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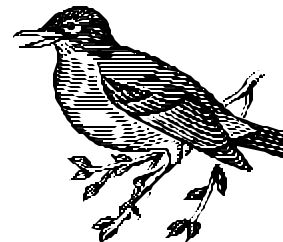
## BEACH NEWS

Have you noticed the recently cleared/cleaned Beach. WOW! This is the middle of the beach project (the groins a year and a half ago began the project) this phase will take approximately 2 years of spraying to rid the beach of the phragmites and will be followed by plantings of native species. Be patient, the end results will be worth the effort.

Please note the beautiful beginning of a meadow at the Beach overlook, I was there in early may and the colours of the wild flowers were magical. Thank you John for that lovely spring surprise - *Ed*

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# BREAST CANCER WALK

by Debbie McInturff

The past four years I have been participating in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. Two of the walks have been from Frederick to Washington DC. Last year's walk was from Baltimore to Washington DC. This year the walk was routed from the Mall in Washington DC to Tilden Middle School in Rockville and back to Pennsylvania Ave. It was a shorter distance, only 40 miles this year compared to the 60 miles the previous years. However, the mileage that was walked is not the important thing to remember. The main reason that over 1200 women and men walk, crew, or participate on any level is to help fight breast cancer.

The reason behind my willingness to participate in this event started with a friend who is my walker buddy. She started walking for very personal reasons. Her mother died from breast cancer. When my buddy started training for the walk I said I would train with her and do the walk as well. Then two years ago, I had to go through several biopsies. I was very fortunate that my results were negative. Now I too have strong reasons for participating in these walks. That is to help fight breast cancer.

In my resolve to champion this cause I can not do it alone. We have to raise \$1,700 in donations to even be able to walk. This is where you have helped. Our community has supported me for these past years with their donations. Your generosity and support has been awesome. I have taken each one of you with me on these walks. You have been with me every mile walking in the sun and the rain. You have shared every blister, heat rash, and sore muscle. You have cheered me on when I was tired and motivated me to continue to walk.

I thank every one of you for your support.



AVON  
WALK for  
BREAST  
CANCER

## Community News

A new piece of Playground equipment for our junior citizens (a merry-go-round) will be installed next to the swings and tower. Regretfully, it will not be installed in time for the Picnic (June 7<sup>th</sup> ) but not too long after that they can start to spin themselves silly....

John Coche' has had to replace 2 gate locks already this Spring. Come on folks! When using your key at the Beach or Marina take the extra few seconds to turn your key back to the starting point before taking it out. If you do not return the key and just pull it out, the lock is jammed and cannot be used. The lock then needs to be sawed off and a new one ordered, this takes weeks and gets expensive.

Annapolis Roads has a new web master, Harry Zolkower. He can be contacted at [harnsdd@comcast.net](mailto:harnsdd@comcast.net) . Welcome. Thank you to Jim Dean for getting the website going.

Anastasia Hopkins and Dan Santin have joined the ARPOA Board. Welcome

## Land Use Committee

The ARPOA Land Use Committee is chaired by Anastasia Hopkinson with the support of the other members; Angus Philips, Barbara Samorajczyk, Stan Samorajczyk, Don Riddle and Walter Bigelow. The Chair has been checking the County Planning and Zoning web site for permits and applications on a weekly basis and at this time no activity has been recorded that affect Annapolis Roads or any properties in it. The Committee met with the Bay Ridge Trust group, which is a 501C non-profit organization dedicated to preserving open space on the peninsula. The group has willingly agreed to help APROA in its efforts to preserve open space within the community. The Trust agreed to support us by sponsoring an application to the Anne Arundel County Conservation Trust Fund for a grant of \$26,000. The grant would provide funding to pay for appraisals, title searches, tax and legal advice and engineering surveys to determine the market value of the two wooded parcels in the community that are under immediate threat of development, namely the Ogleton Woods (approximately 33 acres) and Green Willow (approximately 5 acres). The Ogleton Woods are in the Critical Area as defined by the state. In order to devise an appropriate strategy, several steps must be accomplished before any decisions can be made.

