A NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF ST. MICHAELS MARYLAND *Summer 2018 Edition*

A Message from the Commissioners

As St. Michaels is in full swing for the summer season, we felt it would be valuable to update our community on funded plans, in process projects, and ongoing studies. We also continue this vibrant time of the year with exciting town events!

William Boos, *President of the Commissioners of St. Michaels*
Michael Bibb, *Vice-President*
Jaime Windon, *Treasurer*
Joyce Harrod, *Commissioner*
Michael Gorman, *Commissioner*

We welcome new commissioner, Michael Gorman…

Michael works as the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Shipyard Manager and lives on Dodson Avenue with wife Courtney, and two daughters, Hazel and Waylon. Michael is currently responsible for the restoration of *Edna E. Lockwood*, a National Historic Landmark. Michael served two terms on Waterways Management Advisory Board. He believes in geographic and socioeconomic diversity in government leadership and would also like to encourage more parks, beautification of public spaces, a tight knit community, and progressive environmental planning.

…and congratulations to Jaime Windon for her

on her re-election to a second four-year term as Commissioner. Jaime was voted to act as Treasurer on the Commission. Jaime is co-founder and owner of Lyon Distilling.

Warm thanks to Roy Myers

Roy Myers has served as a Commissioner since 2013 and as the President and as Treasurer during that time. We will miss his thoughtful consideration of the issues, his visits to the town office with his black lab, Louis, and cookies made by wife Joanne for COSM meetings. Roy has offered to serve on the Waterways Commission, a position for which he is qualified as he is a boat captain and runs the water taxi and one which he has held in the past.

Thank you to all of the candidates who ran for the open positions in the May elections!

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Community Calenda

August 12 Watermen's Appreciation Day & Crab Feast

August 24 SMCC Homecoming Dance

September 15 Shakespeare in the Park

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS!

Welcome Officer Keith Johnson!

On June 13th, Patrolman Keith Johnson was sworn in as our newest police office by Commission President Bill Boos. In attendance (pictured at right) were Corporal Ben Taylor, Chief Anthony Smith, Patrolman Johnson, Corporal Jason Adams and Commissioner Boos and several members of Keith's family and the community. Please say hello if you see him in Town.

Save the Date! Coffee with a Cop

Friday, September 7 at 8 a.m. at the library

Join Chief Smith and fellow officers for coffee and discussion of public safety and other citizen concerns. Usually held on the first Friday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Library. Discussion with local officials including Delegate Johnny Mautz and Addie Eckardt regarding the debris in the Bay due to recent heavy and frequent rains and the opening of the Conowingo Dam.

New Speed Camera on Talbot St.

In mid-December 2017, a 48-hour traffic study was done on Talbot Street at Seymour Avenue in the school zone. It was found that 465 drivers leaving town and 58 entering town exceeded the speed limit by 12 MPH. 1212 leaving and 80 entering town were over by 10 MPH. For at the safety of the children in the school zone and community pool area, the Town will be installing a speed camera in late summer. Per state law, drivers going 12 miles-per-hour over the speed limit will be ticketed. Violations within 30-days of the time the camera is installed will receive a warning. Please drive safely.

Talbot Goes Purple in September

TALBOT GOES PURPLE

The Town will support Talbot Goes Purple by once again lighting up the town in purple lights and by the "lightbulbs on the poles" fundraiser to support the organization. Talbot Goes Purple is an initiative from the Talbot County Sheriff's Office and Tidewater Rotary that empowers our youth and our community to 'Go Purple' as a sign of taking a stand against substance abuse. The project promotes education and awareness, including the creation of purple clubs in our high schools, through which students learn they do not need drugs or alcohol to meet life's challenges. The project also encourages the 'new conversation' between teens and parents, one that includes messages that prescription painkillers aren't safe to use recreationally. If you would like to support Talbot Goes Purple, visit www.talbotgoespurple.org.

