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Congratulations....

Go to the winners of the Halloween Costume Contest. They won a gift card to the Easton Premier Cinemas for themselves and their parents.



Madelynne Plog



Lillian Plog

Rio Vista's November Potluck & Meeting

The event was held at the St. Luke's Methodist Church in St. Michaels. As is usual with Potlucks, there was plenty of food and a large variety of dishes. Rio Vista's President, Jack Davis gave an overview of Rio Vista's past year and a farewell reading for Ardy and Ken Bridges who also attended but has moved to Londonderry. There was the election of Monica Otte to the Rio Vista Board followed with Ann Davis presenting the winners of the Halloween Costumes their award. There were a large number of new residents attending giving everyone a chance to get acquainted.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....



Well, another summer has passed into the history books. This seems to happen all too quickly. Hope everyone will have fond memories to think about during the cold weather which will inevitably descend upon us shortly. We set our clocks to the real time the first weekend in November.....So, now it's cold, and dark! I am really looking forward to Christmas displays which are always beautiful in Rio Vista.

We have had a busy summer season especially attending planning meetings and Talbot County Council meetings in an attempt to voice members concerns and suggestions regarding Next Step 190, the update to County zoning, subdivision and land development regulations. As it turns out, our suggestions, and those of many, many county residents, were generally dismissed and not included in the new legislation. It is our belief county council missed an opportunity to provide smart, well thought out planning to protect the rural, pleasant lifestyle we all enjoy. Efforts to correct or modify the most objectionable regulations are continuing. Talbot County must grow to provide housing and job opportunities. So why not grow in a way that does not specifically exclude quality of life as a consideration?

Talbot County Streets Department completed resurfacing Rio Vista streets using a chip and tar process. The loose stones have mostly been absorbed giving a smooth and solid surface that is a welcome improvement. Thank you Talbot County Streets Department!

The erosion prevention work along the access road to the community dock has been completed from Cove Road to the end of the parking area. New stone and filter cloth was installed during the summer. Now the entire Miles River side of the road and parking area is protected with armor stone and filter cloth. We are struggling with how to protect the rest of the dock area and the picnic area as the Maryland Department of the Environment has been reluctant to issue permits to complete the erosion prevention work.

Hunter Plog has been working to replace the deck on the community dock. It is tough work and Hunter is making sure the job is done correctly. He has obtained the material, cut and sealed the decking and has removed and replaced decking, mostly by himself. Due to his hard work, the dock will surely last for years to come.

If you have not shared your e-mail address with us yet, please do so. We use your email to send the Navlight and to advise of any significant or emergency events within the community. We also use the email to alert everyone of any security occurrences that you should be aware of. Your e-mail is treated in confidence and is **not shared with anyone**. Sending the Navlight by email saves a lot of money spent on postage, and the Navlight 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.**

Jack Davis

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board of Governors approved an aggressive budget for 2018 and we expect to continue that policy in the coming year. Erosion prevention remains the most critical item on the agenda. Due to the excellent annual fee payment record of Rio Vista members and to extra contributions made by your neighbors, we have been able to mitigate the damage made by rising water levels, but it is a continuing and more serious problem each year.

Financially, the community is in excellent condition. Payment of the annual fee for 2018 has been good and has allowed for us to meet all fiscal obligations in a timely manner. Annual fee invoices for 2019 will be mailed in November with payment due by December 31, 2018. There are a few delinquent members and I hope they will take the time to bring their accounts up to date. The completion of community projects is dependent upon all of us making this effort.

The current \$50.00 Annual Fee has been in place for over 10 years. There are no plans to change the fee at this time.

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 is provided to obtain approval BEFORE county permitting is requested.

As always, we appreciate your support of this process, and should you have suggestions and feedback for improvement, please contact the Architectural Committee at: architectural@riovistacom.org

Additional forms may be found at <http://www.riovistacom.org/homeowner-support/architectural>

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

For those of you thinking about a late summer or early fall exterior renovation – here are a couple of items to keep in mind when planning:

1. If you are planning to add a shed to your yard (and you are not on the water), a 25' setback from the front and rear are required by Talbot County, *unless the shed is 300 square feet or less. If the shed is less than 300 square feet, then a 12.5' setback from the rear property line is allowed;*
2. If you plan on painting the exterior of your house OR putting on a new roof, a CARF application is required if you are changing the color;
3. If you are updating your fence (e.g. from wood to vinyl) and it is not the same material or style, a CARF application is required.

