



The Villager
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**Davidsonville
Green Expo**
2013
Saturday, March 16 10 am - 2 pm
Ruritan Club Community Center, 3358 Davidsonville Road
Cohosted by Ruritan Club & Davidsonville Area Civic Association

It's here and now!!!

DACA's Fourth Annual Green Expo

DACA will give away 400 trees

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Plant them in March!

DACA members and their contributions

On 1/24/2013, from Betty Chaney Gail, We just received the January-February edition of The Villager which we found to be most informative as usual. Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of DACA.

We found the comprehensive Re-Zoning article on page 5 interesting, especially since our property is adjacent to the property which as the For Sale sign of 4.95 acres posted on it. Inasmuch as you refer to "she" as the property owner, this may be why the message was ignored and the sign is still there. This property adjacent to use is owned by Bob Rawlings in Annapolis who has indicated to us that he is definitely looking for business interests for the property. Perhaps the wrong person was contacted.

The property on the other corner of Riva Road and Rt. 214 is owned by Barbara Bell Messenger and her sister.

Just thought this might be helpful to DACA

Betty Chaney

Hi Betty--

Thank you for reading it and noticing my error. I wrote that item simply out of my memory, and while I knew the owner of one of the properties was a woman (I was thinking of Mrs. Messenger), I simply forgot which one. . . .Wayne [Reid] would have contacted the right person, and I have no doubt that Mr. Rawlings would have disregarded any such nicety as the letter of the law. Am I cynical?

I appreciate your kind words about the Villager.

Gail

In Memoriam

Edgar P. Wayson, Jr.

April 17, 1921 ~ January 20, 2013

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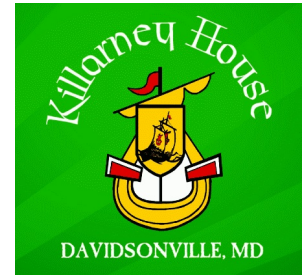
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News and notes

Members of the Board of Directors of the DACA, As the Pastor of Union Memorial UMC, we thank your organization for its continual generosity in partnering with us and the other community churches to "do good" in our community.

This year the money your group donated was used to provide socks, undershirts and toiletries for the patients in Genesis Nursing Care facility of Annapolis. The items went to patients identified by staff as those whose families have forgotten them.

Thank you again for you continued generosity in the name of Jesus the Christ Our Lord.

Rev. Paulette V. Jones
Union Memorial United Methodist Church

On our roads: Muddy Creek Road is due for resurfacing and painting of stripes, this spring, according to the County Department of Public Works.

On February 27, traffic on Davidsonville Road was backed up because only one lane at a time was available as trees on the east side were being trimmed and cut back from the power lines. That allowed ample time to notice a car parked on the grass on the southwest corner at Governors Bridge Road, posted with a large sign: "Traffic Count in Progress." The signal at the intersection continued its steady blinking.

For years residents and commuters have pleaded with the State Highway Administration to convert it to a full stop signal, as rush hour traffic makes left turns there difficult and dangerous. SHA always responded that the amount of traffic there does not justify a full stop, but they promised to repeat the traffic count. Can it be, can we hope for a full stop light there? Back when the Patuxent River Bridge on #214 was closed, the full stop signal was well received and cheered by drivers at rush hour and between times. Is SHA considering reinstating the safer stop signal? Let us hope so. Gail

The day after DACA's Green Expo is



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Green Expo exhibits will be open from 10:00 until 2:00

The Boy Scouts will raise the flag to open DACA's Fourth Annual Green Expo as Delegate Bob Costa cuts the ribbon on March 16th.

As you enter you can take a free chance for the drawing of door prizes, gift certificates for each of our sponsors, to be awarded throughout the event.

New this year is an exhibit of electric vehicles by the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater DC. Talk to owners and learn what it's like to drive fueled by electricity!

All day long, Girl Scout Troop 1557 will have baked goods and popcorn for sale, and face painter Michelle Drake will be happy to adorn your smiling countenance.

