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# DACA members drive the structure at the 39th Annual Meeting

T he individual members who pay attention to their neighborhoods are the important factors in determining the structure of this civic association. Those who look at DACA's web site, <a href="www.daca-md.org">www.daca-md.org</a>, can see things that are just right, or maybe need changing.

Executive Committee member Don Opedal, who lives in Cambria, saw that the boundary line set 39 years ago excludes part of a neighborhood that did not exist then. A comparison of the original boundary map with the current roads showed that Homewood Road no longer reaches Beard's Creek and its junction with Riva Road was moved to exit directly across from Governors Bridge Road. Residents of Cambria have Davidsonville mailing addresses. Those in Breckenridge live in Riva. Bylaws changes in the Davidsonville Area boundary lines require approval from the general membership.

Rochelle Johnson, a DACA member in River Creek, read about the proposed boundary change in the May-June *Villager* and looked at the web site to see where her community lies. River Creek did not exist at all when DACA was founded, and is accessible only from Glen Isle Road – in the Riva postal area – although its residents have a Davidsonville mailing address. Mrs. Johnson contacted daca-md.org to learn how her community could be recognized by DACA. She also attended the annual meeting to see to her concern.

Lara Mulvaney used her computer skills to draw new boundary lines in the map. The original had been copied from a map book, enlarged, cut and pasted using scissors and tape, and lovingly drawn in by hand. Very primitive! These were easy fixes with no conflict. But they would not have happened if the individuals had not brought these changes to the Executive Committee. It may be considered small stuff, but that is in fact what keeps a civic association alive and healthy.

DACA members stepped up to volunteer for vacant terms on the Executive Committee. We mourned the loss of Joyce Cramer in April, and feared for Martin Zehner's health in May. With a long-term vacancy in the term to 2013, and expiration of this year's term, the Executive Committee looked slim. DACA is delighted to have a full complement of the Executive Committee. Mr. Zehner is DACA's promoter of agriculture, a member since 1977. He agreed to fill out the 2013 term.

For the three-year term until June 2015 we welcome Tracie Hovermale of Rutland Road and Nick Kemp, Phil Livingstone, and Ron Oakes, who live in Hardesty Estates.

Tracie Hovermale joined DACA in 1991. She was a founder of Friends of Rural Preservation, an ad hoc committee that protested unregulated large development. She continues working to protect the environment for the next generation. Nick Kemp and Phil Livingstone joined DACA in 1993. Ron Oakes joined DACA in 1998; he is interested in the health of the Bay. All are in agreement with DACA's mission to guide development wisely and "Keep Davidsonville rural."

Will Biddle, Ed Woods, Gail Enright, and Bob Carobrese agreed to continue in their positions as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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## DACA members and their contributions

Welcome new members Titus Abraham and Nelson Slye, and many thanks for their contributions in addition to joining DACA.

Thanks to Tom Angelis, Gene Lambert, Gary and Barbara Mitchelson, Alton Sadler, and Charlie and Elizabeth Wu for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their dues. Thanks also to Greg Wheet for his contribution in addition to renewing his dues and his Wheet Woodwork ad.

The graphics and ads are very much improved as well as the content and printing.

G.P.

Interested in the public health of our community. T.A.

Interests: Everything the Villager covers! Plus the Sspring Green Expo was so valuable. Labors of love, we're sure. Thanks, Gail Bouquets to you and DACA for all you do.

P & Z

#### Gail and Will-

Just a quick note to say thanks for having me at the DACA meeting. I look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship.

Regards, Tom Boyer Infrared Tools Energy Services

Tracie Hovermale and many of her neighbors founded Friends of Rural Preservation in 1996 when Riverdale Baptist Church sought to build a mega-complex in Davidsonville, with a church and meeting facility designed to seat thousands, a school, and playing fields on the land behind the Park & Ride lot on Route 424, alongside Route 50. Activists in Gravely, Harbor Hills, Eagles Passages and other neighboring communities persuaded the County Council to enact legislation requiring mega-churches to abide by the same environmental regulations, impact study requirements and community notification requirements as developers of other large projects. Citizen action works!

