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Drum Point Light



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Special Tax District IV Budget Prepared

The Special Tax District (STD) budget committee work is done. The Board of Director's work is done. STD IV funds the projects supported by the recent community survey. The STD IV proposal will be for a three year period at \$125 per year, per lot as of July 2009. Due to the combining of lots, the number under STD IV is reduced from the original number of lots under STD III. Copies of the proposed budget can be obtained from the office or on the website. In addition to the DPPOA March membership meeting, there will be STD IV public hearings scheduled by the Board of County Commissioners.

The yearly (\$200,600) STD IV budget is 35% smaller than the current (\$312,000) STD III budget. Sixty percent (\$120,000) of the funds will go to Operating Expenses, and the remainder to Capital Improvements. Due to the economic downturn and resulting losses of income, many former DPPOA-

STD IV Proposes 35 % Reduction

The DPPOA Board of Directors voted at its meeting to petition the Calvert County Board of Commissioners for a fourth Special Taxing District (STD) in the amount of \$125.00/year/property. That is a reduction of \$67.00 from the \$192.00 levy we have been paying for STD III since 2004. The petition requests a three-year duration for fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The nearly 35 percent reduction is possible due to tight financial management of the Board of Directors and the use of grant programs over the past few years. The resulting reduction in yearly STD funding is over twice the new State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) funding expected from the state. All essential services and road maintenance will continue unabated for the duration of STD IV.

Final approval of our petition, which is in its final preparation phase, rests with the Board of County Commissioners who will consider our request at a Public Hearing to be

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President's Page

Max Munger, 2008-2009 DPPOA Board of Directors President



In the December 08 “Drum Point Light,” the Board presented a list of projects for the next year. It was the culmination of a previous survey (see summer newsletter) and two citizen committees’ work since last summer moving toward our next STD application. In the December issue I again asked for the community’s comments on that list of projects. The list was further explained at the December membership meeting where a survey of 38 property owners was collected. The same survey with one additional proposal was mailed with the annual billing to all property owners for further response from the community. As of Feb. 18, DPPOA received approximately 190 responses. That is 190 from 810 DPPOA members and over 1300 property owners.

The original 38 responses to the survey were very encouraging. The response from the community, while limited, was discouraging to say the least. It seems there is little interest or support for community improvements forwarded by the previous committees. This always brings up the question of how well DPPOA communicated the information to the owners. The membership meeting attendees are usually much more interested in and accurately informed about community issues. The original 38 did ask some clarifying questions at the meeting. Meetings, newsletters, websites, and office hours just do not seem enough to reach the entire community. Our nine board members received few requests for additional information on the community-wide survey. Such lack of contact is discouraging. The board members are all available for questions and timely, accurate information.

The survey indicates very low support (columns 1 & 2) for almost all of the projects. Surprisingly, the most expensive project, #15 (Restoration of the beaches) was supported (columns 4 & 5) in both surveys. Cost apparently was not a deciding factor in the responses. What is interesting are some of the differences between the original and the community responses. Project #1 was for some recording equipment and transcription funding to preserve the personal histories of Drum Point as experienced by several of our long-time residents. While the original 38 highly supported the notion, the community highly rejected it. Similarly, #8 (Public Works Manager), #11 (Forestry Management) and #16 (Lakeside Enhancements) were highly supported by the original group but rejected by the community.

Conversely, #13 (Fishing and Crabbing Piers) went from unsupported to highly desirable. Also, #8 and #16 show more responses in the middle (3) than either the unsupportive or supportive! There is obviously a misunderstanding of those proposals which would seemingly be of great benefit to the community such as parks and recreation. If we chose to include the middle (3) responses as supportive, most of the projects would be positively indicated.

DPPOA needs greater response on issues from not only its own members but from the community as a whole. The DPPOA board is always open to comments from the community. The full results of the survey (on pages 6 and 7 in this newsletter) will be available in the office and online (www.dppoa.org) along with several graphical views of the data. I will restate what I said in the December newsletter...

