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DACA's Annual Meeting

A small but loyal group of members attended the annual meeting on June 6. On such a busy evening, DACA could not compete with the Washington Capitals playing and winning the Stanley Cup Championship; and several high school graduations; and candidate meetings elsewhere in the county. The loyal few soldiered on and conducted the necessary business of electing officers and board members, and hearing about current issues that concern the local residents.

The current officers were re-elected:

Christopher Asher, President

H. Edward Woods, Vice President

Gail Enright, Secretary

Brian Stanton, Treasurer

Will Biddle was ecstatic to be relieved from Treasurer duties by Brian Stanton in March. Thanks to both of them for keeping the books.

Phil Livingstone, Ron Oakes, Melissa Stanton, and Bruce Stein agreed to continue for the term to end in June 2021 and were duly reelected

Sean Healy and Brian Stanton were elected to fill vacancies in the term to June 2019 with incumbent Martin Zehner. Many thanks also to Jeff Bishop who joined Will Biddle, Kate Fox, and Wayne Reid in the term to June 2020.

Senator Ed Reilly has served the community for 16 years—seven on the County Council and nine in the State Senate. He thanked DACA for hosting Green Expo and remembered DACA's former treasurer and longtime member, Bob Carobrese. He told of the accomplishments of the Legislature and spoke highly of Governor Hogan. He

told the group to expect a huge rush of bills when the next session convenes. In most years, sitting legislators have the opportunity to submit bills before the opening of the session; in an election year new members are not permitted to pre-file and must wait until the session opens, so we can expect about 4,000 bills to be introduced, considered, and dealt with in a 90-day session. He explained that the money saved by introducing the standard charitable deduction will be balanced by other sources of income, meaning very little savings to individuals.

Nancy Schrum, Director of Constituent Services, represented County Executive Steve Schuh. She explained his current plan for the county (see page 13 for press release). He is preparing on another plan for the next four years. He is working on tightening the process for zoning changes.

President Chris Asher reported that construction has begun on the Welcome to Davidsonville sign, and installation will occur soon on Davidsonville Road near Rutland Road.

DACA member **Mike Lofton** of Harwood represented the Growth Action Network, which was established in 2007 and focuses primarily on growth, density, and re-zoning issues throughout the County, and will take strong positions on the new General Development Plan and the Comprehensive Rezoning process. He listed some zoning achievements that improve life in Anne Arundel, including the County Council's ban on opening any new landfills in the county. He cited the PST Landfill in Harwood, long since closed, that is still being monitored by the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association under grants from the federal government. *(Please turn to page 3)*

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DACA people

Many thanks to Michael Rains, to Mike Lofton, to Sharon Loss, to Paul and Mary Dallavalle, and to Meg Murray and Bruce Fleming for their generous contributions in addition to continuing their membership in DACA. Special thanks also to Greg Wheet for his generous contribution to DACA in addition to continuing his CABINETMAKER ad in the Villager.

To Villager readers: I apologize for sending the May-June notification email to your names; I aim to remember to send it to you as BCC; I mean to send it to some of my several lists directly by name, but I try not to do that to members. Gail

Another success! I love reading The Villager on an iPad. I was surprised (and saddened) that we are getting another traffic light. It seems like last week that the intersection of Gov. Bridge and Riva Rd was a triangle with a house in the middle. I guess that this is progress.

Thank you again for your Herculean effort in writing, editing, printing and promulgating The Villager.

Best Regards, Fran Canavan

I'm thankful to be a member of DACA. It's an effective organization. I particularly enjoy working with Kate Fox. Thanks. Mike Lofton

We've lived in Davidsonville since 1994, and certainly appreciate and value the community we've found here. Paul and Mary



DACA is pleased to welcome a number of residents of Harwood who have joined DACA and invites their input and participation with a collective voice in addressing local government offices. DACA has informally expanded its area of concern farther south in the interest of working to "Keep South County Rural." Residents of Harwood, Lothian, West River, Owensville, and Galesville are invited to become associate members of DACA and to bring their issues to DACA.

