



THE NAV-LIGHT



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August – The 2015 session begins

Yes, it is that time once again and we all must remember that the speed limit in our Rio Vista Community is **25 MPH!** There are many youngsters running, playing and not watching out for cars. We must be vigilant in driving through the neighborhood.



RIO VISTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Listing of New Homeowners 2015

Here is a list of new Rio Vista homeowners during the past year. We want to welcome everyone to our community and encourage them to participate in community activities. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to our new neighbors.

Howard & Kim Friner
Charles & Tara Gross
Margaret & Catherine Patten
Higgins Rentals, L.L.C.

312 Cove View Drive
108 Lincoln Avenue
1114 Riverview Terrace
1212 Jefferson Avenue



From the President's Desk

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Bright, clear skies, not too hot and very low humidity. It can't get much better than this. But wait; today I'm enjoying the log canoe races on the Miles! They are such tall, graceful and sleek boats with lots and lots of sail. You must take the time to see them. And, on Wednesday evenings, the Miles River Yacht Club holds sailboat races from about 5:00 p.m. to dusk. Quite a sight!

So far, summer has been delightful. We set a record for rainfall in June and the lush lawns and foliage are wonderful.

There are still a few slips remaining for rent at our community dock. Fifteen slips have been rented for the season. Contact Hunter Plog if you are interested in renting a slip for the rest of the season. Hunter tells me he is considering offering a discount for the last half of the year. I have also been told that crabbing has improved greatly. Rental agreement forms are available on the community web page.

Work to repair the rock on the Miles River side of the dock access road should be underway shortly. We plan to remove about a 100 feet of the existing stone, put down filter cloth, install new rock and pull the old stone back up. The goal is to repair all of the rip rap around the dock landing, but the expense will require that we do it in increments over several seasons.

The Annual Meeting/Ice Cream Festival was held on Saturday, June 13th. Everyone who attended had a great time and got caught up on news from the community and from neighbors. Charles Rogers was elected for a second three year term to the Board of Governors with the remaining board members staying on. I am very grateful to all who volunteer to serve. They work hard and do a great job for all of us.

The St. Michaels Run Festival 5K Run/Walk passed through Rio Vista again this year. About 500 participants came through and seemed to be enjoying themselves. About 15 of your neighbors helped as race marshals and water station volunteers. Everyone had a great time. Contact me if you would like to participate as a volunteer next year.

If you have not shared your email address with us yet, please do so. We use your email to send the Nav-Light and to advise of any significant events within the community. We also use the email to alert everyone of any security occurrences that you should be aware of. Your email is treated in confidence and is **not shared with anyone**. Sending the Nav-Light by email saves a lot of money spent on postage, and the Navlight looks so much better in color.

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

Jack Davis

TREASURER'S REPORT \$

Jack Davis
(410) 745-2461



Your Rio Vista Community Association remains in good financial condition for 2015 with no debt and no known significant financial issues. The rip rap repair on the Miles River side of the access road to the community dock is the largest financial commitment still to be completed. The board has set aside monies to pay for this much needed project.

Collection of the annual fee has been very good and we appreciate those who have made that payment. There are a few late payers and I hope they will take the time to bring their accounts up to date. The completion of the community projects is dependent upon all of us making this effort.

Significant planned expenditures for 2015 include repairing 100 feet of the rip rap along the Miles River and continuing improvement to the community web page. Grass cutting and maintenance of the flower bed at Tenant Circle and Landing Road are again major budget items for this year.

The annual fee remains at \$50.00 per household. The board has kept the fee at this level for about 10 years. The board does not anticipate an increase in the foreseeable future. The fee is a mandatory assessment that is authorized in the Articles of Incorporation. For those few who have not already remitted payment for the 2015 fee, please do so as soon as you can.

ARCHITECTURAL'S REPORT

Barry Burke
(301) 482-1929



Handy Reference Guides for Talbot County Code Requirements.

