



The Villager

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DACA's 46th ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday, JUNE 6, 7:30 pm in the Boy Scout Building at DFRC

3789 Queen Anne Bridge Road at Wayson Road

Please come to meet your neighbors and your elected representatives in local government and learn what is happening in your community. Invited guests/speakers are **Senator Ed Reilly and County Executive Stuart Pittman**. William Burris, Environmental Restoration Program Manager for Joint Base Andrews, will present the Air Force Update on **Environmental Remediation of Groundwater** at the Davidsonville Transmitter Annex to inform the community on the status of the environmental clean-up north of Route #50. See page 7.

In general business, members will vote on a Bylaw change that will enable DACA to expand its "area" farther to include part of South County; see page 3.

Election of officers and board members

As always, DACA invites DACA members to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. **Please attend this once-a-year meeting for the full membership of DACA to vote for officers and board members.** Officers serve one-year terms and must be re-elected to the next term. Board members serve three-year terms and can serve more than one term—no term limits. We value experience! If you wish to test it for a year or two, there are vacancies in the terms to June 2020 and 2021.

Three directors now hold the term that will end in June 2019: Sean Healy, Brian Stanton, and Martin Zehner. One slot is already vacant, for a total of four slots to be filled to June 2022. Sean is willing and able to serve another three-year term; Brian will continue in

the one-year term as Treasurer, leaving another slot open in the 2022 directors' term. Martin is willing to continue for another year with the understanding that if his health prevents it, he can retire whenever necessary.

Having served five years as president, Chris Asher will end his term; he is willing to continue as a member of the board. Nominations are open for all four officers.

Current slate:

President: Bruce Stein, other nominees?

Vice President, Ed Woods, others?

Gail Enright: Communications and Membership Secretary

Kate Fox: New position, Recording Secretary

Treasurer, Brian Stanton, others?

Term to June 2022: Four nominees are Chris Asher, Sean Healy, Meredith McQuoid-Greaseon, and Cyndi Morgan.

Term to June 2021: incumbents are Phil Livingstone and Melissa Stanton; two slots are vacant.

Term to June 2020: incumbents are Jeff Bishop, Kate Fox, and Wayne Reid; Martin Zehner agreed to fill the vacant slot.

DACA's Bylaws allow for an additional at-large (non-term) director in the unlikely event that more volunteers step forward and we have a hotly contested election campaign, so feel free to offer your time and talent to your civic association. You do not have to be a director to attend and participate in Board meetings.

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

DACA people

Many thanks to Nick Kemp and Kay Osburnsen, Richard and Mary Evelyn Bell Mayr, Glee and Tom McMahon, Cynthia Parker, Diana Peckham, and to Jan and Michael Power for their generous contributions in addition to renewing their memberships in DACA; and to Barbara Freeman for her contribution to DACA in addition to her gift membership to Chester and Mary Ann Freeman; and many thanks to Life Members Patty and Bill Glasgow for their generous gift to DACA in addition to the gift memberships for their children; and to John Zacepilo who rejoined DACA and added a contribution in addition to his dues.

Thank you, Gail. This "esteemed" reader always appreciates your efforts on behalf of DACA.

Fran Canavan

Thank you for the information. Erin O'Neill,
Legislative Aide to Delegate Michael Malone

Love the newsletter. P.G.

Great job, Gail! Patrizia P.

You guys do a great job keeping an eye on what's happening in our community C.P.

Interest: Preserving the charm and beauty of this historic hamlet. J.P.

Interests: Monitor growth and development; limit residential growth in our agricultural/residential community. C.S.S.

Hi Gail,

As always, a great newsletter, thank you for the great job that you do.