“Come to the March 2009 General Membership meeting. Most importantly, the Board of Directors wants the community families to step forward and support these efforts to build a better community. In public hearings for the next Special Tax District this spring, the Board of County Commissioners will hear your comments. If you want a better community, a safer community, a local place for kids to play, you must speak up, support the DPPOA and support the next Special Tax District.”

A Tale of Three Communities

Some 50 years ago, three common ownership communities emerged in Southern Calvert County: Chesapeake Ranch Estates, Drum Point and White Sands. Each was designed to appeal to a different life style: Chesapeake Ranch for those looking for a year-round residence with many amenities, Drum Point primarily for those hoping to live in a summer home environment and White Sands originally for a marina environment catering to a more resort type of area. Over the years, these communities chose different paths to move forward.

Chesapeake Ranch underwent a bankruptcy and decided to upgrade its roads, etc. with paid employees to do much of the road construction and repair. White Sands elected to use the Road Bond Tax Districts, and Drum Point used the newly passed Special Tax District approach.

The Chart below indicates the present costs to a homeowner residing in each of these communities and indicates only the mandatory fees. No judgment or criticism is intended by these figures. Let the reader decide which approach works best for their own community.

| Comparison Item | Drum Point | Chesapeake Ranch Estates | White Sands |
|--|--|--|---|
| Number of Lots | 1616 | 5014 | 1247 |
| County Roads (Miles) | 1.45 | 0 | 6 - approximately |
| Community Owned Roads (Miles) | 15.22 | 62.5 | 0.94 - approximately |
| Total Road Miles | 16.67 | 62.5 | 7 - approximately |
| Paved Roads (Community Owned) | All | 24.3 | 0.126 |
| How were paving costs paid? | Special Tax Districts | Special Tax Districts Association Dues | Special Tax Districts (exp) Road Tax Districts Association Dues |
| Number of Employees | 1 | 17 F/T 3 P/T | 2 |
| Annual Association Dues/Covenant Fees | \$25.00 - voluntary \$10.00 - mandatory | \$378.60 | \$180.00 |
| Annual Homeowner Fees, STD or Road Tax Amount | 192.00 STD currently | \$250.00 | \$7.00 - \$60.00 Road Tax - Average \$45.00 per year |
| Total Annual Cost to Homeowner Including all fees, STD, etc | \$202.00 per lot | \$628.60 per lot | \$225.00 per lot |
| Amenities | Administration Building Beach access Boat Ramp | Administration Building 3 Beaches Camp Ground Horseshoe Pit Stables Airpark | Administration Building Playground |

Summary of Proposed

| | FY2006 Actual | FY2007 Actual | FY2008 Actual |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Summary by Resource: | | | |
| Income: | 469,649 | 1,081,806 | 803,003 |
| Covenant Fees | 10,587 | 19,473 | 17,687 |
| SHUR | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| DPPOA Dues etc. | 61,866 | 50,752 | 22,847 |
| DP Carryover | 53,402 | 85,595 | 108,494 |
| DP Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STD I and II (GO) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STD III Operating (GO) | 134,051 | 57,625 | 70,000 |
| STD III Capital (CI) | 63,822 | 300,573 | 172,694 |
| STD IV Operating (GO) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STD IV Capital (CI) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STD Held By County (GO) | 106,393 | 491,804 | 314,303 |
| STD Carryover (GO/CI) | 39,528 | 75,984 | 96,878 |
| STD Reserves (CI) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | s/b zero | 0 | 0 |
| Expense: | 214,517 | 387,146 | 516,714 |
| Covenant Roads | 13,595 | 13,136 | 20,007 |
| SHUR | 27,787 | 33,246 | 4,319 |
| DPPOA Ops incl Reserve Exp | 39,974 | 36,275 | 52,679 |
| STD Operating+Contingency | 61,359 | 90,007 | 66,696 |
| STD Capital Imp+Plan incl Reserve Exp | 71,802 | 214,482 | 373,013 |
| | s/b zero | 0 | 0 |
| Net Differences: | 255,132 | 694,660 | 286,289 |
| Covenant | (3,008) | 6,337 | (2,320) |
| DPPOA | 75,294 | 100,072 | 78,662 |
| SHUR | (27,787) | (33,246) | (4,219) |
| STD Operating + 1/2 carryover | 145,653 | 251,512 | 208,895 |
| STD Capital + 1/2 carryover | 64,981 | 369,985 | 5,272 |
| | s/b zero | 0 | 0 |

