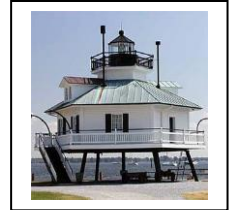




THE NAV-LIGHT

THE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER OF RIO VISTA
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Happy Valentine's Day

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Are You Real ID Ready
by Judy Sandground

REAL ID is federal legislation created in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks to establish security standards for all state driver's licenses and identification cards nationwide. After **October 1, 2020**, you will be required to have a REAL ID in order to use your driver's license or ID card to **board commercial aircraft for domestic flights or to gain access to federal facilities**. To be REAL ID compliant, **you must have the new REAL ID license** (it has a star on the upper right corner) **AND the required documentation on file** with the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration. If you don't have the proper documentation on file, your license could be confiscated by a police officer if you are pulled over for any reason.

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Talbot County Council Update
by Monica Otte

In December and January, the Talbot County Council and the Short-Term Rental Review Board held work sessions to discuss several proposals made by the Board to change the current County rules on short-term vacation rental properties. All operators of short-term vacation rentals must obtain a County permit and meet certain rules, including health and safety requirements.

As a result of the work sessions, over the next few months the Council will consider several changes to the rules. The purpose of some of the changes is to make the rules work more smoothly. The proposed changes also include some relaxations to the current fire safety rules, for short-term rentals only. Before the Council can adopt new rules, it must hold public hearings, and all interested citizens can submit written comments or speak at the hearings. Hearing dates and more details on the proposed changes will be announced.

One of the largest items in the County budget is education, and on Feb. 11 the Council will hold a public hearing on a bill that will officially authorize the County to borrow funds for construction of the new Easton Elementary School. The total cost of the project is about \$51 million, with the state paying about \$21 million and the County responsible for the rest.

The County Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 PM at the Bradley meeting room in the County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton. All meetings are open to the public. In addition to speaking at hearings on specific bills, citizens also have the opportunity to briefly address the Council on other topics relevant to County government, during a block of time reserved at each meeting for public comment.

For more information, visit the County Council website at http://www.talbotcountymd.gov/index.php?page=County_Council.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

I notice the days are staying light longer. Even though we are in the middle of Winter the ever longer days add the anticipation of Spring as a light at the end of the gray weather and the glorious annual renewal of life in our neighborhood. I can't wait.

Real estate sales in 2019 were strong. It was a busy year in Rio Vista. Sixteen new residents bought homes. Home sale prices appear to be slowly returning to the pre-recession levels. Please take the time to meet our new neighbors and welcome them to our community.

You may have noticed a for sale sign on Monroe Avenue. SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Michaels Mission Church, plans to sell half dozen or so lots behind their church for new home development. Entry to the lots is expected to be from Monroe Avenue.

Your community board members as well as other Rio Vista residents continue to monitor short term rental developments by attending **every** Talbot County council meeting and STR Review Board session to represent us. I believe they have made a significant impact on the deliberations to the benefit of everyone residing in the county. Several best practice decisions would not have been made if not for their dedicated participation. Thank you to all who have stepped up.

Hunter Plog, our Dock Master, has developed a new annual slip rental agreement that should appear on the webpage shortly. The new agreement provides greater clarity for those who utilize the community boat slips. Hunter plans to complete the re-decking of the dock this season. Also, please note that parking rules have been updated. No vehicles with trailers will be allowed to remain in the dock parking area after launch/recovery of boats. Season rental fees will remain the same.

The mosquito spray by the Maryland Department of Agriculture began last year in June with applications made about every two weeks. I believe the spray program made a significant improvement. We plan to continue the program in 2020.

The community has had to deal with unusually high tides during recent years. We are studying the possibility of installing living shorelines at the picnic grounds and on the creek side of the point of land at the community dock. Cost and government approval will be the most significant challenges.

We are in the process of reviewing/updating the Nav-Light email list. If you are not receiving the Nav-Light by email, please send us your contact information. The Nav-Light looks so much better in color.

Jack Davis

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



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DOCK MASTER REPORT



Happy New Year Rio Vista residents from the dock master. A New Year always brings hope and excitement of what the New Year will bring for the boating season. There are several changes and projects going on down at the RVC marina.

