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In memoriam

Martin Zehner

Died May 4, 2020

DACA member since 1976

Board member 1992 ~ 2020

All things come to those who wait,
and wait, and wait.

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**Due to the coronavirus pandemic,
DACA's 47th Annual Meeting
has been postponed until further notice.**

When it occurs, all members of DACA are invited to hear reports on DACA's activities and to VOTE for officers and board members.

All officers must be elected to a one-year term. The incumbents have agreed to serve another term, and volunteers may be nominated from the floor. The Board of Directors will have four slots vacant in the term to June 2023. Jeff Bishop, Kate Fox, and Wayne Reid have volunteered to continue in place. DACA needs a volunteer to fill Martin Zehner's slot.

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DACA people

Many thanks to Karen Brooks, George and Marilyn Clemes, Margaret Herbers, Winterson Hittle, Richard and Patricia Keegan and to Sarah Haydn and Allen Sugar for their contributions to DACA in addition to renewing their membership; and to Life Members Jerri and Andrew Falk for their continuing generous support of DACA; and to Natalia Bassford of Four Legs Animal Hospital for her very generous contribution in addition to renewing her Four Legs Animal Hospital ad. Special thanks to Hassan and Teresa Sadeghin for their generous gift to the Scholarship Fund; and to Steve and Debbie Williams for rejoining DACA and for their contribution to the Scholarship Fund;

Thanks for all your great work on behalf of Greater Davidsonville. Mike Lofton

We are happy to contribute and support the effort to keep Davidsonville the lovely, livable place that it is. Jerri

Please let P&Z know that I do not want commercial property at the corner of Central and Riva Rd. (See page 7) Judy Rowe, 40 year resident of Davidsonville

I am one of the founding members of the Greater Davidsonville Area Moms Club. I am a stay-at-home Mom, interested in sustainable agriculture, cooking, baking, & wine. We love Davidsonville. Nora

In memoriam
Janice Africa
October 20, 1918 ~ April 3, 2020
DACA member since 1980

In memoriam
Patricia Shankle
1944 ~ March 28, 2020
DACA member since 2014

In memoriam
Harlan Ray
Died May 4, 2020
DACA member since 1976
Board member 1992 ~ 2018

Harlan was such a great and funny personality. He had a very sly humor that he snuck up on people. I will never forget his quote about the stretch of 424 between Rutland Road and Rossback Road, "That's what you get when you connect a speedway with two country roads." Kate

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In memoriam
Martin Zehner, Jr.
 September 6, 1925 ~ March 15, 2020
 DACA member since 1975

Martin A. Zehner Jr. of Davidsonville, Maryland, passed away Sunday, March 15th, 2020, at the age of 94. He was born September 6, 1925, in Gerolzhofen Germany, to Maria (Frederick) and Martin Zehner. He immigrated with his family to the United States in 1928. He became a life-long farmer, leaving school in the sixth grade out of necessity to work the family farm. The family farm in Davidsonville was established in 1936 and Martin lived on and worked that farm until his passing.

He was the beloved husband of the late Frances L. Zehner and Hilda M. Zehner and the loving father of Martin L. Zehner. He was the brother of Eugene M. Zehner of Seabrook, Maryland, and the late Frederick G. Zehner of Huntingtown, Maryland. He is also survived by three granddaughters, Nicole Zehner, Mary Zehner and Sarah Zehner, three great-grandsons, a niece, nephews and numerous other family and friends.

He was well known throughout the county and the state for his highly successful farming practices. He was the epitome of a successful farmer. He was passionate to share his knowledge with others, particularly younger farmers, to enhance their abilities. He helped forge the way for other farmers by staunchly advocating for farmers in the legislative arena both locally and statewide. He served on numerous committees and boards and received many awards such as Secretary of the Anne Arundel County Farmer's Co-Op, President of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association and Anne Arundel County Agricultural Development Advisory Committee. He also won numerous Farm Bureau awards: Conservation Cooperator of the Year, Anne Arundel County's Most Beautiful Person Award and the Secretary's Citation from the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

One of his last and most treasured accomplishments was being one of the initial founders of the Anne Arundel County Farmer's Market of which he was the president for many years, retiring only recently.