* The above spreadsheet is a summary of the full budget proposed for the upcoming years and encompasses all sources of income, to include Association Dues, Covenant Fees, Special Tax District Revenue (proposed STD IV) and State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) Funds (average of funds received thus far). The full five-page spreadsheet is available upon request in the Association office.

The notes and "balancing actions" at the right are explanations of how the budget was derived - some items were deleted, such as the mortgage pay down, other plans were minimized, such as forestry management. Income projections from Association Dues and Covenant Fees were reduced in an effort to foresee possible reductions in income due to the economy. If necessary, other actions may be necessary as the economy and times dictate.

| | Notes |
|--------------|--|
| DPPOA | Income reduced Many expenses shifted to STD/SHUR Delete Mortgage pay down Delete Contingency Reduced others |
| SHUR | Split Reserve funding and expenses |
| STD | Added Piers and Breakwaters Rejuvenation moved to SHUR Delete Public Works Person Delete Vehicle Storage/tennis etc. Breakwaters delayed Forestry minimized Carryovers 60/40 |

Budget for all Income Streams *

| FY2009 Budget | FY2010 Budget | FY2011 Budget | FY2012 Budget | FY2013 Budget | FY2014 Budget | FY2015 Budget | FY2016 Budget | FY2017 Budget |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 673,040 | 583,817 | 477,242 | 613,105 | 424,743 | 427,161 | 458,386 | 403,775 | 632,455 |
| 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| 45,100 | 57,600 | 56,600 | 90,000 | 70,000 | 90,842 | 123,627 | 146,684 | 205,677 |
| 21,300 | 16,750 | 16,750 | 16,750 | 20,500 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 78,170 | 50,252 | 38,902 | 31,827 | 24,505 | 20,660 | 16,016 | 11,042 | 5,706 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,600 |
| 4,180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 152,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 160,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 120,375 | 120,375 | 120,375 | 134,820 | 134,820 | 134,820 | 134,820 | 134,820 |
| 0 | 80,250 | 80,250 | 80,250 | 89,880 | 89,880 | 89,880 | 89,880 | 89,880 |
| 128,744 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 60,546 | 245,590 | 151,365 | 110,903 | 71,538 | 47,459 | 21,377 | (12,150) | (29,395) |
| 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 150,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 39,167 | 0 | 156,667 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 370,398 | 390,450 | 334,750 | 516,247 | 344,666 | 363,169 | 402,322 | 342,957 | 566,096 |
| 13,800 | 11,500 | 11,788 | 12,082 | 12,384 | 12,694 | 13,011 | 13,336 | 13,670 |
| 37,500 | 56,000 | 58,050 | 90,103 | 59,158 | 65,049 | 66,943 | 62,340 | 96,240 |
| 49,218 | 28,100 | 23,825 | 24,073 | 24,345 | 24,644 | 24,974 | 25,336 | 61,335 |
| 118,780 | 124,350 | 129,588 | 135,489 | 142,279 | 149,282 | 156,727 | 165,444 | 161,685 |
| 151,100 | 170,500 | 111,500 | 254,500 | 106,500 | 111,500 | 140,667 | 76,500 | 233,167 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 302,642 | 193,367 | 142,492 | 96,858 | 80,077 | 63,992 | 56,064 | 60,819 | 66,359 |
| (800) | 1,500 | 1,213 | 918 | 1,116 | 806 | 489 | 164 | (170) |
| 50,252 | 38,902 | 31,827 | 24,505 | 20,660 | 16,016 | 11,042 | 5,706 | (29) |
| 7,600 | 1,600 | (1,450) | (103) | 10,842 | 25,794 | 56,684 | 84,344 | 109,437 |
| 132,045 | 143,379 | 81,607 | 51,427 | 35,464 | 14,013 | (9,081) | (37,915) | (41,562) |
| 113,545 | 7,986 | 29,296 | 20,111 | 11,995 | 7,364 | (3,069) | 8,520 | (1,317) |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Balancing Actions: others to be determined

