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All Hallows' Chapel Cemetery



All Hallows Chapel made the front page of the *Capital Gazette* on April 18, after the church's Cemetery Committee discovered the damage done to the grave markers in the cemetery and the Davidsonville United Methodist Church cemetery across the road. Both cemeteries are historically significant, with graves dating from the mid- and late 19th centuries held by many generations of local families.

The damage to the cemeteries will be resolved. The genealogy buffs who scraped the stones came forward to acknowledge their actions. All Hallows Cemetery Committee will conduct classes in historic stone preservation this summer as it has in the past. The AH Cemetery Committee is extremely grateful for the many offers of help and support in recovering from the damage. If you want information about the stones or people buried there, please call All Hallows Parish at 410-798-0808. Every fact about its cemeteries is documented and available for the asking.

DACA's Annual Meeting in September

Given the hoped-for approaching relaxation of COVID restrictions, the DACA Board of Directors decided to plan for a regular in-person meeting of the general membership in SEPTEMBER. The first Thursday will be September 2nd. Details will be announced as they develop.

In the meantime, DACA invites members to attend the regular meetings of the board as they are conducted by remote. Ask Kate Fox or Gail Enright for log-on instructions. Their contact information is on the back page of this *Villager*.

At the Annual Meeting DACA members vote for officers for one-year terms and for Board members for three-year terms. Current officers are President Bruce Stein, Vice President Ed Woods, Secretary Gail Enright, and Treasurer Brian Stanton. Board members whose terms would end this June are Andrew Healy, Phil Livingstone, Lynn Marano, and Melissa Stanton. Their terms will be extended until September. DACA invites volunteers to serve as officers or board members.

DACA prepares and presents testimony to the County Council and county and state officials on issues that affect residents of Davidsonville, South County, and all Anne Arundel County. Its longtime presence in the community and its reputation for integrity, influence, and nonpartisanship have inspired elected leaders and department heads and staff in our county and state government to respect and respond to the concerns of this civic organization and its community.



DACA People

Welcome new members Debra Glanell, Arnold Strauss, James Anderson and Sandra Harris, and Scott and Suzanne Braman, and thanks for their gifts to DACA in addition to paying dues. Welcome also returning members Gordon Duvall, Lynn Hawkins, Joan Placido, and Barnes and Mariana Johnson, and thanks for their gifts to DACA in addition to their dues. Thanks also to Mike and Jan Power for their gift in addition to their dues. Thanks also to Life Members Tom and Kris Angelis, Jen and Robert Dorr, Bert and Debby Kappel, Mike Rains, Hassan and Teresa Sadeghin, and Paul and Lorraine Zublionis, for their contributions to DACA.



March 13, 2021 This issue was inspiring to me. I only wish I still lived in Davidsonville as I would be glad to be a Board Member again!
Bob

March 27 I am proud to have been represented by DACA for over 40 years—and we just keep getting stronger.
Miss Judy

March 28 I have lived here for 38 years and enjoy the area, so I want to support your efforts with a contribution.
M.R.

[Dues] Check is forthcoming, subject only to a DeJoy DeLay. Very informative newsletter! Especially now when there is very little local information available in our news outlets. Really helps.
C. H.

Interests: community and local history, advocacy for addressing road issues.
T.L.

Interests: Honey bees and gardening,
B.W.

In Memoriam
Robert (Bob) R. Bold
July 29, 1945 - April 12, 2021
DACA member 1986-2021

In Memoriam
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1934-April 8, 2021
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In Memoriam
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Compliments

Davidsonville residents were pleased to see the *Capital Gazette* article by Editor Rick Hutzell on May 2, serving to welcome Governor and Mrs. Hogan to our community. They will take up residence after his term as governor ends next year. Mr. Hutzell interviewed several longtime residents of Davidsonville to uncover some less well known facts about our community. Thank you,+ Rick!

I really enjoy the newsletter...it is a perfect vehicle for keeping us informed about issues and concerns in our area. The way these items are presented is also noteworthy, because the effects on our neighborhoods and our neighbors should concern us. E.M.

[Villager] is still my favorite renewable resource. I find the information valuable! Best Wishes, Tom

Thanks for all you and your team do. J.D.

Thank you for all that you do! L.M.

Thank you for the work that you do bringing us much needed information. D.S.