Jenn and Larry Byrne and Pete Reichwein will perform music as the Composters in the main hall from 11:00 until 1:30, to accompany lunch for purchase from 11:30

School Green Poster contest judges Bea Poulin and Anne Biddle will begin their deliberations for award winners at noon in the Ruritan Club Hall. Winners will be announced and awards presented at 12:30.

Everyone loves the animals and Eco-Goats will put on a lively show of their high spirits. The Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary has been invited to exhibit some of their friendliest and most exciting residents.

Delegate Steve Schuh is coming to meet South County residents and take the opportunity to see and understand the good work of our south county residents and their priority of environmental needs.

To this end, Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman and other invited speakers will present seminars every half-hour between 10:30 until 1:00. The South River Federation will be on hand with information about the watershed.

Davidsonville Elementary School's Green Club will demonstrate green cleaning and give out green cleaning supplies.

All the exhibitors will await you eagerly and deal out lots of good information. Come out and enjoy some green, clean fun!



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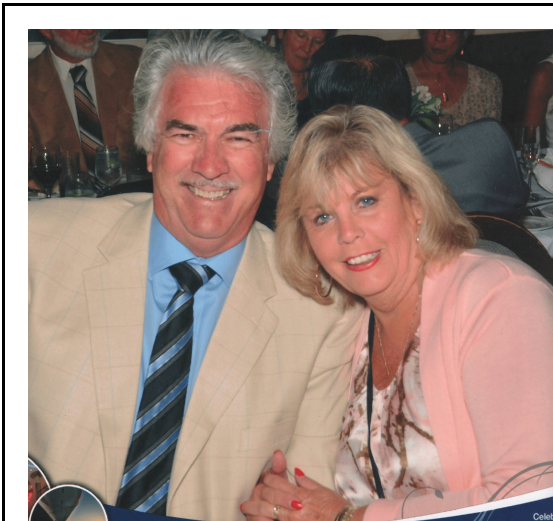
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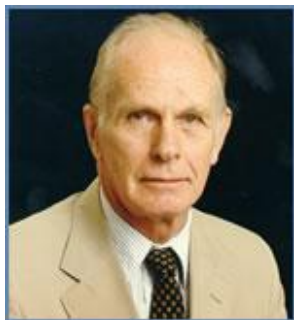
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Steuart Pittman (June 6, 1919 ~ February 14, 2013) by E.B. Furgurson III



Steuart L. Pittman, a champion of land preservation and the environment, a former assistant secretary of defense, and patriarch of a family that has been at Davidsonville's Dodon Farm for nine generations, died Sunday, February 14, 2013. He was 93.

The family said he died while going to Sunday dinner at his son's house on the farm.

In addition to a successful international law practice and public service career, Pittman was involved in causes including farm and forestland preservation and environmental concerns, particularly the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

"He was a man of good judgment and good humor," his wife Bobby Pittman said. "But it was his judgment I admire most. He had a unique view of the world."

"He was just a fantastic person," said former Del. Virginia Clagett, a family friend of more than 40 years. "And he was so involved in his community. He was a super advocate for the best things in this county. And a great help with legislation to help preserve agricultural land. He understood it [the environment] intellectually,

he understood the science. And he cared about it," she said.

He was an early member of the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association, only recently having retired from 40 years as a trustee. "He always provided wise counsel," said Lee Greenbaum, a CEPA board member and regular lunch partner of Pittman's. "Some were trigger-happy and wanted to take bold action. But he would say, 'Let's think this through,' just like a good lawyer.'" Greenbaum and others noted Pittman's sense of humor and quiet demeanor. "He was a true gentleman," Greenbaum said. "I never heard him use a four-letter word. I never knew him to be unkind to anyone."

For years Pittman was a member of the Marlborough Hunt Club, and he hosted the pony club and the hunt club at Dodon. He offered his farm as the site of the Dodon Run, a cross-country riding event held for more than two decades. It was a precursor to the hunt club's steeplechase races at Roedown Farm.

