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From the President's Desk

By Jack Davis

I find it hard to believe it is now 2026! Hope all had a joyful and safe holiday season. So, Happy New Year. By the time you read this Nav-Light I hope the snow is gone and the cold weather has begun to mitigate. Daylight Savings time is upon us as the days stay light longer and hope springs eternal.

Your RVCA Board members continue to vigorously attack the numerous issues at hand. Financially, the community is in a sound state although emerging financial challenges need significant and creative attention. The community dock is in need of continuing maintenance due to high water levels and will not remain in a safe condition for as long as previously anticipated. Erosion and water encroachment at the community picnic grounds have accelerated during the last couple of years which seriously endangers the long-term stability of the property. The Shoreline Preservation Committee and the DockMaster are actively pursuing solutions and seeking the best path forward. Meanwhile, water levels continue to rise and it seems north easterly and high wind conditions occur more frequently than ever before.

The Landscaping/Curb Appeal committee is studying grass replacement at the picnic grounds. The committee is also evaluating repainting the community sign located at route 33 and Madison Avenue.

Chrissy Katz is heading up the revitalization of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Chrissy has held several meetings with block captains who have volunteered to take on this important task. A new and comprehensive Block Captain procedures manual has been implemented which codifies the responsibilities of the Block Captains. It can be found online on the [Neighborhood Watch page](#).

There remains a need for a few additional volunteers. Please consider contacting Chrissy (gillespiehill@me.com) if you can devote some time to the program.

Continuing emphasis is placed on shoreline preservation, dock maintenance and management, landscape/curb appeal of our properties and monitoring and liaison with Talbot County Council and Talbot County departments and appointed boards. Additionally, the board is tasked with complying with a number of complicated mandates by state government such as the infrastructure reserve law and the state HOA governance guidelines.

We do not share your personal information with anyone and only use the information to keep you informed of important issues and to forward the quarterly Nav-Light. Please ensure we have your current contact information. If you get this Nav-Light by email hopefully it is the best way to contact you.

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

As a reminder, open fires, such as leaves and yard debris burning, are not permitted within Rio Vista at any time and violations will be reported to the Talbot County Department of Environmental Health.

Jack Davis

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



At the December 12th Board of Governor's meeting, the budget for 2026 was formally approved.

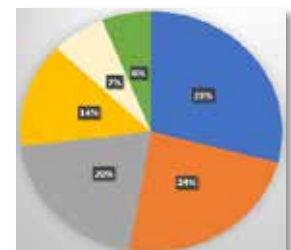
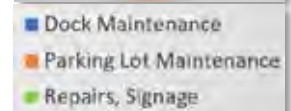
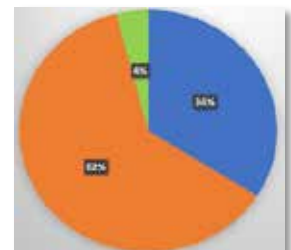
As RVCA begins a new fiscal year, the association is in good financial standing. Invoices went out to all property owners in late January (email or by USPS mail). This year, all invoices must be paid within 30 days of the invoice date, and a 15-day grace period is provided. *If you have not paid at the end of the 15-day grace period (Not received by 3/17/26) a \$30 late fee will be assessed to your account.* The Board depends on prompt payment of the annual fees to operate efficiently.

A special **Thank You** to those of you that added an additional contribution for Shoreline Preservation!

As mentioned in the last Nav-Light and at the Annual Meeting, beginning in FY26 we will be utilizing two budgets: **Operating** and **MD Infrastructure Reserve** to better track funds by category and keep in compliance with MD state law. A snapshot of each budget is shown at the right. The **Operating Budget** income is expected to be \$20,980 and expenses are expected to be \$22,895. The MD Infrastructure Reserve funds collected is expected to be \$5,875 and expenses at \$14,600. These funds carryover from year to year to cover capital replacement and/or repair.



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From the DockMaster

By Hunter Plog



Hopefully the last of the bitter cold and snow are past us. Looking forward to this year on the water. It would seem a good number of Rio Vista residents feel the same way by the number of people who have signed up for slips.

