

Summer 2010

April - June



# Drum Point Light

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## *Major Decision in Hands of the Community*

Every property owner of the Drum Point Community will soon receive one of the most important ballots in the 50 years of the community's existence - Whether or not to pursue turning over our roads to Calvert County.

In the past months, this has been a contentious argument on the part of both sides of the issue. Facts and data have been misconstrued, and the disagreement has, in many ways, evolved into a personal issue rather than a community disagreement on policy.

The issues are clear, and the facts were laid out in a public forum on May 12th. In addition, there has been much information provided in earlier editions of this newsletter.

Although the question was voted on

during the September 2008 General Membership meeting, a small group of residents complained that this did not represent the community. A survey was conducted later in the year, and this group then complained the survey was poorly constructed and demanded another vote.

After months of negotiation, the ballots are being mailed to every resident.

Read the Pro and Con statements in this issue. If you have any questions or are confused about a statement, please contact the office at 410-326-6148, and someone will return your call within a few hours.

The ballots will be counted by a neutral third party and the results announced via email and a news release to the local media.

AHOY MATES!

DRUM POINT DAY 2010 All Aboard for a Good Time!

What: An outdoor party you'll treasure - and it's free!

Who: All ye who live in Drum Point are invited.

When: Sat. Sept. 11 from 4 - 7 p.m. Where: the Drum Point Clubhouse

This swash-bucklin' good time for all ages will include: free vittles & drinks, a jolly-fun waterslide, a pirate treasure hunt, door prizes, face painting, land-lubber field games, ultimate frisbee/frisbee golf, badminton, volleyball, time to hang with the mermaids and swim at the beach, "Neighborhood Bingo", craft table, nature walk, history of Drum Point & a cannon (water balloon) toss.\*

(For those who don't like to rock the boat, bring your own Captain's chair to sit and relax in.)

\*In remembrance of 9-11, we would also like to hold a brief commemoration of those Americans who lost their lives and those who serve to protect ours\*

**Crew wanted:** all hands on deck are needed to launch this good time. Interested in set up, clean up or in helping with a station/activity for even just 30 minutes? We're also looking for musical talent (instrumental soloists or groups-"family friendly music" only, please). Contact Jen Youngerman at 410-326-2289 or [jennyoungerman123@yahoo.com](mailto:jennyoungerman123@yahoo.com). Hope to see you all there!

AHOY MATES!

# President's Page

## John McCall - DPPOA Board of Directors President



We are being “Double Taxed” is the rallying cry heard round Drum Point these days. Drum Point began about 60 years as a private community, responsible only to the property owners who were trying to have a country retreat, far from the bustle of city life. Roads were graveled, and no one cared. After all, it was just a place to go on weekends during the summer months. The County was able to get additional property tax revenue from the residences and building lots without exposing itself to any infrastructure requirements such as schools, roads, etc. The south end of the County was and is a “cash cow” for Calvert County.

Several years ago, a group of volunteers, led by John Gray, former DPPOA President, discovered the State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) which had been in existence for many years. These funds are collected by the State of Maryland and divided among the counties, municipalities and *Special Taxing Districts* for the purpose of improving and maintaining roads. The funds are obtained through the Maryland Fuel Tax and Vehicle Registration Fees and apportioned back to the county, municipality or *Special Taxing District*.

After some negotiation, including the submission of a bill by Delegate O’Donnell, Drum Point and the Chesapeake Ranch Estates were able to obtain approximately one-half of the SHUR Funds, the percentage based on road mileage, but Calvert County still retains the Vehicle Registration portion of the funds. In fact, if Drum Point attempts to collect the Vehicle Registration fees, the County can then deny us the funds based on mileage. This agreement is renewed every year by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the DPPOA Board.

The other interesting point is that the Calvert County Property Tax Assessment is 0.892 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This means that a \$150,000 home in Drum Point will pay approximately \$1,338.00 in Calvert County Property Taxes. In contrast, the two incorporated areas in Calvert County, North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, receive a lower tax rate of \$0.556 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The same \$150,000 house would pay \$834.00 in Calvert Property Tax.

North Beach and Chesapeake Beach add about \$0.37 in their own Property Tax to finance their infrastructure. In contrast, Drum Point residents receive no property tax credit for maintaining its infrastructure **and** pay a \$50.00 Special Tax District, \$60.00 Association Dues and a \$10.00 Covenant Fee.