The RVC board has approved several changes to the slip rental agreement for 2020. The board feels that lessees' should carry boat insurance to cover fuel spills, sinking, damage to other vessels and property damage. We are not going to police this policy but by signing the lease you are on notice that it is required or that you are financially responsible. The second change is if a slip goes unused during the season, the lessee will forfeit the slip for the next year. I have several new residents to the community looking to rent slips. The third and last change to the rental agreement is that there is no boat, trailer or gear of any kind stored on the dock area, shoreline or parking area. Parking is very limited down at the dock. We share this space with the community so please park vehicles facing the rip-rap on the Miles River side.

There are three projects taking place this year down at the marina. Erosion control is a constant project that is necessary and costly. Our contractor this spring will be repairing the rip-rap on the cove side midway down the causeway. If anyone has been down at the marina during high tide, part of the drive has washed out. The second project is re-decking the dock. The re-decking has taken several years. I hope to have it completed this year! The third project in the works is Jack Davis working on erosion control. Last year we had the peninsula of land past the marina surveyed in order to assess land erosion. Jack is looking into creating a "living shoreline" on the cove side in order to prevent erosion. The maintenance of the common areas around RVC is never ending but it is what makes our community great!

Thanks,

Hunter Plog

RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Go to www.riovistacom.org and check out our up and running calendar! It will include events that are occurring in the Bay 100 area. If you have an event you would like to add to the Rio Vista Calendar, please send it by e-mail to:

Renée Thompson
rthompson754@gmail.com

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 (called a 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

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

A handy flow chart is available online that can help determine if you need to submit the Construction and Architectural Review Form (CARF) for RVCA approval.

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TREASURER REPORT

The Board of Governors approved an aggressive budget for 2020 and we expect to continue that policy in the coming years. Annual fee payments for 2019 were very good and payments for 2020 are off to an excellent start. Erosion prevention remains the most critical item on the agenda. The board is investigating the possibility to install living shorelines at the community dock and the picnic grounds. Due to the excellent annual fee payment record of Rio Vista members and to extra contributions made by your neighbors, we have been able to mitigate the damage made by rising water levels, but it is a continuing problem that must be consistently addressed each year.

Financially, the community is in excellent condition. Payments of the annual fee for 2019 have exceeded 2018 which was our best year ever and that has allowed for us to meet all financial obligations in a timely manner. There are a few delinquent members 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. Fee billing for 2020 was mailed in early November and was due to be paid by December 31, 2019.

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.

Real ID Ready

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Check your REAL ID status by using the MVA REAL ID lookup tool at www.mva.maryland.gov/realidlookup. The lookup tool will ask for a driver's license number and advise if you need to bring the required REAL ID documents. If you need to provide documentation, make an appointment by visiting:

www.mva.maryland.gov

Documentation needed for REAL ID are:

- One proof of age and identity (original birth certificate or valid US Passport)
- One proof of Social Security (original Social Security card or W-2 Form or SSA 1099 Form)
- Two proofs of your Maryland residency (Vehicle Registration Card and/or bank account statement and/or utility bill)

MVA recommends that you not wait until the last minute – check your status now!



Celebrate American Heart Month February 2020

American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.



"Thank you" to Andrew Henckel for his newly acquired volunteer job towards the beautification of the Rio Vista Community!

Architectural Report

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

2019

- 1020 Riverview Ter Front Door Replacement - approved
- 1103 Harrison Ave Fence - approved as submitted
- 1112 Jefferson Ave Fence - approved as submitted
- 1026 Riverview Ter Addition - approved as submitted
- 1106 Riverview Ter Deck - approved as submitted
- 1101 Riverview Ter Porch - approved as submitted
- 601 Cove Rd Attached Garage-approved as submitted



Eastern Shore Sea Glass and Coastal Arts Festival at CBMM

April 4th Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

April 5th Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

The Sea Glass Festival will feature more than 70 artisans many from the local Delmarva area, and others travelling from as far away as New England—who will exhibit and sell coastal and sea-glass related jewelry, home décor, art, and more.

The festival also includes educational lectures about sea glass and its history along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

Miles River cruises aboard CBMM's 1920 buyboat Winnie Estelle will be offered throughout the two-days.



RECYCLED BATTERIES

This is a service for any size or any kind. Just place the batteries in a plastic bag and put the bag in the newspaper box under the mail box for 1023 Riverview.

If anyone has a battery that is too big for my box they can contact me at janburke5454@icloud.com. I will recycle anything I can pick up and carry as long as it is not leaking acid. We do not make money recycling the batteries but we do keep them out of the dump.



Trish Payne
103 Railroad Avenue
(410) 745-6073
www.stmichaelscc.org



March. 7 Fundraising Concert & Dance: The Hubcaps

We're hosting [The Fabulous Hubcaps](#) for a Sat., Mar. 7 fundraising concert and dance at the [St. Michaels Inn](#). The event includes snacks and a cash bar, along with awards presented to the best 1950's costume and dance-off winners.

