



# CHARLESTOWN CHATTER

3rd Quarter 2018

### 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 by reservation only. 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 AVALON STAGE OPENING

Join us on Friday, October 26th 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 down Market to Water Street to Avalon Park 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! The Avalon Stage Official Opening will take place at



the conclusion of the parade. The stage is perfect for showcasing the Perryville High School Marching Band. Come view the exciting Halloween costume judging as winners take front stage. Enjoy this great location with wonderful water views and a sense of theatre. Suitable for a variety of events, concerts, and celebrations of all kinds. Naturally beautiful! *Trick or Treat Night will be October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.*



**Time to change those clocks!** November 4th 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 12, 2018  
Town Hall Closed**



### Thanksgiving

The Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.

**Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day.**



## Christmas in Charlestown

*Holiday Utility Pole Lights installed  
Mid November*

### Tree Lighting December 8th

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 15, 2018  
11:30 AM**



On December 15, 2018 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 Jeannette Armour at 410-392-9240 or jwa1940@hotmail.com to RSVP or to volunteer.

Colonial Charlestown wishes to thank the Commissioners and everyone who attended The Fourth of July celebration at Long Point. We expected maybe thirty people and were thrilled to have about two hundred!

John Adam's letter from Philadelphia of July 3, 1776 to his wife states "Yesterday the greatest question was decided ever in America, and a resolution was passed without any dissenting colony..." that these united colonies ought to be free and independent states". The next day Congress issued the Declaration of Independence.

With great excitement Abigail wrote John on July 7—the Day the Declaration was read from the balcony of the State House in Boston to the throngs assembled below. She reported that "great attention was given to every word" and then "the cry from the balcony was "God Save our American States" and then 3 three cheers rendered the air, the bells rang out, and the cannon was discharged!!!!

How very proud and fortunate that we in Charlestown could celebrate the Fourth of July with our cannon—242 years later!

**RE: Founding Mothers, the Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts 2004**



## Want to Vote for Commissioner?



The Charlestown Election is Tuesday, March 5, 2019. 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 2nd

#### 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 5th.

Residences of unpaid bills as of November 19th will receive a door hanger notice of impending shutoff on or around November 25th.

Shutoffs at residences with unpaid balances over \$50.00 will occur on November 26th and an additional fee of \$50.00 will be added to the bill to facilitate shutoff and reconnection services.

**Water and Sewer Rates have remained the same since July 1st, 2017.**

## The Charlestown Election

**will be held**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**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 1, 2019 @ 4:00PM)

\*Must be a resident of the town for at least one year as of March 1, 2019 (**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 1, 2019)

\*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 1, 2019 @ 4 PM**



## 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.



## Live Tree Recycling

Our Maintenance staff will be picking up Christmas trees for recycling on January 7th and 21st. 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.

# 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 8, Columbus Day
- November 12, Veterans Day
- November 22,23 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 or 443-553-7665**  
**President, Board of Commissioners: Joe Letts 443-553-7665**  
**Vice President, Bd. of Commissioners: Lou Wood 443-967-3871**  
**Treasurer, Board of Commissioners: Karl Fockler 443-907-3344**  
**Commissioner: Patricia Clements 410-287-9189**  
**Commissioner Jeff Fields 410-287-0449 Cell: 443-907-8204**  
**Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. Non Emergency: 410-287-6451**

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Every Tuesday Seniors

# October 2018

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times & Places

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 HDC	3	4 Planning & Zoning	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day— Town Hall Closed	9 Yard Waste Commissioners	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Green Team	19	20
21	22 Yard Waste	23 Commissioners	24	25	26 4PM Halloween Parade	27
28	29	30	31 Bulk Trash 6 PM Trick Or Treat			

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