



TALK of the TOWN

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ST. MICHAELS GOES TO THE DOGS MAY 1ST

The Mid-Shore Animal League has a goal of providing spay/neuter services for animals to residents of the Mid-Shore who need financial assistance and you can help achieve this goal by participating in this year's Walk for the Animals. The Dog Walk-a-thon will be held Saturday, May 1st at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels. Registration of \$20 is required to participate and begins at 9:00 a.m.. We encourage walkers to get sponsors. After a Blessing of the Animals, the walk will begin. While you enjoy historic St. Michaels, look around for golden dog collars and win a prize! The fun filled day will include refreshments, vendors and prizes. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to end pet overpopulation, please mail your check made payable to the Mid-Shore Community Foundation c/o Fran Every, PO Box 225, Wittman, MD 21676.

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LET'S TALK TRASH!

The Commissioners will be holding a special public meeting on April 7, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Library to discuss the Town's trash policy. The Commissioners are encouraging all residents to attend the meeting and to bring your thoughts and ideas on ways to improve on our trash removal and to make St. Michaels a more beautiful place for everyone. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your comments and suggestions through the Town's website contact link located at <http://www.townofstmichaels.com/contact.shtml>



The Dinghy Docks located in the corner of the harbor between the Museum and The Crab Claw are now new and improved! In case you didn't know, the docks are used as transient tie-ups for dinghy users to visit and walk into town. The floating docks move up and down on stationary guide poles and do not move away from the bulkhead, thus making them safer. This project was funded by a grant from The Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

Recycling saves energy, reduces the strain on our landfill, and creates jobs. Paper accounts for 40% of the solid waste in the US, which is about 72 million tons annually. If every household replaced just one roll of regular toilet paper with one recycled post-consumer waste roll, 424,000 trees would be saved. On the Eastern Shore, we have a company that will use as much paper as the counties can provide to recycle into new products. Cardboard (NO pizza boxes) is only accepted at the Mid-shore Landfill, but igloos throughout the county are waiting for each of us to pitch in and recycle our paper, magazines and newspapers. Small efforts do make a difference.

2010 CENSUS

Did you know that being counted in this census is important to your community in numerous ways? Being counted in the census can mean dollars for your community through Federal funding for hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and emergency services. In addition, residents can use census data to support community initiatives involving environmental legislation, quality-of-life issues and consumer advocacy. Remember that participation isn't just important – it's mandatory.

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.. Plans are underway for the festivities. Trees will be planted and beds prepared in time for the opening day of the FreshFarm Markets of April 17th. Watch for information on ways that you as a resident can contribute to the planting beds!

ON THE NATURE TRAIL? Official ribbon cutting for the trail is planned for the 7th of May, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The warmer weather has brought many residents out to use this great trail. Benches, trash cans and doggy waste bags have been ordered and will be installed soon.

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.