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It's coming ba-a-ack! The planning committee is well under way and we already have commitments from sponsors and exhibitors. As always, we eagerly invite volunteers to help on March 14, 2015, when Green Expo will take place at Davidsonville Elementary School. Thank you, Mrs. Hofstetter, and your wonderful staff.

Will Biddle has ordered 400 trees: bald cypress, redbud, Siberian crabapple, and willow oak. DACA will give them to the first 400 arrivals at the Expo, to help you beautify your yard and our community.

Look at page 13 to see who has already responded to sponsor the Expo and/or exhibit their environmental programs. More to come!

In this issue, you can read what is going on with our roads, water usage, landfill activity, Board of Appeals, animal events, Maryland's Emancipation Act, Eagle Scout at DFRC, Londontowne Symphony, Jug Bay.



Wednesday, November 26, 7:00 pm

Davidsonville United Methodist Church
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DACA members and news

Many thanks to Elizabeth Chaney, to Robert and Patricia Dalton, to Meg Murray and Bruce Fleming, and to John and Uschi Zacepilo for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their dues.

Special thanks to Peggy and David Boggs and to Andrew and Jerri Falk, who long ago became Life members and continue making contributions to DACA.

Thanks to Chris Grizzell for his gift to DACA in addition to renewing his Caliber Funding ad.

Dear Gail,

Terrific newsletter. You've done it again.

Jan Lehman, Harwood Civic Association

Super duper edition. What will we do when it gets

any better?

June

Always interesting! Thanks!

U. Z-S

I enjoy reading the Villager ... I never know when even something simple will lead me to a great story.

Jerri Ann Hopkins
South County columnist

Thanks for all the good work you do. It's good to have strong support in the zoning issues that affect the area.
G. C.

A note on the Park&Ride lot, from Bob Bradshaw:

Due to the rain and now freezing temps, SHA has stopped the job for winter. Will resume in Spring and, weather permitting, will be complete next summer.

Desperately Seeking!

The Villager is trying to reach a DACA member and/or Villager reader who operates a PUPPY ADOPTION service in the Davidsonville area. Please call Gail at 410-533-4766 to receive an important message. (I promise I'm not selling anything.)

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We're getting a light at the crash site: Governors Bridge Road



Governors Bridge Road crossing Davidsonville Road has been the scene of too many traffic accidents, too many resulting in death. It is regulated by a blinking red light and stop sign that warns drivers on Governors Bridge to STOP and by a blinking amber light that warns drivers on Davidsonville Road to be alert to the crossing. In 2007, a full stop signal was activated to help control increased traffic due to the closure and repair of the Patuxent River Bridge on Route #214,

when vehicles were directed to use the Governors Bridge to cross the river between Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties. During that time no fatalities occurred at that site. Abiding by the wisdom of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, SHA restored the blinking light after the Central Avenue bridge reopened, despite local residents' and many drivers' wishes to retain the full stop signal. And the number of accidents increased.

State Highway Administration spokesman Charlie Gischler notified South River Source that a permanent traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Governor Bridge Road and Route 424 in Davidsonville. Work is to begin on November 15 and will be finished before Christmas.

Once it is installed, the traffic light will be put on flash mode for three days to help motorists become familiar with the new stop light. Signs will also be posted on the two intersecting roadways to advise motorists of the new signal. According to Gischler, the cost to install the new traffic signal is \$34,000. Signal caps, lights, and traffic responsive cameras will be added to the existing infrastructure.

Information from South River Source

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What good does Green Expo do?

If you ever wonder about the ripple effects of our community event, read on.

Jennifer Carr, project coordinator of the South River Federation wrote:

I met a lady at the Green Expo who wanted to further ditch the wetlands on her property so the fish in the creek would have more water. I explained to her why that was not a good idea and got her connected with the County Forester. As a result, about five acres of wetlands will be protected under conservation easement!! We began planting the first round of 80 trees on their property in November!! Credit goes to the Green Expo organizers! We wouldn't have met the landowners if it weren't for the Expo. This is all thanks to a connection made at the Green Expo!!

Lara Mulvaney added, I also have good news from contacts made at the 2014 Green Expo. Two additional homeowners on Governors Bridge Road will likely be planting street trees along their road front; one signed up for an environmentally sensitive landscape master plan, and the other will complete a one-third acre reforestation project. This is good stuff!

