

The Villager

Newsletter of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association

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March-April 2019



at Homestead Gardens

Central Avenue, 11:00 ~ 4:00

DACA's Traditional Tree Giveaway

March 23, 2019, 11:00 ~ 1:00 pm

in the parking lot

*Pick up your free trees,
your gift from DACA*

This year, DACA will reprise its very first green event — the tree seedling giveaway — on March 23, 2019, in the parking lot at Homestead Gardens' main store, distributing trees to all who visit Green Expo. DACA president Chris Asher ordered redbuds, silver maple, sycamore, and white oaks, 100 of each.

Bud Reaves, Anne Arundel County Forestry Department, will join DACA in the parking lot to distribute trees provided by the County for our tree visitors.

Flag Ceremony to open Green Expo

Boy Scout Troop 454, joined by the new Girl Scout Troop #2018, will perform the flag ceremony at Homestead Gardens' flag pole and will collect your tattered flags for respectful disposal. County Executive Steuart Pittman is invited to address the Scouts about the relevance of citizenship at the official opening of Green Expo. Senator Ed Reilly is unable to be there but will provide a new flag and pocket copies of the Maryland Constitution for the Scouts.

AND MORE! BRING OLD SHOES

Melissa Stanton will represent Soles4Souls, collecting shoes in any condition to be repaired and made usable for needy people in impoverished communities. Clean out your closet and bring the shoes you won't wear — well used, hardly used at all, or brand new — all are welcome.

DACA's ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, JUNE 6, 7:30 pm at DFRC

As always, DACA invites DACA members to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. This is a three-year term and members can serve more than one term — no term limits. We value experience! Three members now hold the term that will end in June 2019; a total of six slots will be open. If you wish to test it for a year or two, there are vacancies in the terms to June 2020 and 2021.

This space left vacant for addressees who receive the Villager through the USPS.

DACA people

Many thanks to George Picot and Jean Rock and to Bob and Bobbie Bold for their generous contributions in addition to renewing their memberships in DACA.

Notification of posting the January-February Villager on the website was sent to County Council members and new state and county officials:

Congratulations on your new positions, and welcome to the world that includes Davidsonville!

Thank you for including me! Lisa Rodvien

I just read the latest edition of the Villager... congratulations on another informative and entertaining issue! Now that my issues are delivered electronically and I no longer have a mailing label, how do I ensure that my membership remains current? F.C.

Thank you for reminding me. I look through the membership file and send off an email to remind those who have lapsed or are about to. This March-April issue goes to all Postal Patrons in 21035, so the notification will arrive later in the month.


Scholarship money available

Many thanks to Tom and Kris Angelis for continuing their support of DACA's Scholarship endowment. For the second year, Tom sent a generous gift to the scholarship fund. Potential donors are invited to make contributions to sweeten this pot, which DACA will offer to applicants for many educational purposes, not limited to formal education. To apply for funds, write to DACA, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035, stating how you will use this help to further and improve your educational purposes. In 2018, the DACA Board approved using funds from the scholarship to match prize money for winners of the Green Expo poster contest. Tell us how you would like to see it used in 2019!

DACA Supports the following organizations

Alliance for Livable Communities, Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association, Growth Action Network, Patuxent Riverkeeper. The DACA Board urges all homeowners to support Arundel VFD, Riva VFD, and Woodland Beach VFD, all of which serve all and/or parts of Davidsonville, and no local fire companies call you on the telephone to ask for money!

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Davidsonville Green Expo 2019 at Homestead Gardens Store on Central Avenue Saturday, March 23, 11:00-4:00. Free admittance to all

Presented by the Davidsonville Area Civic Association (DACA) and hosted by Homestead Gardens, the Annual Davidsonville Green Expo features exhibitors offering information, education, and demonstrations on environmentally-friendly products, sustainable lifestyle, lawn and garden techniques, agricultural practices, energy use, water conservation and preservation, recycling, land use and conservation.

Many thanks to our sponsors the **Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), Annapolis Green, Killarney House, Minute Man Press of Crofton, Victor Stanley, Inc., and HD Squared Architects**. The Expo will provide you with all the information you need to live a sustainable life, protect and preserve our environment, our waterways and our Chesapeake Bay. DACA is partnered with **Annapolis Green** to ensure Zero-Waste, meaning that nothing will go into the landfill. Organics will be composted; bottles and cans will be recycled.