Proceeds benefit the people served by SMCC, with limited, advance tickets at \$50 per person, purchased by emailing trish@stmichaelscc.org, or calling 410-745-6073.

Please Buy Your Tickets Now!



The St. Michaels Community Center is sponsoring a **Tues., Mar. 3 bus trip from St. Michaels, Md. to the Philadelphia Flower Show**. This year's "Riviera Holiday" theme will bring designers and guests to the Mediterranean Riviera at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

The bus trip is \$83 per person, and includes round-trip bus fare and your ticket to the show. Call 410-745-6073 to purchase or for more information check the Rio Vista calendar.



**"Thank you" to Larry Poore of the Poorehouse for his support of our Rio Vista Community!
410-745-3200**



12/1/2020- 1/28/2020

List Price Sold Date Sold Price

Active

103 Madison Ave. \$270,000
1102 Riverview Ter 429,000

Act Under Contract

303 Lincoln Ave. 325,000

Closed

204 Madison Ave. \$235,000 12/30/19 \$225,000
401 Lincoln Ave. 295,000 12/18/19 295,000
225 Tyler Ave. 269,000 12/19/19 260,000
1113 Jefferson 190,000 12/05/19 185,000

We talk about, husbands, wives and children when we think of moving, lets include our 4 legged members of our family. When you own a dog, you are their sun, the moon, stars and their protector. It is always best to remove the dog from the premises, (do not let them loose in the yard) have a neighbor sit with the dog or remove it during the showing. It is bad enough, that you left, but then these strangers (normally 2 to 5) arrive that is scary. For the dog's sake, agents, and potential buyer do not let the dog be unsupervised. No matter how loving your fur baby is, they can bite someone or something out of fear. So, If you have a cat or dog, close them in an area, and put a sign on the door, they will try to sneak out the outer doors, or won't come out of a room that a door was previously shut when the agent arrived.

When moving out of your home into a new home, have someone watch the fur baby when movers are there. Animals are smart and their life is being disrupted and that scares them. When you get to your new home, put the old food bowl, toys and bed down (do not wash until later) Keep old routines, don't buy new gear right now, give the fur baby lots of loving, leave treats, stuffed toys and familiar things when you depart. They will love their new home as much as you in a few days (watch that tail or listen to them purr).

Provided by: **Our Resident Realtors**

Laura Anderson Coldwell Banker
Gloria Bee Costa Keller Williams Select Realtors



When: **Saturday Mar 7, 2020 Sunday Mar 8, 2020**

ChocolateFest Crawl March 7, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Choose from thousands of chocolate concoctions, desserts, candies and drinks at participating tasting venues throughout the Town of St. Michaels.

Each ticket may be reimbursed during the Chocolate Crawl during the hours of 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. SATURDAY only.

Pre-purchased tickets will be available for pick up starting at 10:00 a.m. at the **ChocolateFest Tent** (located on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Talbot Street at 100 S. Talbot Street). Chocolate Crawl tasting tickets are purchased in quantities of 10 for \$10.00 - One tasting per ticket.

Pre-purchase your tasting tickets link can be found on the Rio Vista Calendar at: riovistacom.org



The 2020 Daffodil Festival scheduled for March 28, 2020, is a celebration of over 25,000 daffodils throughout the town in 2017 with over 50,000 since then! **Visit their link on the Rio Vista Calendar: riovistacom.org.**



2020 St. Michaels Running Festival (Half Marathon & 5K) Event May 16, 2020

The St. Michaels Running Festival has been one of the premier destination races in the Mid-Atlantic since our inaugural event in 2012. This year SMRF has added a **1k Kids Fun Run** at the finish area on race day for children ages 12 and younger. All children will receive a very cool shirt, race bib and finish line food/drink!

The run benefits our local community center and our local police community outreach program SMYLE (St. Michaels Youth and Law Enforcement).

Registration has begun so check it out on our Calendar@ www.riovistacom.org for further details & registration.



