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## 15th Annual Turkey Point Day

**SATURDAY JUNE 7TH**

**Cloud Field – Noon to 5 p.m.**

The biggest community event of the year, Turkey Point Day, is just around the corner. June 7th is the date. Rain or shine this annual event is the time to come out and enjoy good food and get re-acquainted with your island neighbors. Food and drinks are free for island residents. Guests are welcome: admission for guests is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6. There will be pit beef, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salad and dessert. Drinks include water, sodas, beer and wine. Residents are asked to add to the menu by bringing a non-perishable dish or a desert to share. Fruit, salads, cookies, brownies and cupcakes are always favorites.

Plans are for activities for all ages. There will be a demonstration by the Anne Arundel County Canine team, the antique fire engine will be back for rides around the island, Rita's will have their cool ice treats and Rex Raper will be back as DJ. There will be cut flowers and plants for sale. Limited styles, sizes and colors of Turkey Point Island clothing will be available including items of infant and children's clothing starting at \$12. Other items can be ordered with delivery in about three weeks. There will be no auction this year so think about taking advantage the community yard sale on May 31st to share all those "treasures" with someone looking for just those items you no longer need.

## Community Yard Sale

**SATURDAY, MAY 31ST**

**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

If you have been waiting all winter to clear out some good but no longer needed items around the house, now is the time to get serious about it. Our multi-family yard sale is set for Saturday, May 31st. Both word of mouth and an ad in the Capital have historically brought a lot of buyers to the island. We have become known for our friendly nature and good values for sale. Please contact **Mike Sweeney** at [beachlax@verizon.net](mailto:beachlax@verizon.net) or **301-205-0990** if you would like your address put on the yard sale map.

Turkey Point Property Owners Association

## General Meeting

**WHEN:**

Wednesday  
May 21, 2008

**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

## 2008

### Turkey Point Calendar of Events

May 21st .....General Meeting  
 May 31st.....Yard Sale  
 June 7th.....Turkey Point Day  
 July 21-23 .....Dumpster Days  
 September 17th .....General Meeting  
 October 31st .....Halloween Party  
 November 19th.....General Meeting  
 December 7th .....Operation Santa

**Visit us on the Web at: [www.turkeypointisland.com](http://www.turkeypointisland.com)**

## Did You Know That . . .

- ▲ Tap water in the U.S. meets strict standards and is fine for drinking. If you don't like the taste of your local water, install tap filters. Only 10 percent of plastic water bottles are recycled in the country
- ▲ Newspapers and milk containers are not the only items that can be recycled. Detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, pet food cans, shower gel bottles, phone books, catalogs, shoe boxes, cereal boxes and junk mail are also recyclable.
- ▲ Your lawn can be Chesapeake Bay friendly if you: Test the soil to see what your lawn actually needs. Then choose natural, organic fertilizers and apply only the recommended amount. Set your mower gauge at 2 1/2 to 3 inches high. Taller grass has deeper roots that help prevent weeds and reduce runoff. Consider enlarging flowerbeds and natural areas in your yard
- ▲ The Anne Arundel Fire Department offers citizens a non-certified course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for adults and children. Classes are offered on the second Thursday of the month in June, October and December. For more information or to register call **410-222-3337** or online go to **www.aacounty.org** and click on "Fire" under "Public Safety" then on "EMS" in the left hand column.
- ▲ For \$30.00 any Anne Arundel County resident over the age of 60 can buy a lifetime pass good anytime for all four regional parks. This includes Quiet Waters, Downs, Ft. Smallwood and Kinder Farm Parks. Call **410-222-7317** for more information.
- ▲ Anne Arundel County Farmers' Markets in Parole, Riva Rd. and Harry Truman Parkway have or soon will be opened. They are open now on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon and beginning June 10 will also be open Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to noon. Westfield Annapolis (mall parking lot by Sears Automotive) will open July 6th on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.
- ▲ Houseplants are healthy. Houseplants reduce pollutants in the home such as: Benzene (paint, smoke, plastics), Formaldehyde (wood, carpet, foam) and TCE (cleaning solvents). Among the best choices are Corn Plant, Peace Lily, Ivy, Spider Plant, Golden Pothos, Bamboo Palm and Philodendron.
- ▲ Power outages should be reported by calling **1-877-778-2222**.

Calling helps BGE pinpoint the locations and extent of outages which makes repair quicker.

- ▲ Find more about Turkey Point Island on the Web at **www.turkeypointisland.com**.

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## Shredder at South River High School May 17th

Identity theft is a very serious and costly experience to go through. Consider shredding documents that contain vital information. It is one of the best ways to reduce the chances of this happening to you. On Saturday, May 17th between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. a shredder will be available to take care of all those pieces of paper you have been saving. The service is meant for personal papers only and not for businesses. We are asked to limit ourselves to four boxes of material. The site is the parking lot at South River High School on Central Avenue.

## Pet Sitting and/or Dog Walking

**Maggie Mei Lewis** would like you to know that she is available for pet sitting or dog walking. Maggie is the daughter of Rodney Lewis and Greta Johnson and lives on Turkey Point Road. She can be reached at **443-822-4258** or via e-mail at **gretajohnson@sedateinc.com**.

**Editor's note:** Our next newsletter comes out in September. Other young people who would like to offer their services for hire should contact me at **410-798-0095** or by e-mail at **carolerad@aol.com**. I will need to make contact with a parent of anyone under 18 to be sure of parental approval. In the November newsletter I will publish the information on those for hire to shovel snow.

# Water, Water Everywhere . . .

Spring is here. Warmer weather means flowerbeds, vegetable gardens, swimming pools and beaches. We all enjoy the activities of spring and summer. Many of the fun activities in warm weather involve water.

