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DACA board of directors February 2016: Seated – Gail Enright. Harlan Ray, Alison James, Ron Oakes, Robert Carobrese; standing – Melissa Stanton, Don Opedal, Chris Asher, Bruce Stein, Phil Livingstone, Will Biddle, Ed Woods, Gerry Coffman. Not shown – Wayne Reid, Chris Rizek

Thank you, Bob Carobrese!

DACA's board bade farewell (sorta) to Robert A. Carobrese who is trying to retire after 26 years on the board and as treasurer. Many thanks to Bob as he agreed to stay with us until a new volunteer steps forward. DACA presented him with a framed citation of appreciation at the Annual Meeting, signed by the members of the board.

Now, will someone PLEASE volunteer to take this job? Call Bob or Chris or Gail. Phone numbers and email addresses are on the back page of the Villager.



wishes to express its great gratitude and appreciation to **Robert A. Carobrese**

in recognition of his 26 years of service to his community as

Treasurer of DACA: June 1990 ~ June 2016 and for his continuing generosity and kindness to his neighbors and friends.

This space for addresses sent by USPS

DACA people

elcome new members Marie Habing and and Margaret Herbers, and thanks for their gifts to DACA in addition to their dues. Thanks also to Joelle and Donald Brooke, to Bruce Stein, and to Barbara Trotter for their contributions in addition to renewing their membership dues. Special thanks to Life Member Diana Peckham and Life Member Phil Livingstone for their contributions to DACA. Many thanks to Rosalie Potter, whose generous gift to DACA tags her also as a Life Member.

Welcome Kerry Monroe to DACA's board of directors and thank you for bringing your enthusiasm and professionalism to DACA. Kerry was a hardworking volunteer for Green Expo 2016 and is eager to continue serving her community.

Thanks to Gerry Coffman who served a full threeyear term on the board and acted as DACA's liaison with the Anne Arundel County Southern District Police Department. He also represented DACA on the board of the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center. Gerry offered to continue to volunteer as needed, especially for Green Expo. The remaining term to June 2017 is vacant and DACA seeks a volunteer for the one-year slot.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of John "Jack" Scible April 21, 1928 ~ June 24, 2016

Mr. Scible was the owner of Y Worry Farm, home of the pumpkin patch and the corn maze in the fall, and Christmas tree sales in December. Jack was one of the fourth generation of the Townshend family to live in Davidsonville. His great-grandfather Daniel Webster Townshend came from Prince George's County in 1880. His great-grandchildren are the seventh generation.

What else does DACA do?

DACA board members bring their interests and concerns to their civic association. Upon agreement by the board, DACA advocates and communicates with county officials on various issues, including the closing of the Governor's Bridge (several closings!), road construction and repair, AA County school start times, watershed protection and preservation, zoning change requests, and specific bills before the County Council and the State Legislature. DACA writes on behalf of its members when requested to do so in individual cases. These and more were described in past Villagers.



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DES graduation

Preceived their certificates of promotion with due pomp and circumstance on June 16 and with tears and cheers for friends and honors.

Students introduced and welcomed guests and speakers. Lia Klug outperformed many professional singers with her solo of the National Anthem. Guest speaker Steve Hayes provided words of wisdom and encouragement.

DACA board member Phil Livingstone represented Davidsonville Ruritan Club as he presented five winners of the Mildred Watkins Memorial Essay Contest with plaques and gifts of \$500 to each. Mrs. Watkins was the principal of DES from 1929 through 1970.

Mrs. Hofstetter and Mrs. Levery presented Presidential Awards of Excellence and Presidential Achievement Awards to a select number of graduates in a grand and simple ceremony. Children and parents gave a standing ovation to classmate Carolyn Shaffer who was electronically present by video link. The program ended with a slide show of all the fifth graders from kindergarten through the end of this year.

