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WHY WOULD YOU NOT WANT TO ATTEND THE RIO VISTA PICNIC?

What a perfect time to spend time with your friends and neighbors. What a perfect time to meet and make new friends in the Community. What a perfect time to meet your RIO VISTA Officers and Board Members. Finally, what a perfect time and place to have questions answered before they become issues. And, of course, not to forget the **RIO VISTA COMMUNITY PICNIC.**



Picnic time is just around the corner, **June 9th** on our own community waterfront. The water view itself is well worth your attendance. After visiting most of the rivers and small towns along the east coast to Key West and beyond I can attest to the fact the water view from our picnic area ranks with the best anywhere. Come with us, sit, relax and watch the water. There is nothing more therapeutic.

Put it on your calendars. Bring the whole family, bring your neighbors! And, bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We'll do the hot dogs and the burgers. We'll do the set-up and clean-up. Why would you not want to attend the RIO VISTA picnic? Lots of food!!!!



St. Michaels Running Festival Saturday, May 19, 2012

This event promotes exercise,
entertainment & fun



Volunteers needed.
Call Jack Davis
(410) -745-2461



From the President's Desk

Winter has passed and spring is finally here. Hope all are ready for the spring cleanup chores that we seem to face when the weather finally gets better. We certainly enjoyed a very mild winter, but forecasters seem to think the summer will be an unusually warm one with a spotty rain forecast for the foreseeable future. I believe we may be facing serious drought conditions which concerns us about the possibility of brush fires from careless smoking or over zealous barbecue cookouts. Please be careful.

As a reminder, open fires, such as yard debris burning, are not permitted within Rio Vista at any time.

Your Rio Vista Board is very concerned about the recent theft incidents within the community. We are going to re-emphasize the Neighborhood Watch Program, but all of us must be more vigilant about what is going on in our neighborhood. If you happen to observe suspicious activity, call the Talbot County Sheriff's office to alert them. **DO NOT call 911**, but rather call **(410) 822-1020**. In the past, Sheriff Pope has been very supportive and will take your calls seriously. As they have to deal with limited manpower, the Sheriff will appreciate your help. You can report suspicious activity requesting that the report be handled anonymously.

There are a number of projects that are in the planning stages as well as a few that have recently been completed. Stop by the picnic area to see the new picnic tables that were just purchased. The old, decrepit gate has been replaced under the guidance (and generous financial support) of Jan Burke. Jan also donated stone that has been placed on the roadway to the Boat Dock. The pot holes have been filled and the whole area looks very neat and clean. A few renters have already put their boats in the water.

Also, there are a couple of erosion projects being planned and, there will soon be a flower garden display in the circle intersection at Riverview, Tenant and Landing Road. Hunter Plog is the Grounds Committee Chairman and is overseeing this project.

Because of the mild winter, there is a concern that the mosquito population might be unusually large this summer. Be sure that your drainage ditches are clear of debris and vegetation and are clean to allow water to flow rather than stand. Mosquitoes love water pools and will multiply quickly in standing water.

The Extension of the Restrictions in the Deed and Agreement should be submitted for approval to Talbot Count within in the next few weeks. We have exceeded the minimum number of homeowner approvals and expect the application to be approved. A special thanks to all who signed, to help keep our community looking good.

The Nav-Light is the primary method we use to let everyone know the news about Rio Vista. If you are receiving the Nav-Light by snail mail, please consider giving us your email address. It looks a lot better in color on the website and will keep our mail costs down. We keep email addresses confidential and only use them to advise you that a new Nav-Light has been posted, and to alert you of security issues.

The St. Michaels Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. Part of the course will go through Rio Vista. There is a need for about 15 to 20 people to work at the water stations and to control traffic at intersections within the community. It will take about 2 to 3 hours of your time Saturday morning. A hospitality tent with food and drink will be set up at the high school for participants (pay as you go). Please call me (410) 745-2461 if you can donate your time to participate. The goal is to make this an annual destination event for St. Michaels. It will be fun!

Finally, the Annual Rio Vista Resident Picnic will be held at the picnic area on Saturday, June 9th. This has always been a fun, family event and a time to see your neighbors. It is also the time Board members are elected and community business is conducted. Please plan to attend. And, bring your favorite picnic dish or desert. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Have a great Summer!

Jack Davis



TREASURERS REPORT:

Your Rio Vista Community Association has started 2012 in good financial condition with no debt and no known significant financial issues. Most homeowners have paid the annual association fee, but the poor economy has been very hard on a few of our members. The Board is working to collect all outstanding fees.

The Board has approved a balanced budget for the new year that is in keeping with past years budgets and will accomplish the goals set forth by the Board for the coming year. Those goals include continuing erosion control, two new picnic tables, maintenance of the common areas (grass cutting; tree trimming) and other repairs and replacements.