Our water supply was significantly reduced by the drought we experienced last year. Reducing our water use is becoming more and more important. The Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works has a few simple suggestions on conserving water.

Watering in the morning or late evening avoids evaporation thus reducing the need for extended watering time. Two to three inches of mulch in a garden bed is insulation and will help retain moisture and allow less frequent watering. Using a broom rather than a water hose to clean walkways and driveways is a great conservation option. Checking sprinkler settings and timers so they do not overwater (as after a significant rain) can cut down significantly on water use.

Water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and, even closer to home, the South River is deteriorating. The water quality in our area has received a lot of publicity lately and is of concern to all

of us who swim and play in the water surrounding our island. High bacteria levels can cause a variety of ailments. Storm water runoff carries waste from pets, wild animals and lawn chemicals into local waterways after heavy rain.

The Anne Arundel County Health Department is one source of information on water quality. There is a phone number available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (**410-222-7999**) with information on water quality including beach closings. There is also a web site (**www.ahealth.org**) that provides information about bacteria levels and current beach closings. Once on the Health Department home page click on "hot topics" (in the upper right corner) and then on "Water Quality E-mail Alerts" to both find out current conditions and to sign up to receive recreational water quality E-mail alerts. Information will be made available beginning May 23rd. As was the case last year, the County Health Department advises us to not swim for 48 hours after a heavy rain.

Another great source of information is the South River Federation. Specific information about water quality and bacteria counts at beaches along the South River is posted online

at **www.southernriverfederation.net** or is available by calling the South River Federation at **443-482-2155**. The Federation tests water weekly from mid-April through September. The beach near our Community Pier is one of the sites the Federation tests regularly.

## Be Alert!

Suspicious activity has been recently reported in our community. Individuals wearing hooded jackets were seen very early in the morning, tampering with a vehicle on one occasion, and fleeing when verbally confronted. Please be alert and, if you see something suspicious, call 911 to report it. Remember that we live in a private community with land access limited to the single road across the bridge. Quick police response could hinder escape from our island by individuals trying to flee. Let's keep Turkey Point Island the wonderful, safe place it is by being alert and discouraging intruders.

## MOSQUITOES ARE HERE!

Warm weather and mosquitoes seem to go hand in hand. The Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture will visit Turkey Point Island to survey mosquito breeding areas and treat them with larvicide. Weekly evening sprayings with insecticide to control adult mosquitoes will begin in early summer. This year's spraying schedule is not yet available. There will be a notice on the community sign when our "spray day" is determined.

Approximately half of our mosquito problems will not be addressed by these treatments. The Asian Tiger mosquitoes breed in small water containers. They are active in the daylight hours as well as at night. Controlling the Asian Tiger population is up to us individually since they rarely travel more than 100 feet from where they breed. If you can eliminate all large and small water-holding containers in your yard and in the yards of your adjacent neighbors you will not have any "Tigers" to contend with. For more information or help in identifying mosquito problem areas call Charlie Rader at **410-798-0095**, or the Mosquito Control Section at **410-841-5700**.

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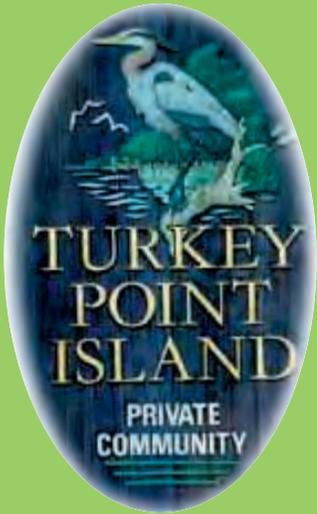
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*Spring Fling 2008 – Pirates of the Caribbean*  
 ~ BILL FALK ~



The annual Spring Fling was held March 29th at the Kiwanis Hall in Mayo. As has been true each year, the rather dowdy looking hall was transformed by the Turkey Point decorating committee. Consistent with this year's theme—Pirates of the Caribbean—the hall took on the look of a South Seas island, complete with parrots, palm trees, pina colodas and, of course, pirates. In fact, with fish seeming to swim along the walls and overhead (hung from light fixtures), it was like spending time in an aquarium! Except that this aquarium also provided prime rib!!



Steve Allen, a.k.a. "The Prime Rib Man," served a delicious, perfectly cooked prime rib. For our white meat eaters there was Caribbean chicken. For our vegetarians, there was also plenty to choose from,



starting with oysters on the half-shell prepared by Kenny our local oysterman, shrimp, scalloped potatoes, spring mix salad and other assorted appetizers. Brenda brought



her delicious sausage clouds, Joan Fitzgibbons a fabulous carrot cake, Sharyn Vogel a fruit platter and Missy Middendorf a pirate cake to match our decor! Dinner was concluded with an array of desserts. One thing about Spring Fling, no one goes home hungry!



Music was provided throughout the evening by Doug Guinn, who also took to the dance floor to teach the Islanders the electric slide and other line dances.



Also worth noting was the huge effort that went into prepping the hall and then dismantling it. Particularly notable here were Marlene Simoncini and Patti Stewart who co-chaired and organized the entire event. They could not have done it without help from TPI's "Mayor" Jim Ziepolt, Ann Ziepolt, Duane Stewart, Geraldine Falk, Ralph & Brenda DeLalla, Cathy & Tim Penn and Mary who kept the kitchen spotless!



There are lots of reasons to celebrate living on Turkey Point Island. Spring Fling is one of them. **Congrats to everyone who worked so hard to make this another hugely successful event.**

