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# THE ISLAND TIMES



## TURKEY POINT DAY

September 14th — 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Cloud Field

Please join us for another fun-filled day!

**T**urkey Point Day is a great family event and a great way to get to know your neighbors. There will be a Moon Bounce, volley ball, corn hole, our Island DJ Rex, pit beef, burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, baked beans, salad, dessert, water, soda, beer and

wine. Food and drinks are free for island residents. Guests are welcome. Admission for guests is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under six years. Residents attending are asked to fill out the menu by bringing a non-perishable dish or dessert to share. Fruit, salads, cookies, brownies and cupcakes are always favorites.

A lot goes into Turkey Point Day preparation. Setting up and taking down tents, tables and chairs for the event is a big job. Help manning the grill is always appreciated. More help means less time and work for all. If you can, plan to come early to help set up or plan to stay a little while after 6 o'clock to help take down. It's always a good time to visit with your neighbors and enjoy lots of good food.

## COMMUNITY PIER AND BEACH RULES

While you are taking precautions to swim safely, please remember to follow TPI's Pier and Beach Rules as approved by the TPPOA on August 7, 1990:

- \* Only residents of Turkey Point and their guests and authorized persons are allowed on the beaches and pier. Guests should be personally identified or accompanied by a member before entering beach and pier areas.
- \* No beach or pier activities involving more than 10 guests shall be held without permission from the TPPOA Board of Directors, Chairman or designate.
- \* The pier is under curfew between 11:00 p.m. and 5 a.m. to all except heads of households or those accompanied by the head of household.
- \* Children under eight years of age must be accompanied by a responsible older person.
- \* Glass containers are prohibited from the beach and pier.
- \* No horseplay or running on the pier. No diving from the pier.
- \* The pier was installed primarily for fishing and crabbing. Boats shall not be tied or permanently moored to the pier except for loading or unloading.
- \* When possible, take all trash and recycling with you. Remember that your neighbors volunteer to empty these containers and would appreciate your cooperation. When you can't take it with you, trash is to be placed in the containers provided. Crab lines should be removed from the pier when you leave the area. No commercial type crab pots are permitted.
- \* Pets are permitted in the area: however, county law requires that they be on a leash. Pet droppings must be removed by the pet owners.

### Calendar of Events 2013

- September 14th  
Turkey Point Day  
Cloud Field
- October 10th  
General Meeting & Election of Board and Officers  
7:00 p.m.
- October 31st  
Island Halloween Party  
5:00- 6:00 p.m.

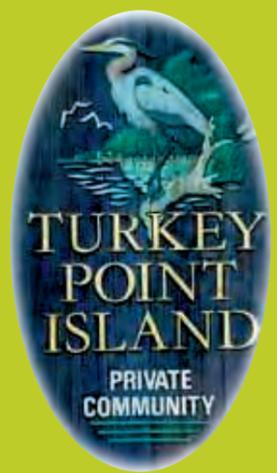
**Also:** Please know and respect your physical abilities while enjoying community properties at your own risk.

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**FYI** Remember this is a community newsletter. Please feel free to submit an article or letter to the TPI Times editor, Charlie Candon (410-798-1848 or c.la.candon@verizon.net) for consideration for publication. Or contact ANY Board member with same. Let's all share the information we think pertinent to each other.



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## Rats on TPI

Rats have been identified on certain TPI properties. Since rats are nocturnal, it is very unlikely to see them during the day. An adult rat can flatten its jaws and chest small enough to fit through a ½ inch gap in concrete. They are happy when they have food sources, such as pet food and bird seed (a favorite!) and places like crawl spaces, sheds, wood piles, etc., where they can comfortably live.

Rats carry diseases transmissible to people and their pets, such as Leptospirosis. “Leptospirosis is



transmitted by contact through the skin or mucous membranes (such as inside the nose) with water or soil that is contaminated with the urine from infected animals”. Here is a link from the CDC with more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/rodents/diseases/direct.html>

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You are urged to conduct a through examination of your property structures for evidence of rat infestation. Some companies, such as Blades of Green will conduct a rat search of your property at no charge. Rat baits have been successful in treating rat infestation.

If anyone else is having a problem with rats, you may contact a board member so that we might discern the scope of the problem and if further action needs to be taken.

## Community Yard Sale

This year’s yard sale was held on June 1st. **Thank you to Mike and Tracy Sweeney** for organizing this, and making sure it was advertised through many venues. Those who participated were thrilled with the response. Good work everyone!

## Have You an Idea?

The TPPOA Board of Directors is always looking for ideas and feedback from Island residents. Please contact any Board member to voice your opinion or offer suggestions. And remember — attending a General Meeting is the best way to get your voice heard and contribute your ideas to this wonderful community. Next General meeting is October 9th 7 p.m. at Selby Bay Yacht Club.

