[Some members of] this County Council seem to want to turn our waterways into cesspools. They want to crisscross the county with highways and pave over our fields for special interest groups. They do this because they think business is good for the county. What they fail to see is that people want to live in Anne Arundel County and are willing to pay a premium to buy a house here because they want to enjoy our waterways, to see geese flying over our farmlands, and to hear the rustle of the wind in the trees. None of these can survive with the current County Council's [apparent] vision for us."

Any reasonable person would hope that a Council attentive to its constituents' wishes would heed this flood of arguments against Bill 15-12. However, the majority of the members disregarded the environmental community and pushed upstream to vote in favor of athletic fields, parking lots, and lights in Open Space.

Thanks to Ann Fligsten, Will Biddle, and DACA members who provided information for this report.

Gail Enright



will hold its fifth annual benefit, a Privateer Party on June 7, from 6:00 until 9:00 pm at its historic site in London Town. The fundraiser is to support London Town's mission of preserving colonial history through education programs, archeology, horticulture, and tours of the William Brown House. The theme is nautical. Come enjoy fine food, wine and beer bars, lively music, and reenactors in period clothing. The portly mermaid of its logo was taken from a piece of china unearthed by archeologists at the site. Cost is \$100 per person before June 1; after June 1, \$110 per person. Visit the web site at historiclondontown.org or call 410-222-1919 ext. 200 to reserve tickets.





News items of interest to Davidsonville

Davidsonville Elementary School will celebrate the last day of school on June 8 with a ceremony for its fifth grade graduates.

The South River Federation received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to clean up the pond at **Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary**. Work should start on the water management improvements this summer.

Some commuters are still parking on the shoulder of #424 at the **Park & Ride lot** to catch the bus to Washington even when the lot is full, despite the ever-lengthening line of barrels that forces them to walk farther and farther to the bus stop. SHA posted a sign telling commuters to park at the Truman Parkway lot when Davidsonville is full, because it has plenty of empty spaces, but some refuse to read and heed it.

New bridge on Wayson Road: The county needs to replace the bridge over Davidsonville Branch on Wayson Road, a twisty, scenic country road where heavy truck traffic is limited by the weight limit on the present narrow bridge. The County can get federal funding to assist construction if they build a new bridge wide enough to fit federal specifications. Unfortunately, if they do, heavy trucks would no longer be prevented from using Wayson Road. In a similar instance in Harwood, the community persuaded the county to continue to prohibit trucks on a section of Harwood Road even after an old bridge was replaced. The County Department of Public Works wants to conduct a traffic count on Wayson's Road to determine how many large trucks use it now; they will use that information to decide whether or not to prohibit trucks from using it after the new bridge is built.

The **Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department** bought the controversial property zoned R-1 on the corner of Route 2 and 214. They plan to build a new fire station there. DACA wrote to WBVFD to support their proposal and urged them to arrange for a hook-up to the water main on the north side of #214. All the fire companies that respond to emergencies in Davidsonville – Arundel from Crofton, Riva, Woodland Beach, Prince George's – arrive at the same time as the corner is equidistant from all of them. The new location would reduce travel time from Woodland Beach to parts of Davidsonville.

DACA contributed \$100 to the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association.

Martin Zehner is back home after a brief spell in the hospital caused by extreme fatigue. His granddaughter Sarah will be working with him on the farm this summer.



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State Environmental/water bills passed

From the West/Rhode Riverkeeper's report in the newsletter of the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association

B y all accounts, the 2012 General Assembly was a tumultuous one. The beginning of the session was dominated by redistricting . . . and the end of the session arrived without a consensus on the budget. However, what did emerge (on the final day) was a package of very important bills that will help clean up our waterways and position Maryland to be able to meet its pollution reduction goals.

The three bills addressed three major sources of nutrient pollution: stormwater, wastewater (sewage), and septic systems. The stormwater bill requires Maryland's ten largest jurisdictions, including Anne Arundel County, to establish a dedicated fee on impervious surfaces (such as rooftops, parking lots, and driveways) to fund in-the-ground projects to capture stormwater runoff from existing development. Each of these counties already has an obligation to reduce stormwater pollution from impervious surface according to their general permits under the Clean Water Act, but only Montgomery County had actually established a fee. This legislation ensures that counties will have the funds necessary to plan, design, and build these important projects.