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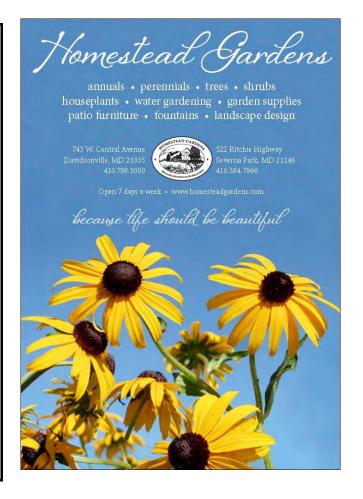
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# DACA's Mission Statement at the 39th Annual Meeting

resident Will Biddle welcomed members and guests  ${f P}$  to DACA's Annual Meeting by recalling to them DACA's purposes. He read the Mission Statement adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2005 and approved by the general membership in June 2006.

The mission of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association is to:

- 1. Maintain and improve the quality of life in our community. We join together to counsel with one another so that we may wisely guide the growth and development of our community for the betterment of our lives and for the lives of our children and their children.
- 2. Consider and deal by all lawful means with common problems involved in matters pertaining to land and natural resource utilization in the geographical area known as Davidsonville and to secure cooperative action in advancing common purposes of the members of the association.
  - 3. Promote community pride and civic interests.
- 4. Consider, account for, and educate the community about the unique history of the Davidsonville community.

- 5. Promote land use policies that preserve the agricultural and rural character of the Davidsonville community, protect the environment, preserve open space, and improve safety – including the safety of roads and pedestrian byways – while respecting the property rights of residents.
- 6. Monitor and, as appropriate, effectively voice concern with or support for laws, rules and policies that affect Davidsonville residents.
- 7. Provide a forum where ideas, concerns and needs can be discussed with respect for each other's opinions.
- 8. Strive to consider the needs of and represent the entire Davidsonville community.
- 9. Anticipate future issues and problems affecting the welfare of the Davidsonville community and work to find appropriate approaches and solutions.

These principles stood in good use from DACA's beginning in 1973, even before this Mission Statement was formalized. Each speaker referred to the statement and noted their support for its objectives and ideals.

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# Annual meeting speakers

nommunity Services Specialist Bea Poulin spoke on behalf of the County Executive. June 7 was her twelfth anniversary working for the county. She serves as the liaison between the South County residents and their government in dealing with county departments. She was appointed by County Executive Janet Owens, and South County residents were delighted when John Leopold kept her in that job. She called attention to the services the county provides for residents, and noted that the savings from once-a-week trash collection will be used to improve emergency management programs, such as notifying residents by telephone of impending dangers like tornadoes, and how to survive problems like the power outages of June 29. If you have questions about county regulations, call Bea or send her an email to bpoulin@aacounty.org.

Senator Ed Reilly recalled Will's reading of DACA's mission, calling attention to the balance of the environment and property rights. He said the most recent session of the legislature was a struggle between those two issues. He said the Governor's decisions at the state level diminish the influence of the counties. He cited state requirements for new building lots in RA zones to be not less than

20 acres; the end of the family conveyance regulations; limiting expansion of septic systems; fees for planting cover crops, as limiting individual property rights. The state legislature established regulations for stormwater management and restoration but left funding responsibility to the counties and then doubled the flush tax (\$30 to \$60 per year). Senator Reilly discussed the pros and cons of an elected school board vs. the current appointed school board vs a hybrid combination. In response to Ron Oakes's question he noted that the proposed increase in boat registration fees was defeated, as was the proposed sales tax on services. Ed Woods thanked Senator Reilly for his representation of our district and noted that, although they are not always in agreement, the Senator is always willing to listen to his constituents. "If you need Ed's help, he'll listen, look into it, and do what he can. If he can't do anything, he'll tell you up front, and that's more that we get from a lot of others...."

Councilman Jerry Walker is now Vice Chairman of the County Council and will take his turn next year as Chairman. He echoed Mr. Reilly's opinion that the State has usurped many of the Counties' powers but left them responsibilities without (Next page)







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# Speakers, from page 4

adequate funding. Most of Mr. Walker's time on the Council was spent working on the budget, and all the Councilmen worked more than their usual hours on this. Half the county budget is allocated for education. He was pleased that money was made available for construction of a new Lothian Elementary School; a new turf surface for the playing fields and a parking area closer to the field at Southern High School; and improved lighting at Deale Elementary and Crofton Middle School.