Lowered expected income from Dues (<650) and Covenant Fees (<50 lots)

Assumes use of all monies brought forward - DPPOA, STD, SHUR and Funds held at County

Added SHUR revenue and expenses previous years derived from other categories

DPPOA and Covenant expenses rebalanced with STD and SHUR

DPPOA \$4,250 to Reserve (FY08 = \$12,750 for FY 06-07 and again in FY 09 for FYs 08-09)

STD Split 60/40 General Operating Expenses/Capital Improvements

STD \$125.00 3 years, \$140.00 thereafter

STD funded Storm Water Management and Special Projects

STD \$82,500 to Reserve (\$252,500 in FY 2008 for FYs 06-08)

Property Owners

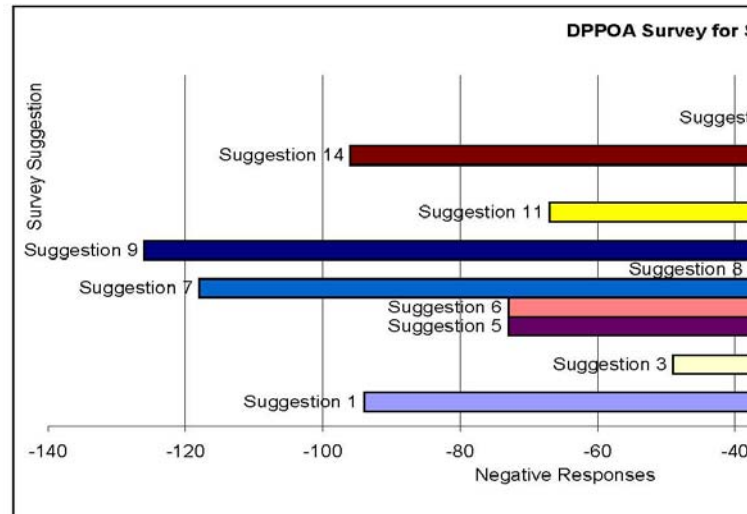
The community-wide survey, the results of which are displayed at right, was done primarily in preparation for the next Special Tax District. This analysis represents the response to the effort by the Association Board of Directors to determine the wishes and needs of those who own property and/or live in Drum Point.

The survey was sent in this year's statements in order to not only save money on postage and administrative dollars but to assure each property owner was afforded the opportunity for input. Of the approximately 1300 surveys mailed, 227 were returned in time for analysis and publication in this newsletter. This number represents approximately a 16% return.

It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board to budget the various income streams in a manner conducive to the smooth operation of the community. With money received from the STDs, Covenant Fees, Association Dues and now State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) funds, the budgeting process has become an endeavor requiring a great deal of time and thought. To those of you who responded in a timely manner, we say thank you.