He will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him for his warmth, wisdom and willingness to help others. He would share his passion of farming intermingled with his detailed personal knowl-

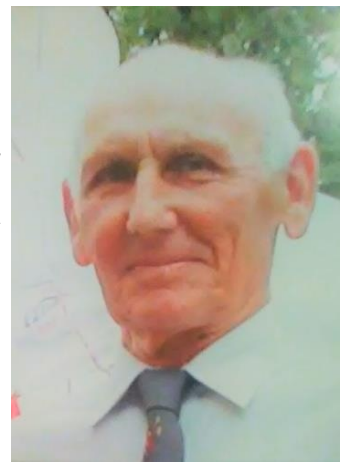
edge of history to impart his invaluable wisdom on those fortunate enough to have heard it.

(Excerpted from obituary posted by Kalas Funeral Home)

Peter and Helen Perry wrote in the *Capital*, "Davidsonville and the agricultural community have lost an institution. Martin never stopped his education, continuing to learn the science of agriculture and taking courses offered by the County's [agricultural agencies] throughout his life. His thirst for knowledge never abated. Once at a gathering, a friend of ours, a biologist, had just met Martin and spent some time discussing a variety of topics asked us later: 'Where did Martin go to graduate school?'"

The Davidsonville Area Civic Association is extremely appreciative of all the good work Martin did for his community. He joined DACA in 1976 and served several terms as president and vice president. He was the face of DACA in presenting testimony on issues of importance to our community—land use, zoning, open space and land preservation. He was a driving force in passing the agricultural preservation bill to limit development in agricultural-zoned areas. He was essential to making DACA an organization respected by the local government and the County Council. DACA made a contribution to the AA County Farmers Market in his memory.

Gail Enright



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With 500 trees paid for and delivered, DACA's board went forward with its plan to give them away as in the previous ten years. I had feared we would be stuck with most of them. Many thanks to Homestead Gardens for giving us a table and space outdoors on March 21 to meet eager tree recipients and thanks to the brave folks who came to take them home to plant.

DACA President Bruce Stein, Vice President Ed Woods, Board members Meredith McQuoid-Greason and Kate Fox, showed up to dip and wrap the trees with Haley Lenderman of Homestead Gardens.

Thanks to Brian Riddle and Pam Cole Finlay for the great support of Homestead Gardens! Thanks also to Delegate Mike Malone and Council Member Lisa Rodvien, who forwarded the email notice and date clarification to their mailing lists. I was so tied to the idea that the trees were part of Saturday's canceled or postponed Green Expo that I did not realize other people were not.

It seems that the third Saturday of March, Green Expo Day, is always windy and brisk, and it was no

different this year. Because of the pandemic, DACA's table was outside the main entrance, and people began to arrive early. A gentleman wearing a mask was the first person to come to the table, and I said "If I had one, I would wear it." So he went back to his car and brought me a mask and some rubber gloves. Alas, I did not get his name, but I am deeply grateful to him. I felt much safer wearing the mask then and now when I go out. Gail

DACA members reacted favorably:

3/21 Wow, we were able to give away all the trees in about an hour. Bruce

3/21 Eeek. My son is gonna be mad at me. I was heading down to get some trees. Melissa

3/21 I'm sorry the Green Expo had to be cancelled but understand why. I've gone every year and think it is great! John and I will pick up several trees today. I am so proud of all the good work DACA does.... Yes, we missed out but I'm glad many others benefitted. We didn't go until 12 noon. I don't need trees really with our mostly shady property but I liked the idea of a redbud. Stay safe. Thanks, Betty Knupp

3/21 We live walking distance away from Homestead Gardens. We were saddened to learn the Expo was cancelled. Now we have the opportunity to enjoy fresh plantings in our yard! With appreciation for the alert, Dale and Gail Wegner

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Thirteen years in the making