In agriculture, Jerry Walker worked with the Maryland Horse Council and County Inspections and Permits to allow farm building construction without requiring adherence to residential development standards and engineering requirements. He cited DACA member Milly Welsh for her leadership in this. He also worked to reduce impact fees against Anne Arundel County's two wineries, well established Thanksgiving Farm in Harwood and newly planted at Dodon in Davidsonville.

Ed Woods introduced **Joanna Conti**, past candidate for County Executive. She said she is seeking to improve the county schools. She was the chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education, and after the Board replaced the advisory committee with their own appointees in September 2011, she

started the Parents Advocacy Network (Parents Advocacynetwork.org) as an independent group to advocate for improvements in our schools.

Tom Boyer, owner of Infrared Tools, was a sponsor of DACA's Green Expo. He gave a brief presentation on benefits of home energy audits, based on energy efficiency, water conservation, safety, and comfort, which lead to energy-saving practices and devices, ranging in price from no cost to very expensive, many of which enable eligibility for tax breaks for installation. His web site <a href="SmartEnergy.com">SmartEnergy.com</a> lists businesses and companies that can do this work. He noted that fifty percent of our energy consumption is in residences. The state wants to reduce energy consumption by 30% by 2014 and offers methods of doing so, not to be implemented all at once but spread over five years. Quality Assurance standards imposed by the state insure that the work is done properly.

DACA is grateful to our elected officials and speakers for taking the time to attend this meeting. The DACA board invites the general membership to suggest speakers and topics of interest to address the annual meeting or the regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee, and to notify the secretary if you wish to attend the board meetings.

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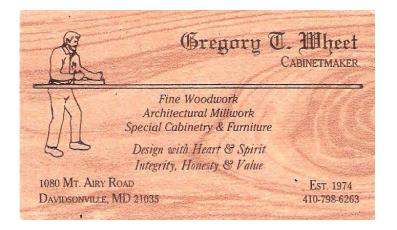
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e are getting an overload of election campaign

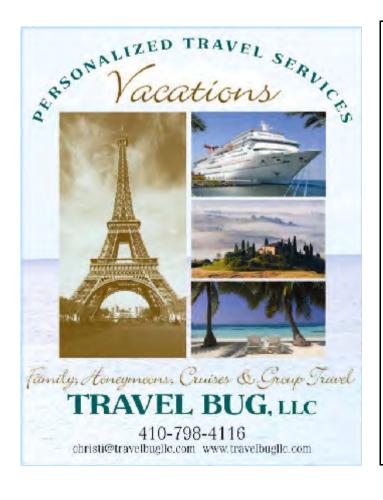
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ballots, reviewing precinct boundary lines and assisting with redistricting, preparing AccuVote-TS voting units and ExpressPoll 5000 Electronic Pollbooks for the 155 polling places in Anne Arundel County, canvassing and certifying the results of the 2012 Presidential Primary and General Elections, and conducting post-election maintenance and cleanup of the voting system and voter registration records.

Election Judge training class team leaders and team members conduct training classes for the 3,500 Election Judges hired by the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to serve at the 155 polling places and five early voting sites during the 2012 Presidential Elections.

If you have questions please call the AA County Board of Elections at 410-222-6601, ext. 3139 and ask for the Election Judge Department.

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# **Redistricting Everything!**

School starts August 27 for Kindergarten through Grade Five at DES, with an increase in pupils caused by redistricting. The Anne Arundel County Board of Education unanimously approved Superintendent Kevin M. Maxwell's redistricting proposal. The redistricting is supposed to alleviate overcrowding at Central Elementary by moving approximately 100 students to Davidsonville and Mayo Elementary schools.

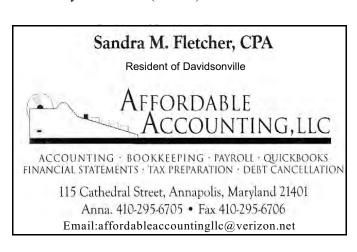
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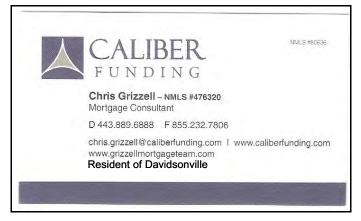
# **Congressional Districts**

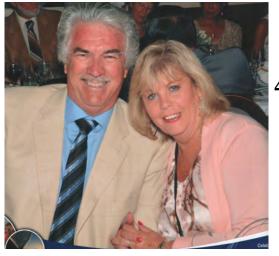
Every ten years, all 50 states remap their congressional districts to make adjustments due to population shifts. Maryland has eight Congressional Districts, and Anne Arundel County is divided among four of them. In October 2011 Maryland adopted the new Congressional districts recommended by the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee (GRAC).