Experts will present various topics in Homestead's Education Room immediately adjacent to the Expo.

11:00 am **Heather Wheatley**, Horticulturist, will present "Sustainable Garden and Lawn Practices."

12:00 noon **Jeff Holland** of Arundel Rivers Federation will present "Keeping our Rivers Clean and Clear."

1:00 pm **Dr. Kim LaPierre** who leads SERC's Ecosystems Conservation Lab, will talk about her research and ecosystems in the community.

2:00 pm **Ahi Thambinayagam** will address "Composting with Coco Fiber."

3:00 pm **Architect Melanie Hartwig Davis, AIA, LEED AP BD+C**, will speak to how small actions and thoughtful design decisions for your own home, yard, and office can make a difference in the bigger efforts to impact climate change.

More than 30 exhibitors will be on site with demonstrations, information and samplings, including:

Annapolis Green
AA Economic Development Center
AA County Recycling and Waste Reduction
AA County Watershed Protection
Restoration Program
AA Watershed Stewardship Academy
Arundel Rivers Federation
Bartlett Tree Experts
CEPA (Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association)
Chesapeake Harvest Plants and Herbs
Coco Garden
Davey Tree Experts
Deliciously Nutritious, Melissa Sherwood
Fairy Tale Farms
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Pawblicity Hounds LLC seeks private dog park WHOOF!

A pre-submittal community informational meeting was held on March 4, announced by letter from Messick George, Inc., 410-266-3212, to near neighbors of the property on 10.776 acres at 1691 Rossback Road, owned by Bonnie McLeod. Many concerned Davidsonville residents attended the meeting. They learned that Whoof-park LLC has a business license and seeks to make a profit as a private membership club, with fenced dog runs, an enclosed facility with bathrooms, a swimming pool, a covered open pavilion, and approximately 65 parking spaces. The website www.whoofpark.com indicated that the owner proposes various indoor and outdoor dog exercise areas, pet adoption programs, and social gatherings allowing human attendees to enjoy music, craft beer, wine, and food.

Residents of Rossback Road and adjacent communities oppose this use of the land and asked DACA's support in this opposition, based on a number of issues. Rossback Road is a designated historic scenic road; current zoning prohibits private commercial parks on such roads. It is a narrow road with no shoulders, bordered by water-filled ditches (especially in this season), and traveled by large dump trucks en route to Brandywine landfill, automobile traffic en route to Davidsonville Park, and bicyclists. In addition, the farm owner directly next door is concerned for the safety of their livestock if dogs get out of the park.

Dawn Porter presented the concerns of Rossback Road neighbors at DACA's March 7 board meeting. The DACA board listened carefully and voted unanimously to oppose the dog park. DACA will send a letter expressing this opposition to the Administrative Hearing Officer.

Solar panels approved on Palomino Court

The administrative hearing was held January 17 for a variance to allow solar panels on a 19.18 acre lot at 705 Palomino Court, off Davidsonville Road. The applicant seeks to offset the carbon footprint of their dwelling by 100 percent through use of solar energy panels to provide power to their home on the adjacent lot at 711 Palomino Court. The panels are not to be visible from other properties or roads; no trees are to be removed. The applicant provided no reason the panels could not be constructed on the same lot (6.17 acres) as their dwelling but the Zoning Code allows such accessory structures on an adjoining lot with the same ownership. The Office of Planning and Zoning recommended that the application be denied because a variance was not necessary. The Hearing Officer found that the variance could be granted if it were necessary to avoid practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships. Therefore, he granted the variance.

By Douglas Hollman
Administrative Hearing Officer



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Sharon Burrowes, PMHNP-BC, will be joining the Bay Community Health provider team in March 2019. Ms. Burrowes has been providing mental health services since 1993. She is a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner specializing in Psychiatric Evaluation and Medication Management.

Her areas of expertise include but are not limited to performing psychiatric evaluations, medication management, providing mental health care in outpatient and emergency services, as well as client centered care and treatments.

