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NO salt storage barn on agricultural land in Davidsonville!

We think the public officials, both elected and appointed, received the message put forth by Davidsonville residents at the public meeting sponsored by DACA on September 3. Before then, they seemed to think that no one other than the Scible family and their nearest neighbors had any objections to a 10,000-ton-capacity salt barn 40 feet high in the Pumpkin Patch.

The week before the meeting, District Engineer Lee Starkloff apologized for not having a SHA representative attend; he told Gail that “We know it now!” as their offices were inundated by a flood of letters and messages, and the Davidsonville area is spangled with signs of protest. He said SHA had identified a number of other potential sites for the salt barn that they had not considered before they heard from so many residents.

More than 200 people overflowed the large meeting room at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center and peered through the windows to see and hear Kristina Scible Terry’s excellent PowerPoint presentation showing what SHA wanted to build on the site of the Pumpkin Patch, and examples of other salt storage facilities around the state.

Thanks go to our elected officials and their staff who LISTEN to their constituents. County Executive Steve Schuh was represented by Michelle Corkadel, who assured the people that the County is supportive and is working with SHA to locate it in a better place.

Jerry Walker sent a very persuasive letter to the governor, advocating for a more appropriate location. State Delegates Michael Malone and Sid Saab are working for us at the state level with House of Speaker Mike Bush. All the speakers heard and responded to the many good questions and statements from the people in the audience. Senator Ed Reilly was not at the meeting, but he wrote explicitly to SHA (see page 3) telling them to find a better site.

Thanks to Washington District Boy Scout Council for switching out to let us use their room, and to Vivian Stefany for making the arrangement for it.

Thanks to Lee Argent for bringing and setting up the sound system to make it audible to all.

Thanks to Pat Furgurson who got the article into the next morning’s *Capital*; he had to leave the meeting before it was over to make the deadline.

And extra special thanks to Mark and Betsy Scible for alerting the community, and to their relatives who posted signs as quickly as we asked for them, within minutes.

Mostly, many thanks to the hundreds of Pumpkin Patch lovers and the residents far beyond the Davidsonville Area, who made their opinions known. What we know now—or think we know—is that the construction is not yet funded and the site for the salt storage facility has not been selected.

SHA will hold its own public information meeting in October or November and will notify the residents of the area that they choose, and will also notify DACA of where it will be placed.

Gail Enright

This space for US Postal Service address

DACA members and news

Thanks to Bill and Ebbie Bickford, to Paul and Mary Dallavalle, and to Kathryn Novicky for their gifts to DACA in addition to renewing their membership dues. Welcome back Howard Beard and thanks for his gift to DACA in addition to renewing his membership. Thanks to the Anne Arundel County Farmers market for its gift of \$100 to DACA.

Congratulations to Max and Nancy Covington of Marco Ridge Farm on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15!

To DACA: On behalf of Growth Action Network, I want to sincerely thank you for joining at the \$200 level. This is significant support for the work we do and would not happen without member organizations like DACA!

Ann Fligsten

Gail, I just read your article and Bill Doepkens's letter in the online DACA newsletter. Both were wonderful! Thank you.

Best Regards, Betsy S.

I thought the last Villager was quite informative.

CU in Sept!

Bruce

Thanks, Gail. Petition signed. I'll be pleased to try

and help in anyway. [We] Always get our pumpkins from Why Worry.

All the best, Julia

Gail: Very important to get behind this [salt storage opposition]. Thank you for your leadership and involvement. Also, many thanks for mentioning Howard's passing in the Villager.

June

I certainly will spread the word. Objecting on aesthetic grounds is one thing, but politicians pay attention to environmental impacts. Runoff, salt leaching into the soil would be problems. Obviously, salt leach would ruin the soil forever. There was a major issue with erosion caused by run-off from the Rt. 50 upgrade. A huge building would have huge run-off. You might want to encourage written letters in addition to signing petitions. Politicians pay more attention to them.

Lynn

Thank you. This is perhaps one of the worst possible locations for the salt dome.

Wendell

This will change Davidsonville for the worse, if it happens.

Bob Bradshaw

Thanks for all you do.

Carol Ann

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More letters and comments on Salt

August 7– Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau wrote in opposition, mentioning that we have 4,682 members. Don’t forget that the facility will store a chemical.

