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# THE ISLAND TIMES

## Winter on Turkey Point Island

This winter has been exceptional considering the frigid temperatures and the repeated bouts of snow and ice. Enough of that. **Think Spring!!!!**



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## Island Clean Up

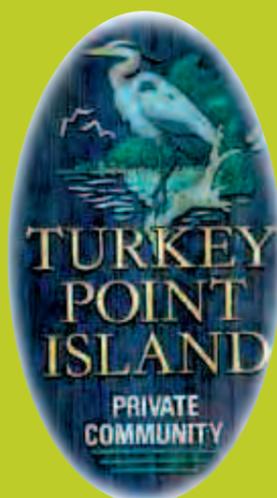
Island Clean Up is scheduled for April 25th, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will meet at the corner of Bay and Boyd where the entrance to the boardwalk and pier is.

### Here are some tasks we have planned for this year:

- ▲ Trash and debris pick up — Trash bags will be provided for small groups to walk different parts of the island and pick up any trash and debris.
- ▲ Stake removal — Help is needed to remove the stakes from the beach stabilization grasses that were planted last summer.
- ▲ DeWitt/Stonebrook Marsh Dedication Garden — needs to be weeded and freshened up
- ▲ Marsh grasses at the corner of Boyd and Bay — need to be cut and gathered.

Various other tasks to be determined. Come on down, bring all the kids, and pitch in however you can and want to. It's a good idea to bring your own gloves. It is a really fun community event. If anyone has an idea for a project needing to be tended to on this day, please do contact a board member. See you then!

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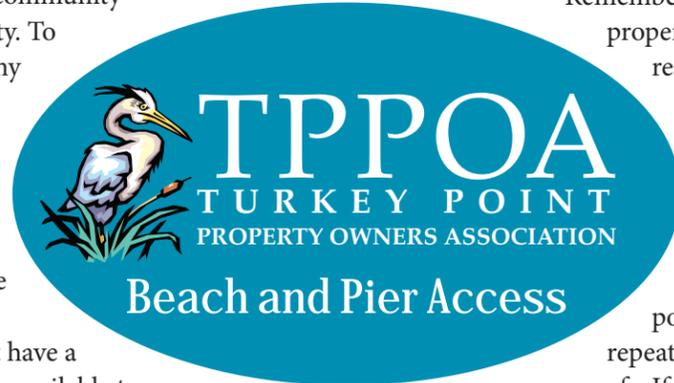
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## Beaches & Pier Access Car Windshield Stickers

Remember to get a press-on sticker for your car if you plan to park at the pier, one of the community beaches or any community property. To obtain a press on sticker, contact any board member.

In addition, there have been complaints of non-residents using community property. In hope of curtailing illegal use of community property, a flyer will be placed on cars parked at or near community property which do not have a community sticker. These flyers are available to all Island residents. Please feel free to contact any board



member to obtain a copy of the flyer.

Remember that guests on community property must be accompanied by a resident. If you ever encounter a problem while accessing the community properties, the local law enforcement agencies encourage everyone to call 911 so there can be a record of the problem. Calling 911 will result in police response which discourage repeat offenders and keep our community areas safe. If there are any questions, please contact a board member.

## Community Property

Community property is for the enjoyment of all Turkey Point Island residents and property owners. Please do not place temporary or permanent objects of any kind on community property without clearing it with the board of directors first.

A primary purpose of the board is to protect and preserve community property for the use and enjoyment of all Turkey Point Island residents and property owners.

If you have a suggestion as to how community property may be enhanced for the benefit of all, please contact any board member.

# FYI

This is a community newsletter and a great way to share information about what is going on around here. Please feel free to submit articles or pictures to the *Island Times* editors, Lee Ann or Charlie Candon (410-798-1848 or c.la.candon@verizon.net) for consideration in

the next edition. Any input is welcome!

Do you have any issues or concerns or ideas for the community? Please contact any board member! If you see something out there that needs attention or have an idea, please let them know.

## Firehouse Santa

While it seems like a long time ago, Woodland Beach Fire Department would like to thank everyone who took the time to donate a present and come out to meet Santa. Not only did it help those who received the thoughtful gifts, this wonderful Turkey Point event was enjoyed by all who came out, especially the children who got to see Santa! Thank you.

## Smoke Detectors and Your Home

BY STEVEN VONBRIESEN



On July 1, 2013 Maryland passed new smoke detector laws which will eventually affect all homeowners.

If you're like most people you bought your home with smoke detectors already in place and except for changing the batteries twice a year, you don't give them much thought.

Well just like *all* things in our busy little world, smoke detector technology combined with new "best practices" have changed much in the last several years allowing lawmakers to improve minimal requirements for residential housing.

The new laws are aimed at reducing fire deaths by utilizing new and improved smoke detectors along with the number, placement and type of units.

### Some of the improvements in technology include:

- ▲ Ten year tamper resistant batteries. No more worrying about changing the battery twice a year! Yeah!
- ▲ End of Life warnings when the smoke detector needs replacing.
- ▲ Interconnectivity. When one alarm alerts they all do.
- ▲ Hush buttons to silence nuisance alarms.
- ▲ Combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms or multi sensor alarms.
- ▲ Smart detectors that verbally warn you which room the alarm has alerted in and is integrated to your smart phone.

### Some important key points in the 2013 laws are:

- ▲ All smoke detectors must be replaced if they are ten years old from date of manufacture, regardless of type. Just like any appliance, they wear out.
- ▲ A smoke detector must be installed on each level of the home including basements.
- ▲ All new replacement detectors must be interconnected, when one alarms, they all do.
- ▲ Updates to home smoke detector systems must be made prior to 2018 if the detectors are ten years old or there is a change in tenants.

Specific requirements are based on the age of the structure. Suffice to say the newer the structure the more strict the requirements. Contact Anne Arundel County Fire for all specifics.

### Some common sense tips are:

- ▲ The more interconnected alarms the better.
- ▲ Hardwired units with 10 year battery back-up are the best.

▲ Consider combination Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detector Alarms for even greater protection.

▲ Strive for at least one detector on every level, one inside every bedroom and one outside every bedroom in hallways or common areas.

▲ Specialty detectors for kitchen areas or even laundry rooms are important due to the

high incidence of fires originating here.

▲ If you use propane, a Combustible Gas Alarm is very important as propane is heavier than air and will collect at the lowest point. These alarms plug right into an outlet and cost about \$60.

Give your smoke detector system the attention it deserves. Update, upgrade and comply with current requirements. You'll sleep a lot easier!

## Upcoming Events Calendar

# 2015

April 8th  
General Meeting\*

April 25th  
Island Clean Up

May 9th  
Hazardous Waste Day 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Southern Recycling Center

May Date TBA  
Island Yard Sale

September 12th  
Turkey Point Day

October 14th  
General Meeting and Board Elections\*

October 31st  
Island Halloween Block Party

December 6th  
Firehouse Santa

\*General Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Kiwanis Club on Carrs Wharf Road. All Islanders are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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