The Board considered the input contained in the survey responses and intends to pursue those items which received a favorable response (see explanation at bottom of graph). The graph at right shows these items to be

| Survey Suggestion | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Recording equipment for Drum Point history - estimated cost \$2,000.00 |
| 2 | Marking major road lanes - estimated cost for 5 miles - \$2,000.00 |
| 3 | Bus Stop Benches - estimated cost for 5 benches - \$2,500.00 |
| 4 | Walkways, beach/Bay easements - estimated cost - \$5,000.00 |
| 5 | Kiddy Parks - estimated cost - \$25,000.00 each |
| 6 | Basketball Courts - estimated cost - \$7,000.00 each |
| 7 | Tennis Courts - estimated cost - \$12,000.00 each |
| 8 | Public Works Manager - estimated cost - \$12,000.00 |
| 9 | Vehicle Storage Lots - estimated cost - \$15,000.00 |
| 10 | Street lights - estimated cost - \$13.00 per month - 50 lights \$8,000.00 per year |
| 11 | Forestry Management Projects - estimated cost - \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00 per lot |
| 12 | Picnic areas - estimated cost - \$8,000.00 at beach |
| 13 | Fishing, crabbing, swimming pier - estimated cost - \$5,000.00 over 3 years |
| 14 | Office - open area purchase - estimated cost - \$20,000.00 |
| 15 | Beach breakwaters for beach restoration and preservation - estimated cost - \$15,000.00 |
| 16 | Causeway lake-side reconstruction - estimated cost - \$50,000.00 over 2 years |
| 17 | Discontinue effort to turn roads over to Calvert County for maintenance and care |

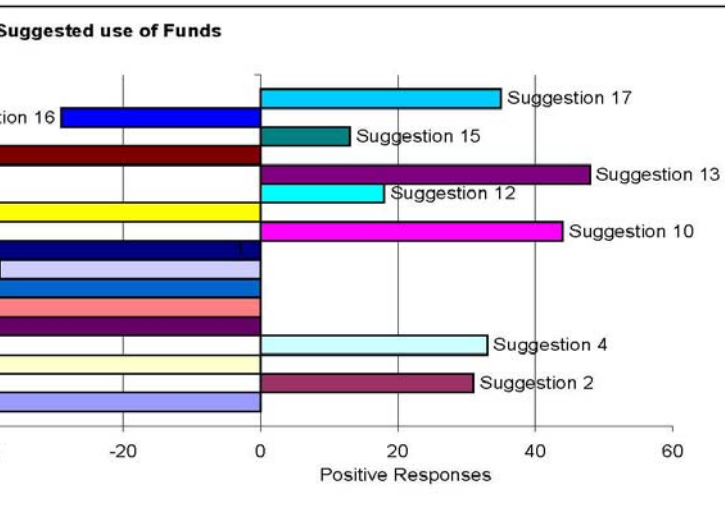


The above graph combines responses 1 & 2 (negative) and Neutral responses were not considered in the graph. Bars to the left of 0 represent negative or unfavorable responses. Bars to the right of 0 represent favorable or positive responses.

Survey Results

ers have Spoken

| | Rating Response 1 - 5 | | | | | Positive Votes less Negative Votes |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| | 80 | 41 | 73 | 14 | 13 | -94 |
| | 48 | 29 | 41 | 47 | 61 | 31 |
| | 79 | 30 | 54 | 36 | 24 | -49 |
| | 46 | 21 | 58 | 52 | 48 | 33 |
| | 94 | 28 | 52 | 26 | 23 | -73 |
| | 105 | 26 | 35 | 36 | 22 | -73 |
| | 115 | 38 | 36 | 16 | 19 | -118 |
| | 64 | 31 | 72 | 33 | 24 | -38 |
| | 125 | 28 | 42 | 16 | 11 | -126 |
| | 58 | 18 | 30 | 56 | 64 | 44 |
| | 82 | 27 | 66 | 29 | 13 | -67 |
| | 58 | 20 | 49 | 55 | 41 | 18 |
| | 48 | 18 | 43 | 54 | 60 | 48 |
| | 87 | 34 | 66 | 14 | 11 | -96 |
| 0,000.00 over 3 years | 55 | 25 | 52 | 55 | 38 | 13 |
| (see attached point paper | 63 | 29 | 66 | 39 | 24 | -29 |
| | 63 | 12 | 35 | 39 | 71 | 35 |



13 & 4 (positive).