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DOCK MASTER'S HELM



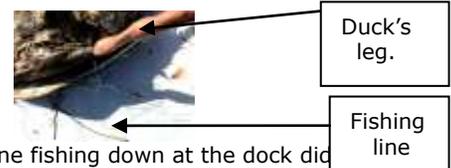
The 2018 boating season is slowly coming to an end. It seems that we do not get much of a transition between spring and summer or fall and winter. I love the fall fishing season. The fish are hungry trying to fatten up and the crabs seem to be more plentiful.

I met a guy down at the dock fishing; he said "He was catching so many throw-back fish that his arms were tired". It's pretty nice when you have days like that.

All slip renters should have their boats out of the water by November 15th.

*A hot topic in RV is the **Kayak launching and storage** at the boat ramp area: the Board is receiving various locations and storage designs, and would appreciate any and all suggestions. Send your ideas and opinions to me at boaterfamily0305@gmail.com & janburke5454@icloud.com

I want to remind all RVC residents that the public spaces (picnic area, marina) are **every ones responsibility!**



Two weeks ago someone fishing down at the dock did up fishing line. This resulted in the death of duck. We live in a beautiful community let's take care of the wildlife as well!

Thanks!
Hunter Plog

RIO VISTA BOARD REPORT

At our Rio Vista Annual Meeting on November 3, Monica Otte of Madison Avenue was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors, AND Madeline and Lily Plog were announced as winners of the Halloween Costume Contest for their creative and beautiful fairy and mermaid costumes. Both were there to receive a gift card for them and their parents to attend a movie of their choice.

But before Monica's election and Madeline and Lily's award, attendees enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch and many good conversations. A number of attendees are new residents of Rio Vista and the meeting was a great opportunity to get to know them. Twenty new families have joined Rio Vista since June, 2017. Two of our long-time former residents, Ken and Ardy Bridges, are now living in Londonderry but came back to see old friends and to attend the meeting with their daughter Laurie. President Jack Davis presented the 2018 budget and identified the top three budgeted expenses as Erosion Prevention, Grounds and Dock Maintenance and Insurance and Liability. He also reported on status and activities of all current committees. Discussion was held regarding options for kayak launch and storage.

Please come to the next Annual Meeting – it's a good way to meet your neighbors and learn about the good things happening in our Rio Vista community.

Architectural Report

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

2018

1112 Jefferson Ave 519 Tennant Cir	Fence approved as submitted Door Replacements approved as submitted
218 Madison Ave 519 Tennant Cir	Fence approved as submitted Fence not approved as submitted
1109 Riverview Ter	Modifications to house on existing footprint-approved as submitted
213 Madison Ave 605 Landing Rd	Shed – approved with modifications Fence replacement – approved as submitted
1212 Jefferson Ave 509 Tennant Cir	Shed – approved as submitted Fence replacement and shed-approved as submitted
506 Tennant Cir	Roof replacement – approved as submitted
1107 Jefferson Ave	Fence replacement – approved as submitted

2017

226 Tyler Ave 213 Tyler Ave	Addition approved as submitted Fence approved. Shed conditional approval that shed be a non-permanent structure 10' from property line
608 Cove Road	Fence replacement approved as submitted
1105 Jefferson Ave	Roof mounted solar panels approved as submitted
1106 Riverview Terr	Addition and renovation approved as submitted and pending county permitting revision to original plan approved
106 Madison Ave 1112 Jefferson Ave 1023 Riverview Terr	Solar panel approved as submitted Shed approved as submitted Renovation/addition approved as submitted
519 Tennant Circle 607 Cove Road	Paint brick approved as submitted Addition approved with modifications: Exterior brick veneer to match existing on new concrete foundation blocks, as part of buffer management plan, evergreen plants/shrubs to be planted
602 Landing Road	Deck approved as submitted

If your improvements are not listed above, please contact Barry Burke @ architectural@riovistacom.org



The Potluck was preceded with a Meet & Greet of Block Captains and New Residents to Rio Vista at the home of the Sandi & Roy Droege. From the noise level at these two events, I believe that everyone attending these affairs had a good time and is looking forward to the next get together!



