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Mount Airy Center

Residents of Mount Airy Road and the nearby communities are dismayed by the application for a change in use of the residence at 869 Mount Airy Road. The property was purchased in September 2016 by the Wilberforce Foundation which has already changed the use of the property without securing the required certification from the county's Office of Planning and Zoning.

In 2017 the Wilberforce Foundation changed the property owner's name to the Mount Airy Center. The Center has applied to the County for certification to change the function of the property from Residential to Institutional for Religious Purposes. The walk-out basement has been converted to living quarters for six interns, young college graduates, who will stay for a seven-month program of discipleship. The goal is to train people in the principles of Jesus. They will travel at least half the time to other states to participate in religious activities and also travel overseas.

The first floor will contain meeting space with a sanctuary of 35 seats. The upstairs bedrooms have been converted to offices where staff members work a normal work day. The owner installed a basketball and tennis court and expanded the parking lot to accommodate 26 cars. Their application for a change in use does not mention the barn on the property although the neighbors report that it has already been used for large private events since the purchase of the property.

The neighbors are united in their concern for the nature of its institutional use in their residential neighborhood. They have asked for DACA's help in raising awareness and supporting the community. DACA sent a letter to County Executive Steve Schuh and to the Office of Planning and Zoning and, after the election, to the new County Executive, Stuart Pittman. The letter is on page 4.

GREEN EXPO 2020, not 2019

TO ALL who have participated in the Davidsonville Area Civic Association's Green Expo over the past nine years, the Board of Directors is grateful to our sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers for helping us present increasingly successful events each March since 2010. It has been very rewarding and a very demanding project for the organizers. This year, for lack of a corps of dedicated planning volunteers, the DACA Board decided to postpone presenting the full Green Expo until March 2020. Your email address will be kept in the Green Expo address book and we will keep you advised of continuing plans.

DACA's Traditional Tree Giveaway

March 23, 2019

11:00 ~ 1:00 pm

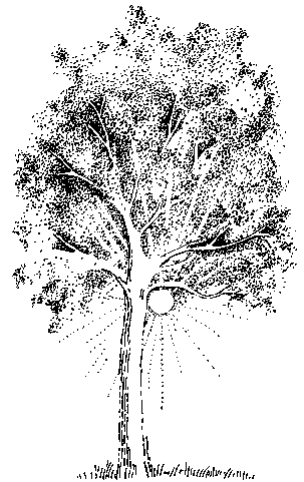
*Come to DES to pick up
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In the coming spring, DACA will reprise its very first green event — the tree seedling giveaway — on March 23, 2019, in the parking lot of Davidsonville Elementary School.

My early seedlings have grown to ten feet tall or more!

Gail Enright

2018 Green Expo Chair



DACA people

Many thanks to Nancy Covington (Patuxent River Road) for her continuing membership in DACA. In addition to renewing her dues she made a generous contribution that entitles her to LIFE membership. Welcome new members Liz and Keith Lewnes and thanks for their contribution in addition to their dues. Welcome back and many thanks to Maria Escalera-Flexhaug, a member in 1993 who just rejoined for a five year term and made a generous contribution toward DACA's legal expenses. Welcome back Jimmy and Bridget Blake and thanks for their contribution to DACA in addition to their membership dues.

Re September-October Villager: One of the most informative issues you've ever published and skillfully done. Many thanks.

June Fleck

Thanks for the wonderful work you and DACA do. Membership is my favorite renewable resource

Tom L.

Readers' kind words reward and inspire me. Thank you!

Gail

In Memoriam

Deepest sympathy to the family of
Lorraine Haislip
December 3, 1945 ~ October 20, 2018

Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works Roads and curbside trash collections

As winter cold is upon us, rain, cold, snow and wind may play havoc with our roads. The Farmers Almanac predicts a rougher winter this year than in the past two almost snowfree years. You may have reason or need to call the Southern District office of DPW, and they have very helpfully posted the phone numbers where you can reach them. For general information go to www.aacounty.org/DPW or call 410-222-7500. The toll free number to call from South County is 410-867-2027. For Road Operations in the Southern District, call 410-222-1933 Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. After 3:30 weekdays and on weekends, South County customers should call 410-451-4118. For curbside trash and recycling collections and bulk item trash service reward and inspire me, call 410-222-6100.

