



THE DOCK LINE

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MARCH PREVIEW

MARCH 12th GENERAL

MEETING: Senator Barbara A. Mikulski's office has assured the Association that Mr. Ferriera, a representative from the government agency **FEMA**. (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will address the March meeting. Due to changes in flood zone designations in our immediate area this should prove to be a very informative meeting. Be prepared to



Blow Out submitted by Bob McClure

ask general questions pertaining to FEMA and flood insurance policies.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR NEIGHBORS. As explained at our February meeting if you have specific personal property issues, a privacy release form must be filled out and submitted to Senator Mikulski's office so that a FEMA representative may answer these on an individual basis. If you are a 2009 member, a form is enclosed in this mailing or one can be found on www.bqia.org or www.mikulski.senate.gov.

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE 2009 BQIA ELECTIONS, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER BY THE MARCH 12 TH MEETING. A FINAL MEMBERSHIP FORM IS IENCLOSED

Social Security numbers do not need to be included on the form.

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

FEBRUARY 12th GENERAL MEETING: Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, Valerie Twanmoh addressed FEMA flood insurance issues and shared that community members will need to complete a privacy release form so that FEMA can address individual concerns. A representative will be attending the March meeting. Questions asked by those in attendance were: What is the difference between A10 and AE? Is there a website to get these answers? Is the premium based on an elevation? Is it graduated? If dwellings have been rebuilt higher and above the flood level will premiums be increased? Does FEMA consider "lowest adjacent ground" in determining grade? One participant has been researching this and advised elevation surveys, since the lowest floor determines the level of risk. Bill Bafitis of Bafitis and Associates, an engineering firm, stated that FEMA

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES CONTINUED!

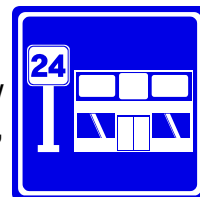
has now gone to NAV 88 which is part of a GIS datem system and is much more detailed than what had been previously used. Attendees shared their attempts to address these issues via county communications and FEMA website information as well as acquiring elevation surveys, and paying FEMA fees for LOMRs (Letters of Map Revisions) exceptions.

Questions were raised about discrepancies in flood insurance prices and whether any of the criteria for raising the insurance cost was negotiable. Concerns were voiced regarding the seemingly arbitrary requirements by mortgage companies and the time constraints of their demands for flood insurance coverage. Others shared the need to “shop around” for the lowest rates. All questions and concerns were recorded by Ms. Twanmoh and were to be taken back to Senator Mikulski and FEMA to be answered by the March meeting. The FEMA website also contains a great deal of flood information. The website can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/info.shtm>

Thanks to all who contributed to this lively, comprehensive discussion.

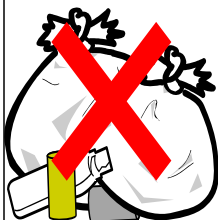
50/50 Nancy Hubers won the February 50/50. Congratulations!

Mike Vivirito attended a hearing regarding the placement of a 29' sign for the new Royal Farm Store. A compromise was agreed upon and in lieu of the 29' sign, smaller signs will be placed along the front of the building.



Millers Island PUD– The owner of Dock of the Bay also owns Millers Island property on which he would like to build townhomes. To date, no hearing has been scheduled. BQIA will continue to monitor this issue.

The positive outcome of a neighborhood variance hearing was discussed.



Attendees shared concerns regarding break-in and burglaries, spray-painted properties, dumped tires, illegal building structures, and trash and debris throughout various areas of the peninsula. Clarks Point Rd, Bay Drive, New Section Rd., and the BQIA building were specifically addressed. Police will be working to have a more visual presence in the area. Neighbors can help by reporting suspicious activity. Please be vigilant!

SPEAKERS: Please help us to make our meetings more beneficial by suggesting issues that we need 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.
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FRONT PAGE SCENES: Email your favorite scene (no people please) of our peninsula and it might be published in a future bulletin. Email editor@bqia.org (jpg. format please)

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COMMUNITY TACK BOARD

Appeal those assessments! Dennis Faroul brought up the topic of assessments. He shared an informal survey of recent assessments received by many neighbors. Several homes, he noted, have gone up 23-37% in 3 years. Considering today's market, he suggested, and many concurred, that all should think about appealing if assessments seem unfair!!



Elevation surveys? Regarding those FEMA flood zones, Bill Bafitis of Bafitis and Associates, 410-391-3222, has assisted many community members with elevation surveys.

Bayview Hospital Outreach Pat Carroll, Bayview Hospital, shared information on Blood Drives, a study requesting participants for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers, and seminars which start in March regarding Sleep Issues, Cardiovascular Health, and Eating for Strong Bones. If interested in participating, Contact Pat in the Community Relations Dept. at 410-550-0289

Welcome! The association welcomes Bob and Pam Pedrick, Erin and Ronald Voss, and Denise LeCompte to the community. If you know of new neighbors in our community, please contact BQIA so we can welcome them.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!!!!



Errant Mail Delivery: If you receive someone else's mail call Mr. Clinton Matthews of the Middle River Post Office, 410-687-5568.

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 winter programs for families and nature buffs. First Friday Movie Nights, moonlight hikes, art classes and more. Get ready for the Popsicle Plunge, Saturday March 7. For more information check out www.marshypoint.org

Bowley's Quarters History Trivia: Answer to last month's question- Daniel Bowley blockaded and used our peninsula to quarter his slaves. The frame of the old blockade gate and the alarm hoop were torn down in the 1920's. This month's question: What was originally housed in that large building behind Jeff's Bar?

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<i>Community Calendar</i>	<u>March 2009</u>			
	Tuesday	March 3 , 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
	Saturday	March 7, 2009	7:00-12:00 p.m.	Spring Fever Bull Roast
	Thursday	March 12 , 2009	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting
	<u>April 2009</u>			
	Tuesday	April 7, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
	Thursday	April 9, 2009	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting
	<u>May 2009</u>			
	Tuesday	May 5, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
Thursday	May 7, 2009	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	



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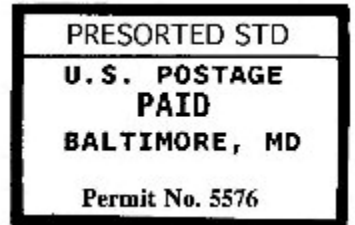
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