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TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD

SMOKE SIGNALS

Town Happenings

A lot will be happening around Town this Spring! Come out and enjoy a few!

Town Meeting: Town Meetings are the 1st Monday of every month unless it happens to fall on a holiday. The Spring Town Meetings will take place on Mon. March 4 Mon. April 1 and Mon. May 6 at the Village Green Pavilion 7:30pm.

Community Activities Committee: Tues March 12, Tues. April 9, Tues. May 14 7pm Village Green Pavilion.

Indian Head Business Association: Wednesday Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8 8:30am Dales Smokehouse.

Planning Commission: Tuesday Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21, 7pm Village Green Pavilion.

Economic Development Commission: Wednesday Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, 7pm Village Green Pavilion.

Green Team: Thursday Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, 7pm Back room at the Senior Center.

Children's Spring Party & Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, Mar. 10, 2pm to 4pm, Village Green Pavilion. Ages birth to 12 years accompanied by an adult. Cost: $2.00/all ages at the door. Includes lunch, carnival& guessing games, petting zoo, children's craft making, door prizes & Easter egg hunt. Photo with the Easter Bunny $1.00 each.





Charles County Sheriff's Office 4th Annual Bike Ride: Saturday, Mar. 16, Village Green Pavilion. Check In: 9am, Start: 10am, Finish: 2pm. Registration fees: Individual $25, Family of 2 $40, Family of 3 $50, Family of 4 or more $15 each. Proceeds benefit United Way of Charles County & Spring Dell Center Inc. Registration forms will be available in the Town Hall or online at the site listed below. For more information call 301-609-4844 or visit www.unitedwaycharles.org Registration fee includes event backpack, lunch, and beverages. Helmets are mandatory for all riders. Rain date: Saturday Mar. 23



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Thursday, Apr. 25, 7pm, Village Green Pavilion.

Taste of Indian Head: Saturday, May 4, 11am to 3pm, Village Green Park & Pavilion. The IHBA has invited local restaurants to participate. There will be a recital by the Hope You Dance troupe, Tastefully Simple, Avon, Tupperware & Wildtree, clowns, storytellers, and local artist Mark Hayes will be drawing live on the Green. For more information on how to participate or if you are interested in volunteering to help with the festivities please call Pam Hayes at 301-743-6777.

Bike to Work & Wellness Day: Friday, May 17, 7am to 11am, Village Green Pavilion. FREE ADMISSION & Fun for the whole family! Continental breakfast served 7am to 9am. Displays, handouts & giveaways, demonstrations, kid's color table, door prizes including new children's bicycles. Official Welcoming Ceremony at 9:45am. Picnic lunch served 10:30am to 11am, inside and outdoor porch dining available. Lively entertainment provided by the Charles County Senior Show Troupe, 10:15am to 11am. For more information call 240-375-4061. Register free at Biketoworkmetrodc.org



Memorial Day Ceremony: Wednesday, May 30, 11am, Village Green Pavilion. Complimentary luncheon served immediately following the Ceremony. Public Welcome! Monetary donations accepted at the door to benefit local family in need.



I.H. Village Green Flea Market: Saturdays, 7am to 1pm, May 11 thru Oct. 27. No market May 25 (Memorial Day weekend), Jul. 6 (4th of July), Aug. 31 (Labor Day weekend). $7 wkly permit fee collected on site, bring own tables and chairs. NO pet sales/giveaways allowed. NO food sales without Town permit. More information call 240-375-4061

Potomac River Little League Spring Baseball Registration: 2013 Season Registration starting Jan. 12 every Saturday until Mar. 2, 10am to Noon, Potomac Heights Firehouse. Ages 4 to 15, Cost $120. Ages 15 to 18, Cost $150. Includes two Blue Crabs tickets to PRLL Night, Apr. 27. Additional Family Member Discount. Late fee of $15 may be assessed after the last scheduled registration date. www.eteamz.com/potomacriverlittleleague





I.H. Torpedoes Swim Team Summer Registration: Friday, May 3, 6pm to 8pm at the Potomac Heights Pool. For more information: ih-swim.tripod.com

Mayor's Message by Dennis J. Scheessele

It is legislative time in Maryland and the 2013 Session of the Maryland Legislature started January 9, 2013 and is well underway. As in past years, thousands of bills have been submitted to the Legislature for consideration and more will come. Some are favorable to municipalities and others have adverse impacts on cities and towns and their citizens. Again this year, municipalities' priorities are to restore state shared revenues for Highway User Revenues (HURs) and State Aid for Police Protection. This year there is substantial progress, the Governor's FY14 budget bill includes restoration of municipal HURs to 50% of full funding compared to 15% of full funding for FY13. The Governor's FY14 budget bill also restores full funding for State Aid for Police Protection.