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The few landfills still operating are located in the north end of the county. He cited the eight-month moratorium on solar farm zoning in Anne Arundel. Other issues to be dealt with are commercial composting and the effort to increase development impact fees. GAN wants the County Council to increase the impact fees charged to developers of new communities because new communities, especially in existing low-impact agricultural zones, need and require additional and more expensive services of schools, roads, and fire and police protection that the present impact fees do not cover.

Mr. Lofton said that the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association (CEPA) gave rise to the Alliance for Livable Communities (ALC). Both provide input to the General Development Plan and Comprehensive Rezoning process. In this regard, ALC is working to eliminate “councilmanic courtesy” in which a council member will support a change in another district in order to secure a supporting vote for a change in his own district. ALC and DACA continue to advocate to reduce restrictions on the matter of “standing,” which means “If your proposed zoning change will impact my quality of life, do I have the right to address the matter, or do I not live close enough to address the matter?”

Bruce Stein summarized his findings on dual use of land zoned agricultural to include solar farms, resulting in 160 percent return on cost for the land. This was reported in the March-April and May-June issues of the Villager.

Martin Zehner spoke briefly about the impact this cold, wet spring has had on the crops, and the effect of the international trade on local crops. Strawberry farmers were hard hit by the weather also; Bobby Chase said he lost three quarters of his crop in this, his first year of investing in strawberries.

Betty Knupp invited all to join the South County Concert Association and attend the concerts. See page 15.

The DACA board voted not to meet in July. The next regular board meeting will be held August 2, in DACA’s conference room at the DFRC.

New Legislation by the County Council

At its regular meeting on June 18, the Council considered and acted on proposed legislation of interest to GAN, and therefore to DACA:

Bill #49-18 that bans polystyrene was amended to go into effect on January 1, 2020. It cites use of polystyrene cups, food containers and other items by restaurants and other food service businesses. After public testimony was heard at the June 18 meeting, the Council voted unanimously in favor of it. Vetoed by the County Executive.

Bill 57-18 requires the Planning and Zoning Officer to review all comprehensive zoning legislation and related amendments and opine whether the legislation is consistent with the County’s General Development Plan. If the opinion notes an inconsistency, the P & Z Officer must specify how and why the legislation is inconsistent and how to correct it. The bill has no fiscal impact. The Council had been showing a tendency to minimize “consistency” with the GDP; this bill is an attempt to hold the County Council to the requirement of consistency in passing zoning amendments. Bill 57-18 was passed on June 18.

Bill 50-18 provides limitations on tethering dogs outdoors, amends shelter requirements on dogs kept outdoors, and adds enclosed area and shade requirements. The Council amended the bill to allow tethering under supervision, define supervision, revise the standards for shelters, and to establish space standards for enclosures, depending on the size of the animal. Passed June 18th.

On June 18, the Council approved Bill 55-18, the County Executive’s proposed FY 2019 supplemental budget plan to accelerate construction funding for Edgewater, Tyler Heights, and Richard Henry Lee Elementary schools, the three elementary schools most in need of repair and replacement.

On July 2, the Council passed Bill 59-18 that will add a new position, a Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer.

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Davis family seeks two more building lots on Walnut Hill farm, Birdsville Road

Last fall, Richard and Mary Davis applied for a variance from RA zoning to allow them to create two additional residential lots off Birdsville Road. This is a zoning issue for DACA to take a position as it can lead to increased density. The County Department of Planning and Zoning opposed this variance. At the October zoning hearing, Hearing Officer Douglas Hollman denied the request on the basis that they had used the family conveyance allotment the first time they subdivided the property 30 years ago. They had subdivided their two parcels via family conveyance, and then sold the parcels to a developer to fund the purchase of a cattle farm in Iowa where Mr. Davis currently lives and works. The developer still owns two lots not yet developed, and they could buy one of them back.

This is a classic example of misuse of family conveyance and is how much of Davidsonville has been developed since 1981. It is also why the State made AA County eliminate the family conveyance option in the Zoning Code.

