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Homestead neighbors meet to learn about Composting Bill 75-16

On Saturday, November 12, residents of Governors Bridge Road, DACA members, and residents of Harwood, about 30 people in all, met at Homestead Horticultural Supply to hear Councilman Jerry Walker, Homestead President Brian Riddle, and Justen Garrity, owner of Veteran Compost, discuss Mr. Walker's proposed Bill to allow composting facilities in South County RA districts and to learn how a well-managed composting facility is a benefit to farmers and stable operators.

Many homeowners and farmers compost horse manure and bedding, yard waste, kitchen scraps, and who knows what else, in their back yards or stable areas. Bill 75-16 would establish parameters and regulations to allow big producers of compost to accept compostable materials and sell the product to gardeners and other users of compost. See page 4 for a brief summary of the bill, and pages 5, 6, and 7 for a summary of the County Council's first hearing of the bill on November 7. The next hearing will be November 21.

Veterans Compost operates two composting facilities – one comprising a three acre plot on a property of 30 acres in Virginia, and one in Harford County with a half acre on a 200 acre property, where they accept chemical-free matter that results in compost approved for Organic Farming. If Homestead Gardens should get into composting they envision no more than a three-acre plot on their 100+ acres. The basic recipe is horse manure, wood chips as in bedding, water, and plant waste, in the correct proportions.

Most of those at the Saturday morning meeting support composting as a better use of these materials than sending them to the county landfills. They expressed their confi-



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DACA Board votes to raise dues to \$10

Renew now or pay more!

At its August meeting, DACA's board voted unanimously to increase membership dues to \$10 per person per year, effective January 2017. This is the first increase in dues since 1987. Members who receive the Villager by USPS can see their membership expiration date with their postal address.

dence in Homestead Gardens and Veteran Compost to maintain a clean, safe operation. They were less confident about Maryland Department of the Environment's enforcement of regulations if unscrupulous operators if the bill does not provide adequate safeguards.

MDE has a past record of trying to help violators comply rather than punishing them, which some do not recognize as effective enforcement. Punitive measures do not solve the problem of what to do with the stuff. Mr. Garrity has forwarded a 16-page pdf of MDE's Permitting Guidance for Maryland Composting Facilities, too long to include here. It is said that MDE has improved its administration of the regulations over the past 20 years.

This space for addresses sent by USPS

DACA people

Welcome new members Adam and Jessie Stafford, and thanks to Margie Chase for giving them membership in DACA. Thanks also to Charles and Denise Duignan, Deb and Bert Kappel, Pat Meinhold, and Bobbi and Pete Reichwein for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their membership dues.

Welcome Kate Fox back on the DACA board. As a former board member, Kate knows how important DACA is to the community and she knows how it works. She is a valuable resource to DACA. Thank you, Kate!

Many thanks to Kerry Monroe for volunteering to be chair of the Green Expo Committee. She is in close communication with Lara Mulvaney and Gail Enright to ensure a smoothly run event. Kerry also provided a grand gift basket for the silent auction Gator Gamble fund raiser for DES PTO, theme "Let the Gator Games Begin." November 12, 6:30-11:30 pm, Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037.

Hi Gail, just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the latest issue of the Villager. In particular it was interesting to see the long standing Villager ads come to life in color! [on line] Kudos, Fran C.

Just had the chance to read the last Villager - thanks for the great information, I am mailing my renewal today. Pat

Congratulations to Joe Dickey, DACA member since 2004, for earning the Annie Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, in recognition of his work in the arts: Founding member of the Chesapeake Woodturners, expert on the physics of the banjo, a visual artist, musician, arts educator, twice president of the Maryland Federation of Art, and former board member of the American Association of Woodturners. He is also recognized nationally and regionally for his artwork created from the wood of Maryland's Wye Oak. [from the Capital, October 8]

