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Scouts and Cubs improving their piece of Anne Arundel in Davidsonville

Safety issue left by the Air Force at DFRC



This is another nearby better sight



Eagle Scout candidate Carson Dove recognized this eyesore as a safety concern for anyone using the field above the scout building and pavilion at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center. For his Eagle Scout project he proposed to make this drainage pipe between the dog obedience school and radio club less dangerous. It was easy for anyone coming down the hill not to see it and fall. A member of the radio club did just that a few years ago and broke his leg. Carson cleaned up the debris around the outlet and built a fence to keep anyone from falling into the ditch. Carson reached his 18th birthday in July and has aged out of the Boy Scouts, having achieved his Eagle rank.

Pictured is the Messenger of Peace project of Cub Scout Den 4 of Pack 454. The Webelo group and their parents built this garden behind the pavilion at DFRC.

The troop placed posts and a rope fence around the perimeter and put in more plants. They also trimmed the bushes around the pavilion and spread wood chips around the trees near it to spruce up the whole area. They plan to add a tree in the fall, at the back of the garden.

The memorial garden is now complete and was dedicated on Sunday, September 10th, to Joe Rossi, the Pack's den leader who passed away last year.

Meredith McMahan
Mindy McConville
Leaders of Pack 454

This space is for addresses sent by USPS

DACA people

Thanks to Nick Kemp and Kay Osburnsen, Alan and Christine Tassej, and Barbara Trotter for their contributions to DACA in addition to their dues renewal. Thanks also to Milly Welsh, whose renewal contribution entitles her to LIFE membership.

Secretary Gail completed transferring the membership list to a spreadsheet that can be accessible to the next person in charge of it, whoever and whenever. As I come across expired memberships I've been sending notices and receiving dues renewals, along with kind words. Thank you to those who have renewed or rejoined.

Has it been 5 years already? You're doing a great job!
 Tom
 Sending our renewal. Please put the balance toward the Welcome sign.
 K.O.

Do you know about the Providence Meeting House?
 Hi Gail
 Thank you for your tireless dedication in publishing the DACA newsletter! Tim Hopkins (of Hopkins farm on Davidsonville Road) and I have uncovered the property transfer of the Providence Meeting House on March 8, 1844, and would like to dig deeper into the transfer and location of the Meeting House. I've interviewed several farmers in Davidsonville who were of some help and I have

been in touch with a local title company. Do you happen to know anyone that may be able to help us out?

Don Shankle

This is what Gail knows about the property:

The house at 2748 Rutland Road, next door to Davidsonville Pediatrics and now owned by Dr. Bob Graw, is the former home of O. Carroll and Louise Hopkins. In front is a sign Meeting House 1844. Carroll and Louise were DACA members from 1978 until their death in 2005. I believe Dr. Graw put the sign up after he bought the property and perhaps he can give you any more information than you and Tim have uncovered. Good luck.

In Memoriam
James W. Rogers
 July 4, 1926 ~ August 29, 2017

DACA extends deepest sympathy to the Rogers family, including Christi Rogers, a longtime Villager advertiser of Travel Bug. She informed us:

My father-in-law James W. Rogers, "Jim" to his friends, passed away peacefully at home on August 29, 2017. He was 91 years old. He was a resident of Davidsonville for 28 years and lived on Wayson Road. He is survived by two sons, Clayton and Jay Rogers, both of Davidsonville, a daughter, Melissa Morelli of Virginia Beach, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Agritourism bill approved by County Council

Growth Action Network under the direction of Ann Fligsten led an active coalition of organizations and individuals through a summer-long adventure in Agritourism. Before the final vote, Ann wrote to GAN members: “This bill has been a real journey. We have all learned more than we knew when Bill #25-17 was introduced in April, and defeated on July 3. Now (on September 4) it is back again with the Administration not wanting even one amendment. Many have worked to improve the bill since its defeat. Some good has come out of all of the meetings, conference calls and emails; we now have a much better understanding of farmers’ needs and have made new friends!”