The saga of a Welcome to Davidsonville sign was initiated in 2007 by DACA Board member Bob Bradshaw, who approached officials at the State Highway Administration to learn their requirements. Treasurer Robert Carobrese and then Vice President Dave Gray secured specifications and designs, and estimates from several sign builders. What seemed simple soon became complex. Could we get permission to put it on State-owned land? We waited until work on the Park & Ride lot was complete before asking if we could place it on the hill at #424 and Rutland Road. When Bob Bradshaw left Davidsonville he handed his folder to Chris Asher. The job was awarded to Signs by Tomorrow in September 2017. An appeal to DACA members resulted in sufficient contributions to cover the cost, notably \$5,000 from the Davidsonville Ruritan Foundation. Then began the process of securing permits from the State Highway Administration to place the sign on a state road.

After Robert died in March 2018, Chris Asher secured a permit from SHA in April 2018. He worked with Adam Comstock and Jeff Potts of Signs By Tomorrow through the fall of 2018 and summer 2019 to finalize the details. Brian

Mike Dudderar and Juan Estrada of Homestead Gardens placed the sign on the hillside.



Riddle offered Homestead Gardens landscapers to install the sign. Then Chris learned that the permit had expired and he had to start all over again. In October Chris passed it on to Gail Enright. She learned that there were many applications to file with different departments at SHA: Utility Permit, Traffic Engineering Design, Transportation, Landscaping and tree removal, and Traffic Control. Tom Conley of

SHA's Landscape Division was most helpful in filling out the forms. After Brian Stanton went to the site and marked the exact location, final permits were issued in March. Sean Meagher, Homestead's Landscape Manager, assigned Mike Dudderar and Juan Estrada to install it and they completed it on April 6, 2020. I hopped in the car and went right over there to cheer them and admire their work. Many people deserve Davidsonville's thanks for this.

Gail Enright

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- Davidsonville Ruritan Foundation
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- David Grabau
- Bert and Debbie Kappel
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- Dee and Henry Stoehr
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- Nick Kemp and Kay Osburnsen
- Maria Escalera-Flexhaug
- Homestead Gardens

After watching it being installed by Homestead Gardens landscapers Mike and Juan, Gail rushed home to notify the donors and DACA's board members that the deed was done and they should break home isolation to take a look.

They responded:
Wow, thanks Gail. I will. I've been going through Robert's paperwork and came across the papers on the sign. So glad it did come true. Patty B.

Looks great! Patty G.

Thanks to you Gail for being so persistent and seeing this through! Bob Carobrese is smiling from above! I'm happy to see this finally get done. Chris Asher

A really good reason to get out of the house later today and do a drive by! Lynn Marano

Finally! Great job everyone, especially Gail for her persistence with SHA! Kate Fox

Congratulations Gail! I am very happy for you and your Davidsonville community! Tom Conley, SHA

Fantastic Ed Woods

Yep, good job! Jeff Bishop

We can't wait to see it!! Suzie and Jeff Dieringer

Thank you Gail. The sign is beautiful! Congratulations and many thanks to the artist that designed it. Fran C.

It looks great! Thank you for your efforts, Betty Knupp

Hooray. Beautiful! Thank you! Dee S.

It's so beautiful! Dianne D.

Yes, kudos to Gail and Bob C! Brian and Melissa S.

Signs by Tomorrow replied: Thanks Gail. It is a nice sign. We're proud to have made it. Jeff Potts



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DACA opposes land map change on Central Avenue

The March-April issue of the Villager reported on a change in the County Land Use Map requested by the owner of the 4.96 acre parcel on Central Avenue at Riva Road. At its March meeting, DACA's Board voted to oppose this change and to enter its position into the Comments on the AA County Planning and Zoning website. The following paraphrases the Comment offered by DACA:


