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Community Pier and Beach Rules

Spring is here. Lots of us are out walking and using the community property including the pier and the beaches for the next several months. Following are the rules for both the pier and beaches as approved by the Turkey Point Property Owners Association on August 7, 1990.

Turkey Point Property Owners Association General Meeting

WHEN:

Wednesday
May 18th

WHERE:

Kiwanis Club
Carrs Wharf Road

TIME:

6:30 – Social
*Sample Turkey Point
clothing will be on hand*
7:00 – Dinner
*Pot Luck—Please bring a
dish to share!*
7:30 – Meeting

* 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.

* 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.

* No modification or appendages to the pier or walkway shall be made without prior approval of the TPPOA Board of Directors, Chairman or designate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting ≈ May 18th

Community Yard Sale ≈ June 4th

Dumpster Days ≈ July 25th & 26th

Turkey Point Day ≈ September 10th

General Meeting ≈ September 21st

Halloween Party ≈ October 31st

*General Meeting &
Board Election* ≈ November 16th

Operation Santa ≈ December 4th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Community Yard Sale June 4th

June 4th from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. will be the date and time for the Turkey Point Island community yard sale. Mike and Tracy Sweeney are heading up the yard sale activities. Watch for a flyer in the near future that will give you all the details.

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

Visit us on the Web at: www.turkeypointisland.com

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse

BY BOB STEVENSON

If you go out on a boat you have seen the iconic, red-roofed, white lighthouse at the mouth of the South River. You can see the Thomas Point Lighthouse from Beach 1 (at the end of Ramsey Drive) too. And, of course, you have seen its image on countless signs, business logos, greeting cards, calendars and many other places. It is said to be the most photographed lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay. Who would doubt that? Following are some random factoids that you may (or may not) know:

The Thomas Point Lighthouse has been owned by the city of Annapolis since 2004. It is maintained by volunteers from the Chesapeake Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society.

Public tours are conducted every year by the Annapolis Maritime Museum. This year's tours will be on July 16 & 17 and August 13 & 14. Reservations are required.

It is the third lighthouse built to warn of the shoal at Thomas Point. The first was a stone tower built on shore in 1825. Threatened by erosion, it was replaced in 1840 with a taller one just behind the first one. The shoal extends more than a mile into the Bay from Thomas Point. Mariners complained bitterly that the lighthouse on shore was "useless." The present lighthouse was built on the end of the shoal in 1875.

The lighthouse is a National Historic



Photo courtesy of Annapolis Maritime Museum

Landmark, one of only ten lighthouses so honored.

It is the only lighthouse of its type in the country that is not only still in place where it was built, but is also in use as an active aid to navigation.

The last lighthouse on the Bay to be automated, it was "unmanned" and has stood empty since 1986.

The cast iron screw piles that support the lighthouse are the original ones screwed into the bottom in 1875.

Most of the wood comprising the house is the original Georgia pine. The interior walls are vertical tongue-in-groove construction. The interior is being restored to its original appearance, except one room that looks like it did in the 1960s.

The weather station on board

records weather related measurements every 10 minutes which are reported hourly on the NOAA website.

If you would like to help with the ongoing work to restore and maintain the lighthouse, visit the Lighthouse Society website at www.cheslights.org For information about tours, go to www.ananitime.org/thomaspnt.html

If you are interested in local history, maritime traditions, or lighthouses, you owe it to yourself to see this remarkable structure "up close and personal." According to the museum docents who guide visitors on the tour, the most common reaction to simply getting aboard the lighthouse is, "Wow!"

Attention Residents on Corner Lots!

Danger at Intersections

Planting and pruning season is here. Please be aware of any plantings on your property that are now or will grow to be an obstacle for walkers, bike riders, skate boarders or automobiles traveling your intersection. Even ornamental grasses can grow to heights that obstruct vision. We have more children than ever on our island and we all need to do what's necessary to help make our streets safe.

Update on Sewage Spill at Cloud Field

BY LEE ANN CANDON

On Sunday, April 17th, due to the extremely high tidal impact following a 2+ inch rainfall event that began on Saturday, April 16th, the county's Operations Department sent a tanker truck to support the pump out station at Cloud Field.

When the truck's tank was about 50% full, the hydraulic hatch locking system failed, sending 1700 gallons of pumped standing water out the back of the truck and on to Cloud Field. An alert resident noticed and contacted a member of the TPPOA Board, who contacted MDE and the South Riverkeeper, Diana Muller. Diana and her husband, Andrew, took water samples to the Naval Academy to run bacteria tests.

The Health Department considers safe levels to be no more than 104 cfu/100ml (colony forming units/ 100 ml of water). The Enterococci results for these samples showed 1100-2800 cfu/100ml, which definitely exceed healthy limits. Some of this was due to the ongoing issue of water becoming contaminated due to the usual storm water runoff. Signs were posted to inform the community of the event.



High water levels mix with pumped-out overflow at Cloud Field

Heat and time kill bacteria, but please use usual caution around standing water after heavy rains: wash your hands often and keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth. Don't dig around in the playground mulch after heavy rains for at least 48 hours. The Health Department recommends swimming be avoided for 48 hours after heavy rains.