Responses overall to suggestions contained in the survey.
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s and Analysis

as follows:

- Suggestion 2 - Marking major road lanes
- Suggestion 4 - Walkways, beach/Bay easements
- Suggestion 10 - Street lights
- Suggestion 12 - Picnic areas
- Suggestion 15 - Beach breakwaters

In addition to the above, the Board intends to investigate further the idea of forestry management. Although the apparent lack of support for this suggestion would suggest abandoning the issue, this is a subject the Board has considered for some time to be of utmost importance in the effort to prevent the possibility of fire spreading in a dry summer season. For those of you who may be concerned about the denuding of Association lots, please be assured this will not happen, and stay tuned to future newsletters for updates on how a forestry management plan will be implemented.

Item 17 on the survey, "Discontinue effort to turn roads over to Calvert County for maintenance and care," brought a favorable response. Roads will continue under Association ownership and maintenance. From these survey responses, budgets will be created using all available funding streams. The amount needed to meet these needs has been given careful thought and consideration. After Board discussion, a decision was made to request an STD in the amount of \$125.00 per year/per lot.

Facilities Management Report

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|---|---|---|--|
| (Engineering S7501 50,000.00 (07-08 budget) S7501 30,000.00 (08-09 budget) (Construction S7502 120,000.00) | Storm Water Drainage Engineering - Lake View Drive - Site # 19442 | Correction of long standing water pooling problem on Lake View Drive and Bay View Drive - Estimated cost to fix \$20,000.00 | COA submitted project to County for review re: grant - Request for grant funds rejected by County per letter from R. Clark 12/15/08 - Subsequent to a bidder's meeting on 2/6/09, the Association has issued an addendum to the original RFP and requested a bid opening of 3/13/09. To date we've received inquiries from 14 potential bidders. |
| | Storm Water Drainage Engineering - Beech Drive - Site # 19443 | Correction of long standing water pooling problem on Beech Road and Beech Drive - Estimated cost to fix \$20,000.00 | COA submitted project to County for review re: grant - Request for grant funds rejected by County per letter from R. Clark 12/15/08 - Subsequent to a bidder's meeting on 2/6/09, the Association has issued an addendum to the original RFP and requested a bid opening of 3/13/09. To date we've received inquiries from 14 potential bidders. |
| | Storm Water Drainage Engineering - Harbor Drive - Site # 19444 | Correction of long standing water pooling problem on Harbor Drive and marine Drive - Estimated cost to fix \$40,000.00 | COA submitted project to County for review re: grant - Request for grant funds rejected by County per letter from R. Clark 12/15/08 - Subsequent to a bidder's meeting on 2/6/09, the Association has issued an addendum to the original RFP and requested a bid opening of 3/13/09. To date we've received inquiries from 14 potential bidders. |
| S7918 - 10,000 | Leason Cove Embankment | Control erosion at end of Leason Cove as it meets Mill Creek | Preparing to put project out for bid . . Estimated cost under \$15,000. |
| S7922 - 4000.00 | Draft Hydrant Installation | Fire suppression system allowing for fire department tanker refills from Drum Point water bodies. | Additional locations - Lake Vista and Anchor Drive - Permit submitted 11/4/08 requires \$750.00 fee (MDE Rep will combine both applications so only one fee will be assessed) Cost of first dry hydrant was \$1,371.00 - Cost of each of these - approx. \$1,746.00 each |
| H5302 4,000.00 | Under Driveway pipe maintenance | Clean out under driveway swale pipes | Survey complete . Working on bid package for corrective action. |
| H5301 20,000.00 | Under Road pipe maintenance | Need to investigate location and status of pipes under all roads for possible replacement | Survey complete. Working on bid package for corrective action. |

What is a swale?

Some of you may have heard the word swale thrown about in discussions about driveways and rights of way. You may wonder, What is a swale? Webster's online dictionary defines the word swale as a "low-lying or depressed and often wet stretch of land, also: a shallow depression on a golf fairway or green." What does this have to do with your driveway?

