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### Summer 2020 Wildlife Update:



This season began with something we almost forgot - a late spring cold snap! Those chilly overnight temperatures took a toll on early songbirds and ducklings, and many did not survive. Thankfully, many of our local birds brood more than once, so they quickly renovated nests and successfully raised and fledged more young. Nature is miraculously resilient.

**See Summer 2020 Wildlife**  
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**EXPANDED MASKING ORDER.** With the unanimous support of the Maryland Coronavirus Recovery Team, Governor Hogan is expanding the statewide masking order that has been in effect since April 18.

Under this order, which **took effect Friday, July 31 at 5:00 p.m.**, all Marylanders over the age of five are required to wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses across the State.

Face coverings will also be required in outdoor public areas, whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. The expanded order continues to provide certain exceptions, including for medical conditions.

**OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL ADVISORY.** Governor Hogan has directed the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to issue a public health advisory for out-of-state travel. Under this advisory, Marylanders are strongly advised against traveling to states with positivity rates of 10% or higher. Anyone traveling from these states should get tested and self-quarantine while awaiting results.

This public health advisory—which takes effect immediately—applies to personal, family, or business travel of any kind. Marylanders are advised to postpone or cancel travel to these areas until their positivity rates decline.

As of today, this advisory applies to Florida, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska, and Idaho. **For further information:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bd4c-H2kx1w&feature=youtu.be>



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

It has been three months since my last letter. Sadly, the virus seems to be in control more than ever. The prognosis is that it will continue to get worse before it gets better, and, according to the experts, we are still in the first wave. Our Governor has mandated more restrictive measures to slow the spread. I for one believe we could have done a much better job of dealing with the pandemic. I also believe if we are to improve, it is up to us, You and Me, to keep social distancing, wearing a mask in public places and practicing good hygiene. It seems we are all in this alone, that has got to change starting today.

I wish I had some more news to pass along, but we have had only one in person board meeting since February. Projects are moving forward, but at a much slower pace. The county offices have opened which allows us to re-open some communication, but again at a much slower pace. Projects that continue are erosion repair at the end of Cove Road, new rock to top off the rip rap along the Miles River side of the dock access road and general erosion prevention. Contact with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for assistance to plan a living shoreline at the picnic grounds and along Spencer Creek at the dock area is underway. However, the Foundation staff is still working shortened hours and from home so progress is slow.

The mosquito spray program started about the third week of July. The delay seems to have been caused by the closure of county offices. Hopefully, the program will be as effective as last year. One good thing has been many of our seasonal neighbors have quarantined here rather than in their metropolitan neighborhoods. We are very happy to see them every day.

Also, remember all those who continue to take care of us with some exposure to their own wellbeing. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, grocery clerks, delivery services, trash pick-up....the list goes on and on....post office, police and fire service, EMT's, those who keep our lights on and water running. They have stepped up! Thank them.

If you have to spend time away from work, with your families, I can't think of a more pleasant place than Rio Vista. Stay safe!

We are in the process of reviewing/updating the Nav-Light e-mail list. If you are not receiving the Nav-Night by email, please send us your contact information. 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.**



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## DOCKING REPORT



Boy has this year been a wacky one! The COVID pandemic has affected all aspects of life as we know it. This is the first year in about four years that we have not sold out the slips. What is a better way to “social distance” than while out on a boat? Well anyway I have been out many times this year on my boat, it seems the one thing that does not come with restrictions.

Fishing for me this year seems to be hit or miss. It would seem I have the wrong bait or I’m out on the wrong tide. I have been doing more tubing with my kids this year than fishing. I suspect that is alright with them cooped up in our house all day. I have been out a couple times crabbing with little luck. My kids are always happy to have crabs even if dad spends all day to bring 6 home.

**See Docking Report**  
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## 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](mailto: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.

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

### 2020

1023 Monroe Ave	Fence Extension – approved
1014 Riverview Ter.	Shed - approved
1014 Riverview Ter.	Shed Modification– approved

**See Architectural Report**  
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## TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL



The County Council is expected to take up 3 important matters at the next public meeting on Tuesday, August 11 at 6 PM.

**COVID-19.** At the July 21 Council meeting, Health Officer Dr. Frieda Wadley reported on the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Talbot, and the heightened risks from large social gatherings and violations of distancing and mask rules at some local bars and restaurants. On August 11, the Council is expected to consider whether to impose limitations on social gatherings to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Short-Term Rentals.** On July 14, the Council held a public hearing on Bill 1446, which streamlines the short-term rental permit application process. The Planning Commission has proposed an amendment to clarify safety rules and the responsibilities of the STR owner to participate in the permit hearing and to notify neighbors of an STR application. Some Council members also introduced amendments to allow an unlimited number of people (for example, for a party) to be at an STR property between sunrise and sunset, and to allow renters to stay for 2 instead of 3 nights at an STR. The Council is expected to vote on the bill and amendments at the August 11 meeting.