Enjoy the DACA informing me what's going on in our neighborhood. M.G.

School report

Cyndi Morgan reported to DACA's Board on the Board of Education's May 5 meeting.

The Superintendent took a survey to learn how many families would like to go to hybrid learning, two days or four days in-person per week. Some families who opted to change from virtual to hybrid were to be notified May 10, 2021, of approval to move to a two-day or a four-day week, based on availability of classroom space and transportation.

Class of 2021 will have in-person out door graduations with two tickets per graduate and one parking pass, with 50 percent capacity.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Dr. Arlotto plans for a full return to school in person. There are plans for the Virtual Academy for grades 3-12, 100 percent virtual learning with limited numbers, allowing for physical disability and family circumstances. For kindergarten to second grade, research recommended the best learning style is in classroom instead of virtual learning. More information on the Virtual Academy will be available after the May 19th Board of Education meeting.

New fitness trail at Davidsonville Park

In March, a new family fitness activity trail was installed in Davidsonville Park. **Reagan Beall** planned and installed the 16 fitness stations as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. All stops are marked by signs with instructions for how to do each workout and show the mileage how far you walked as you go from station to station. All Davidsonville residents can benefit from this community amenity in their park. Special thanks to Reagan Beall, Troop 1277, Davidsonville.

Sean Healy reported that the county recently removed sections of the blacktop on the trail and replaced it with new blacktop. It's really nice and alleviates much of the roughness of roots which created a tripping hazard for walkers and runners on the trail. Davidsonville Park is open from dawn to dusk and provides a pavilion area, playground, and multipurpose fields as well as trails.

Lights on the Sign!

Ed Woods has taken on the assignment to illuminate the Welcome to Davidsonville sign on Route #424. It was challenge to locate a seller of a solar-powered system that would turn on at dusk and last until dawn. After Ed's fruitless search online and conversations with friendly electricians, Cyndi Morgan looked deeper into the market and found just what the board asked for. Ed followed her lead and ordered the equipment and materials needed to light up our Welcome. Thanks to Ed and Cyndi.

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Scholarly News

DACA's Scholarship is relatively new, a developing work in progress. The Scholarship Committee is reviewing the criteria for the next academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23. They are seeking more applicants for financial support and invite students to apply who are seeking post-high school education, academic, professional, or technical.

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Many thanks to new donors Scott Cannon and Bert and Debby Kappel, and to our generous repeat donors, Kris and Tom Angelis, Bob and Ann Bradshaw, Jennifer and Robert Dorr, Cynthia and Grayson Morgan, and Brian and Melissa Stanton.

You are invited to join this distinguished and generous group of supporters of the scholarship fund with a gift of any size. Help the fund grow to enable us to award more and larger scholarships to qualified applicants. Every bit helps. Make your check payable to DACA and write "Scholarship" in the memo space. Send it to DACA Scholarship, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035

And the winners are . . .

DACA's Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Sarah Healy and Lainagail Greason were awarded scholarships for the second year. Their applications once again showed what exemplary representatives they are of their community and their schools. Sarah has completed her junior year at the University of Maryland where she is majoring in Kinesthesiology. Lainagail will enter her junior year at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Her classes are heavily weighted toward mathematics and computer science.

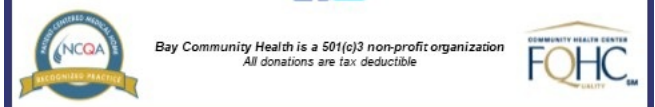
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April 2021

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PLAN2040 passed by County Council: Planning Zoning and Land Use

The Anne Arundel County Council passed Bill 11-21 on May 3, enacting the General Development Plan for the next ten years. [Much future planning consists of adapting the previous plan to current and future realities.]

A total of 128 amendments to the plan were introduced by the Council members; four were withdrawn, and seven failed. In a six-hour session on April 19, the County Council processed amendments 56 through 128. About half of the amendments were recommendations for land use changes made by the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ). The Council has devoted multiple work sessions and legislative sessions to this bill and it is clear that they have had extensive interaction with each other and with the Administration. Councilmanic courtesy (I'll vote for your amendment if you vote for mine) was evident in most of the land use change amendments. The next step is to develop Region Plans to provide more detailed guidance for development in different areas of the County.