Please join us in welcoming this dedicated psychiatric nurse practitioner to our Behavioral Health team.

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FORUM

The Future of Sustainable Water Supply in
Anne Arundel County and Southern Maryland
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Anne Arundel Community College
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Speakers:

Chris Phipps, Anne Arundel County
Director of Public Works and
A representative from the
Hampton Roads Sanitary District

The forum will describe how *Managed Aquifer Recharge* can address four important issues: (See pages 13-14)

- Aquifer sustainability
- Meeting Bay TMDLs
- Cost effective ways to handle failing septic fields
- Reduce saltwater intrusion

Purified wastewater is injected into the aquifer to balance the pressure in the aquifers. Hampton Roads Sanitary District is building a demonstration plant; a representative will tell us about their experience. Chris Phipps has been leading the effort to evaluate whether Managed Aquifer Recharge is practical for Anne Arundel County. The concept is being used in California and is being explored in other parts of the country and the world

Sponsored by the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association, PO Box 117, Galesville, MD 20765.

Anne Arundel County Budget Town Hall Meetings Continue Town hall meetings will feature opening remarks from County Executive Pittman and the County Council member representing the district, followed by a brief budget presentation. Attendees will be invited to make public comments. County Executive Pittman launched an interactive budget tool on the county website. Users can see how revenue and expenses of the current year's budget are divided, as well as estimated costs for some county personnel positions and equipment. Users are able to adjust tax rates, add new positions -- like teachers, police, firefighters or zoning inspectors -- and the tool will calculate the fiscal impact. The tool can be found at <https://www.aacounty.org/yourbudget/index.html>. County Executive Pittman will introduce the budget on May 1, in accordance with the county charter. The County Council then has 45 days to deliberate and pass a balanced budget.

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00-8:00 pm District 5 Council member Amanda Fiedler, Severna Park High School Auditorium, 60 Robinson Road, Severna Park 21146. **Thursday, March 28**, 6:00-8:00 pm, District 6 Council member Lisa Rodvien, Annapolis High School Auditorium, 2700 Riva Road Road, Annapolis.



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SRF + WRR = ARF Arundel Rivers Federation

Taylor Montford, communications intern for the Choose Clean Water Coalition

The South River Federation and West/Rhode Riverkeeper joined forces in late October to create the Arundel Rivers Federation (ARF). Soon after, we welcomed the consolidated organization to the Choose Clean Water Coalition family. ARF is based in Edgewater and is committed to protecting and restoring water quality and aquatic habitat in the South River, West, Rhode, and Herring Bay watersheds, through science, restoration and advocacy. We had the chance to speak with Jesse Iliff, West/Rhode Riverkeeper, to learn more about the new federation's mission and goals.

Tell us about your organization and your mission.

Arundel Rivers Federation uses science, restoration and community action to protect, preserve, restore and enhance the waters of the South River, Rhode River, West River and Herring Bay on the western shore of the Chesapeake.

Formed from the consolidation of the South River Federation and West & Rhode RIVERKEEPER®, Arundel Rivers Federation is an action-oriented organization, guided by science, providing aggressive advocacy, targeted and thoughtful restoration, and community action to pursue a holistic vision of clean, fishable, swimmable waterways for our local communities.



The map shows the relationship among South River at the top and Rhode and West Rivers to the south, all flowing into the Chesapeake Bay.

Which of your current projects are you most excited about?

It is hard to pick which of the many irons in our fire is burning brightest right now. Whether the innovative Bacon

Ridge project that uses in-situ

woody material to slow stormwater and arrest erosion by imitating beaver dams, or the upcoming legislative session which may ban single-use Styrofoam in Maryland is most exciting depends on which staff member you ask. We are also halfway through an intensive monitoring experiment of layered stormwater management projects in an urban environment that will generate innovative scholarship to guide decision makers and restoration practitioners throughout the Bay watershed. Whether it is restoration, advocacy or science, Federation staff always have their hands busy and their boots dirty.

