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"Northumberland is going to grow. Let's help it grow with order and beauty."

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Welcome to the Summer 2018 Edition of NAPS News.

Here's what happened this season, but first, please mark your calendars:

Sunday, September 30: NAPS Fall Creek Clean-up – Noon-3pm, Ingram Bay Marina, Wicomico Church

Saturday, October 13: NAPS Annual Fall Social – 4pm-7pm, Bay Quarter Shores, Heathsville

Monday, October 29: NAPS Highway Pickup – 10am-Noon, Wicomico Church

NAPS Names Jack Moore as 2018 Distinguished Citizen

NAPS has selected Jack Moore to receive the 2018 Northumberland Distinguished Citizen Award. The formal presentation will occur at the NAPS annual Fall Social on Saturday, October 13 at the Bay Quarter Shores Community Clubhouse, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the celebration – register at NAPSva.org.

Moore's contributions to Northumberland County include his leadership restoring and preserving the two historically significant one-room Shiloh School buildings on Balls Neck which had provided public education to local students for 45 years. The original 1884 schoolhouse was replaced by a larger structure in 1906. The 1906 school is a registered National and Virginia Landmark. Moore is President of the non-profit Northumberland Preservation, Inc (NPI) which owns the properties.

Moore has also been involved in other community activities. In 2016, he and his wife Susan received Rappahannock Community College's annual Chancellor's Award. He served on the founding Board of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy, is on Wicomico Parish Church's Vestry, and is a long-standing supporter of the Northumberland YMCA, the Northumberland Library, and NAPS.

Moore has several degrees from Michigan State University, including a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. His professional career included chemical research at the National Institutes of Health. Appointed by President Ronald Reagan and unanimously confirmed

by the Senate, Moore headed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program regulating pesticides and industrial chemicals.

"From childhood I was taught to respect our nation's history and to care for the natural environment. Preserving the Shiloh schools was a natural thing for me to do," he said. "The next step is encouraging the community to use the building and grounds." NPI sponsors events on the site, but private meetings and family events are also welcome. A separate structure houses a bathroom and kitchenette. Assisted by the Northern Neck Native Plant Society, a native plant garden now showcases local flowers and shrubs which are tolerant of our climate and support butterflies, bees and other pollinators. More information on the Shiloh schools is available at northumberland-preservation.org.

Jack and Susan Moore have lived on Sandy Point in Wicomico Church for the past 26 years.

The Northumberland Distinguished Citizen Award is presented by NAPS each year to honor an individual, team, organization, or business in the county that advances one or more of the goals of NAPS: Improving the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; Fostering and preserving the county's rural atmosphere; Promoting and monitoring land use policies; Encouraging economic growth to promote jobs; and Cooperating with others through educational programs to target these goals.



Jack Moore standing in front of the Shiloh School on Balls Neck.

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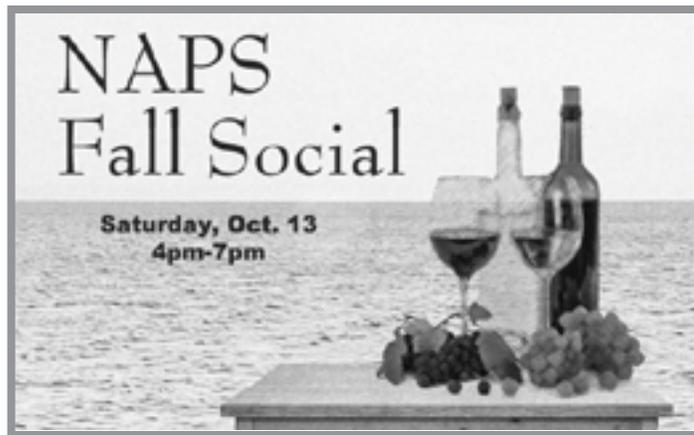
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Celebrate at the NAPS Fall Social, Sat., Oct. 13

Join the fun! The NAPS Annual Fall Social is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bay Quarter Shores Community Club House on the Potomac River, Heathsville.

NAPS will be awarding the 2018 Northumberland Distinguished Citizen Award to Jack Moore at the event for his many contributions to Northumberland County, including his tireless efforts restoring the Shiloh School buildings on Balls Neck. (see separate article, pg. 1).

Mingle with your fellow NAPS members with appetizers and drinks. Dinner will follow the award presentation – awesome fried chicken with homemade sides and dessert (NAPS' signature ice



cream sundaes!). All inclusive for just \$15 per person.