**Talbot Boys monument.** Over 30 persons spoke up at the July 28 Council meeting to express their opinions on the fate of the Talbot Boys monument. The monument, which has stood in front of the County Courthouse for over 100 years, is a memorial to men from Talbot County who served in the Confederate armed forces. On August 11 the Council is expected to consider whether the monument will remain in place or be removed in whole or in part from the Courthouse grounds.

If you have any comments or concerns about any of these matters, now is the time to contact your Council members:

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Several options are available for you to watch or listen to a County Council meeting:

Go to the Talbot County website ([www.talbotcountymd.gov](http://www.talbotcountymd.gov)). Click on the picture of the Talbot County Council on the bottom left hand corner of the page and you will be directed to the Council Meeting Video streaming page. Closed Captioning is available on the livestream video.

Via YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/midshorecommunitytelevision>

You can listen to the meeting by calling:  
(833) 491-0327



**St. Michaels Restaurants  
Aim to 'Stay Ahead of the Curve'**

**Our commitment to you:**

- All employees wear masks at all times.
- Staff temperatures are taken when they report to work, and when they depart.
- Our buildings are sanitized daily with an antiviral aerosol mister.
- All hard surfaces are sanitized throughout the day.
- Tables are sanitized between all guests.
- All guests seating is separated by 6 ft.
- We will not seat more than 6 people per table.
- We will not permit gathering or standing at bars.
- We will make sure all guests are seated for dining or drinking.
- We will post the proper social distancing signs and guidelines.
- We will listen to your concerns.

**What we ask from you:**

- Please do not come in if you are feeling ill, have a fever, or are showing symptoms.
- Please, enter the restaurant with a mask.
- Please sit at a table wearing a mask.
- Order from wait-staff wearing a mask.
- Feel free to remove your mask when beverages and food arrive — eat, drink and enjoy your meal.
- Please, politely raise your mask whenever you speak to the wait-staff.
- Please put your mask on if you visit the restroom during your visit.
- Please wash your hands with soap and water before returning to your table after using the restroom.

**Please leave the restaurant wearing your mask!**



**C-19 App Shows Promise in Tracking New Coronavirus Cases – *Would you like to help?***

The Covid Symptom Study, developed by Zoe Global, a health science company, in collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital and King’s College in London, had 2.5 million users who reported their symptoms in first four weeks. There are now over 4 million people contributing to this study. The Stanford School of Medicine is also participating in the study of the app data.

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**Architectural Report**

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1114 Riverview Ter.	Roof Replacement-approved
230 Madison Ave	Pergola-approved
506 Tenant Cir	Fence replacement-approved
1026 Riverview Ter.	Fence approved
1205 Jefferson Ave	Solar Panels (on roof) approved

**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

**Please note:** If your improvements are not listed above, please contact Barry Burke @ [architectural@riovistacom.org](mailto:architectural@riovistacom.org)



**A MESSAGE FROM THE YMCA**

**Operating Hours**

The Perkins Family YMCA staff strives for excellence in the cleanliness of our facility as the health and safety of our members is of upmost importance to us. With that being said, we will continue to close from 1 – 2 pm daily (Monday – Saturday) for a midday sanitation of the wellness center and high-touch surfaces.

**Locker Rooms**

Please note that the showers and changing areas are to be used only by those members using the pool. Due to the need to maintain a 6 foot social distance space around each person, we are still not allowing full use of the shower and changing facilities. Masks are required while in the locker rooms.

For members who need to fit exercise around their work schedule and showering at the YMCA is a must, the showers in the universal locker rooms are now available for this service.

**Stay & Play**

As a reminder, the Gooch Stay-n-Play center is open for business so our youngest members can also get out of the house and come to the Y! We are continuing to take reservations and will continue to operate on the modified schedule, below:

- Monday: 3 – 7 pm
- Tuesday: 8 am – 12 pm
- Wednesday: 3 – 7 pm
- Thursday: 3 – 7 pm
- Friday: 8 am – 12 pm
- Saturday: 8 am – 12 pm
- Sunday: 11 am – 2:30 pm

## See 2020 Wildlife

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The most notable news is an osprey couple finally adopted the platform next to the community picnic area at Landing Rd! The osprey platform was installed 3 seasons ago. It sat empty the first season, which is normal. The thick ice two winters ago carried the whole thing away. (without a trace!), and it was restored too late in the next season for a reasonable attempt at nesting. So although it has been favorite temporary perch for ospreys, Crawford (our great blue heron) and our neighborhood bald eagles, this is the first time ospreys have taken up residence. The third time is the charm, and it has been a great thing to watch!!