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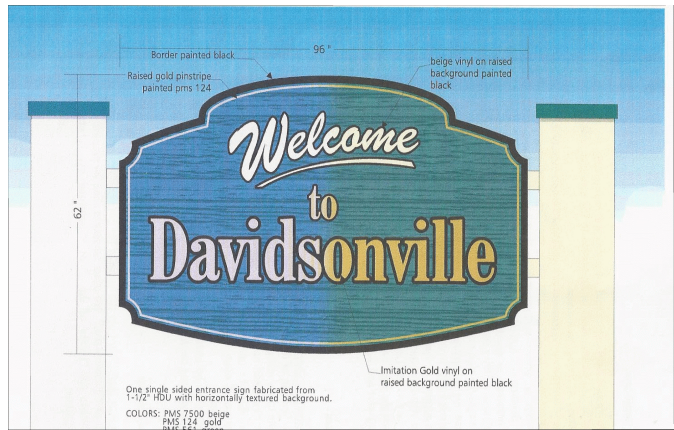
The wheels of progress grind slowly

DACA started working on this in 2004 when Bob Carobrese suggested that Davidsonville is worthy of recognition as a definable area. Over time, the sign was designed, various designs were debated and the board agreed that this plan by Apple Signs spoke most clearly about the community – simple, not too cute.

Having chosen a site, DACA had to wait until the Park and Ride lot construction was completed to learn if SHA would allow it to be placed on state property on Route 424, on the hillside at the curve in the road where it faces southbound traffic coming from Route 50.

On October 16, Kim Tran of SHA replied to Chris Asher that it can be sited on SHA right-of-way and she was waiting for final approval from their Environmental Design Department; then their Utility Office can issue the permit. By October 28, the SHA staff had visited the proposed site and requested additional details of materials and construction. Having sent them the design specifications, the SHA representative wants clarification on what the pilings will be made of and wants to ensure the footers are at least three feet deep and that the sign be only two or three inches from the pilings.

Over the past 12 years, some of DACA’s earliest volunteers have aged and are no longer willing and able to



carry out the hands-on labor; others have agreed to do the heavy work. DACA invites contributions toward the cost of materials. Please call or email Chris Asher or Gail Enright.

Shannahan application for child care center

On September 22, Hearing Officer Douglas Holman issued a decision granting the Shannahans’ application for a special exception to allow a childcare center; any appeal must be filed within 30 days. Hardesty residents plan to appeal the decision and the latest information is that they are gathering funds and awaiting a hearing date for the appeal.

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AA County Council current bills to amend the Zoning Code

DACA's founding purpose was to strengthen the County Zoning Code and after 43 years it remains important for civic organizations to continue the vigilance to protect the quality of life of South County.

Public notification of zoning change applications, introduced October 4 by Mr. Trumbauer for hearing on November 7. Council Bill No. 73-16 requires property owners to notify their neighbors if they apply for zoning change amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Bill. Normally zoning change applications are sent to the County Office of Planning and Zoning for review and recommendation to the County Council. If property owners seek such an amendment by going directly to their Council member instead of applying to OPZ, they must notify neighbors and community associations within 175 feet of the property about the application and the date of the Council hearing. Also, the applicant must post one or more signs on the property for two weeks in advance of the Council hearing, with date of hearing on the amendment to the bill.

Composting facilities in RA districts, introduced October 4 by Mr. Walker. Council Bill No. 75-16 would allow composting facilities as a conditional use in RA districts, and establish conditional use requirements for composting. Any composting facility must be located on a lot of at least five acres; at least 100 feet from the property line; and 300 feet from the nearest dwelling not owned by the owner of the composting facility; 100 feet from a

domestic well; and 100 feet from a stream, lake, or other body of water other than its own impoundment pond. Vehicular access must be from a road with adequate parking space so trucks are not parked on a road right-of-way. It must be adequately enclosed, screened and buffered by fence or natural buffer to protect adjoining use from dust, odors, or debris, and it must be cleaned of litter and scattered refuse daily. Hours of operation will be limited to 7:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday. The second hearing is November 21. Please see pages 1 and 5, 6, and 7.

Pesticides on playgrounds, introduced October 4 by Mr. Trumbauer for hearing on November 7. Bill No. 76-16 would prohibit application of pesticides on playgrounds in County Parks. It would require alternative methods of removing weeds and pests and allow pesticides only in emergency pest situations.

Requirements for licensed growers and producers of medical cannabis, introduced by Mr. Smith October 17 for hearing on November 21. At present the code prohibits cannabis production on property located within 1000 feet of a dwelling or the lot line of a public or private school or property owned by the Board of Education. Bill No. 77-16 would specify that dwellings in an RA district are exempt from the 1,000 foot prohibition currently required in the Code.