The Davidsonville Area Civic Association opposes Land Use Application No. 176 because the intersection of Riva Road with Central Avenue is already dangerous. The application states it is a signalized intersection but the signal is a flashing light and does not control traffic. Poor sight lines on Central Avenue west of Riva Road, multiple entrance/exits from the BP Station, Choisser and Catlett's, a speed limit of 45 and 50 mph, and a left-turn lane on westbound Central Avenue to Riva Road, all impede the flow of traffic. These factors plus a steady stream of traffic from Riva Road turning on to Central Avenue, and the lack of a right-turn-only lane on Riva Road cause southbound traffic to back up as far as the Riva Park entrance. Multiple requests to MD State Highway Administration for a full traffic control stop signal have been disregarded. The only traffic management feature installed to date, other than the flashing

light which has been there for more than 20 years, is a sign prohibiting a left turn from Riva Road during the evening rush hour, ignored by many drivers and seldom enforced. Adding a commercial business to this mix would exacerbate the current problems at the intersection and would increase the danger level.

The property was upzoned from RA (Residential/Agricultural) to SB (Small Business) during Comprehensive Rezoning in 2009; that upzoning was contested as part of a taxpayer lawsuit brought by local citizens and associations including DACA, against the upzoning of seven properties in South County. DACA disagrees with the claim that upzoning the property to Commercial would benefit the community. The current SB zoning allows for a small business consistent with the needs of the mostly residential neighborhood in that area of Davidsonville.

Finally, there is no need for further large-scale commercial development along Central Avenue between the Davidsonville Road and Brick Church Road/Bear's Point Road intersections, both of which are controlled by full stop signals, while the Riva Road intersection is not. An abundance of commercial space exists in Edgewater and farther west in the small commercial center at the Davidsonville Road and Central Avenue.

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Scholarships for the Next School Year

DACA’s Board of Directors invites individuals to apply for funds to further their post-high school education (academic, technical, or professional) in the coming year. To determine eligibility and apply for a scholarship, read the requirements and follow the instructions below.

I. 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 awards are made at the discretion of the DACA Board.
4. Awards 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.

II. 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).

III. 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. ***(Due to COVID-19, the deadline has been relaxed for this year. Please apply.)***
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.
- IV. Submit all the above in writing to DACA Scholarship, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035

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Update from the Office of Community Engagement and Constituent Services

From James Kitchin, Director
 County Executive Pittman submitted his FY21 Budget Proposal to the County Council on May 1st. Following is an excerpt from his budget remarks:

Over 30,000 Anne Arundel County men and women recently filed for unemployment. Schools are closed, businesses are closed, and we are still in the early weeks of a battle against an enemy that is growing in strength—COVID-19.

This budget is our path in uncertain times. After adjusting our revenue projections down \$68 million from what we expected at the start of the budget process, it was clear that this would be a year to defer progress on many of our goals, and many of the requests that our residents expressed at our seven Budget Town Halls in January. But we are in a far better condition than many jurisdictions in our state. The progress we made last year will allow our departments to provide a higher level of services to our residents than ever before. That’s important, because we need public safety, strong schools, clean water, and a safety net to protect our most vulnerable residents now more than ever.

Some will say that we should have projected revenue more optimistically, spent more on services, and used our rainy day fund to fill the gap. Others might say that we should raise tax rates to compensate for a declining tax base.

We chose in this budget to reduce spending where we could, hold tax rates or reduce them slightly, budget responsibly, and do our best to protect the reserve fund.

Our goal was not only to maintain services, but also to position ourselves for recovery.

We will be reviewing how the Governor’s May 6 announcement allowing golfing, fishing, tennis, camping, and other outdoor activities to resume will affect county operations. We will communicate decisions to you promptly once they are made.

The County Executive’s weekly program addressing the coronavirus pandemic is now on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and focuses on how we are positioning ourselves to Build Back Better. You can watch Building Back Better with the County Executive and his guests on the following platforms:

- County Executive Stuart Pittman’s Facebook
- Arundel TV Live
- Channel 38 on Verizon
- Channel 98 on Comcast / Broadstripe

Anne Arundel County has partnered with Recycle Coach, the largest recycling education network, to offer an easy-to-use app that will further enhance the County’s ability to effectively and quickly communicate information to residents regarding the recycling program, curbside collection services, Recycling Centers and the Millersville Landfill. [Go to Recycle Coach.com to get the app.]

