

THE NAV-LIGHT

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Rio Vista POTLUCK/ICE CREAM SOCIAL/MEETING!



Bring your favorite dish!

**Saturday, June 9, 2018
6:00 P.M. at the Rio Vista Picnic Grounds**

Bring a hat, Bring a chair, Bring your Family
Bring Bug Spray



RIO VISTA STREETS TO BE REPAIRED

The Talbot County Roads Department has informed us that the streets in Rio Vista will be re-surfaced with the work to begin on or about the week of July 9th. They plan to grind off the road surfaces to a depth of 1/4 - 1/2", remove the material and then patch and re-treat each road with a tar and chip surface. The work will take two to three weeks to complete.

We are appreciative of the Road Department's efforts to maintain our streets in a safe and serviceable manner. They also maintain the drainage ditches, remove snow and keep the street signs in good repair. The Roads Department works with fiscal and resource limitations on a daily basis, but does an exceptional job under difficult circumstances.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....



Spring appears to finally have arrived! Yea! And don't forget to put **June 9th** on your calendar. That's the date of our annual meeting and pot luck/ice cream social. It's about 70 degrees with sunshine and a light breeze. It's good to get outside again. A few sailboats are plying the Miles River and I hear lawn mowers as neighbors begin spring cleanup. The board has voted to invite candidates to attend the meeting. It may be your only chance to learn of each candidate's position on topics of interest to each of us.

This is a good time to meet our new neighbors to welcome them to Rio Vista and to invite them to our annual meeting on June 9th at the picnic grounds. Home sales have been brisk during the past few months with about 7 property transfers already having completed settlement. And, there seems to be a lot of activity renovating existing homes. Home prices also seem to be improving to their pre-recession levels.

I have included comments on Talbot County's plan to update chapter 190: Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to comply with national standards in past Nav-Light issues. This section of the county code deals with noise levels (outside venues at restaurants and party businesses), setbacks, lot sizes, cottage industries and short-term rentals among other topics. Your board of governors, and community residents, have been very active in representing our community at work sessions of the Planning Commission and County Council meetings especially on the topic of short-term rentals. **The code as presently written will allow corporations to purchase properties in residential communities for the sole purpose of short-term rentals with little provision for enforcement of violations of the code.** Our experience with short-term rentals has not been a good one. It is important that each of us become familiar with the proposals and to let the council know our concerns. "NEIGHBORHOODS ARE FOR NEIGHBORS".

Work on the dock access road and parking area to upgrade the stonework and filter cloth should begin very soon. It is our intent to continue to fight the erosion at community properties as best we can. The picnic area should become the next battleground in this effort.

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Finally, as the weather improves, school lets out for the summer and summer residents and visitors flock to Rio Vista, please be mindful of the youngsters, bikers and walkers who will be on the streets of our beautiful community.

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 or emergency events within the community. We also use the email to alert every one 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 Nav-Light 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 REPORT

The Board of Governors has approved an aggressive budget for the coming year. 2018 is shaping up to be an active year with particular attention being paid to catching up with the planned erosion prevention program the board adopted some years ago. Hopefully, with cooperation from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, we will be able to address the erosion at the picnic area and along the river side of the community dock peninsula. The dock itself should see needed repairs and cosmetic improvements this year also. We plan to install about 150 feet of new filter cloth and rock at the dock area which will mitigate the erosion problem there.

Financially, the community is in excellent condition. Payment of the annual fee for 2018 has been good and has allowed for us to meet all fiscal obligations in a timely manner. Annual fee invoices for 2018 were mailed in December and the response has been good. There are a few late payers and I hope they will take the time to bring their accounts up to date. The completion of community projects is dependent upon all of us making this effort.

The current \$50.00 Annual Fee has been in place for over 10 years. There are no plans to change the fee at this time.

ARCHITECTURAL 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 simple one-page 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

Additional forms may be found at

<http://www.riovistacom.org/homeowner-support/architectural>

A handy flow chart can help you determine if you need to submit the Construction and Architectural Review Form (CARF).

Architectural Report

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DOCK MASTER'S HELM



Hi everyone, several beautiful weekends have me yearning for boating. My boat remains covered. I did however bait a crab line in the hopes of catching some Chesapeake blue crab.

