

Charlestown Chatter

May/June 2008



Special Points of

Interest

- Town Meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30.
 - Planning and Zoning meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00.
 - Trash Collection every Monday except when a Christmas or New Years falls on a Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday.
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Post Office

410-287-2560

Hours

Monday through Friday

Lobby Hours

8:00 -5:15

Lunch 12:00 -1:15

Window Hours

8:30 -12:00

1:15 -5:00

Saturday

Lobby Hours

8:00 -12:00

Window Hours

10:00 -11:30

WANTED: COMMUNITY PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

If you are interested in joining a newly formed Committee for the planning of our community parks, please call Town Hall at 410-287-6173.

LICENSE YOUR SHORELINE!

If anyone with waterfront property would like to license it with the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Service to make the offshore spot unavailable for waterfowl hunting, this may be fairly easily done. Instructions are available at www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/r/instruct.html or, if more convenient, Linda, at Town Hall, has become something of an expert in this matter. Applications must be submitted before June 1st with an application fee of \$20 per year. In order to not have to reapply for three years at a time, for \$60. Either check out the web site or contact Linda at the Town Hall (410-287-6173) if you would like more information.

DRIVEWAYS AND FENCES

Just a reminder from the Zoning Administrator:

All driveways and fences require a building permit, whether a repair, new construction or repaving. Please contact town hall in advance for driveways that cross the town right of way, considerations for egress and storm water must be made. New driveways on Maryland State Roads require a driveway permit from the State as well as a building permit from the town. Questions? Call Town Hall before you begin work (410-287-6173) and ask for Henry Burden.

PERMITS

Summer is here again and many residents are making improvements to their houses. Just a reminder to make you check with Town Hall about Permits before you are reported by someone and end up paying fines.

TRIMMING TREES

If you want the town workers to pick up your tree trimmings, please be kind and bind them or they most likely will not be picked up.

COOL SPRINGS

There has been a lot of vandalism and theft in the Cool Springs Development area. Four wheelers and such are destroying the property that has already been graded meaning twice the work has to be done. Please protect **your** community by calling the police at 410-996-5500 if you see anything strange happening.

THE VALUE OF RECYCLING

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that every ton of recycled paper creates five more jobs, saves 7000 gallons of water, keeps almost 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air, and saves enough energy to power the average American household for 6 months.

NEW PUBLICATION

The Cecil Soil Conservation District has just published a new handbook entitled **FROM MY BACK YARD TO OUR BAY**, "A Cecil County Resident's Guide to Improving Our Environment and Water Resources". This publication "illustrates the collective impact of human activity on natural resources. The way that you care for our natural resources affects your property, your neighborhood, your watershed, and our Chesapeake Bay. This guide offers tips on many environmental issues and provides a list of resources for more information." This resident's guide is available as an interactive, Web-based version with additional information. To view the expanded version, please visit www.cecilscd.com. The handbook in hard copy is available at: CECIL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 105 Chesapeake Blvd. Suite B-3, Elkton MD 21921

CHARLESTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

June 23 - 27, 2008 Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year will be Dino Detectives Digging For God's Truth.

A new outreach ministry of our church is Tabitha's Pantry. This ministry is designed to assist families and individuals who may need a little extra help with food, clothing or locating home furnishings. This ministry is Directed by Mrs. Joann Gilley who has helped many people in need over the years and will be glad to assist you if may have a need. Call her at 443-907-5566.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. - Puppet Show and Ice Cream Social featuring Jack Foreaker

Show will be held outside, bring blanket or lawn chair; in case of rain, show will be in the church

Sunday, July 13—Thursday, July 17, Vacation Bible School: *Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures*

All children ages 4-13 are welcome; contact the church-410-287-2434 or stjohnscharlestown@comcast.net or Caron Leath, VBS Director, 410-642-6134

RiverFest Donations

The volunteers of RiverFest work very hard and are very proud of what they do. This year RiverFest started a scholarship, which was awarded to Randy Huber. In addition, the committee has made a \$1,000 donation to the Charlestown Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop #367, a \$2,000 donation to the Boys & Girls Club of Cecil County and has purchased \$500 in supplies for the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. RiverFest would like to thank you for your support, enabling these donations to happen!

Dates To Remember

May 26—School Closed / Memorial Day Observed
May 27—Town Meeting @ 6:30 at Fire Hall
June 6—Last Day of School
June 10—Town Meeting @ 6:30
June 24—Town Meeting Cancelled
September 13 & 14—RiverFest

Check out the website at:
www.CharlestownMD.org
for your calendar of events!

!! Recycling !!

Good news! Cecil County now has Single Stream Recycling!!

The following items can be mixed together:

- Aluminum and steel / tin cans (Including aerosol cans)
- Glass bottles and jar
- **NARROW NECK** Plastic Containers using codes 1,2,3,4,5,6,& 7 (Find these on the container)
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Mixed, printer & copier paper
- Telephone Books
- Soda Boxes
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Cereal Boxes
- Frozen Food Boxes
- Mail

ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE RINSED WITH LIDS REMOVED!

What is NOT ACCEPTED for “Single Stream” recycling

- Oil Containers
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Cups
- Cellophane, Mirrors
- Potato Chip Bags
- Plastic Buckets
- Paper Plates
- Appliances & Cooking Pots (May be recycled in scrap metal container.)
- Aluminum Foil, Microwavable Food Trays
- Wax covered cups & cardboard
- Plastic Packaging, Heat Resistant Glass
- Containers with food in them
- Styrofoam Cups, Coat hangers
- Plastic Toys, Window & Auto Glass
- Plastic Bags, Ceramics & Porcelain

Plastic Bags may be used to keep recyclables in but are not recycled

Electronics

The following Electronics CAN be recycled at the Cecil County Landfill:

- Computers
- Monitors