Milly

August 11 – Senator Reilly’s response to all who are contacting him: Thank you for your contact on the proposed SHA Salt Dome on Route 424 in Davidsonville. Please be assured that I have encouraged the State Highway District Manager to locate the salt barn at another location. I will remain engaged as the state highway [Administration] continues through the decision making process and let you know once it is made.

Ed Reilly, Phone 410/841-3568

August 23– I would like to reiterate that although the U.S. 50 / Md 424 site meets many of the requirements for a new salt storage facility in Anne Arundel County, we have not made a final location selection and are investigating other sites as well. Best regards,

Lee Starkloff, District Engineer 410-841-1010

September 9 – From the County Executive’s office
Gail – You and DACA did a fabulous job of managing a very crowded, concerned information meeting. Thank

you for your continued dedication to the community. The County Executive extends his appreciation.

We are reaching out to the state and examining our options. We will be letting the SHA know of your concerns and hope to influence the state’s decision.

We will advise you of any updates on this issue as we receive them.

Michelle Corkadel, Constituent Services Officer
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September 9

Delegate Michael Malone asked for a copy of the power point presentation from last Thursday night’s meeting.

...and he wanted the letter that was written in the late 80’s by [Delegate] Marsha Perry. This letter was one of the slides of the power point and it would be very helpful to him. Thank you.

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Why should the corner of 424 and 214 be marked with crosswalks?

Melissa Stanton makes a very persuasive case for it in her message to SHA District Engineer Lee Starkloff.

While Davidsonville is not now a walkable community nor one with a center of town, the intersection of Central Avenue and Davidsonville/Birdsville Road is the closest we have to both a town center and a walkable space, if only we could get some proper crosswalk markings .

If that intersection could be made pedestrian-friendly with even only two painted crosswalks, residents could more safely walk between Davidsonville Elementary School, three churches and the post office to the Country Market as well as to Homestead Gardens. This would be especially important for the businesses and churches that, I'm told but have not confirmed, are required to pick up their mail at the post office since they are considered too close for postal delivery.)

Walkability is a key aspect of a livable community so people of all ages (from < 8 to 80+) can, when needed, get around without a car. Due to the boomer generation, the percentage of Americans now age 50 or older is higher than its ever been. In fact, by 2030 one out of five adults in the U.S. will be 65 or older—and most of them will want to remain in their homes and

communities rather than move to retirement villages. The health benefits of walking are so important that the U.S. Surgeon General is expected to announce a Call to Action about walking this summer.

A couple of crosswalks at Davidsonville's main crossroads would give many people the ability to safely walk rather than drive to some of their local destinations.

And more on walking

I might suggest an article on the beautiful paved paths that run along the edge of Davidsonville Park. It has beautiful vistas, large ponds and even a wooden bridge. Maybe some photos to encourage all the residents of Davidsonville to take a walk. It's a wonderful feature of the Park.

Bob B.

Eager to hear more from you, or anyone else who can walk in the park and write about it.

Gail

And on salt: I was glad to see the [on-line] petition come around and hope that by signing it we will avoid the proposed structure.

Pat Meinhold



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Letters on salt

August 27, from Don and Pat Shankle by email to Senator Reilly, Councilman Jerry Walker, Delegate Sid Saab, District Engineer Lee Starkloff, and County Executive Steve Schuh

To the Senators and Representatives of the PEOPLE:

The purpose of this message is to express my displeasure with the proposed Mega Salt Facility in Davidsonville, MD.

1. Y Worry Farm is a true working farm

The Scibles are one of the few farm families in Anne Arundel County solely dependent on farm income.

They play an active role in many county and state farm and agriculture associations.

They were named Anne Arundel County’s Soil Conservation’s 2011 Cooperators of the Year.

Y Worry Farm is not a hobby farm; it’s a working farm that produces and processes a significant portion of the county’s grain and produce

2. The eminent domain condemnation was NOT for salt facilities.

The 1960 agreement of condemnation contained an inclusion that the Scibles may continue to use the land for agricultural purposes until HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION occurred.

This mega salt facility is certainly not highway construction or development.

Despite the land never being developed as intended, the Scibles were never given the opportunity to reclaim the property.

