



THE DOCK LINE

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AN IMPORTANT NOTE: All members who have an email on file are receiving the *Dock Line* electronically. Other members are receiving a hard copy via USPS. Hard copies will be available at general meetings.

A very big thank you to BGE and its contractors for assisting the returning BQ Road osprey pair who were futilely trying to build again on the same spot that brought them tragedy last year. A weather event last summer, caused their family filled nest to fall on the wires, catch fire and short out power in our area. After being alerted by concerned neighbors, BGE recently constructed, a nesting platform extending to the side of their original "home". They have taken to it nicely and it is a win-win for all.



MAY PREVIEW

May 14 General Meeting Do you know what this month means? May flowers and Mother's Day! And what better speaker than **Valley View Farms' own Carrie Engel**. Come with your questions and be ready to get them answered as you meet Carrie and get advice on gardening, lawn care, and sustaining our watershed ecosystem.

Also, the May Meeting is the time to nominate members for election to the board. Yes, Nominations for BQIA officers and directors are due at this meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome. If you can't be present but wish to make a nomination contact any member of the board. For specifics regarding the nomination process, please review the bylaws available at each meeting and posted on the www.bqia.org website. An excerpt is included on page 4. All officers and half of the Directors at Large are elected each year at the June meeting. A slate will be presented at that meeting. Candidates must be in good standing.



**MOTHER'S DAY
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY MAY 10
9:00 am- NOON**
Start the day celebrating Mom with us!
Enjoy a great breakfast as our men cook and we dig in!

*Moms eat free, children under 5 eat free, \$5 for everyone else



APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The March minutes were read and approved.
- Nancy Hubers introduced retired Senator (86-02) and current Baltimore County Public Schools Board Member, Michael Collins. Since leaving the senate, he has been serving for 13 years on the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals, which deals with contract disputes. In 2011, he was appointed to the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Board of Education. Currently all members are appointed and he reminded us that in 2018 some members of the school boards in MD

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED!

will be elected. With regard to choosing a Superintendent, School systems make recommendations. Both Howard Co. and Baltimore Co. had the same finalists for Superintendent, Renee Foose and Dallas Dance. The BCPS school board voted on Dallas Dance. He is very pro technology in the classroom and wants devices in every student's hands. This year, 10 schools are implementing this. Chase and Hawthorne are two of the schools that are in this area. Senator Collins believes that devices shouldn't replace the basics but enhance the capacity to learn. Currently students are not taking them home but that could be on the table. Questions were raised about maintenance of these "devices". He shared that BCPS has a very good contract with the company providing devices. Senator Collins addressed funding Charter schools and has concerns that they could be private schools funded by the public. He also said there were questions about accountability and facilities that would be used to house the schools. A question was raised about Eastern Tech's program.– The Superintendent has a question about how BCPS has established its magnet schools, so he created a magnet task force which will give recommendations this spring. This was the catalyst that raised concerns that some of the programs at Eastern Tech will be eliminated. The Superintendent shared with Senator Collins that he would not change ET. In answer to another audience question, the state lottery money was never intended for schools. Some of the casino money is designated for schools. He explained that Common Core pertains to certain standards of excellence which have been established to elevate the standard of instruction. The PARCC test is currently measuring the success of that.



His parting words to the audience, "Keep dreaming, keep hoping, keep working for your community".

- Pat Carroll spoke about programs being offered through Johns Hopkins Bayview
- Dave Steedman read the Treasurers Report and addressed recent expenses and income
- Senator Collins complimented us on how good the BQIA Hall looks.
- Rich Pitz spoke about the success of the Bull and Oyster Roast
- Mimi Rehbein shared the success of the first Just BQuiz event, Let's Make a Scene Paint Nite, and the plans for other events. The next Just BQuiz Meeting is Monday, May 4, at noon. Contact Mimi if interested.
- Jim Hock spoke about the drainage issues with the back lot.
- Mike Vivirito spoke about the BP Station lot on Carroll Island Rd. Whatever it is being used for, it is out of compliance and the owner will face a large fine if not in compliance by early June.
- Mike Vivirito gave an update on a new hall sign.
- Middle River Civic Council– Rich reported on the proposed development close to Hopkins Creek. He also shared the good works that neighboring communities are doing with the Gunpowder Conservancy. Check it out by visiting [Clear Creeks.org](http://ClearCreeks.org)
- Information was provided on the upcoming resurfacing of Rt 40
- Dave Hash provided information on the two new FEMA flood zones that deal with wave height. (if its not one thing, its another) For the new flood zone maps, visit <http://bit.ly/1wLtscb>
- **Dumpster Day- Neighborhood and Property Cleanup** is around the corner! John Schmidt reported we will have 4 dumpsters at the hall for household and property trash on June 27, from 8-11am. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Explosive or Flammable materials; Acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals; Refrigerators / Air Conditioners /Freezers which contain freon; Tires; Oil, Paint and household hazardous chemicals; Medical / radioactive waste; Liquids or Liquid waste, antifreeze; Drums or Tanks (unless clean and cut in half); Batteries; Asbestos Shingles or any other asbestos material; Animal carcasses; Large stumps; Wood not greater than 8" in diameter and 6' in length; Most large items that cannot be lifted manually; and Electronics (Computer, Television, Telephone, Stereo, Fax, and Video display devices/equipment)
- 50/50 Congratulations Faye Conrad! Thank you for all you do for BQIA.

