

Fall 2025



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Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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410-326-6148

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 11th from 3:00 - 7:00 at
the Drum Point Club*



Enjoy a brat and traditional German sauerkraut
with side dishes.



This year's menu also includes
German pretzels and apple strudel.

A beer truck, from Mully's Brewery in Prince
Frederick, will be on site, but you are welcome to also
bring your favorite beer or another adult beverage.

Water and soda will be provided.

Enjoy the fun of family and friends on a hayride or
with a walk along the beach!!

This year's entertainment will be provided by
"Maryland Polka Band", a traditional Oompah Band!



*Sponsored by the Drum Point Property Owners' Association
and the Drum Point Club

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Friends, we are entering a time of change. As I write this, the seasons are changing. Days are shorter. Nights are longer and colder. Schools have reopened for the academic year. We have to reorganize closets. Put away shorts and tee shirts. Get long sleeve shirts and long pants ready for the next few months. These are the easy changes.

The economy has also presented changes -- increased costs. Drum Point is a pleasant community with good neighbors and increasing property values. Our community assets and amenities help maintain and increase our property values. If our streets, beach, boat ramp or any of the multitude of maintenance items deteriorate, our property values will decline, and the community will become less enjoyable and livable.

The cost of maintaining our community has increased. In some cases, the increase is only a few hundred dollars such as \$600 for equipment maintenance. In other cases, the increase is multiple thousands of dollars such as the increase of over \$5,000 for insurance and the over \$40,000 increase for snow removal. And there are additional new costs. The county also is feeling the economic squeeze and has started charging permitting fees and fees for some services that had been free. Please remember that we almost didn't have the Spring community cleanup day because we were going to be charged for both dumpsters and we just could not afford the fee.

There are two additional factors that cloud our financial future and our ability to plan. The state of Maryland has imposed new requirements regarding reserve funding. We plan in such a way that these reserves guide and fund our planned annual maintenance. The other complicating factor is that we must allow some funds for unanticipated expenditures such as last year's jump in snow removal cost.

The community mandatory assessment of \$55 for developed property and \$20 for undeveloped property has not been increased since the assessment was established in 2014. The Board is very reluctant to raise assessments but has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that adequate funding is available to maintain community standards and quality of life. What increases will be required will be determined by the finance committee when they meet to set next year's budget.

I encourage everyone to get familiar with our budget and our financial situation. All the numbers and reports are available at the DPPOA office.

Tony

Volunteers Needed

It is too early to assemble the slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors, but we would ask that you consider serving on a future Board. It is a great way to give back to your community. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Rhea at the office, either by phone at 410-326-6148 or by email at office@dppoa.org.

Men Driving Around in Trucks and Other Tibits of Information

Who are these men who drive around Drum Point in their trucks? Most of you have seen Joe Bateman who does our trimming in the unpaved portions of the right of way (off the edge of the asphalt). He also replaces street signs and keeps the community beach clean during the summer season. You'll see him stopping along the street, getting out and doing this kind of work. And Greg Brock has just been hired to do some of this kind of work as well. The other man you may see is Steve Rowe – you will not see him very often as he is our Project Manager who oversees paving work and drainage issues. He works when preparations are underway to pave the streets (we re-pave a mile to a mile and a half every year). He also meets with storm water management contractors to analyze various issues with storm water runoff that can undermine our streets.

Did you know that dogs are not allowed on the community beach during the summer season? The community beach is small, and despite how friendly your pup may be, others do not care for dogs (hard to believe I know). The other reason is that small children dig in the sand in the summer, and since not everyone is considerate enough to clean up after their dog, it can present a health hazard to small ones. These rules are in place for a reason and should be followed by everyone.

As many of you are aware, fiber optic is coming to Drum Point – information about ThinkBig Networks is available on the Association website at www.dppoa.org or by calling them directly at 888-318-1372.

Signs have been placed on the posts at the Bay Drive Causeway restricting people from driving any vehicle beyond the posts on the Causeway. There is a reason for this restriction that involves the integrity of the causeway and the pipe which runs beneath it. We ask that all residents obey these signs and all community signs.

FALL CLEANUP

The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, September 20th, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please do not leave items before 8:30. Someone will be along shortly to help direct which items go into which bin.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the community cleanup, dumpsters are placed on the vacant lot across from the DPPOA office at 401 Lake Drive. Owners and residents can bring their unwanted items to the dumpsters. One dumpster will be set aside for the recycling of metal, at no cost to the Association. The Association is charged a fee for the dumpster used for disposal of all other items.

Please note below those things which CAN and CANNOT be accepted:

Items which CAN be accepted include:

- Stoves and Grills
- Lawn mowers, Weed eaters etc.
- Furniture
- Exercise Equipment
- Metal for recycling

Items which CANNOT be accepted include:

- Household trash/garbage
- Building material
- Tires Batteries
- Tree branches and other yard debris
- Paints, stains and other hazardous material
- Televisions and computer monitors
- Refrigerators and AC units.



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All meetings will be conducted according to Maryland Code, Corporations and Associations, Title 5, Sub Title 2, section (§) 5-206. which states, If the number of members present at a meeting does not meet the requirements of a quorum, those present may call another meeting to meet quorum requirements. At the additional meeting, the members present in person constitute a quorum.*

***Per the DPPOA Attorney - Any and all business of the Association can be discussed at the meeting.**

**General Membership Meeting
Agenda
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ivy in Drum Point – Presentation Bruce Fall

Public Comments

Adjournment