The term swale, as it applies to a driveway, means simply that when a driveway is installed or an existing driveway is paved, there is a need to create a depression near the end of the driveway as it interfaces with the road in the Drum Point right of way.

The purpose is to allow rainwater to drain properly across the property rather than into the street or into a neighbor's yard. It is one more way to keep rainwater from standing in our roads which can cause deterioration of the asphalt.

A contractor hired to build or pave a driveway should have knowledge of this concept and not be surprised when you ask him about it.

Contact the Drum Point Property Owners' Association office before doing any work on your driveway or swale to ensure the work meets all standards.

Quarterly DPPOA Community Emergency Response Team Meeting set for March 12

The DPPOA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members will meet at 7 p.m. March 12 (Thursday) at the DPPOA Office. All community members are invited to share their ideas and learn of new programs to support our families in preparing for disasters. CERT Team Members are requested to bring their response equipment to the meeting. I will monitor CB channel 8 starting at 6:30 p.m. for those wishing to check their radios. I encourage all to check their equipment and give a call on channel 8. See you there.

Peter Holt DPPOA CERT Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENT

Once again, it is nearly time for spring. With spring comes the rain and with the rain comes not only the flowers but also MOSQUITOS. The County will soon begin spraying for the little pests. If you wish NOT to be included in the spraying area, please call the County's Mosquito Control office at 410-535-6924 to have your area excluded from the spraying.

Tax Time is here again...Pass the word!

The IRS/AARP TAX-AIDE program is available to all senior citizens (50+) for free. You may still be eligible for STIMULAS or REBATE payments from last year! There is a new Real Estate Tax deduction for all filers!

The Calvert County Office of Aging has certified volunteers at each of the senior centers from February-April to do your Federal and Maryland tax returns. Returns are electronically filed and any refunds can be deposited within two weeks of filing. Call your local senior center for an appointment.

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| Calvert Pines | 410-535-4606 |
| North Beach | 410-257-2549 |
| Southern Pines | 410-586-2748 |

Lusby Trash Compactor Site Brings Controversy

Calvert County has proposed the installation of a compactor site - the County refers to it as the Lusby Convenience center - just off the Southern Connector. A description of the proposed site is posted on the County's web site at www.co.cal.md.uslusbyconvcenter.asp.

Serious concerns have been expressed by several Drum Point residents who feel the site is ill-chosen.

County officials have now committed to conducting a public forum on the issue - probably sometime in mid-March - in which they will explain in detail the plans for the site and the rationale for the site selection.

Your Association will monitor the situation and advise via e-mail as the arrangements for the forum are finalized by the County.

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funded expenses are shifted to the State Highway User Revenue (SHUR) and STD portions of the overall budget. The accelerated pay down of the office mortgage is deleted as is any DPPOA contingency funding. The community survey, as adopted by the Board, has severely limited the new projects for funding under the STD IV. Large projects, such as breakwaters, piers and beach restoration are spread over several future years. STD IV expenditures for road way work will be negligible and will be an indirect function of the receipt of SHUR funds. If state gasoline receipts for SHUR go down, STD IV road expenses will go up and vice-versa! A Forestry Demonstration project is included which will encompass only a few lots. All Reserve Study funding for future community repairs is maintained. A second road rejuvenation project (reserve funded) is scheduled for 2012.

The remaining 2009 budget projects under STD III should begin soon, but will finish under STD IV timeframe. The three large intersection improvement projects (storm water management) will not receive any county grant funding, but are expected to be less expensive than budgeted. The unused/unallocated funds still held by the county will be depleted over the next three years under this reduced STD IV. The future recovery of the economy is uncertain, but an STD V adjustment will definitely be needed.

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held in the coming weeks. All residents will be advised via letter of the date and time of the Hearing.