Davidsonville north of #214 and east of #424 will become part of District Four, joining Prince George County represented by Donna Edwards. Crofton, most of Davidsonville, and the South County area south of Route 214 and west of Route 424 will remain in District Five, represented by Rep. Steny Hoyer.

The map restructures the Congressional districts to reflect population changes over the past decade reflected in the 2010 Census. Under the new plan, according to the GRAC, more than 70% of Marylanders will remain in their current Congressional district. In contrast to the common practice in other states, the new map does not draw any incumbent Congressman out of his or her district. Each district conforms to the ideal Congressional district adjusted population of 721,529 residents. Nevertheless, the Fourth and Fifth Districts look like interlocking jigsaw puzzle pieces and enough Marylanders have signed petitions to put the new districts to a referendum in this November's election.







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If you are interested in becoming part of this wonderful program please contact Joe by email at <u>joe@westrhoderiverkeeper.org</u> or by phone at 410 867-7171. I look forward to hearing from you and your neighbors so that we can get oysters back into the Bay!

Also, if you are interested in Oyster Gardening in the West River please contact our partner organization, POWeR, who currently conducts a successful oyster gardening program. Thanks for caring about our beautiful rivers! Joe Ports

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# Comprehensive Re-Zoning Law Suit at a pause

Russ Stevenson is leading the team of Chesapeake Legal in the Comprehensive Re-Zoning law suit against Anne Arundel County. He wrote in answer to the Villager's question, that a pre-trial conference was held on July 12, but it was a mere formality, since the case is far from ready for a trial. The only action the judge took was to schedule another pre-trial conference for January. Meanwhile, the case is now awaiting a hearing on a second round of motions to dismiss. He said he doubts that will happen before late August at the earliest.

DACA and some other plaintiffs received a copy of an "Answer" (Case No. :02-C-11-164569) from six defendants who live in Gambrills. Mr. Stevenson opined that the defendants who sent the "answer" clearly were not represented by a lawyer, as they didn't serve the "answer" on him or any of the other lawyers in the case. He had not even seen a copy of it when Gail asked what it means. He believes their "answer" probably refers to the Second Amended Complaint, which is why it doesn't track with the version of the complaint DACA had, which was so old it had not even been assigned a case number.

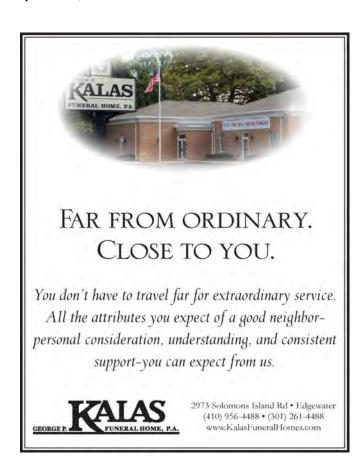
Mr. Stevenson attached the new lawsuit. It's 53 pages of legalese: Nine pages listing and describing the plaintiffs, DACA and other associations and individuals.

Four pages of defendants and the parcels they own that are in dispute. Six pages of the General Development Plan and the Comprehensive Rezoning process. Nine pages listing the amendments that were vetoed and veto overridden: # 9 in Gambrills; #22 on Central Avenue at Riva Road; numbers 26 (Lothian), 34 (Gambrills), 37 and 43 (Defense Highway, Gambrills), and #46 on Solomons Island Road and Central Avenue.

All these amendments were vetoed and are characterized as inconsistent with the General Development Plan or impermissible spot zoning, and are in violation of Maryland Code Article 66B and benefit only private interests and do not promote public health, safety, and welfare, or Maryland Code Article 25A; and Anne Arundel County Code §18-20-102 (pages 29-32).

Mr. Stevenson wrote to ask that changes made by these amendments be removed. He cited a letter of June 8, 2011, with the Planning Advisory Board's recommendation that those applications be denied, and the comments from public hearings on the amendments, another nine pages of documents, now to 41 pages; the County Executive's four-page letter to the Council explaining his vetoes of those amendments, and ending with seven pages of the marked up Bill 44-11 as approved with those amendments vetoed.