The County Council is now conducting virtual legislative sessions to hear and vote on legislation postponed due the COVID-19 health crisis and introduce other necessary legislation. Meetings will be held on Mondays in May, except for Tuesday, May 26, and will start at 7:00 p.m.

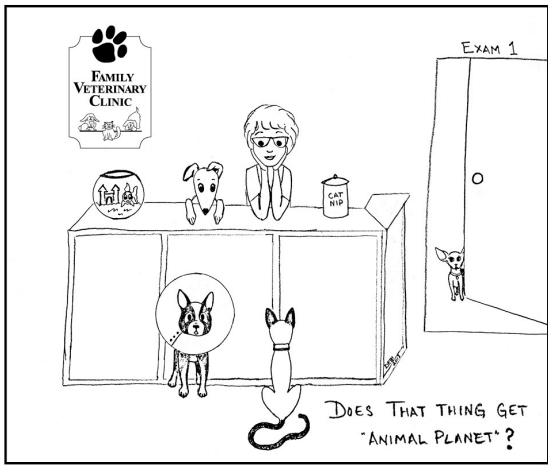
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End of Legislative Session 2020 Letter from Delegate Sid Saab

This year for the first time since the Civil War, the General Assembly adjourned session early on March 18, due to precautionary social distancing measures taken to curb the spread of COVID-19. Now we are in full attack on this invasive virus that has quickly disrupted our health and economy and caused so much grief and uncertainty. Taking care of our citizens is government's main goal, and through this we are learning what works, what doesn't, and how to fix it. At this point, we are aiming to safeguard citizens while getting our economy back on track.

Passing a balanced budget is the only task mandated by our state Constitution. We accomplished that, though the forecasts and plans have now been upended by the pandemic. It included a 1.4 percent increase but now will need to be re-evaluated based on our economic situation coming out of this current crisis. For an overview of the fiscal 2021 budget, as well as major issues addressed during the 2021 General Assembly session, you can enter this link in your browser: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs/LegisLegal/2020rs-session-major-issues-review.pdf>.

I was, and am, concerned about mental health. Though House Bill 535 that I sponsored to establish a pilot-program in elementary and middle schools to identify and help students exhibiting behavior issues before they become a

crisis, did not pass this year, other bills that I co-sponsored in this regard did. As a result, a mental health referral system, an emergency list of resources, and telehealth in a patient's home for mental health issues were created.


I was disappointed that a sales and use tax on downloads of music, movies and books was passed by the legislature. This six percent tax will begin on July 1, 2020, and pertains to digital products and codes. Funds are to be used to help fund the implementation of the new education bill which will be phased in over ten years with a cost of \$4 billion per year.

On a positive note, some of our local projects were placed for funding in the budget, including Crofton High School.

We are now half-way through a four year term. I continue to be honored to represent you, and thankful for your trust in me. Nothing is more important to me than your well-being. As Americans, we will get through this current trial. If I, or my staff, can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at sid.saab@house.state.md.us or #410-841-3551.

Wishing you well,
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by Lisa VanBuskirk

The COVID-related school closures have changed students' schedules drastically—they don't have to be up before dawn to take a bus or get to school. I've heard from students and families that they have more choices about when to attend online classes and do school work; Others say that their sleep schedules have changed drastically.

Start School Later is partnering with sleep researchers to survey middle and high school students across the United States on these topics. The survey takes about 12 minutes and can be completed on a computer, tablet or smartphone. The information received will give researchers a sense of the sleep/wake cycle for middle and high school students who are not constrained by the usual academic and activity schedules.

There is a page on the SSL website that explains the survey to students and links them to the survey, <http://SSL2.vu/e>, and if you're interested in the survey content, you can view the version of the survey for

non-students <http://tiny.cc/1zdhmz>. Please know precautions have been taken so no personally identifiable information will be used in the research.

Please share the survey with friends and family members across the country to improve the quality and quantity of data!!