See more at www.choosecleanwater.org

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Member vote at Annual Meeting to amend DACA Bylaws

Several years ago, DACA lost a lawsuit and had to pay court costs shared with three other organizations. As a result, the board and general membership approved limiting DACA’s interests to “the geographical area known as Davidsonville” as described below in Article III of the Bylaws. Given DACA’s decision last year to expand its sphere of interest to include more of South County, it is past time to strike that limitation from the Bylaws. At its March 7 meeting, the DACA Board approved the language underlined below to be presented and voted on at DACA’s Annual Meeting on June 6.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

The purposes of this association shall be

A. To consider and deal by all lawful means with common problems involved in matters pertaining to land and natural resource utilization in the geographical area known as Davidsonville Davidsonville area and neighboring south Anne Arundel County at the discretion of the Board of Directors. and to secure cooperative action in advancing common purposes of the members of the association.

B. To do anything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of any purposes set forth in the statement of principles adopted by the founders of this association.

C. This association is organized and operated for the above stated purposes exclusively, and for other nonprofit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall enure to the benefit of any private member.

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 James Kitchin, Community Constituent representative for Council District 7, can be reached at exkitc22@aacounty.org

Thriving Communities Transition Team

DACA Board member Melissa Stanton is a member of the subcommittee on Zoning. She reported to the DACA Board on the progress and challenges faced by the new administration.

Basically, they determined that the current County Zoning Code is so badly outdated that it needs to be revisited article by article, page by page, and line by line, to bring it into the current century. All changes must be supported by the County Executive and approved by the County Council.

All definitions need to be reviewed and refined. They do not say what they mean. Of particular concern to civic associations, including DACA, is the issue of Standing. When does a civic association have Standing, the right to comment on and seek to influence the results of applications for zoning changes, variances, special exceptions, and the like? Owners of property within 300 feet of a proposed change in zoning are allowed to speak to the issue, but associations and organizations, which do not own land, may not, even when they represent a large number of residents in the local area.

More on Transition on page 8

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Transition Committees for the new administration

In a departure from traditional transition team structure, Stuart Pittman’s transition committees focused on communities rather than specific county departments. The seven committees were: Safe Communities, Healthy Communities, Thriving Communities, Empowered Communities, Educated Communities, Sustainable Communities and Responsive Government.

Members of the seven transition teams assembled on February 28 in Annapolis to present their recommendations to County Executive Stuart Pittman. After brief presentations from the team leaders of each of the seven transition committees, the County Executive thanked the volunteers and reflected on their recommendations. Each committee was to formulate a list of short-term and long-term recommendations by early February. Subcommittees within each team are tasked with identifying five action items. The County Executive has requested action items that can be completed in 100 days, in one year, and in his four-year term.

The 20-page transition report includes 63 broad recommendations and there are a total of 298 action items in the subcommittee reports. Recommendations included adding some key management positions within county government, increasing staffing levels for teachers and public safety

personnel, adopting new technologies to improve efficiency, increasing community engagement, and instilling better collaboration among departments and partners.

Overall, the report noted that county residents want to be engaged in local government. According to the report, they want better access to information, more opportunities for public participation, and a chance to help shape decisions.

The new administration’s Transition Team which was led by former County Executive Janet Owens and former County Council member Chris Trumbauer, and its seven subcommittees have released their reports, which can be reviewed at the County’s Transition web page. The reports represent more than 5,000 hours of work with contributions from more than 200 County citizens. Several Alliance for Livable Communities steering committee members, including Ann Fligsten, Richard Falk, Jon Korin, Jesse Iliff, Pam Bush, and Jim Lyons have served on the Transition Teams.

Informal comments by Transition Team members suggest that there is good diversity in representation on the teams and good rapport among members.



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Stormwater BMPs Are Key to River Restoration

from Richard Klein (CEDS) to Ann Fligsten (GAN)

According to Chesapeake Bay Program modelling data, stormwater runoff from existing developed lands is the primary source of pollutants that degrade most Anne Arundel rivers and other waters. About a third of all developed lands drain to existing stormwater BMPs. These BMPs could be keeping a tremendous amount of pollution out of Anne Arundel waters. A Community and Environmental Defense Services (CEDS) 2011 study noted that half the BMPs were failing. Thus, thousands of pounds of pollutants were needlessly fouling Anne Arundel waters. This appalling failure rate was mostly due to the County having cut the stormwater BMP inspection-maintenance staff from six in 2001 to just one inspector. The 50% failure was due to the lack of adequate inspections and maintenance for a decade.

