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From the President's Desk

By Jack Davis

Welcome to summer weather on the Miles River! Rio Vista is alive and well with homeowners doing their spring spruce up and lawn care companies getting into full swing cutting grass and mulching flower beds. I know this is true because lawn mowers are heard every day and we are navigating around lawncare company equipment when driving along community streets. There also seems to be a fair number of homeowners that are upgrading their properties.

I want to thank every member of your Board of Governors and committee chairs who have really exceeded expectations by putting in a lot of hours tackling many of the issues being addressed this year. I'm sure each of you have noticed the great improvement to the Nav-Light. That process is ongoing as we work to provide the information residents want to know about. The new accounting/billing system that was installed recently has been a journey that helps us to better serve our property owners – kudos to Barry and Judy for making this happen. Please note that because of the financial efficiencies we have put in place, we will not be raising the RVCA Annual Fee for FY2026 - it will remain at \$100.

Monica Otte monitors Talbot County council initiatives and legislation as well as attending the Short-term Rental Board meetings. Monica is also heavily involved with shoreline erosion prevention and with any legal issues encountered. Hunter Plog has the community dock operating smoothly again this year with most of the slips rented for the season. Lloyd Anderson has taken on the leadership of the Architectural Committee and already started approving CARFs with the Architectural Review

President's Message *continued*:

Review Board (ARC). Kevin Walsh is the new committee chair of the Landscape/Curb Appeal Committee. Kevin has been busy with planning to stabilize the picnic grounds with emphasis on erosion control and replanting the eroding grass. Chrissy Katz has volunteered to lead a new committee - the Community Engagement/Events committee. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of neighbors who volunteer their time and expertise to steer the community. Thank you all!

As most of you already know, Rio Vista is a wonderful place to call home or a seasonal home. We are financially sound with no outstanding debt at this time. There are a number of emerging challenges (ie: erosion prevention, community dock maintenance and replacement, etc.) that your board is proactively addressing, and they appear to be manageable.

With the upcoming July 4th holiday approaching, it is important for residents to understand the State and County laws regarding fireworks. See the article on what is legal and what is not on [page 13](#) of this issue. You are encouraged to let the Sheriff (410-822-1020) know immediately about illegal fireworks or open fires. For the safety of all residents we ask that you abide by these laws and RVCA By-laws.

I hope that you have an enjoyable Summer, and please feel free to contact us if you have a question or concern (RVCAInformation@gmail.com)

Jack Davis

*President, Board of Governors
Rio Vista Community Association (RVCA)*



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



By Judy Sandground

Our transition to QuickBooks Online for our association billing, tracking and financial reporting has been a huge success. The Executive Committee has worked together to make sure it goes smoothly and that we are in compliance with the RVCA by-laws. I am happy to report that our RVCA finances are in good order and we are currently on target with our budget. Rio Vista homeowners now have the option to pay annual fees by credit card, PayPal and funds transfer from their bank accounts as well as writing a check and putting it in the mail.

have an easier and more efficient way to send billing reminders and track payments/expenses.

Thank you to those that have paid their mandatory annual fees (\$100) *and* added an extra contribution. If you haven't paid yet, please do so now! Our budget relies on everyone's participation. *If you have questions about our finances or need your invoice resent so that you can pay by credit card or PayPal, please email us at:*

RVCAInformation@gmail.com.

Talbot County Update: Proposed Changes to Short-Term Rental (STR) Rules – Public Comment

By Monica Otte

On May 7, the County Planning Commission held a public hearing on proposed changes to rules for short-term vacation rentals, often called “STRs” or “AirBnBs.” Since 2018, all STR applications must be approved by the County Short-Term Rental Review Board after a public hearing. Although neighbors sometimes object, the Board has never turned down an STR application.

As you know, vacation rentals are *not* permitted in Rio Vista. But our neighbor Bentley Hay does allow vacation rentals, and some Rio Vista residents who live nearby have voiced concern about late-night noise, outdoor lights and other problems from Bentley Hay STRs.

