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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association Friends and Neighbors:

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. It's good to be back at the helm.

I would like to once again take a moment to thank our exceptional officers and board members, without whom nothing would ever come to fruition: Walter Bigelow, Vice-President; Ellen Robertson, Treasurer; and, Don Walsh, Secretary; Kendall Taunt, Mary Gibb, Judy Vaughan, Mike Sala, Stephen Stroetzel, and David Lillibridge.

The following year should prove to be full of excitement and challenges. I look forward to a great many accomplishments for our community.

Regards,

Larry Beers
President

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This is your community newsletter, we welcome and encourage your input!!!!

EDITORS' GREETING

Even though Labor Day signals the end of summer, it's hard not to think of it as a beginning. The weather WILL get cooler; it WILL rain again; the torpor of the dog days will become a distant memory; we'll go outside again; and there will be a general perking up. As we remember the anniversary of September 11, we recall that tragedy with sadness, but are grateful for a year of reckoning, of assessing what is important and what is trivial, and many of us find that a sense of community rates high on the important list.

And talking of community, this is YOUR community newspaper, your voice. You can E-mail your articles and your free community want-ads to walter@bigelow.com and they will appear in the next Bay Breeze. This is your chance to be heard — and to move your goods around. Your old hot tub/stereo/computer/mink coat/highchair/nordic track may be someone else's keenest need.

School's in, so keep a light foot on your accelerators and enjoy the view around you even though our gardens look dreadful right now. We can console ourselves a bit by congratulating the plants that are surviving rather than mourning those that have succumbed to the drought. Yay, rosemary! Good for you, sedum! Right on, coreopsis! Way to go, phlox. Hooray for holly.

Great news! Jazzercise has moved to our neck of the woods. They are now located next to the Café Orleans, where the fabric store used to be. Check them out next time you go to the library, or the liquor store, or Blockbuster. Take a class. It is so much fun!

Looking forward to seeing you out and about. The Editors



TREE TRIMMING & BG&E

On July 18th there was a meeting at Barbara Samorajczyk's home with Annapolis Roads residents and BG&E representatives. The subject was the frequent power outages suffered in the Roads. The main questions were why all the outages, and short of taking down all the trees, what can be done.

BG&E agreed Annapolis Roads is above average in the outages and interruption department. They explained Annapolis Roads has 2 main lines running in the community, one down Carrolton the other down Old Bay/Ogleton. The Old Bay/Ogleton line has more blips due to the tree branches brushing against the 3 phase primary wires. When that happens automatic circuit breakers kick in and cascade up the line. The remedy for this is to keep the branches out of the wires. We as a community are scheduled for a major trim in 2003, which occurs on a 3-4 year cycle. According to their arborist BG&E tries to adhere to the national standard of tree trimming but not all trees can be trimmed accordingly. The trimming done this summer was only to do 'Hot Spot' trimming on an as-needed basis.

The BG&E representatives agreed they need to let us know ahead of time what is going on and seemed more than willing to work with us so we have no more surprises.

ARPOA Dumpster Days

WEST NILE VIRUS

by James G. Gibb

Dates:

September 27 --- 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM (Friday)
September 28 --- 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (Saturday)
September 29 --- 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM (Sunday)

Place: Beach Parking Lot

We can help our seniors in getting items to the dumpster if needed. Please call John Coche' 410-268-2483

Please look at the list of items that the county **WILL NOT ACCEPT** in the dumpster.

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Junk Autos | 8. Boats (even cut up) |
| 2. Trailers | 9. Tires |
| 3. Gas and Propane tanks | 10. Batteries |
| 4. TreeTrunks or Stumps | 11. Logs |
| 5. Oil Containers or Tanks | 12. Paint |
| 6. Any Liquids | 13. Refrigerators or |
| 7. Hazardous Materials | Air Conditioners |

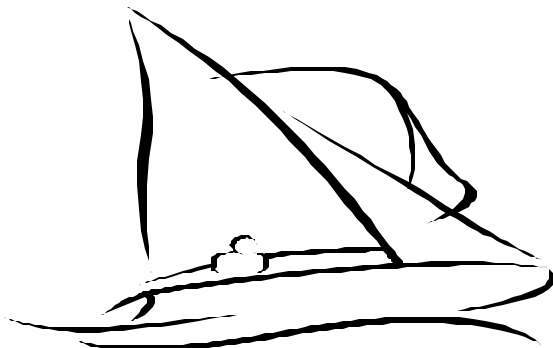
If any of these items are found in the dumpster, the county will immediately remove the dumpster from our community.

We will have someone on site to help if needed and to monitor items being dropped off.