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Composting Facilities Bill, No. 75-16

At its November 3 meeting, the DACA Board discussed the bill to allow composting facilities in RA districts, and voted unanimously to write to the County Council asking them to oppose the composting bill.

Given the information DACA had on November 3, including Mike Lofton's message of concerns below, the

1. This is not an agricultural use. It is an industrial use proposed for the County's Residential-Agricultural zone.
2. There is no maximum size limit.
3. Road access restrictions are virtually meaningless.
4. Similar facilities in other areas have been problematic; odors, fires
5. Even in an Industrial Zone this ought to be a Special Exception use to assure community involvement and tailoring of conditions to the particular site
6. I don't believe the Anne Arundel Solid Waste Plan addresses new commercial Solid Waste processing facilities.
7. It appears regulation and inspection is left entirely to MDE. I doubt MDE's capacity to adequately perform.
8. Farms are already permitted to compost waste materials generated on site.
9. Suggest examining other jurisdictions, ie., Harford County, to identify best practices.

DACA board made the right decision to ask the County Council not to pass this bill. Mike's well-based concerns arose from his experience with the poorly managed PST landfill in Harwood through the 1990s (not sure of the exact dates).

On November 7 the County Council heard testimony and added two amendments to the bill, limiting the composting area to no more than ten acres (regardless of the size of the property) and not permitting composting animal carcasses.

On Tuesday, November 8, Brian Riddle, President of Homestead Gardens, talked with Chris Asher and Gail Enright, and sent out more current information on newer composting practices. He wrote, "I felt that the amendments introduced last night were responsible and attempted to address the concerns of how the composting bill could be taken advantage of in a way that it wasn't intended. Ms. Yeager's report in the *Capital* (November 8) provided a fair summary article but she did not cover all that was shared during the meeting. Councilman Walker did an excellent job addressing the concerns about regulations and unintended consequences of the proposed legislation. Following are answers to some of the questions raised at the hearing. They were direct and specific about the concerns raised and I think you will find our responses favorable and positive."

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Composting bill No. 75-16 *(from page 5)*

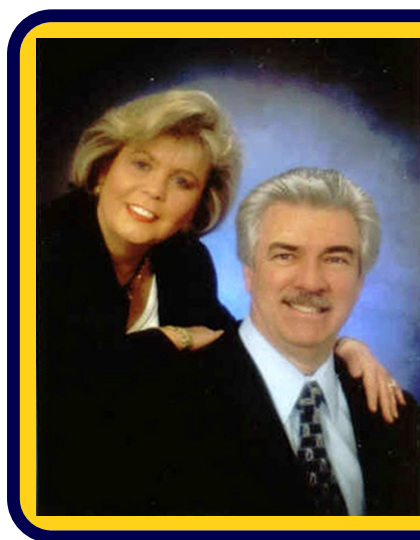
“Not included in the *Capital* on November 8 is the role of Maryland Department of Environment in composting. The MDE license and the routine inspections required to operate a composting facility in Maryland are thorough, and I am confident that these requirements properly address the concerns raised by those opposed to the bill. MDE permits define and require the proper handling of water in the composting process including two separate permits and water testing four times per year as well as 12 to 24 inspections annually. The assumption that agricultural composting is similar to landfill operations is misguided and very unfortunate. Compost is nature’s way of reusing its own resources for its own benefit, and in fact, due to the bonding of the carbon and nitrogen molecules during the composting process, any toxic materials are rendered inert. Testing of water and soils proves that composting actually improves their cleanliness and provides for an amazing, natural filtration system while producing an incredibly productive soil with an incredible soil life of biodiversity in which all plants and trees thrive just as they do in nature.

The reason for needing local composting facilities is that “many of the current options available are inadequate and the expense of hauling is excessive for distant composting facilities as in Harford County. Cost overrides the economic benefit and scuttles the motivation to recycle. We

need local solutions for our community that will serve the needs of residents and businesses. The current plan to bring a horse manure composting solution would benefit the watershed and create environmental and economic benefits for the community.” The intent of the bill is to enable farmers to manage plant and animal waste and owners of horse operations to minimize manure piles, ie. run-off to the streams, rivers, Bay etc.

