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#### NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Reich Brothers, the developers of the 53-acre Aviation Station project located next to Rt. 43 at Eastern Ave, is a national industrial real estate firm with a specialization in the acquisition, repurposing, and management of manufacturing and distribution facilities nationwide. Michael Reich is a Managing Partner, and will give us the latest update on the current and proposed redevelopment of the 1.3 million sq. ft. area that was part of the old Glenn L. Martin complex.

#### OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Amy Young, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) Communication Manager, announced that the Clear Creeks Project, a citizen-based initiative, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. She shared that a long time resident recalled that in the 1940's you could look off of your bulkhead into Middle River, watch a blue crab sluff, and bring it in for breakfast. Returning the Bay to that level of clarity is the hope of the Project. Sixty percent of Baltimore's waters depend on the Gunpowder River and storm water run off is the leading cause of pollution. Water flowing into storm drains goes directly into the Bay. How does GVC help us to reduce pollution? By working with concerned individuals to place pollution signage on storm drains. create Bayscapes and Rain Gardens to help reduce rainwater runoff, and by educational outreach. As BQ's Ibby Baynes stated after receiving a rain garden for her 90th birthday at Baynes Cove, "I'm going to leave the place in great hands for the community and for the Chesapeake Bay". The project is also using Microbioretention practices for complex run-off problems, working with faith based organizations and trying to contact other groups and individuals for environmental stewardship. The Gunpowder in 2050, has been hosting watershed roundtables to identify action items, next steps and other groups/stakeholders who need to be part of the conversation/collaboration. You are welcome to contact her at ayoung@gunpowdervc.org

Sam Weaver and Karen Wynn of the Maryland Waterways Foundation spoke about their volunteers' efforts to clean waterways. They showed slides at Cox's Point and other areas that were recently cleaned up. This summer they helped with midge control on Back River (The midge problem was almost 5 times the normal population). They do Clean ups, Storm Drain Marking, and offer Internships. They also support the Essex Farmers Market, participate in local parades/community celebrations, are involved in Friends of Hart-Miller Island State Park, work with oyster farmers to bring oysters direct to consumers (Why not order some for Thanksgiving!), work with Coastal Conservation, provide fishing tournaments and youth fishing education, and are part of the Fore the Bay golf tournament. Both of them emphasized it is very important to have "citizen scientists" work with groups to help agencies keep an eye on issues. As an example of this, they shared a very eye opening account of the wastewater issue in Back River, much of which had nothing to do with the treatment plant.

**Officer Seckens**– There were 2 burglaries in September as well as destruction of auto property, 3 thefts of autos, 6 thefts from vehicles, and the ransacking of a boat at a marina.

#### **Business Meeting**

The Minutes and Treasurers Report were read and approved.

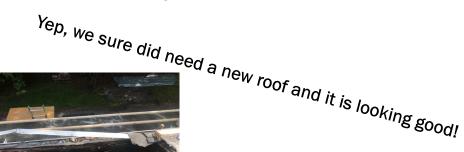
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BQIA's application for a Baltimore County Grant has been approved and we are going ahead with a
new metal roof, gutters, and downspouts; sidewalks; driveway paving; and completing it with new
metal siding. (Thank you Sue O'Hare and Jim Hock for your hard work on this endeavor). Jim had
proposed at the last meeting to replace the Hall's heating and air conditioning, since repairs would
be minimally effective to already inefficient units. He asked for a motion to have \$40,000 allocated
to replace the HVAC and water heater. The motion was made and approved.

- EMRCC Report

   — More organizations are joining the Council; Aviation Station has 6 acres of undefined use and is asking for community input, and the Council is in the process of rewriting its bylaws (thank you Mary Muth for representing BQIA on the Council and undertaking this endeavor)
- Just BQuz
   — events are posted on its Facebook page; the group has visited PTSD veterans as part
   of its Coffee for Vets outreach project for 7 years (coffee and volunteers are always welcome);
   members will be helping BQ's Ravens Roost pack military care packages at Skipjacks on Nov. 4;
   and as a reminder, St Matthews Church has exercise classes for anyone who wishes to participate
- Bowleys Quarters History Booklet is in the process of being edited and will be ready for our Anniversary Celebration.
- 50/50 Henry Olaya won and has donated it back to the Christmas Fund













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

Floating Debris Lookout!!: Secure it or mark the location and call 410-887-5683 or DNR at 1-800-628-9944

Essex Middle River Civic Council: 7PM the first Wednesday of every month, Victory Villa Community Hall Baltimore County 5th District Council Office Contact Information: Councilman David Marks' office phone # is 410-887-3384 his email is Council5@baltimorecountymd.gov (preferred for correspondence)

Baltimore County General Info. and Referral Number: 410-887-0000 Find the Office you need!

Baltimore County Zoning: http://myneighborhood.baltimorecountymd.gov/

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Recreational Water Quality: Health Water Sampling - Baltimore County (baltimorecountymd.gov)







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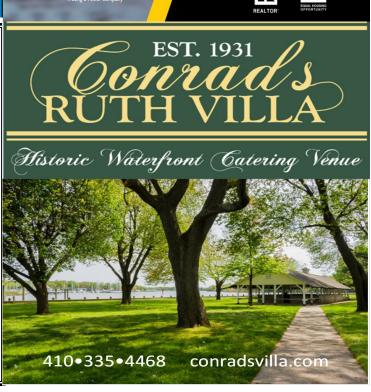
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# BQIA Calendar

Board Of Directors Meetings: 7:00 the First Tuesday of the Month from Sept-June

#### General Meetings: 7:00PM the Second Thursday of the Month from Sept–June

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\* Denotes date or time change

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

Events: May 18- BQIA Community Clean-up and Dumpster Day



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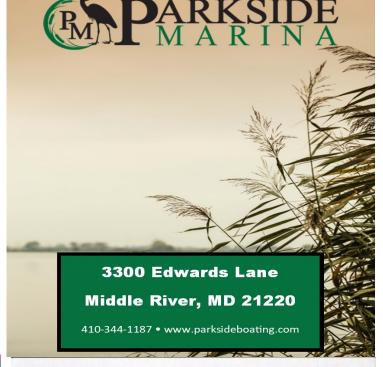
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