I am serving on the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee again this year. The Legislative Committee is comprised of municipal officials from across the State and works with MML staff to evaluate bills submitted to the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates to identify those that are helpful to municipalities and to develop positions to support the adoption of favorable bills. Conversely, we also identify those that have adverse impacts on municipalities and develop strategies to oppose them.

The Legislative Committee also reviews legislative proposals from municipalities to choose the top legislative priorities for cities and towns across Maryland. This year we chose three priorities, first to restore state shared Highway User Revenues (HURs) with municipalities, second to fully restore State Aid for Police Protection to municipalities, and third to enact legislation to permit municipalities to post legal notices on their websites rather than purchase expensive legal ads in newspapers.

Cities and Towns use HURs (gas taxes) to fund repairs and reconstruction to your roads and sidewalks. HURs are also used to overlay the roads when the pavement wears out, becomes cracked and flaky. In FY 2008, the state allocated the Town of Indian Head approximately $220,000, which was able to fund snow plowing and salt spreading on the roads in the winter and the required annual overlay paving of rotating areas of roads to keep our overall road system in good repair. In the last four years, our HUR allocations have been repeatedly reduced: FY 2009: $173,180, FY 2010: $34,840, FY 2011: $11,000, FY 2012: $25,670, and FY13: $17,000. Next year (FY14), our HUR allocation is projected to be $100,000. As you can see, substantial progress is being made toward full restoration of HURs. The HUR (gas tax) was originally established to fund road construction

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Dennis J. Scheessele

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Mayor's Message Continued...

and repair and for decades was dedicated to that purpose. For the last five years, the state has repeatedly diverted these funds to the General Fund for other purposes to the detriment of our roads. Our town streets are continuing to deteriorate while the state diverts HUR to other purposes. This year there are several legislative proposals being made to prohibit the Governor and/or Legislature from diverting HURs from road repairs and construction to other unrelated purposes. These proposals are being nicknamed "Lockbox" legislation because they are intended to prevent ("Lock") HURs form being used for anything other than streets and sidewalks. Cities and Towns will vigorously support these bills.

Cities and Towns use State Aid for Police Protection to provide police protection in our communities. Similar to the reduction in Highway User Revenues, the state has been cutting the State Aid for Police Protection by 35% for the last 4 or 5 years and diverting the funds to other unrelated purposes. State Aid for Police Protection is funded by the fines levied through traffic tickets, police citations for other violations, and court levied fines for traffic and other violations. Traffic tickets and police citations are issued largely by local police officers (more so than State Police) in the course of their daily activities to protect the safety of the people who live and work in our communities. Court fines are only levied after a police citation has been issued and the issuing officer has gone to court to testify to the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the traffic tickets and citations for other violations. So, as you can see, the state revenue, in this case, is derived from the work of local police officers. Yet, the state has repeatedly diverted State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) funds. If SAPP funding isn't restored, the loss will eventually necessitate a tax increase or a reduction in police protection, resulting in an erosion of safety in our communities. Fortunately the Governor's FY14 budget bill fully restores State Aid for Police Protection.

The third legislative priority involves adjusting methods of providing services to reflect changes in the way people access information. People more often use their computers, tablets, or cell phones to get information today than read newspapers for it. So it seems to make sense to post legal notices electronically on municipal websites rather than purchase expensive legal ads in newspapers. For those people who don't have computers, tablets, or cell phones to access electronic media, alternatives will be provided.

The Mayor, Council and staff of the Town of Indian Head are working to provide you with a full program of services effectively and efficiently.