Drum Point has arrived at this junction because we do not receive fair and equal treatment under the law regarding the State Highway User Revenue. The BOCC no longer recognizes or properly administers the basic principles of the Special Tax District law. Because of abuse of power and micro-management by the BOCC, Drum Point does not and has not for some time received timely and responsive benefit from the County services that we pay for via our property taxes.

How much assistance does the community receive from the County in road construction and maintenance? The **ONLY** reason that **ANYTHING** has been done to improve the infrastructure within Drum Point is because of the donated efforts of the DPPOA Board and other active community residents.

**YESSIR**, we are being overtaxed – by the County - for the benefit of the remainder of the County. Isn’t it time for us to get a break for maintaining our own community?

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a by-line are reviewed  
and approved by the  
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CLEAN-UP DAY

This year's clean-up day saw five large dumpsters filled to overflowing with trash and metal (two bins were filled with metal for recycling). As usual, there were some useful items, too good to be tossed. These were set aside, and many people envisioned a new use for items that would have otherwise gone to the landfill. The fall clean-up is tentatively scheduled for October 9th.

YARD SALE SUCCESS

April 17th's yard sale was quite a success this year. More participants, more customers and good weather made for ideal conditions. A variety of items for sale drew many people and having participants at both the Barreda lot as well as homes throughout the community brought more customers. Signs were placed at key places around the area as well as a map provided by the DPPOA office that had the locations of home yard sales along with their addresses.

The success of this second annual yard sale had the approval of many to make this annual event.

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| DRUM POINT HALL OF FAME |  
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| As is always the case, many members |  
| of the community step forward and show |  
| their community spirit by volunteering in |  
| various ways. Following is this month's list: |

- | \* All members of the nominating committee |
- | and those who have agreed to run for the |  
| upcoming year's Board of Directors |
- | \* Dennis Baker, Barbara Porter and Peter |  
| Holt who together tallied the results of the |  
| ballot to increase Association Dues. |
- | \* Community members who volunteered their |  
| time to help out at the community clean-up |  
| day - notably John Vandyke, Dustin Burger, |  
| Don Burger and John Gray. |
- | \* John and Barbara Porter who organized and |  
| ran a very successful yard sale. |

| These are the kind of people who |  
| make Drum Point a great place to live, Board |  
wishes to extend its appreciation.

**ASSOCIATION DUES INCREASE**

As many of you know, having received your bill for the upcoming fiscal year's Covenant fees and Association Dues, the membership voted to increase Dues from \$25.00 to \$60.00 annually.

The request by the Board for an increase was based on changes made to the Special Tax District Agreement on STD could be spent, with a focus placed primarily on roads. The reduction of State Highway User Revenue was also considered by the Board in making the decision to ask for an increase in dues.

The vote to increase the dues was conducted during the March 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting and by absentee ballot for those making the request.

The votes were tallied on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Association office by the following members of the Association - Peter Holt, Dennis Baker and Barbara Porter. The results were as follows: 68 ballots were received. Of those received, two were deemed to be invalid (one was not marked with a vote - the other could not be determined to have arrived on time). Of the 66 valid ballots received, 44 were voted in favor of the increase - 22 were voted against the measure. The Board wishes to thank the community for its continued support.

**DPPOA VOTING RIGHTS**

Please remember, although payments are due now, those payments are for the upcoming fiscal year - July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 and effect voting rights on Association issues for that time period. The vote to approve the budget, which will take place during the June meeting of the General Membership, will be based on the current fiscal year's membership (billed in the spring of 2009 for fiscal year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010). If you wish to vote on the DPPOA budget, you must have paid \$25.00 for the current 2009/2010 membership year by June 9th. That membership will expire June 30, 2010.

