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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

If you missed the annual Fall Wine and Cheese event held on the Beach Overlook last October, you missed a great time. The unusually cold January we have experienced has totally frozen over Chase pond...grab your skates and join the fun.

We have had some further changes in the ARPOA Board since the annual meeting. Dan Santin has agreed to step forward and become our Vice President, Bonnie Persinger is our new Treasurer and Geri Nicholson has joined up. Many Thanks to Ann Ferro for the great job she did as Treasurer, you will be missed.

Isabel update: FEMA after much prodding has agreed to reconsider all the Special Benefit Community Districts for eligibility for federal funds. It is still very early in the process, but it is possible we may still get some financial assistance. We are still many, many months away from a final answer, so stay tuned.

Check out the ARPOA Web Site!!!

Thanks for your support, see ya'round and about.

Walter Bigelow, President

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we welcome and encourage your input!!!!

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## EDITOR'S GREETING

As I look out my window I see cedar waxwings at the birdbath (I am so glad to have remembered to add hot water and melt the ice). There is perfection in these birds. When not much else is stirring in the cold, grey days of January they are a welcome sight. The days are growing measurably longer and the light has taken on a luminous quality in the evening. Winter has turned the corner and spring will arrive.

We in Annapolis Roads are also beginning to stir. In the coming months there will be a Land Use questionnaire to fill out, an Annapolis Roads history walk to join and a Clean-up Day (with food) to pitch into....and that only takes us to the end of March.

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### Spring Clean Up Day

Before the greenery of spring obscures all the trash Annapolis Roads is having a clean up day. We will meet at 9:00 am, Saturday March 6th in front of Chris Humphreys' home at 2689 Claibourne Ave.

Please join us, the only thing you need to bring is yourself, afterwards there will be refreshments provided for all the hard workers.

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### Annapolis Roads History Walk

It's time to take another ramble around the Roads with our resident historian Jim Gibb. We had a good time on our last walk learning the bits and pieces of history that are not taught in our schools. Join us March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the parking lot at the beach. We will see you then, mark your calendar. Refreshments will be available after the walk.

## LAND USE COMMITTEE

Last year, the ARPOA Board of Directors asked the Land Use Committee to look into what is planned for the last two large properties that may be developed in the Community: 5 acres at the end of Green Willow and 33 acres between Ogleton Rd. and the golf course. Both properties are owned by Ogleton Associates LLC who purchased them from the Rosensweig estate in December 1999 for \$310,000 and \$175,000 respectively.

Bay Ridge Trust Appraising Land. The Land Use Committee requested guidance from the Bay Ridge Trust, a local not-for-profit focused on protecting woodlands and watersheds. The Bay Ridge Trust, working on our behalf, was granted \$26,000 by Anne Arundel County, under the auspices of the County's Land Use & Environment Office, to appraise both properties. The appraisal will be completed in late February.

Land-Use Questionnaire. To better understand the interests and desires of the community, the Land Use Committee will be asking for resident's ideas, suggestions, and concerns. In a short time, you will be receiving a questionnaire that will enable you to express your opinions and wishes for the development or preservation of these properties. We look forward to hearing your views.

The community will be invited to meet with the Land Use Committee in April, time and place to-be-announced. The Land Use Committee will have much to present to the community in a couple of months and look forward to meeting with everyone, sharing what we've learned, and receiving your guidance.

Anastasia Hopkinson, Chairperson, Land Use Committee

# WHY DID THE DEER CROSS THE ROAD?

by Valerie Lester

One evening last November, at dusk, I was driving down Bay Ridge Road, slowing to turn left onto Carrollton Road, when I saw the most astonishing sight. A large deer came leaping across from the 7-11, passed immediately in front of my car, caused the driver on my right to slam on his brakes, and headed for the Mexican Café. It was a stunning apparition, so close to me in the almost darkness, ghostlike in its intensity.

