

Winter 2018



Drum Point Light

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OKTOBERFEST Drum Point Club



Grace Lee and Kylie Flood offer a helping hand.



Kicked back, just listening to the music.



Rockin Blues, featuring Linwood Taylor



Tim Hansen, Eric Andreas and Ed Luczak, taking a break from the grill

Those who attended this year's event were treated to the talents of Linwood Taylor and his Rockin Blues Band. It was a splendid way to spend a rainy day!! Thanks to all who came by and helped make the day a success by contributing a side dish, helping to set up or clean up or just by coming by and enjoying music and fellowship. We hope to see more of you there next year.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. This Committee functions to find community leaders to serve on the Board. Anyone wishing to serve as an additional member of the established committee or on the DPPOA Board must be current with all fees and assessments.

Duties of the Nominating Committee include talking with friends and neighbors about serving on the Board and announcing the slate of candidates during the March membership meeting. The final task of the committee is the processing and mailing of ballots. The Association Manager will provide contact information for property owners and help in the processing and mailing of ballots. Once ballots have been mailed, the job of the Committee is finished.

If you are interested in helping with this important task, or if you would be interested in running for the Board of Directors, please contact the office at 410-326-6148 or by e-mail at office@dppoa.org.

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Climate may be changing but I wish the weather would be a bit kinder to us all. Even though July was dry, Summer was rather wet and cool. Fall started out decent even though it rained a bit for Oktoberfest which nevertheless was fun and a great success. The food and music were really great. Just ask those who were there. The only thing that would have made it a lot better would have been to have more folks celebrating. Don't miss the fun next year -- plan to be there.

Right now, fall is just cold with well below average temperatures. Winter might turn out to be very unfriendly or we could get 70 degree temperatures in January. Regardless of what Mother Nature and Jack Frost actually bring, we should all prepare for good old fashion winter weather. The DPPOA Office is preparing for snowplowing by staking out road edges and embankments to prevent plow damage. You might want to consider doing the same at your driveway or along your lawn. It's better to mark edges than to be moan damage after the fact. If winter turns out very cold and you see problems with un-plowed roads or hills, please call the office and we'll do our best to resolve any problems. If you see a problem, don't let it get worse. Call the office for help.

The coming of Winter also heralds the coming of serious business for Drum Point and all of us residents. The election of residents to the DPPOA Board of Directors. A Nomination Committee has been selected: Chairman Peter Holt, and members Dawn and Adrian Stanton. Serving on the DPPOA Board is an important Community service and influences the direction and movement of the community into the future. I urge you all to consider running for and serving on the Board. If you are interested, please contact the Nominating Committee.

I hope to see you all at the next General Membership Meeting in December (brrrrrrrrrr).

Tony

FALL CLEANUP

This year's fall cleanup was a success, despite the rainy day and a suggestion by Appeal Landfill that we cancel because of the predicted bad weather.

Rather than cancel, Tony Spakauskas, along with fellow Board members, Mike Snapp, Gina Swartwood and Bonnie Blades as well as the Association Manager Rhea Webster, braved the elements, occasionally ducking inside the shed for shelter from the rain.

A number of property owners and residents filled their trucks, trunks and wagons with the debris that had accumulated since the previous cleanup day. One dumpster was filled with metal items including: old grills, stoves, lawn mowers, lawn furniture and other smaller items for recycling. The second dumpster filled up with all those things that are no longer of any use but cannot be recycled.

As always there were treasures to be had. Items such as lawn mowers, small yard equipment and gently-used furniture were set aside to allow people to pick up in order to re-use rather than recycle - a win for both sides.

At the end of the day, there was one intrepid resident still running back and forth to fill his truck before the dumpsters could be closed and removed.

There was no cost to the Association for the dumpster full of metal as it was all destined to be recycled. The cost of the second dumpster was \$111.15 - well worth the cost in order to keep our community beautiful.

Another cleanup will be scheduled, perhaps in the spring. Watch future newsletters or email and check out the website for the date and time.

Emergency Auxiliary Radio Exercise at Drum Point

The DPPOA Community Emergency Service Center supported a county-wide simulated emergency communication exercise on Saturday morning, October 13.

Four local amateur radio operators, as members of the county-wide Auxiliary Communication Committee (AUXCOM), manned amateur radios in the Drum Point Association office for two hours and served as the southern leg of a back-up link to the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Prince Frederick. Numerous short-wave radio frequency links were practiced to test equipment and operational skills. This would provide direct ties to 911 emergency services when normal telephone and cell phone coverage is cut off due to a severe storm event similar to hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Our DPPOA office retains the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) licensed radio station, KB3TGF. The Station and our office have 24 hour emergency power back-up for use in electricity black-outs. The radio links have various dedicated frequencies which can be activated, including HF, VHF, and UHF bands, as well as internet messaging. These links tie into the Calvert County's radio towers in Prince Frederick and in Sunderland (at the north end of the county). The Association office also maintains direct access into the Prince Frederick Operations Center's internal web site.

Anyone interested in joining in our community radio amateur support activities should contact Peter Holt (KB3SXB) at 410 326-2253 or Association Manager, Rhea Webster at the Office, 410 326-6148 or by email at office@dppoa.org.

Peter Holt—Safety Committee

Road Maintenance and Tree Trimming



Below is an article that appeared in last year's newsletter. Repetitive, but important, as there are always new property owners and residents who are not aware of the existence of rights of way and the need and obligation on the part of the Association to maintain these rights of way.

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, as 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 ten to fifteen feet beyond the edge of the asphalt on each side. Most of our road beds are forty to fifty feet in total width.

The cutting to be done will be within Drum Point Property Owners' Rights of Way. In some cases our contractors will be trimming; 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 space 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.

Phragmites Update - Dead Cane Removal

In the last few newsletters we have talked about our program to remove Phragmites, an aggressive invasive species. Left untouched, Phragmites will quickly spread to create dense stands that are inhospitable to native plant and animal life. This past September we finished the second annual spraying of this attractive, but unwelcome, invader. Spraying is done by a State-certified specialist and will continue annually as needed through 2021, when our permit expires.

Many of you may have noticed the unsightly dead canes along several stretches of our beaches and waterways. We are currently working with the County for approval to remove the dead canes next spring. Because this is an invasive species, we have a two-year grace period to see what vegetation would naturally grow back before we would be required to replant. However, we have begun to work with County officials to consider options for replanting in these areas, including plantings that may be provided to us gratis.



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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 8, 2018

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Presentation of Nominating Committee

Public Comments

Adjournment

****** MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE ******

Per the a consensus reached during the September General Membership meeting, the meetings scheduled for the upcoming year will take place as follows: Two meetings on a Saturday morning in March and December (as usual) and two meetings on a Tuesday evening in June and September (a change from previous years when meetings were held on a Wednesday evening).