Christy Clagett, master of the Marlborough Hunt Club, saw firsthand Pittman's dedication to the land and equestrian life. "He had a vision that he needed to protect the land," she said. "He *(next page please)*

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In memoriam: Stuart Pittman, *from page 6* believed in using the land and sharing it with neighbors.”

Horse racing was not new to Dodon. Pittman’s ancestor, Dr. George Stuart — the first of the family to own Dodon in 1725 — won the first recorded horse race in Maryland. He won the Annapolis Subscription Plate in a head-to-head race against Lord Charles Carroll’s mount at Parole in 1743. During the Civil War, horses bred and trained at Dodon were smuggled south to Confederate forces, and Union troops often raided the farm.

Steuart Lansing Pittman was born in New York City on June 6, 1919, and grew up on the East Side of Manhattan, where his father was a chemical engineer. After high school he attended Yale, graduating in 1941. His early adult life cemented a desire to work in international affairs. He immediately went to work for Pan American Airways, managing an airport in Kenya — a vital link in a hush-hush supply chain to the Middle East. Later he helped operate the China National Airline Co., which famously flew “over the hump” from India to China, supplying vital war material to the Chinese resistance that was battling Japanese occupation.

He returned home in 1943 and joined the U.S. Marines. He was dispatched to China to train and operate with guerrilla groups deep behind Japanese

lines. Two days after the war was over he was involved in the last naval battle of the war. Pittman commanded one of two junks that encountered a large Japanese junk with a cannon aboard. The Japanese, who did not know the war was over, fired on them. Pittman’s junk and the other craft fired bazookas and Tommy guns to knock out the Japanese cannon and defeat the enemy ship.

Once home he attended Yale Law School, determined to become involved in international affairs. After graduating he worked as chief counsel for the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe after the war.

In 1961, he was tapped by President John F. Kennedy to lead the nation’s Civil Defense program and served as assistant secretary of defense until 1964. That year, he returned to a successful law practice and the firm he founded in 1954 — Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge. He continued his international banking and corporate practice.

Though born and raised in New York, Mr. Pittman and his father spent much time at Dodon Farm in Davidsonville, which had been in the family for nearly 300 years. In his later years, one of his great satisfactions was knowing some of his children had built homes and started families on the 550-acre farm.

Mr. Pittman was buried in the family cemetery at Dodon. A public celebration of his life will be held on March 15 at the Metropolitan Club in Washington and 11:00 on March 16 at the Marlborough Hunt Club.

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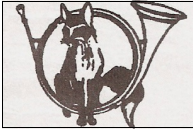
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This information is provided by Tom Boyer and Margie Nicholson of Infrared Tools Energy Services.





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**Anne Arundel County Bill 2-13 – Watershed Restoration and Protection Act
Stormwater bill fact sheet, by Kincey Potter, Growth Action Network**

Bill 2-13 sets up a funding mechanism to meet the County’s obligations under the federal stormwater permit (NPDES) and resulting from EPA’s Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. Fees will go into a dedicated fund that can only be used for stormwater management practices and stream and wetland restoration activities to reduce pollution. This legislation would generate \$26.5 million initially.

Over half of the streams in Anne Arundel County are severely degraded and, as a result, dump tons of sediment and nutrients into our rivers with every rainfall. The County is required to reduce this pollution under Federal and State law. The estimated cost of meeting pollution goals for stormwater by 2025 is \$900 million. State legislation passed last year mandates that the County create a stormwater fee, but does not specify the amount.

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1) Single family homes in R2 and R5 zoning have approximately 2,800 square feet of impervious and make up the largest number of residences in the county. The fee for this base amount of impervious was set at \$85 per year. 2) Town homes and multifamily dwellings have about 40% of the base square footage of 2,800 so the rate for these homes was set at \$34 per year.

