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Winners of the Christmas decorations Congratulations!

- Best Overall - 404 Lincoln
- Best Front Lawn 245 Bush Terrace
- Best Total Presentation - 210 Madison
- Best inflatable's - 1109 Jackson
- Best New Resident - 220 Tyler
- Legacy Award - 409 Lincoln
- Honorable Mention - 1119 Washington



Hunter Plog

Dock Master's Helm

It's that time of year when boaters look out at their plastic wrapped boats and wonder what next season will bring. We dust off our old fishing maps and plan another adventure out on the Bay.

This year will be even more exciting than most for me. I have taken on the challenge of Dock Master for the Rio Vista Community. Let me introduce myself, I am Hunter Plog, a 5-year resident of the community, a Board Member for the past 2 years and a lifelong boater.

The dock and marina area have been a great asset to the community. Paying your home-owners association fee and participation in using the dock slips allows the community to maintain the picnic and marina areas.

See Dock Master's Helm
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



From the President's Desk

Winter is here with a vengeance. Temperatures are in the teens and twenties, but so far it has been a relatively mild winter. The days are getting noticeably longer and before you know it, Spring will be here. I know I'm overly anxious, but the thought of reaching March 10th when daylight savings starts keeps me going. I am not a cold weather person.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to drive through the community during the holidays. There were many outstanding Christmas displays that took a lot of ingenuity and hard work. My family always enjoys the holiday decorations and this year was especially festive. Tyler Avenue, Jefferson Avenue and Madison Avenue seemed to have the brightest lights with Riverview Terrace again looking really great. And I can't forget to mention Lincoln Avenue. The Estrella's and Finneyfrock's, as always, were over the top again. Thanks to everyone who took the time to add to the Christmas spirit.

The community Board of Governors is working hard to plan for the coming good weather when outside projects can be started. Shoreline erosion projects, cleaning up the picnic area and power washing and sealing the community dock are all on the agenda. We are still working on reviving the community watch program and will keep you informed of our progress. We need to have this program in place by Spring as good weather seems to be the time when incidents of mischief occur the most.

It's a little early, but you should mark Saturday, June 8th on your calendar. That is the proposed date for the Annual Community Association Meeting and Picnic. This is when the board reports to you the past years activities and plans for the coming year. It is also your opportunity to express concerns and make suggestions for the board to consider. New board members will be elected and departing members will be thanked. Your participation is very important and the fellowship is pretty good too. There will be more about the picnic in the next Navlight.

The second annual St. Michaels Running Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. The 5K run/walk will again wind through our community. It was a lot of fun last year and we appreciated the complimentary comments about Rio Vista received from many of the participants. It was a great opportunity to show off our community.

The Nav-Light is the primary method we use to let everyone know the news about Rio Vista. If you are receiving the Nav-Light by mail, please consider giving us your email address. It looks a lot better in color on the website. We keep email addresses confidential and only use them to advise you that a new **Nav-Light** has been posted or to inform you of important happenings quickly.
Have a great Winter and early Spring!

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

Jack Davis

TREASURER'S REPORT



Your Rio Vista Community Association finished 2012 in good financial condition with no debt and no known significant financial issues. Most homeowners have paid the annual \$50.00 association fee, but the poor economy has been very hard on a few of our members. The Board is working to collect all outstanding fees.

As a reminder, the annual fee was due as of December 31, 2012. We will be mailing reminder notices in February, but if you could remit payment before then it would be greatly appreciated and will save on mailing and administrative costs.

ARCHITECTURAL REPORT



Do you have plans of adding to your existing home...maybe a fence, an additional room, hot tub or possibly a coat of paint? Please take the time to check with the Architectural Chairman before starting your project. The Chairman is Barry Burk and can be reached at the following:

(410) 745-3885

architectural@riovistacom.org

From the Secretary

Recently the Board has received inquiries concerning issues such as speeding, cars parked on the grass, people throwing trash in the drainage ditches, strangers walking around private property, strangers looking around private docks, and loud parties. The Board is very sympathetic to these issues. However, there is not much the Board can do when they are informed about the activities several days after they occur. These issues require an immediate community response. The Board suggests the following:

- Take notes. Note the time of day and the circumstances around the activity
- Get a description of the individuals involved
- Get the license plate number of vehicles involved
- Do not interact with the individuals

Call the sheriff non-emergency line (410) 822-1020 and give an anonymous report. Keeping the police informed of significant unusual activity will help them to analyze possible criminal activity and take timely action to correct the situation.

The police need our help to identify individuals and activities that have a negative Impact on our community.

