



# THE NAV-LIGHT



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### Annual Membership Fee

The Annual Fee bills will be mailed in late November. Annual fees for 2013 are due **January 1, 2013**. Please fill out the voucher and make corrections on the phone number and the e-mail.



It is very important that we have accurate information so we can contact members when necessary. Using e-mails to notify members that a new Nav-Light is available on the web pages saves the association a lot of postage. Also, those e-mails allow us to notify you of community issues such as vandalism, emergency alerts, thefts, etc. If you rent your property, please provide the names of the renter so we can include them in community activities.

### "SANDY"

#### WERE YOU READY?



Fortunately, everyone removed their boat and the tree didn't hit the house!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Summer has passed and I know we are all enjoying the cool fall weather much more than the steaming heat. The neighborhood has taken on its beautiful fall colors and I hear leaf blowers rather than lawn mowers as everyone begins the leaf clean up. Please remember there is **NO BURNING OF LEAVES AND DEBRIS** in Rio Vista at any time. We would appreciate everyone refraining from having open fires.

The summer went by all too quickly for me. Events in our community were calm and quiet for the most part. Our children are back in school so please be aware of their walking to and from school each day. Weather predictions for the coming winter have been somewhat confusing. I have heard the winter will be wetter (think snow) and colder than last year. But, I have also heard credible reports that the winter will be drier (think drought) and warmer than normal. So now you know what to plan for!

Several projects have been completed so far this year including completing the rip rap work at the picnic area to prevent further shoreline erosion. Two new picnic tables were installed to replace the older decrepit tables. The revival of our neighborhood watch program is in the planning phase and should be ready for implementation in the coming months. And, after an amazing amount of hard work on the part of **Barry Burke**, the Architectural Committee completed an overhaul of the renovation/architectural guidelines for Rio Vista. You should check out the architectural flow chart that Barry wrote. It is on our website. The annual picnic and community meeting held in June was lightly attended, but very productive. You should plan to attend next year. The fellowship and good food is worth your time.

You may have noticed the county repaved Landing Road. The edges of the road were deteriorating and falling into Reflection Pond. It took about two years after the County Council approved the project, but we are all grateful for their help. We are also approaching the county to address the water drainage problems at Lincoln and Riverview and on Jefferson Avenue during heavy rain falls.

**Peter Paris** and **Charles Rogers** have agreed to head up the re-invigoration of our Community Watch program. **Sergeant Steve Gadow**, Talbot County Deputy Sheriff, attended the picnic and agreed to act as our contact at the Sheriff's office. If you notice suspicious activity, call the Sherriff at **(410) 822-1020** to report your concern. You may do this anonymously if you prefer and it is very important that the Sherriff's department have timely information in order to successfully respond to your concerns.

The St. Michaels Running Festival was a great opportunity for us to show off our community. Approximately 500 runners/walkers came through Rio Vista. We heard many compliments from them about how nice the community is and that it must be a pleasant place to live. I think we all know this. The second annual festival will be held in May again this year. Those of your neighbors who served as race marshals and water station attendants had a lot of fun. It takes about 3 hours of your time. If you are interested in helping this year, please contact me to get on our list of volunteers.

The Board will conduct a Christmas decoration contest in December again this year. Notable homes (and there were many) will be pointed out in the next Nav-Light. We received a number of great comments about how festive the community looked during the holiday season last year.

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 mail, please consider giving us your email address. It looks a lot better in color on the website. We keep email addresses confidential and only use them to advise you that a new **Nav-Light** has been posted or to inform you of important happenings quickly.

Have a great Fall and Winter!

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

Jack Davis

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Your Rio Vista Community Association will finish 2012 in good financial condition with no debt and no known significant financial issues. Most homeowners have paid the annual \$50.00 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.