“The technologies and methods to provide a very environmentally safe and responsible recycling of green waste are really exciting. It’s going to offer farms in our county an option for supplemental income and participation in reducing the amount of compostable products from being mishandled and discarded when they are desperately needed for agricultural and environmental improvement practices. The shortage of compost for storm water remediation projects and landscaping is a growing problem that we experience on a daily basis.”

Mr. Riddle provided a link to the website <http://www.o2compost.com/> of the designer and manufacturer option that Homestead Gardens would like to bring to Davidsonville. “When done properly, these operations are clean and attractive, [n.b.: Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Ed.] and do not bring the issues (odor, animals, etc.) that bother some people. He continued, “I think the evolution of the bill will permit *(Go to page 7)*



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Composting facility, *(from page 6)*
 opportunities to provide all of the needed benefits while prohibiting large scale waste operations that residents would not want in our county. It's a phenomenal way to allow Anne Arundel County to be the leader in environmental best practices, to support agriculture and to create jobs."

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) web site is www.mde.maryland.gov.

Although the initial intent of Bill 75-16 is to allow safe and well-managed composting facilities, starting with a Davidsonville location, it must be shaped to protect the entire county. As a result of the meeting on Saturday, it seems that DACA members and the residents reached a consensus that the bill needs additional amendments with safeguards to perfect it before being passed by the County Council.

Composting facilities cannot accept grass cuttings from lawns because of contamination from fertilizer. Carry it to the landfill in paper bags, not plastic.

Better public notification of zoning changes

Council member Chris Trumbauer introduced Bill No. 73-16 that would require property owners to notify their neighbors if they seek to change their zoning classification through a Council member instead of applying to the Office of Planning and Zoning. Five years ago, numerous applications for spot zone changes were introduced too late in the process for Planning and Zoning staff to review and make recommendations on the applications. County Executive John Leopold vetoed 16 applications approved by the County Council with little or no input from the public, as inconsistent with the surrounding zoning. He said the county should avoid zoning changes out of character with nearby properties, as that can result in a domino effect that spreads denser zoning throughout a district zone, thereby reducing the quality of life of an entire area. The Council's override of ten of the vetoes resulted in up-zoned spots in lower zoned districts.

The appropriate time for zoning changes is during the Comprehensive Rezoning process, to take place in 2020. The bill was introduced on October 4 and first heard on November 7; the second hearing is set for November 21, at the Council's regular meeting.

On November 15, County Executive Schuh initiated a Rural Conservation Area plan intended to conserve half the undeveloped land in the county. Related to Comprehensive Rezoning, it would add restrictions to the current zoning code requirements in areas designated for conservation. Up-zoning would become more difficult within specific areas beyond the state's growth tier where existing infrastructure supports greater density. A public hearing on this proposal will be held at the County Council's December 5 meeting.

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Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper, guest column in Capital Gazette, August 3, 2016

As environmental advocates, my colleagues and I are often accused of being reflexively against all growth. Not true. Actually we agree with our counterparts in the real estate industry on one point. It is almost always about location, location, location.

Several years ago I was invited by friends to tour and explore Bulgaria. I saw productive farms on the outskirts of many large cities located on land that had been farmed continuously for centuries, unlike in the United States where sprawl development generally makes blacktop the final crop on much farmland located close to cities.

Inside many dense Bulgarian cities are enormous parks and green space on land that in America would be far too commercially valuable for anyone to afford to conserve them. In the U.S., real estate demand and development pressures are usually too high to protect such places.

I asked my friendly host in Bulgaria, a smart and knowledgeable young lawyer named Neli Dimova how it was that farms and open space had been protected in her country. I will never forget her answer: She said. "Why in the world would we pave over the places where we grow our food while eliminating the beautiful places?"

Many Americans buy places with the expectation of selling them someday, making disposable communities. And so it is ironic that Bulgaria, as one of the poorest nations in Europe, grows better than the United States, one of the wealthiest countries in the world.

In the U.S. we generally pursue economic gain at the expense of the livability of our cities, the viability of our countryside, or the sustainability of our quality of life. The alternative notion—of building and growing in areas close to infrastructure and protecting those ecological assets that once gone cannot be replaced—is truly foreign to us.