### **ECOLOGICAL SIGNIFIGANCE OF THE SITE:**

The Annapolis Roads forest has a host of ecological values. It helps replenish the acquifers that are the only source of water for the community. It moderates the local temperature and provides scenic and open space values. The woods provide habitat for many forms of plant and wildlife. They minimize run-off to Lake Ogleton and the Chesapeake Bay. This is the most efficacious way to minimize the movement of nutrients, other chemicals and sediments to the tidewaters of the Bay and its tributaries.

# DANDELIONS

by Valerie Lester

I am blown away by the determination of dandelions, but I have recently found consolation in Liberty Hyde Bailey's *Manual of Gardening*. He insists that those who worry morning and night about dandelions in the lawn "will find relief in loving the dandelion. Each blossom is worth more than a gold coin." Bailey's "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" attitude is salutary because nothing in Nature seems so perfectly designed for success as the plant the Chinese call Yellow-Flowered Earth Nail.

This spring, the gardens in Annapolis Roads responded gloriously to the bounty of snow and rain we endured last winter. Bulbs never bloomed so brightly; plants given up for dead during the four-year drought suddenly reappeared full of vigor; "volunteers" seeded themselves; and old standards like Lily of the Valley, Black-eyed Susan, and Honesty spread riotously. Have you noticed the fluff beside Aris Allen Boulevard or in front of the Giant or at the entrance to our community? Believe me, it isn't swansdown or cotton candy. Have you noticed your neighbor's gold-encrusted lawn? Have you pulled, gently, persistently on a weed in a boggy part of your yard and, in a supreme act of deracination, come away with an 18 inch length of dandelion root?

Deciding to learn more about dandelions, those loyal, lifelong partners, I turned to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Eleventh Edition, published in New York in 1910. (I bid ten dollars for it at an auction in Maine, making it the best buy of my life, with the possible exception of a print of French water gardens which I also got for ten dol-

lars — at the Crumpton auction — and which dates from 1635.) I looked up Dandelion, and here's what I learned: *Taraxacum officinale* is a perennial herb in the order Compositae. It is found almost everywhere in North America, including the Arctic, but is believed to have originated in Eurasia. Incidentally, the name "dandelion" comes from the French "dent de lion" which means "tooth of the lion," presumably because of the sharp, toothy look of the leaves. However, the French themselves persist in calling it "pissenlit," which means "pee in bed," a side effect of overindulging in dandelion leaves, known for their diuretic properties.

Let me quote a little from the beautifully-written seventh edition: "The long taproot has a simple or many-headed rhizome; it is black externally, and is very difficult of extirpation." Difficult of extirpation! Yes, indeed. Next time I try to pull up a dandelion and the root gives that sullen pop as it breaks, thus ensuring another, stronger generation and reminding me who's boss, I shall console myself by muttering "This plant is very difficult of extirpation." The milky juice that flows from roots, leaves, and stems every time the plant is cut "has a somewhat complex composition"; in addition to taraxacin, it contains asparagin, inulin, resins, and salts. As if roots weren't problem enough, there's the problem of seed heads, so adored by little children. Let me quote again: "The fruits are olive or dull yellow in colour, and are each surmounted by a long beak, on which rests a pappus of delicate white hairs, which occasions the ready dispersal of the fruit by the wind." Such willingness on the part of children to assist in the ready dispersal of a pappus of

# DANDELIONS *(cont)*

by Valerie Lester

delicate white hairs is heart-warming.

The best news is that dandelions are extremely useful. Did you know that, if your silkworms have completely demolished their supply of mulberry leaves, you can keep them alive on a diet of dandelion leaves? Did you know that, if everything else on your lawn is miserably brown from drought, the dandelion still remains a cheerful green? Did you know that you can make a tasty wine from dandelion flowers? Did you know that, if Brazil suffers a bad harvest, you can still enjoy your own “coffee” by drying out dandelion roots, roasting, grinding, and brewing them? But, best of all, did you know you can dine on the yellow-flowered earth nail? Just when winter vegetables lose their appeal and everything tastes bland and looks drab, dandelions come into their own, loaded with Vitamins A and C, potassium, iron, and calcium. Imagine what it was like, in the days before goods were transported all over the country, to have ready access to that bright green salad, that promise of spring.



Spring is the time to eat raw dandelions because the leaves become bitter as the weather heats up. (Later, they can be used as cooked greens.) Here’s how Amanda Hesser in her delightful book, *The Cook and the Gardener*, recommends you go about creating an elegant dandelion salad: “The young plant can be pulled up with one tug and requires just a simple trim of the root. There is no real need to separate the cluster of leaves, which reach outward from a napped white base like a daddy long legs. Left together, they heap up high on a plate . . . but they do need to be rinsed and thoroughly dried.