Turn your sensitive documents to mulch

New Horizon Supported Services will be at Green Expo 2015 with their magic machinery to shred your paper documents; also they will recycle the electronic gadgets that fill up your storage space. There is no charge for shredding your papers and no charge for most of the electronic items..

The company can handle all electronics recycling on Green Expo day, including computers, radios and other electronics for free. All electronics should have batteries removed before recycling. Everything except television sets can be recycled for free. There is a charge of \$15 for tube televisions. You can pay for this by check or cash on Green Expo day. Alternatively you may make a tax deductible contribution to R3 NHSSI in an amount greater than or equal to \$15 for TV recycling services.





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Current landfill usage

by Ed Woods

During the past summer and fall, DACA received several inquiries from area residents who expressed some concern about truck traffic to and from the former Brandywine Sand and Gravel Company property on Patuxent River Road. [The residents are concerned because much of the traffic, with its noise of heavy trucks, is heaviest outside of normal business hours, notably in the evening.] My information indicates a conforming use of the property by two tenants, an excavating contractor and a recycling/mulching operation.

I met with Mike Toole, Business Development Manager of Recycled Green Industries, and he gave me this information on their operations at the Brandywine site. Recycled Green Industries is in the business of recycling waste byproducts of land clearing and/or cleanup. This waste is all wood material—tree stumps, limbs, and the like. Their main operation is in Woodbine, Maryland. The tree and wood waste is ground into mulch at the Woodbine site. Some of this mulch is brought to the Davidsonville facility to be blended with sand and/or topsoil to create a “specialty” mulch for certain uses in the landscape industry.

After speaking with Mike, I looked around the area and saw no reason for concern over the operation being conducted there. In fact, having a business in our community that promotes recycling instead of dumping is a refreshing change from past practices.

Now I am researching the sand and gravel mining business with the intent of compiling a history of the many sand and gravel pits along the Patuxent River in the Davidsonville area over the years, with the intention of publishing in future editions of the *Villager*.

Gifts to churches to those in need

Since 2009, DACA has made donations in December to the eight churches in Davidsonville to support their outreach programs to the needy in Anne Arundel County. Last March, the Villager appealed to its readers to help support the donations to the churches, and received one very generous donation, which will make it possible for the civic association to provide this help again this year.

Checks will go out in December to the South River Bible Church, Chesapeake Christian Fellowship, Union Memorial United Methodist Church, Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Riva Trace Baptist Church, Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Davidsonville United Methodist Church, and All Hallows Episcopal Church.

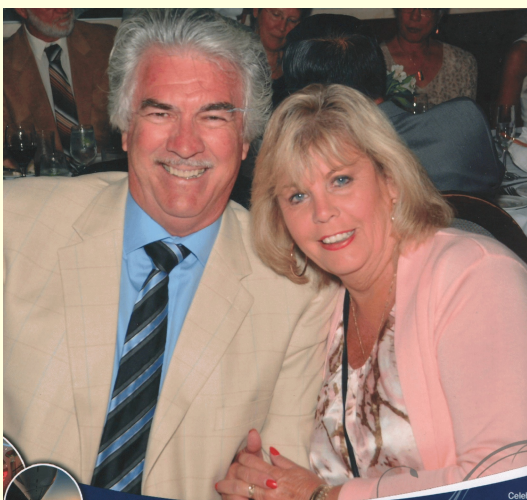
Thanks to Debbie Oakes, who represents the South River High School cluster—SRHS and its feeder schools—on the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education. She provides information for Ron Oakes to report at DACA meetings. Ron also reports on the Stormwater Advisory Committee meetings.

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Where does the money go?

What is stormwater pollution? How is Anne Arundel County managing stormwater runoff?

Stormwater is the rain or snowmelt that flows off a roof, driveway, parking lot, paved walkway, or any other hard surface. This untreated runoff flows to creeks, streams, and rivers and ends up in the Chesapeake Bay. Since stormwater collects trash, gasoline, oils, pesticides, waste from our pets, and many other toxins along its journey, it is a significant source of pollution to our waterways.