DOCKMASTER'S REPORT



From the Dock

Previous slip holders will have the first opportunity to be assigned a slip. **Please fill out the Boat Slip Rental Agreement.** We really need the boat description, number and several contact phone numbers so we can quickly reach the boat owner in the event of a problem. Return the contract along with your check for \$175 to RVCA, P.O. Box 254, St. Michaels. The Annual Association Fee of \$50 must be paid prior to leasing a boat slip.

Remember, prior slip holders can reserve their slip between March 1 and April 1.

The general membership will be able to rent slips after April 1.

After May 1, people living outside of RVCA will be able to rent slips for \$275.

Dock Master's Helm

From page 1

Members of the community who rented slips last year will soon be receiving slip renewal agreements. It is important to return them as soon as possible to avoid losing your assigned slip.

If a community member has any questions or suggestions on how we can improve the marina area, contact me at thplog@verizon.net I look forward to seeing everyone down at the dock this year and hearing your stories about the one that did not get away.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Emanuel L. Johnson

(410) 745-2784

uumc@atlanticbb.net

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Marty Wiley

(410) 745-2534

Friday, April 12

9 AM - 3 PM 25th Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, April 13

8 AM to 2 PM 25th Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, June 1

10 AM - 5 PM 24th Annual Strawberry Festival and Pit Beef Sales

stlukeschurch@verizon.net

St. Michael's Mission Church

Rev. Robert E. Coine, Pastor
Rev. Olson, Associate Pastor

(410) 822-2344

Saturdays

5:30 PM Evening Mass

Sundays

10:15 AM Mass

Wednesday, Feb. 13

12 noon Ash Wednesday Service

www.ssppeaston.org

St. Michaels Community Center

Trish Payne
Executive Director

(410) 745- 5102

Senior Activities

Every Wednesday - Chair Yoga - 9:30 - 10:30

Every Friday - Living Well Fitness 10:00 - 11 :00

Every Wednesday - Luncheon and Program
10:30 - 12:30

Upcoming Bus Trips for Spring2013

For reservations call (410) 745-6073

trish@stmichaelscc.org

CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. Mark Nestlehutt

(410) 745- 9076

6 PM Covenant Churches Lenten Program

2/19 - Union United Methodist Church

2/26 - Royal Oak Community Church

3/5 - Christ Church

3/12 - St. Luke's UMC

3/19 - New St. John's UMC

Monday, Feb. 18 - March 18

7 PM Popcorn Theology (Films TBD)

Films:

2/18 - The Way (2011) PG-13

2/25 - James' Journey to Jerusalem
(2004) NR

3/4 - Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (2012)
PG-13

3/18 - Cast Away (2000) PG-13

3/18 - The Straight Story (1999) G

Saturday, Mar. 2

8:30 AM Lenten Quiet Morning at All Faith,
Tunis Mills

Friday, Mar. 19

7:30 PM Tidewater Singers Concert

Sunday, Mar. 24

8:00 AM Palm/Passion Sunday

10:15 AM

Thursday, Mar. 28

6:00 PM Agape Meal

7 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday, Mar. 29

12 PM Good Friday Liturgy

5 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 30

8 PM The Great Easter Vigil and First
Eucharist of Easter

Sunday, Mar. 31

Easter

6:00 AM Sunrise Service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Friday & Saturday, April 12th & 13th

Rummage Sale

Friday 7 AM - 2 PM

Saturday 8 AM - 12 PM

info@christstmichaels.org

Rio Vista's Board & Committees



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Impressed with the Rio Vista Signs located at each of the three entrances into our community? We have Kottwitz Graphics to thank for the great Workmanship!

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All three signs are displayed on the Rio Vista Web Site In News & Report. www.riovistacom.org

The Alpine Village

By Charles Rogers

Kenneth Doubrava, a Rio Vista Resident, has been hooked on model trains since he was only four years old. It was this early life passion that has culminated in one of the most astounding model railroad environments I have ever seen.

Ken first started building in his village in 1960. "One day I just picked up a cardboard cutout and made it, and I was hooked", says Ken, who has built over 300 of these buildings in the years since. His latest addition took over 8 months to build and is now the crown jewel of his collection. Nearly the whole collection was ruined by a slow leak from a fish tank in 1966. Some of the remnants were used as a base for the buildings still in use today.

Viewing is open to the public most any evening from 4:30 – 5:30 by appointment. Call Ken at 410-745-2531

Children are welcome, but please understand how delicate the structures are and that they are not to be touched under any circumstances.

Because of the time and energy required to set up the Alpine Village it is only being set up once every few years now, so please make sure you make an appointment to see it soon. It is something you will remember for the rest of your life!



BIG SNOW OF '13

By Ken Bridges

Whether we want to admit or not, weren't we all looking for some snow a few weeks ago? Regardless of our age, isn't there a little bit of a little boy or little girl left in all of us? Don't we all still remember the "big snows" we used to have; the multi-snow days off from schools, the huge snowmen (or women) and the neighborhood snowball battles from behind the snow-forts built by us. Ah, the good ole days!

