

Spring 2025



Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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A number of people voiced their dismay at the change in location of this year's Osprey Festival to North Beach on April, 5th. With this in mind, the organizers of the festival made the decision to have a "mini" festival at the Drum Point Club on March 29th.

OSPREY HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

When: Saturday, March 29, 2025

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission is FREE and open to the public

Where: Drum Point Club

465 Overlook Drive

Lusby, MD 20657



The Maryland Osprey and Nature Festival along with the Drum Point Club is pleased to kick off Osprey Week with an afternoon of fun and learning for the entire family!

Children's Scavenger Hunt (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Bird Walk to search for Ospreys and other birds (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

Presentation by Alex Pellegrini:

Ospreys/Farmland Raptor Program (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Questions: [HTTPS://Marylandospreyfestival.org](https://Marylandospreyfestival.org) or Email: marylandospreyfestival@gmail.com

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Greetings all,

The first thought that came to mind when I sat down to write was, "Snow is a four-letter word." This winter season saw three significant snowstorms, the worst occurring the first week of January. Two additional, less severe, snows occurred in February. While there were apparently some areas that were missed by the salt and plow trucks, these issues were resolved as quickly as possible, and Rhea met with the contractor to review any problem areas so that these mistakes do not happen again. A number of community e-mails were sent in order to keep everyone aware of plans for treatment with salt and plowing when necessary. We are hopeful that spring is upon us and the snow season is behind us.

The cost to treat and remove the snow totaled \$93,837. This includes an increase in the cost of salt from previous years, from \$229/ton to \$260/ton. Treating the entire community requires 20 tons of salt. The Special Tax District funded \$60,738 of the cost, with the balance paid from Covenant fees. While trying to be as judicious as possible when calling in the snow removal contractor, we still went over the budgeted amount of \$45,000, the usual amount allocated.

In addition to the higher than usual cost of snow removal, the Association saw an increase in the cost of insurance coverage. Nationwide Insurance Company increased its annual premium from \$6,471 to more than \$16,000. Our agent sought out other companies and could not find one that offered a lower premium, and many are now unwilling to offer coverage to associations adjacent to water. We finally spoke with an agent who represents State Farm and were offered a premium of \$11,186, which we accepted.

Given the increased cost of snow removal as well as the rising cost of insurance, the Board may have to consider an increase in the mandatory assessment for Fiscal Year 2027, which begins July 1, 2026. Many of you have already paid fees for Fiscal Year 2026, which begins July 1, 2025 (we bill ahead of each fiscal year as required by the Covenants). The Mandatory Assessment of \$55.00 on a developed property and \$20.00 on an undeveloped property has not changed since it was first assessed in 2014, and this would be the fee that may be increased. The Board will discuss all options but does have a responsibility to see that the community is well maintained.

With spring nearly upon us, I wish all of you happy, warm days to come.

Tony

Nominating Committee and Slate of Candidates

The job of the Nominating Committee is to speak with community-minded property owners who may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the upcoming term, which begins in July. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Association office. There are currently three open seats and three candidates, but all interested parties can be added to the slate.

Association By-laws require that the Slate of Candidates for the upcoming year be presented by the Nominating Committee at the March meeting of the General Membership, and nominations can be made from the floor at that time (anyone nominated during the meeting will have their name added to the Slate of Candidates to be presented). However, if the number of open seats remains equal to the number of candidates, a motion can be made to elect the slate by acclamation, and this does save the cost and time it takes to process and mail a ballot.

If there is no quorum, the business of the Association cannot be conducted, and the Slate of Candidates cannot be presented. A quorum requires 35 memberships be represented. A married couple represents one membership unless each of them is the sole owner of a separate lot. An **absentee ballot**, to accept the slate of candidates, as presented at the meeting and approve should there be no nominations from the floor, will be available in the DPPOA office. **Absentee ballots** count toward a quorum. Pick one up if you are unable to attend. If a quorum is not present, it will be necessary to hold a special meeting in April, so encourage your friends and neighbors to attend or pick up the **absentee ballot**.

Spring Cleanup

The community cleanup will be scheduled in the coming weeks (watch your email for the date). The dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please do not leave items before 8:00. 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.

This is your opportunity to recycle that old grill and anything else made primarily of metal as well as clean out the winter's accumulation of unwanted 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.



Treasurer's Column

Springtime is almost here. And for Drum Point this marks the beginning of the annual budget process. Soon we will begin to develop the draft budget for the coming fiscal year, which is July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Your input into the draft budget is important and will make a difference. You can share your ideas with Rhea at the DPPOA office, or participate in the process directly with the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will prepare the draft budget, which then will be approved by DPPOA members at the June meeting. Six of your neighbors are on the Finance Committee, and your participation is welcomed too. The more participants we have on the committee, the better our work will reflect the views of our property owners.

The Finance Committee will meet at the Association office sometime in late March. Meetings usually take only about two hours, and every effort will be made to schedule this year's meeting to accommodate the availability of our residents as well as possible. So please consider volunteering to help put our budget together!

Jack Andre
DPPOA Treasurer

Contact Information

Annual statements were mailed on January 31st. A number of statements have been returned as undeliverable. If you have not received your bill, please contact Rhea at the Association office.

Be sure to keep your contact information, such as email address, phone number, and mailing address up to date. You can contact Rhea to make any changes: Call 410-326-6148 or send an email to office@dppoa.org.

Beach Patrol is Hiring

It's that time of year, and the beach patrol will be checking property owners and other residents in at the community beach. The patrols are scheduled at random times throughout the week, including weekends and holidays. Shirley Bean, who does the scheduling for the patrol, is looking for two or three additional people to help out. The position pays \$15.00/hour. For more information or to apply, call Shirley at 301-221-7969, or send her an email at shirl2204@yahoo.com.



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General Membership Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. March 22, 2025

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Presentation of Slate of Candidates

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Public Comments

Adjournment