Mr. Davis appealed the denial and at the hearing in April, Mr. Davis said he had no intention of selling his farm in Iowa once he retires, nor does he have any interest in purchasing back one of the lots still held by the developer. Nevertheless, the Board of Appeals (BOA) reversed the decision of the Administrative Hearing Officer, and granted

the variance he requested. Mr. Davis's son is currently living in the farm house on the residue lot. In the application for a variance, the Davises had mentioned wanting to provide a lot for a granddaughter. This is a terrible precedent that the BOA has set in granting this variance. The two criteria for granting a variance to increase density are (1) a hardship that is not financial in nature, or (2) a unique situation on the ground. Any hardship the Davises have is the result of selling all their lots, a hardship of their own creation.

DACA's board voted eight to three in favor of pursuing the case in the District Court. The precedent this would allow should be opposed legally. It is important to let the Board of Appeals and the county know that citizens are watching and expect level, unbiased upholding of the zoning regulations. Otherwise officials feel they are unwatched and can do whatever suits them. On the other hand, if DACA loses the appeal, we will face a precedent that has been approved by the District Court, and at every future zoning appeal on this issue, that court case will be cited as approving and setting a controlling precedent that the Board of Appeals must rely on. It is a lot harder to argue to the BoA that the District Court got it wrong than to argue that a previous Board decision was wrong. The Court often defers to the BOA's factual findings, but they do not defer if BOA is wrong on the law.

DACA filed an appeal and awaits a hearing date.



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News from DFRC

Gerry Coffman is DACA’s representative to the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC), which manages the facility on Queen Anne Bridge Road, and serves as the home for several community organizations. He keeps DACA informed of the activities of these groups which help make Davidsonville a great place to live.

The property is administered by AA County Department of Recreation and Parks, also a member of the organization. They repaired the corner of the building where the foundation had dropped and repaired the Dance Club’s very fine floor. With summer fully upon us, here is summarized what is going on in our neighborhood.

Big news from the Boy Scouts of America! The national organization announced that girls can be members and the organization is now Scouts of America. Girls can have their own dens or troops within the organization or they can join already formed boys’ troops. Davidsonville’s troop has about 70 to 75 boys and will remain for boys only this year. Troop 554’s original charter with the Davidsonville Ruritan Club will

expire in December and DFRC will become the chartering organization. Members of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by Davidsonville United Methodist Church have “aged out” (grown up) and the troop has folded. They donated the remainder of their funds to the DFRC.

Anne Arundel Farmers Market is in full swing with three market days a week. See their notice on page 16.

Barbara Freeman retired as teacher and director of the South County Pre-K Coop after 30 years. The school celebrated with Barbara for her many years of devotion to the youngest of our children as they began their formal education at SCPC. The school hired a new teacher, Rachel Ogan, to begin the next school year.

June was a very busy month for the Anne Arundel Radio Club as they prepared for a National Field Day on June 22 and 23.

The Canine Training Association continues its classes training dogs (and their owners).

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will continue its monthly meetings at DFRC.

The Dance Club continues its dance classes throughout the week, and holds dances on Saturdays.

Free State Fly Fishers are not meeting this summer as everyone has gone fishing!



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A visit to Brandywine Aggregates

Brandywine Aggregates came to DACA’s attention when a number of nearby residents complained about the number and speed of large dump trucks entering and leaving the landfill on Patuxent River Road and questions about the work there. These concerns were reported in the Villager and Daniel Jones, Esq. wrote to correct several misperceptions, reported in the March-April issue, noting that it is a sand and gravel mining operation and a clean fill reclamation site.

As a principal of Brandywine Aggregates, Mr. Jones invited DACA’s board to visit the site. Seven or eight board members expressed interest in touring the property and Mr. Jones amended the invitation to limit it for safety’s sake to three guests. Kate Fox, Bruce Stein, and Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman planned to go. During the email-based conversation with the board and Mr. Jones, a board member described the trio as DACA’s experts in zoning, law, and the environment, respectively, and an excellent team of investigators, best competent to understand and evaluate the work at the site and compliance with the requirements of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

In response to the board member's casual use of the term “investigators,” **Daniel Jones** wrote “I extended this invitation to Gail a few months ago as a friendly neighbor wanting to show a few board members the fill operation we are running and to dispel negative rumors that were being spread around Davidsonville.