The RVCA Board made some changes to the slip rental agreement and slip rental process. We did this to strengthen liability protections and to limit non-resident tidal commercial license holders. We also raised the rental fee for *non-resident renters*.

The Board is always busy working to improve the Rio Vista Community, and the dock master is no different. We have been wanting to replace the Rio Vista dock but had no clue what the cost would be. I set out to get estimates for dock replacement and found out that we must save more money. The dock should last us a couple more seasons before it will need significant repair or even replacement.

The boat-slip rental season is April 1st through November 15th. Notices went out to all 2025 resident slip renters in late February for renewal. Renewals are from March 1 through March 31. On April 1st, we will open the remaining slips to RVCA residents on a first come 1st served. Approximately May 1st, the slips will be open to non-residents. By the time this issue goes to press, the 2026 Slip Rental Agreement will be available on the website at <https://riovistacom.org/dock/>

Rio Vista residents - please keep an eye on the picnic area and marina area. Please report any suspicious or criminal activity by calling 911 and non-criminal activity to the Sheriff at 410-822-1020.



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Your 2026 Rio Vista Board of Governors

“Each elected Board Member serves a three-year term”

Each year at the RVCA Annual Meeting, new and renewing Board members are elected by homeowners in attendance who are in good standing (all fees are current). Each elected board member serves a three-year term beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31st of the 3rd year and may serve consecutive terms.

The members reelected for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2026 are: Jack Davis, Judy Sandground, Barry Burke, Monica Otte and Hunter Plog will continue serving as dockmaster extraordinaire.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the new and reelected board members meet to elect *officers* for the following year. An elected officer serves

a one-year term and may be reelected each year. Terms of elected officers serve from January 1 through December 31st (RVCA Fiscal Year).

Jack Davis, RVCA's 2025 President was reelected as the FY2026 President. Judy Sandground was elected to take on the Vice President's role and work closely with Monica Otte to update the Association's documents to ensure compliance with the MD HOA law.

With Judy's change in leadership on the Board, Barry Burke was elected as Secretary/Treasurer with the goal of merging the membership and electronic record-keeping with the QuickBooks platform.



2026 RVCA Board of Governors & Committee Chairs

Officers (effective 1/1/2026):

President	Jack Davis	410-745-2461
Vice President	Judy Sandground	703-408-1890
Secretary/Treasurer	Barry Burke	301-253-5113

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Architectural (ARC)	Lloyd Anderson*+	540-327-2437
Communications	Barry Burke*+	
Nav-Light	Barry Burke*	
Webmaster/Facebook	Scotty Bruce+	
Community Relations	Monica Otte*+	410-745-8397
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Finance Committee	Barry Burke*+	301-253-5113
Neighborhood Watch	Chrissy Katz+	
Shoreline Preservation	Monica Otte*+	

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

Community Relations Committee Updates

By Monica Otte

The Community Relations Committee monitors activities of the Talbot County government that might affect Rio Vista. I attend or watch online the meetings of the County Council. If another County agency (for example, Planning Commission, Public Works Advisory Board or Board of Appeals) is handling an issue that might affect Rio Vista, I also attend or watch those meetings online. Here are some of the items of interest we've been following:

TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Coming up in June is the primary election to fill candidate slots for all 5 seats on the Talbot County Council, followed by the general election in November. As you think about which candidates to vote for, you might want to learn more about what the County government, under the direction of the County Council, actually does. The County's new Annual Report for 2025 offers an overview for residents and businesses about how the government operates and how public resources are used. The report focuses on 5 areas: Education/Recreation, Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Infrastructure, Environmental Stewardship and Economic Stability. You can read the report online here:

<https://talbotcountymd.gov/2025report> or view a hard copy at the Easton library.

ST. MICHAELS NEWS

St. Michaels Library Re-Opens March 21

After a major expansion and renovation, the St. Michaels branch of the Talbot library at 106 Fremont Street will hold a grand opening on Saturday, March 21. The library invites all residents to attend the ribbon cutting and a community celebration with family activities. For details of the grand opening, visit www.tcf.org or call 410-822-1626.