The plastic bags, candy wrappers, cigarette butts, automotive fluids, pet waste, or yard chemicals you see on the ground can be washed by stormwater runoff into storm drains and down into our local waterways. By keeping your yard, streets, and storm drains clean, you can prevent the trash, chemicals, and bacteria from going down the drain and popping back up in our waterways and beaches.

All of Anne Arundel County’s waterways are considered “impaired” because of excessive levels of contaminants, largely a result of untreated stormwater

runoff. Stopping polluted runoff will help make our rivers and the Bay safer for swimming and recreation.

What is government doing to help manage stormwater pollution? Anne Arundel County is mandated to meet its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit requirements to achieve nutrient and sediment pollution reductions. In addition, the County is committed to achieve nutrient reduction goals established by the recent Chesapeake Bay Drainage Area Implementation Plan. While it is important to understand that the accounting measures for the MS4 permit are related to the impervious area treated, the ultimate regulatory goal is to provide pollutant load reductions to meet Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the Chesapeake Bay as mandated by the EPA.

In 2012, the Maryland General Assembly passed a law mandating that Maryland’s ten largest jurisdictions, including Anne Arundel County, assess property owners a stormwater remediation fee to provide a dedicated source of revenue for the operating, maintenance, and capital improvement expense of stormwater management programs regulated and required by the State and Federal governments. *(next page please)*

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Watershed protection *from previous page*

In response to this mandate, the Anne Arundel County Council passed legislation in 2013 to create a Watershed Protection and Restoration Special Revenue Fund and Program and established the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

The revenue from the fee is being used to perform outfall and stream restorations and stormwater management facility retrofit activities. The program allows the Department of Public Works to address a backlog of stream and drainage maintenance issues that have not been completed due to staffing and funding limitations in order to meet State and Federal permit requirements. Revenues will also fund capital expenditures for drainage system mapping (GIS layer), illicit discharge detection, and general drainage system infrastructure improvements.

Over the last year, the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP) has initiated projects in all 12 of the primary watersheds in the County. This includes conducting feasibility studies and commencing design work to retrofit over 178 stormwater management ponds and 174 stormwater outfalls (where stormwater pipes empty into a stream or other body of water) to enhance nutrient uptake and biological function. In addition, the WPRP has identified over 29,000 linear

feet of streams that need to be restored to a more natural state due to stream bank erosion. These projects are the foundation of the WPRP and are the cornerstone to meet State and Federal water quality mandates and keep Anne Arundel County's waterways healthy.

Do You Scoop the Poop? Is it really a problem?

Animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health. Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. This waste decomposes when it ends up in water bodies, and releases nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. Animal waste doesn't simply decompose. The pathogens, disease-causing bacteria and viruses in large concentrations, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable and can cause severe illness in humans, especially children and older adults. The easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly! Simply carry a plastic bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you'll have the equipment to remove your dog's waste. Then throw it in the nearest trash can, and you're done.

For more information about the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program visit www.aarivers.org.



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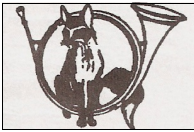
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What can we do at home to reduce stormwater pollution?

All the creeks, streams and rivers in Anne Arundel County discharge directly into the Chesapeake Bay. The daily activities that occur in your community have a direct impact on the health of the Bay.

Reuse rainwater. Rainwater is great for irrigating gardens or watering indoor plants. Rain barrels can be installed by both homeowners and tenants, as long as tenants get their landlord's permission. [Click here for resources to help you get started.](#)

Plant a rain garden. Direct the rainwater from your roof, driveway, and walkways to a garden containing native, drought-resistant plants. A rain garden absorbs rainwater and breaks down pollutants naturally instead of allowing polluted water to flow to the Bay. [Click here for more on rain gardens and how to build one.](#)

Install a patio, sidewalk, or driveway that absorbs rainwater. New paving materials allow rain to soak in rather than run off. [Click here for more on paving that absorbs rainwater.](#)

Practice Bay-friendly car maintenance. Don't wash your car in a driveway or on the street where harmful chemicals flow into storm drains to end up in the Bay. Instead, take your car to a car wash facility where the water is diverted to a wastewater treatment plant. Also, check your car regularly for leaks – oil and gas residues left on the road will eventually be flushed into the Bay. If you change your own oil or antifreeze, be sure to recycle them at one of the [County Recycling Centers.](#)

Limit your use of pesticides and fertilizers. These chemicals will be washed off your lawn and ultimately into the Bay. Pesticides can harm aquatic life such as fish and amphibians, and fertilizer releases phosphorus into our waterways, which can cause algal blooms that deplete oxygen and block sunlight in the water. If you do fertilize your lawn be sure to follow label instructions precisely. The grass WILL GROW without fertilizer. For more tips and information visit www.aarivers.org.



