

Winter 2010



# Drum Point Light

## Drum Point Property Owners' Association

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### Record Rainfalls Exacerbate Storm Water Issues

The Summer's drought in Southern Maryland not only made it difficult for lawns and flowers to survive, the soil underneath was baked, preventing the identification of further areas needing storm water runoff solutions. Recent rains solved the problems. The major storm-water areas include:

- Mill Creek (photo right) where part of Calvert Drive was washed out. Emergency repairs were completed by ABM Construction, and additional stonework is to be placed preventing further erosion.
- Lake Drive had extremely heavy road-edge swale erosion. The foundation of one house was also flooded. Requests for Proposals for road and drainage repair have been requested from J. Calvin Wood and ABM Construction.
- Drainage from the right-of-way, caused by heavy rain, eroded two properties on Lake View Drive and also eroded the fill dirt around one home's foundation. The Board of Directors is considering proposals to repair the right-



**Following nearly two days of rainfall** with residents reporting up to 16 inches in parts of Drum Point, storm water drainage issues were increasingly evident.

of-way and correct the erosion problem.

- There has also been damage to the Marine Drive storm-water drainage area due to the heavy rains. The Board is awaiting proposals from contractors at this time.
- Riverview continues to be a difficult problem to solve due to the extreme flatness of the area and the lack of drainage. Although several contractors have proposed possible solutions, their proposals varied dramatically in the scope of

work they felt was required. Accordingly, The Board has requested engineering advice from Collinson, Oliff & Associates to determine the best course of action.

- Under road drainage pipe inspection and cleanout lists throughout the community have been updated and Requests For Proposals have been requested for Phase II.
- Repairs to the road surface of Chestnut Drive and installation of a French drain were completed in October.

# President's Column

## Gary Heal, President

### DPPOA Board of Directors



Since your new Board took office in July, we have been working diligently, with some of us putting in as many as 40 hours a week. We have taken steps to address problems brought to us, like traffic flow solutions to control speeding and have endeavored to understand what our most pressing issues are and how they can be addressed.

I have come to the conclusion that our biggest issue is funding. Here is what I have found:

Our revenue from DPPOA Dues is only about half of what is required to run the community office and other non-road related operations. Now you could say that the best way to fix this is to cut spending. We are working on this issue. Further cuts would, in fact, cut services.

Our office and staff (of one) spend around 85% of their time working on road-related items and issues, so it seems to me that the revenue from our Special Tax District should go to provide a large portion of our office and staff expenditures. It does not.

In fact, through forced negotiations with the County, DPPOA is severely restricted in what money can be spent for this purpose.

STD funds have also been cut, as you probably know, by more than two thirds. Although we do have enough funds to maintain our roads with some cuts, within a year or two we will not have any money to pay for unexpected events such as a washout due to a severe storm or a snow fall like we had last year. If funding does not change over the next couple of years, we will not be able to even maintain our roads.

We are working with the County to try to find a solution to these problems, and we will continue to do so.

Gary

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*

## REGARDING

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

This statement serves as an announcement by the Board of Directors of the Drum Point Property Owners' Association to conduct the December General Membership meeting according to Maryland State Law 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."

Because a quorum was not present at the September meeting of the General Membership, the meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, December 11th will be conducted according to the above stated law. The meeting will take place at the Southern Community Center.

## FEMA Reimbursement Approved

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency have approved Drum Point's application for Disaster Relief following the February snow. The Disaster Declaration by the Federal Government limited the period for reimbursable costs for the 48 hour period of February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

These agencies approved a total of \$34,616 in reimbursable costs - \$31,585 for snow removal, salt and employee time. Another \$3,031 was approved for tree and debris removal. The Drum Point Property Owners' Association will receive 75% of the \$34,616 or nearly \$26,000 in reimbursement.

Since these funds were paid from the Special Tax District funds, the monies will be deposited at the County for future use by our community.

# Drum Point Community Finances Part II

In the last issue of the Drum Point Light, the Board of Directors began a primer on DPPOA finances and discussed the four primary sources of funding: Covenant Fees, Association Dues, State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) and the STD. We now know that SHUR funds will be practically nonexistent for 2010, 2011 and probably 2012, until the Maryland economic recovery begins.

Two other sources of revenue need to be understood. It must also be understood how these funds are being affected under current circumstances.

## Carryovers

At the end of every fiscal year, there is money that was not spent. It could be the result of over-estimating projected costs or, specific to DPPOA, the termination of planned storm water projects which were not feasible.

Carryovers can be in the form of checking accounts balances, un-cashed CDs or STD funds collected by the County but not distributed to DPPOA. They are all monies still held by other institutions on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. When planning for the next fiscal year's budget, these remaining monies are "brought forward" on July 1<sup>st</sup> and inserted into the new year's budget planning for expenditures.