27-unit Townhome Development Proposed

The Commissioners of the Town of St. Michaels have approved introduction of an ordinance that would permit creation of a 27-home townhouse development at 929 S. Talbot Street. This property is the location of the former bike shop.


If you are interested in following the Town's approval process, visit www.stmichaelsmd.gov or contact the Town offices at 410-745-9535 for more information.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PICNIC AREA PARKING LOT: YOUR RESERVE DOLLARS AT WORK

Just before the snow and ice arrived, the Picnic Area parking lot at the end of Landing Road was repaired and repaved. Although Landing Road is maintained by Talbot County, the parking lot is the responsibility of Rio Vista. Before the repairs, areas of the parking lot pavement had crumbled, and some asphalt had completely disintegrated. Appropriate repair of the parking lot is identified in our state-required Reserve and Replacement Study and is one of the items covered by the annual Reserve Assessment Fee.

MIDSHORE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAYS 2026

(click [HERE](#) to download from the website)



Midshore Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off Days 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 8AM - 2PM
QA County Public Works, 312 Safety Drive, Centerville, MD 21617

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, 8AM - 2PM
7341 Barkers Landing Road, Easton, MD 21601

Rain or shine. Both events are free to Midshore County residents (Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties)

ACCEPTABLE HHW ITEMS	ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gas, gas/oil mixtures and automotive fuelsEmpty propane cylinders size #40 and smallerAcids, cleaners, and solventsChemicals (pool, darkroom, etc.)Pesticides, insecticides, and herbicidesOil-based paint, paint thinner, stains, turpentine, wood preservatives, and wood strippersFluorescent tubes and lamps (limit 15)Mercury thermometers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Computers and peripherals (keypads, laptops, monitors, mice, printers, cables, modems, etc.)TVs, remotes, VCR, CD and DVD players (limit 4 TVs)CB radios fax machines, answering machines, and copiers

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS	ACCEPTABLE LATEX PAINT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Household trashExplosives and ammunitionMedical and radioactive wastesCompressed gas cylinders other than propane cylinders listed aboveAsbestosSmoke detectorsAppliancesPower tools and power tool batteriesTiresHousehold batteriesRoad/marine flaresLiquid containers over 5 gallon maximum size	<p>Usable latex paint (<i>pourable, no mold or mildew</i>) will be accepted for recycling. Do not bring unusable latex paint to the event.</p> <p>Instead, solidify the paint with an absorbent such as kitty litter, dirt or mulch and dispose of the paint in regular trash.</p>

PLEASE NOTE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Household wastes that are toxic, corrosive, ignitable, or reactive are considered HHW.Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot residents ONLYLimit of 20 gallons or 250 pounds of acceptable waste per residenceNO business, commercial, or industrial customers or materials

For questions on the program, please contact the Maryland Environmental Service at (443) 685-4073.

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Landscape & Curb Appeal

By Kevin Walsh

Except for the deep freeze and ice at the end of January and beginning of February it was not a bad winter. If you are like me, you are looking forward to spring and warmer weather so we can get out and enjoy all the things that make this area such a wonderful place to live.

If you are a regular reader of Nav Light, you will know that for the last several issues I have talked about plans to improve the condition of the grass in the picnic area. First, we had to address shoreline erosion on the pond side of the park area. We had some trees removed, branches trimmed and bushes were cut back to provide adequate sunlight for the existing aquatic grasses to grow. In April we should be able to assess if this was successful. At that point we will develop a plan to address the grass. Stay tuned.

We also plan to do some sprucing up at the Madison Avenue entrance to Rio Vista and the triangle area over by Tenant & Riverview.

One thing that stands out to me is the effort people put in to keep their house and property looking clean and attractive. One suggestion I would make, from personal experience, is to look at your place from your neighbor's view. A while back I had an ongoing project. At the end of the day, I would take all the tools I was using to the back of my house so it would be out of sight. One day I went to my neighbor's back yard to talk to him and when I turned around, I saw that his view was of a clutter of wheelbarrows, tarps, and tools. He never complained but I am sure he did not appreciate it.

