

Fall 2022



Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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Sunday, October 9th from 3:00 - 7:00 at the Drum Point Club*

Enjoy a brat and traditional German sauerkraut
or a burger along with side dishes.

Bring your favorite beer or other 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

The Flippin Eyelids playing rock music
from the 70's through today!!

Check out their music here

(<https://www.flippineyelids.com/>).



Sponsored by the Drum Point Property Owners' Association and the Drum Point Club
All property owners, residents and their guests welcome (bring your hang tag for ease of entrance).

President's Column

Mike Snapp, President DPPOA Board of Directors



First, I want to thank Gina Swartwood for her service and dedication on the Board of Directors for the last 5 years. Gina has been a very active Board member, always volunteering to help with clean-ups, community events and our very successful Welcome Bucket program for new owners (where she will continue to serve on the Welcome Committee). Then I want to welcome our newest Board member, Susan Rork, who has been an active Drum Point resident for many years.

In other news, we are continuing to work the project to control erosion of our community beach. The joint permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers and Maryland Department of the Environment has taken longer than we anticipated with numerous requests for more data and justification! But we're making progress. Unfortunately, our proposal for Maryland grant money was turned down. But we are still fully funded with our existing reserve funds and funds approved by Calvert County in the FY23-27 Special Taxing District (STD).

We had a great turnout for Drum Point Day in July, and everyone seemed to enjoy the games, food and entertainment. With fall approaching, we are working with the Drum Point Club on Oktoberfest scheduled for Sunday, October 9th from 3:00 – 7:00. The featured entertainment, Flippin Eyelids (that's right, preview them at [https://www.flippineyelids.com/!](https://www.flippineyelids.com/)) is only available on the 9th... thus the Sunday event. So, plan to come out for some great brats and lively rock n' roll!

Finally, I want to thank Board member Ginny Rice for leading our *Ivy League* program to stop the invasive English ivy that is choking many of our trees. She will be starting again this fall and winter, after tick season, and welcomes volunteers to help. Stay tuned for a start date.

Hope to see you at our next General Membership meeting on September 27th at 7:00 p.m. and at the Oktoberfest celebration on October 9th – both at the Drum Point Club.

Mike

Stormy Weather

We've been here before, with hurricane season coming followed by the usual southern Maryland winter weather. But this year feels a little different, with the loss of Peter Holt in January of this year. Peter oversaw the Community Emergency Service Center and was often the first to respond to weather emergencies or just stormy/snowy weather. He is and will continue to be missed.

Maggie Johnson, who serves on the Board, has graciously offered to take over for Peter and will interact with the County Emergency Management Office during inclement weather events and oversee the committee of members who have knowledge of HAM radio operations.

In the meantime, do yourselves a favor and check out this link to FEMA's website for tips on how to be prepared for inclement weather. <https://www.ready.gov/>



FALL CLEANUP

The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday morning, October 1st, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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 inevitable accumulation of unwanted items.

Please note the list of items, established by Calvert County, which **CAN and CANNOT** be accepted:

Items which **CAN** be accepted include:

- Stoves
- 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.

Those items that can not be accepted can be taken to the Appeal Landfill on Sweetwater Lane off of Route 4.



Phragmites

Treatment Continues

The program to eradicate Phragmites, an invasive plant species, has been quite successful since its inception with many of the unwanted plants treated and removed.

Treatment will continue this fall, with Mark Smith of Phragmites Invasive Control, spraying primarily the plants that remain on Association property along the lake at the end of Lake Terrace. This area was missed in the initial phase of the program. The boat ramp, at the end of River View Drive has also been added to the list of Association property to be treated.

Once the plants have died, they can be removed. A period of two years is allowed for the regrowth of plants native to southern Maryland. If this does not occur naturally, the DPPOA Board's Environmental Committee will consult with experts on which plants may do well in these areas.

Living in Drum Point

Living in an older community such as Drum Point can present a few issues that do not occur in other, newer neighborhoods. It's worth noting one in particular, especially for anyone who has moved in recently so may not be aware.

Drum Point was platted in 1948, and roads were built over the course of a number of years. These roads were constructed to accommodate some of the terrain (hills and lakes) and existing houses. This means that there are a number of streets that are narrow, and the line of sight while driving is not always clear (blind curves). While we would hope that drivers would be cautious on obviously narrow, curved streets, we would suggest to parents that they warn their children, both young and old, that they need to use caution as well when riding bikes or walking.

As an older community, Drum Point has no sidewalks (and will not likely have them in the future). Please be aware of this and use common sense both as a driver and as a parent. Parents - speak to your young, inexperienced drivers.



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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.J 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 27

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

Options for erosion control at community beach

New Business

Public Comments

Adjournment