The defeat of the Agritourism bill in July allowed time and opportunity for numerous organizations to study and offer amendments to improve it, which they did most assiduously with a variety of amendments, some better than others. However, the administration refused to consider any amendment, even the simplest one to change one word OR to AND, which would limit agritourism participants to those with an agricultural status AND a farm plan approved by the AA County Soil Conservation District. It would have meant that only “real” farmers—not just any owner of ten acres—could host agritourism events.

On September 5, the County Council voted unanimously to pass bill 67-17 to define and allow Agritourism as a conditional use in Anne Arundel County. The original bill 25-17 was intended to help farmers increase their income from agricultural practices; after some discussion last spring it was favored by farmers, the County Farm Bureau, the Soil Conservation District, and other citizens’ groups. Then Council member Jerry Walker added an amendment to include a Halloween haunted house—Bennett’s Curse, a commercial enterprise based in

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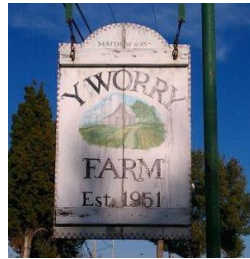
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Baltimore City, calling itself an “adjunct to agriculture,” with a proposed 20,000 square foot building and up to 400,000 visitors per day, on as little as a ten-acre parcel, if they raised a crop on it and called it a “farm.” The bill was defeated by a vote of four to three.

So the new version, #67-17, is now enacted as a conditional use in the County Zoning Code, allowing farmers to invite the public to their farms for special events. Mr. Walker proposes to continue to support more Halloween attractions in Anne Arundel. In Davidsonville, Knightongale Farm—on the corner of Birdsville Road and Route 2—and Y Worry Farm at Davidsonville Road and Route #50, draw people from all over Anne Arundel and far beyond. Other events take place in October and November in numerous locations around the county. People who live here, even in Crofton, like having some country in the county.

Residents’ opinions are important and can be very effective in influencing legislation, if the people inform the legislators of their wishes. Keep aware and participate in this basic aspect of democracy. Speak to your peers and your legislators.

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Contact: Info@FairFarmsNow.org.

The Dirt on Maryland Composting Initiatives

According to the USDA, 30 to 40 percent of the food in our country goes uneaten every year. That's equivalent to \$165 billion dollars that Americans throw in the garbage. Food production is a resource-intensive venture, and pitching such a large amount of food squanders the energy, land, and water used to produce it.

While the best option is to be mindful of our food purchases and use every bit, some amount of food waste is inevitable. Before throwing those food scraps in the trash,

consider composting. Composting shrinks the 6.3 million cubic yards of landfill occupied by rotting food, which will not be biodegraded on its own. The waste in landfills releases large amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Consider this: if food waste were represented as its own country, it would be the third largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world.

Diverting food away from landfills is essential to creating a more equitable food system and supporting a healthy environment. Composting can:

- nurture soils to boost agricultural yields
- reduce the need for chemical fertilizers
- filter pollutants

increase soil capacity to hold more water and sequester carbon.

The Maryland Environmental Service and Prince George's County have teamed up to experiment with adding food scraps to existing yard waste compost systems. Although the pilot program lacks a curbside collection service, demand for one has already created a waiting list of 30 communities and institutions (including an airport!). The yard waste facility has received and processed over 2,000 tons of food scraps since its inception in 2013, and plans to double its capacity in the coming year to accommodate a long list of new collection sites.



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General Development Plan Anne Arundel 2040

The General Development Plan (GDP) is Anne Arundel County’s comprehensive plan to guide land use in the County, preserve its assets, and conserve its resources. It is prepared in compliance with state requirements and guidelines. Adopted by the County Council, the GDP establishes policies and recommendations to guide land use decisions over a 20 year planning period. All master plans and development regulations adopted by the County are required to be consistent with the goals, policies and recommendations of the GDP.

The GDP expresses the community’s values and what we deem important to our quality of life. The GDP reflects the citizens’ practical vision for an aspirational future and sets the groundwork for various functional plans and master plans.

In preparation for updating the GDP, entitled *Anne Arundel 2040*, the County Office of Planning and Zoning will hold eight public sessions across the County to seek accept community input

“Public input is essential to this process,” said Planning and Zoning Officer Phil Hager. “We want to hear from the citizens at the onset of this project, to ensure their concerns and ideas are incorporated as we chart a course for our County’s future.”

