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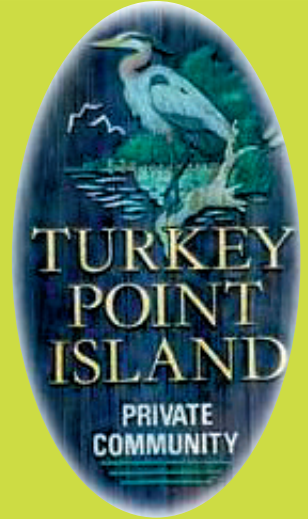
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# THE ISLAND TIMES



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## We Have an Island Flag

During the month of January, the island participated in a fun and creative competition to design a community flag. Lots of great ideas came from residents of all ages. The final vote resulted in a clear win for the incredibly artistic design submitted by Maggie Whitlatch. Work is in progress to get the artwork submitted to a flag printing company. So far estimates are around \$50/flag. With any luck we will have orders ready so flags can fly this Spring! Items like a community flag help us show our community pride! Turkey Point is an incredible place to call home!



## Turkey Point Gingerbread Competition

Islanders of all ages participated in our first-ever gingerbread competition. Many beautiful and creative gingerbread structures were submitted, but the winners stood out for their creativity and use of unexpected materials.

Best Overall Design—Shannon Riley-Garcia



Unexpected Materials—Anika Riley-Garcia



Best Winter Scene—Sam Heritage



## An Island Bunny Hunt this Spring!

Ok, before you start cleaning your BB guns, let me explain! Although spring brings a lot of real bunnies to the island, we can make walking the island fun with a bunny "seek and find!" If you would like to participate, simply find a weatherproof bunny to place in your front yard for the week of March 28th-April 2nd. Then email [TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com](mailto:TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com) before that week to let us know if you are participating. We will make a map or list available of all participating addresses. If you or your kids find all the bunnies at all the locations, you can come to 1209 Turkey Point Road to claim a prize egg! Happy bunny hunting!

**COVID website for news and updates**  
All your COVID info in one place: <https://www.aacounty.org/coronavirus/>

Visit us on Facebook! Turkey Point Island, Edgewater, MD



## Polar Bear Plunge Comes to TPI

A great cause that gets plenty of excitement each year is Maryland's Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics. Sandy Point State Park normally hosts the plunge however, this year was different. Rising COVID numbers had event planners take the Plunge virtual and a few of our neighbors took the challenge to Turkey Point's beaches.

Gary and Tracy Hahn of Knox Drive



did their first plunge on New Year's Day 2017 in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. At the time, Tracy's uncle had been doing it for years, but was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He invited family down to do the plunge in his place. According to Tracy, "It was a great experience, especially starting the new year off by jumping into the chilly Chesapeake. It was a festive, party atmosphere and just an overall good time."

This year the Hahns had a friend from Alabama with plunging on her bucket list, so they decided to do it off Turkey Point Beach. On MLK Jr. weekend, Tracy and Gary Hahn, Tad Sheehy, Kelle Strickland; two of their four sons, Luke and Nick;



their son's girlfriend, Mallory Shea; and their son's friend, Brian Baldwin, all did the plunge. Tracy says, "It really was an invigorating experience and a great way to start the new year. We are hoping to make it a Turkey Point tradition on MLK weekend once the pandemic is over, with plunging and party afterwards for all who want to join us!"

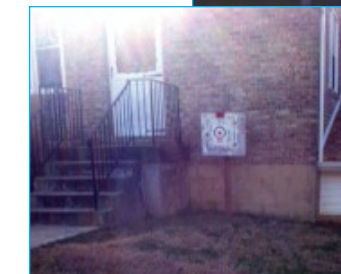
## Heart Health on TPI

By Dr. Rick Feldman

Did you know that Turkey Point hosts two Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)? It is a device that delivers an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart. This is particularly important to anyone who experiences cardiac arrest, where time is critical. With CPR, AEDs increase a person's chance at survival. You DO NOT need to be specially trained to use them, just follow the device's audible and/or visual guide. Built in computers assess the victim's heart rhythm and rate, then judges whether a discharge or shock is necessary, and then administers it. Adult and pediatric sized electrodes and accessories are included, but remember to always call 911 first.

On TPI we have two AED devices readily available. They are in protective boxes at **1169 Brice** and at **3704 Ramsey**. I recommend islanders take a moment to locate these boxes during an island walk, however, unless it is an emergency, please do not open the kit. If you would like to look at the kit due to concerns about possibly needing it, you are welcome to email the TPPOA to set up an info session.

