

TALK of the TOWN

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SNOW SNOW BEAUTIFUL SNOW

“Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here to watch his woods fill up with snow”. Words we are all familiar with, written by Robert Frost. We love to look at it, occasionally play in it and anticipate its arrival with mixed feelings, most of which is dependent on your age! And then we have to remove it, and move it again and hope it melts just about the time it begins to turn gray.

So as a reminder, here is the Town’s snow removal policy, Ordinance No. 231:

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity who is an owner or occupant of land located within the Town to allow to remain on any portion of a public sidewalk which is either located or binding upon said land within the town, an accumulation of snow or ice for longer than the later of the following times:

- 1) Twelve (12) hours after the cessation of the precipitation which was the source of the snow or ice; or
- 2) If sundown occurs before the arrival of the time limit described in paragraph 1 of this section, then by 10:00 a.m. local time on the next day after the time limit described in paragraph 1 of this section.

In the event that any person, persons or body corporate responsible for the removal of snow or ice from the sidewalk shall fail to remove such snow or ice as provided in this Ordinance, the Town shall be authorized to remove snow or ice from the sidewalk over or adjoining a person’s lot or parcel of land, and the cost of expense thereof shall be billed to the owner of the lot or parcel of land, and upon failure of the owner to pay such bill, the same shall be included in the next bill for real property taxes levied by the Town upon the owner of the lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collectible as though the bill were a part of the taxes levied on said property.

We are all in this together and we understand the frustration everyone is experiencing in trying to remove and maneuver around this high volume of snow. The Public Works Department greatly appreciates the patience, concern, help and suggestions given by the residents in dealing with the snow removal process.

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Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

Looking for ways to save money on energy during these cold winter months? A typical US family spends about \$1,900 a year on home utility bills. Check your insulation levels and increase where it’s drafty, especially the attic. Change filters regularly. Set your hot water heater no higher than 120 degrees. Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher’s drying cycle. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs with the Energy Star label. Turn off your computer when not in use. And, the hardest of all, take short showers instead of baths.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

IN MUSKRAT PARK? Official opening day/ribbon cutting has been set for Saturday, the 1st of May at 11:30 a.m.. Public Works crew will be doing the annual maintenance of gazebo and replacing the old trash cans with newer cans. More information to follow as plans develop.

ON THE NATURE TRAIL? It looks like many residents have been taking walks along the trail. Bollards have been installed at the crosswalks and trail edges have been backfilled with stone, topsoil and grass seed. Look for an official ribbon cutting with possible state government officials in attendance the 7th of May, 2010. More information to follow as plans develop.

MULBERRY STREET and BULKHEAD? Contractor is ahead of schedule. The bulkheads are in place and storm drain work will be completed as tides allow. Street paving to the intersection of Mulberry and Water Streets will be tied in with the parking lot area at Town Dock.

ELECTION NOTICE

There will be an election for three of the five offices of Commissioners of the Town of St. Michaels. The term of two of the offices is four (4) years expiring in June 2014. The term of the third office is for two (2) years expiring in June 2012. Said election will be held at the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building (Town Office), 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, MD between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm. on **Monday, May 3, 2010.**

All qualified persons wishing to be a candidate for the office of Commissioners of the Town of St. Michaels are hereby notified to file a Certificate of Candidacy on or before **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010** in the Edgar M. Bosley Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

There is a continuous registration of qualified voters by the Town Clerk/Manager and Assistant Town Clerks from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days in the Town Office. Registration of qualified voters may also take place at the office of the Talbot County Election Board, 142 N. Harrison Street, Easton, MD 21601 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days.

The last day to register to vote in this election is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010.