



THE DOCK LINE

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SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

September 10th GENERAL MEETING: The head of DEPRM, Jonas Jacobsen is tentatively scheduled as the speaker for the September meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

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Crabs submitted by Chuck Taylor



Independence Day

July 4th

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Be safe on the waterways this holiday and throughout the summer!

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Flea Market,

July 25th,

BQIA Hall,

See page 3, for details.

JUNE MEETING NOTES

June 11th GENERAL MEETING: Thanks to all who came out to vote. Your 2009-2010 BQIA officers and directors are as follows:

President: Mike Vivirito

Vice President: Jim Hock

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Directors at Large (beginning a 2 year term): John Schmidt, Richard Pitz, Dennis Faruol, Andy Jones, Fred Conrad, Nancy Hubers, and Dave Hash. Directors at Large (completing a two year term): John Michel, Robbie Duncan, Barb Sullivan, Tom Foor, Dave Cahlander, Marsha Ayres, and Cecilia Myrick.

Thank you Denise LeCompte for volunteering to be Sergeant-at -Arms.

Air National Guard Presentation- Lt. Col. Mike MacDonald and Lt. Col. Steve Bender provided information on the relocation of the main gate to Lynbrook Rd. The blinking light on Eastern Ave. will become a stoplight. The driving force for the change is twofold; an anti-terrorism effort to reduce the threat of the straight line access from 43, and entrance safety issues when only two cars at a time are queued through the gate while the rest are sitting on Eastern Ave or 43.

The base is involved in an environmental analysis regarding new building. There will be a new Fire Station on the flight line adjacent to the hangar, other buildings are receiving new roofs. In reference to concerns stated in an anonymous letter sent to the Association, the National Guard has no plans for a pier, and no intention to build a parking lot or take trees down. Dead trees were thinned out last year. There are

JUNE MEETING NOTES CONTINUED!

no plans to move the facility to the waterfront. The C130 planes will be moving to other bases. Questions were raised about plans to extend the runway. The speakers have no knowledge of any plans.

Ongoing Mail Madness– A letter is being sent to Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger and the branch manager of the Middle River Post Office regarding the continuing problem with errant mail delivery.

Royal Battle- The Eastern Avenue Royal Farm Store and Bengies Drive-In are in an appeals battle regarding additional lighting. BQIA's main concern is that the store sign be no more than 24' tall.

Loan Forgiveness– After learning about loan forgiveness in other disaster relief situations, BQIA sent a Letter to Sen. Mikulski supporting disaster relief to cancel SBA loans for residential rebuilding as a result of Isabel. Sen. Mikulski shared this letter with FEMA's Craig Fugete and has asked him to become involved in this.

Letter of Thanks– BQIA sent a letter to County Executive Jim Smith regarding Candace Croswell's service to our community in taking her personal time to present DEPRM information at our meetings.

If you live on Bay Drive and have received an anonymous letter regarding a street name change or Miami Beach name change it is a **hoax** by a mean spirited individual.

The line has been redrawn! The setback line (now affectionately referred to as "Caroline's line") in the thru lane at the corner of Carroll Island and Bowley's Quarters Rd. has been moved to alleviate some of the bus turn issues. Thank you Caroline and thank you Baltimore County for listening to our BQIA concerns.

ENJOY THE CRABBING SEASON BUT LET THOSE FEMALES GO!

Did you know that the apron of a female crab changes from a "V" shape to a more rounded "U" shape signifying reproductive maturity and that although she will mate only once she will produce many fertilized egg masses during her lifetime from this single mating. Research at the U of M Biotechnology Institute (UMBI) Center of Marine Biology (COMB) has shown that Chesapeake Bay females were very capable of spawning five or more times, though most will not produce more than one or two broods because most are harvested before they can grow old. In all cases, successive spawns may occur during the same season or females may overwinter before spawning again the following spring. In the Chesapeake Bay spawning is initiated in May and June, with a second spawning in August. See <http://www.bluecrab.info/lifecycle.html> for more information and help them to keep the population growing.

SPEAKERS: Please help us make our meetings more beneficial by suggesting issues to address that would be valuable to our community. Direct all speaker suggestions to editor@bqia.org

HALL RENTALS: \$500 non-members, \$450 members Catering Available.

Please contact Mike Vivirito 410-335-3371 for additional information

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COMMUNITY TACK BOARD

Hart-Miller Island Tours- See for yourselves what has been taking place and what is being planned for the future. Call Amanda at 410-370-5526. 20 people maximum/tour.

Junk to Some ...Treasures to Others!!! OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET, July 25th 7-1, BQIA Hall One FREE space for members, \$15.00/space for non-members. Bring your own table!! **RESERVE SPACE NOW!!** Call 410-335-7051 and leave your name and number.



Fireworks Extravaganza Support the fireworks on Middle River, July 4th. Proceeds received by the Marine Trades Association help to fund 8 scholarships for area high school students. Thank you Marine Trades Association and tall fireworks sponsors!!

Errant Mail Delivery: If you receive someone else's mail call the Middle River Post Office, 410-687-5568. If it is a constant problem, keep a record and let BQIA know about it.

APG Artillery Concerns: Contact George Mercer, 800-688-8705, regarding unacceptable noise or damage from bombing frequency

Marshy Point Nature Center: The center has wonderful programs for families and nature buffs. For more information check out www.marshypoint.org

Bowley's Quarters History Trivia: Answer to last month's question– Legend has it that the area of Long Beach, Seneca Park, Bowley's Quarters, and Carroll's Island came to be named Benjie's after President Benjamin Harrison who frequently went duck hunting in the area. Later the "j" became a "g". On a cool and final trivia note...Did you know that in the early 1900's, the BQ waterways froze so thick that the ice was cut and stored in the winter in special straw lined cellars? It lasted well into the warm weather for family iceboxes. Can you imagine??

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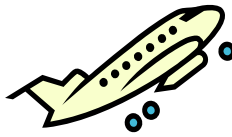
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Community Calendar

September 2009	Tuesday	September 1, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
	Thursday	September 10, 2009	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting
	October 2009			
October 2009	Tuesday	October 6, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
	Thursday	October 8, 2009	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting
	Thursday	October 17, 2009	7:00-12:00 p.m.	Tentative Bull Roast Date
November 2009	Monday	November 3, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
	Monday	November 12, 2009	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting



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 8:30am-5:00pm- 410-682-8800
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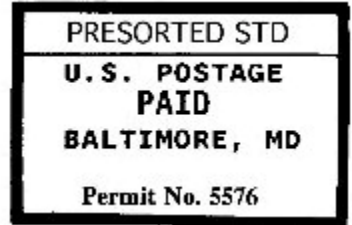
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