IMPORTANT --- GATE WILL BE DOUBLE LOCKED AT NIGHT. PLEASE MOVE ALL CARS FROM LOT BY 6:00 PM.

CONTRACTORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED!

On drop off days --- Questions call Cell Phone 410-353-4347 (John Coche')



West Nile virus (WNV) is an arbovirus (a disease transmitted by arthropods like mosquitoes) that is normally found in birds and can be transmitted to the mosquitoes that feed on them. Humans and horses may become infected with WNV through the bite of an infected mosquito. The Maryland Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene, Agriculture and Natural Resources are collecting information and conducting surveillance of dead birds, horses, mosquitoes, and humans to detect WNV activity within Maryland.

In an effort to detect the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) and other mosquito-borne diseases, Maryland citizens are urged to report dead birds to the West Nile Virus section of the Maryland Public Health Hot Topics Line at the following number:

1 866 - 866 - 2769 (CROW)

Dead bird reporting hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 8 pm

Saturday - Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

In addition, callers may contact the Hot Topics line to hear pre-recorded messages regarding West Nile Virus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Alternatively, dead bird reports can be submitted online by visiting the Maryland Dead Bird Reporting web page at the following address: <http://edcp.org/wn/html/wndeadbird.cfm>.

Some birds may be selected for specimen submission and WNV testing at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Laboratories Administration while others may not. If you find a dead bird, please report it as described above.

If the bird has not been picked up within 24 hours of reporting, please dispose of it as follows:

- wear plastic or latex gloves or use a plastic bag as a glove,
- place or wrap the bird in a plastic bag and tie the bag securely,
- dispose of the bag in an outdoor trash receptacle
- wash your hands with soap and water.

For more information about West Nile Virus, please contact the Center for Veterinary Public Health at (410) 767 - 5649 or visit our web site at http://edcp.org/html/west_nile.html.

Drought

By C.L. Bigelow

This has been a difficult summer to feel good about our gardens. First we have the tiger mosquitoes to contend with, then a drought.

The mosquito is the easier of the two to deal with: Emptying standing water, using mosquito dunks and applying repellent help to make them a mere annoyance.

The drought was and is something completely different. The scarcity of water puts enormous stress on both gardens and people.

Please remember, we are a community dependent on our wells. I use the word community in it's full meaning. My copy of the Oxford English Dictionary states:

COMMUNITY - 1. Quality of appertaining to being held in common; joint or common ownership 2. common character; quality in common; identity 3. Social intercourse; fellowship, communion 4. Life in association with others; society; the social state 5. A body of persons living together and practicing; more or less community of goods.

We must, absolutely must, think of our neighbours in addition to ourselves. The aquifers we draw our water from are not inexhaustible. You may have a 125' well and your neighbour a 75'. If the water table sinks to 80', you are fine but your neighbour is not. Newer homes have deeper wells, older homes, unless they have drilled a new well, are much shallower.

As lovely as a lush green lawn is, that is not normal. Grass goes dormant in hot / dry weather as a coping strategy; it will pick up again in the fall. The water expended on keeping it green would be better used on maintaining and helping your mature trees (less is used also). A mature tree can be worth thousands of dollars to replace, and cost over a thousand to remove. A well starts at \$4000.00 to drill. That is a lot of grass seed.

There will always be some that do not care; I call them the water pigs. I believe most people who water for hours do not realize the waste. They may have never been on a well before (municipal water easily spoils one) or understand the sharing aspect. Water conservation is everyone's responsibility.

A few easy steps make it less painful:

1. Plant drought tolerant plants.
2. Have a rain barrel at your downspout (use dunks and a cover to control mosquitoes)
3. Mulch helps retain moisture in soil.
4. Decide which plants are most important and hand water accordingly.
5. You will lose plants in a drought; know that and accept it.
6. Our drought will end, not yet, but eventually.

Practice patience and know you are not the only one suffering.





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Community News

Police Beat

Almost 2 weeks ago my neighbour's home was broken into literally. The thief shattered a window after being unable to jimmy a lock, and he went for the most damage, using their own property to smash his way in. Disgusting. This took place in the middle of the morning.

There were other unsuccessful attempts to break into the townhomes behind my property. The police believe they have one of the thieves in jail on another burglary charge (he was caught in Hillsmere) and they know who the second one is.

Annapolis Roads is fortunate this time that the thieves have been apprehended so quickly, but there will be others.

Instead of using the colour coded message board, announcements such as this will go onto the Annapolis Roads web site at Annapolisroads.net; also a sign will be posted on the front post alerting everyone to such news.