# ASSOCIATION BUDGET

Item #	Description	Category	STD	STD	STD	DPPOA Budgets			Topic	10 Actuals
			Exhibit A	Exhibit B	Exhibit C	2011D	2011C	2011H	Totals	5/18/10
			2011	2011	2011					
<b>1000</b>	<b>Staff&amp;ProfSvcs-Operations 1001-1999</b>	a							-	-
1100	Office Manager	a	16,500			16,500			33,000	23,711
1110	Payroll Taxes	a	4,150			3,850			8,000	7,488
1200	CPA	a	3,000			3,000			6,000	4,895
1300	Training & Travel	a	200			1,000			1,200	277
1500	Labor	a				800			800	875
1600	Legal	a	500			1,000			1,500	370
1700	Beach/Security/Special/ -Labor	a	-			1,100			1,100	3,950
1900	Misc-Operations - Staff & ProffSvcs	d				500			500	
<b>2000</b>	<b>Office&amp;Facility 2001-2999</b>	a							-	
2100	Space Meeting Rent	a				400			400	400
2300	Information Systems	a	800			500			1,300	575
2400	Office Equipment	a	2,200			-			2,200	1,846
2500	Furniture	a				200			200	
2600	Supplies	a	2,000			-			2,000	1,075
2700	Phone	a	2,100			-			2,100	1,748
2710	Internet Services	a	1,200			-			1,200	834
2800	Utilities	a	6,000			-			6,000	2,938
2850	Emergency Center	d				500			500	464
2900	Misc-Office&Facility	a	800						800	
<b>3000</b>	<b>GenAdmin 3001-3799[S3999]</b>	a							-	
3100	Events	a	500			1,500			2,000	1,108
3150	Hospitality	d				1,000			1,000	1,137
3200	General Liability Insur	a	8,960						8,960	8,394
3300	Subscriptions and Dues	a	120			200			320	26
3400	Printing // Printing Other	a	250						250	
3403	Billing	d				1,000			1,000	441
3404	Ballots	d				1,000			1,000	671
3410	LOGO Wear	d				100			100	
3500	Postage	a	850			500			1,350	314
3600	Newsletter [Printing, Mailing]	a	6,000						6,000	4,455
3700	Public Relations Info	a				1,000			1,000	500
3750	Bank Fees [H5050, S3800]	a	180			200		50	430	315
3800	Taxes 3801-3899	d							-	
3810	Property Taxes	d				275			275	217
3820	Office Bldg Taxes	d				2,200			2,200	1,920
3900	Misc-GenAdmin	b		600		-			600	
<b>4000</b>	<b>Non-Road Asset Maint 4001-1999</b>	a							-	
4008	Mosquito Control	a	1,200			-			1,200	1,202

- Many expenses are funded from multiple sources.
- STD amounts shown will decrease or be 0 in future years, due to revised agreement
- State Highway User Funds (SHUR) [2011H] income is expected to be low or 0 in next few years
- Existing funds for STD and SHUR must be spent, then replaced from DPPOA funds in future years
- DPPOA Budgets 2011C (Covenant Fees) and 2011D (DPPOA Funds) are voted by DPPOA membership
- Budget numbers are drawn from past expense experience, expected incomes, and future carry-over needs.
- Expense lines not funded from DPPOA funds are not shown.

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			2011	2011	2011					
4200	Lighting	d				600			600	421
4300	Trash Cleanup Day / Removal	d				2,300			2,300	815
4400	Grass Mowing / Cutting	a	1,500			2,300			3,800	1,907
4500	OfficeBldg / Landscaping	a	500			800			1,300	60
4501	O.B.Maint (Lndscp,Rprs,Other)	a	100			100			200	308
4505	Security	x							-	84
4525	Shoreline Erosion-Maintenance	d				750			750	245
4550	Sanitary Facilities	a				900			900	200
4600	Equipment Purchases	b		400		500			900	65
4700	Common Lot Maintenance	b		700		-			700	
4710	WalkWay / Easement Maintenance	x				200			200	
4800	Signs, Banners, Community Announcements	a				600			600	251
4900	Misc-AssetMaintenance-Contingency	b		500		100			600	
<b>5000</b>	<b>Road Only Maintenance 5001-5999</b>	b							-	
5040	Street Lighting	c			1,450	300			1,750	
5044	Street Lights, extra poles	c				300		1,000	1,300	
5050	Road Trash Removal	cv				200	500	300	1,000	
5100	Paving Roads [->7100]	h						1,000	1,000	
5200	Engineering [-ROM]	h							-	1,300
5304	Roadway Pipe Replacement -S capital	c						1,000	1,000	8,996
5302	Driveway Pipe Replacement	c			1,000			1,000	2,000	
5400	Causeways - Repair/Maintenance	b		500	-		2,500	2,000	5,000	3,945
5500	Road Repairs	b		1,000	-		3,000	1,000	5,000	1,916
5600	Bush Hogging	cv	-				3,000	3,000	6,000	5,600
5650	Tree Trimming	cv	-				3,500	3,500	7,000	9,000
5700	Snow Removal	b		14,000	-	100	500	500	15,100	132,294
5800	Drainage Clearing	cv	-				1,500	1,500	3,000	250
5804	Swale Refurbishment -S capital	c			5,000			1,000	6,000	4,475
5850	Road Signs [H5900]	b		1,000			500	500	2,000	1,553
5900	Misc-Roads	b		500	-	500			1,000	200
<b>6000</b>	<b>Property 6001-6999</b>	d							-	
6100	Mortgage Principle	d				11,000			11,000	9,420
6105	Mortgage Interest	d				3,000			3,000	2,243
9900	Replacement Reserve	r				1,000		-	1,000	4,250
B-STD Maintenance C-STD Capital		Column Totals				63,875	15,000	17,350		
DPPOA Association Dues						42,000				
DPPOA Covenant Fees (from A/R) [1520x10x0.9]							13,680			
DPPOA Covenant Fees (Carryover)							4,000			
DPPOA Cash Carryover (Prev Yr Difference)						38,000				
DPPOA Replacement Fund to be spent [planned expenditures]										
Total DPPOA Income						80,000	17,680			

