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Next BUMBA Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 7:30 PM
Watkins Park Nature Center

Guest Speaker

Our August speaker will be **Judge Dan O'Hanlon** of the **Mountain States Queen Producers**. He is active with the **Heartland Honey Bee Cooperative** in developing "**Purdue Ankle Biter Queens**" mite resistant stock that bite *Varroa*. See the article at www.nrdc.org/onearth/biting-back, as well as the June, 2010, American Bee Journal article, **The Traveling Beekeeper: Stock Improvement in West Virginia**, by Larry Connor. The queen rearing cooperative supplies a significant amount number of local queens

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting where we will have **Judge Dan O'Hanlon** from **West Virginia** speaking. I met Dan four years ago at the **2012 Eastern Apicultural Society** conference and we reconnected last year at the **Heartland Apiculture Society** conference in Michigan. I have a great deal of respect for him and the efforts he has put into Nuc programs in the state of West Virginia as well as his efforts producing quality local and hygienic bees. I think you will enjoy hearing him speak.

The first few minutes of the meeting will be an opportunity to ask questions for the membership to answer, so think about what you might want to ask.

There Our August meeting always coincides with a **Concert In the Park, between 7-8:30.** Be sure to tell event staff that you are here for the **Bee Meeting**.

The President's Smoker

This summer has certainly gone by quickly for me. It seemed the cold and rainy weather would never end and in the blink of an eye, the season is over. I harvested the majority of my honey the second weekend in July and found the crop to be small considering the number of production colonies. I will harvest the last supers in August. Many frames were not capped in July, so the extra time will ensure the honey is fully dried and won't ferment due to high moisture content.

Since my last article, I added 10 queens from **Dan O'Hanlon's** stock and have enjoyed watching these colonies build. Some of them have really taken off.

In the past two weeks, I have received about 8 calls from the public requesting bee removal. All of those calls have been paper wasps and not honey bees.

Swarm season has passed and beekeepers should look at removing undrawn boxes from their colonies (unless these frames are covered with bees who are actively drawing comb). If you have a partially drawn box, make sure the drawn frames are at the center of the brood chamber. If the frames are empty, you might consider removing them altogether, although storing can be difficult for most beekeepers. If you are feeding, I strongly encourage installing robbing screens. (1:1 syrup is ok, but you'll want to switch to 2 parts sugar and 1 part water in mid/late August.) Bees can become quite aggressive as we enter the dearth and it doesn't take long for a seemingly strong colony to get robbed out. Now is also the time to think about mite treatments. If you are an overwhelmed newbie, I recommend **Api Life VAR**. It is a good option for a beginner. It's a soft-chemical and is approved for Certified Naturally Grown. The downside is it requires three treatments over three weeks and must be removed at the end of the treatment cycle. Another relatively easy option is **Mite Away Quick Strips**. It is a 7 day treatment, but I caution new beekeepers because I have had queen loss using the full dose.

The best thing you can do for your bees right now is check for mites using an alcohol wash and treat if they are at thresholds.

At the end of July, many of us will be attending the **Eastern Apiculture Society** (EAS) meeting at Stockton University in New Jersey.

I'm looking forward to spending the week with beekeepers throughout the country and listening to some great lectures. Attending these conferences always re-energizes me and helps me think about my goals for the next season. It's a great opportunity to reflect on my successes and failures and make notes about ideas to improve my efforts and skills.

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Please also think about your role with **BUMBA**, especially if you have completed your second season as a beekeeper. Please introduce yourself to me or another officer and let us know your interest in becoming more active with the club. There is a job for everyone and if you have a year of beekeeping experience, you already know more than a beginner!

Peace, Love and Bees -

Maggie Mills

Message from the VP

Tracy Velazquez

I don't much like leaving home this time of year, what with there being a bunch more cucumbers every time I check the patch and the tomatoes finally ripening, not to mention the grape ivy from my neighbor's untended yard threatening a hostile takeover. Nonetheless, as a **BUMBA** officer I felt I should "beek up" and go to my first big meeting next month, the **Eastern Apiculture Society** convention in New Jersey. Since I don't relax well, it's kind of a perfect vacation: I keep busy and learn stuff, while my spouse and daughter sit on the beach on the Jersey Shore. We plan to meet up for clam rolls and refreshing beverages in the evenings.

