

TALK of the TOWN

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



PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. RECEIVES AWARD

At the May 13th meeting of the Commissioners, President Clark made a special presentation of the "Louis E. 'Sonny' Davis Memorial Water System of the Year" Award to Jeff Richardson, Director of Public Works. The award was given by the Maryland Rural Waterways Association in recognition of St. Michaels as the first town in Maryland to successfully complete arsenic removal from the Town's water system, as required by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Maryland Rural Waterways Association assists rural towns by providing consulting services, information and water testing to enable towns to implement federal and state water and wastewater utilities guidelines. Job well done, Jeff and crew!

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Did you know that most bottled water is filtered tap water? Americans buy almost 30 billion plastic water bottles each year. Over 80% of these bottles end up in landfills. Now's the time to consider buying and using a reusable water bottle! It will save you money, lessen demand on our landfill, and lower the country's consumption of oil. Tap water is safe and healthy. Inexpensive filter systems are also available for faucet installation or in individual water pitchers. Remember that narrow neck plastic bottles (without caps) are the ONLY plastic accepted at the town igloo sites. Their viscosity makes them undesirable for refilling. Let's reduce their use - and then be sure to recycle. Change a habit that will save you money and help the environment!

St. Michaels Library to celebrate 28 years

Submitted by: Shauna Beulah

The St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot County Free Library will celebrate its 28th Anniversary on Friday, June 26, 2009. Cake and lemonade will be part of the festivities served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. along with a Book Sale starting at 10:00 a.m..

The branch first opened in a small storefront on Talbot Street on June 26, 1981. The Library then moved to its present location on Fremont Street in June of 1988. The building was an old town garage converted into the Library. The Library outgrew the existing space and plans to renovate and enlarge on the same site began in 2004. The enlarged branch opened on August 30, 2004. The new building offers full library services as well as a meeting room and an art gallery to showcase local artisans. The new space allows for accommodating special programs for both children and adults.

When the branch first opened it was fully staffed by volunteers. Elizabeth Carroll, who had retired as director of Talbot County Free Library, was one of these volunteers. The Library hired the first branch manager, Shauna Beulah in 1986. There have been more than 45 volunteers through the years that have worked at the branch. We are fortunate to have two volunteers still working who have been with the branch from its beginning. Today the Library has five paid staff and 17 volunteers.

Our summer hours are Monday & Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners of St. Michaels

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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Miguel Dennis

FALSE ALARMS

Did you know false alarms violate state law under CR 9-610? St. Michaels Police Department has responded to numerous false alarms since January. False alarms pose a problem for law enforcement for two very good reasons: public safety and man hours. Public safety is compromised when officers respond to false alarms as expeditiously as possible creating a potential safety hazard for the public and the officer. Additionally, man hours are expended as officers to the calls who then await the arrival of a responder. This can sometimes take up to twenty minutes.

Citizens and businesses are asked to keep your alarms in working order and adequately train personnel in their use.

Commissioners' Meetings:

June 24 – 6:30 p.m. at Town Office:
Legislative Session Election of Officers
for 2009-10

July 8 – 5:00 p.m. at Town Office:
Regular Session

July 22 – 6:30 p.m. at Town Office:
Legislative Session

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IN MUSKRAT PARK? High tides and rainy weather have slowed the progress, but work is near completion on the storm drain; sewer is complete. The month of June hopes to bring parking lot construction. Work in the Park should be completed by the end of July.

WE'RE GOING ONLINE

These days most everyone has access to the internet, and in an effort to control costs and to reach you the quickest way, the next issue of Talk of the Town will be available on the Town website at: www.townofstmichaels.org, along with past issues. Paper copies can still be obtained at the Library, the Housing Authority and at Town bulletin boards. We are interested in knowing what you think about this idea and how this will work for you.

SUMMER TIME EVENTS

Beginning Thursday, June 18th Enjoy the free Concerts in the Park sponsored by the St. Michaels Community Center every Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 until 8:00 June 18th thru September 17th. Concerts will be held at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum until the renovation process allows going back to Muskrat Park. Visit the Community Center website at www.stmichaelsmuseum.org for updates.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Friday, July 3rd -- St. Michaels Fireworks Committee will again be the sponsor of the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display which is planned for Friday July 3rd, with a rain date of July 5th. There will be a range of family activities at the Miles River Yacht Club, including the "Best Cardboard Boat Race on the Miles River", food, beverages, and entertainment. Come by car, boat, bicycle or on foot for a great day celebrating our independence.

All activities are open to the public with non-members paying a nominal admission fee to help cover the cost of the fireworks display. Please remember that the Saint Michaels Fireworks Fund is independent from the yacht club and must raise money to pay for the event through contributions. Managing the event is a community service provided by the club, and members typically donate a large portion of the necessary funds. **Please help with this effort and send your contribution to:**

The Saint Michaels Fireworks Fund
General Delivery
PO Box 1194
St. Michaels, MD 21663-1194

Saturday, July 4th -- St. Mary's Museum on St. Mary's Square is hosting its annual 4th of July festival. Starting at 10:00 a.m. with a children's parade and everyone is invited to decorate their wagons, bicycles, family pets and themselves in red, white and blue. Festivities continue with a flag raising, Uncle Sam, Fife and Drum Corp, Boy Scout Troop 741, Girl Scouts, Union Church Choir for Patriotic Songs, along with plenty of food, games and balloons. Participation in the parade and games is free. Bring a chair and enjoy the day with your neighbors!

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