The proposed Mega Salt facility would be a degradation of the traditional rural characteristics of Davidsonville and South Anne Arundel County as a whole. It clearly does not belong here and should not be constructed here. I ask that Mr. Starkloff respond to this message with the name and number for this project.

I appreciate your attention to and consideration of this message. Sincerely, Don and Pat Shankle

To the *Capital Gazette*, September 4, 2015

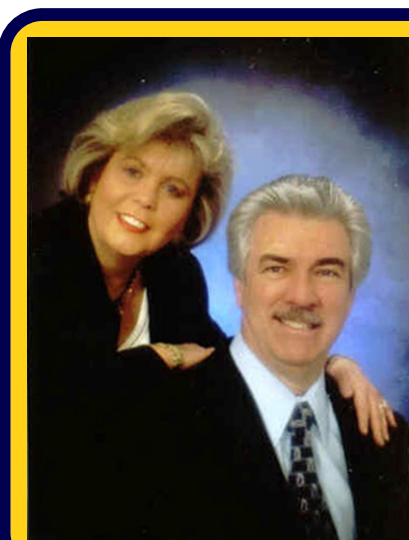
Residents of Davidsonville and the surrounding area oppose the construction of a salt storage facility on the corner of Route 50 and Davidsonville Road.

The land is zoned residential-agricultural and is in active agricultural production by Y Worry Farm, whose owners have farmed the land since 1951, and continued after it was condemned and taken by the state in 1960, thereby preserving its bucolic purpose.

Calling something a “barn” does not make it “country.” In this rural location, the proposed salt storage building would be out of proportion with other farm structures. It would be a source of heavy salt truck traffic, bulldozer noise, air pollution and the potential (inevitable?) runoff of salty stormwater. The nearby Davidsonville Park and Ride lot users have enough traffic problems at that intersection; snow removal vehicles would make it worse. Gail Enright

... and more

I signed [davidsonvillesalt’s petition] and replied that I think there is a better location. Possible near the sand and gravel facility on Patuxent River Road. Might as well keep ugly next to ugly. Karen



Pat and Don Shankle

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Make enough noise and the elected officials listen and respond

The day after the salt meeting, Bruce Stein sent this letter by email, addressed to Governor Hogan, Delegate Sid Saab, Senator Ed Reilly, Secretary of Transportation Pete Rahn, County Executive Steve Schuh, and Michelle Corkadel. By this time, Senator Reilly had responded to his constituents (see page 3) and shortly thereafter, Jerry Walker wrote a letter to the Governor even more explicit than his previous letter to SHA (see July-August *Villager* page 5). Bruce wrote, "Although this is intended for Governor Hogan, I have not found a direct e-mail address to him or his office, so if anyone can forward this e-mail directly to him, I would greatly appreciate it."

Dear Governor Hogan,

On September 3, 2015, I attended a meeting of approximately 220 Maryland citizens sponsored by the Davidsonville Area Civic Association regarding the proposed, or at least considered construction of a Mega-Salt Facility proposed by the State Highway Administration (SHA). I went as a concerned, but somewhat uninformed and undecided citizen and was appalled by the disrespect shown by the State to legitimate concerns of the people of Davidsonville and surrounding areas. No representative of the State was present at the meeting.

The thing that I found most disturbing was the apparent disregard, disrespect, and downright failure to truthfully and transparently communicate with the concerned citizens of

Davidsonville and its surrounding areas by the SHA.

First a disturbing aspect of the meeting was the failure of a representative of the State Highway Administration to show up at the meeting. They had sent out a message that they were considering other locations and thus decided they would not attend the meeting.

They deliberately denied the local citizens a voice and questions about their decision making, and precluded any appearance that they even cared. They should have at least had the fortitude to show up and answer the questions of an admittedly hostile audience. One would think that is part of their job. As an old Army Colonel I used to work for once said, "You have to be willing to stand up and take the shots." Apparently, the SHA and/or its representatives are not willing to do this. They seem to fear a hostile audience.


Several speakers commented on their meetings with the SHA regarding the contradictory information that they had received regarding the status and decision process regarding the salt facility. This is of concern, as I believe such a decision process should be of one voice, not a series of misleading and contradictory statements. It creates the impression that the SHA cannot be trusted, or even cares about the citizens of Maryland.