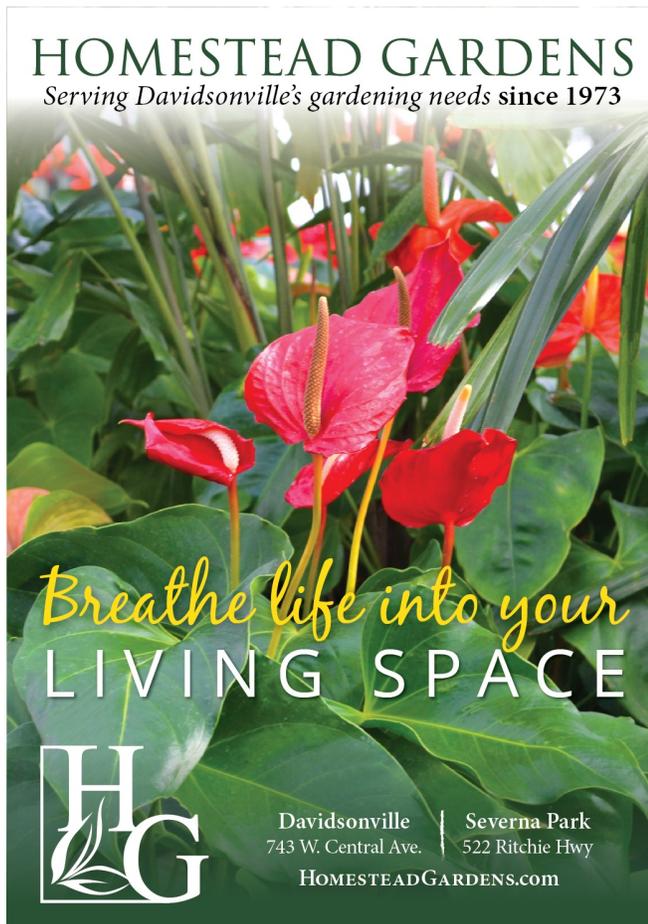
Alas, what has become of the Davidsonville sign? Has our donated money gone into pockets unknown? Can we have an accounting of how much money was donated for creation/installation of the sign, and how much has been spent to date? Can we know what it is costing to create/install this sign?

I must say that it is truly amazing how long it has taken to get a relatively simple sign up. How long has it actually been now? A year at least...it's almost becoming a "Mystery of the Davidsonville Community Sign. Thanks, Randy B.

Hi Randy

The money is safe in the treasury, less the 50 percent deposit paid to the builder. The sign apparently is completed. The person Chris Asher was working with at SHA seems to have retired or left, so Chris had to start over again with the permit. Ugh, bureaucracy! A year in the life of a sign is nothing; Bob Carobrese initiated this about ten or eleven years ago. We're thinking about putting a commemorative plaque on it to memorialize Bob! Gail

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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 area of interest to include more of South County, it is past time to strike that limitation from the Bylaws. Proposed language can be changed to "areas of concern in neighboring South County" or similar wording. The DACA Board will discuss and prepare approved language 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 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.



It came, it went with March 23, a smashing success at Homestead Gardens, opened with patriotic style led by the Scouts' flag ceremony and with civic pride by DACA President Chris Asher, County Executive Steuart Pittman, and Homestead Gardens President Brian Riddle. Homestead's special events organizer, Pamela Cole Finlay, estimated that 800 visitors came to the Homestead Gardens store, and she should know, because she managed all the arrangements with the excellent help of Homestead Gardens employees. And she gave Gail Enright credit as honorary chair.



Brian Riddle, Steuart Pittman, Meredith McQuoid-Greaseon, Gail Enright, and Chris Asher

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March 19

Dear DACA--

I was slightly alarmed at the notice in the March-April newsletter from the MD Health Society casually mentioning a Rolling Thunder base camp event on Memorial Day weekend. The thought of being descended on by groups of extremely loud motorcycles on a peaceful holiday weekend is disconcerting to say the least. Has anyone at DACA contacted Mr. Jarboe about the impact this event may have on the community? I am usually of the live-and-let-live philosophy, but this worries me a bit. Barbara Z.

At DACA's Green Expo, I spoke with MAHESO President John Jarboe (410-660-6757) about your concern for noise from this final Rolling Thunder event. He assured me that the Health Society will direct the motorcycles into the woods toward the back of their 98 acres and the noise should be well contained. When the motorcyclists are arriving they will of course drive from Route #50 to the property on Patuxent River Road, so you may be aware of that and will know where they are going and why. I hope you will understand the importance of this final tribute to Vietnam veterans. Gail

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DACA Board establishes scholarship criteria

Purpose and Limitations

1. DACA’s scholarship funds must be used for educational training: academic, technical, or professional.
2. The scholarship is available to individuals for one year at a time.
3. Scholarship award(s) are made at the discretion of the DACA Board.
4. Award(s) may be for up to \$500 at the discretion of the DACA Board and may depend on the number of applications.
5. Applicants and grantees may apply annually for an award for a maximum of four consecutive years.