# Road Turnover Questions - PROS:

## YES – TURNOVER OF SOME DPPOA ROADS FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE!

- 1. PROPERTY OWNERS ARE BEING DOUBLE TAXED:** Property owners are currently paying taxes to the county for county-wide road maintenance and repair. This includes snow plowing and salting. ALL DPPOA property owners are required to pay an additional levy under the auspices of the Special Tax District (STD). DPPOA needs to keep dues and taxes as low as possible. Turning over roads means less cost to DPPOA and less of a liability overall.
- 2. NOT ALL ROADS WILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR TURNOVER, SO THE STD WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO EXIST:** Some roads cannot be brought up to county standards because of grade, curvature and turnaround requirements.
- 3. SEALING IS TOO EXPENSIVE:** Sealing or seal-coating the roads is very expensive. It is like seal-coating a driveway. County and state roads are not seal coated because the cost of seal coating several times over the life of the pavement adds up to the cost of repaving the top layer.
- 4. COUNTY HAS PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE BETTER ABLE TO HANDLE CONTRACTING ON A MORE COST EFFECTIVE BASIS:** Overlook Drive is one of the proposed roads to be turned over. However, this road is not a good choice not only due to only a handful of residents living on Overlook, but to the lack of the required turnaround necessitating land acquisition and construction. For takeover of Overlook Drive, costs are estimated at \$116,000; whereas the roads that are straight: 1) don't need turnarounds; 2) are pass-through roads, and 3) would cost only \$35,000 to \$111,500. These roads are Lake Drive, Pine Lane, Chestnut Drive, Pilot Way and Sachem Drive. Another point is that DPPOA has been breaking down projects (storm water management) into so-called "phases" over several years, an inefficient practice that gives the appearance of avoiding the county's bidding requirements.
- 5. COUNTY OPERATES ON A LARGER SCALE AND IS ABLE TO OBTAIN SERVICES AND MATERIALS AT A CHEAPER RATE THAN DPPOA:** The county's cost for snow removal this past winter was \$1,611 per mile while DPPOA paid \$2,307 per mile. Many roads were "over" plowed, with unsupervised plowers, adding hours by plowing bare pavement. DPPOA's cost for snow plowing was approximately \$121,757. Within the \$121,757 was a 9% "performance bonus", which was approximately \$10,686. The County doesn't award such bonuses to their vendors.
- 6. COUNTY GETS THE JOB DONE TIMELY:** The schedule for snow plowing is an eight hour run in which all streets, school parking lots and through-ways are plowed throughout the county. The county has a two week turnaround for road repairs and adheres strictly to this schedule. The county respects homeowner's rights in Drum Point; there is adequate right of way on roads, therefore, the county will never do anything to your property.
- 7. COUNTY HAS EXISTING CONTRACTS THAT OUTBID OUR VENDORS:** During this past snow storm DPPOA paid \$200 per ton of salt, whereas the county paid only \$60 per ton. The county's aggressive competitive bidding process, as well as joint agreements with the state, result in cheaper rates on labor, and materials such as salt.
- 8. DPPOA HAS ENOUGH REVENUE COMING IN TO CONTINUE OPERATING:** The fewer roads to maintain the less cost to DPPOA. Currently, DPPOA has approximately \$546,062 in STD funds. With dues of \$60.00 and the STD levy at \$50.00, the yearly revenue that DPPOA can expect is estimated at \$125,520. The average cost of road maintenance, paving and repair over the last five years comes out to approximately \$59,000. The average life span of the paving is anywhere from ten to fifteen years (per county staff). The average DPPOA administrative expenses are an average \$110,500 annually (this figure includes an average of \$21,900 for the mortgage on the office space) and a staff person who is paid full-time. With turnover of roads, less staff time will be needed and it may be more cost effective to rent space, and eliminate the large mortgage