Invitations were sent to members in mid-September, so please reply as soon as possible if you haven't already. **You can also register and pay securely online at NAPSva.org.**

Whether you plan to attend or not, you can add your name to the **Angel List** by making a contribution (with the invitation or online).

Non-members are also welcome to join the party if they are interested in joining NAPS or are visiting members – just add their names when you register.

As always in our all-volunteer organization, we need all the help we can get. While the chicken will be catered, side dishes contributed by **you** would be **most** appreciated. We also need help in setting up and cleaning up. To do your part for NAPS, please contact Janice Mahoney at 580-3154 or vervaville@yahoo.com.

The venue, with water view, is perfect for indoor/outdoor entertaining. Bay Quarter Shores Clubhouse is reached from Rt. 360 in Claraville. Look for NAPS signs guiding the way.

See you at the NAPS Fall Social!



**Jack Moore – 2018
Distinguished Citizen**

Join the NAPS Creek Cleanup, Sunday, Sept. 30

Join the 2018 NAPS Creek Cleanup! This year's cleanup is scheduled for Sept. 30, 2018. We'll get fueled up with a free

lunch for all participants around noon, then we'll clean up the shorelines of the Bay and creeks using a small fleet of skiffs and lots of helping hands, ending around 3pm or so.

The land base of operations will be at Ingram Bay Marina east of Wicomico Church. Each team of 3 or 4 "pickers" will be matched with a skiff "captain" to clean up trash along Mill Creek, Cranes Creek, Towles Creek, Harveys Creek, and Ingram Bay (from Sandy Point through Dameron Marsh).

A free T-shirt and reusable grocery bag will also be provided for each participant. **Email stewardship@napsva.org ASAP and we'll put you**

on the list! If you own a skiff and would like to "captain" one of the teams, please email stewardship@napsva.org or call **Mike at 313-0274**. We can also use folks to help with check-in, lunch setup/cleanup, and sorting trash as it comes off the boats. Check **NAPSva.org** for updates.

A special thanks to:

- Keep Virginia Beautiful for a generous \$750 grant
- Omega Protein for a \$250 donation
- Ingram Bay Marina for providing the base of operations
- Smith Point Sea Rescue for providing safety boat and crew
- Natural Resources Conservation Service for providing no-cost accident insurance

Come join the crew – it's always a fun day on the water!



Students bringing in their haul with Captains Monty & Mary Deihl during the 2017 Creek Cleanup of the Little Wicomico River.

This year's T-shirt theme: "Be Nice to Your Mother" (Mother Earth, that is).



Join the NAPS Fall Highway Cleanup, Monday, October 29

By Janice Mahoney

Join the NAPS Fall Highway Cleanup, scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2018 from 10 a.m. to approximately noon. We'll meet at the Wicomico Parish Church parking lot (5191 Jessie Ball DuPont Memorial Hwy). We will de-trash our usual section of Route 200 from Wicomico Church to the Great Wicomico River (Tipers Bridge).

We work in teams of two to cover seven sections of the highway. To participate, please email or call Janice Mahoney at vervaille@yahoo.com or 580-3154.

Highway clean-up volunteers from the 2018 Spring Cleanup (from left, back row): Don Imbur, Alice Imbur, Mike Ahart, Bill Estell, Jeannie Stevens, Janice Mahoney, Alice Stieve, Joe Stieve. (Front): Martha Talent, Charles Smith.



The Last Straw?

...Or at least the last plastic straw? NAPS is spreading the message that plastic drinking straws are a big environmental problem – especially in water-oriented communities like ours. You can find the new NAPS **paper** straw display/dispenser at area events offering an alternative to plastic straws, and asking “do you really need a straw?”

The display raises awareness on this issue by explaining how plastic straws and the environment don't mix:

- Marine life ingest them causing injury and death!
 - They do not biodegrade – nearly every plastic straw ever made still exists in some form!
 - Plastic straws used in the U.S. in a single day could circle the Earth more than 2½ times!
- On the other hand, paper straws are biodegradable and much better for the environment. They can also be composted.

And these aren't your grandmother's paper straws! Paper straws from most brands these days do not fall apart or get soggy. We tested them ourselves and found a straw can last for several hours sipping on a cold drink. They make bendable ones, too.

Seattle recently became the first major U.S. city to ban plastic straws, and smaller municipalities have at least partially implemented bans. Several major corporations like Starbucks, Bacardi Rum, Bon Appétit Management Company, Marriott hotels, Alaska Airlines, and American Airlines have publicly announced

that they will phase out plastic straws in the coming years, according to a National Geographic article.