More details of the proposed STD and the results of the opinion survey that led to its formation are available on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee is in its yearly quest for candidates to run for the Board of Directors. Those considering running for the Board must be a member in good standing of the Association with all fees and Dues paid. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2009.

The Nominating Committee is also in need of volunteers to help seek candidates for the Board of Directors. Committee members would also be asked to help process ballots (fold, stuff, stamp) and count the returned ballots.

Both tasks are of great importance to the Association and this community. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Heard any good rumors lately?

There is a rumor in the Community that the Association plans to pave over the green space on the lot across from the office. The Association has no such plans.

Some background. - For several years the Association has been allowed to occasionally use the lot immediately across from the office. In exchange for the use of the lot, the Association pays a nominal fee to mow the lawn. The Association recently offered to purchase the lot, but an agreement could not be reached on a price. We are negotiating with the owner, however, for a lease arrangement. In the meantime, the owner has no objection to our occasional use of the lot. Regardless of what arrangements are made, the Association has no plans whatsoever to pave the lot.

Unless otherwise noted, articles without
a by-line are
reviewed
and approved by the Board of Directors.

Spring Clean-up ...

The semi-annual community clean-up day has been scheduled for April 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We would like to remind everyone of the County rules that govern the dumping of trash on these days:

- **Items allowed include:**
 1. Stuffed furniture
 2. Major appliances
 3. Grills
 4. Mowers
 5. Bicycles
 6. Scrap metal
 7. Toys
 8. Similar items
- **Items prohibited include:**
 1. Yard waste
 2. Tires
 3. Batteries
 4. Paint and other hazardous material
 5. Construction debris
 6. Household garbage

As usual, the dumpsters will be placed on the corner lot, across from the office on 401 Lake Drive. A Drum Point hang tag is required in order to be allowed to take advantage of this benefit. Tags are available in the office the day of the clean up or during regular business hours.

Yard Sale

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Association would like to establish a tradition of a community-wide yard sale. In an effort to encourage participation by residents who do not have a yard conducive to a yard sale, the Association would like to offer its yard and the lot across from 401 Lake Drive for the display of "treasures" you wish to sell.

The date set for this event is one week prior to the Clean-up day, April 11th from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (rain date April 25th). Any "treasures" that do not sell can be dropped in the bins the following week. Of course, any items that truly are "treasures" could be dropped off at SMILE in order to support the thrift shop and food pantry.

The cost to rent an area near the office will be the donation of two non-perishable food items (canned or boxed) to benefit the food pantry at SMILE. Those of you who do not rent an area near the office are welcome to donate goods as well. There is always a need, and all donations are welcome.

Anyone wishing to participate in this event should contact the office at 410-326-6148 or via e-mail at office@dpboa.org by March 18th. Of course, if we receive little or no response, the event cannot take place.

Drum Point Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame continues to grow with the following name added:

- Those members of the community who took the time to thoughtfully read the survey and point paper and respond in a timely manner.
- Maria Miller, Drum Point property owner, Steelers fan and resident who has, on occasion, been attending DPPOA Board meetings.
- Dennis Baker, former Board member and resident, who is chairing the nominating committee for the 2009/2010 Board positions. See related item on preceding page of this newsletter.
- Any property owners who step forward to help on the nominating committee.
- Chris Moody - Property owner, resident and CERT team member who specializes in HAM radio operation.

**General Membership
2009 Meeting Schedule**

March 21, 2009—10:00 a.m.
June 17, 2009—7:30 p.m.
September 23, 2009—7:30 p.m.
December 5, 2009—10:00 a.m.

Maryland Code which states
All meetings will be conducted
pursuant to Section 5-206 of the :

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 require-
ments.

At the additional meeting, the
members present in person consti-
tute a quorum.

**General Membership
Meeting Agenda**

Saturday

March 21, 2009

**The Drum Point Club
Refreshments
10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order
President's Remarks
Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business
Nominations
STD IV Presentation
Public Comments
Adjournment**
