

THE ISLAND TIMES



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Thank You Volunteers

During the spring quarter of the year there are several occasions when the faithful of our Island volunteer to work on activities that keep Turkey Point Island the great place to live that it is. Between April and June we have the Spring Fling, a spring clean-up day, dumpster days, a yard sale day and Turkey Point Day. Each of these events is organized by our Board of Directors and staffed by Board members and other resident volunteers. It's a lot of work but a lot of fun too. Anyone can volunteer to do a little or a lot. It's the best way to get to know your neighbors, to have input about upcoming activities and to make sure our island stays a beautiful and fun place to live. Anyone who can give a bit of his or her time is invited to be a part of the team. You won't be sorry you did.

Sincere thanks to all those who have been there in the past—we've all enjoyed your efforts tremendously!

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Fall and Your Yard

Fall is the best time to install a new lawn or to reseed an existing one. This summer's drought was hard on lawns, shrubs and trees. Warm soil temperatures will insure quick germination of seed and the cooler months ahead will encourage the development of strong root systems. Lawn seed can be put down in September through the first half of October. Also, removing thatch and aerating the lawn in the fall will give you a better chance at a healthier turf grass next year.

Trees and shrubs that are planted in the warm fall soil establish root systems quickly so that the plants will be "ready to grow" in the spring. Fall's cooler temperatures and more likely rainfall means less stress for the plants and shrubs.

Bulb flowers that bloom in the spring, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, snowdrops and crocus, are planted in the fall or early winter. This is to ensure that they receive at least twelve weeks of consistently cool temperatures below 50 degrees. Without the "cold time" they may not flower.

You can encourage outside flowering plants in pots to keep blooming for quite a while yet. First, prune at least a third of the "leggy" growth. Then, by fertilizing every couple weeks, you can expect to enjoy blooms until we have a hard frost.

Turkey Point Property Owners Association General Meeting

WHEN:
Wednesday
September 19, 2007

WHERE:
Kiwanis Club
Carrs Wharf Road

TIME:
6:00 -Social
Sample Turkey Point clothing will be on band

6:30-Dinner
Pot Luck-Please bring a dish to share!

7:00-Meeting

Raising Dues

The Turkey Point Island Board of directors has had several discussions regarding raising dues. The decision to raise dues is a decision in which all islanders should participate. The next newsletter (in early November) will contain an article on why the Board thinks an increase is called for. On November 15, at the general meeting, there will be an opportunity to discuss and vote on whether the dues should be raised and if so, by how much.

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

High Bacteria Levels Found in Waters Around Turkey Point

In the middle of July, high bacteria levels were recorded in South River and in surrounding waterways. Normally, heavy rains send storm water runoff into our waterways which carries waste from pets and wildlife, unabsorbed fertilizer, effluent from failing septic systems, and unburned gas and oil from roadways and parking lots.

Since we were experiencing drought conditions in July, the high bacteria counts were very unusual. One explanation is the extreme heat—water temperatures above 90 degrees generate bacteria. Other explanations could be failing septic systems or some other dis-

charge into our waters. No one has offered a positive explanation for these unusually high counts, nor is it easy to do so.

What is the best way to check water quality before swimming on Turkey Point beaches? You can check with Anne Arundel Health Department online at www.aahealth.org or call **410-222-7241** for current beach closing. You can also sign up for recreational water quality email alerts. The Department operates a 24-hour automated test results phone line at **410-222-7999** or you can look at www.southeriverfederation.com for

specific information about water quality and bacteria testing results.

Rule of Thumb: don't swim for 48 hours after a heavy rain. This is when storm water runoff is the most dangerous. After 48 hours, waterways generally clear up polluted storm water on their own (to the degree that it was contaminated beyond its usual levels).

We will be looking at ways to alert our own residents to high bacteria levels during the swimming season. If anyone has any ideas, please contact one of your Board members or come to the general meeting and share your suggestions there.

Electronic Recycling

We live in a world of electronics. Unfortunately, these products do not last forever. Anne Arundel County offers permanent year-round collection of electronics at all Waste Management Services facilities at no charge. This service is provided during convenience center operating hours and is available to residential customers only. Accepted items include computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, CPUs, computer mice, keyboards, cell phones, printers, power supplies, laptops, scanners, computer cables and cords, miscellaneous circuit boards, chips and cards and other computer or electronic related accessories. County facilities are located at:

Sudley Center 5400 Nutwell Sudley Rd., Deale (Tues. – Sat. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Millersville Center 389 Burns Crossing Rd., Millersville (daily 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Glen Burnie Center (100 Dover Rd., Glen Burnie (daily 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Let's use these facilities for all recycling and keep our Anne Arundel County homes, yards, parks and roadsides clear of debris.

Did You Know That . . .

- Keeping your heat pump clear of weeds and leaves makes for more efficient operation—summer or winter.
- Well-placed trees or tall shrubs can reduce winter heating costs up to 30%. Trees or tall shrubs break the force of cold winter winds. Fall is a good time to plant.
- It is the law that you remove signs (yard sales, moving, special events) posted on street signs, telephone poles, or on sticks in the ground after your event.
- House numbers should be at least five inches high and placed so that they can be easily seen from the street by emergency vehicles in case of fire, emergency health or police calls to your home.
- Our Edgewater library is now open at 9 a.m. on Mondays rather than the previous opening time of 1 p.m.
- The Island Times is mailed only to property owners. If your property is rented out you might consider sending pertinent information to those living here so that they too can be aware of Island activities.
- One in five adult dogs has arthritis—cats can have arthritis too.
- If you misplace your copy of the Island Times you can find it online at www.turkeypointisland.com.