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Take note of the Board of Appeals; it rules on zoning issues, A message from Ann Fligsten

Now that the election is past, members of the County Council will have the opportunity to appoint a new Board of Appeals (BOA). The Council is now accepting applications from those who wish to serve on the County Board of Appeals, one of the most important groups in county government.

Each member of the County Council designates one member of the public to serve. Individuals who serve on the board receive compensation and are extremely important to the future development of Anne Arundel County. The BOA hears and decides appeals of administrative decisions on zoning applications, permits, personnel issues, and Animal Control, rendered by the Hearing Officer, who is an attorney. The Board has its own attorney who advises them, but I think they often follow their instincts, rather than the law. The Board can allow variances to Critical Area Law, special exceptions needed for certain uses, and can make zoning changes, even when the Hearing Officer does not find a legal reason for making a requested change.

When I was practicing land use and environmental law for private clients, I appeared before the Board and was shocked by the behavior of some of the members. It seemed that the majority of the Board believed that their duty is to give applicants what they want and that citizens in opposition to those appeals are pesky irritants. The treatment of Critical Area Commission staff was so offensive, the Maryland State Critical Area Commission notified the Board and the County Council that they will no longer appear before this board.

Until I appeared a number of times before the BOA, I had no idea how important the Board is. They can

make decisions that the County Council cannot make.

Many of the current Board will not be returning because of term limits. In your contact with the County Council, talk to them about the BOA and urge them to appoint knowledgeable and competent people who care about the future of this County.

Applicants may submit a resume, including party affiliation, to Beth Jones, the Council's Administrative Officer, at bethjones@aacounty.org, or at the Arundel Center, 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis. The Council will conduct public interviews with all applicants at its meeting at Arundel Center on December 1, beginning at 7:00 pm. New members will be named on December 15.

The County needs changes to the County Code that will make the General Development Plan binding. The Critical Area Law was designed to protect waterways from development impacts on the water. It alone has not been enough. We should study the County's peninsulas to determine their population capacity and further limit development in this sensitive area.

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Groundwater background from CEPA

This past spring, the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association sponsored a forum on the Future Supply of Drinking Water in Maryland. Dr. Tucker introduced the speakers, and subsequently, DACA invited him to address our Annual Meeting in June. He succinctly recapped a good portion of the forum's topics. Here follows a somewhat lengthier synopsis of some of these topics, presented as questions and answers.

Is Maryland's Groundwater in jeopardy? Some frequently asked questions are: How are the aquifers doing? ("What is an Aquifer?" was explained in the July-August Villager, page 10.) Will my well run dry? Are we running out of water? Is the water safe to drink?

Answers vary by the aquifer you use, and the location within the state. Some likely have a water supply of good quality adequate to meet current and future demands and growth. Others may be severely limited and of poor quality. As of now the questions remain unanswered because of lack of monitoring, critical scientific investigations, and a comprehensive regional groundwaterflow and management model.

Why is groundwater so important? Groundwater is nearly the sole source of fresh drinking water in Maryland's Coastal Plain, the area east of I-95. A sustainable supply of clean drinking water is crucial to the health and well-being of the citizens and a strong economic future for the state. Groundwater is also important for irrigation as well as commercial and industrial uses, and power plants. Because groundwater supplies water to streams and rivers, it is vital for sustaining healthy populations of fish and other aquatic organisms.

Droughts are not uncommon, not limited to the west. Maryland experiences droughts every one to two de-

cadecades, and previous droughts finally caught the attention of the legislators. In 1985 they instituted an annual report and, after the extreme drought of 1998-2002, imposed severe water use curtailments, building restrictions, and fish kills.