A couple of weeks later a major herd of lighted Christmas deer sallied forth onto the lawns of Annapolis Roads, grazing, recumbent, gazing heavenward, pulling sleighs, and one even swung its head slowly from side to side. Rudolph edged out Santa by a nose in our neck of the woods. This proliferation of deer, living and incandescent, provoked me to find out more about *Odocoileus virginianus*, the whitetail deer, our local resident.

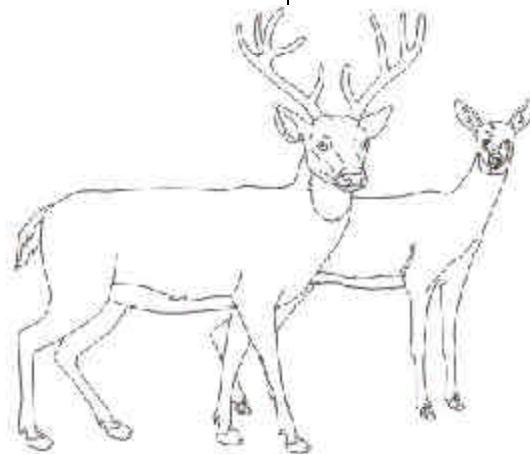
The individual I saw doing the Bay Ridge Road leap seemed huge in the fading light, but I don't recall its having a particularly impressive rack of antlers, so it was probably an adolescent male. Adult males shed their antlers annually from January to March and start working on a new rack right away. The new antlers lose their velvet in early fall, presumably so that they can do more damage to rival males during the mating season — October to December. A doe usually comes into heat for 24 hours in November, but if she is not mated then will come into heat again 28 days later for another 24 hours. Bucks mate indiscriminately but may single out a particular doe for attention before she comes into heat. Gestation is 6 and half months; except for her first year when she will bear only one offspring, a doe usually produces

twins, although triplets and even quadruplets are not uncommon. (Many of us remember the triplets who ate their way through our neighborhood three years ago.)

A whitetail fawn is truly Bambi-like, speckled and adorable, and weighs between 4 and 6 lbs at birth. It can walk immediately and learns to nibble vegetation a few days later. (Grrr.) While its mother is off foraging, it lies flat on the ground in dense vegetation, and refrains from eliminating until she returns, at which point she ingests whatever it then excretes, so as to hide any sign of the fawn's presence.

A fully-grown, male whitetail deer can weigh over 200 lbs, a formidable weight to find applied to the front of your car. Males and females have scent glands on their legs with which they mark trees and vegetation as a means of communicating with each other. ("Hey! Try this garden for great hostas!") They have good eyesight and hearing, an acute sense of smell, and can tolerate all kinds of habitat. Their range is enormous: southern Canada; almost the entire United States apart from a few areas in the west; Central America; and as far as Bolivia in South America. They were hunted almost to extinction in North America at the beginning of the twentieth century, but the population has bounced back (and then some). The current population estimate is between 8 and 15 million.

They are handsome animals, with coats that are grayish in winter, turning redder in summer, and white fur on their faces and beneath their tails. They are shy, except in Annapolis Roads where they are bold and sassy and stare down humans as they munch on roses, hydrangeas, and liriopé. When fleeing, they can attain 30 m.p.h., well above our speed limit, but their home ranges are small — about a square mile. They don't





make much noise, just the occasional snuffle or whistle when disturbed.

Like many of us, *Odocoileus virginianus* has found a

happy home in Annapolis Roads, but not all of us are happy having neighbors who reduce our gardens to wastelands and have the potential to spread Lyme disease via the ticks for which they are host. What can we do to discourage them? Round here, eating them is not an option (yet), but figuring out their pathways in early spring and making these pathways unpleasant to their sensitive noses is the best bet. Try coyote urine, Zoo-Doo, or strong perfume from the Dollar Store. Collect hair from your hairdresser and strew it around your plants, get a big dog, a 20-ft fence, a rock band. Or all of the above.

Again and again I see the vision of that huge whitetail deer bounding across Bay Ridge Road from the 7-11 to the Mexican Café. Had he heard about the excellence of the margaritas on the other side of the road?

## February Twilight

By Sara Teasdale

I stood beside a hill  
Smooth with new-laid snow,  
A single star looked out  
From the cold evening glow.