Qualifications

1. The scholarship applicant must be a member of DACA or be a child of a member who lives in the DACA geographic area, as defined by DACA’s Bylaws.
2. The applicant must be involved in a community activity within the DACA geographic area and be able to document that involvement (see Requirements).

Requirements

1. The application is due by May 1 (or the following Monday if May 1 should fall on a weekend). Applications received after the due date will not be considered.
2. The applicant must include all of the following information and documentation in writing at the time of their application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- a. State the intended use of the grant funds.
- b. Provide a letter of acceptance to the school or program for which they intend to use the grant funds.
- c. Describe in writing what they have done for their community or how they have participated in community involvement.
- d. Provide a letter of recommendation from an officer of the community organization in which the applicant has been involved.

DACA Scholarship funds available

Tom Angelis and DACA invite you to help grow this fund so we can offer more and larger amounts to applicants. **To support the fund**, make your check in any amount payable to DACA and write “scholarship” in the memo space. Remember, every bit helps, whether coming in or going out! 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!

To apply for funds from this scholarship, send your written request and documentation to DACA, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035. You can send your request by email to info@daca-md.org.

DACA has received an application and made a modest award to a student who was accepted to Gonzaga College High School.



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Road conditions and trash

Hi Gail, I was wondering if DACA would have a way to make contact with someone concerning the condition of Queen Anne Bridge Road. There are so many pot holes it is like an obstacle course to drive on it. It is not only dangerous but will certainly tear up our cars. If you come down to the school and turn left onto Queen Anne Bridge Road you will see what I mean. It needs totally topped with black top. Please let me know if the organization could be of help to resolve this problem. Thank you very much. Mel and Darla Harmel

Sent in March Good day,

My husband, Gray, and I recently joined DACA. Our family lives on Double Gate Road, and we spend a good deal of time picking up bags of trash not only along the entire length of Double Gate, but also along Patuxent River Road leading to Davidsonville Park. Two items are a concern: 1) the amount of trash along the roads around Davidsonville is great and does not seem to trigger any type of organized clean up (although we recently saw a sign for trash pick up along Patuxent River Road just north of Central Ave; and 2) the majority of the trash we pick up is alcoholic beverage containers. Not only are folks littering, it is likely they are drinking and driving as well in our neighborhoods.

What can we do to incentivize our neighbors and the community to pick up trash or throw trash in the proper receptacles? As for drinking and driving issues, we need more law enforcement to monitor the roads, especially at night. Gray and Cyndi Morgan

4/3/2019 Do you know why so many large dump trucks are going south on 424? I've counted 35 in the last 40 minutes going south sounding loaded, and 21 headed back north - empty. I can't find notice of any state road work at that website. Some of the trucks are extra large and make my house shake. I'd like to know who to sue for any damage that causes.

4/4/2019 I've learned these trucks are going to the

rubble landfills on Sands Road. In the past they have apparently used Central Avenue from Prince George's County or routes 450 and 424 to Rossback Road and onto Patuxent River Road. Perhaps folks on those routes complained, but for whatever reason, 424 from Rossback Road south to 214 is now getting the trucks from both Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. No end of this rate of truck traffic is predicted by the AA County Police Southern District traffic officer. Thanks, Liz Hopkins

Jeff Bishop and Faith Bange also asked about the truck traffic. All were referred to Ed Woods, DACA's Traffic and Safety Specialist. He replied:

Sorry to break the news to everyone, but the truck traffic is perfectly legal and in accordance with both Maryland and Federal Department of Transportation Regulations. The State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit operates in Davidsonville on a regular, but not scheduled basis. The reason for not scheduling enforcement operations is that the unscheduled checkpoints result in more violators taken off the road. I am currently looking at the traffic patterns and trying to find out what has caused the recent surge. The good news is that truck traffic goes where the work is, which means that when the job is done, the trucks are gone (or at least most of them, since normal business in our community supports some truck traffic at all times).