And that is why Gail did not print out the entire document!



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# **Patuxent Riverkeeper News**

ATERKEEPERS Chesapeake, a coalition of 18 waterway-protection groups, called on the state of Maryland to strengthen nutrient-management regulations currently under consideration and make sure that the new rules are based on sound science and enforceable best-management practices. The proposed regulations will establish rules that farmers must follow in applying manure to fields, a critical issue in preserving the quality of streams across Maryland.

In a letter to Maryland Agriculture Secretary Earl F. Hance, they state that the proposed rules "would allow the application of amounts of manure far in excess of the needs of crops for fertilizer and would allow the unprotected storage of large quantities of manure under circumstances where normal weather conditions would be expected to wash tons of harmful nitrogen and phosphorus into our waterways."

Excessive amounts of nutrients, especially nitrogen and phosphorous, are a major source of degradation of water quality in the state's waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay. The coalition called on Secretary Hance to follow the recommendations of independent scientists and adopt regulations that would:

Bar application after October 30 statewide

Require incorporation of manure within 24 hours of application

Prohibit any application on phosphorus-saturated soils

Impose buffer requirements modeled after those for application of sludge

Prohibit the application of manure in the fall to meet spring crop needs

DACA President Will Biddle was appointed to the Board of Directors of Patuxent Riverkeeper. The Riverkeeper has a new office in Nottingham, southern Prince George's County.

In a separate event, the Patuxent Riverkeeper seated a new Board of Advisors and also a new Governing Board for 2012. The newly assembled Board places a strong emphasis on community activism and grassroots justice.

Former Senator Bernard Fowler served as a Calvert County Commissioner from 1970 to 1982. Prior to being elected to public office, Fowler was an avid fisherman who would wade into the Patuxent River and make note of the clarity of the water. After noticing the clarity of the water slowly diminishing, Fowler chose to run for Calvert County Commissioner in 1970 and make the health of the Patuxent River a key issue. As an early-1970s Calvert County Commissioner, he led the way in a lawsuit filed by downriver Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties against upriver counties. The lawsuit forced the state, the upriver counties, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to enact pollution control measures. After serving over a decade as county commissioner, Fowler was elected to the Maryland Senate, where he remained in until his retirement from public office in the mid 1990s. Author Tom Horton and former Senator Joseph D. Tydings also joined the Board.

Go to the Patuxent Riverkeeper website, www.paxriverkeeper.org for more information.



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# South River Federation's Bay Friendly Tip of the Month: Swim Safely

he summer sun is here! Grab your sunscreen, hat, beach towel, and bacteria report! Wait, bacteria report? You read me right! Before swimming, water-skiing, or tubing in the river, make sure it is safe to swim. While the beauty of our river continues to draw us back time and again, don't forget, beauty is only surface deep. What's lurking below may not be as pleasant.

For the data lovers, be sure to check the South River Federation's Bacteria Data page under River Health. Each week, our Operation Clearwater bacteria data from communities throughout the watershed is posted on the website. Operation Clearwater is a collaborative effort, with Dr. Sally Hornor of AACC and the South River Federation, aimed at providing timely public health information to participating communities and helping to identify times when it may be inadvisable to swim.

If data isn't your thing, here is an easy rule of thumb! If it has rained within the past 48 hours, hop on over to the community pool instead. In fact, after a rainfall, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from

rainwater runoff and increased health risks.

What's the big deal with rain; it's just water, right? Boy do we wish! Before rain reaches our creeks and river, it picks up any pollutants or bacteria along the way. These bacteria can come from fecal waste in leaky sewers, septics, pets, geese, and more. Gross, right? If you go swimming shortly after a rain fall, that is just what you would be exposing yourself to. Higher concentrations of bacteria after rainfall can cause illness if ingested and infections to open wounds; especially in those with compromised immune systems, like the young, the elderly, and pregnant women.

This may seem a bit intimidating to think about each time you swim, so here are some simple tips. Try to remember the 48 hour rule of thumb. Take a hot, soapy shower afterwards (this includes pets too!). And take special precautions when you have an open wound and try to avoid getting the area wet.

