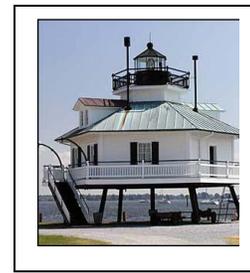


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ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED Saturday, September 14, 2013 6:00 P.M. at the Picnic Grounds

As you may recall, the regularly scheduled annual meeting and picnic scheduled for June 8th was rained out. It is important that we hold at least one annual meeting to complete the community business and to get input from residents.

The plan is to have an evening meeting at the picnic grounds on September 14th starting at 6:00 p.m. We will hold a short business meeting reporting on the year's activities and accomplishments, electing new board members and listening to ideas and suggestions from the members.

The meeting will be followed by an ice cream social. Bring your favorite desert to accompany the ice cream we will provide. And, don't forget to bring the lawn chairs and mosquito spray.

Wounded Warriors Sail the Miles River

By Dick Cooper

The young Army helicopter pilot wheels his way down the Miles River Yacht Club docks with practice and precision. His wife and two small children follow close behind. As he approaches *Tusitala*, our 40-foot sailboat tied off in a slip, he puts the brakes on his wheelchair and pops himself up on his prosthetic leg and with a quick series of moves is sitting in the cockpit as I help his family board.

He was in a crash in Iraq and lost his leg. Doctors at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda have been working to repair the damage to his real leg. "This is my good leg," he says, patting the artificial limb. He and his family were with a group of 15 other wounded warriors and their loved one who had come to St. Michaels for a day of sailing on the Miles River.

For the last six years, my wife, Pat, and I have joined other local sailors from the Herring Island Sailing Fleet and the Miles River Yacht Club have volunteered time and boats to participate in the Vet Sail Program, organized by Jon LeTowt of St. Michaels. LeTowt said he started to think about what could be done to help veterans during a visit to Maryland's Eastern Shore Veterans' Cemetery in Hurlock in late 2006. On the entryway to the cemetery he saw the words "The Price of Freedom May be Seen Here."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



From the President's Desk

Summer is here with a vengeance. Hopefully all are staying out of the heat and enjoying your summer. The last few days have been much cooler and maybe the worst of the heat is behind us, but I wouldn't bet on it.

Lots of things have been happening in the neighborhood this summer. Talbot County has repaved all of Washington Avenue, the entrance on Madison Avenue at N. Talbot Street and has repaired the pot holes throughout Rio Vista. We are particularly appreciative of this work as the County is working with a very limited budget. Thanks to Mr. Ricky Ball, Talbot County, for getting this done for us.

Work to repair the bank at the end of Cove Road has been contracted, but not yet completed. I expect the repairs will be made sometime in August.

There are three new neighbors since the beginning of the year. Peter Repetti & Lisa Locher Repetti purchased the home at 1101 Riverview Terrace. Kimber & Ann Rosswork purchased 216 Madison Avenue and Gina Hockenberry-Parchman bought the home at 213 Tyler Avenue. Welcome to them all. If you have not already done so, please stop by to introduce yourselves to our new neighbors.

In the last Nav-light I mentioned that neighbors step up when there is a need to work on a community project. Thanks to the hard work of Ann Davis, the flag circle at Tenant Circle has been cleared of weeds and debris. The area is presently covered with wood chips to discourage weed growth, but we still need suggestions for improving the visual look. I would appreciate your sharing ideas to improve the site.

The annual community meeting and picnic on June 8th was rained out this year. The board is planning to have an evening annual meeting and ice cream fest at the picnic area at 6:00 PM, Saturday, September 14. Be sure to bring a lawn chair and bug spray.

With the weather being so warm, our children are spending much more time outside-walking, skateboarding and riding bikes. Please be aware that they are out. **Please obey the 25 mile per hour speed limit.**

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 wonderful rest of the Summer!

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 remains in good financial condition for 2013 with no debt and no known significant financial issues. Most homeowners have paid the 2013 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.

Major financial expenditures to be completed this year are the annual liability insurance premium and repairs to the rip-rap stone at the end of Cove Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REPORT



(410) 745-3885

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 simple one-page form, called the Rio Vista Construction Approval Request Form (CARF) 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 Additional forms may be found at www.riovistacom.org/

One copy of the CARF with one set of plans showing, front, rear and side elevations and a plot plan showing placement of the structure with respect to property lines is required. A digital copy of the CARF will be returned after action by the Association's Architectural Committee. Digital copies of this form and construction drawings preferred/accepted. Please type all information or print clearly. The CARF and plans should be submitted to the Architectural Committee via email to architectural@riovistacom.org . If email is not an option, a fax may be sent to 1-888-247-2113 (toll free) or contact Barry Burke 301-482-1929 (barry_burke@comcast.net) for more information.

Recently we have had questions from homeowners regarding painting of their home.