There was no other creature  
That saw what I could see—  
I stood and watched the evening star  
As long as it watched me.

## "I'm Seeing RED!"



## Build a Firehouse on the Annapolis Neck Peninsula

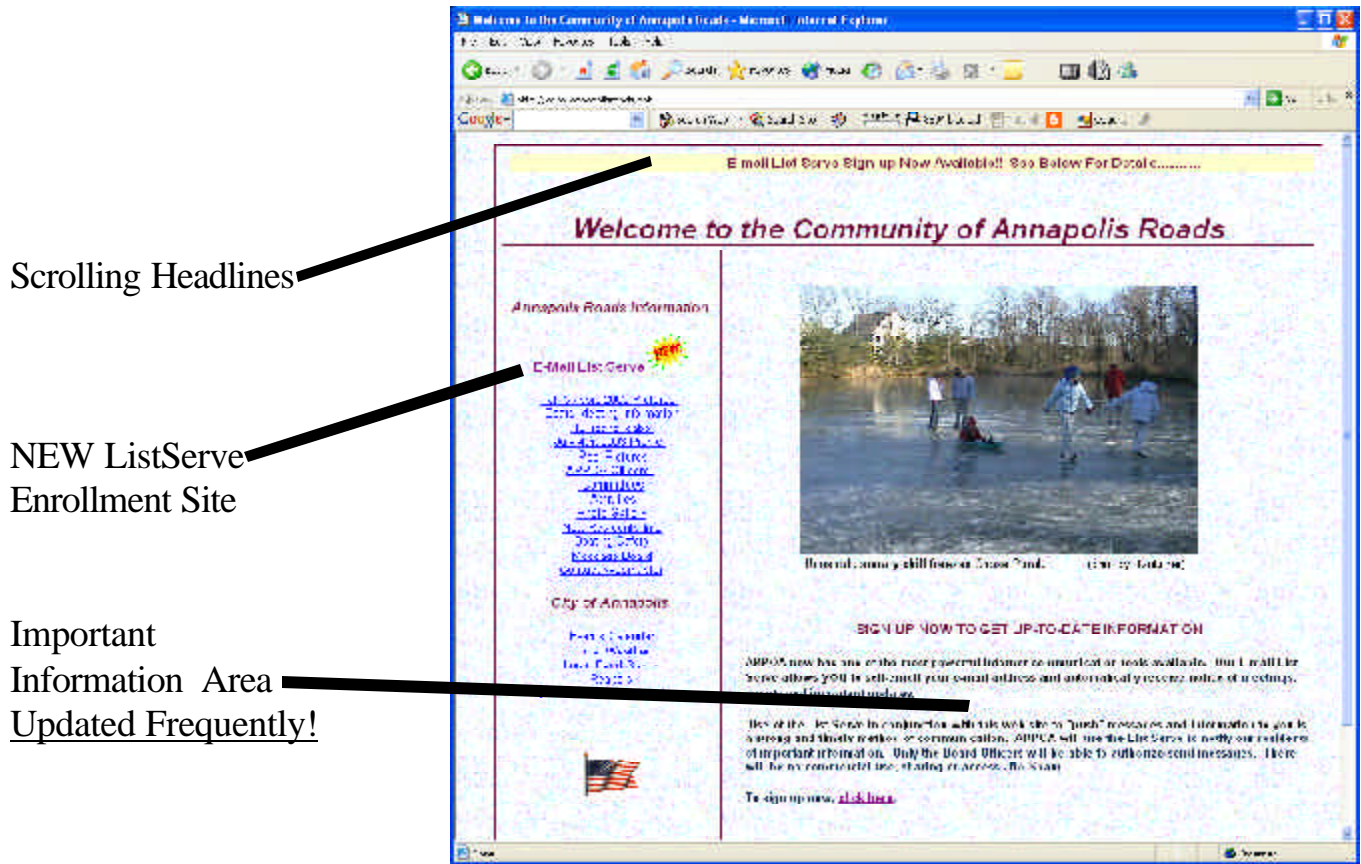
The Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation (ANPF) is putting pressure on the County government to fund the firehouse long planned for our area.