In one way, DPPOA has been fortunate to have had significant carryovers in past years (i.e. money in the bank) which enabled the Board to quickly and completely respond to last winter's snowfalls, tree falls and the recent 15-inch rainfall and flooding. Considering last year's substantial (two-thirds) cut in STD funding and the emergency weather spending, existing carryovers are being used up and should disappear in just another year.

## Reserves

Recognizing the significant value of DPPOA assets and properties, the reserve for asset replacement was begun several years ago after a formal reserve study was conducted. Assets are 1) the roads, the rights of way including swales and causeways; 2) our amenities, lights, signs, tools, equipment and 3) the office

building, utilities and all other artifacts of value.

Just like a college fund for our children, money was being put aside systematically (from STD money at the County) for the eventual repaving of all the roads and the replacement of guardrails, under-road pipes and the other identified assets.

The County Commissioners have decided it is inappropriate for DPPOA to save or plan for the future, even a little. An STD reserve no longer exists, and the savings are being consumed by current and next-year-planned projects. As a result, when a large project such as road paving is needed, a sudden and large special assessment will be required of every property owner!

The realities bring our previous six strong revenue streams down to just three! By the start of FY2013 (July 2012), DPPOA will have to survive on current fees, dues and the existing STD, a total of only \$120 per lot or about \$130,000 per year. The good news is that the mortgage on the office will be paid off. The bad news is that the yearly income will still not be sufficient to run an office and staff, do any environmental or common-property preservation, institute significant rights-of-way repairs or act quickly in a damaging weather event.

## DRUM POINT

### ACCESS TO THE WATER

As many of you know, Drum Point property owners can gain access to the water via several easements and roads to the Bay, the river, lakes, creeks and the coves. These access points are for the exclusive use of all property owners, their guests and tenants.

Parking at these locations requires the display of a Drum Point Property Owners' Association hang tag, which is available at the Association office. When parking, please be mindful of the need to not block traffic.

When using these accesses, please be respectful of the adjacent private property owners. Any breach of the peace by anyone at these locations should be brought to the attention of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office at 410-535-2800.

# Meet The County Commissioners

## The Five Commissioners Who Will Guide Calvert County for the Next Four Years

### Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark, District 1

County Commissioner Gerald W. "Jerry" Clark was elected to the Board in 2002 and in 2006.

He is a businessman with over 30 years experience in a variety of commercial endeavors, which include real estate and retail businesses.

In his years in the Solomons business community, he has been a dedicated supporter of the Calvert Marine Museum. Commissioner Clark is currently a member of the Solomons Business Association, Calvert County Chamber of Commerce, and the Chair of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland. Mr. Clark was formerly a member of the Board of Directors of Annmarie Garden in Solomons, Maryland and is a former member of the Board of Directors for Asbury – Solomons Retirement Community.

### Susan Shaw, District 2

Susan Shaw was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2002 and again in 2006.

She has worked as a clinical social worker since 1976. Commissioner Shaw has been the volunteer disaster mental health coordinator for the local Red Cross and a member of the Maryland Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

She has held leadership positions in many local organizations including the Rotary Club of Northern Calvert, the Calvert Crusade for Children, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Huntingtown Citizens Association, the local NAACP, the Mental Health Association, the Southern Maryland Boys and Girls Club, and the State Commission for Children and Youth. She also serves as the Board member on the Boards of the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Annmarie Garden and Sculpture Park, and Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum as well as representing the Board of Commissioners on veteran's issues.

Ms. Shaw was appointed by Governor Robert Ehrlich to serve on the Task Force for Traffic Capacity across the Chesapeake Bay.

### Evan Slaughenhaupt, District 3

Evan Slaughenhaupt and his wife Jeanne live in the Dunkirk area of Calvert County. They share their home with Christopher, an adult child.

Commissioner Slaughenhaupt is a member of the Dunkirk Area Concerned Citizens Association (DACCA), serving as a two-term President the last four years. DACCA's main mission is to preserve, protect and promote the quality of life of northern Calvert County. As DACCA's President, Evan fought for a proper balance between social, economic and conservation issues. Evan believes that a proper balance provides local businesses positive economic incentives, protects our natural landscape, and respects individual property rights.

Mr. Slaughenhaupt was a member of Calvert County's Ethics Commission. As a member of the Commission, Evan and his colleagues serve as a watchdog on real and potential ethical conflicts that face County employees and elected officials.

He is a current member of the American Legion in Chesapeake Beach and a volunteer and supporter of the Special Olympics of Calvert County. Email him at [evan@evanslaughenhaupt.com](mailto:evan@evanslaughenhaupt.com).