ARCHITECTURAL'S REPORT



The Board of Governors for the Rio Vista Community Association (RVCA) encourages property owners in Rio Vista to improve their homes and their properties to maintain and improve the property values in the community. Therefore a form is provided to obtain approval **BEFORE** county permitting is requested. As always, we appreciate your support of this process, and should you have suggestions and feedback for improvement, please contact the Architectural Committee at architectural@riovistacom.org



Click on the icons also found on the Rio Vista Web site (on the lower half of the home page) to send an e-mail to the Architectural Chairman



From the Extension Committee:

With the Extension papers now in the hands of the lawyers, it is time to thank all those people who made the Extension of the Restrictions possible. I should start by thanking all the committee members who researched the RVCA documents and organized the By-Laws. This process required several years of monthly, sometimes weekly, meetings and many trips to the Land Records and to the Safety Deposit Box.

THANK YOU, cont.

I want to especially express my appreciation to all the people who made phone calls, set up appointments, tracked down owners, and accompanied me on appointments to witness signatures. **Thank YOU, Thank YOU, Thank YOU!** I could not have reached everyone without your dedication and persistence. Last, but by no means least, I want to thank everyone who signed the Extension papers. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Extending the Restrictions for another twenty years will help maintain the quality of life here in Rio Vista.

With All My Thanks

Jan Burke

DOCKMASTERS REPORT



NEWS FROM THE PIER

After escaping from a virtually ice-free winter we performed the yearly spring safety inspection of the RIO VISTA community pier and found it to be in virtually the same safe condition as when we left it in November. Being a very "early spring", several boats went in the water as soon as the law allowed and we expect many more very soon. Please remember your neighbors when you tie your boat up. We encourage you to moor your boat with enough slack to safely get on and off, but tight enough not to let your boat drift into neighboring boats or the pier.

If you bought a boat this winter and do not have a slip, give Dock master Donald Parks a call (410) 745-0468. Our slips are 10 feet wide and accommodate boats to 20 feet. Our pier is extremely well protected from north and east winds. The channel connecting the Miles River and Spencer Creek is shallow but well marked.

Thanks to Board Member, Jan Burke, the gravel road to the pier has been given an unexpected "shot in the arm". Jan was up-grading her gravel driveway to one with a harder surface. To accomplish this she had to remove several inches of good, clean gravel. Instead of hauling it some distance to a landfill, she had it spread on the road and turn-around at the pier. Thank you very much.

For those wishing to reserve a boat slip but do not have access to the Rio Vista Web Site, please call:

Don Parks @ (410) 745-0468
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Dates to Remember

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| Every Wednesday | Senior Luncheon/Gathering
10:30 am - 12:30 pm@
St. Michaels Community Center
(410)745-6073 |
| May 5 | Craft Show in the St. Luke's Church
parking lot 10 am - 4 pm |
| May 12 | Pit Beef Sales in St. Luke's church
parking lot by St. Michaels High
School Band Boosters 10 am - 2 pm |
| May 19 | St. Michaels Running Festival |
| May 20 | Baccalaureate Service at St. Luke's
UMC for St. Michaels High School
- 1 pm |
| May 26 | Civil War Tour in the Olivet Cemetery
by Betty Seymour - 1 pm |
| June 2 | Strawberry Festival with over 50
crafters, ice-cream and
strawberries, etc. 10 am-5 pm -
St. Luke's UMC |
| June 16 | Craft Show in the St. Luke's UMC
parking lot 10 am-4 pm |
| June 30 | Craft/Art Show on the lawn and
Parking lot by Mr. Stevens 9 am
- 5 pm |
| July 28 | Craft Show in the St. Luke's UMC
parking lot 10 am - 4 pm |

Union Methodist Church
Call (410)745-2784 for their schedule.

Christ Church
Call (410) 745-9076 for their schedule.



St. Michaels Running Festival

Saturday, May 19, 2012

St. Michaels Running Festival Promotes Exercise,
Entertainment & Fun

The First Annual St. Michaels Running Festival, sponsored by the YMCA of the Chesapeake, in partnership with Eastern Shore Endurance Events, LLC, will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in historic St. Michaels, MD. This event is a family oriented recreational and sporting event, based on promoting community health, physical fitness in the Bay Hundred area.

Festival participants will enjoy **St. Michaels Main Street charm** while experiencing its colonial past. Included in the Festival activities will be a **half marathon** on a soon-to-be certified USATF course, a **10K run** and a **5K run/walk**. The races and the walks are open to people of all fitness levels and abilities. A **day-long festival**, following the races and walks will feature a variety of vendors, including restaurants, businesses and nonprofit organizations, along with live music and presentations

The **Festival** will benefit the local businesses and nonprofit community. A portion of the proceeds from this community-wide event will benefit the **St. Michaels Family YMCA** for its new building fund and the **St. Michaels Community Center** for its summer youth programs, as well as **other area nonprofit organizations**. Administrative support is provided by **Running Maryland**. To register for the **Festival**, visit www.stmichaelsrunningfestival.com.