We live in a beautiful area so enjoy your summer fun on the South River! If you have any questions on bacteria in our river or would like to learn more about the Operation Clearwater program, please call our office at 410-224-3802. Sent by Jennifer Carr, SRF

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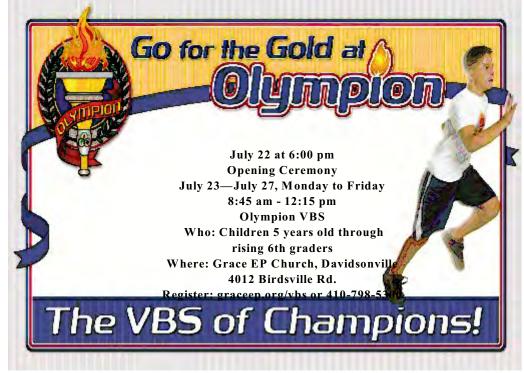
We have a limited number of single and tandem kayaks and will provide them on a first come–first serve basis.

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Please RSVP to Joe Ports joe@westrhoderiverkeeper.org, or call 410-867-7171.









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# **Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary**

Office: 410-741-9330
Open to the public 9:00 am until 5:00 pm
Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays

# **Children's Discovery Series**: Creek Walk July 22, 2012, 10:00-noon

Put on your old clothes to observe, examine, and identify some of the many life forms which live in one of our creeks. We'll use dips nets to see what we can find. Dress to get wet and muddy. Wear rubber boots, water shoes, or old sneakers. No flip flops or open toed shoes. All ages welcome. Meet at Plummer House.

Marsh Ecology by Canoe, July 28, 2012, 9:00 am Discover the abundance of wildlife in the Patuxent River wetlands. We'll paddle up some of the smaller branches of the river to look for beavers, birds, and flowering wetland plants. Please arrive promptly at the starting time. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, a lunch, and walking shoes that can get wet. Children must be at least 7 years old and accompanied by an adult.

#### Birdwalk August 4, 2012 8:00-11:00 am

Learn the skills of identifying birds by sight and sound. Binoculars and field guides are available to borrow. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Not appropriate for children younger than 12.



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# Butterflies of Jug Bay August 19, 2012 2:00- 4:00pm

Explore the gardens at the Glendening Preserve to see butterflies, their caterpillars, and learn about which host plants your favorite butterflies need to complete their lifecycle. Meet at the Plummer House, 5702 Plummer Lane, 20711.

# Marsh Ecology by Canoe August 25, 2012 9:00-1:00

Discover the abundance of wildlife in the Patuxent River wetlands. We'll paddle up some of the smaller branches of the river to look for beavers, birds, and flowering wetland plants. Please arrive promptly at the starting time. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, a lunch, and walking shoes that can get wet. Children must be at least 7 years old and accompanied by an adult.

Reservations and entrance fees are required for all

events, unless noted. To register, call 410-741-9330 or e-mail programs@jugbay.org. Visit www.jugbay.org for information, directions and updates to our schedule.

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# Pops Music and a Local Chorus Highlight the 2012-2013 Londontowne Symphony Season

our local community orchestra that has brought so much quality classical music to us in our area has announced the programs for the orchestra's 2012-2013 season.

Anna Binneweg, Music Director/Conductor of the LSO, says "This season will be a little different. We will include a Pops concert with vocals on contemporary songs and a concert with the well known Arundel Vocal Arts Society."

The season will open in September with a Chamber Recital featuring William Bloomquist on piano and various other instrumentalists of the LSO.

November brings "Novemberfest," a concert with Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture*, Mozart's *Concerto for Clarinet* with local artist Lynda Dembowski, and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 4*.

The December concert will be a joint program with the Arundel Vocal Arts Society, a premier local chorus.

In January a Pops concert is titled "American Songbook," and the orchestra will add pianist William Bloomquist and vocalist Dana Robinson. The program will include music by Bernstein, Gershwin, Porter and Ellington.



Anna Binneweg
Music Director/Conductor

April's concert is titled "Fantasy & Fascination." It will include Falla's *Three Cornered Hat Suite No. 1*, Bruch's *Romanze for Viola* featuring soloist Eric de Wardtt, and Bizet's *Symphony No. 1*.

The season will close in June with "Northern Lights." It will include Grieg's *Norwegian Dances*, Vaughan Williams's *Tuba Concerto* featuring soloist Seth Cooke, and Sebelius's *Symphony No. 3*.

The concerts will be held at either the South River High School or the Annapolis High School. Details of the dates and locations will be announced when they become available, but all concerts will be on a Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Please look for future announcements.





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