I am not a particularly ambitious beekeeper, in terms of trying to raise

queens, experiment with new breeds of bees, or make hive products beyond honey and primitive candles, so I probably won't be going to courses for adventurous beekeepers. I do like to keep my bees alive and at home though, so in terms of what classes I go to, I suppose that's what I'll concentrate on. I'm sure I'll seek out something on the latest research on mite control (and learn whether I really have to buy an extra car battery and a hundred dollar long-handled electric spoon for my three hives). And maybe I'll attend a session on swarm control so I won't be (unsuccessfully) chasing my bees through the neighborhood next May. And the more I learn about bees the more fascinated I am with their social structure and biology, so I may seek out an esoteric class or two about how bees sense the changing of the seasons or why they hate the gas mower so much more than the electric one. Hopefully I'll bring back some knowledge useful for our club, including ideas for good speakers for our own meetings.

While I'm gone, I'll leave the bees to their own summer harvest. It turns out that they are particularly fond of radish flowers, so I guess I won't pull those overgrown taproots out yet. And the mint that took over the strawberry patch is due to bloom any minute. And then there's the cucumber blossoms. If you find a cuke in your car or mailbox when I get back from EAS, you'll know the bees did an especially good job pollinating in my absence.

MSBA Fall Meeting

Elections and Honey Show

Date TBA, 9:30AM – 4:30PM

Md. Dept of Agriculture HQ
50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD

www.mdbeekeepers.org

Featured Speaker: TBD

MSBA's Summer meeting will be held at the University of College Park. Exact date, location, and featured speaker are still to be finalized and announced. Please check the MSBA web site, mdbeekeepers.org for updates to the location and speakers.

EAS 2017

***University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware
July 31 – August 4***

www.easternapiculture.org

DC Beekeepers' Alliance

www.dcbeekeepers.org

The DC Beekeepers Alliance monthly meetups are scheduled for third Wednesday of each month at the Hill Center (www.hillcenterdc.org) at 921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003 (Capitol Hill) 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Monthly meetings always include member discussions and speakers on topics of relevance to local beekeepers. For directions and other meeting information, visit www.dcbeekeepers.org



CLUB HAPPENINGS

MEMBERS' CORNER

This is *your* space for *your* story. Tell us why you started beekeeping, what you enjoy most, or least? What have you learned? What do you want to share?

Wanted, your EAS Conference story! What did you enjoy? What did you learn? Will you attend EAS 2017 at the University of Delaware? It doesn't have to be a formal article. Send the editor your thoughts and we'll put it all together.

Prince George's County Zoning Rewrite

by Jeff Forbes

Prince George's County is currently undergoing a major rewrite of the county zoning regulations. The regulations have grown organically over the past 50 years and have become cumbersome and ineffective for meeting planning goals as spelled out in the Prince George's 2035 plan. The County has engaged Clarion Associates as consultant on the several years long project to develop the draft zoning regulations to be presented to the county

council. As stated on the project website (<http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/>) the goals of the project are to:

- Streamline and simplify the regulations and development approval process
- Modernize and consolidate our zones and development standards
- Incentivize economic and transit-oriented, mixed-use development
- Protect and enhance stable residential neighborhoods

One of the most important aspects of this important process is that they want and are seeking out input from all of the stakeholders in the county: the residents, the property owners, the business owners and the developers. As part of the comment and information gathering process a series of **Community Learning Sessions** have been held by the zoning rewrite team and the **Prince George's County Council held a Town Hall** meeting on July 12. **David Morris and I** have attended Community Learning Sessions and met some of the members of the county zoning rewrite team. **Nikki Thompson and I** presented at the Town Hall Meeting.

What does all of this have to do with beekeeping? The current zoning regulations ban a list of agriculture activities in residential zoned areas and agriculture areas have to be properties over two acres. Several years ago, before the zoning rewrite began, **beekeeping was added to the definition of agriculture activities, which made most of the beekeepers in the county out of compliance with the zoning regulations.** As currently envisioned by the zoning rewrite team, this inclusive definition of agriculture activity has remained. This is out of alignment with recent changes in regulations in Montgomery County and the District of Columbia that have liberalized the keeping of bees with few restrictions. I requested time to speak at the Town Hall Meeting as was the first of the public presenters. We were only allowed 3 min, although some, but not all, presenters were allowed to go over the 3 min time allotment. Below is the text of the ~2.5 min presentation I gave.