Please note:RVCA Architectural Guidelines are in some cases more stringent than County Codes. RVCA Guidelines take priority over County Codes (setbacks and fence requirements.)

Please be sure to check with the Permits Office to ensure that you have the latest version, as Building and Environmental Codes are subject to change without notice.

PERMITTING and INSPECTIONS GUIDES:
<http://www.talbotcountymd.gov/index.php?page=Guides>

DOCK MASTER'S REPORT

Hunter Plog
(410) 745- 5492



This year's boating season is half-way over and it seems so short. In between family trips I have been out fishing and crabbing. I have not had much luck fishing but the crabbing has been picking up in the Miles. I caught 10 crabs and all were greater than 6 inches. I call that success because all year up until that point my catch was zero. I tried to do a little night time fishing out on the boat and realized it really gets dark out there on the river. It was so dark that I went out the next day and bought reflective tape to mark the channel. Eventually I would like to mark the channel with a green solar landscape light.

I have talked with many fishermen down at the marina area and they have been having a lot of luck using peeler crab and fishing late into the evening.

Please report to the sheriff @ (410) 822-1020 any suspicious activities down at the marina or the picnic area.

Thanks!

Hunter Plog

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Rio Vista Community Association Annual Meeting Ice Cream Social

Date June 13, 2015, Time 6:00 At Picnic Area

Board Members:

Jack Davis Judy Sandground (absent) Jan Burke
Hunter Plog (absent)Barry Burke, Charles Rogers and
Sharri Foy (absent)
32 members representing 18 households

Topic Presented: **Meeting Notes**

Presenter: Jack

Discussion: Jack mentioned that Rio Vista Community Association was celebrating its 61st anniversary.

Topic Presented: **Treasurer's Report**

Presenter: Jack

Discussion:

Jack reported:

The RVCA budget of \$17,869.00 is higher than usual because of the riprap project at the dock area causeway. He mentioned the need for moving existing rocks in order to lay filter cloth on the bank. The project is expected to cost \$15,000

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Secretary's Report

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- 65% of income derived from Annual Fees
- 14% of income derived from Boat Slip rentals
- One or two slips are still available
- Annual Slip is \$175 for RVCA residents and \$275 for non-residents
- 28% of budget goes to Maintenance of grass at various sites throughout the community
- 45% of budget goes to shore line preservation
- 9% of budget goes to administration
- During the last four or five years a lot of money has been spent on erosion control at the point of land at the picnic area and the end of Cove Road
- Next large project will be the point of land beyond the dock parking lot that will be done in pieces and will cost around \$50,000.
- The light on the sign at Madison Ave. was repaired this year
- The signs appear to be fading and may need some work in the future
- The Architectural Committee under the guidance of Barry Burke has done a very good job of having procedures in place
- It is important for members to contact the Architectural Committee before they begin a project
- The Guide Lines on the web page are interactive and easy to use
- The Guide Lines are as nonintrusive as possible
- No community events were held last year or this year
- Suggestions for events are welcome
- The Nav-Light Committee led by Sandi Droege and Charles Rogers has greatly expanded and improved the Nav-Light and web site.
- Old pictures of Rio Vista and stories for the web site are always welcomed
- Curb Appeal Committee has helped informed absentee home owners about conditions of their lawns
- Several properties have been cleaned up
- Inform Board of any situations that require clean up
- The dock committee chaired by Hunter Plug has spent a lot of time power washing and resealing the deck.
- The screw piles have been replaced with good wood Piles
- The current Board consists of seven members.
- Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Jack or Judy
- The Talbot Co. Council is working on the Comprehensive Plan and they appear to be sensitive to the issue of short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.
- The chip-and-tar repair to the roads is deteriorating more rapidly than expected and some areas are undergoing repair.
- The Sherriff's department has been responsive and courteous to requests concerning speeding and drug use.