Installation of an Opiod Dropbox

This Fall, the St. Michaels Police Department will install a dropbox in the side of the police station in an effort to collect dangerous and unwanted prescription drugs. The Sheriff's Office will monitor and take possession of all prescription drugs collected.

Safe Station Open at the SMPD

In March, the Talbot County Department of Emergency Services announced that Talbot Safe Stations will open at the St. Michaels Police Department and the Talbot County Department of Emergency Services, 605 Port Street in Easton. The purpose of Safe Stations is to have a place where anyone with a drug problem can walk in without an appointment, ask for help and begin the process to connect them the treatment they are ready to receive. For further information, please contact the Talbot County DES at (410) 770-8160 or Talbot County Health Department at (410) 819-5600.

National Night Out

St. Michaels/Bay Hundred held our Inaugural National Night Out Event on August 7th at the St. Michaels Elementary School/Bay Hundred Community Pool. National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August each year. Our event was well attended by the community, as well as our law enforcement and emergency responder partners. Community members enjoyed the food, swimming, music, games, resource tables and neighborhood comradery. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watermen's Appreciation Day & Crab Feast

Sunday, August 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

In its 9th year, this event features a spirited boat docking contest, steamed crabs and other regional food, live music, beer, boat rides, family activities, and more. The fundraising event is organized by CBMM in cooperation with the Talbot Watermen Association, with proceeds benefiting both organizations. Beginning at noon, the event's "watermen's rodeo" boat docking contest returns to the Miles River near Hooper Strait Lighthouse. For more information, visit cbmm.org.

Homecoming Dance 2018

Saturday, August 25, 8 pm at St. Michaels Inn

The theme of this year's Homecoming is "The Golden Age of Hollywood". Live music will be provided by Radio City, dancing, lite fare, raffles, live auction and more. Our court includes Shawn & Marissa Carter, Laura Chance, Mike & Courtney Gorman, Kim & Bob Hannon, Helene & Ed Higgins, Peter & Lucka Paris, and Richard & Monica White. Each ticket purchased, or donation made in one of their names gets them closer to the crown! Tickets are on sale now, $65 per person, or a reserved table of 8 for $600. Tickets are available by calling 410-745-6073 or contacting a member of the Court. To benefit the St. Michaels Community Center.

Shakespeare in the Park—"As You Like It"

Saturday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m. in Muskrat Park.
Free and open to the public.

Free Outdoor Shakespeare returns. Bringing a chair or blanket is recommended. "The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool." The Forest of Arden comes alive in Brown Box Theatre Project's 8th Annual Free Outdoor Shakespeare tour, *As You Like It*. Performed under the stars in idyllic outdoor venues, As You Like It will transport audiences into the heart of one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies in a can't-miss multi-state tour. For more details visit www.brownboxtheatre.org. This program is funded in part by the Town of St. Michaels, the Maryland State Arts Council and the Talbot County Arts Council.

Ongoing Community Events!

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ST. MICHAELS FARMER'S MARKET

Saturdays until October from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Municipal Lot

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Thursday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. until August 31st

SAFETY INFORMATION

It's Hurricane Season, So Be Prepared

When a HURRICANE WATCH OR WARNING is issued for the area?

• Listen to Radio/TV for weather information. • Fuel and service family vehicles.
• Prepare to cover all window/door openings. • Have prescriptions filled.
• Secure lawn furniture, trash cans, and any other outside items. • Plan to evacuate if you live on the water or within a flood plain. • Make arrangements for your pets. • If told to evacuate, do so IMMEDIATELY. • Stay with friends or relatives out of the area of danger or go to a public shelter if recommended• Notify family members of your evacuation plans. If you would like to receive safety alerts by email or by text, register for the **Talbot County Citizen Alert** system. 410-770-8160 or visit www.talbotdes.org.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

New Street Sweeper. The Town took delivery of a Ravo street sweeper capable of sweeping all Town streets, power washing, and suction work on screw catch basins. Eventually, Public Works will settle on a Friday morning sweep schedule. *(At right, Commissioner Jaime Windon joined the public works morning shift with Craig Parks, to try out the sweeper first-hand.)*

Tidying the Town. In an effort to beautify our lovely town, the Commissioners have approved an increase in the landscaping budget. The Town will also be adding iron grates to the bases of the Crepe Myrtles along Talbot Street to keep them trash free. Public works has ordered replacements for several damaged street signs and straightened trash cans in town.

