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The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has published a checklist for emergency preparedness. Their advice is to keep the following items in a sturdy, easy-to-carry container like a duffel bag or a plastic container so that you are ready in case of an emergency.

- ▲ Water—one gallon per person for three days, stored in plastic containers
- ▲ Food—ready to eat canned meat, fruit and vegetables; canned soup, milk, juices; food for infants and adults with special diets; high energy snacks like crackers, trail mix, granola bars, peanut butter; comfort foods like cookies, candy, hot chocolate, tea bags, and instant coffee. (Don't



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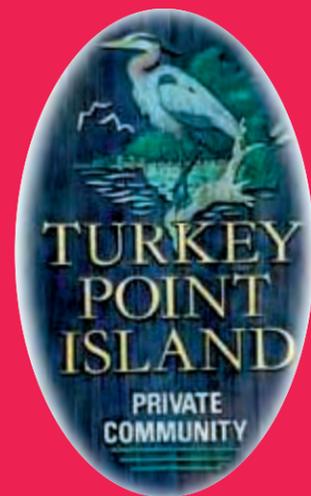
- forget a non-electric can opener)
  - ▲ Prescription medicines
  - ▲ First Aid Kit that includes non-prescription drugs like pain relievers
  - ▲ Flashlight and extra batteries
  - ▲ Cash including both bills and coins
  - ▲ Family documents like driver's licenses, medical and prescription plan cards, identification for infants and children
  - ▲ Sturdy clothing, rain gear and bedding
  - ▲ Small tool kit
  - ▲ Bathroom supplies like toilet paper, soap, personal hygiene items
  - ▲ Pets supplies like food, carriers and leashes and proof of rabies shots
- Remember, too, it would be wise to have a plan that includes where you will meet if there is an emergency, where you will go if you evacuate, and how you will contact each other if you are separated.



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## Dues and Assessments

Statements of dues and lot assessments were sent to every property owner in early July, 2009. If, for any reason, you have not yet made payment, please use this as a reminder and make sure, if not already done, you take care of it at your earliest convenience.

All money collected is used for upkeep of community property, communication with home owners via *The Island Times* and the Turkey Point web site, and for community sponsored social events such as Turkey Point Day and the Halloween Party.

**Timothy Penn has volunteered to be TPPOA treasurer this year.** If you are uncertain about whether or not you have paid these fees or if you are unsure of the amount owed, please call Timothy at **410-798-4046** and he will help you with any questions.

Checks should be made payable to TPPOA and mailed to TPPOA, Box 56, Mayo, MD 21106.

## E-Mail for News Between Newsletters

Do you know that we have a news capability via e-mail? **Jim Ziepol** maintains a listing of e-mail addresses of Turkey Point residents that he uses to send messages when activities (good or not so good) happen on our Island that homeowners and their families should know about. The messages might be to alert us of vandalism, a lost pet or anything that is of concern to our community. Jim has sent out several messages in recent months. If you have not received these messages and would like to be included, send your name and e-mail address to Jim at **zeepeman@gmail.com** Also, if your e-mail address has changed, let Jim know so that you can be included in future communications.

### Community Pier With Clydesdale Feet New Year's Weekend!



Photo courtesy of Sharyn Vogel

## Turkey Point Property Owners Association General Meeting

- WHEN:**  
 Wednesday  
 February 17th
- 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

- General Meeting**  
 February 17th
- Spring Fling**  
 April 24th
- Spring CleanUp**  
 May 1st
- Dumpster Days & Yard Sale**  
 TBA
- General Meeting**  
 May 19th
- Turkey Point Day**  
 September 11th
- General Meeting**  
 September 15th
- Halloween Party**  
 October 31st
- General Meeting**  
 November 17th
- Operation Santa**  
 December 5th

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## Island Foxes—The Four-Legged Kind!

BY CHARLIE CANDON

There are foxes living on Turkey Point. I personally enjoy seeing them and consider them one of the attractions of living on the Island. However, as is not unusual, everyone may not agree. Regardless of one's personal preference, leg traps are illegal. Recently, a fox was seen with one leg dangling as it attempted to seek cover. While the fox may have been injured in another manner, it appears the fox chewed or wrenched its leg free from a trap resulting in a maimed fox

that could no longer hunt for its own food. This fox will likely starve to death while making desperate attempts to obtain food.

The legal manner to deal with a nuisance fox is to call Anne Arundel County animal control. They are located in Millersville and have an emergency (24 hour) phone number **410-222-8900**. I suggest that this more humane manner of handling a nuisance animal be chosen.