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DOCKMASTER'S REPORT



Hunter Plog

The Dock Master We are half way through the boating season here on the Miles River. I hope everyone has had fun this season. As all boat owners know owning a boat can be expensive. This year my father-in-law and I had to retire our 1995 30hp Johnson, what an expensive retirement! It is real nice to have a reliable, economical, and environmentally friendly engine. The fishing this year has been hit or miss for me. I took my 6 year old daughter out at low tide and caught a variety of fish, keeper hard head and throw back striped bass. I went out a high tide by myself and threw everything I had at them and did not even get a bite. The crabbing however is always good but if I had to make a living at it, it might be another story. I would like to remind all boat owners to check on their boats weekly. We have had several rain storms come through and sometimes the bilge pumps do not always work. I would also remind all boat owners to make sure they have all pertinent documentation and safety gear on their vessel. I have been boating for 10 years and have never been boarded until several Sundays ago. The DNR shows up when you least expect it!

The 2nd Annual St. Michaels Running Festival By

Charles Rogers

The 2nd Annual St. Michaels Running Festival, held this past May 18th, was a huge success! More than 2300 runners from 31 States and 3 countries came to participate in the event – more than twice the number of participants from the first year!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Marty Wiley

(410) 745-2534

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- Saturday, August 17** Craft Show
- Saturday, Aug. 31st** St. Michaels Art League Show
10 AM – 6 PM
- Sunday, Sept. 1st** St. Michaels Art League Show
10 AM – 5 PM
- Saturday, Sept. 14th** Craft Show
10 AM – 4 PM
- Saturday, Sept. 21st** Book Sale
10 AM – 2 PM
- Saturday, Sept. 28th** Faith Fest
10 AM – 4 PM
- Saturday, Oct. 12th** Craft Show
10 AM – 4 PM

St. Michael's Mission Church
 Rev. Robert E. Coine, Pastor
 Rev. Glenn M. Evers, Associate Pastor
www.ssppeaston.org
 (410) 822-2344

- Saturdays**
5:30 PM Evening Mass
- Sundays**
10:15 AM Mass
- Mondays**
7:15 PM Spanish Prayer Group

CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. Mark Nestlehutt

(410) 745- 9076

info@christstmichaels.org

- July** 'Back to School' Kick off
- Sunday, Sept. 15** Kirkin' o' Tartan
10:15
- Sunday, Oct. 6** Blessing of the Animals
4 PM
- Oct. 7th – 9th** Rummage Sale Drop Off
9 AM – 3 PM
- Friday, Oct. 11** Rummage Sale
7 AM – 2 PM
- Saturday, Oct. 12** Rummage Sale
8 AM – 12 PM
- Thursday, Nov. 28** Thanksgiving Day Service
10 AM

info@christstmichaels.org

St. Michaels Community Center
 Trish Payne
 Executive Director
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Check the Senior Activities held on Wednesdays!

JUST FOR LAUGHS

One Way to Save Money

A man named Marty called his son. "Harry, I have sad news to tell you but I have made up my mind and there is nothing you can do about it. I have decided to divorce your mother." " But dad how can that be" the son asked "you have been married for 40 years, and you always seemed to get along? What happened suddenly?" "Son, I have made up my mind and I don't want you to try to convince me out of it." "OK" the son responded "but promise me you won't do anything until I come and talk to you in person. I'm going to ask all of my siblings to fly in also." "Alright" said the father hanging up "you have my word." "Well" said Marty, turning to his wife "I got them all to come home for Thanksgiving...and I didn't even have to pay for the airline tickets!"



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

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

Warriors

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LeTowt said a short time later he attended a fundraiser in Trappe for the Yellow Ribbon Fund, a nonprofit group that assists service men and women being treated at Walter Reed and the National Naval Medical Center at Ft. Belvoir.

"I heard people talk about sponsoring soldiers on a hunting afternoon. Another said he brought in some soldiers for a golf outing," LeTowt recalls. "I approached (a Yellow Ribbon official) and said, 'I don't hunt and I don't play golf any more but I do know something about sailing.'" He made contact with Walter Reed officials in the spring of 2007 got Walter Reed officials to agree to bus the veterans to St. Michaels.

The vets and their families are given box lunches and bottles of water and head out for a three hour sail. Back at the yacht club, they cool off and are treated to dinner in the Trophy Room, joined by the sailors and other club members before heading back across the Bay Bridge.

Since its inception, Vet Sail has hosted hundreds of wounded warriors, most of whom had never seen the Eastern Shore or been on a sailboat. They have enjoyed the outing so much that many have returned several times.

"I would say the captains and crews who volunteer their time learned a lot more from the soldiers than they ever expected," LeTowt said. "It was good for both sides. I think that the smiles on the faces of the troops coming in at the end of the day are the best rewards."