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Stormwater Management Bill 2-13 (from page 12)
 3) R-1, RLD and agricultural properties average about twice the amount of the base impervious amount and the fee is therefore \$170 per year.

Non-residential fees will be based on the actual amount of impervious on each property. The property's total square footage of impervious area will be divided by the base of 2,800 and then multiplied times \$85.

Fee Credits: Residential communities and non-residential property owners would be eligible for a credit of up to 50% of the annual fee if owners can demonstrate effective stormwater management controls.

Fee exemptions: Residential owners who can demonstrate substantial financial hardship would be exempted from the fee.

The bill will finally provide some modest funding to begin repairs of over a \$1 billion needed to correct the many stormwater-related intrusions into our creeks and waters. The longer we wait to get started, the more it will cost and the longer our rivers and streams will be impacted.

This bill was recommended by a working group with representatives from commercial and residential homebuilders, the Chamber of Commerce, the Maritime Industry, environmentalists, the County Council and representatives from the Maryland Environmental Finance Center. The *Capital Gazette* endorsed the bill.

You can read Bill 2-13 in its entirety online at <http://www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/Resources/2013/2-13.pdf>.

Ann Fligsten expects amendments to be offered and voted on at the March 4 Council meeting and another hearing, possibly a vote, on March 18.

Critical Area Bill 93-12 was introduced to the County Council on November 19 by Council Chairman Derek Fink at the request of the County Executive, and by Councilman Chris Trumbauer. After being amended, it was passed on February 19 by a vote of five to two, opposed by Derek Fink and Jerry Walker. It will take effect 45 days after it was enacted. This is not new law; Critical Area law came in 1985 and changes are required from time to time.

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March 19, 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment at Homestead Gardens that will benefit the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra, Anne Arundel County's community symphony orchestra. The evening will include a "surprise performance" by the LSO itself, other music by the LSO String Quartet and the LSO Brass Quintet, heavy hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants, wine sampling, wine and beer for purchase by the glass, live chef demonstrations, a 50-25-25 drawing, a silent auction, all in a beautiful floral setting.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for two. You may purchase tickets from any orchestra member, online at www.LSO-Music.org, or at the door.

The Silent Auction will include a crab pot with a recipe book, tongs and pot holders, four rounds of golf with carts at Renditions and at Bay Hills, the purchase of the LSO String Quartet or the LSO Brass Quintet for a private evening of your choice (schedules permitting), and an autographed autobiography by Marni Nixon, who is best known for dubbing her voice for Deborah Kerr in *The King And I*, Natalie Wood in *West Side Story*, and Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady*.

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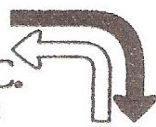
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Tiger Trot is Near! Run, Walk or Sponsor Central Elementary PTA's 5K Fundraiser

From South River Source, by Mitchell Stephenson

Central Elementary School's 5K and 1K Run and Walk is the eighth annual Tiger Trot to be held at the school to raise money for the Central Elementary's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Eight years ago, the PTA raised \$7,000. Now, with a pre-race spaghetti dinner and silent auction, the race brings in upwards of \$30,000 or more!

The race is on a closed course (no county or state roads) through the Edgewater public school compound that includes Central Elementary, Central Special, South River High and Central Middle. Organizers are actively seeking sponsors and donors. You can get your company name/logo on materials, including the race T-shirt. There are several levels of commitment, from the Gold sponsor at \$1,000 (and up) to Silver (\$500 to \$999), Bronze (\$100 to \$499) and Honorable Mention (up to \$99 and merchandise donations). This allows your business to be included at various price points. If ten busi-

nesses each cut a check for \$25, it works out the same for Central Elementary as one person writing a \$250 check. So don't think that small doesn't help anyone. It helps everyone!

Then when you've practiced on April 13th at Central Elementary, you'll be ready to do it again on May 5th for South River High School's Miles for Media 5K (see page 8) and for

**Davidsonville Elementary School's
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