

Summer 2015



Drum Point Light

Drum Point
Property Owners' Association

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CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY
AT THE POINT



With a family movie night on Friday
and a picnic before the fireworks on Saturday

Join us for a...

Family Movie Night - July 3rd - featuring "1776"

Club gate* opens at 8:15

Movie begins at sundown

Popcorn, soda and water provided

Picnic & Games for the Kids - July 4th

Club gate* opens at 1:00 for the beach

Activities begin at 4:00

Fireworks at sundown

Games & activities for the Kids

Hotdogs, hamburgers & sodas provided

Event open to all Drum Point owners and residents

Sponsored by:
The Drum Point Club and
The Drum Point Property Owners' Association

*Community Beach Gate closes at 8:00 p.m.

President's Column

Gary Heal, President

DPPOA Board of Directors



It's Budget time again. That's right, you will be voting on the budget as presented in this Newsletter.

We have four income streams [Special Tax District, Covenant, Assessment, and State Highway User Revenue], and each has its own allowable expenses. Each year, the Drum Point Community votes on Covenant, Assessment and SHUR expenses. The DPPOA budget presented in this newsletter has been condensed for ease of understanding. A fully-detailed budget is available on the website and from the office and will be available at our June General Meeting.

Let me take a minute to refresh your memory about the three-step process being undertaken to change the way DPPOA collects the money needed to maintain your roads, infrastructure and assets.

The first step was to move from a voluntary dues structure to a mandatory assessment based on usage. It was assumed that owners of undeveloped lots do not use Association assets as regularly as those with developed lots. Accordingly, the assessment is much less for undeveloped properties without homes.

The second step was to adjust the Covenant fee using the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics consumer price index inflation calculator, which adjusted the value of the 1948 dollar to today's value. This change was reflected in this year's invoices.

The third and final step in the plan will be to reduce the amount of money collected through the Special Tax District, with your annual property tax. That change will happen next year when the existing Special Tax District expires on June 30, 2016. The overall goal is to have a stable and realistic income basis.

Now about the budget. There are some important and necessary changes to the budget this year, they are:

- A movement of some administrative expenses from the Special Tax District to Mandatory Assessment and Covenant fees. Last year was the first year any administrative costs were paid from Covenant fees. This year the amount is much higher but still in line with the actual cost of the administration of our roads. The goal here is to focus STD funds on roads operations.
- Some expenses that were removed or reduced due to budget cuts over the last few years have been reinstated.
- The shift to phased repaving of our roads each year eliminates the call for a large community-assets reserve fund to do a massive repaving project every 20 years. However, incremental reserve payments and withdrawals are allowing us to maintain the office building and improve energy efficiency and reduce utility costs.
- The FY 2016 budget does not call for deficit spending as was the case in recent years. This year's expenses do not exceed income.

This plan allows you and your fellow property owners to have a much enhanced say in how your money is spent. In the past you had little to say in the collection and spending of the Special Tax District agreement because it was decided for you by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County. Now you will be able to review the majority of the expenditures and vote on the budget every year.

I believe that this budget is an important step in ensuring that your Drum Point Property Owners Association is operating properly and is on solid fiscal ground.

Gary Heal

A vote will be conducted for approval of the DPPOA budget during the June 24th meeting of the General Membership. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Drum Point Club.

DPPOA Yearly Planning Budget FY 2016*

			2016 Budget
INCOME/ASSETS			
Covenant Bank EOY Balance Forward (est)			39,955
Covenant Fees estimated Collections**			120,658
		Total Covenant Income/Assets	160,613
DPPOA Reserves (planned expenditures)***			6,000
DPPOA Bank EOY Balance Forward (est)			17,560
DPPOA CDs Carryover			12,240
DPPOA Mandatory Assessment Estimated Collections**			51,952
DPPOA Interest Earned			
DPPOA Other Income			
		Total DPPOA Income/Assets	87,752
SHUR Bank EOY Balance Forward			8,921
SHUR Estimated Collections			7,000
SHUR Interest Income			
		Total SHUR Funds Available	15,921
		Total Income/Assets	264,286
		Total Income	185,610
EXPENSES			
Covenant Funds		Total Non Right of Way Expenses	70,811
		Total Right of Way Expenses	49,847
		Total Covenant Expenses	120,658
SHUR Funds		Total O&M Non Right of Way Expenses	100
		Total O&M Right of Way Expenses	6,900
		Total SHUR Expenses	7,000
DPPOA Funds		Total Staff & Prof Svcs Expenses	26,952
		Total Office facilities Expenses	2,400
		Total Other Admin Expenses	2,778
		Total DPPOA O&M Expenses	17,635
		Total DPPOA Capitol Expenses	8,187
		Total DPPOA Expenses	57,952
		Total Expenses	185,610

* Full budget available upon request and on website at www.dppoa.org

** Estimated compliance 80%

*** DPPOA Reserve Account balance \$18,746

Candidates for the 2015/2016 Board of Directors

John Andre

My wife, Cindy, and I bought a home in Drum Point in 1998. We started out as weekenders, enjoying the Bay and being with the friends we made here. Since then, we have moved to another home in Drum Point, Cindy has retired and our daughter Laura is now a senior at St. Mary's College.

After 35 years in the Foreign Service and working at the State Department, I now work part-time for an economic consulting firm. This gives me time to work with the Drum Point community. While overseas, I served on the Board of the American Community Services Association, which operated a large commissary and provided other services to Americans living in Bangkok, Thailand. I was also a member of and served on the Board of Social Clubs overseas. I hope to use this experience, my professional background and ideas from friends and neighbors to continue the good work that DPPOA Board members and volunteers have contributed to our community over the years.