DACA supports residents against zoning change

Residents of Hardesty Estates were notified that Patrick and Jennifer Shannahan, owners of property west of Hardesty, applied for a special exception to allow a child care center on a 1.98 acre lot listed as 3482 Savannah Drive, located, according to the tax map and property description, at the side of the property farthest from Savannah Drive. It is not part of Hardesty Estates, but can be accessed only from Savannah Road in Hardesty. In the past it was entered from Central Avenue, but that access was closed permanently when the landowners subdivided the approximately 18 acres to five lots in addition to their home site, of which two were sold.

Some residents of Hardesty Estates object to this use of the property for concern of heavy morning and evening traffic on Vicksburg Drive, Petersburg Road, and Savannah Drive. Hardesty Estates resident Keely Conley started an online petition addressed to County Executive Steve Schuh, to be signed by opponents. The zoning hearing is scheduled for July 14 at 10:30 am before Hearing Officer Douglas Holman.

Based on DACA's opposition to upzoning and the objections of Hardesty Estates residents, DACA wrote to the Hearing Officer to express its position in support of the residents of Hardesty Estates.



DACA's 43rd Annual Meeting

hris Asher welcomed DACA members and Senator Ed Reilly, Council member Jerry Walker, Michelle Corkadel, the County Executive's representative, and members of the Harwood Civic Association to DACA's annual meeting on June 2. You can see election results on pages 1, 2, and 16.

Senator Reilly's District 33 includes western Anne Arundel County from the Calvert County line and the Patuxent River north to Route #450, across the head of the South River to the Severn, excluding Annapolis, and represents 131,000 citizens.

He observed that both the Patuxent River and Route #2 flow south from Davidsonville and encompass Harwood and stated that the merger of DACA and HCA is a good idea. (See page 7)

He distributed copies of highlights of the 2016 legislative session and thanked Gail for including it in the May-June Villager. You can review this at <u>www.daca.org</u> and click on Newsletters. He noted that Governor Hogan spoke only about the 2017-18 budget, not about schools or social issues, but how the economy has improved during his term, by bringing in more business, and therefore, more money to the state. Senator Reilly clarified the reasoning for some of his bills that were passed: a tax credit for blind property owners (due to their disability, they have to pay others to do the tasks that they as homeowners did in the past).

Noah's Law was named for police officer who was killed by a drunk driver. It requires alcohol interlock controls for DUI drivers before their cars will start; the drivers must pay the \$1,200 cost of the interlock device. He noted the three bond bills passed for grants to nonprofits in Anne Arundel County.

Regarding state roads, he recalled that 14 years ago the state allocated \$1.5 million for road improvements but that amount fell to zero under the O'Malley administration; now the funding is beginning to be restored.

In response to a question, he reported that the current owner of White's Hall, birthplace of Johns Hopkins in Crofton/Gambrills, has agreed to sell the home at a fair market price rather than demolish it for his planned subdivision.

The Senator introduced Jonathon Boniface and Michelle Corkadel, candidates for Jerry Walker's seat on the County Council. They will face each other in the primary election. (Next page please)



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More of DACA's Annual meeting, from page 4

Michelle Corkadel spoke on behalf of the County Executive's office. She brought a broad selection of pamphlets about county programs, including HOA contact information forms, recycling, household hazardous waste disposal, emergency supplies needs, energy saving tips, and officials at the Department of Public Works, as well as a large supply of reusable grocery bags to carry the literature. She said the county is seeking citizen input to advise on transportation planning on the Mayo peninsula and the Shady Side peninsula, both of which are served by only one road and can be extremely congested, especially in time of emergency evacuation. Road projects coming soon include restricting traffic on Harwood Road during construction of the Stockett's Run bridge and during the Davidsonville Run bridge repairs on Wayson Road.

She gave the direct telephone line for reporting zoning violations: 410-222-7582. Complainants may remain anonymous. Not all complaints are zoning violations, and some violations are not acted upon because the neighbors do not object to the activity.