From the Rio Vista Board and Committees!

Neighborhood Watch



by

Sandi Droege

Rio Vista has "Neighbors Who Care," The other day, Bonnie Haynes came to my door with a smart phone she had found on one of the picnic tables. Bonnie was hoping that I would send out the notice on our e-mail list. The inquiry was sent. Later that evening the smart phone began ringing and upon answering the caller asked, "Do you have my phone?" The owner, a Tyler Avenue resident came and pick up his phone and ask for Bonnie Haynes name and phone number so he could thank her for helping him find his phone.

St. Michaels Ghost Walk



Date: November 10, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM EST
Website: <http://chesapeakeghosts.com>

Walk the ghostly path of rowdy women on the St. Michaels Ghost Walk. This awesome historic town with great shopping and restaurants is also home to very cagey and mischievous female ghosts who may just toss a wine glass in your direction – or order you off the lawn.

Email tours@chesapeakeghostwalks.com or call the Ghost Phone at 443.735.0771



Holiday Open House Museum Store

December 12 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Celebrate the holiday season & join us in the museum store with exclusive deals and complimentary gift-wrapping, caroling, door prizes, light refreshments, and more!

Welcome to the Rio Vista Board



Monica and her husband Ralph have been Rio Vista homeowners for 11 years and full-time residents for over 6 years. A semi-retired attorney, Monica enjoys boating on the Miles, gardening, watching the neighborhood wildlife, and shopping and dining in St. Michaels.

Monica volunteers with several local organizations, including Christmas in St. Michaels and Talbot Care-Packs. Monica looks forward to working with the Rio Vista Board and neighbors who make Rio Vista such a special neighborhood.



by
RV Resident Sue Pollio

A couple of weeks ago, my husband and I went to Roots Amish Market in Manheim PA.

I suggest you put it on your "bucket" list. The market consists of five long buildings connected together so you can go from building to building without going outside. Here you will find the freshest meats, vegetables, bakery products and merchandise. Soup to nuts! Outside the buildings are more vendors with fresh vegetables, flowers and merchandise.

All vendors are very friendly and helpful. If you haven't found what you are looking for, there is a huge flea market right next to the Amish market.

If you go, wear comfortable shoes; take a cooler and a shopping cart (on wheels). They sell them there also. **Roots is open on Tuesdays only.** There is a similar Amish market in Ephrata PA, **The Green Dragon, open on Fridays only.**

Google them for directions.
Happy shopping.

Video Pipe Trucks



by
Judy Sandground

What are they doing in Rio Vista?

The trucks belong to the Mobile Dredging and Video Pipe Company which has been retained by Talbot County Department of Public Works to:

- ❖ Inspect our sewer pipes
- ❖ Clean and make necessary repairs to all sewer lines
- ❖ Create a video of their condition to document the system
- ❖ Evaluate manholes to ensure they are in proper condition

Why is this necessary?

It is important to eliminate water infiltration and water flow from rain into the sewer pipes. When the treatment system is presented with too much water it cannot process it all causing backups and leakage of sewage. Our pipes in Rio Vista are mostly PVC as opposed to older communities which have clay pipes that can crack and become porous. The type of repairs that will be made in our community will be grouting the connecting joints and clearing the manholes where necessary.

When will the project be finished?

This is an ongoing project throughout the county and we do not have a specific completion date.

How will this impact us?

Some of the repairs may cause the county to shut off our water for short periods of time. They will notify us in advance if this is the case. The benefit to us is an efficient sewage treatment and disposal system which is healthy for our environment.