This year the slips are fully rented for the year. I want to remind everyone the slip assignments are not permanent. If you do not like the slip you are assigned you are more than welcome to ask other slip renters to switch.

I continue to work on our dock project. I am contemplating plastic verses wood when it comes to replacing the decking on the dock. The plastic decking is expensive but will last longer and no maintenance. May everyone have a great boating season and look forward to meeting everyone at the annual picnic.

Thanks Hunter Plog

Community Loss



Our longtime resident and friend, B. Hope Harrison, passed away in February.

"Hope" built several homes in Rio Vista. Born in 1925 near Cordova, Hope graduated from Hurlock High School (now North Dorchester HS) in 1942. After a tour in the Navy, he became a mason, a masonry contractor and then a General Contractor.

He had been very active in the St. Lukes's United Methodist Church, the Masonic Fraternity and many local civic organizations.

Hope married Willa Jaynes, his high school sweetheart. They were married for 73 ½ years. We're very fortunate to still have "Willa" residing in our community.

WE WELCOME VICKY & MARK COTTER TO OUR RIO VISTA COMMUNITY



Many years ago we started dreaming about a home on the water. Last year, we decided it was time. While we love the beach, what we really wanted was community - all year long community.

One Sunday in October we took a drive. Our destination was Annapolis, where there was an open house we wanted to see. A neighbor in Wilmington told us we really should check out St Michaels, so we decided to come here in the morning and then head to Annapolis. Mark had never been to St. Michaels, and I had been here once, many years ago.

We never did make it to Annapolis. We walked around town for hours, and then drove around some more. We rounded a curve and saw a for sale sign on a home we had not seen in our search on Zillow. We peeked behind the house (after knocking to ask permission - no one was home) and fell in love. We called the realtor who agreed to meet us that afternoon. Five days later we made an offer 2 days after that, our offer was accepted. And 6 weeks after that we settled on our little ranch in Rio Vista. Since then we've been to the New Year's Eve fundraiser for the Community Center and the C Street Prom.

We've said hi to some of you walking your dogs (or your dog walking you) even in the wicked cold! We've loved seeing the animal and bird life (the Swans took our breath away) and have woken up very early many times to watch the sun rise over Spencer Creek Cove. We've eaten at many of the restaurants in town, and we're looking forward to exploring the waterfront on our bikes and having lots of visitors this summer! We have 4 grown children, a daughter and 3 sons - and 2 grandsons. This is us at our daughter's wedding on March 24. We're looking forward to many years in Rio Vista, and to meeting many of you.

Mark & Vicki Cotter



Architectural Report

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The following requests for Architectural approvals have been applied for and action taken:

2018

- 1112 Jefferson Ave Fence approved as submitted
- 519 Tennant Cir Door Replacements approved as submitted
- 218 Madison Ave Fence approved as submitted
- 519 Tennant Cir Fence approved as submitted
- 1109 Riverview Terr Modifications to house on existing footprint-approved as submitted
- 509 Tennant Cir Fence replacements-pending

2017

- 226 Tyler Ave Addition approved as submitted
- 213 Tyler Ave Fence approved. Shed **conditional approval** that shed be a non-permanent structure 10' from property line
- 608 Cove Road Fence replacement approved as submitted
- 1105 Jefferson Ave Roof mounted solar panels approved as submitted
- 1106 Riverview Terr Addition and renovation approved as submitted and pending county permit. Revision to original plan approved
- 106 Madison Ave Solar panel approved as submitted
- 1112 Jefferson Ave Shed approved as submitted
- 1023 Riverview Ter. Renovation/addition approved as submitted
- 519 Tennant Circle Paint brick approved as submitted
- 607 Cove Road Addition approved with modifications: Exterior brick veneer to match existing on new concrete foundation blocks, as part of buffer management plan, evergreen plants /shrubs to be planted
- 602 Landing Road Deck approved as submitted

Please note: If your improvements are not listed above, please contact Barry Burke @ architectural@riovistacom.org

Rio Vista's Realtor Review



2018 real estate activity is moving! Potential sellers take note - inventory is low and demand high. As of April 28th, this year in Rio Vista 7 properties have sold and 5 properties are currently listed for sale. With interest rates creeping up and inventory being low, buyers who have been on the fence have been more apt to make a decision to purchase sooner rather than later. Spring is finally here, enjoy!

