

Spring 2017



Drum Point Light

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Meetings of the General Membership

The next meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. the morning of March 11th at the Drum Point Club, located at the end of Overlook Drive.

Association By-laws require that the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors be presented and approved during the March meeting. If there is no quorum, this important task cannot be accomplished. A quorum requires 35 memberships be represented. A married couple represents one membership unless each of them is the sole owner of a separate lot. If a quorum is not present, it will be necessary to hold a special meeting in April.

Every quarterly meeting is important in its own right. While the March meeting involves the presentation of the slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors, the annual budget

is presented during the June meeting. The budget is discussed and a vote conducted for approval. If a quorum is not present, the approval of the budget will be delayed until the September meeting.

The September meeting generally serves as an opportunity for the Board to recap the summer's capital projects, and the Nominating Committee is presented and approved during the December meeting.

While each meeting is important for different reasons, all of the meetings are a way for you to provide input about your community, ask questions of your Board and get to know your neighbors. Two of the four yearly meetings are held on Saturday mornings and two on Wednesday evenings. Please make every attempt to attend as often as possible.

Covenant Fees and Mandatory Assessments

Statements have been mailed, and yearly fees are due by March 1st. The current year's fees will be posted to the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1st. This is done in order to keep voting rights intact throughout each year.

Please note, the Covenant fee is adjusted each year, according to the Consumer Price Index calculator, which can be found online. The fee remained constant for the past two years at \$98.00, however there was a slight increase this year of \$2.10. Therefore, the Covenant fee for the upcoming year is \$100.00 per lot (we round to the nearest dollar amount). The Mandatory Assessment of \$55.00 per developed property and \$20.00 per undeveloped property remains unchanged. The total amount charged for a developed lot is \$155.00 and \$120.00 for an undeveloped lot. All fees are mandatory.

President's Column

Gary Heal, President DPPOA Board of Directors



Spring is on the horizon! I hope the winter was kind to you. For those of you who plan to have gardens, it is time to start thinking about what and where to plant and the supplies you will need. Planning early insures you are prepared to plant at the right time. (Click on or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <http://www.co.cal.md.us/DocumentCenter/View/251>. You'll find important information on which plants can survive the sometimes hot, dry weather of Southern Maryland.)

By now you have all received your invoice from the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA) office. You may have noticed a slight increase in the Covenant Fee. As a reminder, in 2015 the Covenant fee increased, using the Government Department of Labor Statistics CPI Inflation Calculator (https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm) to determine the current value of \$10.00 in 1948 dollars. In 2015 it was \$98.00 (rounded to the nearest dollar). We take a look at this calculator every January to see if any adjustment is needed. This year, the calculator, as of January 15, 2017, showed the amount to be \$100.00 (also rounded to the nearest dollar). Your invoice reflects that change. All other fees remain the same this year. If you have any questions, please contact our Association Manager, Rhea Webster at 410-326-6148 or by e-mail at office@dppoa.org.

I have been asked (again) what the DPPOA does with properties that it owns. The answer is that these properties are designated as Green Space. If a property is donated to the Association, that property is also placed into Green Space. As such these properties are not taxed by the County and cannot be developed in any way. DPPOA owns 46 lots that are set aside in this way. Southern Calvert Land Trust (SCLT) also treats property that is donated to them in the same manner.

Gary Heal

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Calvert County will hold household hazardous waste collection on the following:

Saturday, November 18
Appeal Landfill
401 Sweetwater Road
Lusby

The event will be held between
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
rain or shine.

LOCAL SHREDDING EVENTS

Take your documents for shredding to the Appeal Landfill (Sweetwater Road in Lusby) on the following dates:

March 25th
June 24th
September 23th
December 16th

All events take place from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Take advantage of this opportunity to rid your files of unwanted paper documents and data media.

SPRING CLEANUP

The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd, and the dumpsters will be available to all Drum Point residents from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with the community cleanup, dumpsters are placed on the vacant lot across from the DPPOA office at 401 Lake Drive. Owners and residents can bring their unwanted items to the dumpsters.

One dumpster will be set aside for the recycling of metal, at no cost to the Association. The Association is charged a fee for the dumpster used for disposal of all other items.

This is your opportunity to recycle that old grill and anything else made primarily of metal as well as clean out the winter's accumulation of unwanted items.

Please note below those things which **CAN and CANNOT** be accepted:

Items which **CAN** be accepted include:

- Stoves
- Grills
- Lawn mowers, weed eaters etc.
- Furniture
- Exercise Equipment
- Metal for recycling

Items which **CANNOT** be accepted include:

- Household trash/garbage
- Building material
- Tires
- Batteries
- Tree branches and other yard debris
- Paints, stains and other hazardous material
- Televisions and computer monitors
- Refrigerators and AC units.

New Property Owner?

Are you a new property owner in Drum Point? If you haven't already done so, please either call or stop by the DPPOA office, located at the corner of Lake Drive and Barreda Boulevard (410-326-6148 - office@dppoa.org). Come in and meet Rhea Webster, the Association Manager. You can provide your contact information, and she'll show you how to get to the beach and give you a hang tag for parking.

Calvert County's Emergency Responders

Drum Point is obviously a somewhat isolated peninsula, wedged between the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay. Lessons from hurricanes Isabelle in 2003 and Katrina in 2005 have underscored the importance of supporting the Calvert County's emergency responders with our own community's ability to respond to incidents. Paramount is each resident's responsibility to be prepared for storms that result in power outages and major events that may delay 911 support.

The President (Gary Heal) and Vice President (Libby Fall) of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA) had a lengthy meeting with the Director of the Calvert County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Mr. Al Jeffery, and his staff on February 1st. Mr. Jeffery made it known that when in need, the County's emergency resources are familiar with our large community and are ready and willing to support us. At the same time, they noted specifically that our DPPOA Emergency Service Center, located at our office, with its pre-positioned first response equipment and backup communications capabilities, is particularly important to provide initial support to the County's resources.

Your DPPOA Board encourages all Drum Point residents to take proactive preparations in advance of disasters which could include the following: winter ice and snow storms, tornados, extensive power outages and delayed first responder support. The first help you may have to rely on in response to an emergency will most likely be your own family and/or neighbors. Preparation and planning is crucial in minimizing our risks.

Peter Holt
DPPOA Safety Committee

"It wasn't raining
when Noah built the ark."

Howard Ruff



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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. March 11, 2017

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

Presentation of Board Candidates

Posting of Drum Point Property

Public Comments

Adjournment