## ARCHITECTURAL REPORT



### Architectural Guidelines

The Architectural Committee took action on the following Rio Vista projects:

**APPROVED:**

1013 Riverview Pool and deck modification

**DISAPPROVED:**

607 Cove Road Poured concrete slab for hot tub in the buffer zone *without* RVCA Architectural Committee or County Permit Approval Concrete slab to be removed or moved to approved RVCA location (pending approved Application). Awaiting Application from homeowner

Just a reminder to all residents, that a new Architectural Approval Form was approved by the RVCA Board this spring and is available online at [riovistacom.org](http://riovistacom.org). In addition, a new "Flowchart" has been developed to help residents identify what types of approval are necessary. It too is available on the website. <http://riovistacom.org/>

The new form and chart are our effort to make the process less daunting and in line with the RVCA Deed and Agreement and Bylaws. ( <http://riovistacom.org>

Interested in joining the Architectural Committee? Terms are for one year and generally require approximately 3-5 hours/year of your time to review applications. Contact Barry Burke at [architectural@riovistacom.org](mailto:architectural@riovistacom.org)

## DOCKMASTER'S REPORT



The boat season is quickly drawing to a close and the weather is acting accordingly. The 2012 boating season has been a rather quiet one as far as the weather is concerned. We were lucky that only one weather event was serious enough to disrupt activities at the boat dock.

Thank you's go out to the members who acted quickly to remove their boats from the water in Sandy's wake. Because of this, the pier did not suffer damage.

According to the rental agreement, all boats should be removed from the dock by November 15 in preparation for the winter season. Boater's cooperation in doing this will be appreciated.

Contract agreements will be sent out early in 2013 for the next boating season. Stay warm and healthy.



Of particular note is the community dock. **Don Parks** is our dock master and he has done a wonderful job of managing the slip rentals. It is a more demanding commitment of his time than most of us realize. There were 17 slips rented this year which makes the dock a significant revenue producer. Others in our community, such as **Harvey Reed**, have been watchful and very helpful in keeping the dock area a safe place for Rio Vista residents.

Thank you, Don and Harvey

### The Rio Vista Board & Committees



Wishes you

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Early Edition of Newsletter – May 16, 1963  
Became NAV-Light June 1997**



**People in The Neighborhood**

Back at the picnic area, seven tons of rock needed to be moved and positioned along the eroding shoreline. "D" Butler took on the job of helping Chris Barnhart move the stones. They did such a good job the Board purchased another seven ton load. Again, "D" worked with Chris and together they finished the job. The picnic area shoreline is now much more protected.

**Way to go "D"!**

The gate at the picnic area was rebuilt last year but the fence repair was postponed for a while, eventually, age the high tides and winds took their toll on the fence and some of the fence boards "went missing". Roy Droege repaired the fence.

**Way to go Roy.**

**A Little History**

**People serving the Community**

Ken Bridges – Board of Governors (inc. President)  
1988 – 2010

Jan Burke – Board of Governors 2000 – present

Shirley Hall – Board of Governors – 1990's

Steve Heller – Board of Governors (inc. President)  
1979 – 2006

Frank Lenske- Board of Governors  
(inc. President) 2002 – 2006

Guy Reeser – Board of Governors (inc. President)  
1989 -

Ray

Yourgalite - Board of Governors - 2001 -2006

Bill Gallion – Board of Governors- Dock Master  
1999 - 2003

Bob Homiller - Board of Governors – 1999 - 2001

Eric

Van Lowe - Board of Governors 1997 – 2004

\*These years may represent a short break in their service.

**Thank you, Kenny**

In 1988 Steve Heller invited Ken Bridges to run for office of the Rio Vista Board. Ken stayed on the Board until 1999 when he and Ardith left on their boat for a trip down the Inter-coastal Waterway. He returned to the Board the following year as the Nav-Light Editor.