I am also concerned about the lack of transparency regarding the decision criteria the SHA is using to decide

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Stein letter to Governor

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amongst the several possible alternatives to the Davidsonville site. One speaker described a meeting with SHA officials who had a spreadsheet of the sites under consideration and the various factors pertaining to each site. This spreadsheet was not provided to the meeting attendees. How can the public rationally comment if the criteria the State is using is kept secret? I feel this information should be released under the Maryland Public Information Act § 10-611 et seq. If necessary, consider this a formal request for all documents used by State Highway Administration containing or relating to the criteria used or considered in the location of the mega-salt facility.

While I totally oppose the construction of the mega-salt facility in Davidsonville and believe that the current State claim to the land is invalidated by the expressly stated purpose of the original eminent domain claim by the State, I urge that you ensure that any and all decision making about this parcel be inclusive of the people’s will, environmental considerations, and be fully open and transparent. Thus far, the SHA had not shown their willingness to make this a part of their considerations. I hope you think better of the people of Davidsonville and the people of Maryland.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Bruce W. Stein, DACA board member

Bill Doeppkens also noted that concerned residents need to get the Governor’s attention.



Walker letter to Governor Hogan

September 10, 2015

Dear Governor Hogan:

I have written to the State Highway Administration (SHA), but I wanted to write to you personally to express my strong opposition to the State’s proposed use of the Y Worry Farm property in Davidsonville for a mega salt storage facility. I know that you, being from Anne Arundel County and a District 7 constituent, are aware of the citizens’ desire to keep development to a minimum and to preserve the rural look and feel of our community. The intersection of Route 50 and MD 424 is the only rural interchange in our county along Route 50, a location that is the pastoral hallmark of Davidsonville. I have enclosed (over 60 pages) every letter and email message from my constituents, all of which articulate reasons why they reject this proposal. In the collection, you will see my own letter dated June 2, asking the SHA to find another more suitable location for this 10,000-ton mega storage salt barn. [He repeats the history of SHA’s 1990s attempt to build a salt dome, last *Villager* page 5.]

My request is for SHA to find an alternate location that would not spoil the bucolic view, harm this local family business, and pollute the water. Second, I ask that the State return the land to the Scible family so their business can thrive in production of agricultural goods. Surplusing this property back to the Scibles will prevent future generations from enduring a similar fight with state government. Finally, it would be a disappointment to my eight-year-old son if there would be no more pumpkin patch!

Jerry Walker

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Jackie Mae and Alison Taylor award winning local authors.

DACA member Jackie made this review available for the previous issue of the *Villager* and waited patiently for space to become available.

Jackie writes in several genres including juvenile fiction for the middle grade as well as adult thriller, science fiction, paranormal romance, and novellas.

Jackie Mae's new children's chapter book series, *A Taylor & Alan Adventure*, is written with her young granddaughter, Alison Taylor. In the *Taylor & Alan Adventures*, where fact meets fiction, you will meet Taylor and Alan, a sister/brother duo who are called on to help the good wizards of the land. Artfully weaving rich history into the story, it instills the concept of being mindful and respectful of the environment while

appropriately thrilling the young audience. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Caitlyn Dunbar Nature Center to help support Girl Scouts.

She also writes adult fiction. *The Darkest Series* chronicles women who struggle with their newfound psychic abilities while trying to stop an invasion. In addition to these series, a new series of novellas titled *IF...*, is due out in 2015.

Jackie also finds time to volunteer within her community. Among others, she volunteers with the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council. "Giving back is a big part of who I am." When she is not volunteering she is writing, gardening, or spending time with her grandchildren.

Seeking advice! How do I get a book published?

I mentioned a few years ago that I would like to compile the many short history stories I've written for the *Villager* over the past 40 years into a published collection. I can edit. I am accustomed to preparing copy camera-ready as I do the *Villager*, but that is not the way to go for a real book. What is the next step? Send me an email at info@daca-md.org with good advice. Gail

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The Davidsonville Family Recreation Center said thank you and farewell to Jacque Hurman, who served as the representative for County Recreation and Parks to DFRC for 15 years. Welcome Chris Carroll, the county's new liaison to DFRC. You can reach him at 410-222-7300 or by email to rpcarr99@aacounty.org.

DFRC's board meets in the conference room at Ford Hall, on the second Thursday of the month; their next meeting will be October 8. Gerry Coffman is DACA's representative to the DFRC board. He attends board meetings and maintains communication.