The public meetings will provide a significant opportunity for citizens to make their voices heard as county

government embarks on the two-year General Development Plan process. Officials from all relevant land use departments will be on hand to hear the ideas and perspectives of residents in every corner of the County.

Residents can join the conversation at any of the sessions, which will run from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. These meetings are scheduled tentatively as follows.

- September 25 at North County High School
- October 17 at Broadneck High School
- November 30 at Old Mill High School
- December 11 at Arundel High School
- January 11 at Annapolis High School
- January 29 at Northeast High School
- February 8 at Southern High School
- February 22 at Brooklyn Park Middle School

In addition, residents can learn more about the planning process and provide their public input at the website www.aacounty.org/Plan2040.

Speak up! You know your community best: what it needs and what’s special about it. The GDP will be your vision for your community! You can help identify the core values of your community and define a vision for Anne Arundel County.

The plan is scheduled to be completed by December 2019, with the comprehensive re-zoning legislation submitted to the County Council thereafter.

Owen McEvoy, Press Release, September 5, 2017



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The case for Rainbarrels



Many homeowners fertilize their lovely rolling green lawns in the country, but did you know . . .

Sixty percent of lawn fertilizers are washed away by surface water. They drain through the soil and groundwater, and eventually reach the rivers and the Bay, never having served its intended purpose. Thirty percent of nutrient and sediment overloading in the Chesapeake Bay can be attributed to non-point pollution and human land use.

Anne Arundel County has the fourth worst air quality in the U.S. and most of this pollution ends up in our runoff.

So what does this have to do with rain barrels? Some people might think that rain barrels are used for water conservation only during droughts, when in fact they are just as useful during rainy periods.

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40 percent of total household water use during the summer. For every 1000 square feet of roof surface, one inch of rain equates to 632 or more gallons of water. This is a large amount of free "soft water" that can be stored and used later to wash cars

and windows, water plants, and fill ponds, as well as feed a rain garden during periods of drought.

Rainwater carries pollutants that usually soak into groundwater or they are allowed to flow to the waterways around the Bay. Water that runs off the land can be loaded with nutrients, bacteria, heavy metals, and toxic chemicals. By placing a barrel at every downspout, rainwater can be collected from the roof and redistributed into a filtration area such as a rain garden or a bog that filters nitrates, phosphates, and other pollutants. The barrels collect the first flush, the most critical rain that is loaded with pollutants, and then slowly release the water to a garden or shallow dry well area. By diverting water from storm drains, the impact of runoff into streams and the Chesapeake Bay is greatly decreased.

From the website of Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center

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SAFETY

School started on September 5. Approximately 82,000 students are expected to fill our schools—the most ever. Traffic density and patterns have changed and safety is the number one concern. Please allow for an additional 15 to 20 minutes for your morning and afternoon work commutes.

All school start times and end times have changed, as did the bus pickup times. You can visit the following website to check on the bus schedule:

<https://www.aacps.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1408>.

Student Walkers: Whether your child is a walker or you are a car driver, being alert can and will save a life. Go over street and pedestrian safety with your children (both bus riders and walkers) and your teen drivers; as a driver, allow for additional commute time when possible and do not assume that children will follow the designated walkways just because you see a crossing guard. Assume they will not, and be very cautious. Remember that crossing guards also are vulnerable when doing their job to protect the students and you need to be aware and follow their direction at all times. We want to keep them as safe as the students.

Speeders: The police will have extra patrols whenever possible to ensure everyone is following the school zone speed limits and proper use of the designated drop-off and

pick-up zones. Please do not use neighborhoods near the schools to drop off or pick up your child. It is unsafe for your child and the community residents you are invading. You will receive a citation on the spot should the police be in the vicinity.

South River High School teacher Josh Carroll was named a finalist for the 2017-18 Maryland Teacher of the Year by the Maryland State Department of Education. Carroll, who teaches STEM classes at South River, is one of seven finalists nominated. Maryland’s Teacher of the Year will be named on October 27th.



Superintendent George Arlotto recommended a \$216 million FY 2019 capital budget to the Board of Education that contains construction funding for nine major school projects as well as funding for open space classroom enclosures, classroom additions, and additions for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten. Major projects include Edgewater Elementary renovation/construction for \$19.7 million and the new Crofton Area High School at \$54.8 million.