**Please visit this link to learn more about AED machines and how to use them! <https://youtu.be/hLtrzzK-DcQ>**



### MESSAGE FROM THE TPPOA BOARD

## 2021 Dues Invoices and Budget Statement

#### Annual Dues

2021 dues will be mailed in May of this year. Please pay promptly, but no later than July 31st.

Dues provide our Island Community with the ability to:

- ❖ Maintain the TPPOA common areas including beaches, The Marsh and wetlands, walkways, pier and boardwalk, playground, appropriate signage, etc.

- ❖ Pay the routine annual expenses such as liability insurance, surety bond, common area property taxes, newsletter printing cost, meeting space rental/Zoom Subscription and postage/P.O. Box rental.

- ❖ Host TPPOA activities such as Turkey Point Day, The Halloween Party, and various Pop-Up events throughout the year.

All of the above results in each and every TP Islander benefiting from a better quality of life and higher property values.

All of the above is achieved despite the dues being only \$100 per

year and the lot fees being a mere \$10 per year. Compared to other communities, the TPPOA lot fees and dues are remarkably low.

While the vast majority of Islanders pay their dues and fees on time, a small portion do not. Simply put, it is fairer for all to share in these obligations.

#### Budget Statement

**Financial Situation:** Currently, TPPOA has two Accounts with PNC Bank. A Money Market account with a balance of \$20,210 and a Checking Account with a balance of \$44,000. Total assets: \$64,210.

In 2018 we had a major, long term expense of refurbishing the Community Pier which drew our long term reserve down. This is reflected in the relatively low balance in the Money Market Account.

**Annual Operating Expenses:** Currently TPPOA's estimated annual expenses (see 1-3 above) are \$10,000 for budgeting purposes.

**Annual Income:** Income consists of

Dues, Lot Assessments and small miscellaneous amounts from Newsletter Ads and interest. TPPOA had \$16,000 in income in 2020.

**Reserve Fund:** Currently we have approximately \$50,000 available in Money Market and Checking accounts for long range planning and emergencies. Considering the costs of major repairs or replacement of the pier, playground, beaches or signs, as well as unanticipated situational costs, our reserve needs to be increased significantly.

**Long Range Plan:** The dominant long range needs are to upgrade the playground and continue to build the reserve. An early projection for the cost to upgrade the playground is approximately \$30,000. The playground upgrade is in the early planning stages and the playground committee is seeking community input and guidance in this process.

We will continue to keep residents informed of all TPPOA matters through Newsletters, TPI Website, email "blasts", etc.

If anyone would like to donate to team Hahn/Sheehy for taking on the icy waters for Special Olympics, please visit: <https://support.somd.org/team/340708>.

### Purchase a TPI sticker and Support a New Playground at Cloud Field



The TPPOA is selling TPI stickers for cars, coolers, or anything else deserving a TPI sticker! Stickers were donated by a generous islander and are only \$5 each.

Thanks for your support! Email [TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com](mailto:TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com) to let us know where you live and how many you want!

### Cloud Beach Erosion Control Project

The erosion control work on Cloud Beach is on schedule to begin in mid March. The access to Cloud Beach from the cul-de-sac will be off limits to all Islanders while the work is ongoing. It is anticipated the work will be done by the end of May. For more information on this project, you can email [TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com](mailto:TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15th—Projected Start Date for Cloud Beach Erosion Control Project

March 28 thru April 2nd—Island Bunny Hunt  
April 14th at 7pm—TPPOA General Meeting via Zoom

April 24th—Island Clean-up Day

Just grab a garbage bag and help clean the island!

June 5th 8am-1pm—Community Yard Sale

### Island History

Maggie Whitlatch and Beth Supple are finding some great pictures, maps, stories, and history for the Turkey Point Island History project! If you have a story or pictures that you would like to share with our historical project, please email [beth.supple@gmail.com](mailto:beth.supple@gmail.com) or [maggi whitlatch@gmail.com](mailto:maggi whitlatch@gmail.com)

### The Bay Needs Your Oyster Shells

By Claire Supple

We all know that oysters are powerful water filters, but did you know that the Oyster Recovery Partnership is in need of shells? Due to the pandemic, they have not been able to get as many shells from restaurants and festivals. Baby oysters (spat) grow best on other oyster shells. You can help by donating any of your oyster shells. With more oysters growing, our Bay can be cleaner and healthier!

Visit [www.oysterrecovery.org](http://www.oysterrecovery.org) to learn how you can recycle your shells to grow more oysters!

Questions or comments can be submitted to the Board at [TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com](mailto:TurkeyPointIsland@gmail.com)