Michelle cited the County Executive's five points, issues to be worked on by his administration:

- Reducing taxes, by revisiting automatic mandated fees.
- Property tax cap

- Education \$15.5 million for salary increases; and funding for planning of Crofton High School
- Heroin addition and death by overdose, holding town meetings especially in more densely parts of the county on how to cope, reduce, and control, also in schools. She advises people to lock up their prescription drugs and always lock your car.
- Cleaning up our waterways allocating \$253 million over 15 years; supporting the Watershed Stewards.

Michelle spoke of the problem of the emerald ash borer, working with the AA Forestry Board and Department of Agriculture. She noted that it costs \$1,300 to remove a dead or dying tree, but only \$85 to save a tree.

You can register with the CodeRED system to receive notifications by email or telephone message or text from the County Office of Emergency Management. Go to <u>www.aacounty.org</u> and click on the CodeRED link in the lower left hand corner of the main page, then click on the CodeRED registration link at the bottom of the page.

She also provided contact information to reach the County Department of Public Works: in South County call 410-867-2027 or send an email to <u>pwcust00@aacounty.org.</u> The Southern Road District phone is 410-222-1933. For 24-hour emergency service on utilities and solid waste, call 410-222-8400.

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Councilman Jerry Walker represents Anne Arundel with the National Association of Counties. He reported that this year's county budget process was much less contentious than in Mr. Schuh's first year. He noted that residents were unhappy that three elementary schools – Tyler Heights, Edgewater, and Richard Henry Lee, seeking \$200,000 each – were not funded because the new Crofton High School at \$35 million displaced them. [These funds were restored to the budget in June.] He also is working toward restoration of funds for local road maintenance.

He responded to Melissa Stanton's plea for painted crosswalks at the corner of #424 and #214. He said the county is seeking ways to make "complete" roads, to include bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways. These costs must be borne by subdivision developers, not a great help to Davidsonville's rural roads.

Over the next eight years road improvements will be made at the Muddy Creek Road/Rte 214 intersection and at the Riva Road/Homewood Road/Governor's Bridge Road intersection. The principal reason for the delay in completion of the Governor's Bridge is that it involves 13 government agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. Ed Woods noted that progress is being made.

Jerry noted that the County Council passed a bill allowing farmers to store their heavy equipment on farm property without requiring additional permits. He mentioned that the Peer Review Bill 23-26 was amended to become the Expedited Review bill [see Villager May-June].

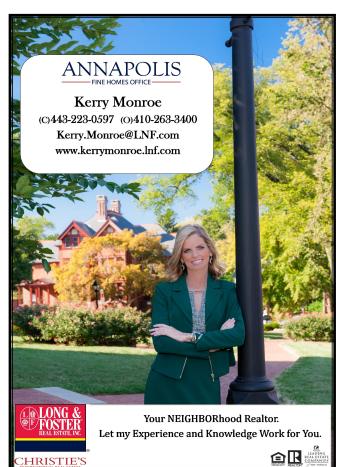
Regarding the Harwood Civic Association (go to page 7), Jerry opined that it makes sense to combine the two organizations.

Melissa Stanton again raised parents' concern about too early school start times. Anne Arundel County schools have the earliest start time in the nation -7:17 am for high schools;



magnet schools with early morning programs require students to catch early buses at 5:23 am. (See page 13.)





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Harwood Civic Association seeks to merge with DACA

Joan Turek and members of the Harwood Civic Association—John Guthrie, Treasurer; Mike Lofton, past president; and Holly Cutler, board member—came to DACA's May board meeting to discuss combining the two civic associations. Joan and four HCA members accepted the invitation to address DACA's Annual Meeting. Joan, as President of HCA, presented their proposal. Chris said we would hear their presentation and ask them to take any questions, then the DACA board will discuss it and reach a decision later.

