

TALK of the TOWN

A Newsletter of the Town of St. Michaels, Maryland April 2009

10th Annual Dog Walk-a-Thon – Sat. May 2

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Another reason why it's so wonderful to live in St. Michaels is the Annual Dog Walk-a-Thon. The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum has graciously invited Talbot Humane to use their property just west of the Steamboat Building Lawn as headquarters and for registration. Enter under the drawbridge and follow the signs. Register for the walk, submit pledges, enjoy our Free Coffee Tent and take a moment to look around and enjoy the Miles River view and ambience of new and old friends. A special attraction is Rick Kollinger who will be on station from 9-10 a.m. creating a memorable caricature of your pet. At 10 a.m. we will have the Blessing of the Animals and the walk begins! Short dogs, tall dogs, young or old dogs, even invisible dogs are welcome.

Although a stroll with your best friend on non-extending leads is the highlight of any day, we have added some spice – a treasure hunt! Look for strategically placed coded 'golden collars'. At the end of the walk turn in the collar and receive your cash prize. This year we have added 'Short Cuts' for smaller dogs. At the end of the walk please enjoy free hotdogs at the Hot Diggity Dot Hot Dog Stand and cheer the winners of our incredible raffle ticket.

Bring your human friends as well and ask them to pledge for the animals. Even if you don't have a 'walkable' pet, please support Talbot Humane and join our stroll through St. Michaels.

All monies received will benefit the Spay/Neuter Fund at Talbot Humane. Detailed information brochures including pledge sheets are available at the Town Office, Carpenter Street Saloon, Flying Fred's, Deep Blue Sea Jewelry, The Christmas Shop, Blue Crab Coffee Co., plus Acme and Graul's bulletin boards.

This is a rain or shine event and we hope you are able to join us! And yes, WE ARE GOING TO THE DOGS!!!!



Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

The igloo recycling sites in St. Michaels are often used as dumps for household trash. Until we can get curbside recycling, these igloos are our best opportunity to keep things out of the landfill that can be recycled and sold. Please read carefully the information on the igloos and don't leave any plastic bags or food containers. Cardboard is not accepted at the igloos, inside or out! The market for recycled material has tightened with the economy, but even paying haulers to dispose of these materials helps change wasteful behavior and reduces the cost of expanded landfill use.

Commissioners' Meetings:

April 22, 2009—6:30 p.m. at St. Michaels Library: Regular Legislative Session includes public hearings on the 2009 Budget Amendments, the 2010 Draft Budget and a vote on the 2010 Tax Rate for Real Property.

For details on other upcoming meetings, please call the Town Office or visit the website at www.townofstmichaels.org

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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Miguel Dennis

At 6' 5" tall, Pfc. Arthur Johnson casts quite a shadow as he patrols St. Michaels. Pfc. Johnson was hired on July 1, 2008. He was raised in Philadelphia, PA and educated in the city schools. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army as a Paratrooper and was honorably discharged in 1971 as a Sergeant. After employment as a city bus driver, he joined the Philadelphia Police Department in 1984. He was selected for the Highway Patrol Unit in 1985. The unit was composed of motorcycle officers who patrolled the high crime areas of Philadelphia. Pfc. Johnson retired from the police department in 2004 having received numerous awards for bravery and meritorious service to the city.

He returned to public service as a school police officer in 2006 where he remained until his employment by SMPD in July 2008. Philly's loss is our gain!



PFC. ARTHUR JOHNSON

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IN MUSKRAT PARK? Work has begun on the improvement project for Muskrat Park. The contract was awarded to SMI-Site Maintenance Eastern Shore, LLC, for the bid amount of \$251,627.00. Plans for the renovation include installation of a new parking lot, brick sidewalks, storm water management and conversion of the remainder of the vacant lot into open grassed space. New benches, picnic tables and lighting will also be added. The 2009 Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park will be located on the eastern end (water-side) of the park and will not be affected by this phase of the project. Completion of the project is projected for the end of July 2009. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Town Office at 410-745-9535.

AT THE SKATEBOARD PARK? Work on sewer lines and street reconstruction is continuing and has moved onto Fremont, Carpenter and Cherry Streets. During the construction period, the contractor is using the public parking area next to the Skateboard Park at 301 Mill Street as the staging and supply site. As soon as nearby street reconstruction is finished, the Skateboard Park will reopen.

ON THE ST. MICHAELS NATURE TRAIL? Bids for the construction of the new St. Michaels Nature Trail will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2009 at the Town Office. The construction of the trail is expected to be completed by mid-summer and a ribbon-cutting celebration is planned for September. If you would like to make a donation to the trail construction, please contact any member of the St. Michaels Rotary or call the St. Michaels Town Office for Rotary contact information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 24—26

St Michaels Food & Wine Festival
Premier food and wine festival of the Mid-Atlantic is held on the grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Cooking demonstrations, wine tasting and entertainment. For more information visit :

www.stmichaelsfoodandwinefestival.com.

*St. Michaels
Food & Wine Festival*



NOTICE

Water billing for the first quarter of 2009 has been completed. Bills for water consumption in January, February and March have been sent to the property owners. High water consumption? Check your faucets and toilets for leaks! Have questions? Please call the Public Works Clerk at the Town Office at 410-745-9535, ext. 14

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