During the general development planning process more than 20 years ago, 16 Small Area Plans were developed by hard-working citizens (including members of DACA) over many meetings and extensive field work, seeking to guide the future of their immediate community surroundings. Their results were intended to be enacted as part of the GDP, but in fact they have been for the most part disregarded. In the most recent GDP, ten years ago, the Small Area Plans were included as guidance but were not updated.

For the current GDP, the Administration wanted more citizen involvement, so they decided to prepare Regional Plans after the GDP was developed. The Region Planning process recognizes the variety of needs in different areas of the County and provides more opportunity for residents to participate in planning for the future of their communities.

The County was redrawn into nine regions instead of the 16 as for the previous Small Area Plans. The Plan for each Region will align with the Goals and Policies of Plan2040 and will build on the Small Area Plans prepared between 1998 to 2004.

Although land use changes do not establish zoning changes, they are a first step in the rezoning process. More than half the land use change amendments in the current GDP will set the stage for potential up-zoning following the Regional Planning process.

The development of Region Plans will be staggered over time to facilitate community engagement, conduct needed analysis, and for OPZ staff to write the Region Plans, while they also are managing other long-range planning projects. It is expected that each Region Plan will take 18 to 36 months to complete. The order of the Region Plans was established in one amendment to the GDP. Regions 2, 4, and 7 will be conducted first; followed by 1, 3, and 9; and finally 5, 6, and 8. The targeted start date for South County Region 8 is April 2024, three years after the new GDP is in effect. Davidsonville is in Region 8.

(Information provided by GAN)

You can attend a virtual meeting to learn more.

All GAN members are invited to participate in a virtual meeting with Steve Kaii-Ziegler and the staff of the Office of Planning and Zoning on May 20 at 1:00-2:00 pm. Members are invited to submit questions and topics for the agenda to growthaction.adm@gmail.com. The agenda will focus on broad issues for the County, rather than specific local issues. Questions will also be taken at the end of the meeting as time permits.



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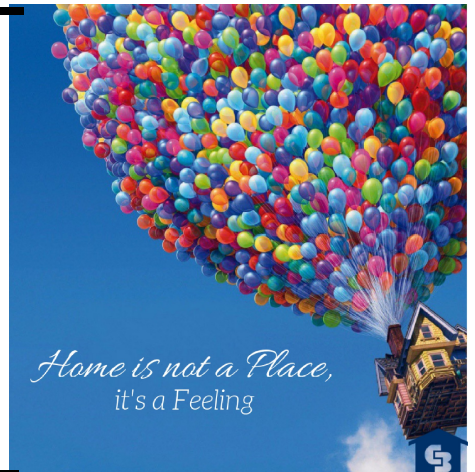
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End of Legislative Session 2021

Senator Ed Reilly and Delegate Sid Saab sent letters (here excerpted) to their constituents summarizing the legislative session ended April 12. Several bills on voter reform and police reform were passed and signed by the Governor. Senator Reilly spoke of the Senate bills (SB) and Delegate Saab noted the House bills (HB).

Among the bills vetoed and passed on the override were Senate Bill 1000 Blueprint for Education, HB 932 of 2020 expanding the sales tax to digital streaming services like Netflix and Peloton, and HB 732 of 2020 increasing taxes on tobacco.

Senate Bill 1000 – Blueprint for Maryland’s Future has a ten-year plan to expand pre-kindergarten. It will increase funding to schools with a high percentage of poor, special education or limited English speaking students. For the teachers it will increase their pay, as well as raise their required standards. This will provide historically high funding for K-12 education. Pre-kindergarten also received \$94 million in the 2020-21 budget.

House Bill 732 - Taxation – Tobacco Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and [HB 932] Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax is the nation’s first tax to target digital advertising. The tax will affect large technology-based and online companies that derive revenue from advertising on their websites. It will ultimately be passed along to advertisers, small business, entrepreneurs, and consumers.

Sen. Reilly wrote that he voted to uphold the vetoes due to the reasons stated in the Governor’s veto letter: “These bills would raise taxes and fees on Marylanders at a time when many are already out of work and financially struggling,... with our State in the midst of a global pandemic and economic crash, and just beginning on our road to recovery...”

Thank you for allowing me to represent you. Please feel free to contact my office at any time by phone or email: 410-841-3568, Edward.Reilly@senate.state.md.us.