**Meeting of the RVCA Board**

November 7, 2012

1. Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2012  
The Board discussed and accepted the minutes of the September meeting
2. Treasurers Report
  - A. Jack presented the Financial Report for October 2012
  - B. With 85% of annual fees already paid, the Board discussed strategies for collecting past due annual fees.
  - C. The Board discussed the proposed 2013 Budget. The Board will revise the 2013 Budget as needed and bring it to a vote at the December meeting.
3. Committee Reports
  - A. Nav-light
    - a. The Board discussed the format and distribution of the Nav-Light
    - b. The Board decided to survey the membership to determine how to use the Nav-Light to best communicate with the membership.
  - B. Dock  
Jack announced that Don Parks has resigned as Dock Master effective 2013. The Board expressed their appreciation for Don's service. Hunter Plog volunteered to be Dock Master for 2013.
  - C. Erosion Prevention
    - a. Work on the pond side of the shoreline at the picnic was completed in October.
    - b. Work at the end of Cove Rd. is scheduled for spring.
  - D. Neighborhood Watch Peter and Charles reported that in January, they will attend a seminar on developing Neighborhood Watch programs.
4. New Business
  - A. Sewer system  
The Star Democrat reported that during the recent hurricane, the sewer system overflowed into the drainage culvert at the end of Lincoln Ave. The Board will attempt to get more information on the cause and the prevention of such spills.
  - B. Holiday Lights  
The Board set December 23, as the date for the judging of the annual Holiday Lights Extravaganza.  
The Board will ask members who decorate to turn on holiday lights by **5:00 PM on Sunday December 23.**
  - C. St. Michaels Running Festival  
The Board determined that RVCA will participate in the St. Michaels Running Festival in May 2013

The next meeting of the Board: December 4, 2012



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Emanuel L. Johnson

(410) 745-2784

#### Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012

6:00 pm Celebration of Choirs for  
Christmas in St. Michaels

### St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Marty Wiley

(410) 745-2534

#### Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012

Noon - 3:00 pm Midday Madness Christmas  
Jewelry Show

6:00 pm Christmas Jewelry Show  
(Fellowship Hall)

#### Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012

8:00 am - Noon Christmas Breakfast  
(Fellowship Hall)

#### Friday, Jan. 18, 2013

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
(Fellowship Hall)  
Adults - \$10.00  
Children (11 yrs & under) -  
\$4.00- ALL YOU CAN EAT

Carryout is available



#### Monday, Feb. 11, 2013

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Life Screening Tests in our  
Fellowship Hall.

To register call (800) 897-9177 ext. 2226 or,  
[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)  
for on-line registration.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



If you see anyone or anything suspicious please do not  
hesitate to call:

**Talbot County Sheriff's Office**  
**(410) 822-1020**

### CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. Mark Nestlehutt

(410) 745- 9076

#### Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012

10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Service

#### Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012

5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols

#### Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012

9:00 am Christmas Bazaar

#### Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012

6:00 pm Celebration of Choirs

#### Monday, Dec. 24, 2012

4:00 pm Family Christmas Eucharist with  
Children's Sermon

6:00 pm Christmas Eucharist

10:30 pm Choral Prelude

11:00 pm Festal Christmas Eucharist with  
Choir

#### Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013

5:00 pm Epiphany Lessons & Carols

#### Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013

5:00 pm Evensong followed by Parish  
Meeting

#### Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013

5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

#### Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013

8:00 am, Noon, 7:00 pm  
Ash Wednesday Liturgy with  
Imposition of Ashes

#### Tuesday, Feb. 19 & 26, Mar. 5, 12, 18, 2013

6:00 pm Covenant Churches Lenten  
Program (Venue TBD)

#### Monday, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11 & 18, 2013

7:00 pm Popcorn Theology (Films TBD)

#### Sunday, Mar. 24, 2013

8:00 am Palm/Passion Sunday

10:15 am Palm/Passion Sunday

#### Thursday, Mar. 28, 2013

6:00 pm Agape Meal

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy

#### Friday, Mar. 29, 2013

Noon Good Friday Liturgy

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, Mar. 30, 2013

8:00 pm The Great Easter Vigil and First  
Eucharist of Easter

#### Sunday, Mar. 31, 2013

6:00 am Sunrise Service

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt



Forgot the Rio Vista Web Site Address?  
[www.riovistacom.org](http://www.riovistacom.org)



**Sandy sends untreated wastewater into river harbor. (Star Democrat 2012, November 6) p. A2**

St. Michaels - As a result of Hurricane Sandy's effect and mechanical pumping issues, high flows within the Region II (St. Michaels) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the wastewater collection system that serves the treatment facility released untreated wastewater last Tuesday into the St. Michaels Harbor and the Miles River.

