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Turkey Point Day!!

Turkey Point Day is just around the corner. The biggest community event of the year is scheduled for **Saturday, September 19th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Cloud Field.**

Rain or shine this event is a good time to get together with your neighbors and enjoy some good food and fun. Games for the young (and young at heart) like sack races, beanbag toss, bocce ball, and egg toss are planned. Be sure to "check in" to be eligible for a drawing for a door prize.

Food and drinks are free for island residents. Guests are welcome: admission for guests is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6. Expect to enjoy pit beef, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salad and dessert.

Drinks will include water, sodas, beer and wine.

Residents are asked to fill out the menu by bringing a non-perishable dish or a dessert to share. Fruit, salads, cookies, brownies and cupcakes are always favorites.

Volunteers are needed. Spreading the workload among many makes less work for everyone. Setting up and tearing down takes the largest number of volunteers. Please plan to come early and help set up or stay late and help tear down and have a good time in between! Please call **Patti Stewart at 410-798-8548** or **Marlene at 410-798-4070** to volunteer.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS EVENT HAPPEN!

Turkey Point Property Owners Association General Meeting

WHEN:
 Wednesday
 September 16, 2009

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

Calendar of Events for 2009

September 16th
 General Meeting

September 19th
 Turkey Point Day

October 21st & 22nd
 Dumpster Days

October 31st
 Halloween Party

November 18th
 General Meeting

December 6th
 Operation Santa



Avoiding Bug Bites

Like it or not, mosquitoes and other bugs will be with us for a while this fall. There are a few things you can do to avoid being attacked. Some mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors such as red and blue. Light-colored clothing will make you less desirable to those mosquitoes and will be cooler in sunny conditions as they reflect rather than absorb

heat. Garments pre-treated with the insecticide permethrin offer effective protection against mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas and ants.

Matching "DEET" strength to activities is helpful. The higher the percentage of DEET (the active ingredient in most insect repellents), the more hours of protection against mosquitoes, biting flies, chiggers, fleas and ticks. A concentration of 5% to 10% lasts about 90 minutes; a 35% concentration protects for four hours under ideal conditions (i.e., you are not sweating or swimming).

Oil of lemon eucalyptus delivers about the same level of mosquito protection for the same length of time as low-level concentrations of DEET. For ticks it takes a formulation of 40% or greater to provide protection.

It takes a hard freeze to rid us of mosquitoes for the season but some other pests, like ticks, are with us year round.

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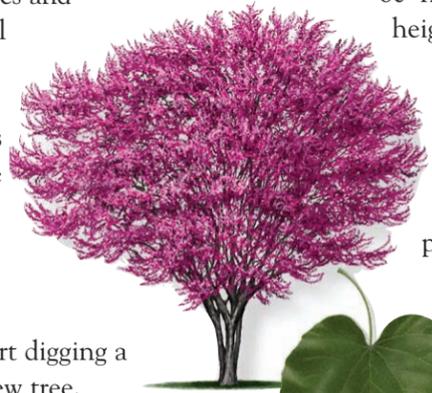


Fall is the perfect time to plant trees and shrubs. Cool weather gives the root systems time to take hold without fighting

the dry heat of summer and before winter freezes set in.



Before you start digging a home for your new tree, make sure you select a species variety native to our region. This will ensure your tree has the best possibility of a long, healthy life. Following are a few native trees that are well suited to the Annapolis area.



Large trees: Red maple (40-60' height), River birch (50-60' height), (American yellowwood (30-50' height), and Red oak (60-80' height).

Understory trees: Eastern redbud (20-30' height), Flowering dogwood (20-30' height), Crape myrtle (20-30' height), and Shadblow serviceberry (6-20' height).

Evergreens are another good choice for fall planting. Evergreens such as cedar, holly and

pine, make good wind-breaks and give your yard vibrant color year-around.

They also provide favorite nesting

places for the many species of birds that we find around the Bay.



Association Dues & Assessments

Have you sent in your annual TPPOA dues and assessments payment? The lot assessment is \$10 per lot per year and the dues are \$50 per year per household.

The money collected benefits the community in many ways. It is used to finance such things as Turkey Point Day, a Halloween Party for the children, maintenance of the community pier and boardwalk leading to the pier, the

playground equipment and surrounding surface, expenses of the general meetings, testing bacterial levels in swimming areas and any other community oriented matters that may arise.