One proposed change sets density limits on how close together STRs can be. But this change doesn’t apply to STRs in the Town Residential (TR) zoning district, where Rio Vista and Bentley Hay are located. The RVCA Board of Governors sent a letter asking the County to apply the same density limits to

the TR district that apply to other dense residential zoning districts. The letter is available on the RVCA website [HERE](#). The May 7 hearing was well-attended, with speakers either supporting changes, suggesting other changes, or opposing changes.

If you are interested in the STR rule changes, you can:

- ü **Attend the County Council and Planning Commission workshop on Tuesday, June 10 at 2:30 PM at the Courthouse, 11 N. Washington Street in Easton. Information about the workshop is [HERE](#) (talbot-md.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=7&event_id=1122)**
- ü **Send comments before June 5 to the Planning Commission at PublicComment@talbotcountymd.gov.**

Click to [see all the proposed STR rule changes](https://talbot-md.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=4&event_id=1120&meta_id=108852),
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RVCA Mosquito Control –Spraying Information

By Barry Burke

It is that season again when spring rains bring out those pesky mosquitos – sometimes it seems like they arrive in droves. For many years, RVCA has contracted with the MD Department of Agriculture and Talbot County to spray as part of the Mosquito Control Program. There will be 12 spraying events that occur approximately every 2 weeks, June thru mid-October, Monday – Friday between 7:30pm until 6:00 am. We are not assigned a set day of the week. Spraying does not occur during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12mph or temperatures above 89°F.

Spraying may be modified for waterfront properties so the spray does not drift over the water. The driver will not enter your property to spray, and sometimes your property may get full coverage based on the wind. The sprayers will not spray just for holiday purposes.

For more information, including MSDS info, go to http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx

The point of contact for RVCA can be reached at RVCAinformation@gmail.com .

Click [HERE](#) for the MDA Mosquito Control Website.



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Would you be interested in serving on a committee? Please contact us at
RVCAInformation@gmail.com



It is Boating time again and the Rio Vista "Marina" is filled! Thank you to all those who have used the new system to submit their application and pay the slip rental fee through the new financial system. Overall it has been successful, and those who paid by credit card did not have the 2-week wait to see if their rental fee had been paid! The application is now form fill and is mailed directly to RVCAInformation@gmail.com. An invoice is automatically sent to the applicant to pay the fee – meaning there is not the 2 weeks wait for the postal service to deliver your check and the possibility of losing your place in line!

NOTE: Trailers and launching of boats from at the RVCA dock area are strictly prohibited. Signs to this effect have been posted and barriers put in place. The dock area is not a certified boat launch and thus fines apply from the MD Department of the Environment when you are reported.

If you have questions, please contact me via email (boaterfamily0305@gmail.com) or by cell (443-786-2051.)

The Application is available at <https://riovistacom.org/dock/>

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Do You Want to Learn How to Beautify Your Yard & Help Clean Up the Miles River at the Same Time?

By Monica Otte

Clean water supports crabs, oysters, fish and the other wildlife we enjoy seeing along Spencer Creek and the Miles River. Anyone who fishes, crabs, boats, swims or enjoys water views benefits from clean water.

ShoreRivers, a non-profit dedicated to improving water quality in the eastern Chesapeake, recently reported that water quality in the Miles has unfortunately declined since last year. One of the causes is stormwater runoff. In Rio Vista, stormwater runoff from every property drains into the ditches along our roads and directly out to Spencer Creek and the Miles. The runoff often carries soil, bacteria, fertilizer, and other pollutants that harm water clarity and plant and animal life in and near the river.

But the good news is that there are ways we can help reduce runoff pollution and beautify our properties at the same time.

ShoreRivers offers a "River Friendly Yards" program to teach landscaping techniques for "river friendly yards." A "river friendly" yard can help:

- ü Beautify your property with native plants that may be easier to grow because they grow "naturally" with less need for maintenance and chemicals.
- ü Attract birds and butterflies. In addition to their bright colors and cheerful songs, many birds feast on mosquitoes and the other pesky bugs in our yards.
- ü Prevent puddling and crawl space overflow from heavy rains.