I did not foresee, however, that Gail would assemble a team of investigators, some of whom pride themselves on being adversaries, and that I will assume want nothing else but to see us out of business. The operation has been, and will continue to be, subject to random MDE inspections and is in compliance with all permits, rules, and regulations. Therefore, please find this email to be a revocation of my invitation.”

Fred Tutman replied: “I would pin this outcome on the deficiencies of email as a clear form of communication. It has in this instance created misunderstanding.

“Personally I would never treat a neighborly invitation as an opportunity to pursue an enforcement action or a chance to ambush the host. It would be a mean spirited and uncivil thing to do.

“I live in the neighborhood and accepted the generous invitation without prejudice or an agenda. If I had seen something untoward I would have more likely to approach the host privately and forthrightly to try and sort it out. But that surely never crossed my mind upfront.

“It was a gracious invite that I accepted without any strings or hooks. Actually I was happy to make a new friend in the context of our shared interest in the river we all care about. I try to keep my work and my neighborly dealings forthright and without guile. I am okay with the canceled invite if that is the wish of the host. I wrote this clarification because I want to leave the door open to future collegial dealings.”(Go to page 7)



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No visit to Brandywine? *(From previous page)*

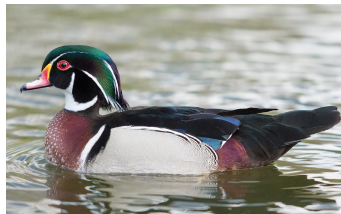
Gail sent an apology: “Daniel—I am sorry you see this group of neighbors as a ‘team of investigators,’ [an unfortunate choice of words]. I was simply curious to see what the operation looks like as I have never seen one in use. We accepted your kind invitation without pre-judged opinions, but curiosity. I believe that Kate Fox, Bruce Stein, and Fred Tutman have about the same level of interest and they are in fact best qualified to recognize how Brandywine is meeting its requirements. Otherwise the tour would count as an elementary school field trip. This arose months ago from complaints from neighbors about the number of trucks and their speed on Patuxent River Road and you noted that you have no control over them when they are not on the site.”

Chris Asher summed it up with a note to Mr. Jones: “Daniel, We understand your position and regret using the term ‘investigators’ to describe the subset of our Board that was hoping to take the tour. In reality these are the folks who are most knowledgeable about land use issues and would better appreciate your operation and could dispel the negative rumors that have surfaced. I can assure you that DACA’s intentions are good and that we do not have a desire to see you out of business. Rather, we’d like to have a better understanding of your business so that we can effectively communicate any perceived issues to members of our community. Perhaps you are willing to reconsider?”

“With all due respect the abrupt cancellation of our first scheduled visit and the reversal of your second invitation raises more suspicion than goodwill.

Respectfully, Chris Asher, DACA President”

DACA’s board hopes to continue a friendly dialog with Brandywine, a longtime Davidsonville business, and awaits a response from Daniel Jones.



Where did GAN come from?

Growth Action Network started as a project of the Arnold Preservation Council (APC) in August 2007. Forty-three people attended an organizational meeting, very easily came up with a Mission Statement, and found consensus about the purpose of GAN—to educate ourselves and our members about the land use process and to become proactive instead of always being the last to learn about a troublesome project when it was too late to have any effect. Many of our members already worked on water quality issues, but GAN would concentrate on the land and assist our members in their advocacy. Having community associations as part of our countywide group has proved to be very valuable.

We organized as a coalition of community associations, environmental groups, and individuals, and formed a smaller coordinating council that met frequently. After a facilitated retreat in October 2013 the members agreed that GAN was useful and was not duplicating the work of other organizations. They decided to incorporate with a board, bylaws and 503 (c) status. This December 2018 will mark the fifth anniversary of GAN’s incorporation.

Next proposed project: Training GAN members for administrative hearings. Ann Fligsten, Executive Director of GAN, plans to provide training to help individuals be effective in testifying before the County Council and Hearing Officers. Classes will take place in July. Trainees will

- learn which land use issues go before the Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO).
- attend an AHO hearing and report on it
- prepare a case in opposition to a variance
- learn what must be proven to get a zoning change
- evaluate strategy in an rezoning case
- advocate effectively before the AHO
- learn what “standing” means and why it is critical.