On April 4, 2019, he added:

There isn't any road work anywhere that I'm aware of, but road work is only a tiny fraction of the trucking business. Hauling is a business with great fluctuations; it could continue for months, or it could drop by 95% overnight. I am not an attorney, so my opinion doesn't matter, but I have never heard of a successful lawsuit for damages when traffic is using a public road. I'll look into it.

These questions were referred to Steuart Pittman and his South County community representative James Kitchin, to Senator Ed Reilly and various officials at the State Highway Administration.

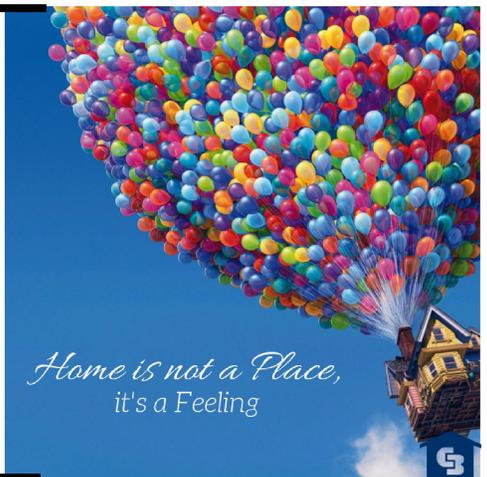
May 10: It would be nice if it was submitted for Mount Airy Road, which is a (pot) holy mess. M.S. (Next page)



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James Kitchin referred this community concern to the Maryland Department of Transportation which responded

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Reference the Service Request number provided above on all further inquiries regarding this concern. For your added convenience, you may check on the status, add additional comments or request additional information on your Service Request at any time by clicking on the Request an Update on My Service Request link located on the Contact Us page of our website at www.roads.maryland.gov.

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Sincerely, The MDOT SHA Customer Service Team

Groundwater Remediation at the Transmitter Site

Environmental investigations and cleanup activities have been ongoing since 1984 at Spill Site SS-11 within the Davidsonville Transmitter Site in Gambrills, Maryland, which is associated with Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington. The groundwater contaminants detected at SS-11 during these investigations were petroleum compounds and chlorinated solvents (primarily trichloroethene) dissolved in shallow groundwater. While the general public are not exposed to the groundwater contamination, successful implementation of a cleanup would allow potential future use of the shallow groundwater.

The United States Air Force (USAF) Joint Base Andrews (JBA) developed and evaluated five cleanup options, in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment. The groundwater cleanup options and proposed remedy were presented to the public in the June 2015 Proposed Plan and the July 2015 public meeting at the Anne Arundel County Public Library, Crofton Branch. During November 2016, the USAF JBA began implementation of the remedy by injecting a specific formulation of materials into contaminated groundwater to break down the contaminants to harmless substances.

The USAF JBA plans to provide an update on the progress of the cleanup at the DACA annual meeting on June 6 at DFRC, 3789 Queen Anne Bridge Road.

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Private Dog Park Club on Rossback Road

Messick & Associates, engineers for the Whoof Dog Park developer, submitted an application to the County Office of Planning & Zoning on behalf of Pawblicity Hounds Private Dog Park Club, proposed for Rossback Road near Patuxent River Road. Having heard from local residents, the DACA Board voted to oppose the dog park based on zoning, unsuitability of the road to support additional traffic, and the business/entertainment aspect of the project. DACA will write a letter of opposition to the Administrative Hearing Officer when they announce a hearing date. Nearby residents who are concerned about this activity are invited to contact info@daca-md.org to let us know your thoughts.

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James Kitchin, Community Constituent representative for Council District 7, can be reached at exkitic22@aacounty.org.

Congratulations to Bob Bradshaw!

Governor Hogan appointed Bob to the Chesapeake Bay Trust, a nonprofit organization that provides funding and support for environmental education, community outreach, and restoration projects. CBT is a recipient of funds from Treasure the Bay license plates, tag check-offs, and independent donations. Bob is honored to accept this responsibility. As a Life Member of DACA and former vice president and board member, he is pleased to share it with his friends in Davidsonville.