Dr. Gordon Holman chaired a committee that issued a detailed report in 2008. It noted that Maryland must develop a robust water resources program based on sound, comprehensive data. The management program must be adequately and reliably funded: a permitting system; hydrologic studies; an expanded monitoring network; funding for local governments; recruiting and retaining personnel. Specific legislative, regulatory and programmatic changes should be implemented. The State should take specific steps to promote collaborative local planning and to facilitate regional planning. The Maryland Department of the Environment should codify its water allocation policies. The State should require local jurisdictions to protect source waters. State and local governments should strengthen their programs for water conservation, water reuse, and demand management. Maryland should strengthen the regulation of individual wells to better protect public health. State and local governments should discourage the use of individual wells in areas at high risk for well contamination. MDE should make greater use of Water Management Strategy Areas. The General Assembly should authorize administrative penalties for violations of water appropriation permits. Maryland should develop an effective water supply outreach program

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Not everyone knows that the clipped ear tip on a cat tells you that this feral cat has already been spayed or neutered.

Male dogs up to 50 pounds can be neutered for \$65, while female dogs up to 50 pounds can be spayed for \$80. For male cats: \$40, and female cats: \$55

For more info call 443.607.6496 or email info@spayspa.org! Happy Thanksgiving!



Bring Your Dog/Cat/Rabbit/Iguana

Even Your Kids! for a Photo Op!

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am. – 4:00 pm

Santa Claws is coming to Crunchies Pet Foods! Rude Ranch Animal Rescue will hold our annual Photos with Santa Claws at **Crunchies, located at 2421 Crofton Lane, Crofton**. Each participant will get a portrait photo of their session with Santa and a keepsake ornament. Santa will sit with any kind of pet, kids, or family. Total cost will be \$14! A digital download of all photos taken that day will be available for an extra \$5. For more information call 443.607.6496 or send email to info@ruderanch.org.

Proceeds of all visits with Santa Claws will benefit Rude Ranch Animal Rescue and the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook. Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the rescue, care, and adoption of homeless animals in the Maryland and Washington, DC, area. All donations are tax deductible. We receive no government funding. Your donation of a few dollars or a few hours of your time can go a long way to helping our cause.

The Spay Spa & Neuter Nook was created by Rude Ranch Animal Rescue to provide high quality, low cost spay and neuter services to residents of Anne Arundel County and the surrounding areas. Our goal is to work towards a day when we no longer euthanize healthy animals because of pet overpopulation. To learn more about the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook, visit us at www.SpaySpa.org

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Maryland's Emancipation Act

November 1, 1864

On the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation of Maryland's slaves, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland conducted a Pilgrimage of Souls to four historically significant places in the Diocese. This was part of its Commission on Truth and Reconciliation to recognize the role of slavery in state and church history. It was doubly significant as November 1 is celebrated as All Saints Day, on which many Christian denominations honor their predeceased ancestors and relatives, and all the unnamed saints.

Slavery was a central fact of All Hallows' pre-Civil War history, and we learned about it straight from the words of the slave owners in Diocesan Archives and Parish Minutes. Mary Klein, Archivist of the Diocese, had visited All Hallows previously and cited numerous letters and records from the Diocesan Conventions that took place before 1864. Both the Brick Church on Solomons Island Road, built 1730, and the Chapel on Central Avenue, built 1860, benefitted from the labor of slaves. Most of the church rectors, officers, and convention delegates were among the wealthier citizens of the Diocese, and as such, were slave owners. The church

made hardly any official opposition to slavery during this time, and disregarded the opinions of the few who did. President Lincoln's 1860 Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves only in the states that rebelled against the Union. As Maryland never seceded, it maintained slavery until its own slave emancipation law was passed November 1, 1864.

Five bishops led two busloads on the Trail of Souls Pilgrimage from the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore to All Hallows. The visiting prelates included Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland; Heather Cook, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Maryland; and Mariann Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington. More than 40 members of local churches helped pack the Brick Church to over capacity. As they sang the opening hymn, it was remarked, "I never heard such loud and hearty music in this building."