The term "smart growth" has become all but meaningless sales language. Recently a friend told me about a public hearing she attended where a massive new housing development was being touted as a walkable community, even though the site plan lacked any sidewalks!

Clearly "walkable" was a term of art and, sadly, "smart growth" is likewise a concept more than a reality. We have set the bar needlessly low for how we expend our precious natural resources and how we plan the future of our communities. Expediency, and not sustainability, seems to be much more valued. *(Next page please)*

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Suburban sprawl, (from page 8)

Consequently our communities are plagued by grotesque traffic congestion, volatile public treasuries, dwindling open space, sewage overflows, stormwater disasters nobody can afford to fix, and dying waterways. Yet Maryland Department of Planning statistics reflect that we are building new houses at a rate far greater than people can afford to buy them.

Eventually people get fed up with urbanizing areas, and move to more rural areas, often dragging sprawl in their wake as investors pursue more profits. We talk about smart growth, but do not practice it very often. When I fly over the Patuxent River watershed periodically in my work, it is easy to see how the patchwork quilt of uncontrolled, weakly regulated growth is gradually filling in virtually every area near the precious, irreplaceable Patuxent River.

Essentially, that's where houses will sell for the most money. The planned expansion of the National Security Agency, the massive Melford development in Bowie, the Bozzuto project in Historic Savage, the Konterra Project in Laurel, and many more pipe dreams throughout our watershed, must be challenged to get real about smart growth.

If not, we are in effect hastening the fate of an already deeply wounded watershed. Poor Richard said, "When the well runs dry, we'll know the value of water."

Frederick Tutman is the Patuxent River keeper. Contact him at fred@paxriverkeeper.org

The Patuxent River is the western boundary of the Davidsonville Area and zip code. Davidsonville Park, the Riverwood community, farms and businesses are located along the river. The river is important to Davidsonville and its residents.

The mission of the Patuxent Riverkeeper organization is to conserve, protect and replenish Maryland's longest and deepest in-state waterway. Through strategic advocacy, restoration and education, our goal is long term sustainability for the ecosystem of the entire Patuxent River basin and the people who rely on its future.

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Ghost of the Governors' Bridge

from WTOP radio's website, by Dave Dildine

Mr. Dildine uncovered the Governor's Bridge link between Davidsonville and Bowie and its storied nickname, "Crybaby Bridge."

An urban legend suggests that a child was murdered in the murky waters of the Patuxent River below Governor's Bridge. The century-old structure — sometimes referred to as Crybaby Bridge — sits in a lonely hollow on the fringes of Bowie, Maryland.



"Something about the bridge at night — I would never drive it because I was always fearful of something jumping out at me. Crybaby Bridge at night scared the heck out of me," said resident Ann Drenner. Drenner, who has lived near the truss bridge for decades. She said that on blustery nights, locals have heard the lonesome wail of an infant under

the bridge. "I was the last person over the bridge before they closed it. I just had an eerie feeling on the bridge that day for some reason."

Governor's Bridge was barricaded for safety reasons in early 2015 after an inspection revealed significant steel corrosion. Prince George's and Anne Arundel County governments are working to get this link between them reopened.

Another legend tells of the existence of the "Goat-Man" who lives on the Prince George's side of Governor's Bridge Road. Who knew? Who knows?

CEPA and the Unsustainable Spiral of Growth

The Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association's forum on the Unsustainable Spiral of Growth on October 14 took aim at the next Comprehensive Rezoning in 2019 to shape Anne Arundel County's General Development Plan. CEPA President Albert Tucker said the organization seeks action to pass a sustainable financial and environmentally sensitive GDP and to educate decision makers to adopt a forward thinking plan investing in communities." Elliott Campbell of Maryland Department of Natural Resources noted that, "growth in population and development does not mean growth in the economy and quality of life. The benefits of natural land should be taken into account when re-zoning affects the GDP.