CIVIC EVENTS CALENDAR

American Legion Meeting

2nd Wednesday of each month - 8:00pm

Senior Community Center

301-283-0105

Western Charles/Indian Head Chapter 126 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) meets the 1st Thursday of each month (Except July & August) 301-743-9445 or 301-743-3055

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St Mary's Star of the Sea Church

Sunday Services 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am

Saturday Services 5:00 pm

Confessions Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30pm

Special Devotions 7:30am mass on the 1st Friday and 1st Saturday of each month

Indian Head Baptist

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday, Morning Worship 10:30am

Sunday Bible Study 6:00pm

Thursday Prayer Meeting 6:30pm

St James Episcopal

Sunday 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am

Sunday School 9:45am

Indian Head Church of the Nazarene

Sunday School 9:45am

Sunday AM Worship 11:00am

Sunday PM Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00pm

Indian Head United Methodist Church

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 11:00am

Indian Head Assembly of God

Sunday Prayer 9:15am & 5:30pm

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Worship 11:00am & 6:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

Greater Spiritual Fellowship Community Church

Sunday School 9:30am

Sunday Worship 11:00am

Tuesday Discipleship Training 7:30pm

Thursday Bible Study 7:30pm

Congregation SHA'ARE Shalom

Services 1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday every month. 301-645-4606

www.shaareshalomsomd.org

Indian Head Worship Center

Sunday Christian Education 9:30am

Sunday Morning Service 11:00am

Sunday Youth & Young Adult Service 6:30pm

Tuesday Bible Study 7:30pm

Friday Evangelical Service 7:30pm

Spring into Fire Safety: Chief Jeff Williams

As spring approaches and we get ready to say goodbye to Ole Man Winter our thoughts turn to warmer temperatures and cleaning up from the long winter. In an effort to help keep your "Spring Cleaning" project a fire safe time for all, the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the following safety tips.

Inside your home:

- Smoke alarms increase your chances of surviving a home fire by 50% so be sure to check these devices for proper operation and be sure to clean them by vacuuming them as part of your cleaning.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries for other devices such as toys, clocks or other equipment, many times people forget to replace the batteries leaving the devices inoperable.
- Check the age of the smoke alarms, they should be replaced every ten years according to the manufacturers of the devices.
- When you change your clocks, you should also take the time to clean and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- If you have a fire extinguisher in your home this is a good time to check it and replace if necessary. If you have an ABC Dry Powder extinguisher it needs to be replaced every 12 years.
- This is a good time to check all electrical equipment and appliances for damaged or frayed cords and replace them if necessary.
- Be sure to check your electrical outlets to ensure that they're not overloaded or damaged.
- Remove lint buildup from your dryer vents.
- Clean your oven and stove making sure you get all the grease

Outside Your Home:

- Be sure to remove all outdoor debris and dead vegetation away from home to help reduce the potential of a fire starting in your yard and extending to your home.
- **As a reminder, there is no outdoor burning permitted within in the Town limits.**
- Be sure your address number is in good condition and visible for all Emergency Services to see in the event of an emergency and if needed replace the numbers with new ones.
- All fuels for lawn and garden equipment should be stored in an approved container and never stored in your home or attached garage.
- Barbeque gas grills (including gas hoses) and propane tanks should be inspected prior to use.
- As Part of our Spring Cleaning, now is the time that many of us get rid of may of the old and/or unwanted household chemicals. As a reminder these chemicals should be sorted in their original containers and property disposed of at the Charles County landfill at no cost to you.

Here are a few examples of these types of products:

- Pesticides, fertilizers and weed killers
- Pool chemicals
- Paint and thinners
- Gasoline or other flammable/combustible liquids
- **NEVER** dispose of these types of products in the trash as they could leaks causing a chemical reaction and possibly start a fire.

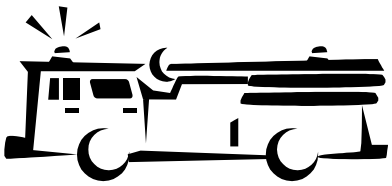
Review and practice your Family Escape Plan:

In lieu of the tragic nightclub fire in Brazil that claimed the lives of 243 people, the department would like to remind everyone of the importance of developing and practicing a Family Escape Plan. This vital part of your home safety plan could make the difference when seconds count.

- Check all doors and windows to ensure they work property and open in case they are needed to be used as an exit.
- Establish a family meeting place for your family to meet once outside.
- Ensure your family members know more than one way out of your home as this could make the difference as well.

By following these simple safety tips you can greatly improve your family's safety and reduce your chances of a fire in your home during this annual event.

If you have any questions or concerns about Fire Safety/Prevention or are interested in serving your community, please contact the department at 301-753-9400 or 301-743-3900.



Rosalie Calvert and the War of 1812

A costumed living history presentation portrays the life of Rosalie Calvert of Riversdale Plantation. Audience members relive the drama of life during the War of 1812 as Rosalie describes the Battle of Bladensburg, the burning of Washington, and the creation of The Star-Spangled Banner. The presentation also explores the fascinating day-to-day details of running a plantation in Maryland. Adult and high school audiences.