HCA was founded in the early 1990s, with the effort to "Keep South County Rural." Now their leadership pool is shrinking and they are struggling to find volunteers for their board. They have rotated the offices among the same people several times. Joan is moving to Annapolis as soon as she sells her house. Mike Lofton just took over from John Guthrie as treasurer. They do not want to dissolve. DACA member John Beschenbossel noted that Mike Lofton would be good as treasurer in DACA's need.

The Harwood area encompasses zip code 20776 and they recently accepted a merger with West River 20778. Of about 1,500 total households in both zip codes, they have about 200-230 dues-paying members. Their dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20 for families, and \$50 for corporate memberships. Mike Lofton said they would bring a nice treasury to DACA.

Issues to address in common with DACA include

Wildlife Sanctuary and Harwood's history; they have held well-attended social functions for their members.

The hope is that a merger would expand the influence of both groups. Ideally a larger civic association would have more clout with elected public officials and with agency and department heads. Senator Reilly and Councilman Walker seemed to favor the idea. On the other hand, some may feel that the influence of either or both association might be diluted by trying to cover a wider geographical area.

As their leadership pool is aging and shrinking, how many active volunteers would Harwood and West River bring to Davidsonville? We are challenged to fill all the slots on DACA's board.

Communication would become extremely challenging, as there is also the complication of merging two sets of mailing lists, both for USPS mail and for electronic transmission. Gail has managed for years using the most antiquated list maintenance methods—the membership list is still in a single WordPerfect document. We have a pretty efficient system for email by GoDaddy but so far that has been used only for Green Expo and it will take time to enter DACA's and Harwood's membership lists.

DACA's board will meet on August 4 to discuss the question further. Until we hear each other speak, there is no prediction of what the board will decide, or when.

Gail Enright

zoning changes, and updating the General Development Plan. Among their achievements over the past 20-25 years, they have sponsored and collaborated with DACA and other organizations to sponsor candidates forums before elections. HCA was a leading plaintiff in the spot zoning lawsuit over the past few years, along with DACA and GAN and the Alliance for the Chesapeake. HCA is currently working with Jerry Walker and the AA County Department of Public Works on Route 2 and 4 improvements. They count it as a success to have had commercial landfills removed from the County Code. Early on, they were active in working to preserve Jug Bay



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Farther South: Save Carrie Weedon

Joan Turek sent an email in early June to request letters to the County Council and the Board of Education in support of the Carrie Weedon Science Center in Galesville, a science museum for county school students. The center hosts field trips for about 2,500 to 3,500 students a year.

Last winter, Education Superintendent George Arlotto proposed converting the science center to a prekindergarten school for 80 children at a cost of \$1.6 million to renovate the facility. No public community meetings were held to get residents' input on the conversion to a pre-k. Public pre-kindergartens are located in some elementary schools in north county, but south county residents must enroll their children in private pre-k or in cooperatives like Davidsonville's South County Pre-K Co-op. Apparently plans are in progress.

With the future of Carrie Weedon and its program in doubt, supporters of the science center's hands-on public education were asked to write to legislators and board of education members to continue the science education facility.

Surely the county can find space in South County for a pre-k without closing the science center.