So far, the NAPS paper straw display/dispenser has been used at the Bay Bash Benefit Concert at Ingram Bay Marina on August 11, the Reedville Fishermen's Museum Creek & Roadway cleanup event at the museum on September 22, and the Nature Conservancy Boots & BBQ in “downtown” Heathsville on Sept. 23. Look for it at future events, and if you know a group that would like to have the display at its event, email stewardship@napsva.org.



NAPS' new paper straw display/dispenser debuted at the Bay Bash Benefit Concert on August 11, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total paid memberships have increased by six since our Spring report, including one new and three renewed family memberships, one individual renewal, and one renewed sustaining membership.

Membership Level	2018 Paid	2017
Business	1	2
Family	42	49
Individual	22	24
Patron	2	2
Sustaining	22	21
Student	1	6
Total	90	104

Welcome new NAPS members!

Emily Roderer and Alan Moore

Bay Bash: A Fun Day of Fishing and an Evening of Blues - All For a Good Cause

Nearly 200 anglers competed in the 3rd. Annual Bay Bash Family Fishing Tournament, followed by a Benefit Concert Saturday August 11, 2018 at Ingram Bay Marina in Wicomico Church. Although thunderstorms had been forecasted, the attendees experienced only a brief afternoon squall. The tournament awarded over \$3,000 in prizes. Ingram Bay Marina and NAPS partnered to produce the event this year to raise money for families in the Northern Neck who have children with special needs.

The evening festivities included the tournament awards ceremony, a raffle, a “moon bounce” for the kids, and a concert by an award-winning blues band with local roots – the Tom Euler Trio. “The music was excellent,” said NAPS president Mike Ahart. “It’s amazing that we had such great talent at this event.”

NAPS volunteers staffed the food and drink concessions, which featured a reusable grocery bag display, a paper straw dispenser/display (see article on pg. 3), and

other posters and materials to promote good stewardship of the community’s land and water. NAPS provided recycling bins for the event and afterward transported the empty cans and bottles to a recycling center.

The fishing tournament was open to boats, kayak/canoe and shore/pier anglers. Bay Bash organizer Capt. Billy Pipkin said,

“From Contenders with triple 300hp engines to pier fishermen, everyone had a blast and prize money was shared among a diversity of anglers.”

“We hope to add another boat in next year’s event to accommodate more local folks with special needs,” said Pipkin. “By removing barriers, individuals with disabilities are able to compete in public events.” Lisa Smith, who has a daughter with Dravet Syndrome competed in the Bay Bash with her family. “Disabilities can be isolating not only for the individual, but also for families,” said Smith. “Competing gives a family hope, allowing them to be integrated in the community.”

More tournament details and photos can be found a NAPSva.org and at BayBash.com.



NAPS volunteers kept the crowd fed: (from left) Ida Hall, Alice Imbur, Jeannie Stevens, Janice Mahoney, and Shauna McCranie. (NAPS volunteers not pictured: Alice & Joe Stieve, Rita Johnson, Mike Ahart).

The evening concert featured an award winning blues band with local roots – The Tom Euler Trio. From left: Tom Euler on vocals and guitar, Max Parker on drums, and Wes Mallory on bass.



In Memoriam: Randy Neal, Former NAPS President

Former NAPS President and long-time NAPS member Randolph "Randy" Harrison Neal died Monday, August 27, 2018 at the age of 90.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Lewis Neal; and his children, Ashby Neal Marcey (Tom) and Randolph Harrison Neal Jr.; grandchildren, Lauren and Owen Marcey and Randy and Tommy Neal.

Randy and Phyllis have been members of NAPS since 1994, and Randy served as President from 1998-2001. Randy was also a member and volunteer at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, President of Fleeton Homeowners' Association and served as Junior and Senior Wardens of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

NAPS members Bob & Sloane Kane sent a \$100 donation to NAPS in memory of Randy, along with a letter that NAPS has also forwarded to the family, excerpted here:

"We were privileged to know Randy and his wonderful wife, Phyllis, primarily through local Northern Neck organizations like the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, the Rappahannock Concert Association, NAPS and a number of other civic groups that they supported. I served on the NAPS Board with Randy when he stepped forward to serve as President and lead the organization for a number of years. Through his leadership we were able to maintain and grow the impact of NAPS in the Northern Neck, a presence that continues today.

"Randy was truly a kind and gentle man, generous, easy to like, and one you were proud to call 'friend.' His contributions to organizations and activities in the Northern Neck will be missed. We felt privileged to know him and are deeply saddened by his passing.