Please let us know if you're interested in learning more about "River Friendly Yards" **by June 15th**. Depending on interest, the Board of Governors will arrange a meeting with ShoreRivers, and we'll let everyone know the date and time.

RSVP to RVCAInformation@gmail.com

Now Underway: Update to Talbot County Comprehensive Plan

By Monica Otte

Maryland law requires Talbot County to implement a Comprehensive Plan to provide a long-term guide for government decision-making on issues that affect all of us in the County – like land use, growth and development, and protection of natural resources.

As the Vision Statement of the Comprehensive Plan says: "The primary goal of Talbot County's Comprehensive Plan is to promote a high quality of life, to preserve the rural character of our County and to protect the health, safety and well-being of its citizens, in a resilient community."

The County is now working on updates to the Comprehensive Plan. During the update



process, there will be opportunity for citizens and local businesses to share their thoughts with the County officials who will approve the final Plan updates. If you want to preserve the good things about living in Talbot, or let the County know what should be

improved, it's important to make your voice heard. For more information about how you can help shape the County's future direction go to:

<https://engage.talbotcountymd.gov/compplan>.

There you can learn more about the Plan and sign up to receive regular reports as the work on the updates moves forward.

The public is invited to a Comprehensive Plan kick-off meeting on **Wednesday, June 4 at 10:30AM** at the Bradley Meeting Room in the County Courthouse, 11 N. Washington St. in

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Landscape & Curb Appeal

By Kevin Walsh

Picnic Area Update

If you looked through the Spring 2025 issue of Nav-Light, you may have read the Landscape and Curb Appeal article regarding the condition of the grass at the picnic park and plans for improvements. Initially, the plan was to add some soil and plant grass seed in the bare areas this spring however, in the process of meeting with landscapers and fellow board members we realized that some additional shoreline erosion control was needed at the "cove" side of the park.

We have decided to move forward with about 90' of a "Coir Log Erosion Control" system which consists of biodegradable, manufactured "logs" positioned a short distance offshore, sloped sand infill between the existing shoreline and the logs and aquatic plants such as cordgrass planted in the new sand area. In the process of installing this system some light construction equipment such as a bobcat and commercial trucks will be involved. This will probably cause some additional damage to the grass and soil and take up room in the parking area as a storage area. Due to safety concerns, the park area may be closed off at times with signs posted so please respect our efforts to keep everyone safe and help to expedite the installation.

The grass remediation will occur in the fall so there will be some bare areas throughout the summer.

Thank you for your patience during these activities.

Volunteers!

At the last community meeting there was a great response when we asked for people who wanted to volunteer to help with small projects. We understand that most people have plenty going on in their lives already without adding additional things. One different way to volunteer could be to allow us to borrow equipment such as wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, etc. for a day or two while projects such as adding mulch or plantings to areas are completed. If you have any ideas for small projects that would enhance the look and feel of our community, we would love to hear them. You can send an email to rvcainformation@gmail.com.



Reminder

As a friendly reminder, please do not launch kayaks/canoes or walk into the water from the picnic area as it will damage the shore plantings and increase shore erosion. They (kayaks & canoes) may be safely launched from the dock area.

We greatly appreciate the people who take the time and care to take any trash with them when they leave the picnic area. On several occasions, however, many cigarette butts have been left lying in the parking area. If you smoke in this area or just want to help keep the area clean, please pick up the butts also.

Please help keep our community common areas healthy and clean!



Architectural Review (ARC) Update

By Lloyd Anderson

The Board of Governors of the Rio Vista Community Association (RVCA) encourages property owners to improve their homes and properties to maintain and increase property values in the community. By the RVCA Deed & Agreement (1954) residents making exterior modifications to their property must submit a one-page form (called a CARF) to receive community approval **before** county permitting is requested.

Please welcome the new Chair of the Architectural Review Committee, Lloyd Anderson. He can be reached at RVCAarchitectural@gmail.com.