On May 1st, County Executive Pittman released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021. The high hopes and expectations for the education budget have changed dramatically in the past two months as a result of COVID-19. Mr. Pittman elected not to include funding to address the recommendations of the transportation consultant's report, including seven additional routing/technology personnel and communications systems. The additional personnel are a necessary step to provide the Board of Education with more specific routing scenarios and budget estimates than the consultant provided (and is something current staff cannot do).

The budget now goes to the County Council to deliberate. The Council can alter the County Executive's budget and restore the transportation funding requested by the BOE. Therefore, please write to the Council members to request the restoration of school transportation funds, as outlined by the transportation consultant's report. Their email addresses are on page 14.

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The challenging problems of trash

We must plan for next-generation trash solutions. According to the 2013 Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan produced by the AA County Department of Public Works, the only open landfill in the County, the Millersville landfill, is projected to reach its limiting capacity in 2041. Planning and permitting of disposal sites like Millersville can take ten to fifteen years, so trash generation and processing is an issue that must be addressed by our strategic planning and by Plan2040, the new GDP.

The scope of the problem is large. Anne Arundel County residents produce about 350,000 tons of solid waste every year. In 2013, about 23 percent of this was recycled by a private contractor, about 20 percent composted, approximately 37 percent was sent out of county for disposal, and 20 percent sent to the Millersville landfill. The portion sent to the landfill, even when highly compacted, would fill an area the size of a football field to the height of a seven-story building. And nearly twice that much was exported out of the County.

To further complicate matters, the market for recycled trash has contracted significantly. Until recently a significant

fraction of domestic recycled trash was exported to China. But in 2018, China stopped buying most of U.S. recyclable trash, claiming that it was too contaminated for cost-effective reuse. The recycled plastics market was particularly hard hit. U.S. recycling processors were forced to raise their prices to the point that plastic recycling became prohibitively expensive for many cities.

Plastic materials recycled domestically are usually more expensive than those made from raw feedstock like oil and natural gas, and they are particularly challenging to recycle, thanks to the variety of additives and blends used to manufacture a wide array of products. They are difficult to sort, and each type is sensitive to contamination from almost any other material when attempts are made to reuse. As a consequence, only nine percent of the plastic produced in the U.S. is recycled. The remainder ends up in landfills, incinerators, or floating free and polluting the environment.

Waste-to-energy conversion, or trash incineration, is used by a number of municipalities to reduce landfill volumes. However, burning trash to generate power is controversial in the U.S. Often incinerators are located near disadvantaged neighborhoods and are suspected of creating a wide range of air pollution and health problems. In Europe a new generation of incinerators is changing the perception of trash incineration, but much controversy remains. *(Continued on page 13)*

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Perhaps the best approach to reducing the waste disposal problem lies in minimizing waste production, and plastic waste should be a prime target. Half of all plastic produced goes into single use items, so bans on single use plastic bags, cups, straws, utensils, and food containers and generally reducing the use of plastic in retail packaging could have a large impact on difficult-to-recycle plastic waste. The City of Annapolis and the State of Maryland are currently considering legislation that would ban single-use plastic bags at the point of sale and require retailers to charge for paper bags, in an effort to reverse reliance on single-use packaging. These are steps in the right direction, as is the County’s new ban on Styrofoam packaging.

Recycling and reduction of landfill wastes are topics of high current interest in almost every metropolitan area in the United States and Europe. As might be expected, leaders have emerged who offer examples that may be useful to study. San Francisco is thought to be one of the leaders in the U.S. The city ultimately aims to reach zero waste. That means recycling, composting, reusing, and reducing consumption so that nothing goes to either the landfill or incineration. In Europe, Ljubljana, Slovenia, is one of the leaders. A Ljubljana case study shows that its per capita generation of landfill waste is only about 1/3 that of Anne Arundel County.