Location/ Days on Market	List Price	Close
231 Madison Ave 1	\$249,900	\$249,900
309 Lincoln Ave 28	\$265,000	\$250,000
1010 Riverview Terrace 39	\$299,000	\$285,000
1111 Harrison Ave 2	\$299,500	\$295,729
525 Tennant Circle 0	\$355,000	\$350,000
1008 Riverview Terrace 274	\$495,000	\$450,000
227 Madison Ave 552	\$790,000	\$750,000

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Parents of Sixth Graders and Upcoming Sixth Graders - Did You Know?

If you have a sixth grade student in your household, they are entitled to a FREE YMCA membership! All the Y needs is proof that your child is enrolled in 6th grade at one of the county's public or private schools. So, bring your child's class schedule or most recent report card and stop in to the YMCA so your child can start taking advantage of their membership.

Sixth Grade Membership runs from August 15 to the following July and the membership can be initiated at any time during a student's sixth grade year. Students have access to the Teen Center, the YMCA's wellness center, and teen fitness programs.

A Little Bit of History

by
Judy Sandground

As residents of Talbot County, we sometimes overlook the historical significance of our town of St. Michaels. In fact the town and river were named after the Anglican Church established on the banks of what was then known as "Shipping Creek" in 1672. Until the War of 1812, Christ Church maintained a simple frame structure, which was replaced by a red brick building in 1814. The present stone and brick building was designed by well-known New York architect, Henry Martyn Congdon and completed in 1878.

Historic treasures abound inside Christ Church. Below the pulpit is the baptismal font, a gift from Queen Anne shortly after she ascended the throne in 1702. Another larger, memorial font is located near the entrance. Communion silver, also a gift from Queen Anne, may be seen in the security case near the side entrance. Docents are on duty most days and welcome visitors.

And how did the town and church become St. Michaels? Christ Church – St. Michael's Parish was one of the Chesapeake Bay area's original "water churches" for the Church of England. The English crown levied taxes on the colony payable on the feast day of St. Michael, September 29. The river and eventually the settlement which grew up around its harbor—a thriving center for shipbuilding and tobacco—became known as St. Michaels. The river was originally called St. Miles, a name derived from St. Michaels and then later changed to the Miles River.

The town was laid out as a speculative development in the 1770s by James Braddock around a central square, an unusual design for the times. The town was incorporated in 1804.

St Michaels' earliest industry was shipbuilding, and as many as six shipbuilders were active in or near the town by the War of 1812. Their typical product was a fast schooner, a type later known as the Baltimore clipper. Such vessels were well adapted to evading blockades or outrunning pirates or foreign naval vessels at sea.

The town played a role in the War of 1812 when, in 1813, a British fleet under the command of Admiral George Cockburn moved up the Chesapeake Bay and targeted St. Michaels because of the presence of a militia battery erected to defend the town and its shipyards. Under cover of early morning darkness on August 10, 1813, the Battle of St. Michaels commenced as the British sent a landing party ashore just south of the town, and after a brief exchange, neutralized the battery and returned to their boats.

Look for the rest of the story in the August Nav-Light.



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“Thank you” Larry Poore of the Poore House for your support of the Rio Vista Community!



**Community Day & Maritime Model Expo @ CBMM
May 20, 2018
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

As a way of saying thank you to the community, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum hosts a Community Day, with all festivities taking place on CBMM’s Fogg’s Landing, including free admission for everyone, plus live music, regional foods and drinks, family activities, free boat rides, and more. The Maritime Model Expo features a pond for R/C model sailing and is sponsored by the Model Guild of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the North American Steamboat Modeler’s Association, and the Washington Ship Model Society.



**ST. MICHAELS BREWFEST
Saturday, June 2, 2018 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
VIP starts at 10:45 a.m.**

Featuring over 70 beers the event takes place at the Old Mill, behind Foxy’s and The Crab Claw Restaurant. Along with great beer & ales, there will be live music and delicious food.

Limited VIP tickets for the Brew Master Cruise on The Patriot leaving Saturday at 10:45 a.m.



**St. Michaels Running Festival
Saturday, May 19, 2018**

Flattest, Fastest 13.1 in the Mid Atlantic! The St. Michaels Running Festival also has a family friendly 5K and a kid’s 1K fun run.

Not running? Come cheer on the runners/walkers then head into town to eat, shop, play and stay! This event is Rain or Shine.