## Landscaping and Yard Maintenance Prior to 7 a.m.

Please be respectful of you neighbors regarding all noises including powered tools, dog barking, etc., especially on weekends before 10am. The complete county code can be found at: <http://www.aacounty.org/police/Noise.cfm#.Ucw7-uDmqFV>



Great year for oysters! Here are some from Parmele’s pier that really did well. Great job to all of TPI oyster growers! Anyone else interested, please contact South River Federation, 410-224-3802 or Lee Ann, 410-798-1848.

**DID YOU KNOW**—Governor O’Malley has signed into law a bill to extend the Homestead application deadline to December 30, 2013. For information and to see if you qualify, go to: [http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/homestead\\_app.htm](http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/homestead_app.htm)

**DID YOU KNOW**—TPPOA vehicle ID windshield press-on stickers are available to all Island residents who wish to park at Community beaches. Contact the Candons 410-798-1848 or [c.la.candon@verizon.net](mailto:c.la.candon@verizon.net) for yours.

## Can You Help Greet New Neighbors?

For many years now, Jim Ziepolt, a long-time resident of TPI, has taken the initiative to greet new Island residents with a warm hello and a handful of information about the community. If anyone would like to take that task on, Jim would be extremely grateful. Jim is always helping whenever he can and unfortunately is stretched too thin. He would be happy to initiate you as to what he does and welcome your suggestions on how you would do it. Please contact Jim at 301-261-7849 or [zeeperman@gmail.com](mailto:zeeperman@gmail.com). Thank you!!

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## Beach Water Quality

With all the heavy rainfall this summer it is important to check water quality before you, your kids, or pets go swimming or have contact with waterways. There are many ways to get information about the quality of the water in Selby Bay as well as other waterways in the county.

### AA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES THIS PREEMPTIVE ADVISORY:

**After rainfall of 1/2 inch or more, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for at least 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from rainwater runoff and increased health risks. Do not swim in cloudy, murky water. During the summer swim season, the Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Program will resume its routine sampling following the 48-hour period.**

Please take this advisory to heart. This is not a drill!!!! It is a sad comment on the quality of our waterways due to stormwater runoff. Let’s hope we are able to help rectify this problem with measures such as the stormwater fee improvements, etc.

 **AA County’s Health Department** tests beaches throughout the county

from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The results are updated every Friday. You can see these results by going to <http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/rec-water/reports>. There is also a 24-hour hotline which informs you of beach closures due to high bacteria counts at 410-222-7999. This hotline will also tell you when restrictions have been lifted.

 **The Health Department** tests Cloud Beach #1 at Bay and Carroll and Paca Beach #2 at Bay and Paca every two weeks. The results of these tests can be found at the link above. Be forewarned — they only test every two weeks.

 **The South River Federation** runs Operation Clearwater, a water quality program available to waterfront community associations who pay \$385 for weekly testing mid-May through August. They test every Wednesday, and the results are posted Friday. The Lab testing is done by Dr. Sally Horner, AA County Community College’s Professor of Microbiology. TPPOA is not currently enrolled in this program, but you can see the results of beaches around us who participate by going to <http://www.southernriverfederation.net/index.php/river-health/bacteria-data>.

## Are You on the Turkey Point Phone/Email List

To be included on the TPI contact list and receive pertinent emails, please contact Barb Flynn with any updates on phone numbers, emails, names, etc. She can be reached at [flynnndenbar@comcast.net](mailto:flynnndenbar@comcast.net). Turkey Point phone/email lists are available at general meetings. If you cannot attend, please contact a board member for one.

 **New! Mobile Swim Guide App** — available for download to your smartphone from the Waterkeeper Alliance! Search Swim Guide in your app store. Download the app (you may see Santa Monica beach — don’t worry — once you download it, it will take note of your location and send you to South River).

 **AA County Health Department** offers free Recreational Water Quality E-Alerts by going to [www.aahealth.org/alerts](http://www.aahealth.org/alerts). Enter your email address to have alerts sent automatically to your email.

*Stay safe this summer and keep yourself and your kids informed!!*

## Spontaneous Combustion is No Joke!



saved, and the damage to their garage has since been repaired.

It happened to our very own Marlene Rice at her new home in Lothian. Her husband Greg had spent a tuesday evening staining their front and side porches. He put the Brazilian Rosewood oil-soaked rag in an open metal paint roller pan and placed it uncovered on a shelf in the garage—plenty of ventilation. Three days later, at 3:30 in the morning, they were awakened by their fire alarms. The garage was engulfed in flames. Luckily, no one was hurt, the cars were



**PLEASE: Read and heed warning labels regarding proper disposal of used rags, brushes, etc!**