

Spring 2026



Drum Point Light

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Southern Calvert Land Trust - Ivy Removal

According to the Southern Calvert Land Trust (SCLT) website, the group was incorporated in July 2001 by eight residents who were concerned about rapid development in Calvert County. The land trust works to acquire vacant, undeveloped, abandoned, or unwanted land and place those properties into a "protected conservation land trust." These properties are kept in green space in perpetuity.

A number of lots in Drum Point have been donated to the trust since 2001. While the lots are kept in greenspace, it is important to maintain the properties so that they do not simply become overgrown with ivy and other invasive vegetation. Left unchecked, English Ivy can choke out native vegetation by climbing trees, eventually causing them to die. It adapts easily to shade, drought, poor soils, and pollution making its spread inevitable. Reducing its spread is key to protecting Calvert County's green spaces.

With that goal in mind, the land trust sought to expand an ivy removal project that was originally begun by the DPPOA Board under the guidance of Board Member Ginny Rice. Ginny started the Ivy League in the fall of 2021, and she and her team of volunteers were successful in the removal of ivy from several hundred trees on approximately 15 lots.

Since taking over the duties from the Ivy League in the fall of 2025, the SCLT has cleared 13 lots of invasive ivy as well as Kudzu on some lots. Thus far, 450 trees have been saved due to their continued efforts.

For more information or to volunteer for this worthwhile project, click on the link: <https://www.southerncalvertlandtrust.com/>.

And watch your email for notification of the next scheduled ivy removal date and location. If you own a lot that cannot be developed, consider donating it to the land trust. Visit their website for information about how to donate land.

An Ivy-Covered Tree



Don't miss it - Osprey Festival 2026

This year's Osprey Festival will be held in the town of North Beach on the 18th of April from 11:00 – 4:00. This is a great opportunity to see a live raptor in person, listen to experts in the field of environmental preservation, and just have a great day with the family. For more information, click on the link to the Festival website - <https://marylandospreyfestival.org/>

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



After a truly hard Winter, let's hope that it is really over with warmer weather on the horizon. This year's winter road maintenance and snow removal totaled \$72,620 (for the snow in December and more recently in February). This cost was due to the ice mixing and coating in the February storm, which made removal very difficult and therefore expensive. We are exploring the possibility of a brine spray if and when such conditions are forecast again. A brine spray might lower our total removal cost.

As we have been pointing out over the past few months and as exemplified by this year's snow removal costs, our expenses are increasing dramatically. As a result, the Budget Committee has recommended, and the Board has approved increases to our Covenant Fee and Mandatory Assessment. The Covenant Fee is going up driven by the inflation rate. The Mandatory Assessment is being raised for the first time since 2014. The developed lot assessment is going to \$100 and undeveloped lots are going up to \$40.

Over the past few months, the Board has been exploring the possibility of installing traffic calming devices for various roads and intersections in the community. We have been advised that before we can even consider installing any traffic devices, we must contract for a complete Traffic Calming Device Survey. Such a survey would cost \$27,000 and could very possibly find that we are ineligible to install any devices. As result, the Board has decided that this question will not be considered further.

As the weather is warming up, it is time to remember to be considerate of our neighbors. With longer evenings, children will be playing outside. Please watch for them and drive slowly and safely. Warm weather will inspire many of us to go outside and clean yards and gardens. Please do not burn waste or trash materials. This especially applies to toxic or perhaps left over construction or home remodeling material. Burning such material may be reported to the County and result in penalties and fines.

If part of your Spring Cleaning uncovers furniture you no longer want or need, it can be placed alongside the road for County no cost pick-up. You must schedule the pickup by calling the Appeal Landfill at 410-326-0210.

If you can wait to get rid of your Spring Cleaning treasures, don't forget that our Community Clean Up Day will be May 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tony

Spring Cleanup Day

The community cleanup has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point owners and residents from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please don't leave anything there prior to that time. Watch your email for confirmation of the date.

For those of you 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 un-needed stuff. For a full list of what can and cannot be placed in the dumpsters please click on the following link – www.dppoa.org and scroll down to the link - "Clean up Day."

General Membership Meetings

Why are they important?

The next meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. the morning of March 21st at the Drum Point Club, located at the end of Overlook Drive.

Association By-laws require that the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors be presented and approved during the March meeting. If there is no quorum, this important task cannot be accomplished. 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. If a quorum is not present, it may be necessary to hold an additional, special meeting.

While the March meeting involves the presentation of the slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors, the annual budget is presented during the June meeting. The budget is discussed and a vote conducted for approval. If a quorum is not present, the approval of the budget will be delayed until the September meeting. When votes are scheduled, an absentee ballot can be completed and will count toward a quorum. If you are unable to attend a meeting where a vote has been scheduled, please contact the office to pick up an absentee ballot.

The September meeting generally serves as an opportunity for the Board to recap the summer's capital projects, and the Nominating Committee is presented and approved during the December meeting.

While each meeting is important for different reasons, all of the meetings are a way for you to provide input about your community, ask questions of your Board and get to know your neighbors. Two of the four yearly meetings are held on Saturday mornings and two on Tuesday evenings. Equally important is this newsletter, the website and email communications. All are efforts by the Board of Directors to keep property owners informed about what is going on in your community.

Beach Patrol is Hiring

Happily, warm weather is on its way. That means the Beach Patrol will once again be monitoring the community beach and checking for a parking hangtag. This is done on a random basis throughout the week.

Shirley Bean continues to oversee the patrol and is in need of people who would like to pick up some part-time hours. The people who work the patrol are paid \$15.00/hour.

Contact Shirley at 301-221-7969 or by email at shirl2204@yahoo.com for more information

**** IMPORTANT REMINDER ****

Covenant Fees and Mandatory Assessments

Statements have been mailed, and yearly fees were due by March 1st (please disregard the year (2025) on the statements). The fees just billed will be posted to the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2026. This is per the Covenants and is done to maintain voting rights throughout each year.

Please note that the Covenant fee is adjusted each year, for inflation. Therefore, the Covenant fee for the upcoming fiscal year is \$140.00 per lot. The Mandatory Assessments were placed on properties in 2014 and have not increased until this billing cycle; an increase from \$55.00 to \$100.00 for a developed property and from \$20.00 to \$40.00 for an undeveloped property. The total amount charged for a developed lot is \$240.00 with \$180.00 assessed for an undeveloped lot.

Please contact the Association office at 410-326-6148 with any questions or to discuss your bill.



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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
10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026
Drum Point Club
Call to Order
President's Remarks
Approval of Minutes
Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Presentation of Slate of Candidates FY 27
Public Comments
Adjournment**