St. Michaels Running Festival Continued from Page 3

Among the runners and walkers winding through the beautiful 5k course in Rio Vista, there were mothers with new infants, blind runners and one young girl with cerebral palsy who was completing her 2nd 5k event. There were young children doing their very first running event and seniors over 80 years old showing us that it's never too late to get involved. All of the people who came out to participate showed us that ANYBODY can do this event if they put their minds to it. The event raised over \$35,000 for charities this year, up from \$10,000 the first year. All of the success of the 2013 event was due to the 250 volunteers that made the event possible and the generosity of our community for hosting these visitors. The 2014 event will be held on May 17th and information is available at www.RunStM.com.



Protecting Rio Vista Picnic Area

Please caution everyone **not to throw rip-rap rock** into the water. We placed them there to protect the shoreline which is shrinking every year. This work is very expensive....Rio Vista Residents have paid over **\$12,000** in just the last two years!!!! Please help to protect this small precious piece of real estate!



Watch for the children darting into your path!

Summer is almost over.
26 more days



If a resident wishes to change the color of the house, trim, etc, a CARF is required. If the homeowner wishes to paint the home the same color, approval is not required. Same holds true for a new color siding – this also must be approved. Please provide paint and/or siding color samples (link to website where the color is shown).

Members of the 2013 Architectural Committee include:

- Ralph Bowers
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- Lauren Kimlin
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- Steve Shimko
- Jim Swigert
- Byron Yarborough
- Barry Burke, Chair

The Architectural Committee took the following actions since the last Nav-Light:

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| 2013-002 | 1010 Riverview Terrace | |
| | Painting exterior of house | APPROVED |
| 2013-003 | 1010 Riverview Terrace | |
| | Remove existing and replace fence | APPROVED |
| 2013-004 | 1101 Riverview Terrace | |
| | Painting exterior of house | APPROVED |



Barry
Burke
Architectural Chairman

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Welcoming New Neighbors:

Peter Repetti and Lisa Locher Repetti have recently purchased 1101 Riverview Terrace. They live with their three children: Colin, 18, who is heading off for his freshman year at Northwestern this fall; Kendall, 16, who is a rising senior at Walter Johnson High School; and Will, 15, who is a rising sophomore, also at WJ. Rounding out this crew is Chance, their 6 month old lab/beagle mix rescue puppy.

Lisa and Pete are both career finance professionals. After serving as Chief Financial Officer for several companies, Pete is taking a break and is currently doing consulting work. Lisa is an investment manager for large institutional endowments, foundations, and corporations at PNC Institutional Investments in Baltimore.

They are enjoying their new home in St. Michaels and look forward to meeting all of you.



**"THE PORCH"
By Ken Bridges**

Do you have a porch? NO? Well, it's just another room which is rarely used but needs to be furnished and maintained for the very few occasions when the temperature, the humidity, the breezes are just right and there are no insects.

There aren't many porches in Rio Vista, yet, if you walk through historic St. Michaels you will pass blocks of stately old homes, almost every one adorned with at least one porch which were very well used. When electricity was not an option, most lighting was done with kerosene, while wood or coal was used for heating and cooking. This all was a bit hazardous. And, air conditioning? This was not even thought of.



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The Porch

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As spring came, the porches became the social center of the community. Many people spent their evenings on the porch. While others, who enjoyed walking, roamed the streets chatting with those on their porches. I am told that often many of the roamers planned their walks so that it would take them past a house where someone lived who they particularly wanted to talk to and even that courtships were started through these social happenings. Second floor porches during periods of extreme heat occasionally became emergency sleeping quarters.

In today's world we entertain ourselves not by our associations with friends, but by flicking a switch which activates one of several hundred TV channels. We can converse with anyone in the whole world from anywhere we happen to be. We can heat/cool our homes and cook our meals by merely twisting dials. Where are the social opportunities we used to have? I would love to have a porch!!!



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Meeting Rio Vista’s Architectural Chairman:



Barry N. Burke, DTE is the Director of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association’s (ITEEA) STEM Center for Teaching and Learning. His work includes the development of standards-based professional development, curriculum, assessment and research related to the Standards for Technological Literacy and technology and engineering in K-12. Currently he coordinates a consortium of twenty states that collaborate on the development and implementation of curriculum, instruction, and professional development through the Engineering byDesign™ (EbD™) K-12 standards-based model program. He was the founder of the EbD™ program 2005.

Mr. Burke has taken an active leadership role in state and national organizations. He has served as the president and held other leadership roles for the Technology and Engineering Educators Association of Maryland. Additionally, he has served as the Region Director and President of the ITEEA before leaving the Montgomery County Schools and joining ITEEA full time. He has served as an ITEEA Standards Specialist; one of six individuals trained to provide standards-based workshops throughout the country, and currently directs the work of eleven Engineering byDesign™ curriculum specialists. He received his Distinguished Technology Educator designation in 1998.

Mr. Burke has his Bachelor of Science (Industrial Arts Education) degree from the University of Maryland, College Park (1974) where he was mentored by the late Donald Maley. He received his Masters of Science (Technology) from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD in 1992. He has been trained in DACUM (Develop a Curriculum), GESA (Gender Ethnic Expectations and Student Achievement), NCATE, and Facilitative Leadership to name a few.

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