

Fall 2016



Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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Germany meets the United States

At the Drum Point Club



Come to the Drum Point Club, Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 - 5:00 to celebrate Oktoberfest. Enjoy a brat and traditional German sauerkraut or a hotdog and chips. Bring your favorite beer and your favorite potluck side dish or dessert to share. Water and soda will be provided.

While you're enjoying the festive day, sit back and watch the Pax River Air Show, featuring the Blue Angels.

Co-sponsored by:
The Drum Point Property Owners' Association and
The Drum Point Club

Event is open to all Drum Point property owners, their guests and residents



LET'S READ A BOOK!!

If you've been to Solomon's Island and walked by the Lotus Café, you may have noticed a "library" box in the front yard. These boxes are springing up throughout the area and are a good way of exchanging a book you've read for one you'd like to read.

The DPPOA office has established a "give a book, take a book" library in the office (401 Lake Drive). Come in and browse and take a book. If you have one you would like to leave as a donation to the next person, please do so.

Once we've acquired a box for outside the office, the library will be moved there for easier access. Please pass the word along to your friends and neighbors about our "give a book, take a book" library.

President's Column

Gary Heal, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Many of you will remember that late in June, the Special Tax District Petition to the Board of Commissioners of Calvert County was approved in the amount of \$115.00. This amount represents a reduction of \$35.00 from the previous year's STD. However, the Commissioners did add a provision.

The provision, brought forward by Mike Hart, was that the DPPOA Board works with Calvert County staff to develop a plan to substantially transition away from funding through the Special Tax District. We were asked to delay the start of the discussions by the County staff to late August. We have been able to start those discussions and will work with County staff toward a recommendation.

Regarding a transition away from the Special Tax District, it is the opinion of your Board of Directors that:

1. With the major changes embodied in the latest Special Tax District, the position that Mr. Hart took that the County should get out of our business does not hold. There is no reason why the County needs to take an active role in managing your money since all of the objections from the County Commissioners have been satisfied.
2. We believe that there is a segment of the community that likes having some County oversight. Additionally, the Special Tax District gives a platform for members of the Association to go directly to the County Commissioners with concerns.

We will keep you posted on our progress.

Paving this fall:

This year we are re-paving close to a mile of road on Deer Drive. The paving will start in September, and it is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The vendor and our Project Manager will take every effort to make the disruption to you as small as possible.

Please read and follow the directions on the posted signage and when necessary, drive slowly and carefully on new asphalt.

Gary Heal

DPPOA Board Elects Officers

This year's Board of Directors held its first meeting on July 12th and elected officers for the new term. The following people were nominated and elected unanimously:

- Gary Heal - President
- Libby Fall - Vice President
- Jack Andre - Treasurer
- Paula Walker - Secretary

In addition, as allowed in Article VIII, Paragraph 5 of the Association By-laws, a new office was created by the Board, that of Operations Officer. The duties will include the oversight of road repair and maintenance. Because of his background as a facilities manager on Patuxent River Naval Station, Gary nominated John Rovero to be the Operations Officer. This nomination was also approved unanimously.

BE A RESPONSIBLE, CONSIDERATE PET OWNER

Calvert County has a leash law for dogs, meaning if a dog is off the owner's real property, it must be on a leash. There is also a control law for cats, meaning if a cat is off the owner's real property, it must be under a person's control. If you see a stray dog or wandering cat, call Calvert Animal Control at (410) 535-1600 x 2387.

In addition, while the summer beach season has ended, Drum Point community beach rules prohibit animals on the beach from May 1st - September 30th. While County ordinances and community rules dictate the regulations, it is also a matter of courtesy to take care that your pet does not trespass on your neighbor's property or on commonly-owned property. When you're walking your dog, please take care to "scoop that poop." Many people are simply too polite to let you know that the "gifts" your pet leaves may not be appreciated.

Yard Sale

The Drum Point Club has scheduled a yard sale for Saturday, October 15th, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

You can rent a table space for \$20.00 by contacting Maryann McGowan. For Maryann's contact information and more information about the yard sale, contact Rhea at the Association office (410-326-6148 - office@dppoa.org).

New Property Owner?

Are you a new property owner in Drum Point? The Welcoming Committee will be organizing another "Welcome to Drum Point" event in the coming months.

If you haven't already done so, please either call or stop by the DPPOA office, located at the corner of Lake Drive and Barreda Boulevard (410-326-6148 - office@dppoa.org). Come in and meet Rhea, the Association Manager. You can provide your contact info., and she'll show you how to get to the beach and give you a hang tag for parking.



WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

Editor's Note: The following article is repeated from last year's fall newsletter, but the message is important and bears repeating.

We can expect that we will have sufficient snow this season which will require plowing. In past years, we have had complaints about the snow plow pushing snow into a driveway that has been shoveled out. Some of these complaints come from people who live on dead-end streets or cul-de-sacs. Others come from owners who have driveways that are perpendicular to the street road surface. In both cases, our snow plow operators make every effort to be as kind as possible in the placement of snow.

For driveways off of streets, it is not possible to keep snow from accumulating at driveway entrances as the roadway is plowed, we simply do not have the money or the time to open up each driveway entrance as the snow plow passes.

For dead end streets and cul-de-sacs, the operators have to determine where to put the snow at the end of their plowing run. Sometimes, especially when clearing the roads at 3:00 a.m., it is difficult to determine where a driveway enters the cul-de-sac or where the road actually dead ends. In these cases we will make every effort to not block anyone in.

Drum Point Property Owners Association does not budget for or pay for the plowing of driveways. The driveway and the entrance to it are the responsibility of each homeowner.

We appreciate your understanding. Please call the Association office if a problem arises.

COMMUNITY TIPS

Remember the importance of keeping our community clean. When you're on the way to the transfer station or dump, be sure that load of trash is secure in the back of your truck, and needless to say, please do not litter.

If you fish at any of the causeways, please take your trash away with you - leave a zero environmental footprint!



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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

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments

Adjournment

Next Meeting

10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016