



CHARLESTOWN CHATTER

3rd Quarter 2017

Meetings

- Town Hall 410-287-6173
- Historic District Meeting is on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM meeting at Town Hall.
- Planning & Zoning meetings are the first Thursday after the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM in Town Hall
- Town Meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00PM in Town Hall
- Green Team meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM in Town Hall
- Election Board, and Board of Appeals as needed.

Trash Dates

- Every Monday is Household Trash & Recyclables collection. Recyclables may no longer be placed in plastic bags.
- Household bulk pickup is the **last** Wednesday of the month Please call Town hall to request a pickup at 410-287-6173.
- Yard Waste is collected by the Town Staff on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Monday of each month.
- There will be no holiday interruptions in waste and recycling collections this quarter

Add Me to the List!

- If you would like to be added to the town distribution list, please send your email address with your request to townclerk21914@comcast.net

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HALLOWEEN PARADE & COSTUME CONTEST

Join us on Friday, October 27th beginning at 4:00 PM, for our annual parade and costume contest. The Charlestown Fire Company, Cecil County Sheriff's Department and the PVHS marching band will be here. The parade takes off at 4:30 PM from the fire hall and parades back to Fair Green Pak to have a costume contest with prizes for the top three in each category and treats! The age groups; 0-3, 4-8, 9-13 and 14 & up. Come bring the kids and have some fun! *Trick or Treat Night will be October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.*



**Time to
change
those
clocks!**
November
5th is the
date! Along

with an extra hour of sleep, why not plan to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors. If you can't afford a smoke detector stop by the Fire Station and they will supply you with a free smoke detector.



**Friday
November 10, 2017
Town Hall Closed**



Thanksgiving

The Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.

Christmas in Charlestown

*Holiday Utility Pole Lights installed
Mid November*

Tree Lighting December 9th

Santa will be toured around the town neighborhoods beginning at 4PM in one of the town trucks. He then will be available at the Fire Hall from 5—6 PM for pictures and the telling of secrets. Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be available during this hour. Everyone will move out to the town tree located near the Post Office at 6PM. We will light the tree and then the chorus from Charlestown Elementary School will entertain and lead us in some holiday songs! Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!



Wreaths Across America Charlestown Cemetery December 16, 2017 11:30 AM



On December 16, 2017 Wreaths Across America will be at the Charlestown Cemetery laying Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our Veterans. We invite all to come and help remember our Veterans and to attend the short ceremony at 11:30 AM. Lunch to follow at the Firehouse. Please contact Jeanette Armour at 410-392-9240 or jwa1940@hotmail.com to RSVP or to volunteer.

Live Tree Recycling



Our Maintenance staff will be picking up Christmas trees for recycling on January 8th and 22nd. You must remove all decorations from the tree, take it out of the stand and have it out to the curb before 7 AM on those days to have it picked up.

Colonial Charlestown, Inc., opens the Tory House Museum for tours every third Sunday from 2—4 PM, May through October. Guided museum and colonial town tours, educational programs and speakers can be arranged for all ages and occasions throughout the year.

Would you like to receive invites to special events? Country Fairs and a Vacation History Camp? Email: Colonial-Charlestown@gmail.com or Call Town Hall: 410-287-6173.

Volunteers are always welcome! You can volunteer using the contacts listed above!



The Charlestown Election will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7AM to 7PM at Town Hall

Candidates interested in running for office:

- *Must file intention to run at least 30 days prior to the election (February 2, 2018 @ 5:00PM)
- *Must be a resident of the town for at least one year as of February 2, 2018 **(your valid voter registration card must show a Charlestown corporate town limits address)**
- *Must be at least 21 years of age

Qualified voters:

- *Must register to vote at least 30 days prior to election (February 2, 2017)
- *Be a US citizen
- *At least 18 years of age
- *Resident of the town for at least 3 months prior to the election. **(your valid voter registration card must show a Charlestown incorporated town limits address)**

Deadline to register to run for office is February 2, 2018 @ 5PM



CHARLESTOWN SENIORS

Every Tuesday—Young at Heart! This 50 plus age group sponsored by the Town of Charlestown meets at St. John's United Methodist Church every Tuesday from 10AM to 1PM. All are welcome to come and enjoy playing cards—games—No RSVP needed! Contact the Charlestown Town Hall at 410-287-6173 for more information.



Cat Crusaders is still actively helping with the feral cat population in Charlestown. They trap feral cats and take them to a vet

for spay/neuter services, deworming, rabies vaccinations and an ear dock or tattoo so that they can be identified later as having been serviced. The cat is then returned to the colony. We have a group of volunteers in town who feed these colonies. If you feed the cats, please do not do so on Tuesdays as that is the day that they typically trap, and they need to be hungry to be lured into the traps. If you see a "new" cat, please let town hall know and we will contact Cat Crusaders to come to trap the cat. Kittens are not returned, but fostered or adopted out as they can usually be domesticated fairly easily.

Want to Vote for Commissioner?