Secretary's Report

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- Members of the community should report problems or issues directly to the police in a timely manner.
- Election of Charles Rogers to continue his position on the Board.
- Those attending introduced themselves
Ice cream was served
During the clean-up, members of the Board met and voted to continue the current terms of the officers and committee chairs:

President Jack Davis
Vice President Judy Sandground
Treasurer Jack Davis
Dock Committee Hunter Plug
Architectural Barry Burke
Nav-Light Sandi Droege & Charles Rogers
Legal Advisor Judy Sandground

Ice Cream Social

Time for a neighborly gathering.....



Thank you



For your generosity

Dolphins Visit the Miles River! by Scott Bruce

On a recent Sunday afternoon, some lucky Rio Vista residents were fortunate enough to have an encounter with multiple pods of dolphins right here on the Miles River! Normally seen in open saltwater, these pods of bottlenose dolphins are known to visit the lower and brackish middle Chesapeake Bay in the summer to feed. They have been seen as far as Baltimore harbor and even Washington D.C. although visits to areas of fresh water are short. Those familiar with their local patterns report that they occasionally transit up the Miles River to the Unionville Rd bridge or Oak Creek, and then they return downriver to the bay. So keep an eye out on the surface of the river next time you're at the water!



Rio Vista Resident Publishes Eastern Shore eBook

Dick Cooper has just published an eBook entitled "East of the Chesapeake: Skipjack, Flyboys and Sailors, True Tales of the Eastern Shore."

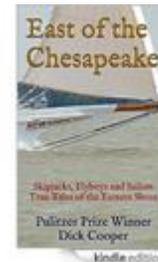
The Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay has always been a place apart. For centuries, it has been bypassed and thought of as a dead end, an obstacle to overcome or a swamp to ignore. As a result, the region and its people have become strong-willed, self-reliant and resourceful.

Cooper, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, introduces readers to those places and the people who call them home, the boats they sail and the traditions that make them and the region uniquely American. Cooper has sailed the Chesapeake Bay for more than 40 years. He has explored the Bay from the Susquehanna Flats at its head to the harbors of Norfolk and Portsmouth 190 miles to the south.

This book is a compilation of 23 stories he has written over the last decade for several publications including the Chesapeake Log and the Tidewater Times. The first section of the book chronicles the three-year rebuilding of the historic skipjack *Rosie Parks* at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. The eBook is on sale only at Amazon.com. Click here to see the book:

http://www.amazon.com/East-Chesapeake-Skipjacks-Flyboys-Sailors-ebook/dp/B00ZAYE1BU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1437051311&sr=8-1&keywords=cooper+chesapeake

Cooper is President of Cooper Media Associates, Inc., a media consulting, public relations, editing and writing firm. Clients include businesses, law firms, the City of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Inquirer, the William Penn Foundation, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the Center for Public Integrity, the Tidewater Times, Talbot Spy and the Miles River Yacht Club.



He was a metropolitan newspaper reporter, editor and manager for 36 years. As a staffer at The Philadelphia Inquirer for 28 years, he covered local, regional and national news. He conducted journalistic investigations focusing on crime and corruption, covered local, state

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focusing on crime and corruption, covered local, state and federal courts and directed The Philadelphia Inquirer's news coverage in the city and its suburbs. Cooper served for four years as the Director of News Research for The Inquirer and Daily News.

He taught advanced reporting and writing at Temple University's Department of Journalism for 10 years. During his career, he has won several professional awards including a Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for coverage of the Attica Prison Riot.

Cooper was a Michigan Journalism Fellow at the University of Michigan, 1990-91, and is a 1969 graduate of the Michigan State University School of Journalism. He can be reached at dickcooper@coopermediaassociates.com.

He and his wife, Pat, have also published "Eastern Shore Splendor" a coffee-table photography book in which the Coopers showcase the wonders of the Eastern Shore throughout the seasons. The glossy photo book is on sale at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum Store and Ouvert Gallery in St. Michaels. The Coopers have live in Rio Vista for nine years and sail the Bay in their classic 1971 Hinckley Bermuda 40 yawl, *Tusitala*. The Coopers can be reached at dickcooper@coopermediaassociates.com.