I would like to thank the Prince George's County Council and the organizers of this Town Hall meeting for giving me this opportunity to discuss concerns about a proposed land use regulation. Today I am speaking on behalf of the **Bowie-Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association**, better known as **BUMBA**. We have an active club with over three hundred members. Beekeeping has become more popular

over the past eight years with the number of registered beekeepers in the state increasing from 1300 to 1900, and the number of registered beekeepers in the county doubling to about 100.

When I first started keeping bees in 2007, with the help of my then seven year old daughter, there were no zoning restrictions for beekeeping. Fellow **BUMBA** members have said that in the past there was a restriction of 20,000 sq. ft. for keeping bees in residential zones. We learned recently from **Chad Williams** that the current standards limit beekeeping to agricultural zones. Few **BUMBA** members have such a large amount of land. The proposed land use regulations would continue to prohibit beekeeping in residential zones. This proposed prohibition runs counter to the current practice of reducing restrictions and encouraging beekeeping. Honeybees pollinate over a third of our food crops as well as a myriad of native and ornamental plants. Honeybees in the US have been plagued for over two decades by a series of imported parasites and pathogens. Pollinators of all types have been in decline and the public awareness of their importance has been increasing. Until 2012 it was illegal to keep bees in the **District of Columbia**. Now they have a vibrant beekeeping community and one of our club members writes a monthly column on urban beekeeping for a national magazine. In 2014, **Montgomery County** went through a zoning rewrite, and they currently have no restrictions on beekeeping. Bees can be kept on farms, suburban and townhouse backyards, even city apartment verandas and roofs. Beekeepers generally want to be good neighbors and will work with their neighbors to place hives where they can be enjoyed and not become a nuisance. Indeed, our neighbors have thanked my wife and me for keeping bees, because their vegetable gardens are more productive. As you can see, honeybees can be good neighbors in residential areas.

BUMBA strongly encourages **Prince George's County** to adopt the Montgomery County model and have no restrictions on beekeeping. We want the new zoning regulations to be fair to the beekeepers, fair to the bees and fair to the neighbors. An important part of a green and sustainable **Prince George's County** is a vibrant pollinator population. Beekeepers, gardeners and farmers can all help to reach

that goal. Thank you for your time and feel free to contact me or other members of **BUMBA**.

After I spoke, **Nikki Thompson** gave an impassioned presentation on beekeeping and urban farming in residential areas. After Nikki's presentation, **Council Member Dannielle Glaros** said that several of her constituents had contacted her about the current restrictions on beekeeping and asked the rewrite team about the history of the current ban on beekeeping in residential zones. **Chad Williams** reported on the change in the definition of agriculture activities. **Ms. Glaros** ask the rewrite team to review the beekeeping regulations considering our input. After the closing of the meeting, **Dannielle Glaros** introduced herself to me and said not to worry; they were not going to take away our bees. I was also given a card by **Laura Connelly of MNCPPC** with the name **Kyle Lowe, NHRD division of MNCPPC (301-627-2270)** on the back with the suggestion that we could lease space on MNCPPC land for beekeeping. While that may be attractive for some beekeepers who want to expand operations and have out yards, this ignores the pleasure of having bees in ones backyard that beekeepers enjoy. I think that many beekeepers would not keep bees if they had to drive to their bee yard. The **Greenbelt News Review** (<http://greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20160721.pdf>) had an article about the zoning rewrite and how it might affect beekeeping, where **Lynn White** interviewed my wife, **Therese, and me**.

While the response from **Ms. Glaros** was positive, the zoning rewrite is a continuing process and I think that we all need to make our voices heard. I am in the process of writing a letter expanding upon what I said in my presentation at the **Town Hall Meeting** to submit to the zoning rewrite group. I will probably also send it to my Council Member so that she is aware of what BUMBA does. I strongly urge everyone to submit your thoughts and suggestions to the rewrite group. Written comments can be submitted to the zoning rewrite group several ways:

Online at <https://pgplanning.opencomment.us/>

By email: zoningpgc@pgplanning.org

By mail: Prince George's County Planning Department
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Attn: Zoning Rewrite

Report from Walton's Honey Farm

Leigh Walton

This year's honey harvest, July 21st and 22nd is for the most part a repeat of last year. It was another good year; I was concerned all the rainy days in May would negatively impact production but it didn't by much. This nectar season the bees produced 1,200 lbs from 11 supered colonies. That's an average of 109 lbs. per colony, down a little from last year, but still respectable. The hive on the scale topped out at 462 lbs. with 6 medium supers. Considering the weight of the mediums with drawn frames (13 lbs each), and the remaining weight of the hive after the supers were removed (114 lbs), that's leaves 270 lbs. of honey from one hive. I had three other hives that required 6 supers but they weren't as packed as this one.