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Sonia@PaxRiverkeeper.org

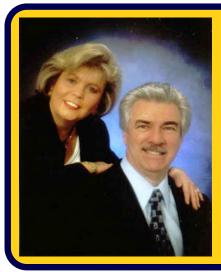
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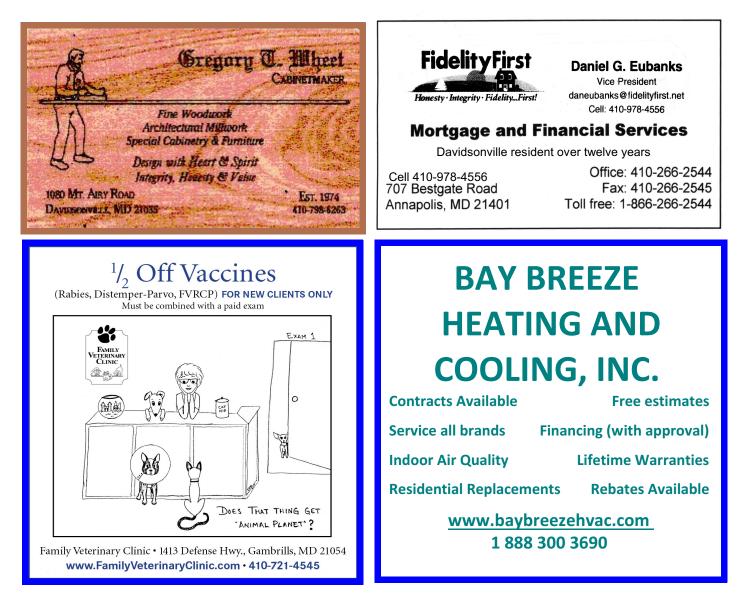
Welcome GAN's Board of Directors 2016-2017 Richard Falk, Chairman; Patricia Lynch, Vice President; Elizabeth Rosborg, Treasurer; Kate Fox, Secretary; and Melvin Bender, Susan Cochran, Mike Lofton, Tim Reyburn, Russ Stevenson, Ann Wolfe.

Anne Arundel County has experienced tremendous growth in the past decades because of its convenience to Baltimore and Washington, its extensive waterfront and its quality of life. The infrastructure to support growth — roads, schools, sewers—has not kept up with the pace of growth, leaving large unfunded backlogs in needed school repairs and construction, sewer and water improvements, and control of stormwater runoff.

GAN is a coalition of community and civic associa-

tions, environmental groups, green businesses, and individuals involved in planning and advocacy, so that all growth and development in Anne Arundel County is well planned and sustainable, fiscally sound, not harmful to current neighborhoods and the environment, and will enhance the quality of life now and in the future. Go to <u>www.growthaction.net</u> to join, to learn priority issues, and to become active in county affairs.

GAN has urged the Schuh administration to conduct a serious study of the costs of growth. Which sectors of growth are subsidized by taxpayers and how much is the subsidy? The County has experienced tremendous growth in the past 20 years, yet we have large backlogs of deferred school and infrastructure maintenance that the County has been unable to handle. All county rivers and creeks are impaired. How can growth be controlled so that our quality of life improves? GAN will place an op ed piece in the Capital on this subject in the near future.



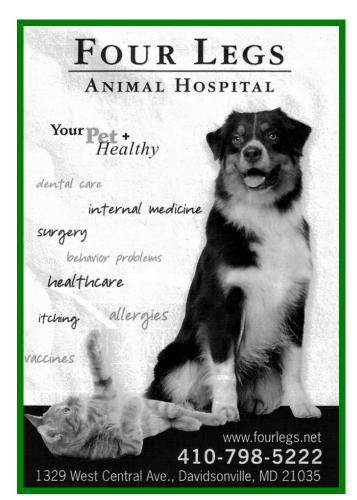
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After the annual meeting DACA still needs your help!!

A fter the excitement of the threatened salt barn last fall, this year's annual meeting was delightfully calm. Bob Carobrese is trying ro retire and we have not found a volunteer to serve as treasurer. Alison James came on board in June 2015 to fill a vacated term to June 2017. She very ably handled Green Expo's communications with our sponsors and exhibitors, keeping track of them from sign-up until the final day. Alas, she was compelled by family pressures to resign this spring and we still have a one-year slot in need of a board member.

We are genuinely thankful and appreciative of the community support we have received when hot issues loom over and threaten the life style we seek in this community. However, we need to maintain an ongoing presence so our collective view is respected by legislators and community leaders. To this end we need a strong board of directors. We have vacancies and we are looking for folks to volunteer to ensure that our community remains a wonderful place to live.