# Road Turnover Questions - CONS:

## 1. ONLY A PARTIAL ROAD TURNOVER IS FEASIBLE – AT MOST 5 OUT OF 15.3 MILES OF DRUM POINT ROADS - WITHOUT MAJOR REROUTING/RECONSTRUCTION

- Calvert County Department of Public Works (DPW) standards (width of road (18') and right of way (50'); depths of asphalt (3" - 5"), base (2"), sub-base (6"), curvature; and grade ceilings, etc.) *eliminate more than 10 miles of Drum Point roads from consideration.*
- Stronger Critical Area standards would not allow major road reconstruction
- All Rights of Discharge must be legally agreed - No legal process can force homeowners to agree to discharge onto their property from under-the-road pipes. *DPW has advised that the prior decision by the County Board of Commissioners to accept the three roads now owned by the County without legal rights of discharge, will not occur again, even with all other road standards having been met.* DPW has prioritized Overlook, Chestnut, and Pine Lane as most likely candidates for possible turnover.

## 2. FINANCIAL COST OF TURNOVER – NOT COST EFFECTIVE

- DPW estimates the cost of bringing an average road up to the County Standards is \$50.00 per linear foot, or \$264,000.00/mile. (Includes survey costs, correcting/purchasing rights-of-way adjacent to roads, widening to a minimum of 18 feet, line-of sight (correcting blind curves), bringing asphalt and base depth to County standards). *The costs for preparation of 5 miles would be in excess of \$1,300,000.00.*
- DPW estimates ongoing annual maintenance costs at \$12,000 - \$15,000/mile (pothole/surface repair, drainage correction, snow and tree removal). Annual DPPOA costs average less than \$12,000/ mile.
- For each mile prepared for the County program, it would take 22 years for DPPOA to recover the saved maintenance costs relative to the initial \$264,000.00/mile outlay.

## 3. HOW MANY ROADS COULD BE PREPARED FOR THE COUNTY NOW?

- Preparation of certain roads for turnover decreases funds to repair/mitigate or maintain the balance of our roads.
- STD funds available in reserve could be used to prepare 2/3 of a mile of road, *at the expense of all other road projects*, including installation of needed guard rails or resolution of drainage problems.

## 4. REDUCED MAINTENANCE ON COUNTY ROADS

- The County normally schedules repaving of roads on a 22 year cycle. The average life span of an asphalt road is 15 years, leading to a 7 year gap between expected life and replacement.
- However, due to loss of state highway funds, repaving in Calvert County for this year has dropped to only 7 miles of road of the nearly 500 miles of County roads.

## 5. ISSUES WITH COUNTY ROAD MANAGEMENT:

- Snow removal and maintenance will be performed as scheduled by the County, not on an "as needed" basis. Compare Drum Point snow removal with County services in 2010.
- In case of snow removal or storms leading to fallen trees, it is much more efficient to use only one contractor to handle the situation, rather than have maintenance or recovery processes delayed while waiting for County personnel to clear access.
- Likelihood of reduced maintenance on roads turned over to the county - As of May 11, 2010, the County had not fulfilled requests for safety striping of Barreda Blvd. after two accidents in October 2009. In 2010, snow removal at Drum Point lagged on County roads.
- Rights-of-way will be subject to Calvert County rules and regulations on parking, etc. No Parking Zones will be at the discretion of the County, not the community.

**Recommendation** – DPPOA management of your roads has proven to be cost-effective and prompt. Continue the present arrangement to maintain the timely and high quality service we have come to expect as well as conserve the semi-rural atmosphere of the Drum Point Community.

## Response to the PRO position on roads turnover

Although the Drum Point Board of Directors (DPPOA) provides copies and access to all engineering reports and invoices backing its position that Drum Point roads should not be turned over to the County, the Pro Turnover Group has not given the Board documentation for several of its points. Because the Pro Road Turnover position statement contains factual errors\*, we make this effort to set the record straight:

**STD fund discrepancy:** The Pro statement claims, without support, that available STD funds are \$546,062. But the latest report from the County shows that only \$412,000 is available

**Cost-effectiveness of Rejuvenation:** DPPOA's use of the Rejuvenation process, (incorrectly referred to as 'seal-coating') costs \$11,562 per mile every four to five years. With five cycles of Rejuvenation treatment, we are projected to conserve Drum Point road surfaces for \$57,810 every 22 years. Re-asphalting the roads every 22 years, which the County does without any rejuvenation in between, would cost \$158,000 per mile for roads already at County standards.