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Activity at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center

The County Department of Recreation and Parks is responsible for maintaining the DFRC. Gerry Coffman is DACA's representative to the Board of Directors. He carried DACA's concerns about the site to their November 8 meeting, as requested by DACA's board members. Aside from the reports of the member organizations, maintenance issues are the most frequent topics of business. In the conference room of Ford Hall the two ancient window air conditioners are inefficient at best—it is hot during the summer. The security light just outside the entrance rarely gives illumination to find the key hole. A DFRC board member agreed to take a look at the light. The facility's water softener has been working poorly; the DFRC board will contact the county to have it fixed. It was also suggested that each group be conscious of conserving energy and turn off the lights and electricity before leaving, and lock up at the end of their meeting/activity.

The board decided against allowing outside groups to use the facility. Factors considered were insurance liability and the potential clean-up costs after the activity. They approved a request from an Eagle Scout who offered to build/repair stairs at one of the buildings as part of a scouting project. Gerry informed the board that DACA's net Green Expo will be in March 2020. In 2019 DACA will hold its tree give away. Finally, the DFRC member representatives in attendance (Scouts, Pre-K school, Radio Club, Dance Club, and Fly Fishers) all gave positive reports highlighting the activities of their organizations.

DFRC's next board meeting is May 9, 2019, at 7:00 PM.

Thank you, Gerry!

Congratulations to your newly elected Government Representatives

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Register of Wills Lauren Parker

Additional contact information will be published as it becomes available after the new electees take office.

Stuart Pittman named Janet Owens and Chris Trumbauer as his transition team to the county's new administration. Seven transition committees and their chairs are Safe Communities, co-chaired by Roger Simonds and Ed Bergin; Healthy Communities chaired by Lisa Hillman, former vice president of Anne Arundel Medical Center; Thriving Communities chaired by Christina Pompa; Empowered Communities chaired by Pete Smith, former County Council member for District 1; Sustainable Communities chaired by Kate Fritz, former executive director of the South River Federation; Educated Communities chaired by Stacy Korbelak, former president of the AA Board of Education; and Responsive Government chaired by Jerry Walker, former Council member for District 7.



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Mount Airy Center Letter to Office of Planning and Zoning, by email on October 24

To: Steve Schuh, County Executive and
Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and
Zoning, Attn: Lori Rhodes
Re: 869 Mt. Airy Road, Davidsonville,
Permit Application: B02355781

On behalf of the residents of Davidsonville, Maryland, we request that the county reject the application of the organization known as the Mount Airy Center — located at 869 Mt. Airy Road and owned by the Wilberforce Foundation, Inc., (resident agent David Coe) — to change its certificate of use from Residential to Institutional.

Among our concerns is the change in use from a residential single-family dwelling to a mixed-use institutional property serving as a religious facility, office, training center, event venue and boarding house:

The Davidsonville area is largely an agricultural and residential community, zoned RA.

The property in question is within an agricultural/residential neighborhood.

The owners are already using, and intend to continue using, the property as a training facility with boarding to house rotating groups of young men.

Residents of Mt. Airy Road and the Davidsonville community at large are concerned about the impact a changed use of the property from single-family residential to institutional will have on traffic, infrastructure, county services, safety and the neighboring residences.

As the property location is within a residential area, using the home and its land for purposes of a business or institution, at which people who are not Davidsonville residents work, visit, gather and temporarily live, significantly changes the character of the neighborhood and does not contribute to the long-term value and stability of the Davidsonville area.

We are greatly concerned about the county establishing a precedent allowing residential properties in Davidsonville to be converted for institutional use and from that, unintentionally encouraging the purchase of homes in Davidsonville by organizations intending to convert residences to institutional use.

Attached are documents that can help inform the county and local leaders about the situation, which residents learned of in late September from a letter sent by a Mount Airy Center attorney to homeowners bordering 869 Mt. Airy Road. Several dozen residents attended the October 9 meeting he hosted at the Edgewater Library.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We ask to be kept informed about this application and situation.