As a reminder, fishing tackle and fish scraps (especially bones) can be very harmful to animals. If you are enjoying a day of fishing at the park, please make sure you take out what you brought in.

Finally, a couple of items that pertain to the picnic area. The poop bag station is working as there are far fewer "doggie presents" lying about and the used bags removed. Be sure to check out the bulletin board as it is regularly updated with information about things happening in our community.

Rio Vista is a *Neighborhood Watch* Community!

By Chrissy Katz



This committee strives to keep Rio Vista safe, clean and pleasant. Our residents will feel a stronger sense of community through group participation, gatherings and the help of their block captains. The captains are "RV Ambassadors," and are critical as they act as a support system in emergency situations, can address concerns and answer general questions. Throughout the year the Neighborhood Watch (NW) committee will invite local public service organizations (Police, Fire, & others) to share informative, helpful information., such as:

Emergency Disaster Plans: Preparation, Evacuation, Safety Zones

Operational Identification Plan: ID Record Sheets for Personal Property

Home Emergency Plan: Family responsibilities list

Who, What, When Sheet: Who to call, What to do, When to call

If you are unsure of who your Block Captain is and what our purpose is, you will no longer be in the dark. We want to get to know you too so our captains will be hosting their own block parties with their own sections throughout the next few months. You will be notified individually of their party plans so keep an eye out for your invite in your email (if no email contact Chrissy Katz 973-476-2000.

SAVE THE DATE:

Community Safety Chat

April 7th @ 7pm

Where: The St. Michaels Firehouse

Sheriff Gamble has offered to give a chat to all residents to help maintain safety standards at our homes and within the community. Beverages and snacks will be served.

A reminder notice will be sent our via Constant Contact.

Please RSVP to this event to

RVCAinformation@gmail.com



** Annual Fee Reminder **

If you've already paid your invoice for the RVCA Annual Fees, the Board would like to thank you. This year we had an amazing rate of return within five days of the invoices being sent.

If you haven't already paid your annual fee, you're in luck! (🍀) You have until **March 17, 2026** for RVCA to receive your payment. This includes a 15-day grace period (45 days from the invoice date) that the Board enacted for FY2026.

All invoices not paid by March 17 will incur a late fee of \$30 per property.

The Board depends on prompt payment of the annual fees to operate efficiently and thanks all those that have already paid their fees in a timely manner.

PLEASE NOTE: We sent to all property owners with a working email address, the invoice that enables payment by credit card, Venmo or other options. Those without an email received the invoice by USPS mail.

If you cannot locate your invoice, please contact Barry Burke at

RVCAinformation@gmail.com .

Shoreline Preservation

By Monica Otte

Last fall the Shoreline Preservation Committee (Scotty Bruce, Jack Davis, Ralph DeMarco and Monica Otte) collaborated with the Landscaping Committee (Kevin Walsh) to beautify and help make the Picnic Area shoreline more resilient against the effects of high tides. We wanted to increase the growth in cord grass along the shoreline, because cord grass root systems help reduce soil loss from tidal flooding. Some of our cord grass had died off because of too much shade from water bushes and trees that were leaning over the water. The leaning trees also threatened to cause further erosion if they toppled and pulled up soil with their root balls. A contractor cut back the water bushes, removed the leaning trees and trimmed overhanging branches from the large oak tree.

We're now looking forward to spring, when we will see how well the cord grass has sprouted in the areas

Shoreline Preservation Committee Looks Forward to Spring!

no longer covered by shade. If bare areas remain, our next step is to plant additional cord grass in those spots. We will also be focusing on developing shoreline resiliency ideas for the dock area.

You have probably noticed that every time a property comes up for sale in Rio Vista, the real estate listing highlights the waterfront accessibility that Rio Vista residents enjoy. Protection of our picnic area and dock area not only enhances everyone's enjoyment of our community but also supports our property values. Shoreline preservation can be very expensive, and the Board is trying to maintain our shorelines in the most cost-efficient way possible. **We welcome your input -- if you have ideas or time to contribute to Shoreline Preservation, please contact RVCAInformation@gmail.com.**

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Bright MLS Information from 11/12/25 to 2/25/26

ACTIVE	List Price	Settle	Sold Price	Days on Market
1215 Washington Dr.	\$ 525,000			
1211 Washington Dr.	\$ 525,000			
Under Contract				
228 Tyler Ave.	\$ 585,000	4/21/26	\$ 549,900	135
601 Cove Rd.	\$ 3,250,000			1



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 as.