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Kelly Purnell introduced herself with this message
 I am the South River High School secondary schools representative to the Citizens Advisory Council, or CAC, representing Mayo, Edgewater, Central, and Davidsonville Elementary Schools, that feed into SRHS. (I have four boys, two at CES and two at CMS currently.) The CAC is a group appointed by the Board of Education to provide advice to the Board on specific issues that impact educational policy, activities, and programs. I'm excited to serve my second year of my two-year appointment. I think the CAC looked into and tackled a lot of important issues last year, though sometimes just scraping the surface. Hopefully, we will continue to explore those issues as well as others that will arise.

The CAC met Monday night, October 10. An important issue facing the Board of Education is the school calendar year. Governor Hogan has mandated that schools start after Labor Day and end by June 15. On October 17, the Governor issued a second executive order to tighten the restrictions on waivers to the later start dates, making it extremely difficult for counties to avoid starting after Labor Day. The BoE is working on a calendar to start school after Labor Day, cutting holidays. Kelly Purnell 571-216-4508

Start School Later

Sept. 21, 2016

Dear Supporters,

It has been a long battle, but we achieved a small victory Wednesday, for which we should all be proud. Anne Arundel County will no longer have the earliest starting high schools in the state. With a 6-2 vote, the Board of Education moved high school start times 13 minutes later to 7:30 am for the 2017-2018 school year. All other schools will shift by 15 minutes. The next step will be to update the bus schedules in the 2018-2019 school year, and continue to strive delaying high school to a more developmentally appropriate time.

Sincerely, Lisa VanBuskirk

Start School Later Anne Arundel County Chapter Leader

School days off

- November 23, 24, 25 --Thanksgiving holiday,
- December 2 – schools closed for parent-teacher conferences
- December 7 – two-hour early dismissal
- December 22 – two-hour early dismissal, teacher work day
- December 23-January 2 – schools closed for Christmas/Winter break

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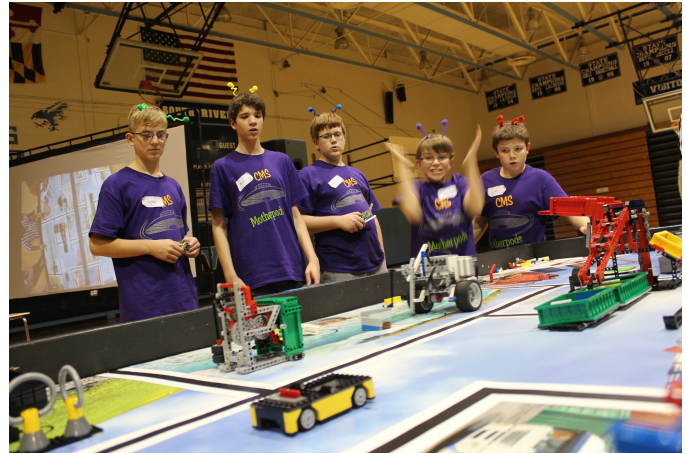
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Power Hawks Robotics hosts FIRST Lego League Competition and FIRST Lego League Junior Expo. South County Showdown tests Maryland students' Robots and STEM skills at South River High School, December 17, 2016

On Saturday, December 17, more than 200 Maryland middle and elementary school students will descend upon South River High School ready for battle in the ninth annual South County Showdown, a FIRST Lego League Qualifier and FIRST Lego League Junior Expo. After eight weeks of preparation, up to 24 teams will come armed with their research; the LEGO Mindstorm robot they have designed, built and programmed; their contribution to the competition-wide service project; and all their creative problem-solving skills, to compete in this exciting event. Hosted by the Power Hawks Robotics Team, this exhibition of great young minds at work is free and open to the public from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The school is located at 201 Central Ave East in Edgewater.

Each Fall, FIRST LEGO League releases a themed three-part challenge based on real-world scientific topics to develop project-based skills through a Robot Game, a Project, and a signature set of Core Values which comprise the overarching way in which the Challenge is completed. Teams of up to ten children participate in the Challenge, programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game) and developing innovative ideas that improve current conditions and add value to society (Project). This year's challenge, "Animal Allies," features a competition to be judged in five areas: research and presentation; robot performance; technical mechanics of the robot's construction; teamwork; and gracious professionalism. While technological savvy is valued, the highest honor will go to the team which best exemplifies the spirit and values of the program, emphasizing contributions of others, friendly competition, learning, and community involvement.



