

Issue: May 2006 Podickory Point Community Association Newsletter © COPYRIGHT 2006

### County Dumpster on Tydings Rd May 9 - 11

Please mark your calendars - the County Dumpster will be located at the Community Lot on Tydings Road from May 9 through May 11, 2006.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL FOR DUMPSTER: Junk Automobiles, Trailers, Gas and Propane Tanks, Tree Trunks, Oil Drums or Tanks, Liquids, Boats.

1st Annual PPCA Golf Tournament set for Sunday, May 21, 2006 – Eisenhower Golf Course – Must Register by Friday, May 5 – Contact Rod Sanders (410-349-8912) or Dan Russell (410-757-6197) for details.

# Information for Homeowner's Fire Insurance

Article by Dan Russell, PPCA
Vice President

This may save you some money on your homeowner's insurance. Your homeowner's insurance policy likely covers loss due to fire and one criteria that may determine the premium you pay for that coverage is the distance your residence is located from a fire hydrant or local fire department. Although we live nearby natural bodies of water, the fire department (and hence most insurance companies) apparently do not consider

such bodies of water

available sources of water for fighting a fire in this area. In addition, as all know, since we are not serviced by a public water supply we do not have the standard fire hydrant nearby. One interesting tidbit, however, is that a county or local fire department entity had a stand-pipe and storage tank placed at the end of Chesapeake Road. It contains about 5000 gallons of water and is apparently used by the local fire department as an emergency source of water for this area. You may want to contact your insurance company and ask if they have considered this source of water (stand-pipe and water storage system) in determining your insurance premium. You'll likely need to check the distance from that stand-pipe to your home. This information is provided as opinion only and the Cape St. Clare Fire Department should be contacted if facts are needed on this (410-757-3434).

## PODICKORY POINT COVENANTS REMINDER:

No structure or building of any sort, sign, billboard, driveway, road or fence, shall be moved to, erected, or constructed on any lot until two complete sets of plans and specifications have been submitted to and approved in writing by Podickory Point Community Association, Inc...

one proposed new home construction for the Cate property and one existing home structure alteration for the Polk home, currently under review by the Board. Any Assn. Member may request to view the submitted plans for comments - Contact Stan Lemon, President PPCA.

\*All regulatory permits must be in place as well -- this is Critical Area Buffer.

#### **Printing Your Newsletter**

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### \*\*\*\*\*GET INVOLVED!\*\*\*\*\* EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

PPCA needs participation for Community Emergency Disaster Preparedness to compile lifesaving or crisis management tools & services & volunteers within our neighborhood.

#### **Article by Beverly Braun**

Many in our community have had personal experience with hurricane damage, extended power outages, excessive traffic delays, severe illness and the events of 9/11/01. Unfortunately, we still face the possibility of recurrences of those types of events, and the possibility of others, such as different terrorist assaults, or the avian flu or other pandemic. The public services we have come to depend upon in emergencies will likely not be available in the case of a catastrophic incident, or we may need to find out about them and access them in different ways. (Hurricane Katrina is still fresh in many minds!) Most likely, we will have to rely on advance planning and neighbors to help those in need. To address these eventualities, we plan on conducting a door to door survey to identify resources and needs in our Podickory Point Community. If you have any questions about these matters, please contact **Volunteer Coordinator** Beverly Braun 410.757.4126

# **Committee Standings**

#### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who made the 2006 Spring Fling a great success! But most of all Thank You to:
Kerry Wilson; Angela Lemon;
Dana Cate;
Leisa Russell and Dan even vacuumed for us afterwards);
Gisela Grotheer;
Jean Hearne; and Cathy Sanders.
Job Well Done!
Great Party!

# WATERWAY IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Dredging on the MDE
Private Permit for the upper
creek is being bid out for
additional quotes. The
dredging of that neck of the
creek is proposed for no later
than Spring 2007. Last
proposal in March 2006 was
made by Anderson Marine
and was approx. \$180,000.

The PPCA Waterway Improvement Committee made application in February 2006, for the DNR Needs & Feasibility Report for Dredging Podickory Creek with Anne Arundel County Dept. of Public Works.

#### **GET ONLINE!**

#### **Electronic Notice and Voting**

The 2004 Maryland General Assembly passed a law (Senate Bill 568) which permits condominiums, homeowners associations, and housing cooperatives to provide meeting notices and deliver information to owners by electronic transmission where certain conditions are met. In a nutshell, this allows Associations to create the manner and method to allow owners to opt-in for receiving association notices and information by electronic means. In addition, it can allow owners to vote by electronic ballots on issues and/or cast a proxy for quorum purposes.

Start looking for PPCA emails!

Our request has been forwarded by DPW to Maryland DNR. We anticipate the Report will be completed by mid Summer, 2006.

At that time, DNR will provide recommendations for the State and Local Grants, and State Low or No Interest Ioan programs for which Podickory Creek residents will be eligible.

The PPCA Committee is exploring ALL options for dredging all of Podickory Creek, and contingent opportunities for developing the Community Lot with a private boat launch ramp and boat trailer parking for the whole Community. Deep water dredging will improve water quality, and a private boat launch will increase community wide property values as a water privileged community.

We will keep you posted!



#### http:// www.neighborhoodlink.com/aacounty/ppca/

#### Did You Know...

- The PPCA Board has adopted a new Web Site for the Podickory Point Community
  Association. This is not costing the Community Assn. any money and is a 100% volunteer project. Contact the general delivery email: <a href="mailto:podickorypointcommunity@comcast.net">podickorypointcommunity@comcast.net</a>
- Please stop by the Web Site and sign-in. You may find some fun and helpful information!