I now ride the bus to **Bowie** where I work in my retirement. The bus takes me to the New Carrollton metro station where I pick up the Bowie bus on the route 50 side. I discovered on the route 450 side of the station (as the bee flies, about a mile from my bee yard) there are at least 30 Linden (American Basswood) trees planted in the median. I thought maybe these were contributing to my better yields the last few years. The only problem is, this years honey is fairly dark (actually a little reddish). The Linden produces very light honey, so the mystery remains, but I like it.

David Clark and **Dave Jones** paid a visit on day 2 of harvest. Dave wanted to see the uncapping plane in action, he uncapped a few boxes and David put frames in the extractor. Thank you both for the help and opportunity to talk bees.

With a super and one frame left to uncap, the uncapping plane went cold, it just quit! I took the switch apart, no obvious problem, so I gave up on getting it to work. I gave **Gerry Jones** and **Maggie Mills** a call to see if they had an uncapping knife I could borrow, but no answer. I had been using a kitchen fork (capping scratcher lost) to clean up low spots the uncapping plane wouldn't reach. I decided to use it to uncap the single frame, it actually worked really well. When I started going through the last super I discovered it was mostly uncapped. I checked the moisture content, it was around 17%, so just moved the frames directly from the super to the extractor.

(Editor's note: Tulip Poplar honey is distinctly red is slow to granulate. It has become rare these days but was formerly a mainstay of the region. It's bloom overlaps Black Locust.)

Cheverly Town Council Lifts Bee Ban

Tonight the Cheverly town council unanimously passed an amendment to allow beekeeping on residential lots in town. The amended ordinance (O-3-16) takes effect 30 days from today. The 'rules and regulations' of the amendment are as follows:

Rules/Regulations governing apiaries on private property.

Reported by David Kneipp

Persons wishing to establish an apiary on private property in Cheverly must apply for a Private Property Beekeeping Permit from the Town (\$25)—the Town reserves the right to revoke this permit at any time.

In order to obtain a Private Property Beekeeping Permit from the Town, persons must abide by the following:

(a) Provide documentation of completion of a beekeeping course with an established area beekeeping association;

(b) Submit copy of annual Maryland Department of Agriculture Registration of Honey Bee Colonies and Apiary Inspection.

(c) No more than two colonies may be established per property;

(d) Apiaries must be located at least 15' from neighboring private property lines

(e) If there is a desire to place an apiary in a location within the required 15' setback, an application requesting that a variance be granted must be submitted to the Town. The variance request must be accompanied by written support for the proposed apiary placement from each neighboring resident

—a neighboring resident has the right to rescind their support at a later date.

BEES IN THE NEWS

Urban Beekeepers Natural Beekeeping Conference

Join HoneyLove.org, August 19-21, 2016, in Pasadena, CA, for an unforgettable weekend filled with educational lectures and workshops, hands-on demonstrations, the latest in natural beekeeping techniques and findings, an elite collection of exhibitors and sponsors, rare opportunities for you to connect with likeminded beeks, sweet raw honey tastings from around the world AND OUR ANNUAL YELLOW TIE EVENT on August 19th, 6-9pm!

There will also be “Special Interest Groups” on both days covering a wide range of topics for both beginner and advanced beekeepers (see full schedule at www.honeylove.org).

All who are interested in bees and beekeeping are welcomed to attend! #HLONBC

American Bee Journal “Extra”

New Varroa Guide Available

Véto-pharma, the makers of Apivar for *Varroa* mite control, have released a new Varroa Guide. Interested beekeepers may download and print the new guide at www.veto-pharma.com [Varroa Guide](#). The file is a 12-page description of Varroa life-cycle, when and how to monitor for mites, and treatment with Apiar® , an Amitrz® product. It also features the “Varroa Easy Check” tool for sampling bees and testing for Varoa.