Sincerely, the Officers and Board Members of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association

A copy was sent to Steuart Pittman after November 6. The letter and its nine attachments can be found at <https://www.davidsonvillemaryland.org/local-topics.html>



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The Bridge of the Governors

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Prince George’s County administration and Anne Arundel have been discussing its repairs in hope of restoring the bridge to automobile traffic while maintaining its historic appearance and protecting the river and its shore. What a challenge! Prince George’s held a public meeting in Bowie on October 17, to which many residents of Bowie were invited, none from Anne Arundel County. A few residents of Double Gate, Patuxent River Road and Governors Bridge Road learned of the meeting and attended. Prince George’s officials presented six options for repairs.

- Option #1, do nothing; leave it closed.
- #2, reconstruct it as is, at cost of \$2.1 million, will not address flooding on the PG side.
- #3, remove trusses, build a single-lane bridge, replace

- trusses, cost \$6 million; will retain its appearance.
- #4, replace the old bridge with a new dual-lane bridge, cost \$6.8 million; major environmental impact.
- #5, leave the old bridge, build a new one-lane bridge next to it, cost \$6.9 million; major environmental impact.
- #6, leave the old bridge, build a new dual-lane bridge next to it at cost of \$7.7 million; major environmental impact.

None of the options will prevent the river in flood from rising above the bridge road level.

DACA was told more than a year ago that the only possible option would be #1 or #2.

PG officials invited concerned citizens to send comments to Prince George’s Project Manager Unmesh Patel at UCPatel@co.pg.md.us by December 3.

DACA Vice president Ed Woods and Board member Jeff Bishop went to meeting. It seems that the residents of Anne Arundel (especially Davidsonville) really want the bridge reopened, but Jeff said, that of the Prince George’s people he asked, only one wanted the bridge reopened. Most of them like the quiet and less trash on the road. They fear that options 3, 4, 5, and 6 would increase the weight limit so commercial traffic could use it, although the PG administration promised to place weight limits on it.

DACA’s board plans to wait until new County Councils in both counties are in place before choosing the best, least bad option to weigh in. It is believed that the bridge will not be opened before 2020.



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School news

Board of Education election results

Newly elected to the Board of Education were Candace Antwine, Melissa Ellis, Dana Schallheim, and Michelle Corkadel. Julie Hummer and Terry Gilleland were not re-elected on November 6, but will remain until the end of their appointed terms, December 6, 2020. The old board re-elected them during the summer to continue as president and vice president. Robert Leib was appointed by the School Board Appointment Commission to fill the seat vacated by Maria Sasso in July, and will run until December. According to the BoE's website, Eric Grannon's term will continue until December 6, 2020. The term of Josie Urrea, the student member, will continue until June 30, 2019.

Patricia Nalley, Principal of Davidsonville Elementary during the 1990's, retired at the end of this term after 50 years in education as teacher, principal, and board member.

The next open meetings of the Board will be at 10:00 am on December 5 and 7:00 pm on December 19. The budget hearings will be at 6:00 pm on January 8 and 10.

AA County Public School Calendar

November 20 -- report cards

November 21, 22, and 23 – Schools close for fall break and Thanksgiving.

December 17 – Interim reports

December 24-January 1 – Schools close for winter/Christmas break, reopen January 2

January 29 – end of second marking period

January 31 – schools close

February 8 – report cards

Church and Rotary give dictionaries to third grade

In partnership with the Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County, All Hallows Parish sponsored a project to provide dictionaries to every third grader at Central Elementary School. On November 8 Father Jeffrey Hual helped distribute 100 dictionaries to a roomful of enthusiastic third graders.

Three new elementary schools by 2021

On October 29, Anne Arundel County officials took part in a ceremonial groundbreaking for three long-awaited elementary schools: Edgewater Elementary, Tyler Heights in Annapolis, and Richard Henry Lee in Glen Burnie.

A 2015 facilities utilization study listed the Tyler Heights, Edgewater, and Richard Henry Lee Elementary schools as among the worst in the county for building condition. In May, County Executive Schuh proposed a supplemental budget that included an additional \$36 million in funding to accelerate construction in FY 2019 for Edgewater, Tyler Heights, and Richard Henry Lee Elementary Schools. The budget allowed for a fast-tracked construction time table for these projects, with occupancy dates of September 2021.

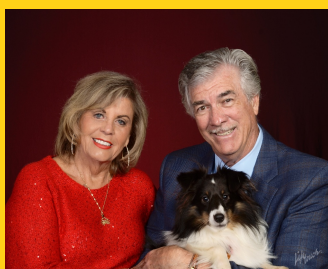
The projects were made possible through the JumpStart Anne Arundel capital project financing program. Enacted in 2015, the capital plan embraces a 30-year bond financing option. This reform has allowed Anne Arundel County to expand its capital funding program and make critical school, public safety, road, and quality of life infrastructure improvements from Edgewater to Annapolis to Glen Burnie.

