

Winter 2023



Drum Point Light

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Drum Point Community Beach Restoration

Community Beach
June 23, 2023

Community Beach
November 3, 2023



Beach is Open

It's been a long-time coming, but the community beach has finally reopened. One goal of the restoration was to restore and maintain the beach area for use by all Drum Point residents. A secondary goal, however, was the preservation of the shoreline. To that end, the Maryland Department of the Environment required that marine grasses be planted and maintained. These grasses help "hold" the shoreline, and it is of the utmost importance that they are protected and remain healthy. Hence the reason for the fencing around the area where these grasses were planted. The fencing must stay in place until the plants have taken hold. This could take a year or more, and annual reports regarding their health are required for a period of five years. If the grasses die, we will be required to replant.

While this is not an ideal situation with regard to the size of the sandy beach area, it is an important part of the restoration, and we trust all property owners and residents will understand and strive to help take care of this community resource by staying off these grasses.

President's Column

Tony Spakauskas, President DPPOA Board of Directors



To those among us who prefer cool and cold weather - congratulations. The warmth of late October and early November has given way to what must be the promise of winter to come. But the warm weather did hold up for our very successful community clean-up. Once again, we filled up two refuse collection containers. Thanks to all in the community who supported our effort. Halloween also was a successful and quiet night for our children to greet everyone with their wonderful costumes while collecting seasonal treats. In these times of highly publicized commotion, it is very satisfying to see our community maintain a quiet, peaceful environment.

Back in 2018, we wrote in the Newsletter and discussed in General Membership Meetings the need to work on the community beach. Now in 2023, after about five years and many delays due to the permitting process and the Covid pandemic, the beach project is completed. I am very happy to advise that the final cost of the beach restoration is significantly under budget. Just as soon as the weather warms up again, I hope everyone stops by the beach to inspect the work and to enjoy the beach.

After all that happy news, I regret to report that we continue to receive complaints about the use of golf carts and dirt bikes in the community. As we have repeatedly pointed out in meetings and in newsletters, the use of such vehicles, unless they are appropriately licensed, on our streets is illegal, especially when the driver is unlicensed or a child. Residents who are upset by these vehicles should keep in mind that the DPPOA Board has no police authority and incidents should be reported to the Sheriff's Office.

On a final note, I urge everyone to stay informed about community events. Please read this Newsletter, attend General Membership Meetings, and attend Board meetings when you want to communicate directly with the Board.

Tony

December Meeting of the General Membership

With only 14 members in good standing in attendance at the September general membership meeting, a quorum was not present, and business could not be conducted (Association by-laws state that 35 members in good standing constitute a quorum).

It is not unusual for older communities, such as Drum Point, to not be able to meet the quorum requirements set out in their by-laws. Recognizing the need for associations and other non-stock corporations to be able to conduct business, the Maryland State Legislature passed **Maryland Code, Corporations and Associations, Title 5, Sub Title 2, section (§) 5-206.] (see back page)** in 2009. The December meeting of the membership will be held according to this statute. All business that might have been conducted at the September meeting can be discussed during the upcoming meeting.

Project Management Update

The past few years have been a bit of an uphill climb with regard to some of the roads projects. Jeff MacDonald, our Project Manager, retired in 2021. He volunteered for a year to help mentor his replacement. Unfortunately, Jeff proved difficult to replace, and the man who was hired could not commit fully due to obligations to his other full-time job.

We now have a new manager, Steve Rowe. Jeff again volunteered his time and worked with Steve to explain the ins and outs of oversight of a paving project. Unlike the previous manager, Steve was onsite throughout the process and work proceeded as it had in the past, under Jeff.

Next year's paving area will tentatively include the following streets: Gray Drive, Walsh Lane, Sachem Drive, Oak Drive, Pilot Way, Iroquois Way, and portions of Lessin Drive and Grover Lane.

We are also working on additional storm water drainage issues. While a number of small repairs of drainage swales were conducted prior to the hiring of Steve. Thanks to Mike Snapp's oversight, there remain only a number of areas of concern. Now that this year's paving is complete, Steve will be working with local contractors to address these issues.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!!!!

The Board of Directors is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. This Committee functions to find our community leaders for the next term, which begins in July of 2024. Anyone wishing to serve on the Nominating Committee or on the Association Board must be current with all fees and assessments. The Board of Directors has three three-year slots which will need to be filled as well as a seat that was vacated with the resignation of Maggie Johnson who left the area.

Duties of the Nominating Committee include talking with friends and neighbors about serving on the Board and announcing the list of candidates during the March quarterly meeting. The final task of the Committee is the processing and mailing of the ballots. The Association Manager, will provide contact information and help in the processing of the ballots. Once the ballots have been mailed, the job of the Committee is finished. The past several years has resulted in just three candidates for three open seats. When this happens, there is no need to mail ballots as the slate of candidates is elected by acclamation during the March meeting. When this happens, the committee's tasks are finished with that meeting.

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.



FALL YARD

CLEANUP and other REMINDERS



While we all want our yards to be free of falling leaves (a constant struggle this time of year in Drum Point), the leaves should not be blown or raked into the streets or waterways.

For those who may not have considered the consequences, leaves left in streets, especially on some of the hilly curves in our community, can cause wheels to skid and accidents to occur. This includes the sides of the streets, especially those narrow streets where one might find oneself while passing an approaching vehicle.

Leaves and other yard debris which are raked or blown into the waterways not only cause pipes to clog, costing time and money but also pollute the waters which feed into the Bay. Yard debris can be taken to the Appeal Landfill on Sweetwater Road.

For anyone who might be considering the installation of a fence, please either contact the Association office (office@dppoa.org) or go to the website at www.dppoa.org. You'll find fence guidelines by clicking on the Policies and Procedures or Corporate Docs/Guidelines links at the top of the homepage. You'll also find information about commonly-owned rights-of-way.

Finally, please clean up after your dog when out for a walk and remember that there are lease laws in Calvert County for all pets.



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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 16, 2023

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Nominating Committee Formation

Public Comments

Adjournment