The host of this exciting competition is the Power Hawks Robotics team from Edgewater. The team of more than 70 high school students takes time away from their own FIRST competitions at the FIRST Robotics Challenge (FRC) and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) levels to sponsor this day-long opportunity for younger enthusiasts. The Power Hawks can often be found at community events.

The FLL Junior Expo is open from 9:00 am until noon, with FLL Competition Rounds scheduled from 1:15 pm until 5:00 pm. FTC and FRC Robot demos are open from 9:00 am until 2:00. Food is available all day. More information about the Power Hawks Robotics team can be found at www.powerhawks.org.

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Davidsonville and Harwood

Getting together – a careful, deliberative process

Last April, Joan Turek, president of the Harwood Civic Association, approached DACA with a proposal to merge the two associations. DACA Board and HCA Board have been working on the procedure to reach a decision. Davidsonville and Harwood’s land use needs and purposes are similar. Through the summer, numerous issues and questions arose: Expand DACA board? Need for HCA residents to help on issues, communications, projects; transfer of funds?

At DACA’s request, Joan wrote to HCA’s membership list and reported that over 55 members support the merger. All but one were highly positive about it. They felt the merged organization would be much stronger in keeping South County rural and had high praise for DACA. They also thanked the HCA Board for all of our work. Several members indicated interest in serving on the merged board.

Ed Woods suggested expanding the DACA “area” to include Harwood’s zip code 20776 and welcome Harwood residents to join the enlarged area. That would eliminate the need for an immediate name change, and would make them full voting members, not associate members as in the current DACA Bylaws. This would require amendments to the Bylaws to be approved at DACA’s annual membership meeting in June 2017.

Chris Asher opined, “My takeaway is that a simple solution is best. My sense is that DACA is willing to

expand its established geographic boundaries in order to encompass the adjacent Harwood area. All HCA members are welcome to join DACA. The extent to which DACA engages with former HCA territory will be heavily influenced by their representation on our Board and the activity level of their former members. I know that DACA will remain cognizant and take a stance on land use and other relevant issues if deemed to impact the expanded Davidsonville area.”

Bruce Stein explained it thus: We can get to the same point by each association taking individual actions that do not depend on the other organization. DACA needs to change our Bylaws as noted above. We would then have the authority/ability to deal with issues affecting our surrounding communities, e.g. Harwood, and others adjacent. HCA would then have their options open to continue operation, to wind up operations, or go into some sort of inactive mode. If the legal structure of the HCA is kept open, it would then make it easier for HCA to be revived as a fully functioning entity in the future

Gail notified HCA that no action can be taken before DACA’s June annual meeting and Bylaws amendments. Between now and June we can fiddle with our area boundaries as necessary to specify what can be included. In the meantime, anyone living in Harwood is welcome to join DACA as non-voting associate members and to know that DACA will represent Harwood’s interests to any authorities we address.

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Anna Binneweg, Music Director/Conductor of the LSO, winner of last year's Annie Award for the Performing Arts presented by the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, has planned equally interesting and exciting programs for the continuing season.

January 28, 2017, "Poetry, Song and Exaltation" will be held at the Upper School Campus of the Annapolis Area Christian School in collaboration with the school's chorus. Music will include Handel's *Coronation Anthem No. 1: 'Zadok the Priest,'* Vaughan Williams's *Five Mystical Songs,* and Schumann's *Symphony No. 2.*

February 25, 2017, "A Chamber Concert" will provide an intimate and inspiring evening of chamber music at Studio 39, 291 Locust Avenue in Annapolis. Music will include Stravinsky's *Eight Miniatures,* living British composer Jonathan Dove's *Figures in the Garden,* and Mozart's *Serenade in C Minor.*

March 11, 2017, we will present the fourth annual "Rising Stars" concert at Woods Memorial Church at 7:30 pm. Music will include Verdi's Overture to *Nabucco,* featuring the three top high school winners of LSO's annual Young Person's Competition, with each winner playing a movement of a concerto with the orchestra.

June 3, 2017, "Shakespeare as Muse," with the Annapolis Shakespeare Theatre at Woods Memorial Church at 7:30 pm. Music will include selections from Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* selections from Sibelius's *The Tempest,* and Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture.*

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