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Drum Point Light

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DRUM POINT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE CENTER

We have had two significant snow falls so far this winter! Volunteers manned the Community Emergency Service Center (CESC) before and during each event. They worked with the snow removal contractor crews who responded quickly, treating and then clearing the roads.

The first snow storm dropped about 6 inches and the second several more. Both events were hard to predict in terms of inches and kept the National Weather Service and us guessing to the last moment. The main problem we all experienced was the accumulated snow blocking driveways when the plows passed by.

We have not found a way to solve that unavoidable issue.

We do hope to have some FEMA financial support to help defray our snow removal costs from the first storm, which amounted to approximately \$35,000.00. Cost of the second storm, which was more than \$13,000.00, is not eligible for FEMA funding since no state of emergency was declared by the Governor.

The County Office of Emergency Management did query the CESC regarding a tree reported to be blocking Beech Drive during the first snow event. It was quickly disposed of

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WELCOME NEIGHBORS

Are you new to the area and can't find the Drum Point community beach or boat ramp, the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA) office or the Drum Point Club?

If you answered **yes** to any of the above, you need to come to the **Newcomers' Get-Together** on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the DPPOA Board of Directors and will be held at the Drum Point Club (Ask Rhea at the Association office for directions when you RSVP).

Are you a long-time resident of Drum Point and still baffled? Or do you know where everything is located but would like to meet some new neighbors? You are welcome to attend as well.

Please join us. There will be refreshments and some other goodies. RSVP to Rhea at the office. Call her at 410-326-6148 or contact her by e-mail at office@dppoa.org.

President's Column

Gary Heal, President

DPPOA Board of Directors



As I type this in February, winter has not killed us. What does not kill us makes us stronger, right? Well maybe. Anyway, we have not been impacted as badly as our neighbors to the north and west, although we have spent more than \$45,000.00 in snow removal as of February 19th.

Many of you may not be aware that our existing Special Tax District (STD) expires this fiscal year, which ends June 30th. We are in the process of preparing a new STD for submission to the County Board of Commissioners. The process started last October with the DPPOA Planning Committee making recommendations to your Board of Directors, who gave approval to a DRAFT budget. This DRAFT budget then went on to the Finance Committee for review in conjunction with funds available from all other income streams, including Mandatory Assessments, Covenant Fees and State Highway User Revenue. The Board then approved the Finance Committees recommendation, during its February meeting.

The community at large will receive a presentation on the proposed STD and have a chance to voice their opinion at our next General Meeting and again at a special meeting, both of which will be held at the Drum Point Club.

Dates and times:

DPPOA General Membership meeting: Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m.

DPPOA Special STD meeting: Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

After your review and input, the new STD will be prepared and presented to the County. The County will then schedule a public hearing where you will have another chance to voice your opinions. The date and time of that hearing is to be determined.

One other note about the STD; we have been informed that the County may no longer fund the operation of our street lights. We presently have 83 street lights in Drum Point. This change, if required, will increase your STD fee. We are working with the County on this but have to consider it a strong possibility that we will have to fund this through the STD.

Once again, we used a ground up process to draft this year's DPPOA budget, which includes funds from Mandatory Assessments and Covenant Fees. This meant that we looked at every line item to determine if it is needed and appropriate, and then assessed any impact on the upcoming fiscal year.

The process is for the office to do the initial review, then the Finance Committee reviews and/or adjusts it, then sends it to the Board of Directors who can send it back with recommendations, make changes and/or approve it as presented.

The final DPPOA budget is presented to the general membership at the June meeting where you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion and vote on it.

Gary Heal

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The community cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16th, 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 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.

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.

DRUM POINT CLUB

The Club is working with Telecom Capital Group on the installation of a cell tower on Club property. Discussion between the Club and Telecom Capital initially began two and a half years ago, but the application submitted by the Group was rejected by the County. The application has been resubmitted.

If approved by the County, the agreement between Telecom Capital and the Drum Point Club should produce some very badly needed revenue for the Club.

The tower will be located off Barreda Boulevard on the left hand side of the road when turning into Drum Point. You should not be able to see the tower from the road. A notice of the public hearing, which will be scheduled by the County, for approval of the tower will be announced.

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courtesy of the Solomons Island Volunteer Fire Fighters.

In January two DPPOA Board members, accompanied by several of our Safety Committee members, had a "meet and greet" tour of the Calvert County Emergency Center located in the basement of the Prince Frederick Court house. The County now recognizes our Drum Point Community Emergency Service Center as one of just three or four regional emergency centers (EOC's) directly tied into the County's emergency communication net.

Vince Barazzone, a long time Drum Point resident, was unanimously approved by the DPPOA Board for membership on the DPPOA Safety Committee Roster. We always welcome new volunteers to report on storm conditions and help with communications.

Peter Holt DPPOA Safety Committee



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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, March 12, 2016
Drum Point Club**

Call to Order

President's Remarks

Approval of Minutes

Committee Reports

**Nomination Committee
Presentation of Slate of Candidates**

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments

Adjournment