## SERVES 4

4 large handfuls small dandelion greens,  
trimmed and washed

Coarse or kosher salt

Best-quality fruity olive oil, to coat

Place the dry dandelion greens in a large bowl. A few minutes before serving, season generously with salt. Pour over a little oil and toss, adding oil sparingly until the leaves are very lightly dressed. Toss and fluff the greens with your hands. Taste for seasoning. Pile into a serving bowl.”

Bon appétit!

## 20 Years From Now??

reprinted from Winter 1987

The ARPOA general membership meeting of November 11, 2007, was called to order by President, Jeannie Berkinshaw. Secretary Tam Joines, IV read the minutes which were approved by the 900 residents attending. Treasurer Michael Drexler's report was read and approved.

The Traffic Committee, headed by Willy Philips, gave its annual report: To summarize, since the sewers were installed in 1997, the population of Annapolis Roads has tripled. Now that the Peninsula has been annexed into the City of Annapolis, the roads will be chopped up again (for the third time) so water service can be in place before February. Residents of Lands End requested a traffic light at the end of the turnaround. It seems that rush-hour backups on the ramps to the Horn Point Bridge are creating havoc. Also, the lights at the beginning of Golf Course Road South (where it intersects with Ogleton Freeway at Queen Anne's Blvd.) have been repaired and a new light is being installed at the intersection of Golf Course Road North, where it intersects Ogleton Blvd., just before the Old Bay Ridge Highway light. An additional school crossing light is in next year's budget in front of the Annapolis Roads Vo-tech Center, opposite Jennifer Lane, also on Ogleton.

The Entertainment Committee, headed by Jessica Guice (daughter of Wood & Michelle Brown), reports that the ARPOA gala New Year's Eve party will be held in the grand ballroom of the Lake Ogleton Yacht Club, overlooking the old York Lane Marina. Tickets are \$100.00 per head. Tables will be adorned with a branch from the remaining Annapolis Roads tree, which still stands behind the Saverinq pumping station on Old Bay Ridge Highway. Ms. Guice reported that the annual ARPOA July picnic was a huge success, with over 2,000 people in attendance. It was held on the old Golf Course. A new site will have to be found for future picnics, as Annapolis Mayor Carl Snowden announced that a high-speed rail station will be built on that site to connect the peninsula with New York and Philadelphia. Parking will be located on the former site of Pal Park, which was recently paved over.

A small tract of land adjacent to the community stables has been set aside for temporary housing for the ARPOA homeless. Eighteen families lost their homes when Phases V & VI of the sewer system were installed. The homes were sold to pay for sewerage related connection fees, pumps, and (increased) property tax bills.

Garden Club President Andrea Kames reported that the plantings in front of the entrance to the 7-11 enclosed mall (at Carrollton and Bay Ridge) did not survive. Overflow parking from the Ebb Tide Inn and Spa killed them all.

Treasurer Michael Drexler reports that the budget for FY 2007 is set at one million, three hundred thousand dollars; nine hundred thousand dollars of that total is for the ARPOA private police force, which numbers 226.

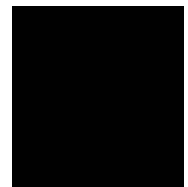
Public Works Director Travis Hammond requested a raise from his annual salary of \$40,000 to \$48,000. He said he had to build an additional garage on his property to house the third ARPOA snow-removal unit.

Nature Committee chairperson, Michelle Hemminger, said a seagull was sighted last summer. She said this is a sure sign that the species may return to Lake Ogleton in the next decade.

Parking Committee chairperson, Megan Stalker, reported that the final 24 parking meters are scheduled to go in front of the Claibourne Ice Skating and Roller Rink.

Dana Holschuh, chairperson of the Waterfront Committee, reported that an odd-even boating plan will be implemented on Lake Ogleton next summer. All odd-numbered residences are to use their boats on odd-numbered days and all even-numbered residences will use their boats on even-numbered days.

A motion by Lyon Johnson, seconded by Susan Goldberg, adjourned the meeting at 3 AM, November 12th



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## Summer Horseshoe League

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June 7th

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