The campaign was begun by Scott Mobley, President of ANPF, at the County Council's meeting on Monday night, February 2, 2004. The slogan, "I'm Seeing RED!", and the symbol you see above represents this effort. Several speakers from local communities followed Scott's introduction by describing the long history of putting the firehouse's funding in the budget, only to remove it later.

Watch the first few minutes of subsequent County Council meetings through May for more speakers on this campaign. The County Council's meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 98, at 7:30pm on the first and third Mondays of the month.

There is unanimous support for the firehouse among our neighboring communities. If you would like to express your support of funding the firehouse, do so by writing to the County Executive Janet Owens, and the members of County Council (44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21404; or on the Internet, go to <http://www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/index.cfm> or phone 410-222-1401 for names of Council members.)

# ARPOA'S NEW AND IMPROVED WEB SITE



If you have not gone there lately, check out the ARPOA Web Site. The Board will be using the web site as one of the primary methods to share information with the residents of Annapolis Roads. The web site will be very dynamic and updated on a constant basis. You will find photographs of significant events posted as they occur.

Our New E-mail List Serve\* allows you to self-enroll your e-mail address and automatically receive notice of meetings, events and important updates. Use of the List Serve in conjunction with the web site will allow us to “push” messages and information to you in a very timely fashion. ARPOA will use the List Serve to notify our residents of important information only. Only ARPOA Officers will be able to authorize and send messages. There will be no commercial use, sharing or access - No Spam allowed!

Coming Soon - we will start posting minutes of all Board meetings along with past and future copies of the Bay Breeze. We will also post all committee meetings and activities and relevant county and city government actions along with area property development updates and road construction.

Please check with your neighbors and adopt those that do not have access to computers...help spread information and community news between issues of the Bay Breeze. If you don't have a computer, ask your neighbors.

Special Thanks go to Harry Zolkower for his efforts and hard work in updating our web site and his continuing efforts to keep it current. Thank You Sir.

*\* For you luddites out there who do not understand what a list serve is, it's easy. Information is delivered directly to you. The web site is like a P.O. Box in that you have to get in your car and go there to get the information. Joining a List Serve is like having special delivery of all your mail direct to the door. You do nothing, it just shows up.*

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# ARPOA Annual Meeting

December 9, 2003

The President opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and a quorum was present. Fifty three (53) households signed in and five (5) proxies were on hand.

## **Presidents Report:**

The President opened the meeting by updating the community on activities and events that took place during the previous year. He recognized Director Stroetzel for his work in putting together another successful annual picnic. He also thanked all those who made the Fall party a success. He noted that the community was in year 2 of a 5 year weed eradication program for the beach area, as sanctioned and approved by the County. .

The President briefed the membership on the status of hurricane Isabel damage, noting that significant damage occurred to the Overlook and to ARPOA's property on Lands End. He informed the members that he's been in contact with representative at the county, state and Federal levels seeking assistance to remediate the damage present. Very early estimates put the repair price at \$2 to \$3 hundred thousand. He also informed the membership that his efforts to secure a grant from FEMA were not successful. FEMA had made an administrative decision that effectively denies ARPOA and other self taxing district recognition as legal entities and therefore ineligible for grants. He did however state that some protective measure have been taken to secure the land at the overlook. More extensive measure will not take place until the summer or next fall at the earliest due to funding constraints.

President introduced Anastasia Hopkinson, Chair of the Land Use Committee. Ms. Hopkinson briefed the membership on the current status of development within Annapolis Roads, specifically the properties know as Ogleton Woods and Green Willow. Currently there is no activity going on with these properties. Ms. Hopkinson informed the membership that the committee, through the Bay Ridge Trust, had acquired a \$26,000 grant from the County to pay for a survey of the Ogelton Woods and Green Willow properties. The survey and our consultant will determine the fair market value of the properties, the extent to which the property is buildable, and any other issues that could assist the Board in its efforts to protect ARPOA's interest.