Vince Barazzone

Greetings Drum Point community members. My name is Vince Barazzone, and my wife and I have been property owners and residents of Drum Point since 2003, and my family has been in the community and Association as volunteers since 1989. Having seen the community improvements and growth over the years, I am at a point where I am able to contribute to the community welfare and financial health through volunteer support as a Drum Point Board of Directors member.

To this end, I believe in transparency and participation in the planning and implementation of projects to support and better the community for all age groups across the community.

I look forward to working closely with the County and Emergency Services to provide smooth interface on issues such as the Special Tax District (STD), emergency services, safety and security of the community beach and surrounding community amenities such as the private boat ramp area.

I served in the Navy for 20 years and retired in 2003. I received training in submarine and surface ship damage control, firefighting and basic first aid, mass casualty coordination and management. I served as a team leader in various casualty scenarios. I am currently a Federal Employee and a Federal Emergency Response Official (FERO) in the event of a Natural or man-made disaster requiring Federal Emergency response and coordination of resources and services to facilitate and assist in restoring communities to a non-

hazardous and safe condition once again. I look forward to serving the community and request your support through your vote for me as a member of the Drum Point Board of Directors.

Tricia Powell

I have been a resident of Drum Point for eighteen years and have served on the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA) Board for six of those years. During my tenure on the Board, I played an important part in keeping the Special Tax District fee down, prevented the building of break water barriers on the Chesapeake, called for more transparency on the part of the Board and encouraged community input on Board policy making and budget spending.

I am a business woman, with years developing and managing budgets, financial analysis, policy-making, compensation and reviewing legislation. I have almost a decade of experience working for a County Public Works Department on the west coast where I was responsible for legislative reviews, feasibility and cost-benefit studies on road and highway projects and flood control. I am very eager to get back on the Board and work for you, the community.

Tony Spakauskas

At the end of March, after 40 years with the United States Department of State, I stopped working. During active duty as a Foreign Service Officer, I served in nine foreign missions (Monterrey, Tel Aviv, San Salvador, Quito, Nassau, Havana, Guatemala, Vilnius and Lisbon) and in the Department.

For most of my career, I served in management positions and was involved in many and varied projects, some as large as multi-million dollar property acquisition and development activities, others as small as rehabbing a single office. During my career, I served on several housing and commissary boards as they went through financial and structural changes.

I also served as the Chairman of the Board of the American School of Vilnius during a period of enrollment expansion and physical plant enhancement and renovation. Since 2003, as a Department of State contract employee, I have been involved in the development of personnel policy for the staffing of our Mission in Iraq. We developed a service recognition package to induce personnel to volunteer, worked with volunteers to travel them to Iraq in a timely manner, and occasionally had to move personnel out promptly.

I am an Eagle Scout and a Drum Point property owner since December 2012.



Road Paving Scheduled

In line with plans by the Board to re-pave about a mile of asphalt each year, as mentioned in the President's column, Johnson Drive, Johnson Court, Noni's Way, Deer Court and portions of Deer Drive, are scheduled for upgraded paving. The Board will award a contract during the second week of June, and paving should begin shortly thereafter, weather permitting.

The prep work will take one to two days, with the actual paving taking just one day. The contractor will place signage as needed to close portions of each road as the work progresses.

While the new asphalt can be driven on in an emergency, it will not be fully dry for up to an hour. If you must drive on it, please drive slowly and use caution so as not to damage your vehicle.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP RETURNS

A Fall cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, October 10th. The dumpsters will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For those of you unfamiliar with the community cleanup, dumpsters are placed on the vacant lot across from the DPPOA office at 401 Lake Drive. Residents who wish to, can bring their unwanted items to the dumpsters.

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.

TIME TO RECYCLE

It may be too late to do that yearly "Spring Cleaning," but you can still do it and just call it "Summer Cleaning." With that in mind, you may want to consider doing some recycling.

There are very few things that cannot be recycled, including the usual paper, commingled plastics and metal. But did you know that the Appeal landfill also accepts appliances, electronics, engine oil, bulk plastics (think old lawn furniture, coolers and flower pots) and building materials. There may be a fee for the disposal of some items, such as building materials.

Household hazardous waste can be recycled for free during the County's hazardous material recycling days. The next scheduled days for disposal of hazardous waste at the Appeal Landfill on Sweetwater Road are June 20th and November 14th. Items which can be recycled include cleaners, fertilizers, gasoline, kerosene, medicines and oil based paints.

The County also hosts paper shredding events. These events give residents an opportunity to destroy old tax returns, bills, and other documents which might contain personal information.*

Something you may not have considered is the recycling of oyster shells. Oyster shells provide the best material for baby oysters to attach to as they grow. Each recycled shell can provide homes for 10 new oysters. Known as a keystone species, oysters serve as the kidneys of the Bay, and one oyster can filter 50 gallons of water a day. Oyster shell drop-off carts are stationed at the landfill, on Sweetwater Road, and at each of the County's convenience centers.*

For a list of dates, times and locations for all recycling needs, refer to the County website at www.co.cal.md.us/recycle or call 410-535-1600.

*Calvert County Recycling Guide

No Dogs Allowed on Drum Point Community Beach

Please remember that with the coming of the summer beach season (May 1– September 30), dogs **ARE NOT** allowed on the Drum Point community beach.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) confirms pet waste can spread parasites including hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms and Salmonella, all of which are harmful to humans, in particular small children.



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General Membership Meeting

June 24, 2015

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 DPPOA Attorney - Any and all business of the Association can be discussed at the meeting.

General Membership Meeting Agenda

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Drum Point Club

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

**Presentation and Approval
of 2016 DPPOA Budget**

Committee Reports

Presentation of New Board Members

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments

Adjournment