Contact Sid Saab, Anne Arundel County, District 33, at 410-841-3551.

DACA’s tree give-away our best day ever!



Photo by Andrew Healy

Thanks to Pam Cole Finlay and Homestead Gardens for providing the space, time, tables, and sign. Bruce, Andrew, Cyndi, Ed, Lynn, Meredith, and Gail gave out 500 trees: 200 redbuds and 100 each of Crabapple, White Oak, and Sycamore. Kate and Brian also checked in to show their support. The 200 redbuds went first and the crabapples immediately after. The white oaks and sycamores were all gone before closing time. On that day, DACA gained a dozen new and renewing members and some anonymous cash contributions. Since March, DACA has gained more than 40 new and renewing memberships, and lots of praise from readers.

Along with the trees, we gave out instructions on how to plant them, and a warning about the Magicicadas, Brood X of this year’s 17-year cicadas. Don’t kill the Cicadas. They don’t bite or sting; they feed the birds. They will be emerging from the ground in May after 17 years underground as larvae and will make a terrific, loud buzzing noise as they breed to make the next Brood X to appear in 2038. By the end of June the adults will die and once again we will hear only the noise of traffic on the road. The cicadas are harmless and interesting. They make a slit in the bark of green twigs and lay their eggs; these will hatch later in the summer, then burrow into the ground for the next 17 years.

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Traffic Alert on Harwood Road

The Department of Public Works announced a project to replace the bridge over Stocketts Run on Harwood Road. Construction is to begin in summer 2021 and be complete by summer 2022. Work is expected to take place Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm with lane disturbance limited from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Single lane closure and flagging operations should be expected.

The power of the squeaky wheel

There was a pothole, about three feet wide and about 30 feet long, on Davidsonville Road. Judy Rowe, the nearest resident, contacted the State Highway Administration seeking to have it repaired. She described the sound of traffic in front of her house as drum rolls, cymbals clashing, cars crashing, trucks colliding and bouncing off the pavement, earthquakes and thunder rumbling, artillery range shooting, battlefield explosions, and the sound of her wine glass falling to the shaking, vibrating earth.

After three weeks without help from SHA, she contacted her local civic association and got some action from DACA. Vice President Ed Woods contacted the proper authorities numerous times and they finally got on it. It took three different repair jobs—two were inadequate with previous patches breaking down under traffic—and several weeks more to get it right. Mr. Woods described to the SHA engineer step-by-step the procedure necessary for a satisfactory repair, so SHA finally fixed it.

Every time I drove down Davidsonville Road—two round trips each time—one lane was closed in front of Ms. Rowe's house. The last time, as I sat at the front of the line, I counted 30 cars coming at me before the flagmen opened up my side. Ed also noted that the SHA repainted the center line and the east side border line across existing obstacles including sticks, weeds, gravel piles and a dead opossum).

Gail

DACA on Third Bay Bridge Span

As decision time approaches for the siting of the proposed third Bay Bridge span, DACA President Bruce Stein responded to the State's request for Comments on the proposals, here summarized.

A significant part of the proposed route of Corridor 8 transits Davidsonville and surrounding areas and would have detrimental effects on Davidsonville, surrounding communities, and the success of the entire project. Thus, we must register our strong objection to the consideration of Corridor 8. The purpose of the third span is to relieve the present and future congestion and delays in Corridor 7, *i.e.*, the present bridges. The Corridor 8 option fails to do that.

The study lists 13 natural resources that were considered and the effects of the three corridors on each of those resources. Twelve considered are expressed in the number of acres adversely affected; the largest impact on natural resources was in Corridor 8, having the greatest acreage impact in nine of those 12 categories. The impact on Davidsonville and surrounding communities were not considered, only those on the Eastern Shore.

Corridor 8 does this harm, in part, by requiring a significant expansion of the existing road network in, around, and through Davidsonville. Such an expansion of roads would transform our country roads into major highways, exacerbating the already existing pressures to increase residential growth and development and destroy the historic rural nature of Davidsonville and surrounding areas.