From a press release by Owen P. McEvoy, Esq.

DACA Scholarship funds available

To support the fund, make your check in any amount payable to DACA and write "scholarship" in the memo space.

To apply for funds from this scholarship, write your request to DACA, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035, stating how you would use the grant to further your education in whatever field you plan to pursue. Remember, every bit helps, whether coming in or going out!



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Construction Site Pollution: Rain and Stormwater send exposed soil into streams and rivers

Continued from September-October Villager

After the Community and Environmental Defense Services (CEDS) wrote to County Executive Schuh and Department of Inspections & Permits Director Dan Kane in August, regarding pollution from county construction sites, a letter which DACA and more than 20 other organizations signed, Richard Klein has kept DACA and the Growth Action Network informed of CEDS meetings and progress on improving construction site safeguards to comply with county, state and federal laws. The most visible symptom of potential pollution is soil exposed to rain and stormwater runoff. At their meeting in late summer, Mr. Kane proposed a number of steps to improve the use of straw mulch, grass and other stabilization measures, the most effective options for preventing mud and other construction pollutants from fouling nearby waters.

CEDS re-visited the construction sites they had previously inspected and saw that some had been brought into compliance, but not all.

In October Mr. Klein and four signers of the letter—Emily Ranson, Clean Water Action; Jesse Iliff, South River Federation; Lynne Rockenbauch, Severn River Association; and Tim Trumbauer, Shore Rivers and Chester Riverkeeper—met with Maryland Department of Environment Secretary Grumbles and five other top MDE officials—Lynn Buhl, Assistant Secretary; Jeff Fretwell, Director of Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations; Lee Currey, Director of Water & Science Administration; Jennifer Smith, Sediment, Stormwater and Dam Safety Program Manager; and Ray Bahr, Sediment, Stormwater and Dam Safety Program Review Division Chief—regarding the August 23rd letter about Maryland Waters and Improving Construction Site Pollution Control. County Inspections and Permits personnel spoke with the Maryland Builders Industry Association (MBIA) at their Septem-

ber 20 meeting with the County to inform the builders that they would be emphasizing stabilization during construction. They noted that contractors and developers need to understand better why it was necessary. The County also had a training session with CEDS grading inspectors on September 25, making stabilization a point of emphasis for the entire life of project construction. They will be highlighting this point at their pre-construction meetings with contractors and developers at the start of a project.

The County also plans to meet with the Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District to work on the Sequence of Construction and Vegetative Stabilization Notes, and add the note that soil should not be showing through straw and mulch. They had previously recommended adding a sheet to future erosion and sediment control plans that specifically shows how site clearance and initial grading can be managed to bring the site quickly to the point where stabilization can be applied to all disturbed soils once rough grade is reached, and evaluate methods to measure or document the amount of straw/seed used for stabilization of a site. The County may consider legislation to improve sediment and erosion control.

Secretary Grumbles and the MDE directors present at the October meeting agreed that there is need to reduce construction site pollution through greater use of straw, mulch, grass and other stabilization measures. Mr. Klein stated that the real test will be if there's a substantial reduction in exposed soil on construction sites throughout Maryland in the coming months. In the ongoing process of assuring reduced construction site pollution, Mr. Klein invited representatives of Growth Action Network to take a tour of construction sites in their area next May to see if exposed soil remains.

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Isn't it time to retire your Hallowe'en pumpkins?



Oh my gourd! A billion pounds of pumpkins end up in landfills each year. Fair Farms has better ideas! Rather than trashing your old Jack-o-Lanterns or decorative gourds, commit to an eco-friendly solution—like finding a local farm whose pigs or chickens might enjoy it as a snack!

The U.S. Department of Energy warned us in 2015 that our Halloween pumpkins are contributing to climate change. Most of the 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins grown in the U.S. each year end up in the landfill, the agency says. Organic waste left to decompose in landfills releases methane into atmosphere. Methane is “a harmful green-

house gas with more than 20 times the warming effect of carbon dioxide,” according to the agency.