While time is our most precious resource, I'm hopeful that concerned members of the Davidsonville



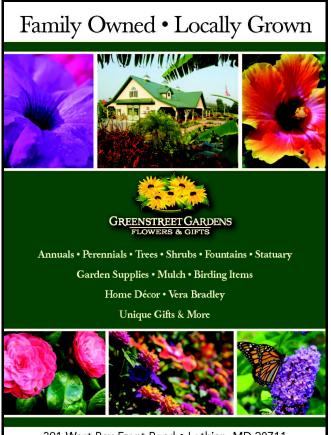
community can make the time to support DACA and preserve the charm that makes Davidsonville special.

For Green Expo 2017, we invite/ask [beg] for volunteers to help with planning process—starting the thinking part of it in October or November. Then in the weeks before the actual day, we need volunteers to sign up for the many specific tasks involved in the last few days, so we all know who is doing what. Please contact me or any board member to learn more about how you can help. Our next board meeting will be on August 4, 8:00 pm, in the conference room of Ford Hall at the DFRC. Chris Asher, 410-798-4704

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The PTO plans to hold a silent auction in November and they invite businesses to contribute funds to augment the income from sale of auctioned items. Different levels of sponsorship from \$100 to \$500 (more is welcome) will be recognized with ads in the event program.

We would like to have all donations by October 31, 2016. Please enclose your contact information with your check payable to DES PTO. Our organization is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

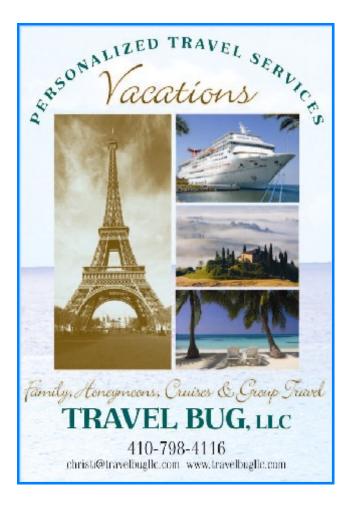
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Elizabeth Matarese wrote, I hope we can opt out of the spraying regime. When they spray for mosquitoes, they also kill all the beneficial insects -- bees, butterflies, everything. And it is so unnecessary.



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8,787.05	PNC Bank Savings	7,988.07
3,274.72	T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund	3,274.72
\$ 12,636.37	TOTAL	\$ 12,022.55
	RECEIPTS	
\$ 1,270.00	Dues	\$ 855.00
3,450.00	Advertisements	3,025.00
2,433.80	Contributions	970.00
3,350.00	Green Expo	5,125.00
10,503.80	TOTAL	9,975.00
	DISBURSEMENTS	
\$ 5,373.55	Minute Man Press for Villager	\$ 6,370.50
380.91	Office supplies and postage, miscellaneous	319.33
1,400.00	Contributions to other organizations	300.00
1,304.69	Green Expo	2,156.42
438.20	Directors dinner meeting	505.62
1,000.00	Services	1,000.00
210.00	Erie Insurance Company	205.00
329.32	Web site	252.84
\$10,436.67	TOTAL	\$ 11,109.71

DACA's greatest expense is for printing and postage of the Villager sent to 208 paper readers, many of whom do not use email. We must maintain a minimum mailing list of 200 in order to qualify for a bulk postage rate. Minute Man Press handles all USPS documentation and cost of bulk mail. Green Expo's highest costs were \$484.02 for 300 giveaway reusable tote bags, \$486.73 for polo shirts for staff, and \$270 for 400 trees, all of which were approved by DACA's board and the Green Expo Committee. Several checks for dues, contributions, and ad fees, and one Expo sponsorship are not shown as they were given to the treasurer on June 2, after he completed his report.





School starts on August 24th!