Thank you, Jan Burke!!



410-745-3200

Poore House has opened an Easton Office

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

JUST FOR LAUGHS



All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"



DATES TO REMEMBER

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Marty Wiley
(410) 745-2534

stlukeschurch@verizon.net

August 8th, 10AM to 4PM

Monthly Craft Show

September 5th, 10AM - 5PM

St. Michaels Art League Show

September 6th 12:30 -5PM (day2)

St. Michaels Art League Show

September 12th 10AM - 4PM

Annual Book Sale & Craft Show/B-B-Q Lunch

September 19th, 10AM - 12PM

Children's Art Show

October 3rd, 11AM-4PM

Faith Fest

St. Michael's Mission Church

Rev. James Nash, Pastor
Rev. Glenn M. Evers, Associate Pastor
(410) 822-2344

www.ssppeaston.org

Saturdays

5:30 PM

Evening Mass

Sundays

10:15 AM

Mass

Mondays

7:15 PM

Spanish Prayer Group

Wednesdays

12:00 PM

Mass

1st. Fridays/Monthly

11:30 AM

Rosary, Sts. Anne & Joachim
monthly meeting. For info call
Marguerite 410-745-5358

St. Michaels Community Center

Trish Payne
Executive Director
(410) 745- 5102

trish@stmichaelscc.org

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:15

Chair Yoga with Susan Irwin at the

St. Michaels Housing Authority Bldg. on
Dodson Avenue in St. Michaels

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 12:30 Lunch at SMCC at 103

Railroad Avenue, **no charge, donation
requested for meal.**

Wednesday Activities that vary weekly.

Week 1 - Bingo,

Week 2 - YMCA Brain Games,

Week 3 - Art/Crafts,

Week 4 - Guest speaker. All are welcome.

Christ Church

Rev. Mark Nestlehutt
(410) 745- 9076

info@christstmichaels.org

August 15th, 11 AM

Unity Day Picnic at Griffin Apartments Court Yard

September 6th, 9 AM

Combined Eucharist (one service only that day)

September 13th, 8 AM & 10:15 AM

New program year

September 20th, 10:15 AM

Kirkin' O' Tartan followed by Ice Cream on the
Lawn, provided by Highland Creamery

September 3rd, 8 AM

Men's Club Breakfast

October 4th, 4 PM

Blessing of the Animals followed by Evensong

October 9th, 7 AM - 2 PM

Rummage Sale

October 10th, 8 AM - 12 PM

Rummage Sale!

October 24th, 5 PM

Gospel Choir Concert

Weekly Events:

Sunday Readings Bible Discussion Group

*Tuesdays from 8-9 a.m. at Blue Heron Coffee
(W. Chestnut St.)*

Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bible Challenge Study Group

Thursdays, 9-10 a.m.

Community Dinner

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM (beginning Sept. 16th)

Union United Methodist Church

Dr. William T. Wallace
(410)745-2784

uumc@atlanticbb.net

Sunday Worship, 10:00 AM

August 23rd, 10:30 AM

Annual Homecoming Service

October 3rd, 11:00

Faith Fest at St. Luke's Church, UUMC will be
the 1st to perform.

October 11th, 3:30 PM

Family & Friends Day

October 24, 5:00PM

Concert at Christ's Church to benefit the
Interfaith Shelter

November 15th, 3:30 PM

Annual Women's Day



Board of Governors

President	Jack Davis	(410) 745-2461
Vice-President	Judy Sandground	(410) 745-5118
Secretary	Jan Burke	(410) 745-9768
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Erosion Control	Jack Davis	(410) 745-2461
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Nav-Light	Charles Rogers	(818) 207-0007
Finance	Sharri Foy	(410) 745-8622
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E-mail	Rio Vista Association	riovistamd@riovistacom.org

Committees

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