Mosquitoes Are Still With Us

We have a long way to go before we are finished with mosquitoes for this year. Most West Nile virus outbreaks are reported from mid-August through autumn and don't decline until the first killing frost. There were nearly 4,300 West Nile cases around the nation in 2006.

Prevention is still the best defense. Mosquitoes need water to reproduce. Even small containers (pet dishes, saucers beneath potted plants, old tires or any other source of stagnant water) are breeding grounds. Change the water at least weekly in birdbaths. If possible, keep rain gutters clear so that they can drain completely.

Scientists don't know why mosquitoes favor some people more than others. Bright clothing, perfumes and soaps and the carbon dioxide we release through our skin are attractants. Dark clothing seems to attract biting insects. Insect repellent and long-sleeved shirts and long pants in areas frequented by mosquitoes are a good defense. At home, keeping screens on windows and doors in good repair is the best way to keep your indoor time safe.

Honors for Kids



Congratulations to Megan Walter for receiving the Summa Cum Laude National Award for her essay "We DO need to learn to take responsibility for our actions." This award is given to students who write essays that score in the top 10% of their grade on the Foundations for Life national contest. The Foundations for Life is a maxim-based essay and recogni-

tion program that enhances the reading, critical thinking and composition skills required by the new SAT exam, state and federal standards, and No Child Left Behind proficiency testing.

Students were asked to choose a well-known quote and write about how it relates in their lives. Megan, who just completed 8th grade at Central Middle School, wrote her essay about a Malay Proverb—"One unable to dance blames the unevenness of the floor." Her skillful

thinking and writing made her a winner. The competition was intense as there were over 700 entries in the contest this year. **Congratulations Megan!**

Editor's note: I would like to recognize the accomplishments of all of our island kids. I can only do that with your help. If you have someone deserving mention please send me e-mail at Carolerad@aol.com or drop a note in the mail to me at 1101 Paca Drive. Thank You.

Do You Have Zoning Violations on Your Property?

Anne Arundel County has a short list of violations that you may not be aware of that could cost you a fine if not corrected. It is a violation to park vehicles on a lot, including boats and trailers, that do not display current tags and/or are inoperable. Oversized vehicles in a residential district are not permitted. Storing solid waste or junk including tires, old wood, auto parts or old appliances on a property is a violation. Operating a business without zoning approval and a zoning Certificate of Use can also be reason for a costly fine. There are charitable organizations that will take away cars and boats and the Turkey Point Board of Directors sponsors "Dumpster Days" periodically to help rid our island of unwanted waste. Take advantage of the free opportunities to clear your home and yard of unwanted and unsightly waste.

Phragmites to be Sprayed in the Stonebrook Marsh



Phyllis Stonebrook is working with the National Fish and Wildlife Service on a plan to eradicate the invasive Phragmites in the marsh by the community pier. Once the permits are secured, Julie Slacum will come out and spray with an environmentally sensitive herbicide which is approved for use in aquatic sites. There will be some follow up required, such as mowing down the dead rhizomes and possibly reapplication of the herbicide next fall. We will post information on our website as it becomes available. This is important to us because, luckily, the marsh is relatively healthy. By eradicating

the invasive Phragmites, more of the natural, beneficial marsh grasses can replenish themselves, creating more habitat and food for wildlife. Kudos to Phyllis for taking the initiative as a good steward of her land.

Turkey Point Island Calendar of Events for 2007

Oct. 31st Halloween Party
Nov. 15th General Meeting
Dec. 2nd Operation Santa

Farmers' Markets in Anne Arundel County

Have you ever visited a Farmers' Market? They are interesting and delicious places to visit. Anne Arundel County has several at locations you probably have occasion to be near in your daily travels. Following are five markets where you can find fresh, local produce, some of it organic.

Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market

Annapolis: Riva Road & Harry S. Truman Parkway (Saturdays 7 a.m. to Noon until September 22, Tuesdays 7 a.m. to Noon until October 9 and from September 29 until December 22 – Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon.

South River Colony Farmers' Market

Main Street in South River Colony, Rt. 2 and Rt. 214 (Thursdays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. until October 25).

Deale Farmers' Market

Cedar Grove United Methodist Church Parking Lot at 5965 Deale-Churchton Road (Thursdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. until October 25).

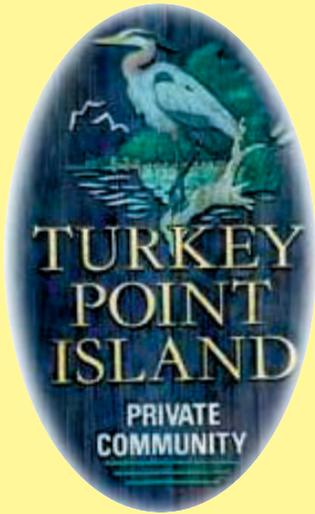
Piney Orchard Farmers' Market

Piney Orchard Community & Visitors Center Parking Lot at Stream Valley Drive off Rt. 170 in Odenton (Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. until October 31 with special Thanksgiving hours on Wednesday, November 22 from Noon to 4 p.m.)

Severna Park Farmer's Market

Ritchie Highway (Rt. 2) & Jones Station Road (Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon until October 27).

For locations of other markets visit www.aedc.org, click on initiatives, click on agriculture and environment, click on 2007 Farmers Market Brochure.



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Recycling Reminder



Please do your part to help the environment by recycling cardboard, plastic bottles, food and drink cans, glass and mixed paper, including newspapers, office paper, construction paper, magazines and cereal-type boxes. Greasy or oily boxes, tissues, napkins or paper towels should not be recycled. If possible, put all recyclable materials at the street Thursday night in one of the yellow bins the county provides. Yard waste can be in any container, so long as you mark it with an "X."

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. **Pizza** Eat in or carry out by calling **410-956-6700**

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