Corridor 8 is the most expensive option by a significant margin ranging from 11.7 to 15.7 billion dollars for the bridge option, significantly higher than the next less costly option of Corridor 7: 11.7 to 15.7 billion dollars. Corridor 6 is also less costly: 6.6 to 7.2 billion. The money spent on Corridor 8 would be wasted as it does not solve the problem of congestion/delays at the present bridges, now or in the future---the very purpose of this project.

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GAN Comment on Bay Bridge EIS

Growth Action Network has serious concerns about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for Corridor 7, the proposed location for the third Bay Bridge crossing from Route 50 to Kent Island. In the Comment submitted to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDTA) GAN cited the following shortcomings of the EIS.

The only study that has been is very limited in scope and does not include a study of approach roads and bridges—such as the Severn River Bridge, College Parkway, Route 50/301 on Kent Island, the Kent Narrows Bridge, and similar bottlenecks and current areas of congestion. It also does not address the issue of whether the third span will be a third permanent structure or a replacement span that will require demolition of one of the old bridges.

Notwithstanding these obvious inadequacies, a Draft Environmental Impact Study process has been proposed that will lead to a Final Environmental Impact Statement that will lead to a Final Record of Decision (ROD) that will be irreversible. GAN’s Board believes this is a significant development, environmental, and quality of life issue for the County. The public comment period closed May 10.

The GAN Board drafted sign-on testimony asking the MDTA/FHWA to stop the environmental impact study and

more fully evaluate all details of the various options for an additional Bay crossing, including feeder roads, neighborhood traffic impacts, and any other related issues. Copies of the testimony will also be provided to representatives of the County in the State government.

GAN asked its member organizations and individuals to sign on in agreement with their statement. Among their concerns they note that the new span on the Broadneck Peninsula, Route #50/301 corridor, threatens Sandy Point State Park and commercial and private properties on the south side of the highway and will affect the 48,000 residents of the Broadneck Peninsula. The draft study is based, mainly, on a traffic mobility analysis that does not include the more detailed and complex data that must be provided in support of a final selection. It was made without consulting with Anne Arundel and Queen Anne County Administrations who are major stakeholders in this selection. The corridor affected for any expansion of these Bay Bridges extends from Route #97 through the Broadneck to the Route #50/301 split on the Eastern Shore. This corridor study has not been done.

DACA’s board agrees with the need for a third span and believes that the present location is the least bad of the proposed locations in Anne Arundel County, but they also believe the shortcomings of the EIS need to be addressed before it becomes final. Thus, the DACA Board voted to sign on to GAN’s Comment Testimony.



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Agriculture News

The Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market opened its 40th season on Saturday, April 3, 2021, and Sunday, April 4, 2021. This marks the spring opening for the market. The market will be open Saturdays from 7:00-noon and Sundays from 10:00 am-1:00 pm until the end of the year. Beginning June 2, the market will be open Wednesday mornings from 7:00-noon.

When the market opened in 1981, only "a handful of vendors" participated, but this year, the board of directors announced that the market is completely full with close to 65 vendors selling the freshest products available from local growers and producers selling meats, seafood, produce, fruits, eggs, prepared foods, honey, and olive oils. Additionally potters, woodworkers, crafters, and garment makers are again on hand with specialty goods made by local artists. The market is open rain or shine under the pavilion at the corner of Riva Road and Harry S. Truman Parkway in Annapolis with on-site parking. The wearing of masks will be in effect along with the county's social distancing guidelines. Dogs are not allowed in the building. For more on the AAC Farmers' Market, visit www.aacofarmersmarket.com or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/AACoFarmersMarket.

What does a grain elevator look like?



Perdue Farms Inc.'s announcement that it planned to close its grain elevator in Lothian on March 31, 2021, stunned Southern Maryland Farmers. Upon reconsideration they decided to delay the closing until March 31, 2023.

This grain elevator serves farmers in all five southern Maryland counties. Small operators who do not have their own storage silos are dependent on this single facility to get their product to market. The closest alternative is the Perdue grain elevator at Curtis Bay, but it accepts only soybeans, and according to local farmers, is broken down and unlikely to be repaired. Trucking grain to elevators on the Eastern Shore would be the next alternative, but trucking that far during harvest would require a fleet of reliable trucks and drivers that don't exist. Anne Arundel County has a longstanding policy of promoting agriculture as an effective way to maintain open space and to preserve our natural environment. According to the 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture, we grow grain on 32% (8,682 acres) of our county's farmland. There is talk of a southern Maryland co-op being formed.