Forgot the Rio Vista Web Site Address?
www.riovistacom.org

Check out our new Signs!

LOCK IT UP!!!

For many years **RIO VISTA** residents have been able to live an almost utopian life. We didn't have to worry about the bicycle which was left outside or the unlocked cars in the driveway. We didn't have to worry about going shopping or to work and leaving our house unlocked. This has been done routinely with the thought that crime always happens "somewhere else".

It appears that "somewhere else is getting closer and closer". Most notably, two motor scooters have been stolen from driveways in **RIO VISTA**. It is safe to assume that these crimes were not committed by neighbors or friends, but more likely by individuals who traveled through the neighborhood selecting quick, easy items to steal.

Both incidents have been reported and several **RIO VISTA Board Members** have been in touch with the Talbot County Sheriff's Department. If you observe anything out of the ordinary, call the **Talbot County Sheriff's Office, (410) 822-1020**. Please take ordinary precautions.

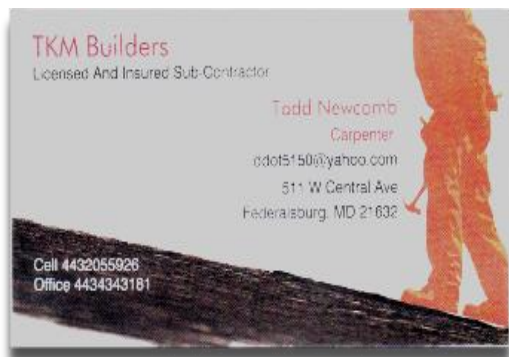


Remember:

Lock your house when leaving.
Don't leave valuables in an unlocked car.
Be sure to secure any articles you leave outside.

ADVERTISING PAGE

Are you a business owner? Why not advertise in the Nav-Light?



**100% coverage of RIO VISTA residences.
Call for rates.**

Remember in June



Rio Vista's speed limit is **25 mph!!!** The youngsters **do not** always remember to look both ways before crossing the road, nor do they always cross at a corner.

Also, for all the dog walkers, please remember to take along the **baggies** to pick up the dog poop!!!! There is nothing worse than finding that one or one's child has stepped into your pup's poop.

An applause to all those who are helping in this endeavor and to everyone who will begin to help to keep the picnic and boat area free of dog poop!



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From the Dock:

At no expense to RVCA a company called ASPHALT by JULIE scraped the road to the dock and filled in the potholes. Then they delivered and spread several truck loads of stone over the entire length of the road and the parking area. They finished off the job by rolling and compacting the stones. What a wonderful job! And did I mention all this work was **at no expense to RVCA**.
Thank You Asphalt by Julie!

If you need driveway work, call Asphalt by Julie at 410-714-1900.



Low tide on the Miles River

Just in case



...you missed....



...the low tide
last February!

Our Association Dues at Work!



From the Picnic Area

Two new picnic tables have arrived at the Picnic Area just in time for the beautiful Spring weather. To accommodate the trailer delivering the tables, the double gate had to be opened. Rotten wood and rusty hinges caused the already sagging gate to fail. Todd

Newcomb of TKM builders built a new gate that will open without having to lift the large 6X6 post. To protect the new tables and the gate, the gate is now locked.

If you have a need of opening the gate, please contact Jack Davis, Jan Burke, Roy or Sandi Droege, or Judy Sandground to get the key.

If you need a good carpenter, call Todd Newcomb at 443-205-5926.

THANK YOU



FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Saturday, May 19th, there will be a St. Michaels Half Marathon. The route for the race will partially wind through Rio Vista. The organizers are looking for volunteers to man a water station (about 5 volunteers needed) and to act as race marshals (about 10 volunteers) to direct the runners and to help with traffic. You can find information about the event at www.stmichaelsrunningfestival.com.

If you can spare some time on May 19th, call Sandi Droege (410-745-6572) or Ann Davis (410-745-2461). The hope is this Will become an annual event that will showcase in St. Michaels. Please help if you can!



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All three signs are displayed on the Rio Vista Web Site In News & Report. www.riovistacom.org



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“Thank you” to Larry Poore of the Poorehouse for his support of Rio Vista Community!



Three friends from the local congregation were asked, “When you’re in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?”

Artie said: “I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man.”

Eugene commented: “I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people’s lives.”

Al said: “I’d like them to say, ‘Look, he’s moving!’”

The Redhead Riter

County project contracted by Bridges

Before



After



Rio Vista has Neighborhood Watch?

A kayak broke free from its mooring during last weeks’ high winds. One of the neighbors noticed the kayak drifting far from shore and called me. Using the “Block Captain” list, I was able to contact the owner (who was away). The kayak was retrieved by a friend and is now securely tied on the lawn.

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