September 21 - schools closed for Rosh Hashanah

October 18 - Two-hour early dismissal for all students

October 19 - Schools closed for parent-teacher conferences for elementary, middle, and high schools.

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This green wall system provides the opportunity for teachers to incorporate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through hands-on experience. It gives students the chance to study the process of phytoremediation, the use of living green plants to clean the air and soil. Greenstreet GreenWalls will also provide a power point presentation that incorporates green walls into their STEM curriculum as well as free tours of our production facilities to any school interested.

To enter the contest, go to <http://win.afreegreen-wall.hscampaigns.com/> and fill out the entry form; "Like" the Greenstreet GreenWalls facebook page and share the contest on your page. All schools entered will receive a ten percent discount on the price of a green wall if they choose to purchase one. The winner will be selected by a random drawing.

For more information about Greenstreet GreenWalls, visit www.greenstreetgreenwalls.com.

Move on Comprehensive Rezoning sooner than later

Anne Marie Thomas, a Growth Action Network member and volunteer, has been helping Ann Fligsten keep up to date and has reviewed the trends in the requests to the Administrative Hearing Officer who hears requests for variances, special exceptions, and rezonings.

Many applications are for variances to the Critical Area (within 1,000 feet of shoreline) regulations. These variances include requests to build closer to the shoreline than is allowed, to disturb steep slopes, and to reduce setback requirements. Each one may be for only a small amount of land to be excluded from the Critical Area regulations, but there are many of them. A preponderance of granted variances can result in changes to the existing regulations.

The large number of requests for piecemeal or "spot rezonings" in many parts of the county is disturbing since these actions between comprehensive rezonings are disfavored under the law. The courts have held that the applicant for such a rezoning has the onerous burden of proof. A mistake by the County Council or an unanticipated change in the neighborhood must be shown. The many rezonings that have been approved this year by the AH Office encourage others to apply.

Examples of rezonings: R-1 zoning on 70 acres allowing 70 houses was changed to R-2 or 140 houses; the worst so far changed R-1 zoning on 15 acres to R-15, potentially to allow for 225 dwelling units.

Information from Ann Fligsten

Comprehensive Rezoning follows passage of the General Development Plan. See page 5 for information on this procedure.

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Please Note:

The baits are placed in neighborhoods by ground teams of Department of Health staff traveling in marked County vehicles. In less populated areas, baits are dropped from a low-flying County Police helicopter.

From August 31 through October 15, it is recommended that pets be kept indoors or on leashes outside. This will allow enough time for raccoons to eat the bait. If you see any bait, please leave it alone so the raccoons can get it. The vaccine is approved only for use in raccoons and cannot be used to vaccinate your pet against rabies.

The bait is not harmful to people, pets or wildlife. Should your pet find a bait, take care in removing it from your pet’s mouth. If ingested, the bait may cause diarrhea or vomiting in dogs, cats or ferrets due to the high fat content of the bait. The bait is marked with a 1-800 phone number to call if you or your pet has contact with the liquid vaccine inside the bait. you can also call 410-222-7192. If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Environmental Health at 410-222-7192.



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Thanks to generous support from the public, they have been able to provide more than 10,000 free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries and veterinary care to low income families and senior citizens.

Many animal shelters and animal control agencies are seeing a significant reduction in animals brought to them, and reduced the need to euthanize healthy animals for lack of space.

Over the years they have noticed trends in popularity of breeds and names. Labradors and Lab mixes are very popular, as well as small breeds like bichon frises, Yorkshire terriers and Yorkie mixes. Although most cats are mixed breeds (American short hair) Maine Coon cats, Ragdolls, and Siamese stand out among the breeds. The biggest dogs they see are Great Danes (three this year over 130 pounds!) and Mastiffs, one at 163 pounds and his sister at 149 pounds.

Popular names include Diesel, Ziggy, Buddy, Gunner, and Hunter for big dogs, and Bella, Sasha, Ginger, and Gracie for females. Some are named after food: Oreo, Marshmallow, Cupcake, Tic Tac, and Skittles!