All Architectural Forms have been updated. The following documents can be found on the RVCA website <https://riovistacom.org/architectural/>

- ▮ Construction Approval Process Flowchart
- ▮ Overview of Architectural Standards & Requirements
- ▮ Construction & Architectural Request Form (CARF)
- ▮ Talbot County Setbacks-Town Residential (TR) which Rio Vista is zoned

A friendly reminder that homeowners are required to have home improvement projects approved by submitting a CARF first, then if applicable, you or your contractor should obtain a Talbot County Building Permit.

The most frequently asked question is whether a CARF is required for a given improvement. Here is a list of the most common improvements and when a CARF is required, or not. A flowchart is available on the website to help (see link above).

1. If you are planning to add/replace a shed in your yard (and you are not on the water*), a 25' setback from front and rear property lines is required by Talbot County. *If the shed is less than 300 square feet, then a 12.5' setback from the rear property line is allowed.* A CARF **is required**. *NOTE: If waterfront, other rules apply for auxiliary structures;
2. If you plan on painting the exterior of your house **or** putting on a new roof, a CARF application is required only if you are changing the colors or style;

Quick CARF Checklist

What you'll need when submitting a CARF for review and approval:

- ▮ Completed & signed CARF
- ▮ Plat showing location and setbacks of the project.
- ▮ Colors and styles (URLs of colors and styles accepted)
- ▮ Exterior Elevations
- ▮ Annual Fees are current (paid thru 2025)

3. If you are updating your fence (e.g. from wood to vinyl or metal) and it is not the same material, color or style, a CARF application **is** required. All fencing should only be installed, after a permit is obtained from Talbot County AND a staked survey is completed. RVCA setbacks on the plat must be shown. (Note- In Talbot County and RVCA the height of a fence may not exceed 6');)
4. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) asks that when planning an exterior improvement, that neighbors are briefed on the project so that they can understand its scope as well as what to expect in terms of contractors coming and going.
5. We get many questions on driveways. A CARF is not required for a driveway or walkway. However, when altering or adding a driveway connection to the main road a [Talbot County Right of Way Permit](#) is required. If you are increasing the size of your driveway or walkway, you must make sure you do not exceed your allotment of impervious surface area for your lot. An [Impervious Area Calculation worksheet](#) can be obtained from the Talbot County Building Permit office with instructions on building permit requirements for lot disturbance projects.

The following requests for Architectural approval have been reviewed by the ARC and action taken:

RECENT (2025) ARC DECISIONS

215 Madison Ave	Sitting Room/Deck- Approved
307 Lincoln Ave	Fence Approved
606 Cove Rd	Exterior Painting - Approved

As always, we appreciate your support of the process, and should you have suggestions or feedback for improvement, please contact the Architectural Review Committee at: RVCAarchitectural@gmail.com

Contact us for help or assistance in submitting the information necessary for approval – we are here to help!

RVCA Board of Governors Approves New Committee

The RVCA Board of Governors unanimously approved a new committee on May 22nd. By establishing the **RVCA Community Engagement / Events Committee**, the Board seeks to engage the community through events and other opportunities. RVCA President, Jack Davis, appointed Chrissy Katz as the Chair of the Committee.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION:

The RVCA Engagement / Events Committee shall engage the membership through community events, signage and other avenues to build member "loyalty". The goal is to enable property owners and renters to take advantage of community resources.

GOALS:

1. Survey membership for ideas to engage membership
2. Plan, schedule and provide information to the Board for approval of periodic events
3. Plan and implement the approved RVCA "Information Board" (and poop bag dispenser) on RVCA community property.
4. Involve community and the Board in efforts to engage the community.

Rio Vista is a special community and many of us are familiar with our neighbors, however, never get the opportunity to meet others outside of our own neighborhood. One of the first initiatives

the Community Engagement / Events Committee would like to determine is what interests you have for future get togethers, events and activities that support the Rio Vista Community.