President introduced Brian Goodrow, Chair of the Safety Committee. Mr. Goodrow along with Ralph Ebbenhause, Kurt Wagner and Kendall Tant has been working to get support and assistance from the County to help improve road safety. Together they have been in contact with various County representative seeking help on how best to address these issues for Annapolis Roads. The Committees objective is to identify what devices can be installed or measures implemented, to slow speeders down. At this time the Committee, with the assistance of a County sponsored survey, will identify "hot spots" within our community. Once that has been accomplished the County can determine what appropriate measures can be taken. The survey is scheduled for January.

President introduced Chris Humphreys, who has been involved with community security. Mr. Humphreys briefed the community on his recent efforts to contact other vendors that provide security to communities like ours. He was successful in getting one vendor, CSI security, and had that company brief the Board on its services and fee structure. Common complaints/concerns of the residents is a lack of coverage and visibility, especially during the peak summer months. CSI's proposal would allow ARPOA to custom design a schedule to suit our needs. A commitment of 6 months is required to enter into a contract. The Board is considering their proposal but has not yet finalized a decision. The community will be kept posted as this effort moves forward.

President reminded the members that the annapolisroads.net web site fully functioning and that the Board intends to use this media to keep the community informed of issues affecting us. The web site is schedule to incorporate a self subscribing feature that would allow the Board to notify all subscribers, via email, of any emergency or other important information.

## ARPOA Annual Meeting (cont)

### **Treasurer's Report:**

President introduced ARPOA's Treasurer Anne Ferro. The Treasurer presented ARPOA's 2005 budget proposal to the membership for their approval. Included was a 4 year history by major funding categories. She noted for the members that 2005 reflects a significant increase in the assessment rate, as well as a significant increase in the overall funding level. FY 2005 reflects a 154% increase in the overall budget over the 2004 funded level. This increase will support the anticipated major expense associated with correcting damages caused by hurricane Isabel. Most of the expenses will fall within the New Roads and Improvement category. Other changes noted is an increase in Security/Police to support the change the Board is considering making in 2004. Also reflected is an increase to the Administrative line to support the purchase of accounting support to assist the Treasurer. The proposed budget reflects a change in the assessment rate from 2004 to 2005 of \$.000576 to \$.00281 per hundred. A motion was made, second and approved to accept the proposed 2005 budget.

### **New Business:**

A member requested that the Board include a notification in upcoming issues of the Bay Breeze regarding dog litter at the Overlook, specifically the need for residents to pick up after their animals.

A member informed the membership of a pending application to have Lake Ogleton designated as an official ski area. A hearing is scheduled for January 13 and members are encouraged to attend and give their opinions.

A member raised the issue of mosquito's and mosquito spraying within the community. Following discussion a motion was made, second and passed that stated "The Board is directed to contact the County and have Annapolis Roads included on the list for mosquito spraying of community roads not to exceed a cost of \$5,000.00." The Board gave the members assurances that all relevant information regarding the mosquito spraying will be gathered and disseminated to the community prior to any actual spraying taking place. Notification and schedules for spraying (if approved) will be conspicuously posted.

### **Elections :**

The President presented and introduced the slate of candidates for positions on the Board. The slate posted is current members all up for reelection. The President also asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made. The President asked that a motion be made to accept the slate of candidates for Board membership. A motion was made, second and approved by a show of hands to accept the candidates as member to the Board of Directors.

A motion was made, second and approved to close the annual meeting.

Donald Walsh, Secretary

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## ARPOA wants to hear from you! A community questionnaire

The Land Use Committee of the ARPOA Board would like to hear your ideas and opinions on how the community should respond to the possibilities of development on two large and pristine properties, the woods at the end of Green Willow and along Ogleton Road. Your views and suggestions are most helpful and valued. Look for a questionnaire on your doorstep soon. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible.

# Marina News

## New Keys, New Lock and Stickers Too!

The Marina gate is getting a new lock. There are too many keys floating around and people from outside the community are using our marina as a public launching facility.