Checks should be made payable to **TPPOA** and mailed to the **Turkey Point Property Owners Association, P.O. Box 56, Mayo, MD 21106.**

The Marsh at Turkey Point

Over the years the marsh area near the community pier has been an interesting area to watch. It has been a home for various wildlife and species of vegetation.

Phyllis Stonebrook has owned the marsh since she and her husband David bought the property nine years ago.

In 2007, working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Phyllis arranged for work to begin that would control what had become a rapid spread of phragmites. The phragmites invasion was taking over and destroying the marsh as a valuable wetland area. The invasion of phragmites into many of the Chesapeake Bay wetlands is contributing to the loss and degradation of vital

areas that are part of the natural ecosystem balance necessary for a healthy Chesapeake Bay. The work in 2007 was the first stage of a three-part process.

This past July Phyllis began a new chapter in her life. She sold her home and moved to a smaller residence that allows her to be closer to her daughter and other family members. She does still however, own the marsh.

"The marsh" is approximately five acres of property. Phyllis has retained the services of an attorney who specializes in locating an agency or conservation group that manages and preserves property. She is looking for an agency that will agree in deed to maintain the property as a marsh in perpetuity. It is her wish that, while maintaining the

property as a marsh and with the approval of the new owner and the TPPOA, the residents of Turkey Point Island be allowed to plant grasses or other vegetation that would improve the health of the marsh. Meanwhile, until a buyer is found, Lee Ann Candon has agreed to be the liaison person with the DNR. She will work with the Department of Natural Resources as the continued phragmites control project goes forward.

We all owe many thanks to Phyllis for her past action to improve the condition of the marsh and to her dedication to the environment and the Turkey Point community. The search for an agency may take some time. Phyllis estimates that it will be at least 2010 before this can be accomplished.

Bats and Rabies

The Anne Arundel County Health Department is warning residents of an increasing number of rabid bats in the area. Rabies fact sheets have been issued at county libraries and community health fairs.

Anyone who comes in contact with a bat should call the office of Animal Control who handles such reports 24 hours a day. If the bat can be confined without further contact, do so, and then call Animal Control at **410-222-8900**. The agency will take the captured bat or, if not captured, attempt to locate it and take it for testing.

Bats hibernate between November and February, and emerge between March and April. The babies are born in May and June and begin to fly with their mothers by the end of summer. Bats start searching for winter homes in September and October. Buildings with holes in their soffits or roofs are a favorite place to roost.

Bat bites are so tiny that they can easily go undetected. Anyone who isn't sure if they've been bitten should seek medical advice as if they have been. If treatment to prevent rabies is needed, it must to be given soon after the bite. The county Department of Health (**410-222-8610**) can help with arrangements for treatment if individual health coverage is not available.



Car Break-Ins

A rash of car break-ins recently occurred on Turkey Point. None of the cars from which items were stolen were locked. Doors were opened and items and cash taken.

Fortunately, one Turkey Point home had a surveillance camera. Two males and a white van were video taped.

It turns out that the two had been stealing from cars in other locations and were in fact caught in Davidsonville during another crime spree. A search and seizure of their home was done and over \$20,000 in cash and merchandise was seized. One suspect is free on bail and the other is still in jail. A preliminary hearing will be held at the end of August.

More Items for the Recycling

Every year there are more and more items that are being accepted as a part of the Anne Arundel County recycling effort. Waxed cartons, including milk and juice containers, kid's juice boxes, and ice cream

boxes are just a few of the items added to the recycling list. Plastic bags and shrink wrap (secured in plastic bags), plastic cups, plates, utensils, buckets, storage totes, flower pots, plastic toys, pools, plays sets, trash cans and old recycling bins can be put out for collection.

Anything too large to fit in your yellow recycling container can be placed on the ground next to the container. Items don't need to be rinsed or cleaned, and you do not have to remove labels, caps or lids.

Recycling makes good environmental and economic sense. As we all know, recycling is an easy way to save energy, reduce pollution and take better care of our environment. **And, every little bit helps.**



Did You Know That...

- ▲ Maryland has 65 state parks totaling 137,014 acres.
- ▲ Compact fluorescent bulbs last 10 times longer than regular incandescent bulbs.
- ▲ Mockingbirds learn new songs throughout their life – up to 200 sounds.
- ▲ Milk is the state drink of Maryland.
- ▲ It costs the U.S. Mint nearly 1.5 cents to create a penny.
- ▲ Tootsie Rolls were invented as a less expensive alternate to fancy chocolates by a gentleman who came to the United States from Austria in 1896.
- ▲ This and back issues of The Island Times are always available on the Web at: **www.turkeypointisland.com**.