At first it appeared the ospreys were only pretending to play house. They occasionally delivered one or two sticks to the nest, but they didn't return for many days at a time. That haphazard pattern continued throughout May, then a more serious routine emerged in June and July, which included more diligent nest-building and longer visits to the nest. The biggest development was when they began defending the nest and chasing off anyone with an old habit of landing there! Only then could we be confident that this pair was going to stay, and return!! They can still be seen building the nest larger, a couple sticks at a time, each morning and evening. Although they did not raise young this season, that is common for a young mated pair. So for the next month, enjoy watching these newlyweds play house, and we'll be rooting for a safe journey south and a honeymoon reunion back here next spring along the Miles River!

For more wildlife photos and fun facts about our local creatures check out Rio Vista's Facebook page



Special thanks go to all of our Rio Vista Block Captains! Those who are diligently recording the changing residents, addresses and/or phone numbers and those who are Snowbirds and have arranged with their residents to contact their Block Captain when an issue arises. We have had several instances of this. And, to all residents who are excellent "Neighbors at Watch."

## Docking Report

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The Miles river always seems to be a Fall River for crabbing.

I would like to remind all RVC residents that if you come down to the marina please park with your vehicle facing the Mile River. This will allow the most vehicles to park.

St. Michaels Volunteer Fire Company

Make a donation to the St. Michaels Volunteer Fire Company & help us to continue helping our

community!



## TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS, AVOID THESE COMMON MASK-WEARING MISTAKES

-  1. Don't touch your or your child's mask while being worn.
-  2. Don't leave your nose or mouth uncovered. Experts now believe that eyes should be covered with goggles or face shield.
-  3. Don't wear the mask under your chin with your nose and mouth exposed.
-  4. Don't remove the mask while around others in public.
-  5. Don't share your mask with family members or friends.

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/proper-mask-wearing-coronavirus-prevention-infographic>



Talbot County forbids these activities in Rio Vista.

## Rio Vista's Realtor Review



<b>ACTIVE</b>	LIST Price	SOLD PRICE	DATE CLOSED
208 Lincoln Ave	\$199,000		
1221 Washington Dr	\$379,900		
<b>PENDING</b>			
1107 Harrison Ave	\$369,000		
<b>CLOSED</b>			
210 Tyler Ave	\$259,900	\$262,000	07/24/20
103 Madison Ave	\$270,000	\$270,000	07/21/20

Let's talk about the market, our inventory is extremely low, it is a **sellers'** market. The buyers are competing against each other for properties. The Covid-19, shut down has increased the employee's opportunity to work from home due to today's technology. Employers like this as well; they can reduce cost of office space. And this will continue as long as they have self-motivated employees. Buyers are looking at living and working in an area less populated, and larger homes with space for one or two offices.

People are scared, between the virus, riots and destruction, they want out of the metro area and the opportunity to work at home allows them to relocate to the suburbs. I expect to see the residential market continue strong for some time.

However, we do not know what will happen, with businesses going out and job losses; this may cause an incline in short sales and foreclosures, which will hurt residential prices. The market to get hit the worst will be the commercial and investor market.

Provided by: **Our Resident Realtors**

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### **C-19 App Shows Promise**

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The app, which allows people to record their symptoms, has been remarkably effective in predicting infections. The most reliable indicators, researchers found, were loss of smell and taste. (Maybe you are asked that when you go to your physician or other health care facility?)

Once the app is downloaded and your profile is completed (minimal information is required), it usually takes about 1 minute a day to enter your current health status, usually 2 questions: Have you been tested for Covid? And, how are you feeling today? (2 options to choose you are feeling fine or you have some symptoms).