New keys will be issued by the Public Works Director John Coche'. Along with the key there will be a numbered sticker to affix to your vehicle (don't worry, if you get a new vehicle you may get a new sticker.) There will be no charge for the new key if you currently have a key, if not there will be a \$5.00 charge. The old one is still to be used for the beach gate, so hang on to it.

The key exchange will take place between April 15-May 1, 2004. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the new lock will be put on and only vehicles with a sticker may use the marina.

If you don't live here, you don't launch here!

Public Works: John Coche' 2646 Ogleton Road 410-268-2483

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## Why Bees?

Without bees we would not have the sweetness of honey, a crisp apple to eat or the soft light of beeswax candles.

First and foremost they are pollinators.

There was a time when our native beneficial insects could do the job of plant, shrub and tree perpetuation. It is now recognized that a combination of factors have left the honey bee the main pollinator of field crops and orchards. The wild honeybee population is also under severe stress from rampant diseases and environmental impacts. The agriculture (and your garden) of the present and future require the aid of honey bees much more than it did 100 years ago.

If this piques your interest consider the short beekeeping course offered by the Anne Arundel Beekeeping Association.

We need more bees.....

### BEEKEEPING – A HONEY OF A HOBBY

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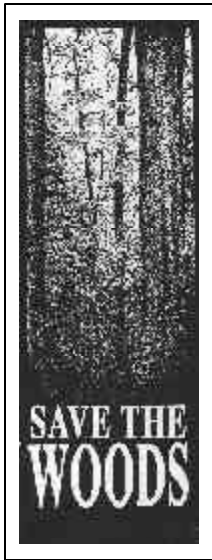
\$30.00 FAMILY

\$5.00 STUDENT

Optional Text – Honey Bees and Beekeeping - \$12.00

For Additional Information Contact: Loyd Luna - (410) 757-5797

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : February 28, 2004



## SAVE THE WOODS

*by Angus Phillips*

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### Residents of Annapolis Roads

With Spring coming, Annapolis Roads residents will again take to the streets to enjoy beautiful weather and the bright scenery. One of the delights of living here is taking visiting family or friends on “the loop,” the two-mile circle on Ogleton and Carrollton Roads, with a stop halfway at the community beach for a view across the Chesapeake to the Bay Bridge in the distance.

Why do we prize our circuit walk/ride? Why do bicyclists from elsewhere go out of their way to include the loop in their training regimens? Why do Navy Mids add it to their running routes? The answers are obvious - clean, cool air, glimpses of sparkling Lake Ogleton and the Bay, winding, scenic roads, pervading quiet, and, above all, big, beautiful stands of mature forest standing sentry. Sure, we love our woods, and never more than in the fall when they light up our lives with blazing color. For many of us, the stands of poplar, oak, maple and holly are a big part of why we settled here. But now our woods are in jeopardy.

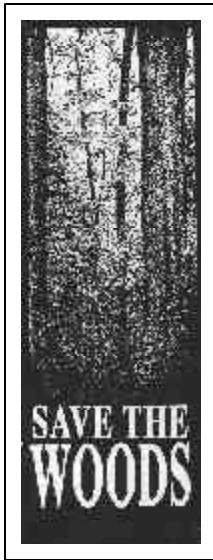
The two prime parcels of wooded land in Annapolis Roads-33 acres on Ogleton Road, bordering the south side of the Golf Course, and five acres, between Harbor Dr. and Bay Ridge Road at the entrance to the community, were sold three years ago for just under \$500,000. The buyers, Lake Ogleton Associates, hope to build houses and roads where the woods are.

When a similar threat arose in neighboring Bay Ridge a few years ago, residents looked for ways to protect their woods. The upshot was the purchase last year of 114 acres of forests and beaches that are now permanently protected by conservation easements. The Bay Ridge Trust, which was instrumental in that settlement, is looking at other parcels on the Annapolis Neck that are candidates for protection as our region comes under increasing pressure from developers.