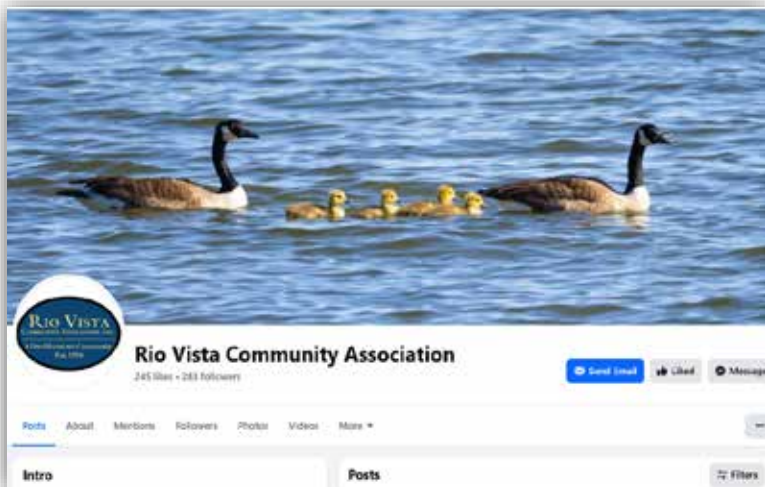
We will be sending out a survey by email soon and ask that you fill it out and return it to Chrissy Katz, Community Engagement/Events Chair.

Also, on the agenda for the Committee is to help the Neighborhood Watch become reestablished. The Committee would also like to know if the Block Captains would be interested in meeting with Chrissy in June or July to see if there is interest in helping plan future events. Block Captains are encouraged to contact Chrissy by phone (973.476.2000) or email (gillespiehill@me.com) with thoughts about getting together and future events.

One of the first initiatives of the new Committee is to plan and install a new "Information Board" and "Poop-Bag" dispenser as part of the new initiative PuP (Pick up Poop). The Info Board and dispenser will be installed either at the corner of Riverview/Landing Rd./Tenant Cir. or at the entrance to the picnic area. Stay tuned for more details.



Check Out RVCA on Facebook!



If you haven't visited the [Rio Vista Facebook](#) page, now is the time to take a look. You'll be astounded at the photography and posts from our residents & others.

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1221 Washington Drive	\$ 525,000		168/168
ACTIVE UNDER CONTRACT - None			
CLOSED			
919 Riverview Terrace	\$ 739,000	\$ 739,000	10/10

Communications Report

By Barry Burke



MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Changes to your email, phone or billing address should be sent to RVCAInformation@gmail.com.

WEBSITE

A NEW & improved website will be created over the next year, eliminating redundancies and adding new features. If you have ideas for the new website, please send your ideas by email and we will work to incorporate them.

Earlier this year, pages for [Resident Renters to update their information](#), a Resale Packet for Homeowners and Real Estate Professionals, and other improvements were added, and can be accessed [HERE](#).

The website has been steadily getting more and more "hits" each month. This is a good sign that it is getting used by residents as well as those looking to find out more about our community!

FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Invoices for RVCA Annual Fees went out in January. A record number of property owners used the new credit card option. We also experienced the largest number of properties paying on time. This helps the RVCA to better manage expenses and saves the community time and energy.

LANDLORDS & RESIDENT RENTERS

If you are a landlord, the revised By-Laws require that you provide tenant contact information (name, email & phone) to RVCA for purposes of the Neighborhood Watch initiative and emergency messaging.

DO YOU RECEIVE THE EMERGENCY MESSAGES?