St. Michaels - Art Lives Here

Was launched in 2016 to offer visitors a unique experience each month. **Their monthly Second Saturday Art Night Out Celebrations** takes visitors around town to participating galleries. Take a walking tour of St. Michaels? Six fine art galleries are all centrally located on Talbot Street.

Categories: Festivals, Arts & Culture, Clubs/Organizations, Made in St. Michaels, Romantic activities, Special Occasions



17th Annual Midnight Madness Saturday, December 1, 2018

Great shops will be open 'til Midnight with refreshments and snacks, and special sales all day and night during [Midnight Madness](#). Enter a chance to win raffle prizes valued at over \$15,000 with every purchase from participating sponsors.

Midnight Madness is a reminder of how important the small-business sector is to our economy and why it's so important to "Shop Local" all year round. The movement to "Shop Local", especially during the holidays, is needed to help support the locally owned small businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve our hometown businesses.

Best of all, with every purchase you'll receive raffle tickets to WIN fabulous prizes! Last year lucky ticket holders won over \$17,000 in gift baskets and special bonus prizes.

Thanks to the many participating Midnight Madness sponsors and donations from businesses, Midnight Madness would not happen without them!

Drawings start at 11:30pm and **you must be present** to win.

Participating restaurants and accommodations will hand out raffle tickets for chance to win fabulous gift baskets!

Holiday Motor Parade



November 17, 2018, 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

The Classic Motor Museum will host the 4th Annual Holiday Motor Parade. Classic and antique cars will line up for the parade on Rt. 33 at the Ballfield at Perry Cabin and proceed through town on Talbot Street.

The parade will end at the [Classic Motor Museum](#) on East. Marengo Street.



410-745-3200

"Thank you" Larry Poore of the Poore House for your support of the Rio Vista Community!

Welcoming our new Rio Vista Residents



Bruce and Jean Grissom recently moved to St Michaels after many years in Chester County Pennsylvania near Kennett Square. We spent many summers on the Sassafras River where we kept a sail boat. Our favorite destination was St. Michaels and we always described St Michaels as 'like being in the islands'. We also made a point to stop at the Jimmy Buffett store. We have a daughter Briemann who lives in Austin Texas.



CHRISTMAS IN ST. MICHAELS 2018

Friday - Sunday, December 7-9

Enjoy a Christmas parade, display of Gingerbread Houses, and music from the Celebration of Choirs and Jackson Jubilee Singers, all free of charge. This event provides you the opportunity to shop at the Marketplace and Christmas Bazaar for unique holiday gifts and decorations.

Purchase tickets for the Yuletide Party, Santa's Wonderland, Breakfast with Santa and the holiday Tour of Homes. Enjoy a Holiday Breakfast and traditional Eastern Shore Saturday.

For more information, Visit: www.christmasinstmichaels.org.



Rio Vista's Realtor Review



Active

- 208 Lincoln \$199,000 (FSBO)
- 1205 Jefferson \$299,000
- 1202 Jefferson \$360,000 (FSBO)
- 304 Cove View \$355,000
- 1023 Monroe \$515,000
- 1014 Riverview \$649,000

Pending Sales

- 403 Lincoln \$215,000
- 1020 Riverview \$320,000
- 304 Lincoln \$290,000

Sold

- 1112 Jefferson \$420,000
- 1020 Riverview \$315,000

Provided by: **Our Resident Realtors**

- Christie Bishop Benson & Mangold
- Gloria Bee Costa Keller Williams Select Realtors
- Chris Young Benson & Mangold

WINNERS OF THE St. Michaels COMMUNITY CENTER PIE COMPETITION

Chef Category

- 1st Place - Jason from Ava's Pizzeria
- 2nd Place - Elton from Crab N'que
- 3rd Place - Bobbi from Simpatico

Home Bakers - Traditional

- 1st Place - **Mala Burt (RV Resident)**
- 2nd Place - Diane French
- 3rd Place - Val Kenn Gray

Home Bakers - Creative

- 1st Place - Amy Fossett
- 2nd Place - Jackie DeWitt
- 3rd Place - Lyndsey Pollock

Join ST. MICHAELS IN BLOOM!