Talbot Village Connections!

“Supporting Seniors at Home”

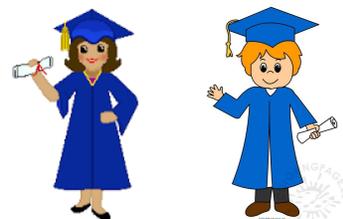
Talbot Village Connections (TVC) is a non-profit organization founded by a group of local citizens to assist Talbot County residents, aged 55 and above, to live independently in their place of residence for as long as safely possible.

Talbot Village Connections provides services to its members through its network of trained volunteers. Membership is affordable and reliable and is "one phone call" away from access to necessary services such as:

- Local Transportation**
- Simple Household/Gardening Chores**
- Daily Telephone Assurance Calls**
- Friendly Visitors**
- Social/Educational Opportunities**

For more information
<http://www.talbotvillageconnections.com>

Congratulations Graduates!



DATES/EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Christ Church
REV. Steve Mosher
(410) 745 – 9076
info@christsmichaels.org

Sunday, June 3rd

One service at 9:00 AM for Bishop's visitation

Weekly Events:

Sunday Readings Bible Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 8 AM at Blue Heron Coffee
(W. Chestnut St.)

Wednesday Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 11 AM

AA Meetings

Thursdays, 8 PM

Monthly Events:

Caregivers Meeting

1st Monday, 9:30 AM – June 4th; July 2nd; August 6th

St. Michaels Art League Meeting

3rd Monday, 9 AM – May 21st

Christmas in St. Michaels Meeting

3rd Monday, 5 PM – May 21st; June 18th; July 3rd;
August 20th

First Tuesdays Lunch

1st Tuesday, 12 PM – May 1st; June 5th; July 3rd;
August 7th

Healing Service

1st Wednesday, 12:10 PM – May 2nd; June 6th;
August 1st

The ONES

Last Wednesdays, 6 PM – May 30th; June 27th;
July 25th; August 29th

Union United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. William Wallace

<http://unionstmichaels.jigsy.com/>

(410) 745-2784

Sundays:

10 AM Worship Services

Union United Methodist Church
Saint Michaels

Anniversary
CELEBRATION
Banquet
Honoring Our Community Leaders



Chief Anthony Smith, Mrs. Trish Payne, Delegate John Mauz
and some distinguished members of Union Church

Saturday July 14th, 4 PM
Easton Fire Hall
315 Aurora Park Drive- Easton, MD
Helen Todd Catering
Music By Comfort Zone
Donation \$ 50.00 Ticket Information
Contact 410-745-5097

Rev. Dr. William T. Wallace, Sr. Pastor

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Pastor Tonya

(410) 745 – 2532

<http://www.stlukes-umc.org/>

Sundays:

8:30 AM service held in the church hall
which is adjacent to the main building.

10:00 AM service of worship is held in
the sanctuary on the second floor of the
main building.

St. Michaels Mission Catholic Church

Rev. James Nash, Pastor

Rev. Michael A. Angeloni, Associate Pastor

(410) 822 – 2344

<http://www.ssppdev.com/index.html>

Wednesdays

12 PM Weekly Mass

Saturday Mass

5:30 PM Evening Vigil Mass

Sundays Mass

10:30 AM



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Nash

November 12 -20

If interested, contact Barbie Smith, 410-822-5926



St. Michaels Community Center

103 Railroad Avenue St. Michaels, MD 21663

(410) 745-6073

trish@stmichaelscc.org

<http://www.stmichaelscc.org>

St. Michaels Community Center offers Senior Gatherings (including lunch) on Wednesdays 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. On the 1st Wednesday of every month we play Bingo, and the [YMCA](#) helps us play "Brain Games" on every 2nd Wednesday. On the 3rd, we save time for arts and crafts, and on the 4th Wednesday we welcome Pam Haynes of the [Talbot Senior Center](#) as a guest speak with important insurance and medical information.

Also on Wednesday, Susan Irwin offers this wonderful class for improving flexibility, strength and peace of mind. No experience is necessary, and there's no cost to attend. Please feel free to drop in to the St. Michaels Housing Authority Community Room on Dobson Ave. from 9.30 - 10.15 a.m.

There are also other Adult Classes and A.S.K. (After School Kids) being held just a phone call away.

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