From Stuart Pittman's Facebook page

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South County Plan2040 requests

South County (SoCo) Advocacy Group is an ad hoc committee of people concerned about the effects of Plan2040 on South County; headed by Paul Christensen. SoCo Advocacy submitted its comments on Plan2040, and Mr. Christensen reported, “Overall, we had some pretty good successes and Jessica [Haire] was responsive to several of our requests. Amendments that she introduced will facilitate a study of sustainable agriculture, clarify that Plan2040 does not authorize mobile homes in RA, and called for establishment of comprehensive evacuation plans for peninsulas.

“The attempt to get Shadyside included in the Peninsula Policy Areas was not successful. Our positions on Environmentally Resilient Communities were generally upheld by the Council, but requested positions on LUCAs were about evenly split.

“Although the planning for SoCo Regions 8 and 9 won't begin for quite a while, I'd like to remind everyone who likes forests that the Green Infrastructure Master Plan update has just begun and info is available here. Lots of Green Infrastructure in SoCo...” SoCo statements follow here:

Environmentally resilient communities

1. There is a critical immediate need to complete a comprehensive update of the County's Critical Areas Program and amend relevant sections of Articles 17 and 18 of the County Code emphasizing detailed requirements for using best prac-

tices, more specific administration guidelines, and applying consistent application. Policy unchanged

2. Likewise, the County must meet Federal and State water quality standards and monitor their implementation. Amendment 73 incentivizes reduction of impervious surfaces.

3. Peninsula communities are experiencing several effects of climate change with long-term consequences including vulnerability to sea-level rise, coastal flooding, and nuisance flooding. Continuing analyses of sea-level rise and flooding, reducing residential densities, and expanding the Critical Area are needed. The plan makes no change in thi goal.

4.. Increase county support for HOAs on the front line of the stormwater battle, being required to maintain and fix developer built and inadequate stormwater runoff control facilities. Plan supports this policy.

5. The number of construction stormwater permit violations is, and has been, painfully obvious to many County communities. No change in Policy

6. Although not mentioned in Plan 2040, there is a need for a formal Anne Arundel Evacuation Plan and delineation of required routes so citizens are prepared for the next hurricane or other emergency. Amendment 18 – include comprehensive evacuation plan.

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SoCo Advocacy Group, *(from page 10)*

Mobile Home Zones: Following the near disaster of Bill 57-20 last year, the need for well-thought policy on this subject is evident. The new GDP should quantify, map and acknowledge the essential functions of approximately 1500 mobile homes currently located in South County. Existing under Special Exception standards or as non-conforming use, the status and future of these homes is at risk. Amendment 3 clarifies that land uses in the plan are anticipated and not specifically permitted.

Farming and Agricultural Preservation: Add to Plan 2040 the following policies:

Develop a Comprehensive Agricultural Sustainability Strategy. Modify County code and regulations to permit the use of agrivoltaic systems as a conditional use on farms to provide accessory income to protect and preserve the economic viability of farming. Not added to Plan2040..

Assemble a workgroup or fund a consulting group to carry out a detailed study of the root causes for decline of the agricultural economy in the County and evaluate approaches to maintaining sustainability. Amendment 28 facilitates sustainable agricultural study.

Inventory small farms in the County and determine their needs. Evaluate opportunities for County support.

Included in Amendment 28

Establish annual Agricultural Conservation goals and, using the model of Adequate Public Facilities Ordinances, prohibit subdivision approval in the Priority Preservation Area until conservation goals are achieved. (This is intended to restrict the rate of residential development to be linked to and paced by the Requested Actions)

Ten **Land Use Change Applications (LUCA)** in South County were submitted, seeking changes from Rural to commercial, low- or moderate-density residential, or maritime use, most of which resulted in no practical change from current actual use.

The only LUCA in Davidsonville for the corner of Riva Road on Central Avenue was not included in Plan 2040. DACA had submitted testimony opposing this request for change to commercial use and the OPZ staff recommended no change. The County Code specifically states that a change in land use in a newly enacted GDP does not constitute a change that would allow piece-meal rezoning. DACA is a member of Growth Action Network..

Many thanks to Paul Christensen and other South County residents for their carefully detailed study of the needs in these places.