Dogs and Leashes

I have received a couple of notes from residents concerning dogs off lead. They are right. We are a very laid back community, that is part of the charm, but a loose dog can make even the most relaxed person very tense. Dogs are to be on leashes during walks, period. Even the most well trained dogs. No one appreciates a dog running up to them (no matter how sweet) when they are leaving for work or relaxing in their yard. No one appreciates having their bushes or grass urinated on by your dog marking his territory. Unless you and your dog are invited onto private property, stay off! Unfortunately the owners of these dogs are the same ones that do not clean up after them. Newspaper bags are perfect for this task, easy to carry and free. Simple rules:

1. Leash your animal on walks, he is your responsibility
2. Clean up after your dog, again your responsibility

No one has the right to inflict their pets on anyone else's person or property. Please respect your neighbours and they will in turn respect you.

ARPOA Web Site

Visit our new and improved website for ARPOA. My name is Jim Dean and I welcome your input and suggestions for this site. What I would like to do is get everyone's email that is interested in receiving a quarterly update. I will put together a distribution list. Please go to the web site and click on [contact webmaster](#) and I will make sure you are on the distribution. Thanks and have a happy and safe boating season!

There is also an online Community Bulletin Board at <http://jdean.suddenlaunch2.com> for the publication of different events, things for sale, announcements and whatever you would like to add. I think this will be a great way to communicate within the community.

Thanks
Jim Dean



This is your space to fill....send the editors your stories, your news, your rants.
Whatever you would like to share.

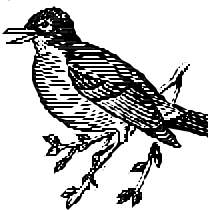
EGG WOES

By Valerie Lester

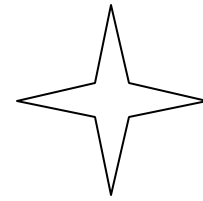
In the spring, my garden was absolutely abuzz with life. (I put this down to the fact that I don't use any herbicides and pesticides which means that our third of an acre has become very user-friendly.) Birds jostled for the best nesting spots. A robin built a nest on a beam under the upstairs deck, but it was plundered by a raccoon before the mother bird could get her family going. A cardinal built a nest at waist level in a hedge beside the garage. We could see the lovely speckled eggs and then the four nestlings, and watched as the busy mother bustled to and fro feeding the gaping beaks. But one morning, we found the nest tipped over and the nestlings missing. A cat? A raccoon? A fox? (By the way, have any of you seen the magnificent grey fox who slinks like a shadow through our neighborhood these days?)

Another robin built a nest on a window ledge outside Jim's office. She stared him down every time he sat at his desk to type, and she always won. Then the eggs hatched, the resident roof-top crow had a delicious meal, and there were no more games.

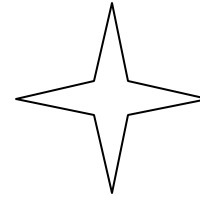
You may remember Mr. and Mrs. C. Wren from a previous issue of the Bay Breeze. Mr. C. Wren did what all chivalrous male wrens do: he offered his little wife a variety of real estate options. She made a very poor choice. While I was away for a couple of weeks, Jim was not as ardent about closing the garage door as I would have been. When I returned home and started firmly closing the garage door again, I found that each time I shut it, I enclosed a frantic little bird. But there was no sign of a nest, so I didn't lose any sleep over my efforts to encourage her to spend more time out of doors. About three weeks later, when I reached up to a high shelf for my gardening gloves, I felt a whole lot of twigs and leaves. Yes, a nest, with two tiny, beige, speckled eggs in it. This was a terrible blow to me after the three previous nest disasters. I telephoned a friend and moaned about this disaster being my fault. "Don't worry," he said. "She probably has eight other eggs in several other little nests in your garden." I hope so.



The robins are back, with another nest under the deck, and today after a shower of about seven raindrops, I saw the family rushing around the lawn (if you can call the crisp brown stuff a lawn) hoping that a worm or two might have been tempted by the mere idea of rain. It was fun to see that at least one family had made it successfully through the vicissitudes of building a nest, laying eggs, hatching the eggs, and caring for their nestlings.



COMING SOON....



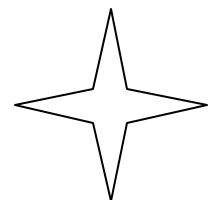
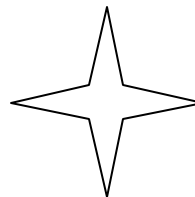
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•Golf Tournament

•Christmas Lights Contest

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•Circle(s) Planting Competition



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