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3,277.00	T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund (closed)	0.00
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	RECEIPTS	
\$ 1,166.22	Refund from Chesapeake Alliance	\$.00
1,390.00	Dues	1,576.47
3,205.10	Villager advertisers	3,125.00
4,125.00	Green Expo	3,364.00
1,335.10	Unrestricted contributions	515.00
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<u>\$ 5,803.00</u>	Contributions for Welcome Sign	.00
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\$ 4,191.50	Minute Man Press, Villager print and postage	\$ 5,700.51
442.29	USPS stamps and office supplies	298.53
1,850.00	Contributions and dues to other organizations	550.00
2,496.42	Green Expo costs	2,758.51
205.00	Erie Insurance liability policy	205.00
95.88	Website Host	373.47
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<u>.00</u>	Welcome Sign (deposit)	2,824.00
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Thanks to Brian Stanton for assembling the figures to prepare this year-to-year financial report. Future annual financial reports will be on the calendar year to coincide with IRS filings. DACA closed the T. Rowe Price Fund in December 2017 as it earned so little interest in the past five years. Special thanks to Bruce Stein who had the patience and ability to get DACA reinstated to tax exempt status. In February 2017 the IRS notified DACA that its tax exempt status was revoked for failure to file returns. Even though DACA has no great assets (beyond its people) and pays no income tax, it is required to file a return, but never received notification of the required or delinquent filing. DACA had to re-apply for its tax exempt status and pay the application and accountant's fees, but did not have to pay any taxes because it qualifies as a non-profit organization under section 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code. DACA received its reinstatement notice in May 2018.



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Ask, and you may receive: Tom Angelis endowed DACA with a scholarship fund

Tom Angelis has lived in Davidsonville over 40 years, has served on DACA's board, and served several terms as Vice President. He thinks very highly of DACA. He feels very satisfied with his lot in life and is at a stage where he wants to pay back the good fortune he has enjoyed, seeking to fulfill his bucket list. In 2016, he initiated a scholarship program as a memorial to his mother Clara, and provided seed money in the amount of \$500 to each of nine organizations—three in Anne Arundel County and six in his hometown of Philadelphia. He proposes to continue these donations every year—primarily but not exclusively for use in educational endeavors. Tom completed the program by making DACA the tenth scholarship recipient of \$500 seed money.

Seed money is the key word. Tom and the DACA board invite DACA members to contribute in whatever amount they see fit to "grow" the scholarship program. He recounted to DACA's Board of Directors the results he has observed in his other programs. Each organization sets its own criteria for use of the grants they make. Some recipients have awarded scholarships in varying amounts and some initiated new educational programs aimed at specific grantees. Some of the funds have increased with contributions added by their members. Other groups found it necessary to wait to receive the second year gift before awarding a grant. For example, the church Tom and his wife attend awarded three \$800 scholarships in 2016, five \$1,000 scholarships in 2017, and in 2018 the church will award five \$1,200 scholarships.

In September 2017 the DACA board gratefully accepted his offer. Tom attaches no strings but imagined (correctly) that DACA would incline toward environmental education. The board first dipped into it to provide prize money for winners of the Green Expo 2018 poster contest. Other suggestions include sponsoring speakers for special events. We could guide it toward the agricultural community, and work closely with Davidsonville Elementary School on agricultural and environmental projects for DES students. Even simple projects like taking groups of kids on farm visits entail the cost of bus transportation. Or it could be used toward the expenses of candidate forums.

Tom thanked the Villager for DACA's attribution of the scholarship program initiated by him and his wife Kristine. He said he has learned that people are more generous donors to a program if a specific person's name is attached to the fund. He named it the Gail Enright Education Scholarship. He and Kristine will continue to provide seed money every year and they hope DACA members and friends will contribute so the fund will flourish for years into the future. Checks payable to DACA, should be designated "scholarship fund."

To apply for funding for your project, write to Thomas F. Angelis, in care of DACA, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035. Describe your project, program, hope, time period, and the amount of money you will need. Depending on the amount, the fund can contribute all or a part of your request.