A 2012 joint lobbying effort by CEDS and the County’s river organizations succeeded in getting the six staff restored. A 2015 CEDS study noted that the BMP failure rate had been halved thanks to the restored inspection-maintenance capabilities. However, due to a lack of ongoing citizen advocacy on this issue since 2015, the BMP failure rate may be on the rise again.

In Davidsonville, a wetland project was scheduled to start this January and will last three months at Mount Airy Road and Mount Airy Court at a stream that connects to King’s Branch. The outfall behind 1119 Mt. Airy Rd., Beale residence, and 3300 Mt. Airy Ct., Morales residence, is severely eroded. The county will attempt to stabilize the washout area.

**General Development Plan
Citizen Advisory Committee selection**

The last of new applications for the CAC were accepted on February 1. The administration is now in the process of selecting members of the new CAC. Current CAC members will be considered for retention, and new members will likely be selected from the latest round of CAC applications as well as applications submitted in the first round. DACA Board member Brian Stanton attended the application meeting and noted that there were many well qualified to serve among the 23 applicants.

CAC meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 4:30 pm and are held at 2664 Riva Road.

Anne Arundel County Public School Calendar

- April 3, Registration for Kindergarten 2019-2020 begins
- April 8, End of third marking period
Two-hour early dismissal
- April 10, beginning of fourth marking period
- April 17, distribution of report cards for all students
- April 18-22, Easter/Spring break

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School Board News from Start School Later

On February 6th the Board of Education asked AACPS to develop a draft Request for Proposal to hire an independent consultant to evaluate the operations of the Transportation Department with the explicit goal of helping the late starting/releasing elementary schools as soon as possible and developing some options to resolve the early high school start times.

The Board was presented with the draft scope of work on March 6, with 11 paragraphs related to reviewing the department's work. The Board will take two weeks to review the scope of work and discuss in detail and/or approve at the March 20th meeting.

It would be wonderful to support the Board and AACPS in moving forward with this RFP. Please try to attend the meeting or send email to boardoffice@aacps.org in support of the RFP. The meeting's agenda will be published on Friday the 15th, with the general time of the discussion.

The paragraph that excites me the most is: "Recommendations and costs associated with changes to school start and dismissal time scenarios; essentially to compress said times to allow for a later start for those schools with the earliest start times and an earlier completion for those schools with the latest dismissal times. Develop, analyze, and cost out various optimization models to assist AACPS in investigating how to

compress school start and dismissal times. Determine the impact and costs of the various scenarios on the AACPS Transportation Department and associated school operations. Also examine cost effective opportunities to shorten the duration of the longest bus route run times where possible and practicable."

Other work items include reviewing staff organizational structure, daily operations, bus driver training/recruitment/shortages, communication with stakeholders, data management tools for bus routing and contractor payments, transportation facilities (i.e. bus depots), comparison to other Maryland counties, and a few other items. Honestly, my initial reaction is that the scope of work is thoughtful and thorough. I believe this will be very helpful to the Transportation Department operations in general and is the best way to get to healthy, safe, and age-appropriate school hours for all students.

Lisa Van Buskirk, Start School Later, March 7

Public Session Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, at 7:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday, April 3, at 10:00 am; Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 pm; and Wednesday, May 1, at 10:00 am.

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Forest Conservation bills

March 6: Maryland is losing its forests at an alarming rate. In 2018 Maryland lost the equivalent of nearly 2,000 football fields of forest to development. Three bills that would help protect one of our most valuable natural resources—Maryland's forests—are pending before the General Assembly. Forests filter our waters, increase property values, reduce energy costs, provide clean air and wildlife habitat, and improve public health. These bills are particularly important for Anne Arundel County as we have some of the highest percentage of forest loss in the State. The three bills before the House and Senate present a comprehensive package that would make tremendous strides in protecting Maryland's forests. This legislation includes:

HB0120/SB0203: Natural Resources: Corrects definition of Maryland's No Net Loss of Forests goal to include forests and accurately reflect the current state coverage of forest land. The state's current goal of "no net loss of forest" is flawed, as it identifies individual trees, such as street trees, as "forest." This legislation would identify "forest land" in the goal of "no net loss of forest," since forest land reflects a full ecological system that supports healthy soils and habitat. This bill will not affect urban tree canopy goals.