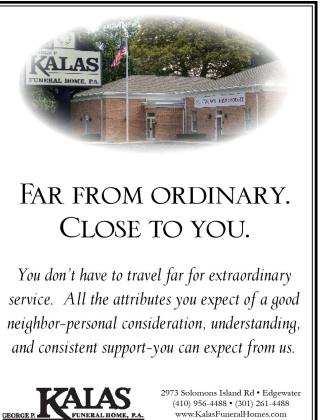
Lisa VanBuskirk, Chapter Leader, Start School Later Maryland and Anne Arundel County (SSLAAC), keeps us informed of our children's too early schedule. The first magnet bus in South County picks up students at 5:23 am for a 90 minute trip to Glen Burnie High School. The first regular bus routes begin picking up students at six am on two routes for Old Mill High School. County high schools start at 7:17 am, the earliest in the state. Children should not be walking along the roads alone in the dark before sunrise. In winter it is still dark as they wait for a six o'clock bus to get to school for a 7:10 opening time.

Is AA County progressing toward as more sensible start time? Last October AACPS hosted a work session with representatives from Montgomery and Fairfax Counties, who instituted changes in their school hours this year. Transportation Software was purchased for AA County. In December and January, Superintendent Arlotto proposed a budget that included a significant shift in bell times for all students for the 2017-2018 school year, a year later than the Board of Education had originally proposed. In April, AACPS proposed plans that could be achieved with \$602,000 for start time shifts in the 2017-2018 school year and \$2 million. In May, County Executive Schuh released his proposed budget, which funded only the original \$602,000. Despite testimony from healthy and safe school hours supporters, in June the County Council finalized the Fiscal Year 2017 budget with only the \$602,000 approved the year before. At the same time, the American Medical Association recommended that middle and high school start after 8:30 am, matching the previous recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and U.S. Centers for Disease Control. The science behind this public health issue is undeniable.

This summer, SSLAAC is working with the Board of Education to clarify if they will accept the proposed 13-minute shift and use the purchased software to develop additional solutions. For more news, please go to the Anne Arundel County web page http://www.startschoollater.net/md---anne-arundel-county.html which includes the Facebook feed, history of the start times in the County, a page with various flyers/handouts, and a summary of our efforts this year with links to news articles, etc.

SAVE THE DATE, for Saturday, September 24th. We will have a booth at the Anne Arundel Women's Fair & Expo at the Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold. We will be showing a portion of the National Geographic documentary "Sleepless in America."

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FYI: the clipped ear tip on feral cats is a sign that they have been spayed or neutered before release.

It's July and severe heat and weather are upon us. As BGE prepares for summer storms and potential emergencies, they warn customers to be prepared in case of power outages.

- Keep a supply of bottled water and easy-to-prepare, nonperishable foods
- Charge cell phones and mobile devices
- Keep a flashlight with fresh batteries on each floor of your home
- Visit <u>bge.com/alerts</u> to choose how to receive information, whether by text, email or phone, to learn when power is out in your area, when service is expected to be restored, or when it comes back on.

To conserve energy, use heat-producing appliances (clothes dryers, ovens, dishwashers, at night when it is cooler and demand is lower and keep shades and blinds closed on the sunny side of the house. Use fans to circulate and evenly distribute cooler air. [Let your pets stay inside where it is cool]





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Roedown with wool!

Marko and Elizabeth Bulmer, the owners of Roedown Farm, held a sheep shearing event in May, at which they invited guests to help celebrate their sustainable, rural, and agricultural lifestyle in the country. Five sheep were shorn of their winter coats.

Lara Mulvaney reported that approximately 20 people attended and learned a lot about sheep.



During



After



Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary

Staff and volunteers at Jug Bay periodically conduct surveys of birds on a specific day. On June 23 under a steady rain during the hour from 7:30 until 8:30 am, they counted 11 species of the following birds, noted as "traveling" in the Sanctuary.

- 4 Wood Duck
- 2 Great Blue Heron
- 5 Osprey
- 3 Eastern Phoebe
- 1 Tree Swallow
- 1 Tufted Titmouse
- 8 American Robin
- 1 Chipping Sparrow
- 1 Northern Cardinal
- 10 Red-winged Blackbird
- 1 American Goldfinch



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