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Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary is open to the public 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The Glendening Preserve is open to the public 9:00 am - 5:00 pm every day for hiking, but closed on holidays. **Coming events:**

Saturday, September 30, 9:30-3:30. Women on the Water: Tap into the serenity of our wetlands with a leisurely canoe trip on the Patuxent River. We will look for wildlife and wetland plants along the Patuxent River and Western Branch. We will enjoy a gourmet lunch. The day will conclude with a guided relaxation session. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Fee includes naturalist canoe guides, all canoe equipment, guided relaxation session, gourmet lunch and park admission. A hike/walk in the woods will be substituted if weather conditions do not allow for canoeing. Bring water, sunscreen, sun hat, sunglasses, closed-toe shoes that can get wet and an extra set of dry clothes. No experience necessary. Prompt program start time. Age 21 and older. Fee \$30 for FOJB members, \$35 for non members. Registration is

required. Please call 410-741-9330 or send email to programs@jugbay.org to check availability.

Saturday, October 7, 8:00 am Bird Walk. Learn the skills of identifying birds by sight and sound. Binoculars and field guides are available to borrow. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Age 12 and up. Fee \$6 per vehicle entrance fee
Registration: Call 410-741-9330 or send e-mail to programs@jugbay.org. If e-mailing, please include program name, participant name(s), indicate adult or child, and contact phone number.

Saturday, October 14, 5:00-6:30 pm Beaver/Otter Hike
Early evening is a good time to look for beavers and otters! Chuck Hatcher, an experienced volunteer naturalist, will walk you through the woods to the Beaver Pond to look/listen for any activity of these amazing creatures while sharing some interesting facts! Bring a flashlight. All ages. Fee: \$6 per vehicle entrance fee.

Registration is required for all programs. Programs are open to families and individuals. An adult must accompany children under 13. Please note age limits for each program. Reservations and entrance fees are required for all events, unless noted. Adults \$5.00; over 60 \$3.00; children under 18 \$3:00; Families \$10:00.

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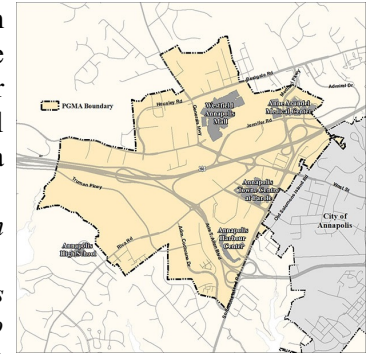
Anne Arundel County has started the process to update the 1994 land use and development plan for the Parole Growth Management Area. Traffic around Parole may have an impact on Davidsonville traffic, and Board member Bruce Stein, who lives in Cambria off Riva Road, is monitoring this planning process.

The Office of Planning and Zoning held a kick-off “meet and greet” meeting September 6 that I attended. Although up the road (Riva Road) a bit (but not far, as the affected area extends almost to Annapolis High School), I expressed concerns that growth in Parole will impact traffic on Riva Road. The people I spoke with were sympathetic and said it would be considered, but in my opinion, it will be something we (Cambria) will need to keep track of in the future. In the meantime, they are soliciting input from the public. There is more information on the program, and more importantly, TWO surveys you can link to about the program, one a typical opinion survey, and a second one that asks your opinion on visual styles of development. I suggest everyone take a few moments to take both surveys. The web page is www.aacounty.org/ParoleGMA.

The engineers focused on Route #2, but the further concern is that Riva Road will be impacted by congestion of more traffic from Route 2 via Admiral Cochran Drive to Riva Road, and from Route 2 via Central Avenue to Riva Road and/or Beards Point Road; it all runs past Cambria on Riva Road to or from Parole.

Bruce Stein

Riva Road from Annapolis south through Riva to Davidsonville: →→→



Go exploring!

For more information and an interesting tour of the work of the Office of Planning and Zoning, go to www.aacounty.org and click on Departments, then Planning & Zoning, or any of the other choices that may pique your interest. If you have ever gotten lost in the dictionary –sidetracked from what you were looking for, or even before that, lost in the encyclopedia, you’ll like wandering from one site to another. Oh yeah! Some do it now with the Internet. So much information—so little time.