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Become an Osprey Chick Watcher

Arundel Rivers invites some supporters to watch the Osprey Cam in the morning and evenings and record two-minute segments of anything interesting on their computers. We will teach you how! Sign up for the O'Dell Club today (named for Bob O'Dell who started the Osprey Cam for us.) Go to www.arundelrivers.org.

Costly responsibility for new HOA in Cambria?

The developer of Aisquith Farms held a community meeting in March to discuss modification for Asquith Farms Part Two to allow more houses on a private road. There were no objections from those attending; most of the discussion was about stormwater management and changes to the private part of Homewood Road.

To help control the stormwater runoff in the area between the Cambria HOA property and the first of the new homes, two bioretention fields are to be built, the second on Homewood Road. They will dig out the space, place a layer of stone for some unspecified depth, then cover it with top soil and plant bushes and trees. Not a pond with standing water, the idea is that the water will run into these areas, soak into the soil and rocks, and be absorbed by the plants and trees. They said that at worst, it might fill to 6-12 inches temporarily. One of the bioretention fields should create an additional buffer between the new development and Cambria, a concern of some Cambria residents.

In addition, they plan to put a culvert under the private part of Homewood across to a gully that has been washing out on the Waterford HOA north of Homewood. Due to the height above stream level, they will install a series of "step pools" down to the stream itself to slow the runoff and stop the erosion. In answer to "Who maintains these step pools?" the answer was the HOA of the ten planned homes. So, the new ten-member HOA will have the responsibility for paying for the maintenance of the two bioretention areas and the series of step pools on Waterford's property, with no potential for financial, legal, or stormwater control help. Another example of developers and the County putting the costs of stormwater management facility maintenance onto HOAs ill equipped to handle it.

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CEPA on Environmental Legislation

by Sally Hornor, excerpted from CEPA’s Newsletter

Stormwater Management, HB 295, S 227, sponsored by Sen. Elfreth and Love. This bill requires that Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) update their stormwater plans with recent precipitation data every five years to ensure that Best Management Practices are scaled to the amount of stormwater they are designed to retain.

Plastic Bag Reduction Act, HB 314 SB 223, sponsored by Del. Lierman, bans plastic bags at check-out and permits areas that charging for paper bags to continue to do so. Passed both houses.

Climate Change Solutions Now Act, HB 583 SB 414, sponsored by Del. Stein, requires reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60 percent from 2006 levels by 2030 and requires zero-net gas emissions by 2045. Reductions would be obtained by a combination of energy efficient building standards renewable energy incentives

Forest Mitigation Banks HB 991 was introduced by Del. Gilchrist. Forest mitigation banks permit developers to replace trees removed by permanently protecting forested land or by paying for reforestation or afforestation. It permits developers to mitigate clearing of forests with the purchase of forests in unthreatened areas rather than retaining or replanting onsite. It is opposed by environmentalists on the grounds that there is insufficient information on the role that forest mitigation banks serve in maintaining forest cover. Passed in the house.

DACA’s Board voted unanimously to continue its support of and membership in the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association.



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Beware of email scams

Bruce Stein asked me to alert you to a scam which appears to be going to some board members. This was a message from Bruce Stein at a different email address not his, saying he is out of phone reach in Hawaii and needs you to get gift cards for a donation from DACA to Veterans at Hospice for COVID, and that he, Bruce, will reimburse you. If you bite and reply, the writer sends detailed instructions: buy five gift cards AMEX or Visa of \$200 each; say the sender is The Davidsonville Area Civic Association, scan or copy both sides of the cards, and email them to the "Director" at "social worker." You will have the cards, but he will have all the information and get the money, not to be repaid to you. Your money, not DACA's. DACA Does not do this. Do not respond or ask any questions. They like to engage you in conversation and get your money.

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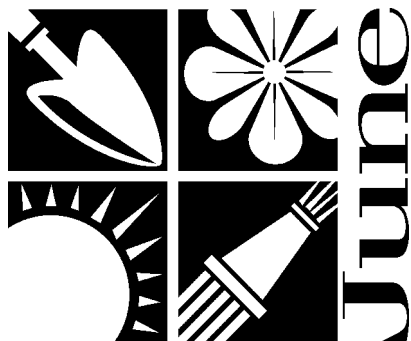
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