

# THE ISLAND TIMES



## The Marsh on Turkey Point Island

The marsh portion of Turkey Point Island is a beautiful and valuable part of this community. Over the years it has been a home for various wildlife and species of vegetation.



**David DeWitt** and **Phyllis Stonebrook** bought the marsh when they bought their home on Boyd Drive in 2000. They certainly enjoyed the view over the marsh to the water but they also took a responsibility for care of everything living there.

In 2007, working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Fish and Wildlife Service, Phyllis was able to secure a five-year permit from the Maryland Department of Environment for eradication of phragmites.

The phragmites invasion was taking over and destroying the marsh as a wetland area. Similar invasions into many of the Chesapeake Bay wetlands are contributing to the loss and degradation of vital areas that are part of the natural ecosystem balance necessary for a healthy Chesapeake Bay.

Spraying the phragmites is done at no cost to the permit holder. Cutting down and removal of the expired stalks is the responsibility of the property owner. Phyllis personally paid for that portion of the

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## Turkey Point Day is September 11th!

Turkey Point Day this year is on September 11 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. As always, this annual event will be held at Cloud Field – rain or shine.

There will be games for the young and old. 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 attending are asked to fill out the menu by bringing a non-perishable dish or dessert to share. Fruit, salads, cookies, brownies and cupcakes are always favorites.

### Volunteers Are Needed!!

A lot goes into Turkey Point Day preparation. Setting up and taking down tents, tables and chairs for this event is a big job. More helpers means less time and effort for all. If you can, plan to come early to help set up or plan to stay late and help take down. In between, have a good time. Please call **Marlene at 410-798-4070** or **Patti (evenings only) at 410-798-8548** to volunteer.

## Turkey Point Property Owners Association General Meeting

**WHEN:**

Wednesday  
September 15th

**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

**Turkey Point Day**  
September 11th

**General Meeting**  
September 15th

**Halloween Party**  
October 31st

**General Meeting**  
November 17th

**Operation Santa**  
December 5th

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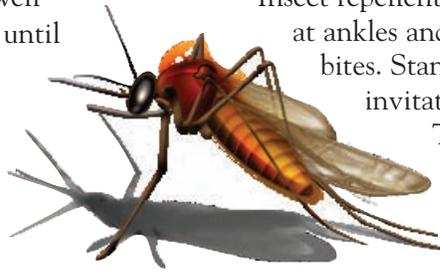
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## Mosquitoes Are Still With Us!

Remember that mosquitoes will be with us well into the fall season. Mosquitoes are active until the first HARD freeze. For us that could be as late as December. The Monday evening sprayings done by the Maryland Department of Agriculture will end soon as the personnel for this service is college students, who will be returning to school.



Insect repellents and light colored clothing that is secure at ankles and wrists are your best defense against bites. Standing water in even small containers is an invitation to breed, especially for the Asian Tigers. Keep your yard free of breeding potentials and you will have gone a long way toward eliminating mosquitoes from your yard.

### Solicitors are **NOT** Allowed!!!

BY LEE ANN CANDON

It happens every season—the weather turns nice; people stroll about the Island; it's a beautiful day and then—KNOCK KNOCK.

You open the door and there they are—people selling stuff. Only it turns out they most likely are NOT selling anything at all. They are sniffing about, taking stock of the situation: who is home, who is not, who has nice stereo equipment, who has lovely antiques.

What to do? **CALL 911!** The “No Soliciting” sign is at the entrance to the island. This gives Turkey Point property owners the legal basis to call 911 and request assistance.

Recently, when discussing this situation with an Anne Arundel County police officer, it was emphasized that:

**You are not being rude by not listening to their opening line. They are breaking the law by ignoring the “No Soliciting” sign!**

*PS—In June, the police warned the people roaming the Island selling Orange Cleaner that they would be arrested if they were found soliciting again. The van of young adults was from Georgia. The police thanked us for calling 911 and alerting them to this threat.*

### Thanks to “Cleanup Day” Volunteers

There was a really good turnout this year for the island clean-up walk in May. It was nice to see all the children come out to help. Additionally, we have a number of regular walkers who take bags with them on their walks and pick up odds and ends as they travel. It all goes to keeping our island beautiful. Thanks to all who help!