### Pat Nuttner, At Large

Pat Nuttner started in the municipal police department in North Beach and Chesapeake Beach, and joined the Calvert County Sheriff's Office in 1977. In the Sheriff's Office, he worked in social services, budgeting and detective work. He was appointed chief of enforcement for the Department of Planning and Zoning. Mr. Nuttner worked as a code enforcer for Chesapeake Beach and North Beach. "Working for planning and zoning, I got to learn about growth in the county, and critical areas, and architectural reviews," he said.

Commissioner Nuttner says the County also needs to review the tax structure and provide incentives for high technology businesses, to increase employment within the County, while keeping the growth rate low to protect schools, open space and a rural atmosphere.

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## **The Commissioners Work for You!**

Express your concerns and voice your opinion by calling them or writing a letter.

### **Contact Information:**

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Mr. Nutter said that no candidate can promise a reduced tax rate, "but ... I would certainly fight tooth and nail not to raise taxes. We don't know what's coming, but we need to revisit the tax structure to cut where we can, to serve people.

### **Steve Weems, At Large**

Steve Weems says his purpose in running was primarily to address three issues: budget shortfalls, the need to support and enhance the efforts of law enforcement and volunteer fire and rescue squads and to continue the County's status as one of the top school systems in the state and nation. "We need a fresh perspective and attitude when it comes to how Calvert County is governed," said Mr. Weems

He is currently the President of the St. Leonard Business Association and a small business owner, himself. "I know the problems faced by small businesses and that the County government has been neglectful of their needs." Mr. Weems thinks County government should give incentives to businesses who want to develop in the designated town-center areas as long as that development does not violate environmental laws or cause safety issues. "If we make incentives to encourage potential corporate employers to do business here, we would expand the tax revenue base and be able to maintain or improve the County's level of services provided and get more people to work," Commissioner Weems commented.

## **Drum Point Day 2010**

Drum Point Day 2010 was a success thanks in large part to the volunteers. The following people donated their time and talent to make the event a fun day for Drum Point families: Jennifer Youngerman, as chairperson, and her cadre of volunteers including: Sherma Munger, Kim Clarke, Chrystie Trinidad, Sharon Graves, Megan Rice, Gabriele Youngerman, Mark Webster, Roger Youngerman, Peggy Waldheim, Laura Jimney, Debbie Barton and Barb Boward (resident photographer - her pictures of the day can be viewed on our webpage at [dppoa.org](http://dppoa.org)).

In addition, the following local businesses donated door prizes to the event: Lusby Food Lion, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Captain's Table Restaurant, Play 'N Trade, Patuxent Wine & Spirits, Papa John's, Naughty Gull Restaurant, and Maerten's Fine Jewelry & Gifts.

The day could not have happened without the hard work and dedication shown by the above residents and local businesses. The Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association extends its heartfelt appreciation to all!

## **E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED**

The DPPA Board of Directors would like to have as many property owners as possible provide e-mail addresses to the office.

We currently have over 600 e-mail addresses on file. These addresses will be used to send bulletins of importance to the entire community and for delivery of the quarterly newsletter. By reducing the number of printed copies of the newsletter ordered, savings of about \$300 per edition are possible. Not only will printing costs drop by about \$100, the mailing costs will drop by more than \$.30 per copy mailed.

At the present time, some 1295 issues are mailed. If this could be cut by one-half, the savings would be dramatic. Please send your e-mail address to the office using the following address: [office@dppoa.org](mailto:office@dppoa.org). If you do not wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please let Rhea know.

Grand Dame of Community

## Kimrey Memorial Service

Mabel Kimrey, long-time Drum Point resident and Grand Dame of the Community and the Drum Point Club, died in late September at Calvert



Memorial Hospital. Ms. Kimrey was 87 years old.

She was a native of Mineral Wells, Texas. She was a member of Christ Church on Broome's Island Road and a

lifelong Episcopalian. Mabel's first husband was Lt. William Burchfield, U.S. Army. He was killed in action in Europe in early 1945. She worked for the U. S. Veterans' Administration and then in Washington, D.C. for then Sen. Lyndon Johnson. She then worked for the U.S. Air Force at Andrews, Air Force Base. During her working life, her adventures took her from Texas to, Bermuda and to Washington, D.C. Mabel married Bernard Kimrey in 1957. Together, Mabel and "Kim" became residents of Southern Maryland, purchasing a cottage in Drum point which became their full time home. They were very active in the creation of the Drum Point Club and in working with the Drum Point Property Owners' Association. She was also one of the founders of the Southern Calvert Land Trust. Mabel was an avid gardener, growing herbs and offering cuttings from many of her shrubs to neighbors and newcomers to the community.

Mabel was preceded in death by her husband Bernard "Kim" Kimrey in 1993. She is survived by her sister-in-law Katherine Boardman, three nieces and one nephew as well as her friend and care giver, Sandra Littleford.