Perkins Family YMCA



The Automotive Enthusiast Group is a chance for conversation drivers of all ages (youth to adult) and all knowledge levels (novice to advanced) to participate in a casual discussion group to hear each other's prospective and insight. Discussion topics will include:

- Automotive design
- History
- Industry
- Motorsports
- Performance

This program is offered in conjunction with the Classic Motor Museum of St. Michaels. Meetings held at the Perkins Family YMCA

Discussion navigator: Chad Morrison; 25 years of automotive experience
Thursdays; 6—7 pm; Please register with the YMCA if you wish to attend

February 6—March 26, 2020
No Fee Required. Open to the community



*Baines Gymnasium will be reserved for the purpose of indoor walking / running on the track that surrounds the courts. Reserved times are as follows:
Monday and Wednesday: 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Fridays: 11 am - 12 pm
During these times, pickleball and basketball activities **will not be able to be played.**



Spring Soccer Registration Now Open Through March 2nd!

All practices held in St. Michaels at SMES!
Ages: 2-3 yrs, 4-5 yrs, 6-7 yrs, 8-9 yrs, 10-11 yrs, & 12-13 yrs

Season runs from March 9th through May 15th, 2020
Each team will have one practice a week with games on Saturdays

Volunteer coaches needed
Members \$65 - Program Participants \$90 (Financial Assistance Available)

For more information, contact Stephen White: swhite@ymcachesapeake.org or at 410.822.0566

Check Rio Vista's Calendar for other scheduling.

[Tel:410-745-5963](tel:410-745-5963)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Christ Church

Rev. Steven E. Mosher
(410) 745 - 9076

info@christsmichaels.org

Weekly Events:

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 12 PM

Mid-Week Eucharistic & Healing Service

Thursdays, 8 AM

Sunday Readings Bible Discussion Group
@ Blue Heron Café (West Chestnut St.)

Thursdays, 8 PM

AA Meetings

Monthly Events:

Caregivers Meeting

1st Monday, 9:30 AM

St. Michaels Art League Meeting

3rd Monday, 9:30 AM

Christmas in St. Michaels Meeting

3rd Monday, 5 PM

Life After Loss

2nd Tuesday, 1:30 PM

Men's Cancer Support Group

4th Thursday, 11 AM

Habitat Faith Build

3rd Saturday

Deadline for Tidings Newsletter

15th of each month

Scheduled Events:

Boy Scouts Sunday

Sunday, February 9th, 10:15

Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper

Tuesday, February 25th, TBD

Ash Wednesday Services

February 26th, 12 PM & 7 PM

Bay Hundred Covenant Churches Lenten Suppers

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6 PM - Venues TBD

Passion/Palm Sunday with Distribution of Palms

Sunday April 5th, 8 AM & 10:15 AM

Holy Wednesday

Holy Eucharist - 12 PM
Stations of the Cross - Time TBD

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Stripping
of the Altar, 7 PM

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy, 12 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12, 8 AM & 10:15 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

is to follow the 10:15 Service.

Union United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. William Wallace

(410) 745-6572

<http://unionstmichaels.jigsy.com>

Sundays:

10:00 AM Worship Service

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Pastor Brett Sherwood

(410) 745 - 2534

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

8:30 AM

Casual Service in Fellowship Hall, adjacent
to the Church.

10:00 AM

Traditional Service in Church Sanctuary,
2nd Floor of main building.

11:00 AM

Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall.

Scheduled Events:

Kids Night Out

Tuesday, February 4th, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Winter Book Sale

Saturday, February 8th, 9 AM - 3 PM

St. Michaels Mission Church

Rev. James Nash, Pastor

Rev. Michael Angeloni

(410) 822 - 2344

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

Wednesdays

12:00 PM Weekly Mass

Saturdays

5:30 PM Evening Vigil Mass

Sundays

10:30 AM Mass

March 8 - 10, 2020

Adventure into the Interior Life - Lenten Mission

National Speaker & Author Rose Sweet

6:15 - 8:15 @School Café -900 High Street, Easton

Opening night features: The Pilgrim's Way with
Luke Spehar, Sunday, March 8, SSPP School Café

4:30 - 5:45 PM **Free Event**

Hors d'oeuvres provided

Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday 12:00 PM

Stations of the Cross Wednesdays after 12 PM Mass

Palm Sunday Regular Mass Schedule

Easter Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Come Follow the Footsteps of Jesus

9 DAYS in the Holy Land

February 2021

Led by Father James Nash and Faith Study Leader
Amy Schisler Saints Peter and Paul Parish

9 days in the Holy Land:

COST PER PERSON: \$3,450-Two in a room

\$4,250-Single occupancy.

Full breakfast and dinner daily and hotel portorage
Taxes and service charges on all included features

* The airfare is estimated; the exact airfare will be
determined approximately 15 February 2020.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY,
MARCH 5, 2020 6:00 PM--SSPP CAFÉ**

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