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### 2010 is an Election Year

Mark your calendar for the 2010 elections. Primary election day is on September 14 and the General election date is November 2. Voting on these days for Turkey Point Island residents is at the United Methodist Church on Old Turkey Point Road. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on both of these days.

Early voting will be available to Maryland residents for the first time this year. Early voting for the Primary Election will be on September 3, 4 and 6 – 9.

General Election early voting will be on October 22, 23, and 25 – 28. The Edgewater Library is the location for early voting for both the Primary and General elections. The hours on the early voting days are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Absentee voting is also available to all. Applications for absentee ballots for the Primary election must be received (not just postmarked) by September 7 and for the General election (again, received, not post-marked) by October 26. For online election information, Google “Maryland State Board of Elections” or, if you prefer, call the election headquarters at **410-222-6600**.



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process as well as the landscaping on the triangle on Boyd Drive and the piece of the marsh that extends to Paca Drive.

The phragmites eradication plan seems to be working. On the Paca Drive part of the marsh these native species have begun to flourish: Marsh Seabane, Marsh Aster, Marsh Hemp, Seaside Orach, Seaside Goldenrod, Marsh Hay (*Spartina Patens*) and Marsh Grass (*Spartina Alterniflora*).

When Phyllis sold her home on Turkey Point Island in 2009, she was searching for an agency or a land conservancy that would preserve the approximately five-acre marsh from development forever. While working with expert land attorneys, she decided the best way to preserve the marsh was



*From the left: Nicholas Bifano (David's grandson), Phyllis Stonebrook (in chair), Amy Bifano (David's middle daughter), Nora Pearson (Phyllis' granddaughter), Dan Pearson (Phyllis' son-in-law); Marsh sign; Lanny Johnson (Phyllis' sister), Maureen Johnson (Lanny's daughter) with son Mason, Nettie Legters (Phyllis' daughter, married to Dan Pearson and mother of Nora), Debbie Foley (David's youngest daughter) with husband Brian Foley, recently retired from the Marine Corps.*

to donate it to the Turkey Point Property Owners Association. The

legal transaction was completed in June.

We are so very grateful for Phyllis' generous gift now and forever. We have all enjoyed and helped care for various aspects of our Island. We can now all take pride in ownership of the beautiful common property!

*Thank you Phyllis – from all of us.*

## The Marsh Dedication August 8th



### Did You Know That...

- ▲ Applying apple cider vinegar to the site of a bee or wasp sting will draw out the poison and stop the swelling.
- ▲ Monitoring your car's engine, replacing the oil and air filters and taking care of leaks will reduce air pollution as well as improve your car's performance.
- ▲ The diamondback terrapin is famous as the official mascot of the University of Maryland, but it is also Maryland's state reptile.
- ▲ An estimated one in 10,000 eggs is contaminated with Salmonella.
- ▲ Equal parts of white vinegar and water are a good all-purpose cleaner for counters, glass, chrome and tile.

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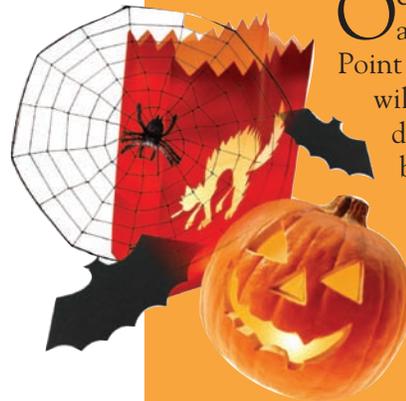
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## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**



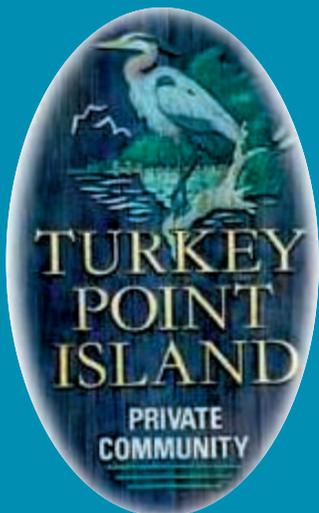
October 31 is Halloween and again this year the Turkey Point Property Owners Association will sponsor a party for residents. Hosting this year will be Michelle and Paul Mehler who live at 1104 Grant Drive. There will be pizza and drinks, costume contests and more. Watch for a flyer with more specifics as the date draws near.

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