New Landscaping for the Welcome Sign. The St. Michaels in Bloom committee is making beautification of the Town's welcome sign one of their 2018 projects. Last year, they added the lovely hay baskets on honeymoon bridge and have done three plantings. Visit www.stmichaelsinbloom.org

Ongoing Projects

Grace Street. Talbot County has started the process of replacing part of the force main and gravity sewer line on Grace Street. The County will also be making upgrades to the sewer pump station that is at the foot of the street. This work is expected to go into the fall of 2018. The Town has also been notified by Delmarva Power that they will be replacing poles on their transmission line along the Nature Trail beginning in January 2019. They will be using Grace Street to access the trail, with their concrete trucks, poles and equipment. That being said, the paving of Grace Street may not happen until the Spring of 2019. In the coming days, the town will be putting the replacement of the culvert pipe on Grace Street out for bid, and that work can commence this summer.

Thompson Street. The County has videoed the sewer lines on Thompson Street. We are waiting on a timetable from the County for the sewer work needed on Thompson. There will be a manhole replacement as well as sewer line work. Once we have the timetable we will put the paving project out for bid. In the meantime our public works department has been doing patch paving to buy us time.

Seymour Avenue. This summer the town will be applying an asphalt overlay on Seymour Avenue. The road is in need of reconstruction, however until the heavy construction traffic from the new YMCA has settled there is no point in reconstructing the road. We have begun the design process for the road. Because of the schools, multiple lanes are required to meet the ingress and egress needs of the bus traffic on Seymour Avenue. Bus traffic, although not heavy traffic, is hard on the road because of the turning motion of the buses. Because of the width of the road necessary for the bus traffic for the county schools, the Town is requesting help from Talbot County for the reconstruction of the road.

Town to start rewrite of Zoning. The Commissioners recently hired Peter Johnston and Associates to complete a rewrite of the Town's Chapter 340 Zoning Code. Over the last few weeks, the Commissioners and Planning Commission have been interviewed about the existing zoning code and potential changes to the code for the Town. The intent of the project is to update the zoning code to state requirements, implement the goals of the Town's 2015 Comprehensive plan, and create a zoning code that is clear and plans ahead for future development in the Town. In the coming weeks, the Town will be sending out a survey, and will also be out in the community at events, asking the public about ideas and changes for the zoning code. In the meantime, should you have comments, suggested changes, and ideas about the Town's zoning code, feel free to contact Sarah Abel at sabel@stmichaelsmd.gov.

PLANNING CORNER

Redevelopment of former Acme site.

Town Center LLC, the owner of the property at 114 South Talbot Street (the former Acme site), has received Historic District Commission approval for a façade improvement and second story addition to the property. The Town has recently approved a simplified site plan application and issued a phase I building permit from framing improvements to the existing building and three small first story additions. In the future and as the development proceeds, Town Center LLC will be returning to the town for appropriate approvals, permits and zoning certificates. *(Front elevation rendering by Crosby + Associates for Town Center LLC)*.

Pending auto service station, café and convenience store development.

The owners of 906 South Talbot Street, American Corner LLC, are in the process of site plan review for auto service station, café and convenience store uses on the property currently operated as St. Michaels Auto Inc. American Corner LLC have received sketch plan approval by the Planning Commission, 2 special exception approvals from the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the project was reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee. Most recently, the Planning Commission approved the preliminary site plan with conditions to proceed to final site plan review. The development is proposed to include fuel pumps, car charging stations, vacuums, a car wash, a convenience store and deli. *(Front elevation rendering by Atelier 11 for American Corner LLC)*