European Losses of Honey Bee Colonies Over the 2015/16 Winter

From <http://www.coloss.org>

Preliminary results from an international study

The honey bee research association COLOSS1 has today announced the preliminary results of their international study of colony losses over the

2015-16 winter. Data were collected from 29 countries in this initiative, which is the largest and longest running international study of honey bee colony losses. In total 18,693 respondents provided overwintering mortality and other data of their colonies. Collectively, all responding beekeepers managed 399,602 honey bee colonies. The overall proportion of colonies lost was estimated as 11.9 %.

Bee Culture “Catch the Buzz

Neonicotinoid-contaminated pollinator strips adjacent to cropland reduce honey bee nutritional status

Christina L. Mogren & Jonathan G. Lundgren

Worldwide pollinator declines are attributed to a number of factors, including pesticide exposures. Neonicotinoid insecticides specifically have been detected in surface waters, non-target vegetation, and bee products, but the risks posed by environmental exposures are still not well understood. Pollinator strips were tested for clothianidin contamination in plant tissues, and the risks to honey bees assessed. An enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) quantified clothianidin in leaf, nectar, honey, and bee bread at organic and seed-treated farms. Total glycogen, lipids, and protein from honey bee workers were quantified. The proportion of plants testing positive for clothianidin were the same between treatments. Leaf tissue and honey had similar concentrations of clothianidin between organic and seed-treated farms. Honey (mean±SE: 6.61 ± 0.88 ppb clothianidin per hive) had seven times greater concentrations than nectar collected by bees (0.94 ± 0.09 ppb). Bee bread collected from organic sites (25.8 ± 3.0 ppb) had significantly less clothianidin than those at seed treated locations (41.6 ± 2.9 ppb). Increasing concentrations of clothianidin in bee bread were correlated with decreased glycogen, lipid, and protein in workers. This study shows that small, isolated areas set aside for conservation do not provide spatial or temporal relief from neonicotinoid exposures in agricultural regions where their use is largely prophylactic.

Click on this link for the rest of this article – www.nature.com/articles/srep29608

Canadian Honey Council Blames Transhipped Chinese Honey for Destroying Honey Market

By Alan Harman

Canada is under siege from mountains of cheap honey suddenly pouring in from strange suppliers, and the **Canadian Honey Council** believes the honey is being transhipped to disguise its true origin – **China**, the well-known marketer of low-quality, tainted product.

Unusual volumes entered Canada in the first quarter of this year from countries as diverse as **Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Moldova and even Zambia**.

The statistics, supplied to Bee Culture by the council, show **Zambia** shipped 2,395 kg in the first quarter with a value of C\$19,862.

It is the only country in southern Africa to suddenly find a growing market in Canada.

It is all the more dramatic because **Zambia** shipped just 10,985 kg for all of last year.

Moldova, on the other hand, began boosting shipments in 2012, rising from just 480 kg in 2011, to 6,900 kg the next year. Last year it was 6,966 kg, but it started this year with a 1,838-kg first-quarter windfall.

In four of the five years from 2009, **Vietnam** sent just 20 kg of honey to Canada. But in 2013 it popped up with sales of 19,209 kg and last year was 17,843 kg, a figure overwhelmed by its first-quarter sales this year of 29,360 kg.

Ukraine exported 5 kg to Canada in the four years before 2015 when shipments soared to 445,421 kg. Last year the total was 155,262 kg and this year's first quarter saw 26,254 kg land in Canada.

Myanmar, still better known as Burma, shipped no honey to Canada between 2009 and 2013 as a result of international sanctions, but then moved 58,200 kg in 2014 and 201,002 kg last year. The bees had to be working extra hard for it to be able to boost its shipments to 140,701 kg in this year's first quarter.

Council executive director **Rod Scarlett** doesn't think it is bees doing the overtime.

He believes most of the honey entering Canada is produced by China and marketed by other players in an elaborate honey-laundering industry involving third countries.

"It is a slow process in getting the message out," he tells Bee Culture. It may not in fact be pure honey, but a blend of honey and corn syrup.

"We have a serious food-fraud problem," Scarlett is quoted as saying in **Vancouver** newspapers.

The council is asking the **Canadian Food Inspection Agency** to expand its operation from not only looking at food safety but also at food fraud.

Read the rest of the article [HERE](#).

CLUB PROGRAMS

BUMBA has initiated several programs over the years *and we are always looking for members' assistance*. For more information about a program please contact an officer.