A Memorial Service was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Drum Point Club. More than 50 attended the service. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Club for the "Mabel Kimrey Memorial Garden" can be mailed to The Drum Point Club at P.O. Box 356, Lusby, MD 20657.

## Covenant Review

### What All Should Know

This issue is primarily stressing storm water drainage problems. One of the problems is that some persons have paved driveways without obtaining the necessary permits from the County and have not advised DPPOA of their plans. Ultimately, storm water drainage problems crop up, creating more problems with roads and expensive repairs.

All properties in Drum Point are governed by a set of Covenants. These Covenants dictate the way in which a property owner should maintain property and lists the obligations associated with the maintenance of that property. For information, Covenant # 3 is printed as a reminder for the Community.

*That no building or addition thereto, or any fences or other structure shall be erected without the written approval of THE DRUM POINT CORPORATION, and such building or addition shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications submitted to THE DRUM POINT CORPORATION, and in accordance with the building codes of Calvert County.*

The DPPOA works in conjunction with the County to assure building permits are issued with that goal in mind. There are times, however, when the County inadvertently issues a building permit without the knowledge of the Association.

This "mistake" does not negate the obligation of the property owner to adhere to the above Covenant. Please contact the Association office in order to have your building plan reviewed and properly stamped and approved.

### Are you ready for "CodeRED"?

"CodeRED" is the name of the Calvert County Emergency Management Emergency Warning to residents. This system is totally voluntary for all citizens. It may be used by Fire, Emergency Medical Services, the Sheriff's Department, State Police and the Calvert County Emergency Management Office to alert citizens of possibly dangerous situations or a missing person.

CodeRED does require enrollment in the program. To enroll, you may go the Calvert County Website: <http://www.co.cal.md.us/>. The CodeRED link is on the left side of the home page. You may also contact the County Emergency Management Office at 410.535.1623.

## Community Emergency Response Team:

# Drum Point Gets Ready For Emergencies



## **Eight Complete Drum Point CERT Training**

*From left to right:*

Aubrey Mumford (re-certifying)  
CERT Instructor Sandy Simmons  
Bill Quinn (CERT Certified)  
Joe Frost (CERT Certified)  
Peter Holt (re-certifying)  
John McCall (CERT Certified)  
Don Kirby (CERT Certified)  
Raymond Wright (CERT Certified)  
John Mumper (CERT Certified)  
CERT Instructor John Rothe

## **CERT– An Opportunity to Help the Drum Point Community**

The first person you may see in a home emergency or community disaster just may be one of your neighbors!

You hope that he or she is a certified member of our Drum Point "CERT" volunteers.

Just what does that mean to you and to our community?

CERT means "Community Emergency Response Team".

In addition to twenty hours of class-room training, class-learning Triage, search and rescue techniques, Emergency First Aid, and CERT procedures, CERT trainees also participate in a live "disaster" simulation exercise putting all the learned emergency response techniques into practice.

There is room in the CERT Organization, according to Peter Holt, Drum Point CERT organizer, for persons who do not have the physical stamina to participate in an emergency rescue or do not want to do first aid. "We also need people to handle communications, the Citizens Band Radio, Amateur Radios and to deliver messages," Holt commented.

"In many ways, this is just like other jobs and volunteer positions, we need people who want to participate and help with logistics, and in putting together reports."

Drum Point is divided into two areas of responsibility: The Eastern half is coordinated by John Ivancik and the Western half is coordinated by Gary Heal. Holt's deputy is John Gray.

In addition to those who were just certified in October, there are approximately 20 other trained community members who are active volunteers in the Drum Point CERT Program. They attend quarterly meetings and participate in preparation planning and live exercises.

Drum Point is unique in the State of Maryland in having its own Emergency Operations/ Communications Center at its office at 401 Lake Drive.

To serve the response needs of the community it has an emergency generator, first aid supplies, a Sheriff's Sub-station and High Frequency Amateur Radios and Citizens Band radios.

The Drum Point CERT Team will also be offering a Certification Program for CPR-Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation later this year.

The local CERT Team is in regular contact with other CERT Teams and the Calvert County Office of Emergency Management.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the DPPOA Office at (410) 326-6148 for more information and attend the next exercise at the Drum Point Club on December 4th.

**ATTENTION**

**FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS**

**REFER TO THE DPPOA WEBPAGE AT WWW.DPPOA.ORG.**

**General Membership Meeting**

**December 11, 2010**

**2011 Schedule To be Announced**

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**General Membership**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Saturday**

**December 11, 2010**

**Southern Community Center**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

**President's Remarks**

**Board Member Reports**

**Committee Reports**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Nominating Committee**

**Budget Committee**

**Public Comments**

**Adjournment**