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To be most effective, organize and prepare the group’s testimony so that each speaker covers a different area of the issue so the facts are interesting and not repetitive! Even so, an unfavorable decision may cause the need to take it to the Board of Appeals. If you want the opportunity to file an appeal against an unfavorable decision, make sure that you have people in attendance at the initial hearing who live near the property that is the subject of the hearing. Those who wish to appeal must meet the Administrative Hearing attendance requirement by signing in, sending a letter for the record, or testifying; even so, if you cannot show how you will be harmed by the decision and have a personal stake in the outcome, your appeal may be dismissed.

They also must show that you have “standing.” How close are they to the property? What will be harmful to them or to the community? The Board of Appeals is very strict on the rule of “standing” adopted years ago—having the right to pursue an appeal.

Recently, HOAs and community associations that appealed have been met with strong opposition to their ability to file an appeal, based on lack of standing. Most associations do not own property that could be harmed by a granting of the application, or they are geographically too

distant from the subject property. This has been a problem in our County for a long time and is a serious impediment to residents who want to participate in an appeal. DACA’s last two appeals were denied on this basis. In the Turtle Run case the Board of Appeals spent 12 nights of hearings on the applicant’s challenges to standing of organizations and individuals who appealed the case. Fortunately there were parties who could pursue the appeal and finally won the appeal.

Road improvements coming to Riva Road Commuters: Construction disruption!

The AA County Department of Public Works will start construction this fall on Riva Road which will result in aligning Homewood Road and Governors Bridge Road for a straight-line crossing of Riva Road. Improvements on Riva Road require utility changes above ground—relocating utility poles and signs, now completed—and underground—moving BGE gas lines, set for July and Verizon cables scheduled for this fall. These could delay construction.

On May 1 DPW held its public information meeting regarding environmental impacts, road closures, and general plans.

The Homewood Road entrance from Riva will be closed for much of the construction. School buses will be re-routed; co-ordination with the school board has been done. The eastbound lane of Governor Bridge Road is to be closed for some part of the construction, awaiting final approvals. Construction crews will be working Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm. Closures are to be expected.

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Anne Arundel County Public School Calendar

May 14: Interim report cards sent home.

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County has extended the 2019-2020 School Year by one day to allow all schools and offices to be closed for Rosh Hashanah, meaning the last day for students next year is now scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

The first day of classes for students in grades 1-5, 6, and 9, will be Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Other students will begin classes on a staggered start, as has been the case in previous years.

The last day of classes for students is scheduled to be Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

The last day of classes for prekindergarten and ECI students is scheduled to be Friday, June 12, 2020.

The last day of classes for graduating seniors will be Thursday, May 21, 2020.

Two days are built into the calendar for inclement weather closings, with a conditional third day designated on March 10, 2020 (currently a parent-teacher conference day) to be used if necessary. Additional days needed due to inclement weather may be added on to the end of the school year if necessary.

Schools and offices will be closed for three days for Thanksgiving break and three days for Easter/Spring break.

In October 2019, two days are set for parent-teacher conferences at the elementary and middle school levels, and one day for parent-teacher conferences at the high school level.

In March 2020, there will be one day for parent-teacher conferences at all levels.

The last day of work for 191-day Unit I and Unit IV employees (classroom teachers, teaching assistants, technology support technicians, etc.) will be Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

Complete information on the calendar can be found at <http://aacpsschools.org/pressr/?p=4922>.

Rida Alvi, a junior at Annapolis High School, was elected by members of the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC) April 11 to be the 2019-2020 student member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education (SMOB). Upon appointment by Governor Hogan, Rida will become the 46th student member of the Board. Students have held a seat on the Board since 1974, when Andover High School's Jeffrey Robinson served in an advisory capacity. Anne Arundel's student member has had full voting rights since 1975, and is the only member of a local school board in the nation to have that status.

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April 26, 2019

To our Neighbors in the Davidsonville Area:

As the 2019 vintage begins, we are writing to thank you. A year ago, we asked for your help in avoiding the use of certain herbicides, called “regulators” that are very toxic to grapevines and that had caused significant crop loss in 2016 and 2017. The response to our request was stunning in both form and substance. We are very happy to report that Dodon had no herbicide damage in 2018.

As a reminder, most forms of 2,4D (short for 2,4-dichloroenoxyacetic acid) also damage other fruit trees, vegetables, and flowers, as well as human and animal health and the environment. It is especially dangerous for children and dogs that play on treated lawns.

