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Drum Point Light

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Property Owners' Association

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Drum Point Day - July 4, 2017



SUMMER AND FALL FUN - DID YOU MISS OUT? PLEASE JOIN US NEXT YEAR - DATES AND TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED ON THE WEBSITE AND VIA E-MAIL!

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President



Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a beautiful autumn and a time of significant activity in Drum Point. The action that perhaps received the most attention, at least from those of us who live on the east side of Drum Point, involved the opening and subsequent closing of the Barreda Boulevard and Rio Grande Trail intersection connecting Drum Point with The Chesapeake Ranch Estates. The intersection was opened supposedly as a safety concern but apparently without the full knowledge and approval of appropriate County offices. Once reviewed, the intersection was apparently deemed unsafe and was subsequently closed. So for now the intersection is again closed.

At the December 9th General Membership Meeting, you will have the opportunity to congratulate our two new Board members: Asha Andreas and Gina Swartwood, who have agreed to serve until the next election as replacements for two Board members who resigned: Libby Fall and John Rovero. Thank you, Libby and John, for your service.

The next election will be held in April or May. The slate of candidates will be announced during the March membership meeting, and ballots will be mailed shortly thereafter. I encourage you all to consider running for the Board. It is a great opportunity to serve the community and, at times, is rather fun. But before we can have an election, we need a Nominating Committee. Serving on this committee helps shape the future composition and actions of the Board, thereby potentially the future of the entire community. Please give serious consideration to serving on the committee and running for the board.

I'm happy to report that this year's paving of Cove Drive, Parran Drive and portions of Mills Creek Drive and Leason Cove Drive was successfully completed. Road maintenance is one of the most important Board responsibilities and one we take very seriously.

I'm sure that in your driving around the community, you've noticed the Phragmites on DPPOA property is drying up and falling. I can't wait for spring to see our community without most of this invasive species. Next year, we'll be sure to get all the necessary information so that any property owners who wish can have their properties sprayed.

Our Association Manager, Rhea, has completed the training and passed the required testing to be recognized as a Certified Manager of a Community Association (CMCA). Some states require community managers to be certified, and the issue has been discussed in the Maryland General Assembly. We are ahead of the issue and well served. Congratulations Rhea, well done!

The Holiday Season is upon us. I wish you all Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and have a very Happy New Year!

Tony



YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING

This newsletter is published in **full color**, and those lucky ones who choose to receive it via email get to see it in all its glory. If you're still receiving the Drum Point Light in your mailbox, please contact the Association office and provide an email address. You'll not only enjoy the newsletter more, you'll save the Association money. Contact Rhea Webster, the Association Manager by email at office@dppoa or call her at 410-326-6148.

Coming to a Vacant Lot Near You

The dumpsters will be on the vacant lot, across from the Association office on Saturday, April 21st, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For the newcomers to Drum Point, this is an opportunity for you to clean out your attics, basements and garages and toss out those things you've been storing all year. We'll also have a dumpster dedicated to metal recycling.

The spring newsletter will have more details about what can and cannot be placed in the dumpsters.



A letter from your Board

Dear Neighbors,

I think we all agree that we are privileged to live in this wonderful part of Calvert County, surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River. Drum Point is an especially wonderful place to live, with a great sense of community pride. But lately the Board has received a few complaints about litter on our streets.

Sometimes the garbage collection folks miss certain pieces of paper or refuse, sometimes lids blow off garbage cans, sometimes people may carelessly toss trash out of car windows, sometimes workmen in the area neglect picking up all of their trash after lunch or after completing their jobs, and sometimes refuse is just carried in by the wind or washes up on our shores from other areas.

Before we can determine the best course of action, we want to determine the extent of the problem. Is it just happening on certain streets? Please call or email us if you are seeing this problem in your immediate vicinity. In the meantime, let us all be good stewards of our neighborhoods. If you see a piece of litter, please pick it up and dispose of properly, and remember to take your trash bin back to the house as soon as possible after pickup.

Set an example for your family and neighbors. Help us keep Drum Point beautiful and pristine.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Directors and Neighbors



It's that time again! Expect work along our roads.

Every so often, usually every three years, we do an aggressive cut back along our roadways. We will be doing that again during the cold months. This is the best time to trim shrubs and trees.

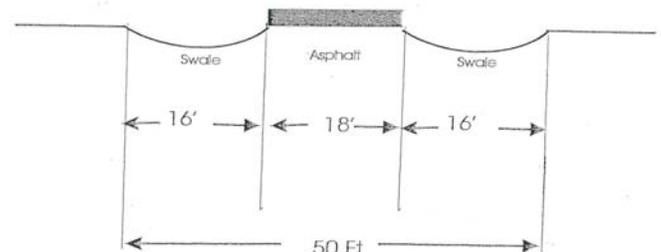
As a reminder, the Drum Point Property Owners' Association Rights of Way include the paved portion of the road as well as the unpaved portion of the platted road bed. Your property plat should show where the road frontage is along your property.

Generally speaking, the road bed, or Right of Way extends eight to ten feet beyond the asphalt on each side. Most of our road beds are forty to fifty feet in total width. (see sketch below for a reference).

The cutting to be done will be within Drum Point Property Owners' Rights of Way. In some cases our contractors will be cutting; in some cases they will be removing shrubs or trees. The intent of this work is to keep vegetation from intruding onto the roadway. We need to allow for large vehicles (school buses, fire trucks, etc.) to pass without being impeded.

If you have questions, please contact the Association office at 410-326-6148 or via email at office@dppoa.org.

Your cooperation is appreciated





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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. Saturday, December 9, 2017

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Nominating Committee

Public Comments

Adjournment