The Neighborhood Watch Emergency Messaging System has been increasingly more effective. On most messages, over 80% of those on the list read them! The national average is around 60%! If you are not getting them, or want to change the email address, send the changes to:

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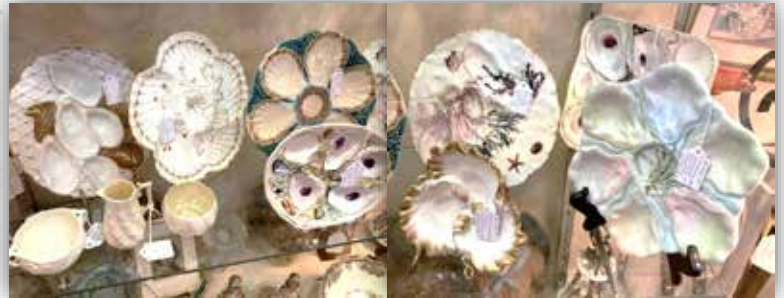
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<https://talbot.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

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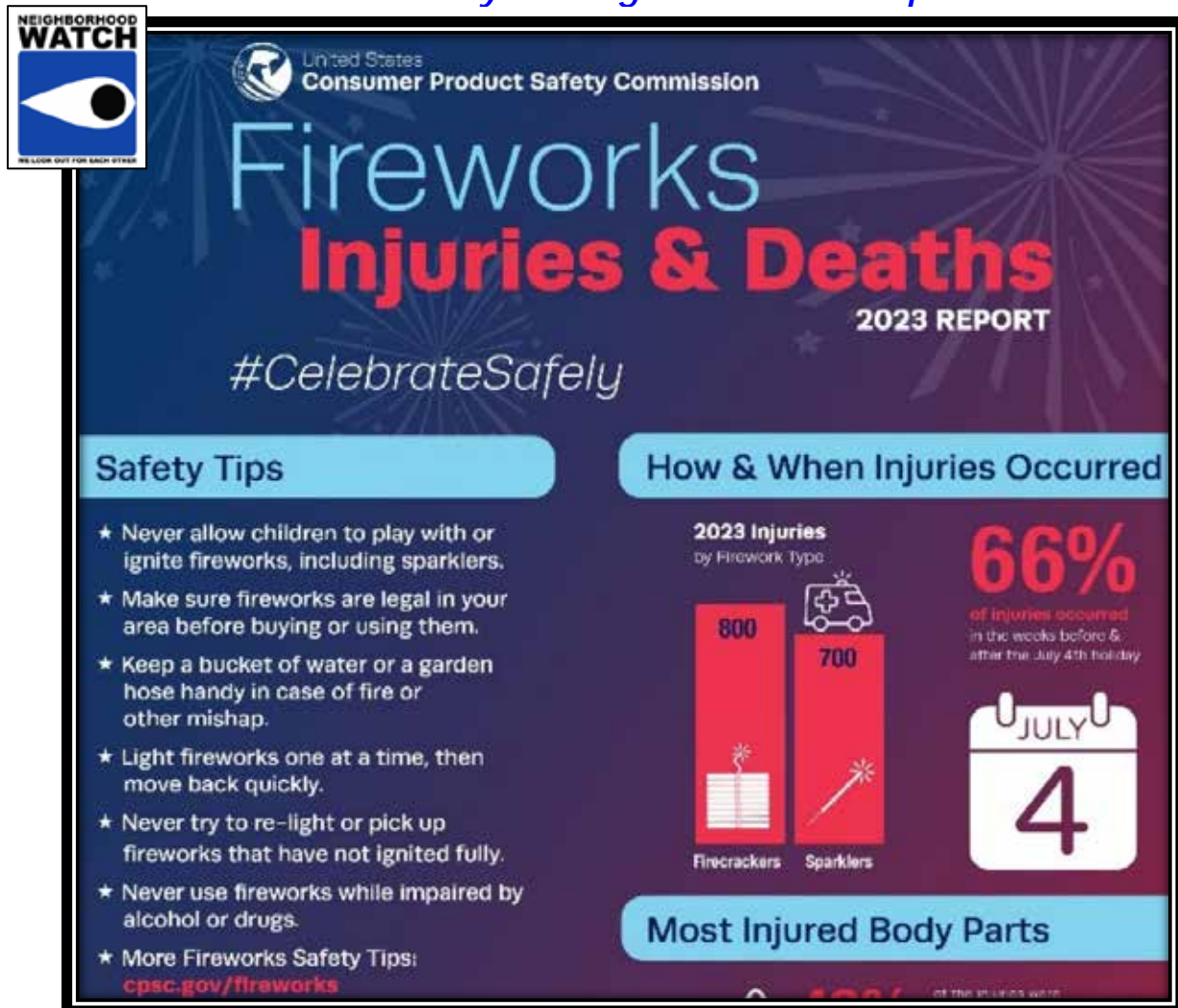
Fireworks & Safety – An Independence Day Celebration July 4th