Growth regulators include 2,4-D, dicamba, clopyralid, and many other chemicals. More than 1,500 products available in the U.S., including Weed B Gone, contain 2,4-D, commonly used for lawn and turf management, and certain agricultural applications, such as cereal crops, as they do not harm grasses but are effective on broadleaf weeds. Many are highly volatile, meaning they can drift and cause damage up to two miles away.

They are especially toxic to grapevines, particularly during periods of rapid growth between April and June and

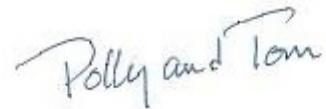
can cause flower abortion, curling of shoot tips cessation of shoot growth, or regrowth of deformed leaves.

The law requires that pesticide applicators follow the requirements on the product label and that they check the MarylandFieldWatch website to verify the location of sensitive crops nearby. The Vineyards at Dodon is among the many locations on the DriftWatch site.

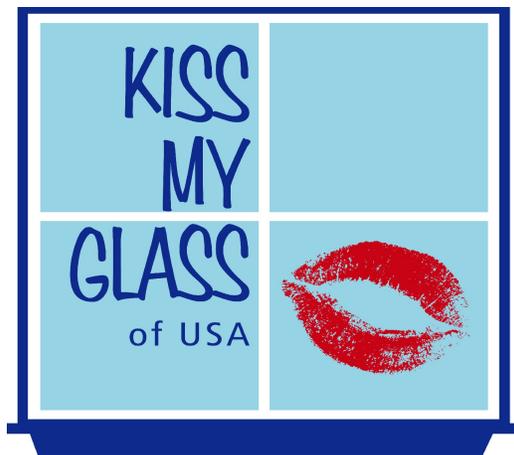
The least harmful ways to apply 2,4-D and other growth regulators are to

1. Avoid use of these herbicides from mid-March through mid-June, the period of rapid growth
2. Use lower volatility formulations and don't use them when temperatures are high or in windy conditions (more than ten miles per hour)
3. use drift-reduction nozzles (drift-guard or air induction types, that operate at lower pressure and produce large droplets.

We are grateful for your support. Please call or email us if you have any questions, and of course, we'd love to see you at a Tour and Tasting if you're interested in seeing what's going on in our neck of the woods!



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Space is limited to 75 registered guests, fee is \$10.

To register, go to www.aacounty.org/cemeteries

Doors open at 8:30 am with continental breakfast

Panelists are historian Janice Hayes-Williams; Tina Simmons, cemetery chair of AA County Genealogical Society; Montgomery County Archeologist Brian Crane; Conservator Howard Wellman; and local archeologists Jeanne Ward and Tom Bodor. They will discuss and answer questions about history, genealogy, and care of the 500+ historic cemeteries in the county. Topics will include researching and documenting old cemetery plots, archeological methods, legal issues, and physical threats related to climate change and development. Box lunches will be available for sale, prepared by the Galesville Community Center. Guided tours of the Quaker Burying Ground are available for registered conference attendees between 1:30 and 3:00 pm.



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GDP + OPZ + CDP + CAC = Plan 2040

Plan 2040 is a procedure to update the General Development Plan last approved in 2009. The Office of Planning and Zoning will work with stakeholders, citizens, and other state and local government agencies to update the GDP in the next two years. The GDP is Anne Arundel County’s comprehensive plan to guide land use in the county, capitalize on its assets, and conserve critical resources. It is prepared in compliance with State requirements and guidelines. Adopted by the County Council, the GDP establishes policies and recommendations to guide land use decisions over a 20-year planning time frame. All master plans and development regulations adopted by the County must be consistent with the goals, policies, and recommendations of the GDP. The Comprehensive Zoning ordinance includes changes to the County Zoning Code; the ordinance alters the path of development throughout the county as the Council decides where to increase and decrease density.

Starting in 2017, Listening Sessions were held throughout the county to give residents the opportunity to express their wishes and needs for their areas. Local participants in the South County session and survey conducted in February 2018 placed highest priority on the following concerns in

the following areas:

- Natural Environment: natural resources and sensitive areas, agricultural preservation, and water quality
- Healthy Economy: infrastructure capacity in line with growth or decline demands, balanced economic/adequate land-use mix
- Planning for the Built Environment: conserving rural areas, preserving the character of established communities, and historic and archeological heritage of the County
- Planning for Healthy Communities: greenways and open space, education, locally grown food and access to food, park and recreation facilities.