Today, we have grown older. We have all but forgotten the snowmen, the forts and the snowball battles. Our thoughts have now turned to shoveling the driveway, cleaning the cars and worrying about when the county snow plow is going to plow our street and how high the pile of snow will be at the end of our driveways. We worry about whether we will lose our electricity or whether our pipes will burst.

As much as we deny it, the neighborhood needs a good snowstorm now and then. Snow cover is nature's insulation. It acts as a blanket from the extreme cold which causes damage to your garden and flower beds. What a great stimulant to our economy. It reminds us that we need a new snow jacket, gloves and boots. We should have a new snow shovel or maybe since we are a year older we should give serious thought to a gas powered snow blower. And shouldn't we have a week's supply of food, bottled water, household supplies and gas tanks filled in all cars.

Finally, this may be good or bad news. The height of winter in the Maryland area comes in late January. That date has now come and gone. We are now on the down-side of Winter '13. Statistically, each day is a fraction warmer. The threat of snow is a fraction less. Soon the biggest worry will be the **BIG SNOW OF '14.**

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THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPORTANT

By Ken Bridges

Important means many things to many people. In the meaning of important I found such words as significance, notable and distinction. Important can be a very selective term. A relatively unimportant person can become very important under the right circumstance; examples, our Rio Vista Board Members. Few residents can pick our Board members out of a crowd. Nor could many of us recite their names. However our Board Members are important people in Rio Vista.



They, with rare exceptions, hold their office because they have been recognized for their leadership capabilities and their fondness of the community. We all live in a great little neighborhood where the quality of life has greatly improved the past 50 years. This, in most cases, is due to some action by our Rio Vista Board.

Find out who our Board Members are. They are our important people of Rio Vista. They need to hear from us. If they don't know our concerns, they can't respond to them.



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**Talbot County Sheriff's Office
(410) 822-1020**

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Author's Corner



Rio Vista Couple Publish Eastern Shore Photo Book

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Dick Cooper and his wife, Pat, have combined their photographic talents and love for the Chesapeake Bay to publish a high-quality photo book entitled "Eastern Shore Splendor." The hard-bound book contains 50 glossy pages with 82 images that celebrate small-town life and our region's natural beauty.

The Coopers are avid sailors who have spent countless hours exploring the rivers and creeks of the Bay. They have developed a keen eye for their surroundings. "Eastern Shore Splendor" captures the changing seasons, fascinating people and abundant wildlife that make this area a unique place to live.

The coffee-table book is available at the News Center in Easton and the Chesapeake Trading Company and DBS Jewelers in St. Michaels, or directly from the authors.

Dick spent 36 years as a metropolitan newspaperman, most of it as a reporter and editor at The Philadelphia Inquirer. He won the Pulitzer Prize for General Local Reporting in 1972 for his coverage of the Attica Prison Riot in Upstate New York. He is a frequent contributor to several area publications including the Tidewater Times, The Shore Life and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Pat has had a successful career as a corporate administrator and executive assistant and works for a major corporation in Easton. They don't leave home without a camera.

For information about "Eastern Shore Splendor" send e-mails to: dickcooper@coopermediaassociates.com or call 410-745-5233.





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Neighborhood Watch Update

Peter Paris and Charles Rogers are going to be meeting with the Talbot County Sherriff's Department during the week of February 17th to discuss the reinvigorating of the Rio Vista Neighborhood Watch Association. We will be contacting all of the previous block captains to see if they are interested in continuing in their roles.

If you're new to the neighborhood or just have an interest in becoming a block captain, please contact Peter directly at peter@runstm.com or Charles at Charles@crglobal.net. Remember, the Neighborhood Watch program only works if the neighborhood residents participate!

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JUST FOR LAUGHS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day...

Women use 30,000 words to a man's 15,000 words. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men."

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"



PETER PARIS
RACE ORGANIZER

Cell: 443.812.1346

Email: peter@runstm.com - www.runstm.com

St. Michaels Running Festival
Saturday May 18, 2013

13.1 10k 5k Races

The St. Michaels Running Festival is directed by Peter Paris, a Rio Vista's resident who is dedicated to putting their fundraising muscle behind great causes.

What: Pre-Race Expo (registration and packet pick-up)
When: May 16th and 17th
Where: Best Western - St. Michaels
What: Race Day!

When: May 18th - opens at 6am
Where: St. Michaels School Campus
What: Post-Race Festival, 10:00ish (music, awards, beer, prizes)

When: May 18th (after the races - 9:30ish)
Where: Main Street St. Michaels

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