HB0272/SB0234: Natural Resources-State and Local Forest Conservation Funds – Requires local governments to complete the reforestation obligation for which fees were paid and provide for increased transparency and accountability of fee in lieu programs.

Reforming the Forest Conservation Act's (FCA) Fee-In-Lieu Program: The FCA allows local governments to collect a fee in lieu of the developers' reforestation responsibilities, but too often trees are never replanted and the collected fees disappear. This legislation would require local governments to replant the same amount of forest that the developer was required to replant and increase transparency around fee-in-lieu programs.

HB0375/SB0729: Natural Resources : Establishing the Task Force on Forest Conservation in Maryland to undertake a technical review of existing forest cover in the State and an analysis of the health and quality of State forests; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019

Maryland needs an in-depth Task Force on forest loss to quantify and address future deforestation and make recommendations to prevent forest loss without overly disrupting growth and development. This legislation would create this task force with a diverse group of stakeholders that would provide recommendations for improving forest outcomes, including offsetting or avoiding loss and improving maintenance for healthy forests.

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Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association
Newsletter Winter 2018-19, from President Al Tucker

It's really hard to talk about lack of water when we have just had the wettest year in recorded weather history. As those who follow CEPA's interest in the decline of the aquifers in Anne Arundel County and Southern Maryland know, the vicissitudes of weather have little impact on the levels in the confined aquifers that serve as our primary sources for drinking water. In spite of the weather, the decline continues unabated. This decline poses the question: Are we using the groundwater in our aquifers sustainably? And a follow-up question: Is it possible to slow the decline without impacting growth? The answer to the first question is we don't really know, but there is a prima facie case that we are not. CEPA intends to address the second question at our Forum on May 10. We will introduce a concept to recharge our local aquifers with purified wastewater.

This process, called Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR), may seem controversial at first glance, but it is being piloted and implemented throughout the US and around the world. It has the potential to support not only the sustainable use of groundwater but also to solve several ancillary issues such as nutrient loading and land subsi-

dence, perhaps even presenting the most economical solution for each. Since our area has few industrial users, the aquifer decline correlates primarily with the population increase. We recognize that limiting growth will clearly have ancillary environmental benefits beyond minimizing the impact on our water supply, yet, a growth limit will not resolve future challenges to using aquifers sustainably.

These challenges include the increase in impervious surface, saltwater intrusion, and sea level rise. These challenges may be interrelated, but solving one will not necessarily resolve the others. In Anne Arundel and Southern Maryland, all public and private users extract water from the confined aquifers. The coastal effect system may be buried deeply where you live, but the pressure in the aquifer can cause it to rise within a few feet of the surface. A century ago many area wells were artesian or free-flowing at the surface. The water in the wells was maintained by the ability of the recharge areas to supply a sustainable amount of water to down-aquifer users. In the 1970s, the area population exploded and the wells began to show an immediate impact. The distribution of people throughout the region, though, was not uniform. Northern Anne *(Continued on page 14)*






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Betty Knupp, Membership Chair

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CEPA on Aquifer water (continued from page 13)

Arundel experienced the largest growth. Unfortunately, the recharge areas for the aquifer system lie mostly between Annapolis and Baltimore. With rapid suburbanization and development came the increase in impervious surface, which interrupts the natural flow of water recharging the aquifers.


The rapid rise in population has had an added effect. The water in the aquifers where you live is thousands to millions of years old. This is because the water-flow in the aquifers is extremely slow, in many cases just a few tens of feet per year. As a result, we are using water faster than the natural system can resupply it. When the levels drop, especially in areas where it is below sea-level, saltwater intrudes into those aquifers that terminate in the Bay or the ocean. As I have given talks and met some of you, I am always amazed by the number of people who have had to re-drill their wells as a result of draw-down or saltwater intrusion.

The first question of whether or not the aquifers can provide a sustainable water supply to support the future population remains unanswered. Can we wait until there are more signs of wells reaching their limits? Probably not!

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