Pumpkins are also very nutritious, making it a shame to waste all that perfectly good food. In the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, pumpkins were a staple food crop that helped the settlers get through the winters. So before you toss yours in the trash—or the neighbor kids smash it on your porch—consider nourishing yourself, wildlife, or the soil.

Eat it. Start with the seeds. Loaded with magnesium, zinc, protein, amino acids, antioxidants and omega 3s, pumpkin seeds are nutritional powerhouses wrapped in tiny packages. Spread them on a baking sheet, sprinkle with garlic salt or cinnamon sugar, and toast them at 300 degrees for about a half hour or longer.

Make broth. Boil the stringy, slimy stuff from the center in water to make broth for soup. Try adding carrot, celery and other vegetable trimmings for more flavor.

Make pie or pumpkin butter. You might consider buying a smaller “pie” pumpkin, as the big carving pumpkins are bred for looks, not taste. Small pumpkins do make cute little jack-o-lanterns. Cook the flesh soon after you carve the pumpkin to be sure it will be fresh.

If you don't want to eat it yourself, pumpkin makes a great snack for wildlife, says the National Wildlife Federation. You can feed it to deer; others who like it are groundhogs, skunks, raccoons, and smaller critters that dwell in our neighborhoods. Or compost it.



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Case closed: Davis on Birdsville Road

The Board of Appeals granted Richard Davis a variance to subdivide his residue lot on Birdsville Road. DACA’s Board voted to appeal the decision of the Board of Appeals on the ground that the decision does not meet county zoning regulations. The Circuit Court scheduled two hearings: the first to determine standing, which was denied, before the second which would have introduced the adjoining property owner, who would qualify as having standing, as an intervenor in the zoning issue. Once the motion to dismiss was granted, the second hearing was deemed moot and canceled. In the hearing on standing, the Davis lawyer argued that the variance the BoA granted had no effect on the mission of DACA, as promoted at the Green Expo, or was too minimal to sustain standing. He hit heavily on the idea that a civic association must rely on its own, separate, real property ownership to sustain standing—Green Expo not being real property—and implied that relaxing that rule would invite a flood of frivolous litigation in the Courts. DACA’s attorney pro bono, Ryan Kennedy, argued that the Green Expo was not some theoretical exercise of DACA’s normal advocacy right, but a tangible piece of intellectual property, the effective purpose of which is damaged by increased development. Mr. Kennedy also argued that Maryland’s current standing rule was unconstitutional. Judge Klavans ruled that a community association is not aggrieved through ownership of real property and must demonstrate that the association will be harmed differently from the general public. He ruled that the Davidsonville Green Expo would not be damaged by the decision of the Board of Appeals.

County accepting applications for Board of Appeals

From Capital November 7

The Anne Arundel County Council is accepting resumes for the Board of Appeals. The board is a seven-member quasi-judicial entity presiding over appeals of administrative agencies. Examples of this include zoning law, permit decisions, personnel issues and animal control, according to a county news release. The board meets three times a week. Members must be registered voters in AA County. The Board of Appeals operates independently from both the legislative and executive branches. The County Council appoints the seven Board members to four-year terms coterminous with their own.

The Board renders final decisions on appeals related to zoning, licenses, permits, and executive, administrative and adjudicatory orders. Appellants of decisions who are not satisfied with the decision of the Board may subsequently pursue their case in Circuit Court.

The Board may choose to close a portion of a meeting to obtain legal advice or to discuss personnel matters as 3-305(b)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Each County Council member appoints a resident of his or her district to serve on the Board of Appeals and the new Council will do so after they are sworn into office. Present BoA members are Richard Forgo, Chairman; J. Gary Middlebrooks, Vice Chairman; Patsy Baker Blackshear, William Jay Breitenbach, Paul Devlin, S. Spencer Dove, and Richard Hare.

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Previous Council's last actions

The past County Council met for the last time on October 15 and wrapped up some bills that were under consideration.

They passed Bill 89-18, Solar Generating Facilities, which allows the five pending community solar projects to proceed with their applications and provides helpful regulation for future solar projects. See the adjoining article on solar energy on this page and pages 11 and 12.

They passed Bill #78-18 which will require developers of housing complexes to plan for bike paths, and walking paths, not only for cars. It was supported by BIKE AAA.