Sentinel Hive Project needs assistance

BUMBA participates in the **Bee Informed Sentinel Hive Project**. This is an ambitious undertaking to intensively study honey bee hives to better identify the reasons for high hive losses across the country. Volunteers are needed to organize **BUMBA's** participation as well as to perform the inspections and record keeping. This is an opportunity participate locally in a significant, national scientific study of apicultural science. Contact **Maggie Mills** (contact info on back page) for more information.

BUMBA Extractor for members' use

BUMBA now has two honey extractors for members to use. The extractor managers are **Gerry Jones** in Mitchellville (gejones486@verizon.net, 301-577-1365) and **David Clark** in Dunkirk (dadicl.clark@gmail.com, 443-871-0494, seven days a week from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm). Each has a complete set of equipment. The Board has established an extractor agreement, rules, and cleaning instructions. Copies are available from the managers. To reserve the equipment, call the manager, bring a \$50 refundable deposit (cash or check upon pickup), and sign the use agreement and inventory form. Please be sure to read what you are signing☺. The first 4 days are free!

Gerry reports that the extractor was been borrowed 6 times in 2014. The extractors have always been returned on time and in good shape. To reserve your use of either of the extractors, simply email or call Gerry!

www.BUMBAbees.com

Check out the club web site maintained by **Toni Burnham**, www.bumbabees.com. You will find meeting schedules, newsletters, information and membership application forms (payments are still by mail or at a meeting.) *We need content, pictures, ideas, suggestions and help with administration.* If you have any interesting photos to add to the photo gallery, send them with a short description or story to Toni at phang@tonitoni.org.

www.BUMBAbees.com/forums

Check our web forum for questions, answers, opinions and help. Thanks to **Scott Seccomb** and **Toni Burnham**, our private web forum on the BUMBA web page is available for members' use.

Electronic Newsletter

As with all organizations cost cutting is always on the table. One way we reduce our expenses is by eliminating the printed newsletter mailed 6 times a year at a cost of roughly \$1 per newsletter. People who don't have email, of course, continue to receive a printed copy. Help keep club \$\$'s in the bank for club activities.

Freestate Bee Supply Changes Hands!

Hi everybody, my name is **Delia Edelmann** and recently I purchased **Free State Bees** from **Dave Polk**, making me the forth owner. I have been selling beekeeping equipment and keeping bees on our property for the past 3 years. Our store front is in Crownsville, MD at a garden center called Crownsville Gardens, located at 1241 Generals Hwy, Crownsville, Md., 21401.

The store hours are Monday to Saturday from 9am to 6pm, and Sundays from 9am to 5pm.

We should be putting an order together this coming week so if there is anything you will need please either call me at :

cell# 443-336-1411

store# 410-923-9800 (Crownsville Gardens)

email: dedelmann30@gmail.com

You can speak with me or Glenn Miller, we can help you with everything you need.

I will be attending the **BUMBA** meeting on Thursday and will see you all at the meeting.

Delia

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Your local bee supply dealer

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1241 Generals Hwy

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Call or email if you have any questions.

Store hours M-S 9-6PM, Sun 9-5PM

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Delia Edelmann

Notice of your dues will either be on your label or in your email message

Every club needs a little money to keep it going. Although **BUMBA** is solvent, dues are needed to cover meeting room rental, speakers, refreshments and the newsletter. **BUMBA** annual dues are **\$15**. Please remember to bring your dues (**checks preferred**) to the next meeting. Consider paying for two years, as a commitment to beekeeping. Jutta loves to find checks in the mailbox, so you can mail your dues to:

Jutta Dunaway, **BUMBA** Treas., 11814 GALAXY LANE, BOWIE, MD 20715

NAME: _____

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Check if you are willing to help out with a club activity or program

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BUMBA Meets at – Watkins Park Nature Center

BUMBA annual dues are \$15. Our regular meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the even months at the **Watkins Park Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Largo**. From Route 301 or I-495 take Central Ave. (Rte 214) to the intersection with Enterprise Rd. (Rte 193). Turn south onto Watkins Park Dr. and go ½ mile to the park. Follow the road all the way to the back to the Nature Center. We thank the Nature Center Staff for their assistance. For information about the Nature Center, please call **301-218-6702**

Club Calendar

Put these dates on your **2016 BUMBA** Calendar:

- August 4, 7:30PM, BUMBA Mtg.
- October 6, 7:30PM, BUMBA Mtg.
- Nov? MSBA Fall Meeting
- December 1, 6:00PM, Holiday Party

David Morris, BUMBA Editor
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