## Windy Weather and Trash

Most of us put our trash and recycling bags and containers at the street the evening before or early the morning of pick-up. Wind is a fact of life where we live. There are several hours of each collection day that our waste is out for wind, birds and animals to do damage, especially to overfilled containers. Lightweight boxes, plastic bottles and newspapers seem to get away easily and often. Bagged or tied newspapers and magazines on top of light items make a good weight to hold everything in. Additional (or replacement) recycling containers are available free at the Recycling Office at 2662 Riva Road. Also, in case you didn't know, it is not necessary to use a yellow bin for recycling. Putting an "X" on any barrel makes it acceptable. Not overfilling will help the collection staff and will keep your yard (and your neighbors' yards) free of litter.

## Winter Farmer's Market

The Winter Farmer's Market is still open! Every 1st and 3rd Sunday until March 21st in the Nordstrom's parking garage you will find beef, chicken, pork, eggs, winter greens, baked goods, pottery, alpaca products, honey, coffee, herbal products, jams and soaps. The market is open between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information online go to [www.aedc.org](http://www.aedc.org) or by phone at **410-222-7410**. Evenings and weekends contact Brenda Conti at **410-349-0317**.

**Ledo** Rick Easterling is the owner at the establishment located on Solomons Island Road in Edgewater. You will find great salads, favorite entrees, specialty subs and burgers, pizzas and calzones made to order, noon and night. Eat in or carry out by calling **410-956-6700**

## Slow Down for Safety!

Remember that the speed limit on Turkey Point Island for all vehicles is 25 miles per hour. That speed limit extends out Turkey Point Road to Route 214. Our Island population is ever increasing with more children and adults of all ages out walking. Walkers share the roads with vehicles, as we have no sidewalks or paths. Patches of snow and ice make for increased winter hazards. Please consider all who share the road with you and drive carefully and courteously.



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Come visit us February 19th!!!!

**Turkey Point Web Site**  
Have you visited the Turkey Point Island web site at [www.turkeypointisland.com](http://www.turkeypointisland.com)? Tracy Sweeney has been keeping this site current for us for years now. All past and current newsletters are there in addition to information about community projects and activities, pictures of people and places on our Island and much more. Thanks to Tracy for a great job!

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## Santa Visits and Collects Toys

At 5 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, December 5th the Woodland Beach fire engine arrived on Turkey Point Island with Santa aboard to collect Christmas gifts for less fortunate boys and girls. Santa made several stops along Turkey Point Road, came down off the fire engine to talk with the kids (of all ages) and collected lots of wrapped gifts. Thanks to the generosity of the families on Turkey Point, there were a lot of wrapped gifts for children who might not have otherwise had gifts for Christmas. Once again, **Paul Mills** and **Charlie Rader** coordinated with the firemen and Santa to make this annual event a success.

Thanks to Sharyn Vogel for taking pictures of Santa and the families who came out to greet him.



## Use of the Beaches and Community Pier

BY CHARLIE CANDON

Find strolls on the beaches and times on the pier to be some of the most enjoyable aspects of living on Turkey Point Island. Meeting other islanders and enjoying these common experiences render life's simple moments a pleasure. In order to insure the continued enjoyment by all islanders, the Board is considering requiring decals for vehicles that park in order to access the beaches and the pier.

There are two primary concerns that have lead to this consideration. First and foremost is the recent use of the pier and beaches by vagrants. Late last summer an obviously intoxicated individual was seen swimming in his underclothing and then milling about the pier while a mother and son were trying to fish. The police were called. They responded quickly, efficiently and with professionalism. The second concern is with trash and its removal. This is a problem, especially in the summer.

It is requested that anyone who has a thought regarding these or any other Island matter please attend the next **General Meeting on February 17th**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Club, Carrs Wharf Road.

## Save the Date SPRING FLING, APRIL 24TH

Mark your calendar's for Spring Fling. This year we are changing things a bit. Instead of our usual sit-down dinner, this year's Fling will be an all-appetizer event along with our fresh shucked oysters, wine, beer, sodas, desserts and coffee. And, of course, a DJ so everyone can get down and boogie! Invite your family and friends. All are welcome.

## Did You Know That...

- ▲ In one year, one acre of mature trees absorbs the carbon dioxide produced by driving 26,000 miles.
- ▲ The used water from your fish tank is good for your plants. It is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing a free and effective fertilizer.
- ▲ Cooking in your microwave instead of your oven/stove reduces cooking energy by as much as 80%.
- ▲ Flu viruses can live 8 to 12 hours on paper or cloth, 24 to 48 hours on nonporous places like doorknobs and phones and up to 72 hours on wet surfaces like towels and faucets.
- ▲ People who log less than seven hours of sleep per night are about three times more likely to catch a cold after being exposed than those who snooze eight hours or more.
- ▲ In a dryer, it's the lack of moisture, not the heat, that causes clothes to shrink. Dryers with moisture sensors shut off the dryer automatically and prevent over drying.
- ▲ The Anne Arundel County Department of Health offers advice and tips for staying safe in cold temperatures on its website [www.ahealth.org](http://www.ahealth.org) Click on "Cold Weather Tips" under "Hot Topics" for information about inside and outside safety in cold weather.