They voted four to three against Bill #96-18 which would have given the County greater ability to fine developers and citizens for violations outside the Critical Area with civil fines of up to \$1,000. This failure limits the current maximum fine to \$100.

The new County Council members, Dem. Sarah Lacey, District 1; Dem. Allison Pickard, Dist. 2; Rep. Nathan Volke, Dist. 3; Rep. Amanda Fiedler, Dist. 5; Dem. Lisa Brannigan Rodvien, Dist 6; and Rep. Jessica Haire, Dist. 7, will join incumbent Dem. Andrew Pruski, Dist. 4; for their regular Monday meetings on December 3rd and 17th.

Dispersed Energy Committee Report to the Agriculture, Farming and Agri-Tourism Commission

Dispersed Energy is a catch-all term for renewable energy generation by non-polluting methods, i.e. solar energy, wind, etc.

In coordination with the County's [temporary] moratorium last summer on new solar farm siting, the Agriculture, Farming and Agri-tourism Commission established a committee on dispersed energy. These committee members include Lisa Barge, Michele Corkadel (constituent services), Philip Hager, Director of Planning and Zoning, Steuart Pittman of Dodon Farm, Brian Riddle of Homestead Gardens, and John Rosso, as well as county officials Lynn Miller (Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer), Lori Rhodes (Zoning Administrator) and Douglas Heussler (Senior Vice President, Whitehall Development LLC). These individuals possess significant knowledge and expertise in many areas including land use, real estate, planning, zoning, agriculture, economic development, constituent services, and knowledge of Anne Arundel County's unique characteristics, culture and attributes. They have met and engaged with numerous groups who have great interest and expertise in the field of dispersed energy generation. Membership may change since the November 2018 election. *(Next page, please)*

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Agriculture Commission/Solar installations

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Last April, while the moratorium on solar installations was still in effect, the Agriculture, Farming and Agritourism Commission released conceptual recommendations on county solar panel projects with an emphasis on setting different rules for community and utility uses. In doing so, the rules would lay a path forward for smaller scale solar panel projects — typically called community solar facilities — that some farmers wish to put on their property. Farmers partner with solar companies who build on the agriculture land and sell the electricity to other homeowners. Planning and Zoning Officer Phil Hager said the commission has done a “phenomenal job” examining solar use in the county. Hager is an ex-officio member of the commission and serves on the commission’s dispersed energy committee. The commission planned to review and vote on final recommendations regarding solar panels in its June special meeting.

Five community solar projects were in the pipeline, but they were halted when an eight-month moratorium was announced in December 2017. The moratorium was approved because of south county residents’ concerns after learning the scope of the plans, and the commission voted to recommend the moratorium after it was requested by the Growth Action Network. Moratorium supporters were

concerned that the larger solar projects in agricultural zones would snowball into other industrial uses.

The county classifies electricity generation as an industrial use although it allows solar panels in some residential and agricultural zones under conditional uses.

The Commission’s conceptual recommendations tackled a variety of solar panel issues, including

- New zoning code definitions to further clarify solar panel uses.
- Recognition of different types of solar panel uses such as residential and agricultural application and industrial or utility scale generated.
- A separate definition for community solar projects with an output cap of two megawatts, smaller than 20 acres, and using existing electric distribution lines.

Supporters of community solar projects pressed the county to end the moratorium for the proposed projects. Community solar advocates and businesses also recalled attention to the county’s 2013 bill that allowed solar energy as an approved use within the rural agriculture zone.

David Murray, Executive Director of the Maryland-DC-Delaware-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association said the concept recommendations don’t go far enough to protect active and future community solar projects, and would “almost certainly result in the loss of community solar for Anne Arundel County residents.” He said that it

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Dispersed Energy: Solar installations in RA zones*(from page 11)*

would harm the five community solar projects currently proposed in Anne Arundel County and make the County a less viable place for future community solar projects.

Passed in 2015, Maryland's Community Solar Pilot Project allows groups of residents or multi-unit buildings to share the electricity generated by solar panels. The project was finalized in 2016 and slated to last three years. Lawmakers proposed legislation in 2018 that would have made the program permanent—among other changes—but that bill was defeated in committee. Placing panels on top of homes is permitted.