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 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. Paper Streets. What is your obligation on paper streets. (See page 10)

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

RECENT (2025) ARC DECISIONS (19 total)

225 Tyler Ave	Garage/Workshop – Pending
223 Madison	Windows/Doors – Approved
508 Tenant	Siding – Approved
1211 Jefferson	Replace Shed – Approved

RECENT (2026) ARC DECISIONS

1025 Riverview	Windows/Doors/Siding – Approved
223 Madison	New Shed – Approved
109 Bush	Shed Revision - 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

Thinking of selling your property? Now is the time to talk with the Architectural Committee for a Compliance Letter to be used at closing to avoid issues that delay your sale (or purchase).

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

RVCAarchitectural@gmail.com

Rio Vista Spotlight on Jan Burke & Her Dog Snookie

2nd in the "Meet the Neighbors" Series

Jan and her dog, Snookie, are a familiar sight to many on the roads of Rio Vista, but our spotlight explores the background of two of her dual passions- boating and special education. Jan's father worked for 60 years at The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, where he was instrumental in the development of what became known as epoxy. After her first lapstake rowboat at age THREE, her subsequent childhood boats, kayak and canoe were all her dad's creations in fiberglass. As a child in her own boat she was given a fishing pole, a whistle and then tied to her uncle's larger boat, which is how she first developed a love of boating. Her first adult purchased boat was a "20 footer" from Sears & Roebuck. Needing an affordable place to keep her boat led her to St Michaels, but first a glimpse into what led to her career in special education.

As a Girl Scout earning merit badges, she participated in a Saturday program for wheelchair bound children at the Blair Mansion in Silver Spring, which she found that she enjoyed. Later at the University of MD, she became involved with a clinic for special needs children, which led her to focus on special education coursework and teaching certification. Thus began a 28.5-year employment with the Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools where she spent her entire career teaching at the Stephen Knolls School in Wheaton, MD, just two blocks from her parents' home.

Other interesting facts from Jan's youth include becoming an archery instructor after her father created and built bows to get her started in the sport. She also delivered first aid as needed and determined what injuries required more serious attention while employed at the Wheaton Ice Rink. Skating was a requirement.

Now back to the home for the boat...At the age of 21 she made a trip to St Michaels where she found the building lot of her current home on Riverview Terrae. It had been a pond (swamp, actually she says), created by the farmer of the land before it was developed into the current community. It was priced at \$6,000 for the acre (a steep price in 1969) and was completely covered by trees, bushes and other growth.

Her biggest challenge was not paying for the property, nor clearing the land, but in obtaining the deed and permits to build. Even in the early 1970's, a man's signature was required, so her parents became temporary co-owners in order to obtain the certificate of residency.

Jan currently owns a 25' Boston Whaler and is a member of the Annapolis Power Squadron. She has always taken a special interest in the maintenance and upkeep of the community, and a particular point of pride is the picnic area which she can view from her home.

Jan has truly been active in the Rio Vista community from the time she purchased the property. She participated in the first deed and agreement renewal project which in part changed the name of the community from Rio Vista Beach Club to the Rio Vista Community Association (RVCA). (According to Jan, this change was brought about by a storm washing away the area planned for the clubhouse.) For many years she served on the board of governors as the secretary and was mindful to retain and care for all records of the association. She has seen the homes change from cottages to the current structures, as well as the installation of sewers and new water pipes on each side of the roads in the mid to late 1970's- a huge and time-consuming project.

Rio Vista owes a huge debt of gratitude to Jan for her stewardship and all the years of service to the community. The next time you see Jan and Snookie out walking, let her know how much she is appreciated!

Jan's dog, Snookie, was born in FL in 2017 where Jan used to spend a couple of the winter months. Snookie has been at home in Rio Vista ever since and enjoys her many daily walks. Look for her soon as a passenger in Jan's newly refitted motorized tricycle.