The **Citizens Advisory Committee** was established in 2018 under former County Executive Steven R. Schuh. Current County Executive Pittman reconstituted the committee to seek broader representation and a more diverse geographic makeup, now with five at large members and 18 small area representatives, working on a draft to be delivered in early 2020.

The representative for South County is Joel Greenwell; for Crofton, Patricia Huecker; for Edgewater-Mayo, Anthony Brant; and for Deale-Shadyside, Cate Bower. The CAC will work to prepare a working draft of the GDP, to be delivered in early 2020. *(Please turn to page 14)*



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GDP CAC Plan 2040 (From page 13)

All information on the CAC is on AA County Plan2040 website (www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/general-development-plan/index.html).

The CAC held an all-day kick-off workshop on Saturday, April 13, facilitated by Smart Growth America and the County Office of Planning and Zoning staff. Kate Fox attended, and reported that about 150 people were there. Stuart Pittman shared his ideas for the County, and former Governor Paris Glendening gave a presentation on Smart Growth. After lunch attendees were separated into smaller, themed groups that brainstormed and submitted their group's vision for the county.

The GDP Plan2040 Citizens Advisory Committee meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:00 until 7:00 in the Chesapeake Conference Room at 2664 Riva Road in Annapolis. All meetings are open to the public.

The first meeting was on April 17 with Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) Staff Philip R. Hager, Planning and Zoning Director; Cindy Carrier, Acting Planning and Zoning Officer; Mark Wildonger, Long Range Planner; Don Zeigler, Long Range Planner, and visitors: Earl Bradley, Alan Grimes, Steve Miller, and Harry Sinclair. They also met on May 1 and May 15.

Stuart Pittman plans to revisit the Small Area Plans before writing the General Development Plan. The visioning process for the Small Areas will be reopened with additional listening sessions, one in each Small Area. These meetings are the opportunity for interested residents to speak for their area hopes. The Crofton visioning meeting will be held June 12 at the Crofton Library; South County residents will meet on June 13 in the cafeteria at Southern High School in Harwood; Edgewater and Mayo on June 18 in South River High School cafeteria; and for Deale and Shady Side on June 24 at the Deale Library. All meetings will begin at 5:00 pm with an Open House that will continue throughout the evening. At 7:00 pm there will be a community discussion on:

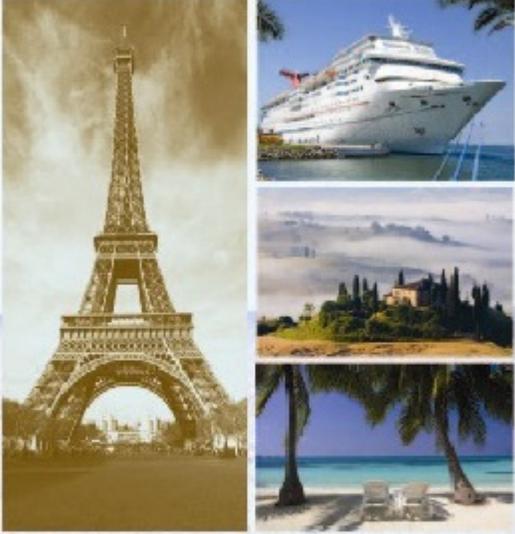
- What is special about your community?
- What has changed in the last 15 years?
- What needs improvement?
- What should your community look like in 20 years?

Reviews of all 16 small area plans are online. Agendas for the meetings can be found at www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/general-development-plan/visioning-meetings/index.html. All 17 small area visioning meetings will be broadcast live, uploaded to the YouTube channel, and summaries will be provided.

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month at 7:30 pm at Southern District Police Station located
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for the residents of Southern District to meet and ask our
command staff questions. We will address current crime
trends in the district/county, upcoming community events as
well as a police presentation.

Upcoming presentations:

June: Mobile Crisis Response

TBA: Mid-Summer staff meeting to plan for 2020 speakers

September: Teen Suicide

October: Police Academy Tour - Captain Shawn Urbas
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November: Cyber Bullying - School Resource Officer

December: Holiday Party

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