**Few roads can be turned over, at great expense.** The Pro statement claims that five Drum Point roads can be turned over to the County. But only two can actually be turned over; Pine Lane and Sachem Drive. The other three cannot be turned over because we lack legal rights of discharge for storm water drainage, removing them as candidates. Turning over Pine Lane and Sachem Drive would cost Drum Point \$151,000 and \$72,000, respectively for a total of 0.8 mile. The Pro statement rejects turnover of Overlook Drive, which would cost \$243,750 to bring to County standards. Turning over Pine and Sachem would leave Drum Point responsible for 95% of our 15.3 miles of roads, which would still need to be maintained with STD funds--*funds that the Pro statement advocates drawing down to zero.*

**Road maintenance costs more than the Pro statement claims.** To support the position that Drum Point doesn't need reserve STD money and should use it up front to turn over certain roads, the Pro statement claims that Drum Point spends an average of just \$59,000 a year on road maintenance, paving and repairs. But audits from the last five fiscal years show that, excluding the unusual snow removal costs last winter, DPPOA spent \$164,000 a year to maintain the roads. If Drum Point were restricted to just \$59,000 per year to maintain 95% of our current roads, essential maintenance/repair operations would be severely curtailed including causeway and drainage maintenance, tree and grass trimming, removal of felled trees, installation of guard rails or road signs, Rejuvenation of road surfaces and even normal snow removal.

\*No factual errors have been reported with the CON position

# CANDIDATES' RESUMES FOR 2010/2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **ROBERT BOXWELL - 245 Elkins Lane**

I am a native Marylander residing in Southern Maryland for the last thirty-plus years and living in Calvert County since 1999. I graduated from Great Mills High School and got degrees from University of Maryland in 1976 and St. Mary's College in 1997. My last job was as an education assistant at the Calvert Marine Museum running the Young Salts program for five years. I am currently the Executive Director for Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust which has allowed me to continue my work as an environmental educator.

My wife, Joanne, and I purchased a house last September, and although we looked at many locations and houses, we kept coming back to Elkins Lane.

We both enjoy our new home and location. We have great neighbors and a nice neighborhood.

This winter's storms made it obvious to me that a lot of work goes into keeping a neighborhood in good condition. I think a commendable job was done by our homeowners' Association. And as a new neighbor, I would like to get involved and see where my wife and I can fit into this community.

## **GARY HEAL - 12853 Raine Road**

I am a retired person who enjoys traveling and sailing. I have been a resident of Drum Point and a DPPOA member in good standing for over four years. Also, I am a member of your Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the CERT Co-Coordinator for the North Sector of our community.

My professional background is that of a Manager for forty years. I held the positions of Project Manager, Operations Manager, Department Manager and Branch Manger for various companies in the telecommunications industry. As a result, I am conversant in all phases of contracting and project management; and I understand how to develop and manage an operations budget.

I consider myself to be a fiscal conservative and approachable. I have served on other community boards and understand how demanding being a board member can be. I believe I am up to the task and will do my best to support the DPPOA.

## **DAWN JAEGER - 350 Lessin Drive**

I have worked for the Department of Defense since 1988 and am a NAVAIR software engineer at Patuxent River. I have lived in Drum Point since July 1990, both as a renter and homeowner. I have been on the Board of Directors and have been active on the Nominating, By-laws, and Drum Point Day Planning

Committees. I volunteered with Crisis Intervention helping abused women in Calvert County and with Jefferson Patterson Park, along with Calvert Marine Museum. In my professional society, I am on the Board of Directors of the local chapter, currently the newsletter editor, and co-chaired an international symposium for over 1,000 attendees.

The major issues facing Drum Point are the continuing theft of street signs, speeding in our community, and storm water management. We need to make this community safer by reporting crime without fear of reprisals. If we don't report crimes, the criminals know they can get away with it and continue.

One of my goals is to allow our neighbors a greater voice on voting issues and who represents them on the Board since we all pay into the special tax district. I am running for Board of Directors because I believe I can bring a more community-oriented outlook on issues that affect every property owner of Drum Point.

## **DAN MATHIAS - 509 Bay View Dr**

I was elected to the Board for the first time 3 years ago and have served as the Treasurer for the last year. I built and have lived in Drum Point over 22 years, in a modest 1000 sq ft home with a basement.