Disclaimer- Jan Burke is not related to the Nav-Light editor other than by high school and subsequent employment. Coincidentally, they are both graduates of Northwood HS in Silver Spring, MD and retired from careers with Montgomery County Public Schools, MD.





The RVCA Board of Governors established the **Community Engagement / Events Committee** in 2025, and the Committee has been hard at work and preparing for upcoming events. The planned **Spring Events** planned include the following:

[Rio Vista Clothing Drive – 3/14-15](#)

We will be organizing clothes drive for the St. Michaels Community Center in the Spring. If you would like to participate, please email Chrissy Katz at gillespiehill@me.com. See page12 and posting on Facebook.

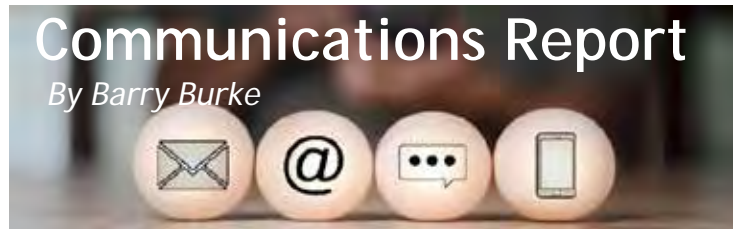
[Book Exchange- 4/18 \(11am-3pm\)](#)

Do you have books you've read and would like to exchange for ones that you have yet to read? Bring your books to exchange at the picnic area parking lot from 11am to 3pm!

[Music on the Miles](#)

This acoustical event is in the works, with date, time and place to be determined

Some upcoming family activities for the spring and summer are a Walk-a thon/Bike-a-thon Day, and Music & Movie nights. Many other events are in the works. Dates and information will be announced soon and we hope you will all join us.



MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Changes/updates to your email, phone, billing address or names & contact information for renters, should be sent to RVCAInformation@gmail.com.

WEBSITE

A NEW & improved website is still in the forecast for the coming year. This update will be to eliminate redundancies and add 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. They 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.

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. If you have not updated the information for the renters of your properties, please send the updates to RVCAInformation@gmail.com. Our Neighborhood Watch System depends on this information!

RVCA Facebook – Have You Seen The Latest?

If you haven't visited the page recently, now is the time to take a look. You'll be astounded at the photography and posts from our residents & others. Click the screenshot on the right or search "Rio Vista Community Association MD" in the search bar on Facebook. Many thanks to Scotty Bruce for managing the page (not to mention his photos!)

Be sure to click on Like!



** Community Notices **

Road Openings & Closures:

Goldsborough Neck Road has re-opened. The road has been widened and strengthened to support additional traffic and access to the Mistletoe Commercial Park.

Route 50 entrance to the Talbot Community Center is closed. The Center can be accessed from Hiners Lane, or from a new entrance on Longwoods Road (Rt. 662).

The Route 50 entrance will be closed until 2027 while a shared entrance to the Community Center and the new regional hospital is under construction.

Recycling Centers: With the closing of the recycling center at Perry Cabin Park, the only center in St. Michaels is at the St. Michaels Market (formerly Graul's). The bins at the Market are being rearranged to accommodate traffic from both recycling drop-off and deliveries to the store. Maryland Environmental Service, which operates the recycling centers, is looking for a new location in the area. For the locations of other recycling centers in the County, go to <https://talbotcountymd.gov/recycling>

RIO VISTA

CLOTHING DRIVE

Support our **Rio Vista Clothing Drive** by dropping off your gently-used or new clothes!

Bring items in plastic bags and place them in bins @ 233 Madison Ave

From coats and sweaters to shoes and accessories, every item you donate can provide comfort to those who need it most. Together, we can make a positive impact in our community.

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Location
233 Madison Ave

Give a Little,
Help a Lot

Antiques on Talbot

211 N. Talbot Street
Saint Michaels, MD 21663
410-745-5208

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** Request for Proposal **

The Rio Vista Community Association (RVCA) is accepting Proposals for design/layout of the Nav-Light. RVCA's quarterly newsletter.