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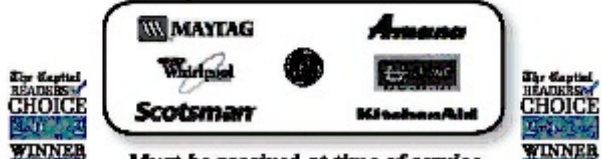
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Summer at Davidsonville Family Rec Center

DFRC is the old Nike site ceded by the Air Force to Anne Arundel County. Members are the organizations that use the site; the board is comprised of group representatives, including Chris Carroll of the County Department of Recreation and Parks. The Board of Directors met in July, presided by Milly Welsh, Chair.

Among current issues is a new water management company/system. The board also discussed what items the County should pay for and which ones clubs/groups should pay for, such as air conditioners, filling in sink holes, charging fire extinguishers, water purification systems, hot water heaters, miscellaneous repairs.

Organization reports:

Through a series of emails to Vivian Stefany, Boy Scout Carson Dove requested permission to fence in an area around an old drainage pipe, for his Eagle Scout project. (See Villager page 1). He estimated the cost to be \$200 for materials. DFRC voted to donate \$100 for the project.

Canine Training Association classes continue.

Dick Maio reported that the National Capital Radio & Television club is now affiliated with Mid-Atlantic Radio Club and holds one auction per month at Ford Hall, as well as tailgate sales the same day

DACA representative Gerry Coffman reported that DACA's June annual meeting was well attended. County

Executive Steve Schuh was the speaker.

Dick Friis announced that Free State Fly Fishers postings on social media have resulted in many new members; the club has risen from about ten to 72. Saturday fly tying classes are well attended, as are monthly outings/fishing trips.

Davidsonville Dance Club representative Dennis Logan noted that repairs to an outside light were completed in one day following a call to Chris at Recreation and Parks. The Dance club installed two outdoor solar lights on the walkway; dance classes are filled, and for the first time there is now hot water in the building

The next DFRC meeting will be held on December 14 at 7:00 in the BOQ (Ford Hall).

DFRC member organizations and representatives are:
Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks

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Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market, Martin Zehner, Jr.
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National Capitol Radio and Television, Dick Maio
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South County Pre-Kindergarten Co-op, Inc., Barbara Freeman, Tombarb.freeman@verizon.net

Not My Child

The Southern District Police Community Relations Council will meet this Thursday September 21, 2017, at 7:30 pm at the Southern District Station, 35 Stepney's Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037. The topic is "Not my Child," a community conversation regarding the prevalent use of drugs, addiction and heroin. A portion of the meeting is "Community Time." This gives members a chance to address issues that are going on in their community with Capt. Jordon. Capt. Jordon will also brief us on what is happening in Southern District.

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pesticides like DDT), Bald Eagle populations recovered to the point that they were removed from the federal threatened and endangered species list in 2007. Today, the Chesapeake Bay region is home to the largest concentrations of Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states, with an estimated 600 or more pairs currently breeding in Maryland.

Although organized surveys of Maryland's Bald Eagle population were discontinued in 2005, continuing threats of pollution, increased frequency of violent storms, coastal development, and collapsing fish populations prompt the need for continued monitoring of Bald

Eagles in our state. The Maryland Bird Conservation Initiative (MDBCI), a partnership working to conserve birds and their habitats, is launching a new citizen science monitoring program this December, to document the nesting success and productivity of the Maryland Bald Eagle population. We are seeking volunteers to assist us in this effort!

The Bald Eagle nesting season in Maryland starts in October, with pair formation and construction of large stick nests in the upper crotch of tall trees. Eggs are usually laid in February, but pairs in southern parts of Maryland occasionally start laying their eggs in January. The clutch of one to three eggs usually hatches by mid April, and the nestlings fledge in May and June. For this effort, volunteers will be asked to visit a nest repeatedly between March and July to collect information on nest occupancy and the number of young. Training will be provided but participants will need their own binoculars or spotting scope. Care will be taken to respect private property and not disturb the nesting eagles. To learn more and to register as an official Eagle Nest Monitor, contact MDBCI Science Coordinator Frode Jacobsen at mdeaglenests@gmail.com.

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