Theresa Worden named curator at Captain Salem Avery Museum in Shady Side

Theresa Worden has been named as the first ever curator at the Captain Avery Museum. She will be responsible for creating the annual curatorial plan, developing, presenting and marketing exhibits, and managing interpretative initiatives.

As a consultant, Ms. Worden had a prominent role in designing the Museum's current exhibit, *I Work the Water*. She brings practical experience in a diverse set of museum environments, from small art galleries to large cultural institutions. "Approving the resources for the curator position reflects our Board's commitment to vitality in our community," said Executive Director Gerry Robertson.

Ms. Worden earned her MA in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University, and a BA in Art History from the University of Hawaii.



So long, Joe! Hello, Will!

Joe Ports, who has served as the West/Rhode Riverkeeper's Restoration Coordinator for the past three years, moved on at the end of July to join Anne Arundel County's Watershed Protections and Restoration program. Will Saffell joined the Riverkeeper staff to manage restoration projects.

Welcome to Davidsonville

Bob Carobrese and Harlan Ray have been the prime movers on the long-promised "Welcome to Davidsonville" sign. Now that the Park & Ride lot is completed, DACA plans to move forward with the project. Chris Asher is working on getting permits to continue the saga, with encouragement from Bob Bradshaw.

September 16 Salt

Pat Furgurson got salt on the front page of today's *Capital*. Thank you for keeping Davidsonville in the public eye.

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Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association on Population Growth

From Bay Journal, December 2014: When the Chesapeake restoration effort began, scientists and policymakers raised red flags on the problem: continued rapid growth could easily counter any potential gains from ecological improvements.

Twenty-five years later, the clean-up effort lags and the topic of growth receives little serious engagement. Even those who express concern about the true costs of economic and population growth tend to accept it as an unavoidable reality that must be "accommodated."

Hood College hosted a conference last February on "Growth and the Future of the Chesapeake Bay." The conference was organized by Tom Horton, who spoke at a past CEPA forum on the topic he has long championed, "The Fallacy of Growing Our Way to a Healthy Bay."

The conference focused on two dominant "growth" concepts: population growth and economic growth.

Population growth is simply the increase in the number of people. Clearly, more people consume more resources like food and energy. Economists measure a person's well-being in terms of material living conditions, which determine a person's likely consumption and their command over resources.

ment is measured by the rate of growth of the GDP, simply stated as economic growth. Thus economic growth becomes a proxy for well-being.

There are other dimensions to a person's well-being: quality of life for one, and the future sustainability of socio-economic and natural systems for another. These qualities do not lend themselves to direct measurement, so economic well-being is a substitute for them, a poor one at that.

The Hood College symposium focused on macro-economic issues. It caught one's attention by posing intriguing and thought provoking questions:

- 1. Is [economic] growth ending? (Maybe)
2. Does [economic] growth make us better off? (Not really)

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CEPA on Population (from page 10)

3. Is green growth the answer? (Perhaps)
4. Can we achieve steady state economics? (Unknown)
5. What are the moral and ethical implications of slowing growth? (The third rail, really hard)

Three presentations addressed their local population issues directly: Vermont’s Optimum Population; Advocates for a Sustainable Albemarle Population (ASAP) [Virginia], and Calvert County, Maryland’s development plan.

The third presentation, by Greg Bowen, a retired Calvert County planner, described how the county set limits on the number of households in the county. This was done more than two decades ago and the mechanisms for limited, planned development were put in place. [Some people oppose placing such limitations, but in Calvert County the system is working.]

Regrettably, for most jurisdictions in Maryland, the decision point to have a result like Calvert County has passed [it’s too late], and thus, they face hard decisions with limited options to control population growth. An increasing population implies that pollution controls and wastewater treatment will require significantly increased investments to maintain even the status quo. The need for increased fees to maintain pollution and stormwater controls most certainly does not enhance economic growth. As Eben Fodor (*Does Growth Make Us Better Off?*) pointed out, most jurisdictions rely on residential development fees to build infrastructure for which the tax revenue stream is inadequate to maintain. In fact, our local tax structures actually encourage growth to increase current revenues. Without changing this method

of funding government, it will be extremely difficult to curb our local population growth.