Thanks to Diana and Andrew Muller for their prompt response on a Sunday!

Natives Are Beautiful!



Summer Phlox



Wood Aster



Columbine

Consider going “native” when you shop for new flowers to add to your yard this spring. Among the many beautiful choices of natives are Columbine, Coreopsis, Summer Phlox, Jacob’s Ladder, Purple Coneflower, Wood Asters, New England Asters, New York Asters, and, of course, Maryland’s state flower—Black Eyed Susan. Native plants and flowers are not only beautiful but are attractive to a diverse group of bees, butterflies, beetles and birds. They provide habitat and food for wildlife. Because they are “native” your chances of success are much better with them than with other species. They are a win-win choice.



Purple Coneflower



Jacob's Ladder



Black-Eyed Susan

Shoreline Licensing for Waterfront Property

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced that shoreline license applications are now being accepted from riparian (waterfront) property owners. Anyone owning riparian property, or persons who have the permission of the riparian property owner, may license their shoreline for the purpose of preventing others from licensing the shoreline and establishing blind sites for hunting waterfowl.

All applications and fees must be submitted by mail or in person by the close of business June 1, 2011. Riparian property owners may license their shoreline for a period of one year (\$20) or three years (\$60).

Applications and information on laws related to shoreline licensing are available at the DNR website <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/licenses/riparian.asp> or by calling the Wildlife and Heritage Service at **410-260-8540**, toll free at **1-877-620-8367**.

Waterfowl hunting begins September 1st and lasts intermittently through March 31st. Hunting is legal as close as 150 yards from occupied dwellings.

Shredder Service for County Residents

Thanks once again to the Anne Arundel County Police Relations Council, there will be a shredder service provided for residents of Anne Arundel County. This free service provides an opportunity for county residents to shred personal documents. Shredding rather than trashing documents that contain personal information can greatly reduce chance of identity theft. Suggested are documents with Social Security numbers, bank statements, credit card bills and any other correspondence that contains account numbers.

The date is Saturday, May 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The place is the parking lot of South River High School. Everyone is asked to limit the material to be shredded to personal papers; this service is intended for individuals and not for businesses. Please remove all metal clips, staples or pins and have pages out of binders before arriving.

Marsh Update

BY LEE ANN CANDON

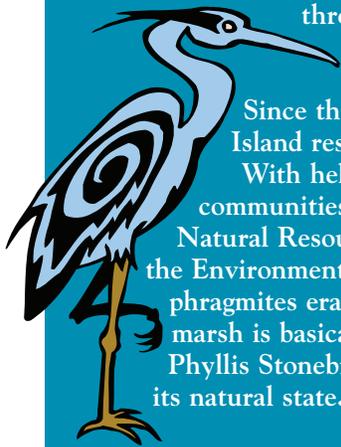
As Spring settles in and Summer approaches, check out the Paca Drive section of the marsh and watch as the natives emerge.

While we work to control the invasive phragmites throughout the marsh, this section gives hope.

These native species are taking back their rightful place as the phragmites are eradicated.

Since the marsh is now the property of all Turkey Point Island residents we all take pride in this accomplishment!

With help from members of our community, neighboring communities, local watershed groups, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), we are working on a long-term phragmites eradication plan for the whole 5+ acre marsh. The marsh is basically healthy and by continuing the work that Phyllis Stonebrook began, we hope to bring the marsh back to its natural state. Enjoy!



NEW TIME FOR GENERAL MEETINGS!

Be sure to note the new, slightly later time for the TPPOA quarterly meetings. The social portion will begin at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 and the business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The later meeting time was discussed and approved by a majority vote at the February general meeting. It is hoped that the later time will allow more residents an opportunity to attend the meetings and be a part of the decision making and planning for the community.



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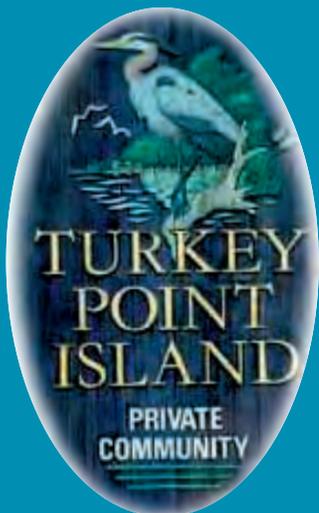
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DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- * There is a website, Maryland Healthy Beaches, sponsored by the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Department of the Environment that has information on how to make your summer beach experience a healthy and happy one.
- * To "staycation" is to vacation at home.
- * Florida is the state with the highest watermelon production. In 2009 the state produced 818 million pounds of watermelon.
- * The United States has 20.2 million children age 14 or younger.
- * Super Glue was invented by accident when a researcher at Eastman Kodak ruined some refractometer prisms by using a new substance that glued them together.
- * Mosquito eggs can survive the winter and will hatch if they get moisture and warm weather.



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