The Charlestown Election is Tuesday, March 6, 2018. If you are registered to vote in Cecil County with your address in Charlestown, you will automatically be registered to vote in the Charlestown election if that registration has been valid for three months. If you want to only vote in the Charlestown election, please stop into Town Hall to register. You must have been a Charlestown resident for a period of three months. If you want to be certain that you are registered, please call the County Election Board at 410-996-5310.



**Utility Rates
Your current bill is due November 12th**

In Town Residences:

- Water minimum \$73.05 for 13,500 gallons 1000 gal. units, in excess of the 13,500 gal. \$6.25
- Sewer minimum \$92.85 for 10,000 gallons 1000 gal. units, in excess of the 10,000 gal. \$9.40

Out of Town Residences:

- Water minimum \$116.35 for 13,500 gallons 1000 gal units, in excess of the 13,500 gal \$6.90
- Sewer minimum \$134.55 for 10,000 gallons 1000 gal. units in excess of the 10,000 \$14.00

**In/Out of Town
Bay Restoration Fee \$15.00 per quarter**

There is a procedure in place to establish a payment plan for those experiencing a hardship in paying their bill. Contact Town Hall to inquire about this procedure if you feel you might qualify.

Failure to pay your bill on time results in the following procedure:

Your account will be assessed a penalty and an additional bill will be mailed to the address of record on November 13th. Residences of unpaid bills as of November 20th will receive a door hanger notice of impending shutoff on or around November 27th. Shutoffs at residences with unpaid balances over \$50.00 will occur on November 27th and an additional fee of \$50.00 will be added to the bill to facilitate shutoff and reconnection services.

Water and Sewer Rates increased beginning July 1st.

USEFUL STUFF! SAVE ME FOR REFERENCE

BUILDING PERMITS—No building or other structure shall be erected, moved, added to or structurally altered or use of land be changed without a permit.

If you are in the Historic Area of Charlestown, there may be other regulations as well

Major Permit—\$50 –Examples

- In ground and above ground swimming pools, garages, room additions, decks, patios, porches and/or enclosing thereof, solar panels, any inside work requiring a county permit

Minor Permit—\$20—

Examples

- Fences, Tree Removal, major landscaping
- whole house generator
- Change of driveway surface
- Relocation and/or addition of siding, windows or doors



When in doubt, call Town Hall 410-287-6173!



What Goes In?

- * Newspaper & magazines & catalogs, paper
- * Plastic & glass containers
- * Aluminum & metal cans
- * Plastic trays with food residual, paper plates
- * Fruit, food waste
- * Polystyrene foam
- * Plastic bags



www.ccrecycling.org for a complete list



Please be mindful of the dates for yard waste and bulk. Do not put these items out far in advance of the date of pick-up. Doing so invites animals to pick through it or try to nest, becomes overly waterlogged and extremely heavy and generally creates an eyesore. Thanks!



YARD WASTE will be collected by the Town Staff on the **2nd and 4th Monday of each month.** Grass, leaves, clippings, are collected in brown bags (preferred) (only filled with yard waste). Small limbs or branches not more than 3” in diameter, cut into 4ft lengths are accepted tied in bundles. Anything larger or in excess of 20lbs will not be picked up.

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BULK TRASH will be picked up by **appointment** on the **last Wednesday of each month** by Town Staff. This service is for residents to dispose of a **few** large items, not a full clean out. Call Town Hall at 410-287-6173 or stop in to sign the bulk list.



Would you like to join the ranks of the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department? Give them a call on the non emergency number of 410-287-6451 to find out the requirements.

If you experience a loss or a break-in or attempted break-in please let the authorities know. Also, if you see something, say something! We can't address problems we don't know about!

SAFETY TIPS

- Light the outside of your home
- Lock your doors, windows & install deadbolts
- Lock your car, roll up your windows, and put valuables out of sight
- Don't advertise your absence. Never leave an "away Message" on your answering machine or post on social media. Before you leave, set timers for lights, TV's & radios to go on & off.
- Inform MD State & Sheriff's Dept. that you are going to be away and get a "drive by property check". Forms can be picked up at Town Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Call 911 for Emergency (you can ask for Sheriff or State Police)
 Cecil County Sheriff 410-996-5500 (non-emergency)
 Lt. Michael Holmes 410-392-2109 or e-mail Mchael.Holmes@ccdps.org
 Sgt. Ron Schmidt 410-996-5800 X3337 or e-mail Ronald.Schmidt@ccdps.org

CRIME PREVENTION



Town Hall to Close for 5 Holidays this Quarter:

- October 9, Columbus Day
- November 10, Veterans Day
- November 23, 24 Thanksgiving
- December 25 Christmas Day

Contact Us:

Town Hall: 410-287-6173
 Town Administrator: Wib Pumpaly townadmin21914@comcast.net
 After Hours Water Emergencies: 443-553-5464
 President, Board of Commissioners: Andy Thompson 443-350-4475
 Vice President, Bd. of Commissioners: Joe Letts 443-553-7665
 Treasurer, Board of Commissioners: Karl Fockler 443-907-3344
 Commissioner Renee Capano 443-309-0549
 Commissioner Mary Carol Durange 410-459-0707
 Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. Non Emergency: 410-287-6451

October 2017

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