I have been married (2<sup>nd</sup>) for over 15 years, with three grandchildren living in Santa Barbara, California. I work as an Auditor, auditing the three nuclear power plants owned by Constellation Energy. I teach introductory computer classes part-time for the College of Southern Maryland and occasionally help out as a tutor in math and science for the Tutoring Club in Prince Frederick. I used to work part-time as a substitute teacher here in southern Calvert County, so some of the kids here in Drum Point may remember me. My background education and experience is in engineering, math, science, and computers, including hardware, software, and logical analysis.

I have witnessed many changes in Drum Point. The many dirt roads from 1988 have been paved. A Special Tax District was created to accomplish road improvements and begin creating new community amenities to improve the community and increase property values. The community began growing rapidly after the roads and amenities improved. This created increased needs for the now-vibrant and growing community. The property association could no longer exist as a small mom-and-pop-type group, but needed to become what it is today, a dynamic organization capable of handling huge finances, dealing with grants,

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and interacting with county, state, and federal government agencies and officials. I supported the efforts of past Boards, and will apply my talents to the needs of our changing community in the future. We need Board members who will lead us forward.

I urge you all to consider carefully where you want the community to go in the future. I urge you all to vote, and I urge you all to let the Office know your needs and desires for this community. I have set up an e-mail for residents to contact me, as a Board member, to let me know your concerns: dandppoa@comcast.net

## **DALE MAXWELL - 12931 Parran Drive**

I began delivering mail in Drum Point after a career-ending injury with a power transmission company. Sherri and I moved our family here eight years ago. Consequently, I have gotten to know many of you. I have watched our community change in the past few years. Because I deal with so many of you, I hear your concerns, be they related to drugs, vandalism, older folks needing help, etc. We all know the Board of Directors has to spend a lot of time dealing with money. For some of us, money is tighter that it was a few years ago. MOST of us have made changes, and we are managing. If elected to the Board, my goals include: making it easy for people to deal with the Board on matters of importance to THEM...whether related to safety on our streets, not understanding why certain things are done certain ways, or feeling they can't bring their concerns to the Board and be treated fairly with a positive result.

I am one of those people. I have concerns about the way money is spent, so working with the folks who draw up budgets and say where OUR money will go, sounds like a good thing to do. I think the Board needs to be MORE involved with the people of Drum Point and THEIR concerns. I coach football because many young people need to spend time with concerned adults. I hope to form a volunteer network of young people who can help elderly residents with lawns, chores etc. In that way, we would help prepare the next generation to be more productive. Pride in a job well done is not often encouraged. There are many opportunities to make this a better place to live, and I am up to that job. I ask for your vote.

## **MARIA MILLER - 12833 Lake View Drive**

I have been a resident of Drum Point since 1991. Since then, I have been an active participant in community affairs, and participated on various committees. I worked on the planning committee for STD III and on the planning committee for STD IV until the Board decided it did not like what that committee rec-

ommended - road improvement. I have been on the by-laws committee and budget committee. I attend general membership meetings as well as BOD meetings. I have solicited various petitions, such as the petition to lower the amount of STD IV to \$50. In addition, I have contacted the County Commissioners as well as county employees as relates to the STD.

As a member of the Board, I would work to promote a more positive and proactive approach in handling community issues. This includes ensuring meetings are conducted appropriately and working with residents who may have different views on issues. I would seek to establish truer representation for the entire community so that all property owners would have equal privileges to vote for their Board of Directors. I would take seriously and be diligent in the fiduciary responsibilities confronting the Board, and appropriate funds as specified by the community or as dictated by the STD agreement.

My educational background includes a BFA and BA from Seton Hill College, and an MS from Western Maryland College. I am currently enrolled in classes to complete my Administration Certification. I have been a teacher in the county since 1989 and am currently teaching fine art classes at PHS. I am and have been a class sponsor for many years, as well as the sponsor for the PHS National Art Honor Society.

## **MAX MUNGER - 13033 Mills Creek Drive**

I am looking forward to continuing the progress the DPPOA and its Board of Directors is making in our community. It is a quiet, safe and beautiful place to live. Since moving here in 1993, I have worked continuously and vigorously to change and improve the roads, the administration of the community and the relationship to Calvert County and the Board of County Commissioners. I have been President of the Board, webmaster, Treasurer and Roads Committee member and wrote most of our current organizational documents. I am deeply familiar with the history and issues of Drum Point.

I fully support the Special Tax District which has provided much needed project funding for over 12 years now. I am actively seeking other grants, state and federal revenue sharing and low-tax solutions to aid the community. I am working to set aside more open/green space and provide other enhancements to our community-owned properties.