More information and the app can be found at the C-10 website: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/us>



## St. Michaels Farmers Market

[stmichaelsmarket@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsmarket@gmail.com)

**WHEN:** EVERY SATURDAY (RAIN OR SHINE)  
THROUGH NOV 21, 2020

8:30AM - 11:30AM

**WHERE:** PARKING LOT @ 204 S. TALBOT ST

### **PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!**

Social distancing is a necessity of our times, and we ask that you not get too close to vendor tables or each other while shopping. Read and share our **COVID19 Guidelines**. We are in this together

### **COVID19 GUIDELINES**

**Please make special note of the following:**

- ~ Please, **NO PETS** at this time as they cannot be expected to maintain our 6' spacing requirements.
- ~ **Masks are mandatory**
- ~ **To facilitate efficiency and decreased wait times, we encourage you to send just one representative from your family to shop.**
- ~ **During the first hour of market, preference will be given to our most vulnerable customers.**
- ~ **We will limit the numbers of customers allowed into market at any one time.**
- ~ **Electronic transactions are encouraged. Consider uploading Venmo, Cash, Paypal, etc, to your mobile phone.**
- ~ **Please bring your patience and understanding.**

**Volunteers are needed.  
We could really use the help.  
COME JOIN US!**

### **St. Michaels Museum in St. Mary's Square**



Due to Covid-19 we have not been open this season, but we are planning outside exhibits with docents on weekends starting in September.

Even though closed, major changes are underway. A 425-foot addition to the Teetotum building is almost completed. The library and office in the Museum's 1851 Chaney House will be moved into this addition. The first floor of the Chaney House will become a living history room depicting how the three African American Chaney Brothers lived there in the 1850s. A new handicapped bathroom is also in the works and the Teetotum has a beautiful new shake roof. Come and see our new look in September!

**For more information, go to:**  
[www.stmichaelsmuseum.org](http://www.stmichaelsmuseum.org)

Kate Fones  
Curator

## DATES TO REMEMBER & MISC

**Christ Church**  
**Rev. Steven E. Mosher**  
**(410) 745 – 9076**  
[info@christsmichaels.org](mailto:info@christsmichaels.org)

Outdoor worship services only  
Sunday's at 9:30.

**Union United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Dr. William Wallace**  
**(410) 745-6572**  
<http://unionstmichaels.jigsy.com>

**St. Michaels Mission Church**  
**Rev. James Nash, Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Angeloni**  
[www.ssppeaston.org](http://www.ssppeaston.org)  
**(410) 822 – 2344**

**Ss. Peter and Paul Churches are sanitized before each Mass!**

**\*All must wear masks properly throughout the Mass! Attendance is limited to 1/3 of seating.**

**It is permissible to pull them away after you receive the host, but then immediately returned to covering your nose and mouth completely.**

**\*Steps to take for on-line services:**

- 1: Go to [www.ssppeaston.org](http://www.ssppeaston.org)
- 2: Scroll down and click on "Parish News"
- 3 Scroll down and click on "View all News"
4. Click on "What's New"
5. Click on "Recordings of SSPP Masses"
6. Click on desired Mass.



### **Maryland Fleet Week Baltimore Goes Virtual**

**September 9-15, 2020**

**Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the End of WWII & the Year of the Woman**

Our 2020 event may be virtual, but we are still committed to the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the End of WWII and the Celebration of the Year of the Woman. Virtual MD Fleet Week offers numerous events and experiences that will capture the majesty and excitement of the traditional Fleet Week that you can enjoy from the comfort and safety of your own home.

For more information:

<https://www.visitmaryland.org/things-to-do/fleet-week>

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Mary Wiley**  
**(410) 745 – 2534**

No services at this time.



**Trish Payne**  
**103 Railroad Avenue**  
**(410) 745-6073**  
[www.stmichaelscc.org](http://www.stmichaelscc.org)

**SMCC gathers kindness in 30th year**  
**07/10/2020**

When the St. Michaels Community Center began serving at the heart of the Bay Hundred community in 1990, no one could have imagined the impact the neighborhood organization would have 30 years later, especially while the organization serves as the Bay Hundred's food hub during the nation's COVID-19 pandemic. Nor would they have ever imagined the great kindness gathered during the pandemic through the organization's role as the community's helpers.

SMCC Executive Director Trish Payne says SMCC has helped provide 1,941 bags of groceries and 3,830 take-out and delivery meals to people from throughout the Bay Hundred area—which stretches from St. Michaels to Tilghman Island—in the weeks between April 6, 2020 and June 19, 2020.

#### **COVID-19 HOURS FOR FOOD SUPPORT ONLY:**

SMCC will continue providing food bags and take-out meals to our neighbors as long as we can.

**SMCC is providing take-out meals and grocery pick-up to those in need from the Center at 108 Railroad Ave. as follows:**

- **Mondays from 5-7 pm**
- **Wednesdays from 3-5 pm**

**Fridays from 11-3 pm**



**For the Latest Updates from Talbot County Emergency Services and Talbot County Health Department, go to:**

<http://talbotcovid19.org/>

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