This event also honored All Hallows' first official rector, Joseph Colebatch (served 1697-1734), who broke tradition as he baptized hundreds of free and enslaved blacks and conducted inter-racial marriages and burials of slaves. Father Alistair So conducted a brief church service focusing on the importance of truth and reconciliation and the church's commitment to the future. Senior Warden Kathy Kenney addressed the guests, providing a moving summary of All Hallows' past relationship to slavery. Rita DuBoyce, Skylar Deichmann, and Georgia Freeman read aloud the names of the slaves baptized by the Reverend Colebatch. Historical baptismal documents were on display as well.

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, dedicated and blessed a memorial monument placed in the church yard to honor the enslaved laborers who helped build and maintain All Hallows Parish.

The pilgrimage continued to All Saints Church in Sunderland, to Grace Church in Silver Spring, and to Claggett Center, Buckeystown.

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Scouting around the DFRC

The Boy Scouts have done it again. In September, Sam Hyman, a Life Scout with troop 454, offered a proposal to renovate the pavilion at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC) in order to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. The DFRC board eagerly accepted and supported his offer. A senior at South River High School, Sammy chose to work on the pavilion at the DFRC because he has many fond memories of Scout activities and campouts there since joining Scouts as a Tiger in first grade.

The pavilion is used by most of the groups at the DFRC, including the South County Preschool Coop and various Radio Clubs. It was originally constructed by the Air Force for the Nike site facility. A dedication inscription in the concrete was discovered after it was cleaned.

The project entailed cleaning and repairing the concrete floor and wooden sides. He led a team of Scouts and adults in power washing everything, patching the concrete, and putting fresh stain on the wood to preserve it. Finally, they trimmed back the overgrown shrubs and planted new shrubs and flowers. It is amazing, what a little water and stain, with a lot of sweat equity, can do for an old building like that.

Thank you very much! To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, the troop member must carry out a service that will benefit the community. He also needs to raise the funds and oversee any assistants he needs to accomplish the work.

Information provided by Vivian Stefany



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Londontowne Symphony plans for the future

The Londontowne Symphony Orchestra (LSO) and the Maryland Theatre for the Performing Arts (MTPA) have been meeting to share visions of collaboration, values, and strategic opportunities. The new performing arts theater, a 1,000-seat, 65,000-square-foot structure planned for Park Place in Annapolis, may not be operational until 2019 or 2020, but it's not too soon to begin planning for something this grand.


Representing the LSO have been Buzz Stillinger, President of the LSO Board, Stas' Tarchalski, Vice President of the LSO Board, and Anna Binneweg, the LSO's Music Director/Conductor. Representing the MTPA have been Jeff Voigt, President of the MTPA Board of Trustees, and Kathi Terlizzese, the Director of Development.

The next live arts venue in Annapolis will be designed acoustically for a symphony orchestra, and can be easily transformed for touring Broadway shows, ballet performances, smaller recitals, and into a complete conference center. It will also have state-of-the-art technical facilities with simulcast capabilities.

The October Halloween Concert was a blast. More than 200 fans turned out at South River High School on Saturday, October 25 for the LSO's second annual Halloween concert and costume contest. The orchestra, many members of whom were in costume, performed music by Bach, Berlioz, Dukas, Saint-Saëns, Wagner and more

Gianna Sala (funniest, most original), Ashley Rogers (scariest) and Jamison Cook (cutest) took home the top prizes in the costume contest, which was held at intermission.

Look at page 15 for the next concert schedule.
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Saturday, November 29, Post Turkey 5K Trail Race Run off those extra pounds! Registration at 8:30 am; race starts at 9:30

Saturday December 6, 1:00 pm – Holiday Wreath Workshop. Registration fee \$30.00 Jug Bay will provide all the materials you need for natural wreaths.

First Saturday of the month, December 6 and January 3, 8:00 am: Morning birdwalk for ages 12 and up..Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothing

Saturday, December 13, 10:00-11:00 Straight Flush Hike. (10:00 = Ten; 11:00 = Jack; 12th month = Queen; 13th day = King; year 2014 = Ace – only once in a century!) All ages. Registration fee \$4.00 per person.

Sunday, December 21, 3:00 pm – Winter Solstice Hike. The shortest day of the year; explore Glendening Preserve, boardwalk of the Cliff Trail. Bring cameras and binoculars. Age six and up. Dress for the weather.

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