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**Primaries are over.
Get ready for the General Election**

Civic organizations should be encouraging members to vote and support the issues they care about by being informed voters. Envision Mayo (which has written their own Small Area Plan for the County's General Development Plan) held a primary candidates forum on June 5 to help inform their community. It is important for [civic organizations] to help voters understand the issues and the candidates. Organizations classed as 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 are allowed to provide education on issues and hear the candidates' positions on the issues. For example, in 2002, eight large local environmental organizations held a candidates forum on development and the environment at South River High School with candidates from five different races. Now that GAN is an organization of organizations I believe it should enlist member organizations to help organize a candidate forum for the general election. If we want to see progress on our issues, a public service informing voters but not endorsing candidates is one of the most important tasks we could be doing.

(Adapted from a memo by Mike Shay)

Volunteer to lead plans for a candidates debate?

DACA's Board of Directors might support and sponsor a candidates forum between now and the general election in November, but lacks an individual willing to take the lead in planning. It would require a coalition of organizations and their representatives to carry it out. Members of GAN and Harwood Civic Association have done this in the past with DACA's support, and have some expertise on finding a moderator, rounding up the candidates and securing a venue.

If such a project appeals to you, please send an email to info@daca-md.org, fox4smith@verizon.net, or annflugsten@gmail.com.

As of now, a forum between Steve Schuh and Stuart Pittman, candidates for County Executive, is scheduled in September, jointly sponsored by GAN, Alliance for Livable Communities, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Anne Arundel County League of Women Voters.

It would be a service to all citizens to hear the views and positions of candidates for the County Council, State Senate, and House of Delegates Districts 30B and 33, in forums combined or separate for each race.

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Primary Election results

State Senate District 33, incumbent Edward R. Reilly, R., is challenged by Eve Hurwitz, D.

House of Delegates District 30B, Seth Howard, R., opposed by Mike Shay, D.

State House of Delegates District 33 incumbents: Republicans Michael E. Malone, Tony McConkey, and Sid Saab are challenged by Democrats Tracie C. Hovermale, Pam Luby and Heather Bagnall, and by Liv Romero of the Green Party.

County Executive incumbent Steve Schuh, R., is challenged by Steuart Pittman, D.

AA County Council District 7: Candidates Jessica Haire, R., and James Kitchin, D., seek Jerry Walker's seat.

Tree Removal on Rossback Road

The County Department of Public Works announced that we will remove seven trees that have been identified by our tree contractor as dead or dying, located between 1501 and 1556 Rossback Road.

Due to the size of these trees, several crews will be needed to complete the work. To ensure public and crew safety, we will close the road and institute a detour during the work hours from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Work is expected begin July 16 and last approximately ten days.

If you have questions, please contact Charles Belt or Angie Micciche at 410-222-7940, or DPW Customer Relations at 410-222-7582.

Updating Recycling Options: Plastic bags BAD!

Do not put plastic bags in recycle bins. Put your recyclables LOOSE in your recycle bin, not in a plastic bag! Plastic bottles, jars, jugs, tubs, trays, cups, plates, utensils, buckets, tote bins, empty flower pots, furniture, trash containers, GOOD! Plastic bags BAD!

Glass bottles and jars, any color GOOD! Mirrors and window glass, ceramics and drinking glasses BAD! Put the BAD stuff in the trash to go to the landfill.

Paper boxes GOOD! Cardboard, cereal, frozen food, shoe boxes, pizza boxes, books, shredded paper in a paper bag, copy paper, newspaper and inserts, junk mail, magazines and catalogs, file folders, envelopes, beverage cartons and boxes, wrapping paper; all GOOD!

Metal: Aluminum foil and cooking pans, aluminum cans, tin/steel cans, empty aerosol cans GOOD!

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From Michelle Corkadel, Constituent Services Officer
A word about the tragedy at the Capital Gazette:

William James was quoted saying, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." Indeed, journalists do have an impact on our daily lives and are an integral part of our communities. Their stories create a historic stamp on our happenings, feelings, triumphs and defeats. I personally knew those we lost at the Capital, as many of you did as well. Words cannot describe the loss we are all experiencing. Their story will live on....

The Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency is available to those who need assistance for their grief or want to help others in their time of need.