Our County should strive to be a leader in waste management and reduction. Exporting our waste is not a responsible solution. We must reduce our waste at the source, sort it more efficiently, compost and recycle a larger fraction, and, finally, place the remainder in well-designed landfills that can be capped for beneficial uses like solar power generation. It’s a challenge that requires long-term planning and clearly deserves inclusion in Plan2040.

Potential Delays to Curbside collection service

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Waste Management Services is alerting residents to potential curbside collection service delays. During this time, customers are asked to leave recyclables and/or waste collections at the curb until contractors are able to complete their routes. The Department of Public Works apologizes for this inconvenience, appreciates the patience of our residents, and asks that this information be shared within your communities. Please contact the Bureau of Waste Management Services Customer Service at (410) 222-6100 with any questions or concerns.

Villager loves compliments

Thanks for letting me know [when my dues were due]... We appreciate the newsletter. I might add that though I’ve lived here almost 20 years, I still have a hard time figuring out what is happening in terms of land use and development in and around Davidsonville your publication helps a lot, but I wish we had easier to access information. The county website has a lot of info, but I’ll be damned if I can figure out where to find it. Seems like it is designed to hide what is going on (I don’t really think that is true . . . it just seems like it).
A. Chris Held

Thank you for your nice words. Sometimes I fear the Villager is too weighty and complicated with zoning matters so I am glad to know that it helps people understand these heavy issues. Yes, the County’s website is very complicated, like a spider web!

March 15 – It’s another year and another spring is on its way. I’m again delighted to support you and the Villager that does such a wonderful job in uniting this fabulous community.

Natalia Bassford

You are such a faithful and generous supporter! DACA thanks you very much.



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Vincent Moulden is the new Community Engagement Officer for South County, replacing James Kitchin who was promoted to liaise for the whole county. Vincent wrote, "Thanks, Gail. I'll keep a lookout for your emails. I love the formatting of your newsletters!"

Villager says, "That's a real compliment. Thank you for your kind words!"

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Summer Swimming is coming

Crossing Currents Aquatics is a swim programming business operating in Annapolis and surrounding areas. Our normal Spring & Summer season finds swim programs launching from the Sylvan Shores Community Beach near Mike's Crabhouse on South River.

We will hold our third Annual Swim & Paddle the South River, a non-competitive five-mile course to be completed solo or as part of a team, for the benefit of the Arundel Rivers Federation, postponed from May until October 11. Visit the website at <http://www.swimthesouthriver.com>

Weekly swims: Picture a mom training for a triathlon and her two Club Team kiddos joining her to swim around buoy markers with Red Cross lifeguards watching them move through the water!

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DACA on Council Bill 12-20

DACA was one of 14 association members of Growth Action Network that signed on to GAN’s letter to the County Council in opposition to Bill #12-20. This bill would exempt certain workforce housing developments from Adequate Facilities criteria for school capacity. The bill would apply countywide to all schools, including those already closed to further housing development, and sets a precedent for other developments with needed projects of different kinds. In South County, we should recognize that school capacity regulations/law has been the most important factor to keep our communities sustainable and rural. The County received 400 Comments opposing the bill and three in favor of it. The Council made amendments and the new version will be heard at a future hearing.

AARP’s 2020 Rural Livability Workshop Report

featured volunteer organizations. About DACA, it said, “The all-volunteer Davidsonville Area Civic Association was founded by residents in 1974 to counter efforts to develop the largely agricultural, unincorporated region in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Nearly 50 years later, several of the founding members still serve on the group’s board.” This picture was taken at the 2017 Annual Meeting. It tells you that the board has healthy turn-over as well as longevity, with long-term members as well as younger members. Left to right: Vice President Ed Woods, Recording Secretary Kate Fox, former president Will Biddle, board member Melissa Stanton, board member Wayne Reid, former president Martin Zehner, past president Chris Asher, past treasurer Winterson Hittle, Villager Editor Gail Enright, current president Bruce Stein. Phil Livingstone and Jeff Bishop missed the picture. Since then DACA has welcomed Sean Healy, Brian Stanton, Lynn Marano, Meredith McQuoid-Greason, Cynthia Morgan, and Andrew Healy.



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