

# THE ISLAND TIMES



## ***TPPOA Board Members for 2009***

With the new year the TPPOA Board of Directors welcomes four additional members to its ranks. Bill Falk and Duane Stewart, who had been members in the past, return as Board members this year. Joan Fitzgibbons and Tim Penn come aboard as new members.

We are fortunate to have representation from all over our Island. Charlie Candon and Charlie Rader from Paca Dr.; Joe Cifala and Mike Sweeney from Turkey Point Rd.; Terri Flynn,

Joan Fitzgibbons, and Tim Penn from Boyd Dr.; Bill Hague from Brice Dr.; Jim Hunter, Sharyn Vogel, and Jim Ziepol from Bay Dr.; Marlene Simoncini from Knox Dr.; Duane Stewart from Murray Dr.; and Dave Welser and Bill Falk from Carroll Dr.

Volunteers other than Board members are always welcome and greatly appreciated for Turkey Point events such as Turkey Point Day, Spring Fling, the Halloween party, Dumpster Days and general Island maintenance. Island maintenance includes things like playground upkeep and trash pick-up on community property and beaches. Maintenance of paths to the three beaches is done on a volunteer basis that includes trash pickup, grass cutting and weed control. The community pier also requires periodic maintenance.

If you can volunteer even a little time to help with one or more of the above, please let any Board member know so that, when the time comes, you can be contacted about when and where you can help. Watch the message board that hangs below the Turkey Point Community sign on Turkey Point Rd. to see announcements of dates and times for activities and projects.

### Turkey Point Property Owners Association **General Meeting**

**WHEN:**

Wednesday  
February 18, 2009

**WHERE:**

Kiwanis Club  
Carrs Wharf Road

**TIME:**

6:00 – Social  
*Sample Turkey Point clothing will be on hand*

6:30 – Dinner  
*Pot Luck—Please bring a dish to share!*

7:00 – Meeting

### **Calendar of Events for 2009**

**April 18th**  
*Spring Fling*

**April 25th**  
*Island Clean-Up*

**May 20th**  
*General Meeting*  
**TBA**  
*Community Yard Sale*

**TBA**  
*Dumpster Days*

**September 16th**  
*General Meeting*

**September 19th**  
*Turkey Point Day*

**October 31st**  
*Halloween Party*

**November 18th**  
*General Meeting*

**December 6th**  
*Operation Santa*

### **2009 Board**

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Marlene Simoncini

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- ▲ To report power outages to BGE call **1-877-778-2222**. Reporting outages helps BGE pinpoint the problem and the extent of the problem.
- ▲ 35 million years ago an asteroid hit Earth in the region that is now the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.
- ▲ M&Ms candies, this conveniently non-melting chocolate candy, was invented in World War II as a morale-boosting treat for American troops.
- ▲ The Island Times is always available online at [www.turkeypointisland.com](http://www.turkeypointisland.com).

## Message from Woodland Beach V.F.D.

This past holiday season we had another successful toys for kids event. The following message was sent to the residents of Turkey Point Island from the Woodland Beach V.F.D. after "Operation Santa" on December 5:

*"Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. would like to thank all the residents of Turkey Point Island for the generous donations of toys for the annual Christmas toy drive. Thank You from*

*the members of the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Dept."*

Each year for the past decade the Woodland Beach Fire Department has collected toys for needy children here in our area. This year 18 neighborhoods participated in the toy drive. Turkey Point Island was the first stop on the collection route that began at 5 p.m. and made its last stop at about 8:30 p.m. After collecting the gifts, the fire-



## SPRING FLING!

Flappers, feathers, champagne and speakeasies were all the rage in the "Roaring Twenties," and that's our theme for this year's Spring Fling. Please join us on April 18th for another fantastic prime rib/chicken dinner with all the accoutrements, beer, wine and dancing til midnight. Tickets are \$25 per person. This party is not limited to Turkey Point Islanders, so invite your friends. Tickets are limited, so get them early. We will send out a flyer at a later date with all the particulars. We need volunteers to help transform the Kiwanis Club into a speakeasy and welcome any decorating ideas. Please call Marlene at **410-798-4070** to volunteer for decorating, set up, appetizers, desserts or cleanup the next day.

fighters worked until about midnight unloading and sorting the presents.

In addition to the toy drive, the county fire companies adopt four families each Christmas. These families each receive a full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings as well as gifts for the children.

*On Turkey Point Island Operation Santa is coordinated by Paul Mills and Charlie Rader. Thanks guys!*

## Recycling

John R. Leopold has made recycling in Anne Arundel County a priority. Our County goal is to recycle at least 50% of everything we throw away. In December we were at 34%, which is good but not yet our goal.

More items than ever before can be recycled. New to the recycle acceptable list are waxed cartons like milk and juice cartons/boxes, aluminum foil, roasting pans and pie pans, plastic bags & shrink wrap (secured in a plastic bag), plastic cups, plates, trays, utensils, buckets, laundry baskets,

flower pots, plastic toys, pools and play sets. Even plastic lawn furniture, coolers, storage totes, trashcans & old recycling containers are acceptable.

All recycling items can go in the same container, no need to separate. Container labels, caps and lids need not be removed. You may put out an unlimited amount of recycling. Yellow recycling containers or any other container of your choice marked with a large "X" may be used. Very large items (too large for your containers) should be placed next to your

recycling container.

Have you ever wondered where paper, glass, plastic and metal go when it leaves the trucks? In Anne Arundel County it goes to WM Recycle America in Elkridge, MD. The recyclables are sorted by material and baled. Then they are sold to manufacturers to make new products.