With the exception of the three talks mentioned above, there was little guidance for how to proceed at the local or regional level. The Advocates for a Sustainable Albemarle Population approach has perhaps the best model. They recognized that there is not an established methodology to determine the optimum sustainable population. Through grants they commissioned several independent studies to examine their community’s biological carrying capacity, which included studies of impacts on ecosystems services, stream health, air quality, and groundwater; and the socio-economic issues defining “optimal size,” which included studies of: economic costs of growth; residents’ opinions; character of the community; and the effect of community size on “Best Place to Live” ranking.

One notable conclusion of the final overview report is that the best way to combat county deficits and to foster prosperity is to curb growth. Since the pro-growth myth dominates current local and state government policies, citizens will have to take independent action. Each locale has different environmental and economic characteristics and thus requires a separate analysis. It will require like-minded organizations to band together to share and combine resources to accomplish this task. We at CEPA feel that we need to join with other groups to bring these issues before our citizens, policy makers and elected officials. The current pro-growth myth can only be dispelled by the action of the public demanding change.

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The saga of the Governor’s Bridge goes on, and on

After the bridge was closed this past spring for the second time within two years, DACA’s Safety and Traffic chairman Ed Woods, prepared the following letter sent in August, to PG County Executive Rushern Baker and to AA County Executive Steve Schuh.

Gentlemen:

The Davidsonville Area Civic Association was formed in November 1974 to represent the interests of the residents in the greater Davidsonville area, regarding matters involving land use, education, public safety, transportation, and the environment. This letter is to express our concern in the area of inter-county transportation, specifically the Governor’s Bridge crossing of the Patuxent River.

In May 2013, the bridge was closed following an inspection that reportedly identified areas of corrosion to the structural members under the bridge. At that time, residents were told that it would be repaired and reopened in three to four weeks. Almost a year passed before the bridge was repaired and reopened. Now, another bi-annual inspection in May of this year has resulted in the bridge being closed again, allegedly for the same problem.

We understand that this bridge is cared for by Prince George’s County’s Department of Public Works and Transportation with funding assistance by Anne Arundel County through an agreement between the two counties dating back many years. Quite apart from who is responsible for repairing it, we strongly believe that the bridge must be properly repaired and returned to service as soon as possible. While it lies in what some regard as a rustic setting, it serves as a very vital link between Davidsonville and Bowie and as a safety valve that provides a way for residents of both counties to travel either way when Route 50 is closed or seriously congested due to accidents and/or weather events.

We strongly urge you to take any and all appropriate actions to get this bridge reopened as soon as possible. The delays occasioned during the last closing were indefensible and must not be repeated. We respectfully ask that you direct your respective Public Works departments to cooperate fully to accomplish this. Additionally, since the bridge involves an inter-county crossing, we suggest that assistance from the Maryland Department of Transportation should be requested, if needed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Signed by Chris Asher, President, and Ed Woods, Vice President

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Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, 1361 Wrighton Road, Lothian, MD 20711. Phone 410-741-9330. Go to the Web site www.jugbay.org for more details.



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First Saturday of the month; 8:00 – 11:00 am

Lecture: Steamboats on the Patuxent River

Sunday, Nov 15; 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Holiday Wreath Workshop

Saturday, Dec 5; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Estuaries Day

River Cleanup by Canoe

Saturday, Sep 26; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bill Steiner Canoe Trip

Guided Paddle on the Patuxent

Sunday, September 27; 3:00 – 7:00 pm

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“**Spooky Sounds, Haunted Harmonies**” will celebrate Halloween at South River High School on Saturday, October 24, at 7:00 pm. In this third annual Halloween concert children, adults and the orchestra dress up in their Halloween finest for this concert of spooky and haunted music. Costumes will be judged at intermission and prizes awarded before the start of the second half. The music will include Prokofiev’s “Dance of the Night” from *Romeo and Juliet*, Ibert’s “Snake Charmer” from *Escales*, Tartini’s “Devil’s Trill,” Holst’s “Mars” from *The Planets*, Stravinski’s “Infernal Dance” from *Firebird Suite*, and Mussorgsky’s “Gnomes,” “Catacombs,” “Baba Yaga”, and “Great Gate” from *Pictures at an Exhibition*. It’s a great family concert with an opportunity to iron your costume just before Halloween. Bring your camera.

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