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The Bay Restoration Fund increases the so called "flush fee" from \$2.50 per month to \$5.00 per month (\$30 to \$60 per year). This revenue is used to complete the upgrades of major wastewater treatment plants, such as the one in Mayo which discharges into the Rhode River. The upgrades will update the plants to modern technology which can dramatically reduce the level of nitrogen and phosphorus pollution being discharged. There are three plants in Anne Arundel County depending on this increased funding in order to be upgraded.

The third bill — SB236, Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012— sets guidelines and limits on growth and development using septic systems. The law sets up four tiers for inclusion in local comprehensive plans, with various levels of controls. It will help local communities direct growth to where there is infrastructure to accommodate it, and help them preserve rural areas. Developments using septic systems contribute much more pollution to our waterways than development on modern sewer systems.

As is so often the case with the legislative process, all three of these bills were somewhat weakened from their original forms. Some concessions were made, and some compromises were brokered out of necessity. But considering that so many other environmental bills were completely gutted or defeated, this package of bills is a giant step forward for clean water. *Chris Trumbauer*







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Vandalism report, April 16

Would you please share this message with the appropriate people in Davidsonville Area Civic Association? About a week ago, I reported graffiti, potentially gang-related, on the tennis court backstops at Riverwood Park. Anne Arundel Police Officer Armbruster responded (badge #1219; contact phone #410-222-1961). Incident #12-712434. I sent this message through the contact page on the DACA website. Thank you.

Skip Auld

Honeydipper Pumpout Boat on Patrol

Pumpout Captain Michael DeRogatis is once again piloting our *Honeydipper*. If you are on the West or Rhode River, give him a call to get your holding tank

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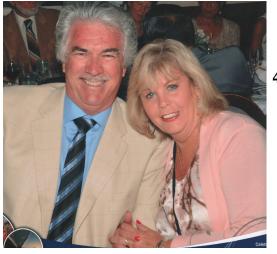
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Bird walk - First Saturday of each month; 8:00 - 11:00 am. Learn the skills of identifying birds by sight and sound. Experience the amazing bird diversity of the Sanctuary. Binoculars and field guides are available to borrow. Not appropriate for children younger than 12.

The Importance of Pollinators - Saturday, June 2; 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Entomologist Ben Hollister will discuss our local pollinators then lead participants on a hike to explore the River Farm Community Garden to see these vital insects at work. For adults and families with children at least 8 years old.

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The Lives of Amphibians and Reptiles – Evening

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Field Trip: Saturday, June16; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm This short course covers the life history, strategies and ecology of local reptiles and amphibians. A field trip will let us explore Sanctuary habitats to search for and observe many of the 40 species found here. For adults and teens.

Wetlands Scavenger Hunt -- Sunday, June 10;

10:00 am - 12:00. Join a scavenger hunt along the marsh boardwalk! Test your ability to find plants and animals in the wetlands. Ages 5 and older.

Summer Solstice Hike - Wednesday, June 20; 5:30

- 8:00 pm. Come out and enjoy the longest day of the year and celebrate the arrival of summer with one of our volunteer naturalists. Be prepared to hike several miles. For ages 10 and above.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Fish Survey -- Saturdays, June 2 and July 21; 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Using a seine net, we monitor the fish populations living in streams and wetlands. Volunteers willing to get wet are needed to help catch, identify and measure (and then release) fish. For teens and adults.







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Zoning Case against the County April 6, 2012

Clients and supporters,

As you may have seen in the Capital, Judge Caroom issued an order late last week granting motions to dismiss the case submitted by the County and various of the intervenors. The issues were essentially all procedural in nature, having to do with whether we needed to join as defendants the owners of all the other properties that were rezoned by Bill 44-11, and whether the allegations of the complaint were sufficient in certain technical respects. Although the court granted the motions to dismiss, he gave us leave to amend the Complaint within 30 days to correct the problems he found with it; and we intend to do so. Over the next week or so, someone will be contacting most of the individual plaintiffs who live close to one of the problem properties to ask about the problems with the rezoning that are of particular concern. We will use that information to help us strengthen the complaint, so I urge you to take the time necessary to answer their questions.

Even though we lost this particular skirmish, be assured that the war is far from over. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Russ Stevenson

Trash and Recycling collection changes

Starting in June, trash collection will be only one day each week, on the same day as your usual recycling pick-up. Don't waste a trip to the curbside by carrying it out to sit for days waiting for the next regular pick-up. It attracts crows, foxes, raccoons, groundhogs, ants, flies, and other undesirables. Monday, May 28, is when the country and county will celebrate Memorial Day by not picking up the Monday morning trash and recycling. Put it out Monday evening for a Tuesday morning pick-up. The next skip won't be until Labor Day.



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