

Fall 2020



Drum Point Light

Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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Isaias Storm Damage in Our Community

The Calvert County Emergency Office asked our community for an Isaias storm damage report. We reported back that we had two road closures and a hazardous large tree hanging over Lake Drive. In addition, Rousby Hall Road, our main access route, was temporarily blocked due to a fallen tree. The Solomons Island Volunteer Fire Department stepped in to clear the roads. Our own DPPOA contractor, Karl Bowen, cleared the tree hanging precariously over Lake Drive.

Many residents generously volunteered to clear their own debris, and Karl returned to finish cleaning up the debris that remained. One street lost electricity from a blown transformer. The Bay Drive causeway along the Bay was flooded over due to excess water levels from the adjoining lake. The large discharge culvert was clogged causing the lake to spill over the pavement. Subsequently, the road was closed for safety reasons and because of potentially permanent damage to the pavement itself due to the possibility of shoulder erosion and undermining of the road's waterlogged foundation.

Although relatively limited in damage, this storm gave us a helpful forewarning of potentially more serious storms which could impact our community as the hurricane season advances. Please prepare now for wind and flooding damage, as well as electrical outages. Also, in the future after a storm, please report significant storm damage to the DPPOA Office so we may pass it on to the County. Also, if you observe a safety issue affecting our community please report it to the DPPOA office. If the office is not being manned on a particular day, please be assured that phone and email messages are monitored during weather events.

Thank you,
Peter Holt, Safety Committee

Directions to the Community Beach and Boat Ramp

Community Beach - From the DPPOA office (Lake Drive at Barreda Boulevard)

- Continue down Lake Drive
- Turn right onto Huron Drive
- Turn left onto Buckler Drive
- Buckler Drive curves to the right and turns into Mohawk Drive
- Turn left onto Beech Drive
- Beach gate is on the left as you drive down Beech Drive

Please be aware that the gate at the end of Overlook Drive is an entrance to the Drum Point Club portion of the beach. You can find info about the Club on our website at www.dppoa.org (scroll down on the Homepage and click on the link to the Club).

Boat Ramp - Drive down Rousby Hall Road, toward Ships Point. Turn right onto River View Drive. The ramp is located at the end of River View Drive (straight ahead).

President's Column

Mike Snapp, President DPPOA Board of Directors



It's a pleasure to greet you all as the new President of the Drum Point Property Owners' Association. I want to begin by recognizing and thanking past President Tony Spakauskas for his excellent leadership over the last 3 years. Tony is staying on the Board of Directors and has agreed to serve as Vice President to help me with transition and continuity. I also want to recognize Gary Heal who is leaving the Board after many years of outstanding service, including multiple terms as President. But the good news is that Gary will continue to serve as Chairman of our Roads Committee, ensuring that we continue to keep our roads and rights-of-way safe, well maintained, and clear of snow and other impediments. Thanks also to our fantastic office manager, Rhea Webster, who keeps us all out of trouble!

One of the common themes in social media memes is that "2020 is the gift that keeps on giving" with the corona pandemic, severe weather, important civic discourse...just to name a few! But seriously, I hope you all are staying safe, well, masked, and distanced as needed to avoid COVID-19 exposure and infection. It was especially concerning to learn that at least 25 teens and adults were infected after exposure at a July 25th party in our Drum Point community. If you were involved in that event or in contact with someone who was, please make sure that you have notified your medical providers and have received proper advice or testing. The county health organization has confirmed that there is no punitive intent, but they want to ensure that all contacts are traced and treated if necessary.

One of main focus areas recently has been the protection and restoration of the DPPOA Community Beach on Beech Drive. We plan to discuss options and budget requirements at our General Membership meeting on September 29th. In the meantime, we did replenish the beach with 2 large truckloads of sand in July. One goal was to see if this could be a modest cost, ongoing periodic maintenance item that would help preserve the beach. We were encouraged when most of the sand survived *TS Isaias* in early August, then disappointed when we lost a lot of sand in the overnight "minor" storm not 2 weeks later. So much depends on wind direction and strength, but fortunately we saw some sand recovery later in August.