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Name: _____

Last

First

Address: _____

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(Email addresses will be used only for time sensitive member communications and emailing the Dock Line)

I am not a resident but I own property on Carroll Island or the Bowleys Quarters Peninsula. The address is:

Interested in volunteering? (Photography for the Dock Line, researching BQ history, helping with hall maintenance, etc.) Yes, I could help with _____

Election Excerpt from the BQIA Bylaws

The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Association's voting members, and shall consist of four (4) director/officers, up to fourteen (14) directors-at-large, plus the immediate past president (1) for a maximum of nineteen (19) directors. Any BQIA member in good standing shall be eligible to be elected as a director, provided he or she is a property owner of record (as defined herein) within the geographic Territory described in Article III, and is at least twenty-one (21) years old. No member, however, shall be elected to the Board or continue as a director thereafter while simultaneously holding a position as a director or officer of another community or improvement association within the Territory.

The Association's four (4) director/officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. No director shall hold more than one position as an Association officer at any time. To be eligible for election as President an individual member must first have been elected as a director of the Association in a prior term and served in that capacity for a minimum of one (1) year. The incumbent President shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and a Quartermaster from among the fourteen (14) directors-at-large who shall serve at the discretion of the President.

COMMUNITY TACK BOARD

APG Artillery Concerns To register a noise complaint, please call Public Affairs at 410-278-1147.

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

Report Roadside Litter: Call the Bureau of Highways, 410-887-3560. Be on the alert for illegal dumping on our roadsides. Report tag numbers to the police.

Broken glass cleanup or recycle/trash concerns: Call Baltimore Co. Solid Waste (410-887-2000).

Debris Lookout!! Watch out for partially submerged or floating debris. If you see it try to tie it to a pier or mark the location and call 410-887-5683 or DNR at 1-800-628-9944

Middle River SWAP Meetings: Visit the County's EPS website for more information on these meetings: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/watersheds/mrmain.html>

Essex Middle River Civic Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Victory Villa Community Hall off of Martin Blvd. The Council is also offering \$1000 scholarships to CCBC. If interested, contact ccbcscholarships@ccbcmd.edu.

Baltimore County Police and Community Relations Councils Inc. (P.C.R.C.) meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Middle River Recreation Center, 404 Compass Rd. on the corner of Martin Blvd. The public is encouraged to attend to become informed and address concerns with the police.

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy Volunteer Calendar– Visit this link and find out what your neighbors and other waterfront communities are doing as stewards of the Chesapeake and its tributaries. Visit <http://www.gunpowderfalls.org/calendar-of-events-1.html> For the Spring 2015 Newsletter visit <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9pe40eo59alxjen/GVC%20Newsletter%20Spring%202015.-Final.pdf?dl=0>

Baltimore County 6th District Council Office Contact Information: Councilwoman Cathy Bevins office email is council6@baltimorecountymd.gov the phone number is 410-887-3388.

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Watch out for wild life!! Its that time of year where box turtles are



crossing the road to get to the other side of their territory and the duck couples are feasting in the roadside ditches. Drive safely and protect their lives and yours.



Board Of Directors Meetings Occur the First Tuesday of the Month from Sept-June

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
2	7	4	2	6	3	3	7	5	2

General Membership Meetings Occur the Second Thursday of the Month from Sept-June

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
11	9	13	11	8	12	12	9	14	11

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

* Denotes date or time change

Events Calendar → December 11- Holiday Giving Celebration; March 14 -Bull and Oyster Roast; May 10 - Mothers Day Breakfast; June 27 - Dumpster Day!



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