The Talbot County Department of Public Works contacted the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) because of concerns with potential collection system surcharging due to mechanical pumping issues.

That same day, residents witnessed the overflows, and advised the Talbot County Health Department and the Talbot County Department of Public Works, who noted MDE of the sanitary sewer overflows and sanitized the area around the manholes with lime the following day.

In reviewing the flow data and trend analysis, it is estimated that approximately 201,000 gallons of untreated wastewater was discharged to these tributaries from a manhole located at the northern end of Riverview Terrace and a manhole at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Riverview Terrace.

The Department of Public Works is securing additional equipment to electronically monitor water levels within these manholes, and will respond to any high level notifications. After reviewing the spill with MDE, there is no danger to the public due to the flushing effects of heavy rain and the tides.

Contact Dave Russ at the Office of Environmental Health, Talbot County Health Department at 410-770-6880 with any questions or concerns.



Impressed with the Rio Vista Signs located at each of the three entrances into our community? We have Kottwitz Graphics to thank for the great Workmanship!

[Kottwitz.graphics@comcast.net](mailto:Kottwitz.graphics@comcast.net)

All three signs are displayed on the Rio Vista Web Site In News & Report. [www.riovistacom.org](http://www.riovistacom.org)



**Merry Christmas & Happy 2013!**  
from the Rio Vista Board & Committees

**Neighborhood Watch**

During a recent tidal surge Harvey Reed discovered that the stern of one of the beats at the Community dock was resting on top of a piling and listing severely. Harvey tried to contact the Dock Master but he was out of town. He then contacted the secretary and they tried without success to contact the owner of the endangered boat, With a little luck and a lot of persistence, Harvey freed the boat preventing major damage.

**Thank you, Harvey!**



"Thank you" to everyone who has sent us their e-mail address! Every e-mail edition of the Nav-Light saves the Rio Vista Association money. Two years ago the Association was covering the costs for printing and mailing over 110 issues. We only mailed 75 for the August Edition and this time the hardcopy numbers are even lower. Great news!

**Thank you**



**For your generosity**



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### "SANDY" WERE YOU READY?

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It seems that I had heard about "**Sandy**" for weeks. "It's coming." "We're directly in it's path." "Storm of the century." "Well, it may not be quite so bad." "Gosh, it may miss us."

It arrived. One of the first indications was the appearance of our two Granddaughters asking to leave their cars in our driveway because it doesn't flood. The second indication was that a neighbor just had a tree removed "before the wind blew it over" so that the wind wouldn't blow it over during the storm I rode down to the community pier where a few days prior there had been more than a dozen boats tied up. As of the day before "Sandy", none.

On the morning of, I cruised Rio Vista and to my surprise everything seemed to have been leashed down pretty well. The most obvious casualty was one of those light weight plastic patio chairs blowing around in the road . I stopped to look and there was no doubt that it had been airborne several times. If you check, it may be in your yard now.

So, it's over and Rio Vista weathered "**SANDY**" very well. We have a few small branches to haul away and volumes of leaves to dispose of. Hope you all had an opportunity to go to the picnic area or the community pier and see the river. It was beautiful!!!

**WERE YOU READY**



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

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

A woman is in the bathroom and her husband shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?"  
She answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do...it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

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A man spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND ". He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

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A man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor.  
"No", he shouts, "this is her husband!"

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An Italian tourist asks a man: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"  
The man replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

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A man was driving home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over, so he tells the cop about all the trees in the road. The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about!"



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