Before the general election, County Executive candidate Stuart Pittman said he was optimistic about the commission's work on solar panels and supported the county's efforts to codify community projects. Pittman is a member of the commission. "Community solar is a fantastic idea," Pittman said. "It is heading in the right direction but we have to make sure it doesn't change rural character."

We will see how the results of the last Council's October vote on Bill 89-18 will play out under the new administration and a new County Council.

Information provided by Mike Lofton and from a County press release by Owen McEvoy.



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The State Highway Administration will work with County officials to initiate high-level feasibility studies to determine the preliminary costs and impacts of adding a lane to Route 3 from the Prince George’s line to Route 32 in the Crofton Area.

Earlier this year, County Executive Schuh announced a \$30 million annual County investment to improve more than 4,600 miles of local roads in Anne Arundel County, after years of under-funding. The funding will allow the Department of Public Works to gradually improve roads in every corner of the County. This was made possible through the JumpStart Anne Arundel capital project financing program. Enacted in 2015, the capital plan embraces a 30-year bond financing option. This reform has allowed Anne Arundel County to expand its capital funding program and make critical school, public safety, road and quality of life infrastructure improvements.

From a County press release October 18

October 2018: To all the residents of the Mayo peninsula and beyond

After more than 60 years of service to the Mayo community, the Commodore Mayo Kiwanis Club is in a financial crisis. Due to the departure of our recent tenant, our income has decreased significantly. As a result, the club needs to find a solution to keep the property and club house maintained or sell the property outright. We are in the process of searching for solutions. For example,

- Selling or renting the property to a government agency or department.
- Finding a new tenant, consistent with zoning, to pay rent.
- Significantly increasing our membership with volunteers to help maintain the building and financially supporting the club’s civic actions.
- Listing the property for sale to individuals or a developer.

On November 7, we are hosted a town hall meeting at the Kiwanis Clubhouse, for all interested residents and others who are concerned with development on the Mayo peninsula, to listen to our dilemma and to suggest possible solutions. We have been good neighbors for more than 60 years. We are now in a critical stage. The hope is to sustain the club and its community service for the future.



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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.

For additional information, visit SCCA's website at www.southcountyconcerts.org. If you have any questions, please call 410-956-4881 or 301-789-3295.

Betty Knupp, Membership Chair

SCCA was founded in 1975 by community members who wanted to bring a variety of fine music to South Anne Arundel County. It all started 43 years ago by presenting four concerts, including Jerome Hines and the Norman Luboff Choir.

From the beginning, the SCCA has had a volunteer Board of Directors that selects a variety of programs with vocalists, instrumentalists and dance groups.

Our concerts have always been held at Southern High School on Route 2 in Harwood, Maryland. Initially, SCCA had an agent in New York City, then we began a relationship with Live-On-Stage located in Nashville, Tennessee, which presents 30 or more performers in an annual showcase for concert associations to preview and evaluate.

Past concertss have featured the Roger Wagner Chorale, Tambouritzan Dancers, The New Christy Minstrels, The Diamonds, Simply Sinatra, Benny Goodman Orchestra and Ballet Florida of Palm Beach. Local Groups have included: the Annapolis Symphony, Chesapeake Youth Orchestra, Annapolis Chorale, Pianists Thomas Pandolfi and Brian Ganz, and the Capital Steps.

In 1996, we began a reciprocity agreement with the Anne Arundel Community Concert Association, allowing subscribers to attend both concert series.

**West/Rhode Riverkeeper + South River Federation
= Arundel Rivers Federation**

The South River Federation and West/Rhode Riverkeeper, Inc. will consolidate their two nonprofit organizations, starting January 1. The unified organization will be named the Arundel Rivers Federation and will focus on using science, restoration and community action to make the South, West and Rhode Rivers cleaner and healthier.

The two organizations have worked closely together for years. The Arundel Rivers Federation will benefit the health of both river systems, reduce administrative costs, strengthen restoration capacity and provide the two Riverkeepers with greater clout to protect, preserve and restore the rivers. The West, Rhode and South Rivers share communities, share the water and aquatic life that mixes between the rivers.

Arundel Rivers will keep the local focus of its legacy organizations by maintaining their two Riverkeepers, supported by existing volunteer networks and local watershed boards for both the South and the West/Rhode Rivers. Organization leaders are working with Waterkeeper Alliance to update the licenses of the South Riverkeeper and the West/Rhode Riverkeeper to reflect the planned consolidation.

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