Last spring the Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association met with officers of the Trust to consider ways of preserving our woods. The ARPOA Board of Directors assigned a Land Use Committee of local residents to follow up. In April, the ARPOA Board approved the Bay Ridge Trust’s application, on our behalf, to the county’s Conservation Trust Fund. On Sept. 1st, a grant of \$26,000 was approved for an appraisal to determine the current fair market value of both properties and related expenses. The appraisal is now in process, with a report due in February. Once the approximate value of the land is known, ARPOA plans to contact the landowners to see what interest they have, if any, in working together to keep the land in its natural state. The board also plans to survey the community to see how residents feel about the possibilities.

Dan Wells, who headed the Bay Ridge Trust’s efforts in his own community and is assisting ARPOA, said a number of options are open. The community can look at buying the land, buying part of it to preserve while permitting limited development on some less-sensitive portions (as was done in Bay Ridge), or simply working with the developer on a plan to protect the most environmentally valuable sections. Wells said the Bay Ridge Trust regards the Annapolis Roads woods as an esthetically exceptional parcel of land on the Annapolis Neck, with potential for excellent community value, and among the most environmentally significant remaining open spaces.

Why preserve it? The basic reasons are: First, to protect the habitat of the wildlife we all like to see and hear-the foxes, deer, raccoons, hawks, woodpeckers, finches, owls, squirrels and the like. Second, to do our part in improving air and water quality by leaving undisturbed the plant life that helps replenish and cleanse our air and by slowing the runoff of silt, nutrients and pollutants that cloud Lake Ogleton and the Bay. And third, by assuring that the scenic open space we enjoy will be around for our children and grandchildren to enjoy, too.



What happens to this land impacts us all. If it is developed, as it inevitably will be if nothing is done to protect it, we're looking at a noisier community (particularly if the woods along busy Bay Ridge Road are lost), plus more traffic, more runoff and less habitat for plants and wildlife. It would change the character of our neighborhood for good.

Members of the ARPOA Land Use committee working on the project are Anastasia Hopkinson of Harbor Drive, Angus Phillips of Ogleton Road, and Walter Bigelow, Don Riddle and Stan and Barbara Samorajczyk of Carrollton Road. They welcome anyone else interested in pitching in, particularly those with expertise in communications, finance, real estate, the environment, law, or land-trust issues. Volunteers can contact Anastasia Hopkinson at 410-268-7838 or by e-mail [ahopkinson@comcast.net](mailto:ahopkinson@comcast.net).

The Land Use Committee members were at ARPOA's annual meeting Dec. 9 updated the community and answered questions (Please see the meeting minutes elsewhere in this issue of the Bay Breeze). Also, the Land Use Committee invites all Annapolis Roads residents to attend their next meeting in April, time and place to be announced. The Land Use Committee will have much to present to the community and look forward to meeting with everyone, sharing what we've learned, and receiving your guidance.

Meantime, when you're out on your winter strolls and spring walks with friends and family, take a moment to look at the pristine woods that make our little part of the world a special place, and reflect on how nice it would be to be able to say with assurance, "they're there forever," and know you played a part in it.

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## Grizzly Bear

By Mary Austin

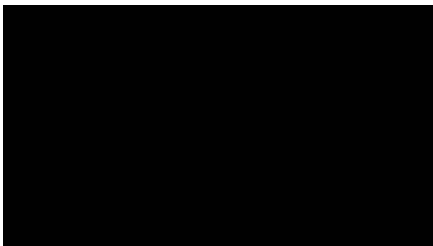
If you ever, ever, ever meet a grizzly bear,  
You must never, never, never ask him *where*  
He is going.  
Or *what* he is doing;  
For if you ever, ever dare  
To stop a grizzly bear,  
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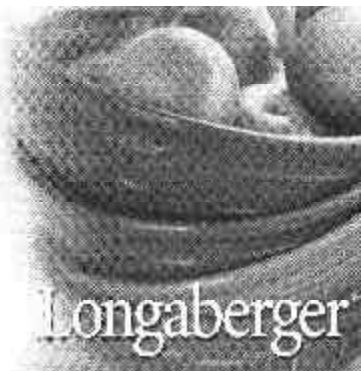



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