



TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

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CHARLESTOWN CHATTER

2nd Quarter 2016

Meetings

- Town Hall 410-287-6173
- Historic District Meeting is on the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM
- Planning & Zoning meetings are the first Thursday after the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in Town Hall
- Town Meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00PM in Town Hall
- Green Team meets every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in Town Hall
- Avalon, 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

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Congratulations Charlestown Grads!

These students graduated from Perryville High School on June 10th. Charlestown congratulates you and wishes you well in the future!

Jillian Miller
Jacob Tyson
Autumn Estep
Cali Tyson
Alexia Braswell
Victoria Reines
Paiton Kelly
William Metcalf
Patrick Privett

Craig Hechmer
Brendon Heroux
Abigail Tucker
Tylor Atkinson
Adelina Mitchell
Larry Peterson
Silas Stevens
Ashley Phillips
Kyle Ciaccia

Mylia Rivera
Logan Ewing
Evan Burchett
Jonathan Rupp
Emily Clark
Alexis Privett
Chris Maddox
Corrine Hutting

Riverfest Announces Scholarship Winners

The Riverfest Scholarship Committee recently awarded five scholarships to Perryville High School grads. These residents of Charlestown are to be congratulated: Silas Stephens (\$1,000.00 scholarship), Logan Ewing

(\$500.00 scholarship), Patrick Privett (\$500.00 scholarship), Adelina Mitchell (\$250.00 scholarship) and Alexis Privett (250.00 scholarship). Congratulations to all of these scholarship recipients!



Movies In The Park

Beetlejuice
July 16th



Minions
August 20th



Plans are underway for the celebration of National Night Out, Tuesday, August 2. Activities will take place near the Fire Station. Watch the Town's website for more details!

Kids Fishing Tourney

Don't miss out on the 14th annual fishing tournament on

SATURDAY AUGUST 6th from 9:00am to 11:00am. It will be held at the Historic Charlestown Stone Wharf at Long Point Park and there will be an awards cook-out for all anglers and their families at the Veterans Park Beach immediately following the



tournament. No pre-registration is required this year! Bait and rods are provided if you don't have them. Support provided by the Northern Bay Chapter of the MD Saltwater Sportsfishing Assoc. (MSSA.net).





Fun for Seniors

Come join us at St. John's UM church every Tuesday from 10am—1pm for the **Young at Heart 50+ group**. We will be

playing cards, games and a

sharing a snack.



A note from the Charlestown Post Office: If you leave papers in the trash bin at the Post Office and they are of recyclable material, they will be placed in the recycle bin. If you prefer them to be placed in the garbage, please take them home with you. Thanks!



New Pet Waste Stations to be Installed!

Look for additional pet waste stations in the following locations: the park in Cool Springs, the park in Trinity Woods, the Athletic Complex, at Fairgreen Park and the Fireman's Field on Calvert Street. Please use these stations to dispose of your pet's waste as you are out on your strolls. Our new code addition speaks to it and it is written in its entirety to the right of this article. Our maintenance staff will stock bags and empty the container weekly.



Utility Rates Your current bill is due August 5th

In Town Residences:

- Water minimum \$66.25 for 13,500 gallons
- *1000 gal. units, in excess of the 13,500 gal. \$3.50*
- Sewer minimum 84.20 for 10,000 gallons
- *1000 gal. units, in excess of the 10,000 gal. \$8.50*

Out of Town Residences:

- Water minimum \$105.50 for 13,500 gallons
- *1000 gal units, in excess of the 13,500 gal \$4.15*
- Sewer minimum \$122.05 for 10,000 gallons
- *1000 gal. units in excess of the 10,000 \$12.65*

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 August 10th

Residences of unpaid bills as of August 18th will receive a door hanger notice of impending shutoff on or around August 19th.

Shutoffs at residences with unpaid balances over \$50.00 will occur on August 19th and an additional fee of \$50.00 will be added to the bill to facilitate shutoff and reconnection services.

Water and Sewer Rates will increase beginning July 1st.

Chapter 142 SOLID WASTE

ARTICLE IV Pet Waste

142-6

Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the quality of water resources in and surrounding Charlestown. Dogs, cats and other household animals may cause non-point source pollution if their waste is not properly managed. Studies have documented that bacterial matter generated by pet waste contributes to the degradation of water quality. Therefore the proper management of pet waste shall be regulated in order to protect the public health and safety.

142-7

Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and phrases and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein.

IMMEDIATE – At once, without delay.

OWNER/KEEPER – Any person who possesses, maintains, houses, or harbors any pet or otherwise has custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of the pet.

PET – A domesticated, household animal

PET SOLID WASTE – Waste matter expelled from the bowels of a pet;

PROPER DISPOSAL – Placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by a refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

142-8

Restrictions

All persons owning or in charge of a dog, cat, or other domesticated household pet shall immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned by that person.

142-9

Exemptions

A person owning or in charge of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animals is being used for that purpose.

142-10

Enforcement

Violation of the provisions of this article shall constitute a municipal infraction, and said person or persons violating this article or any section thereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500, provided that a citation is served upon said person or persons in the manner prescribed by Section 3, Article 23A of the Annotated code of Maryland. The fine is payable by the offender to the municipality within 20 calendar days of receipt of a citation. Repeat offenders may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$500 for each repeat offense. Each day of such violation as defined above shall be considered a separate offense.

The above was adopted by Ordinance 2016-01 by the Charlestown Commissioners on May 24, 2016.

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 swimming pools, garages, room additions, decks, patios, porches and/or enclosing thereof, solar panels

Minor Permit—\$20—Examples

- Fences, Storage sheds (less than 150 sq. feet)
- Tree Removal, major landscaping
- Above ground swimming pool, whole house generator



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



What Goes In?



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

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!



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.



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.

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.



Cars continue to be a prime target of thieves. Remember to keep those windows up and doors locked! If you experience a loss or a break-in or attempted break-in please let the authorities know.

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:

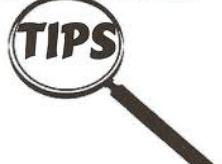
Call 911 for Emergency (you can ask for Sheriff or State Police)

Cecil County Sheriff 410-996-5500 (non-emergency)

Lt. Michael Holmes 410-392-2109 or e-mail Mchael.Holmes@cccdps.org

Sgt. Ron Schmidt 410-996-5800 X3337 or e-mail Ronald.Schmidt@cccdps.org

CRIME PREVENTION



Town Hall to Close for

2 Holidays this Quarter:

July 4, Independence Day

September 5, Labor 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: Renee Capano, 443-309-0549

Vice President, Bd. of Commissioners: Mary Carol Durange 410-459-0707

Treasurer, Board of Commissioners: Andy Thompson 443-350-4475

Commissioner Bruce Hechmer 410-652-0615

Commissioner Joe Letts, Sr. 443-553-7665

Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. Non Emergency: 410-287-6451

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