"Phyllis and his entire family are in our thoughts and prayers in

this time of their sorrow."

The current Board of Directors of NAPS echoes the Kanes' sentiments and extends its sincere condolences to Phyllis and the entire Neal family. Randy's accomplishments and guidance will continue to live on in this organization.

Randy was born July 1, 1928, in Richmond and was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and the University of Virginia, where he earned his degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He served in the Air National Guard, and on active duty with the United States Air Force. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Richmond Cotillion, Country Club of Virginia, Society of Colonial Wars and Sons of the Revolution. He started his own company, Automated Business Services in 1969. He was a pioneer in Data Processing Service Bureaus in Richmond. He retired in 1992 and moved with his wife to Reedville where he enjoyed windsurfing and sailing with friends.

A graveside service was held Friday, September 14, 10:30 a.m. at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, and a memorial service was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Fleeton, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 16.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 278, Reedville, VA 22539 or the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, P.O. Box 306, Reedville, VA 22539.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Since our Spring report, revenues are up by \$1,029, including a \$750 "Keep America Beautiful" grant. Expenses are up by \$705. The balance of our endowment is down by \$44; we have taken no withdrawals from the endowment.

Starting Balance 1/1/2018	\$11,325.35
REVENUES:	
Dues	\$4,135.00
Endowment	\$55.00
Other	\$793.83
Total Revenues	\$4,983.83
EXPENSES:	
Administration	\$1,686.63
Donations & Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Membership & Newsletter	\$111.85
Events	\$1,991.38
Projects	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$7,791.86
CURRENT YEAR NET	-\$2,808.03
Current Cash Balance	\$8,517.32
Other Assets:	
Scholarship Endowment:	\$20,616.15
Total Assets	\$29,133.47

Submitted by: Roger Gruben, Treasurer; 9-14-2018



Memo from Mike

Thank you, Florence, for missing the Northern Neck! However, our hearts go out to all those affected by the storm and flooding – seems like everyone I know has friends or family in Coastal North & South Carolina.

After an extremely busy spring season, NAPS relaxed a bit for the summer to get ready for a busy fall. We have participated in a few events since the Bay Bash in August: the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum Creek & Roadway cleanup event on September 22 and the Nature Conservancy Boots & BBQ on Sept. 23. Both events fell between the NAPS News deadline and distribution, so we’ll include pictures and details soon at **NAPSva.org** and in the NAPS News Fall Issue this December.

We will all miss Randy Neal, who died in late August (see article on pg. 5). I did not have the pleasure of serving with him on the NAPS board, but we have had many conversations over the years, including enjoying dinner at last year’s NAPS Fall Social. We extend our sincere condolences to Phyllis and the rest of the Neal family.

Speaking of the Fall Social, please don’t forget to register to attend as soon as possible – and this year you can register and securely pay online at **NAPSva.org**. Help us celebrate this year’s Distinguished Citizen – Jack Moore!

As usual, I would like to thank everyone who renewed their NAPS memberships this year – your dues are critical to ensuring we can continue to pur-

sue important projects and programs, and every dollar goes a long way. If you have not yet renewed, please do as soon as possible. If you lost your renewal notice, don’t fret – you can renew online with secure payment by credit card, debit card, or PayPal – just go to **NAPSva.org/join-help**. And please urge your friends and neighbors to help our community by joining NAPS! If you’d rather send a check, you can send the online form and mail a check to NAPS, P.O. Box 567, Heathsville VA 22473.

Hope to see you this fall. If you’re on Facebook or Twitter, please follow **@NAPSva**.

Best to you and yours...

Sincerely, Mike Ahart, President

NAPS Calendar

NAPS Board meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month at the Union Bank on Route 360 in Burgess starting at 10 a.m., unless rescheduled – see updates at **NAPSva.org/naps-calendar**

- Sept. 30, Sun. NAPS Fall Creek Cleanup, Ingram Bay Marina, Noon-3 p.m.**
- Oct. 12, Fri. NAPS Board Meeting, Union Bank, Burgess, 10 a.m.**
- Oct. 13, Sat. NAPS Annual Fall Social and Distinguished Citizen Award**
- Oct. 29, Mon. NAPS Fall Highway Cleanup, Wicomico Church, 10 a.m.**
- Nov. 9, Fri. NAPS Board Meeting, Union Bank, Burgess, 10 a.m.**
- Dec. 14, Fri. NAPS Board Meeting, Union Bank, Burgess, 10 a.m.**
- Jan. 11, Fri. NAPS Board Meeting, Union Bank, Burgess, 10 a.m.**