If you have questions about recycling contact the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works at **410-222-7951** or on line at [www.RecycleMoreOften.com](http://www.RecycleMoreOften.com).

# Vinegar As An Environmentally Safe, Versatile Household Cleaner

In this age of harsh household cleaning chemicals, many of us are looking for safer, more natural alternatives. Vinegar is, by definition, a sour liquid created by fermentation that turns sugar into acetic acid. It is made using apples, grapes, etc. that are fermented. We think of vinegar as an ingredient in food preparation but it is also an inexpensive cleaner for many things.

## Following are a few tips for cleaning items around the house with environmentally safe vinegar:

- ▲ Deodorize the kitchen drain by pouring a cup of distilled white vinegar down the drain once a week. Let it stand for 30 minutes, then flush with cold water.
- ▲ Wash windows with a mixture of equal parts of distilled white vinegar and warm water. Dry with rolled-up newspaper or with a soft cloth.
- ▲ Remove refrigerator smells by placing one cup of apple cider vinegar in a

glass in the refrigerator.

- ▲ Wash fruits and vegetables in a solution of two tablespoons distilled white vinegar to one pint of water; then rinse thoroughly.
- ▲ Remove (dissolve) mineral deposits in an automatic coffee maker by filling the reservoir with distilled white vinegar and running it through a brewing cycle. Rinse thoroughly with water and run a cycle of clear cold water through the coffee maker before brewing the next pot of coffee.

- ▲ Wash no-wax floors with a solution of 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar to a half gallon of warm water.
- ▲ Clean and deodorize the microwave by boiling a solution of 1/4 cup of distilled white vinegar and one cup of water in the microwave. It will loosen splattered-on food and will deodorize the microwave.

## New Look for AA County Web Site

In early January the Anne Arundel County official web site got a new look. The web site, [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org), details information about the county government and lists resources for residents. The new site replaces purple hues and small print with softer tones of blue and beige in a larger font. Officials say all the same information is there, but it is now more simply organized. The new look was created to make the site easier to use, more modern, and more visually appealing.

## WHAT IS THAT BIG BROWN BUG?



Have you even heard of a camel cricket? That is the name of that large, brown, hopping bug that we are finding in our basements and garages. They get their name because of their slightly hump-backed appearance. These bugs have a body that is generally one to one and a half inches long with six skinny legs and very long antennae. Camel crickets have no wings (like field crickets) and do not make the “chirping” sound we so often

associate with crickets. They are hard to catch because they can easily jump a foot high and a few feet across the floor.

Outside camel crickets live in moist areas, ground cover areas and in woodpiles. Inside they live under and behind stored items and large appliances. They can damage stored items, such as clothing and linens, packed in boxes in basements or garages.

Our best defense is a good offense; conscientious use of caulking and weather-stripping keeps most crickets out of your house. Using plastic storage containers or stacking cardboard boxes off the floor where there is airflow will discourage camels from nesting. If you can't shoo them out with a broom or mop, sticky boards in corners and behind appliances is a proven way to rid yourself of camel crickets in your home.

## Winter Farmer's Market Open!

A winter farmers market is open now at Westfield Annapolis mall. This is a seasonal extension of the market that opened in the mall's parking lot last summer.

The market is open from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and is planned to run through April 26. It can be found in the first level of the Nordstrom parking garage.

Products will include beef, pork, eggs, chicken, winter produce and greens, baked goods, coffee, tea, honey, oranges, grapefruits, herbal products and cheese.



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## ISLAND NOTES!

**Automated External Defibrillators (AED)**—Turkey Point Island now has two AEDs available for Islanders in need. One is located at 1169 Turkey Point Rd. This is at the corner of Turkey Point Rd. and Brice Dr. The second is located at 3704 Ramsey Dr. This is at the corner of Turkey Point Rd. and Ramsey Dr. **Thanks again to Bob Widman** for his time and talent in the construction of the white box like enclosures in which the AEDs are housed.

**Annual Dues**—The annual TPPOA dues are \$50.00 per household per year. The monies collected in dues are used for Island maintenance, social functions and for a nest egg in the event of a special need. Checks to pay dues should be made out to TPPOA and mailed to TPPOA, Box 56, Mayo, MD 21106.

**General Meetings**—For more specific information about Island functions or finances, residents are encouraged to attend any general meeting of the TPPOA. These meetings are at

7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesdays of February, May, September and November at the Kiwanis Club on Carrs Wharf Rd.

**County Contacts**—Anyone can contact the office of the County Executive by calling **410-222-1260**. To contact the Community Services Specialist for our area, **Deborah “Bea” Poulin**, please call **410-867-2027** or contact her website [bpoulin@aacounty.org](mailto:bpoulin@aacounty.org).

**Peninsula Envy**—Sadly, our local café and business center, **Peninsula Envy**, has closed. **Monica Pineau** graciously printed our previous newsletters for us in four color at a greatly reduced price. We are now back to our two-color version and we will miss her excellent printing! We are sorry to see our neighborhood coffee shop close.

And special thanks to **Don Cantrell** of **Cantrell/Cutter Printing** for printing our newsletter while we search for a new local printer!

### Homestead Property Tax

If you recently received an Assessment Notice with the estimate of the new market value of your residence, you may also have received a form titled “Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility Application.” It is important that you fill out and return this application. You may be eligible for the program that limits the assessments on which your real estate taxes are calculated. Just fill out and mail back this simple one-page form to keep your taxes as low as possible. If you have any questions, you can call the tax assessment office at **410-974-5709**.

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