

Winter 2021



Drum Point Light

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Proposal for STD VII

The current Special Tax District, which will expire at the end of the fiscal year, has helped provide needed funds for a number of projects over the past five years and has also enabled the Association to continue with routine maintenance of roads and road rights-of-way.

Accomplishments include the re-paving of a mile to a mile and a half of asphalt each year. In addition, the following major storm water management projects have been completed on a number of streets, including Anchor Drive, Lake Terrace, Surf Street and others, using Special Tax District funds.

Collections over the course of five years totaled nearly \$745,000. STD funds expended over the same time period totaled nearly \$759,000 (including the use of some unspent funds from previous STD's). The following table shows the amount of funds spent on Operations and Maintenance as well as Capital Improvement projects over the course of the current STD:

Item	Cost over five years	Total STD VI Collections
Maintenance of the unpaved rights of way	\$5,754.00	
Snow Removal	\$65,248.00	
Maintenance in the right of way	\$1,594.00	
Street Lighting	\$4,625.00	
Paving/Rejuvenation	\$657,062.00	
Storm Water Management	\$24,337.00	
Total spent STD VI	\$758,620.00	\$744,855.00

Plans for the upcoming five years include a continuation of the paving of a mile to a mile and a half of asphalt each year as well as finding solutions to drainage issues on Parran Drive, Buckler Drive, Pine Place, and Cree Drive.

In addition to the usual projects, the Association is facing the probable loss of the community beach. In an effort to address the erosion, the Board of Directors is working with a coastal engineering company. Coastline Design PC has conducted site visits and has suggested several options that have been employed successfully elsewhere in Maryland. Plans for a portion of the erosion control project as well as the five-year paving schedule were included with this year's STD petition package.

President's Column

Mike Snapp, President DPPOA Board of Directors



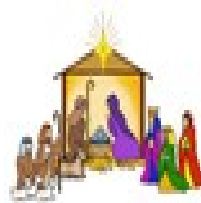
Having just returned from one of those bucket list trips to far-away places, I'm reminded of how lucky we are to live in the great USA, Maryland and our beautiful Drum Point Community. When I saw countries with average per-capita income of only \$400 - 500 per month paying over \$4.00/gallon for gas, I must bite my tongue when complaining about \$3.35/gallon! So, as we enter the holiday season, let's be grateful for what we have and recognize our opportunities to contribute to our wonderful country and community.

As described on the front page, funds from the Special Tax District (STD), along with our modest Covenant and Mandatory Assessment fees (<https://dppoa.org/general-info>) cover all the maintenance, repair and replacement costs of our DPPOA roads, rights-of-way, and community property. Just to recap some of the major projects this Fall: removal of unsightly and potentially toxic asphalt on the community beach; planned repair of the well-ring jetty at the end of Lake Drive to ensure safe community access to the nearby beaches; causeway, footbridge, and beach cleanup after the October storm; removal and trimming of unsafe trees from community rights-of-way; several storm-water management repairs; and, of course, the re-paving of portions of Riverview, Overlook and adjacent streets. This was in addition to our normal mowing, trimming, and clean-up of common areas.

In STD VII we are proposing a modest increase to cover part of the cost to protect and preserve our main community beach on Beech Drive. We feel that this beach is a significant community amenity and asset, the loss of which would have a negative impact on your property value. We are also pursuing Maryland DNR support in the way of grants or no-interest loans, but this is a "long-shot"! We have submitted the proposed STD budget to the county for initial review. The next steps will be DPPOA information meetings with the membership, followed by a public hearing run by Calvert County in the Spring. We will advise you when these meetings are scheduled.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday season and can enjoy much more freedom to be with family and friends than during last year's COVID restrictions!

Mike



Nominating Committee

The DPPOA Board is asking for volunteers to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. This task involves speaking to neighbors and friends about serving on the Board of Directors for the upcoming year, starting in July 2022. Please take some time to think about helping your community with this important job and think about who you might consider a good candidate for the Board. Anyone serving on this committee or serving on the Board must be a member-in-good standing (current on fees). Contact Rhea at the office with questions or to volunteer (office@dppoa.org or 410-326-6148).

Oktoberfest - 2021

With approximately 60 people attending Oktoberfest 2021, it was not as well attended as the Drum Point Day event held in July, which saw nearly 300 people throughout the day. But that did not stop those who did come from having a great time.

The weather was lovely, and everyone enjoyed a delicious fare of pulled pork BBQ from Boomerang's as well as hotdogs grilled by our local grilling experts (Mike Snapp and Eric Andreas) along with the usual sides of sauerkraut, potato salad and beans.

Water and sodas were provided, but many people chose to bring some liquid refreshments appropriate to the day, and Dave Leitzel brought three cases of German beer, donated by his company, Bob Hall Distributors

Local duo, *Swing Away*, provided a variety of music, from Polka favorites to classic rock. As you can see from the photos, some couldn't resist the urge to get up and show what it means to dance.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Oktoberfest a success.



Service Dogs on the Community Beach

Some questions have arisen over the past few months with regard to service dogs on the community beach. The Board discussed the issue with the Association attorney, and the following information may be useful to anyone wishing to bring their service dog onto the beach.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines prohibit one from asking a person for documentation with regard to their disability, however, a service animal must be a dog and support a disability. One may ask what work the dog does to support that disability. Please remember that the dog must be kept under control at all times but cannot be restricted from any part of the beach.

The Fair Housing Act, which falls under Housing and Urban Development (HUD), refers to other support animals, such as those used for emotional support. Guidelines under the Fair Housing Act refer primarily to support animals and housing issues. In this case, documentation can be requested.

In consideration of the above ADA guidelines, the Board reached a consensus that the beach patrol should follow the ADA guidelines with regard to service dogs on the community beach.



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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

10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2021

Drum Point Club

**Call to Order
President's Remarks**

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

**Unfinished Business
Beach Erosion Study**

**New Business
Presentation of Nominating Committee**

**STD Petition
Public Comments**

Adjournment