- Publishes 4 times/year,
- Includes articles (written by others), advertisements, and public notices,
- For all requirements, visit

www.riovistacom.org and click on the link for

Request for Proposal – Quarterly Newsletter Services



CALENDARS FOR ST. MICHAELS EVENTS

March thru December 2026

<https://www.stmichaelsmd.org/>
<https://www.stmichaelsmd.com>



TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY - ST. MICHAELS

The St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot County Free Library will reopen at 106 Fremont Street. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st from 10am – 2pm. For details, visit www.tcfl.org

ST. MICHAELS MUSEUM at St. Mary's Square

Open May-October
Walking Tours, Museum/Store & Collections
Friday 1pm – 4pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm
Sunday 2pm – 4pm
Admission Free (donations appreciated)
201 E. Chestnut St., St. Michaels, MD
<https://www.stmichaelsmuseum.org/>



WINE FEST

April 25-26, 2026 | 11am-5pm

<https://www.winefestatstmichaels.com/>



CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM

Click the Links below to see upcoming Events

Sea Glass + Coastal Art Festival

April 18-19, 2026

<https://cbmm.org/event/eastern-shore-sea-glass-coastal-arts-festival-april/>

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

[SUMMER CAMPS](#)

[LIGHTHOUSE OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES](#)

[SCIENCE SATURDAYS](#)

PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

[SPEAKER SERIES](#)

[APPRENTICE for a Day SHIPYARD PROGRAMS](#)

[EXCLUSIVE MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

[ON THE WATER PROGRAMS](#)

[MARITIME MODEL GUILD](#)

Visit the [CBMM website](#) for details & costs



RVCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- **NAV-LIGHT:** *Volunteers are needed to help produce the Nav-Light 4 times per year. Time commitment about 2 hours for each issue. One or more with MS Word experience to do layout.*
- **CURB APPEAL:** *Volunteers needed to help with small landscaping projects. Time commitment about 2-3 hours depending on special projects.*
- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** *Volunteers to represent your street as a Block Captain and point of contact. Volunteers will get training and meet with the Neighborhood Watch Chair 2-3 times per year.*

Contact RVCAInformation@gmail.com

Advertise In The Nav-Light!

This Page could be YOURS!

Have a business and want low cost but high impact advertising? It is easy, inexpensive and reaches all residents of the Rio Vista Community either through direct email or printed copies. Each advertisement includes the ability to update your content for each issue.

The Nav-Light is available for download on the Rio Vista Community website (<https://riovistacom.org/nav-light-the-newsletter-of-rio-vista/>) enabling those searching for local businesses to see your advertising. All you need for content is to provide either a pdf, jpg, .png or Word document, and we will take it from there.

The Nav-Light reaches over 600 residents, business owners and prospective homebuyers. Have a special for Rio Vista residents? This is the best place to show your support!

"BOGO" INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL!

Send us your ad and get one issue in addition to the rate in the right-hand column – FREE!! Sign up for one year and get one issue FREE.

Valid for new advertisers only.

For more information, contact us at RVCANavLight@gmail.com

Ad Sizes and Rates

Business card size (3.5" x 2.5" vertical)	\$25/issue or \$75 for 1 year (4 issues)
Business card size (3.5" x 2.5") horizontal	\$25/issue or \$75 for 1 year (4 issues)
Square ad small (3.25" x 3.25")	\$35/issue or \$120 for 1 year (4 issues)
½ Page - horizontal (~5" x 7.5")	\$50/issue or \$150 for 1 year (4 issues)
FULL Back Page – (pending availability)	\$100/issue available for 1-4 issues at a time, renewable priority.
FULL Page – (within newsletter)	\$80/issue or \$300/yr
<i>Pricing good through November 30, 2026</i>	

Publication Schedule

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Copy Deadline</i>
<i>Winter (Dec/Jan/Feb)</i>	November 15
<i>Spring (Mar/Apr/May)</i>	February 15
<i>Summer (Jun/Jul/Aug)</i>	May 15
<i>Fall (Sep/Oct/Nov)</i>	August 15

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