Last year we received many emails and calls from concerned residents about fireworks in Rio Vista. RVCA is in a unique position in that we are able to see legal fireworks from a barge on the Miles River, Kent Island, the Town of Easton and if situated just right, the Oxford fireworks can also be seen! (Click below to donate to the St. Michaels Fireworks display scheduled for July 5th.)

So, what is the big deal about fireworks and safety? Fireworks can cause a variety of injuries, including burns, eye injuries, lacerations, and trauma-related injuries. Burns are a common type of injury, ranging from minor to severe, and can lead to permanent scarring or even amputation. Eye injuries can include burns, cuts, and even blindness. Lacerations from sharp pieces of fireworks can also occur, and trauma-related injuries from being struck by or holding a firework can result in deep cuts, fractures, and even blindness. There is also the danger of damage to personal and neighbors' property in the event that leaves and/or roofs are ignited.

There were also many complaints from pet owners that let us know that the loud noises (especially when they are close) cause "pet anxiety."

Please enjoy the Independence Day holiday but please follow the rules and be considerate of your neighbors and their pets!



July 5, 2025 9:30 pm

Donate to the Saint Michaels Fireworks Fund

<https://donorbox.org/st-michaels-fireworks-fund>



Department of State Police Office of the State Fire Marshal

Law Enforcement Guide to Fireworks Identification



Fireworks that are permitted by State law:

Only gold-labeled sparklers, novelty items (i.e. party poppers, snap pops, snakes), & ground based sparkler devices are permitted for use in the State of Maryland.

Except in Baltimore City, Montgomery and Prince George's counties where all fireworks are illegal. Also, ground based sparklers are prohibited in Ocean City, Harford and Howard counties.

Per Maryland Code, Public Safety Article, Title 10 "Fireworks" does not include:

- a) Toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices that use paper caps if the devices are constructed so that a hand cannot touch the cap when the cap is in place for use;
- b) Sparklers that do not contain chlorates or perchlorates (Only gold-label);
- c) Ground-based sparkling devices that are non aerial and non explosive,
- d) Paper wrapped snappers that contain less than 0.03 grains of explosive composition; or
- e) Ash-producing pellets known as "snakes"

Ground based sparkler devices come in various sizes. These devices when lit only emit a shower of sparks and light that may extend into the air several feet. Some may also whistle but do not pop or crack. They do not explode, shoot any projectiles, move, and must have a base for the device to sit on.

Examples of items that are prohibited by State law are:

- Firecrackers, Cherry Bombs, Black Cats, M-80's, Crackling Ball's, and Smoke Bombs
- Roman Candles, and Bottle Rockets (whistling and/or with report)
- Sky Rockets, Helicopter-type Rockets, Spinning Wheels, Moving Tanks or Other Vehicles
- Any firework that is shot from a mortar tube

Enforcement & Citation information:

Any law enforcement officer may issue a criminal citation and confiscate fireworks for violations. (Confiscated fireworks must be turned over to the State Fire Marshal for disposal.)

Public Safety Title 10 – Section: 10-110 – CJIS Code: 10016

...did discharge fireworks without required permit against the peace government and dignity of the State.
Penalty - \$250.00

Public Safety Title 10 – Section: 10-110 – CJIS Code: 10021

...did possess (with intent to discharge/with intent to permit the discharge of/for the purpose of sale to persons) fireworks, without the required permit against the peace government and dignity of the State.
Penalty - \$250.00

For more information visit <http://mdsp.org/firemarshal> or contact our Bomb Squad at 410-859-7152 or MEMA for after hours at 1-877-636-2872.



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