Those 2 storms were responsible for some downed trees, a few power outages, and an overflowing Lake Charming and associated causeway flooding. Many thanks to Gary Heal and Peter Holt (our Safety Chairman) for driving around the community searching for any cleanup that might be needed. The Solomons Fire Volunteer Fire Department provided immediate assistance in clearing roads...please remember them with your donations if able. With some contractor help, we were able to quickly clear the Lake Charming obstruction and complete tree cleanup.

My final plea is to keep helping us maintain a beautiful community by controlling litter and picking up after your pets. We are really appreciative of our neighbors who help clean up on your walks around your neighborhoods. We have placed trash cans on DPPOA access areas on the Bay Drive causeway, the Community Beach and the River Terrace beach access. Please help by using those and by hanging on to your litter until you reach your destinations where you will usually find trash receptacles.

I hope you can join us at the General Membership meeting on September 29th as we need a quorum to vote on our 2020-21 budget. We will also encourage absentee ballots which you can pick up at the DPPOA office or request from one of your Board representatives.

Mike

The Environmental Corner

Porcelain Berry is native to Asia and was introduced to the U.S. in the 1870s as an ornamental landscape plant. This vine is widespread in the eastern U.S. and some Midwestern states.

Porcelain Berry overtakes other vegetation and can shade out native shrubs and trees. It can form thick monocultures which reduce species diversity and wildlife habitat.

For more information on Porcelain Berry and how to eradicate it, please check out this very informative article written by Jennifer Gagnon for Virginia Tech. For more information, go to the Virginia Tech website (vt.edu) and search on Porcelain Berry.



Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

With the June General Membership meeting having been cancelled due to concerns over Corona-virus, a vote for approval of the DPPOA budget was postponed. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Club. Check the website at www.dpboa.org for updates (masks will be required. Absentee ballots will be available in the DPPOA office and must be returned prior to the meeting. Please note that the vote will be conducted in order to approve the Covenant and Mandatory Assessment (MA) portion of the budget only. The Special Tax District (STD) budget was approved by the Board of County Commissioners and cannot be changed. The State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) budget is administered by the County. Both the STD and the SHUR portions of the budget are provided for informational purposes only. The full budget is available at the DPPOA office and can be viewed on the Association website.

		STD	SHUR	Covenant FY 21	MA FY 21	Total FY 21
	Income	148,971	7,000	128,707	50,732	335,410
	Income from Carry-over					107,354
	Reserve funds for roof and flooring					7,500
	Total Available Funds					450,264
Expenses						
General Operating						
	Total 6000 - General and Administrative	200	100	1,150	4,700	6,150
	Total 6100 - Office Facility			2,910	3,190	6,100
	Total 6200 - Payroll Expenses			44,673	22,236	66,909
	Total 6300 - Professional Fees	4,500		5,000		9,500
	Total 6400 - Taxes and Insurance			350	7,580	7,930
	Total 6500 - Utilities			3,462	2,028	5,490
	Total General Operating	4,700	100	57,545	39,734	102,079
Operations and Maintenance						
	Total 6600 - Maintenance - Non Right of Way			2,550	28,700	31,250
	Total 6700 - Maintenance - Right of Wa	21,925	7,000	38,300	24,210	91,435
	Total Operations and Maintenance	21,925	7,000	40,850	52,910	122,685
Capital Projects						
	6840 Erosion Control - Community Beach			5,000	5,000	10,000
	Total 6800 - Capital Improvement Proje	122,346	-	72,654	5,000	200,000
	Total 6900 - Capital Overhead			25,500		25,500
	Total Capital Projects	122,346	-	98,154	5,000	225,500
	Total Income	148,971	7,000	128,707	50,732	335,410
	Income from Carry-over					107,354
	Reserve funds for roof and flooring					7,500
	Total Income including Carryover					450,264
	Total Expenses	148,971	7,100	196,549	97,644	450,264



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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. Tuesday - September 29, 2020

Drum Point Club

**Call to Order
Approval of Minutes
President's Remarks**

Committee Reports

**Old Business
Beach Erosion Options**

**New Business
Budget**

Public Comments

Adjournment

***Masks Required**