ST. MICHAELS IN BLOOM is a community based volunteer organization dedicated to the beautification of St. Michaels, Maryland through creation of landscape and floral plantings that visually enhance our community.

Since we began in 2017, ST. MICHAELS IN BLOOM has planted 17,000 daffodils throughout our Town, installed, planted and maintained seasonal flowering baskets on Honeymoon Bridge, and coordinated the first annual 2018 Daffodil Festival of Events. As we enter our second year, we plan to add an additional 17,500 daffodils to our parks and public areas and to improve the landscape surrounding the Welcome to St. Michaels sign with shrubbery and flowering plants.

You can become a member for a minimum of \$50, plant the 2019 ST. MICHAELS IN BLOOM commemorative metal yard stake in your yard and join in the fun of planning, planting, watering and maintaining our landscape projects. We are 100% volunteer based and all proceeds received by ST. MICHAELS IN BLOOM directly go to these efforts. For more information or if you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Chris Pulford 410-745-8135 or christinepulford@gmail.com.



DATES/EVENTS TO REMEMBER

Christ Church
REV. Steve Mosher
(410) 745 - 9076
info@christsmichaels.org

Weekly Events:

Wednesday Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 11 AM

Sunday Readings Bible Discussion Group

*Thursdays, 8 AM at Blue Heron Coffee
(W. Chestnut St.)*

AA Meetings

Thursdays, 8 PM

Monthly Events:

Caregivers Meeting

1st Monday, 09:30 AM

St. Michaels Art League Meeting

3rd Monday, 9 AM

Christmas in St. Michaels Meeting

3rd Monday, 5 PM

First Tuesdays Lunch

1st Tuesday, 12 PM

Healing Service

1st Wednesday, 12:10

The ONES

Last Wednesdays, 6 PM

Sunday, September 2nd

9 AM intergenerational Advent Workshop

Saturday, December 8th

*9 AM - 1 PM - Christmas Bazaar for Christmas in
St. Michaels*

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4 PM - 6 PM - 10 PM

Christmas Day, December 25th

10 AM

Union United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. William Wallace

(410) 745-2784

uumc@atlanticbb.net

<http://www.unionstmichaels.jigsy.com>

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Pastor Tonya

(410) 745 - 2534

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

Sundays:

8:30 AM service held in the church hall
which is adjacent to the main building.

10:00 AM service of worship is held in
the sanctuary on the second floor of the
main building.

St. Michaels Mission Catholic Church
Rev. James Nash, Pastor
Rev. Michael A. Angeloni, Associate Pastor
(410) 822 - 2344

<https://www.ssppeaston.org/index.html>

Wednesdays 12 PM Weekly Mass
Saturday Mass 5:30 PM Evening Vigil Mass
Sundays Mass 10:30 AM

Friday, December 7th - 7 PM

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Monday, December 24th - 7 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 25th - 10:30 AM

Christmas Mass

Saturday, December 29th - 5:30 PM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 30th - 10:30 AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 10:30

New Year's Day



St. Michaels Community Center
103 Railroad Avenue St. Michaels, MD 21663
(410) 745-6073

trish@stmichaelscc.org

<http://www.stmichaelscc.org>

Dec. 6th Radio City Christmas Spectacular Rockettes

*5 AM · New York, NY
Theater · 179 people*

Youth Programs

Call for a copy of the Fall A.S.K. Registration form

Senior Gatherings

Wednesday from 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM

If you're 55 years of age or older, we'd love for
you to join us at the St. Michaels Community
for a well-prepared meal from [Upper Shore
Aging](#).

Bingo

On the 1st Wednesday of every month we play Bingo,
On every 2nd Wednesday the [YMCA](#) helps us play
"Brain Games"

On the 3rd & 4th Wednesdays we save time for arts
and crafts. A \$2 donation is welcome

Mahjong Play

Anyone interested in learning about and playing this
ancient Chinese game of skill and strategy is welcome
to join us Thursdays from 10 a.m. - noon, at the Blue
Crab Coffee on Fremont Street at no charge.

No experience is necessary, and drop-ins are
welcome!

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