I am proud to say that Drum Point is no longer a "private" community but is an "outstanding" community.

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## **CARRIE PATTISON - 317 Chestnut Drive**

Why, you ask, does a retired grandmother of eight, mother of three and wife of an energetic, still active, past manager of roads (Bob Pattison), want to spend two evenings a month at Board meetings as well as many hours on Drum Point Property Owners' Association committee work? Because, over the past ten years I have lived here, I have come to love the community, this quiet and peaceful place. I want to help assure that this does not change, and I am willing to share my knowledge and enthusiasm to build on the good we have going for us.

What skills do I bring to the job? I taught Music and Early Childhood in the public schools for 18 years. It goes without saying that teaching requires managerial, goal setting and communication skills. For 17 years, I managed the food service department at West River Conference and Retreat Center.

I will work to preserve the beaches. I would encourage more residents to volunteer; to be an active part of this community. I will work to find a solution to excessive speeding throughout the community. And I pledge to keep our Drum Point taxes at a minimum.

## **AMY RISPIN - 12902 Lake Place**

I wish to serve on the Drum Point Property Owners' Association Board because I care deeply about the Drum Point Community and lifestyle, after 24 years as a home owner. Now that I have retired, I have the time to serve on the Board where I can bring the special perspective of a dual homeowner - Drum Point is our choice for weekends and holiday periods.

I currently serve as liaison for the DPPOA to the Calvert County Environmental Commission and stakeholder groups dedicated to conserving swimability and fishability of our Drum Point creeks and lakes. My goal is to unify Drum Point road and operations planning with Critical Area conservation. My style in dealing with issues is consensus and win-win negotiation together with transparency to the public. During my 31-year career as a scientist at the US Environmental Protection Agency, I have been able to develop my skills as I participated in many international negotiating efforts on behalf of the United States.

Our greatest need on the Board is to bring together all members of our community in order to maintain Drum Point as the special place it is. I pledge to work both inside and outside the Board of Directors to promote this goal.

## **JOE ROBERSON - 12958 Ottawa Drive**

I am pleased that I have been nominated to run for the Drum Point Property Owners' Board of Directors. I am flattered that my friends and neighbors feel I can bring something to the table. I work at Pax River in aircraft tech support where teamwork is most important for the safety and success of those who defend our country. Since 1996, I have felt fortunate to live in this community, and with my wife, Nellie, we have raised five children supported by thoughtful and unselfish neighbors in a precious and pristine environment. As a community, we have handled many issues in the past with relative ease.

Times have changed quite a bit for many of us. The economy has been harsh to all but a few of us. With little experience in politics except what is needed in raising a family and staying employed, I am convinced that neighbors working together are a most precious resource. If elected, I would work toward finding suitable and productive opportunities for young people who have too much time on their hands right here in Drum Point. Older folks need chores done, and many would be glad to pay a young person a modest amount...a win - win deal. I will listen and respectfully address the concerns brought to the Board whether related to spending, safety or environmental issues. I will treat everyone with respect. I am up to the job. I will work hard, and I will be proud to represent you if elected to the Board.

## **ROLANDA TATE - 12827 Lake View Drive**

After moving to this community in 1999, I found the area and nature to be peaceful. I eventually found neighbors to be welcoming. As more and more houses were built, we also began to include our new neighbors. Now our community is becoming as peaceful as the nature that surrounds us. We share so many common goals, and the differences are few. I want to assist in bringing a consensus of our community issues to fruition for the betterment of us all. I look forward to the growth, listening, respecting and compromise that our community will commit to in order to continue the progress of the Drum Point Property Owners' Association and its Board of Directors in the making of our great community.

I bring the knowledge of management, planning and organization from owning my own accounting firm (specializing in non-profit organizations). I have worked strategically, listening and understanding the contributions of the staff and assisting with developing and implementing some of their suggestions into practices and procedures. I have also listened to management's ideas and assisted with incorporating or adjusting present procedures into regular duties. I have devoted many years of my life volunteering with numerous organizations since 1990, and I look forward to doing the same with DPPOA. I will use my resources and skills to assist with progressive goals the of DPPOA.

**General Membership  
2010 Meeting Schedule**

**June 23, 2010—7:30 p.m.  
Southern Community Center**

**All meetings will be conducted according to Maryland Code 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.**

**General Membership  
Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday**

**June 23, 2010 7:30 p.m.  
Southern Community Center  
10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order  
President's Remarks  
Approval of Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
Budget Vote  
Old Business  
New Business  
BOD Election Results  
Public Comments  
Adjournment**