The outpouring of support from our community after the tragic event that occurred on Thursday, June 28th, has been overwhelming. Offers of assistance have come from every corner of the county and from around the State. The Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency is compiling a list of these volunteer resources for use as we identify the community's needs. We are very grateful for the compassion and desire to help. If you or your organization would like to offer assistance, please call 410-222-7858 or email the agency at MHAAC@aol.com. As always, if you or someone you know is in need of mental health support, please call the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Crisis Response Warmline at 410-768-5522.

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Highlights of AA County FY budget in brief

Press release from Owen McEvoy, June 14

The Anne Arundel County Council adopted a budget that embraces County Executive Steve Schuh's plan to invest in schools, strengthen public safety, and reduce traffic congestion. It took effect on July 1.

Education: The budget will invest \$686 million in our schools, including \$21.2 million for two educator step pay increases. To reduce class sizes, the enacted budget would add 130 educators. The County will also expand the "Triple E" initiative to the Annapolis Cluster that provides additional electives for our elementary school population and provides planning time for teachers; the budget funds a third early education center in South County, to ensure residents access to high quality Pre-K programs.

The budget begins funding a 15 percent pay increase for police over the next two years. Starting police salaries will also increase from \$46,854 to \$51,500. The budget adds 20 new police positions, including ten new school resource officers.

Roads and Relieving Congestion: To stabilize the system and to prevent further deterioration this year's budget will increase the maintenance budget to \$30 million, which will allow the County to improve the road system in the next few years.



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The 2018 Master Gardening Course will be held from September 11 through November 1, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the University of Maryland Extension Office, 97 Dairy Lane, Gambrills, MD. Tuition is \$275 due upon acceptance to the program and covers the cost of all training materials. The class is limited to 30 participants.

The curriculum is presented by University of Maryland Extension faculty and trained Master Gardeners. Topics include Basic Botany, Plant Disease, Entomology, Soils, Fruit and Vegetable Gardening. Participants agree to provide 40 hours of volunteer service to Anne Arundel County after completing the course.

Applications are due by August 1, and can be found at <http://extension.umd.edu/anne-arundel-county/master-gardeners/become-master-gardener>.

For additional information contact Nancy Allred, Interim Master Gardener Coordinator, UMD Extension Anne Arundel, at 410-222-3900 or send email to nalred@umd.edu.

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New at Waysons Corner



1361 Wrighton Road, Lothian, has opened its new Nature Preserve at Waysons Corner, a 30-acre parcel between Sands Road and Southern Maryland Boulevard, once destined to become a big-box store. The Waysons Corner addition includes a children's play area called Discovery Place. The wetlands sanctuary consists of 1,700 acres of open water, tidal freshwater marshes, forests, meadows, creeks, and pine and sand barrens alongside the Patuxent River. The sanctuary is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 to 5:00. Entrance fee is \$6 per vehicle. The Glendening Preserve is open to the public every day from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. The Wrighton Road gate is open on Sundays and holidays. Wootons Landing and Patuxent Wetland Park are open dawn to dusk. Go to www.jugbay.org to learn more.

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SCCA is an all volunteer organization supported by subscriber fees, donations and grants, and it is committed to offering top quality attractions at very affordable prices. Fees for the 2018-19 season remain the same as last year: \$55 for one adult; \$65 for one parent with children; \$120 for two parents with children.

Your additional support helps pay for more expensive programs as well as master classes and concerts by our performers in area schools. We welcome donations of any amount, which are 100 percent tax deductible. Donors of \$50 or more will be recognized on our patron list.

The reciprocal agreement between the Anne Arundel Community Concert Association, which performs in Severna Park, and SCCA allows our subscribers to attend all the concerts of both associations at no additional cost. Please enroll at your earliest convenience; your subscriber card and confirmation letter will be sent to you in late August, with all concert dates confirmed.

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- Maryland Live: The Annapolis Chorale with Ernest Green Sunday, February 17, 2019 3:00 pm
- Vox Fortura Saturday, March 23, 2019 7:30 pm
- Shenandoah Run Saturday, May 11, 2019 7:30 pm

If you need transportation to attend the South County concerts, please notify us and SCCA will provide a guest pass for your driver. We welcome new subscribers and invite you to refer SCCA to your friends and neighbors.

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