

Winter 2019



Drum Point Light

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Left - Aerial photo from 2009 which shows the amount of sand on the community beach



Right— Aerial photo from 2013 which shows the amount of sand on the community beach

Note the difference and take a minute to read the President's page in this edition of the newsletter.

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Those of us who use or visit our community beach certainly noticed the severe erosion that occurred this summer. The Board decided that it is important to preserve this valuable community resource, especially for families who do not own waterfront property and have children who enjoy playing on the beach. Therefore, a committee was established and presented recommendations to the Board. We have met with the Maryland Department of the Environment and, following their recommendation, have contacted a coastal engineering firm to discuss our ideas and to gain their input. We will keep you advised of the progress.

In the meantime, we have made progress in other areas. This year's road paving has been completed successfully, and the three-year cutback along our streets has been completed. These two projects are interrelated, as the cutback helps prevent water damage to our streets. The cutback also maintains safe driving conditions on our streets, especially for school buses.

To keep up to date on these and other community projects, it is important to attend General Membership meetings and to get your information directly from the Board members and others who are involved. I hope to see many new faces at the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning December 7th at the Drum Point Club.

A very important activity that happens every year at this time is the establishment of a Nominating Committee and the selection of candidates to stand for election to the Board. Board service is community service and ensures that our community moves forward. Please consider giving some of your time to your friends and neighbors.

Now for a bit of an unhappy reminder. The office is preparing to file claims against those community property owners who are in arrears in submitting their covenant and assessment payments. If you are in arrears, please contact the office to make appropriate arrangements and avoid the hassle of a claim. While you may not have the claim filed immediately, as it is a bit time consuming, rest assured it will happen.

Now that cold weather is approaching, I wish you all Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

Tony



Photo taken in September 2019



Photo taken in October 2019

WINTER WEATHER

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. If Rhea is unable to come in during inclement weather, please leave a message as she checks messages and email traffic on a regular basis.

FALL CLEANUP

The fall clean up was another success with one bin filled to overflowing by noon and a second bin nearly filled to capacity by 2:00. The metal recycling bin was also nearly full. The cost to haul away 4,440 lbs. of trash was \$179.91. The metal is recycled by the County at no cost to the community.

Bonnie Blades, Dawn and Adrian Stanton, Rose Mellies and Ralph Swartwood were onsite with Rhea to help property owners unload the trash from their car trunks and trucks.

One note to please keep in mind, the County prohibits us from placing the following items into the bin: household trash (from under the sink), building materials such as dry wall, tires, batteries, yard debris, paints and stains, televisions and computer monitors and refrigerators and AC units. The transfer station can take many of these items, or they can be taken to the landfill.

Unfortunately, the dumpsters were delivered by 7:30, and when Bonnie and Rhea arrived at 8:00 (the start of the cleanup day), there was a significant amount of many of these prohibited items. Someone with a truck had to be called in to haul away much of this trash.

The list of prohibited items is advertised in the newsletter, in the community email sent prior to the event and on the website. Please spread the word. Most of the people working that day are volunteers, and all concerned would appreciate everyone following the rules.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Three members of the community have volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee, but others who also wish to serve are welcome to step forward. This Committee functions to find community leaders to run for the Board. Anyone wishing to help with the committee or run for 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, during the March meeting, the number of candidates matches the number of open seats, a motion is made to elect by acclamation. If approved, there is no need for a mail ballot.

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.



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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 7, 2019

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