Mary Jung has been a lead actress and Director of Renaissance History and Shakespearean Language at the Maryland Renaissance Festival for over twenty-five years. She is a Smithsonian scholar/performer and has appeared on CNN, the Today Show, and Good Morning America. Jung's living history performances include Julia Child, Clara Barton, Mistress Margaret Brent, Rosalie Riversdale, Amelia Earhart, and Good Queen Bess. She has a B.A. in British History from the University of Maryland.

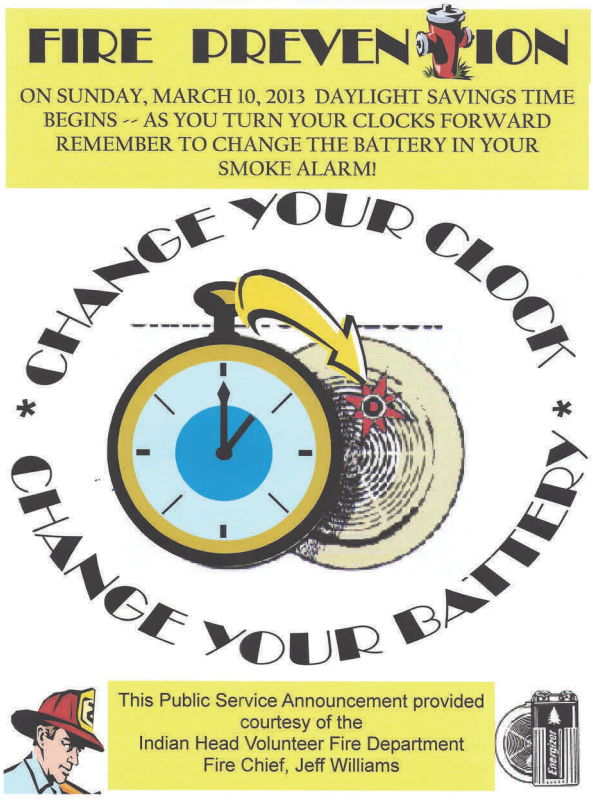
Speaker: Ms. Mary Ann Jung

Presentation provided by: The Maryland Humanities Council

Sponsor: Indian Head Senior Center

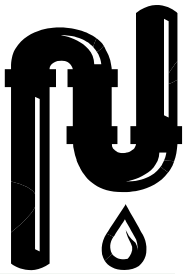
Location: Indian Head Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD 20640

The presentation will take place on Tuesday, April 30 at 11am. If you would like to attend call 301-743-2125 to reserve a seat no later than Wednesday, April 24.



Protect your pipes from freezing– during winter months, keep crawl spaces closed and outside utility sheds secure, outside water faucets off. Report suspected water main breaks, burst pipes, water leaks, and sewer backups to the Town Hall 301-743-5511, afterhours 301-743-2222 or 240-375-4061.

Be wise—Winterize!



Indian Head Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Events

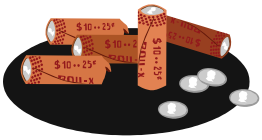


Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner - Mondays, March 4, April 1 and May 6 from 10:30am until 1:30pm, at the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department. Menu: 1/2 fried chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, roll, butter and beverage. $8.00 plate, carry out only. Call ahead to place your order 301-753-9400 / 301-743-3900.

Texas Hold'Em Tournament - Fridays, March 15, April 12 and May 17. Doors open 6:00pm, play starts 8:00pm. Payout determined by number of players. Registration $150 ($5,000 in chips). Add-on $40 ($2,000 in chips). Register before 7:30pm and receive an extra $1,000 in chips. Must be 18 to play, 21 to drink, ID required. Open to the first 160 players. Sodas, beer, snacks and hot sandwiches provided with registration fee. Side tables available when doors open. Call 301-753-8011 (leave message) or email poker@ihvfd.com.



Quarter Thrown Down Auction!: Hosted by the I.H. VFD Ladies Auxiliary, 4095 Indian Head Highway. Saturday, May 4. Doors open at 5pm, Auction begins at 6pm. Paddles are $3 each. The more paddles you purchase the more chances to win. Quarter bids range from 1-4 quarters depending on the value of the item. Grab a seat and wait for the auction to begin. For the items you want to bid on, throw your quarters in the buckets as they come around, hold up your paddles and hope to win! Kitchen will be open for food. An example of vendors who will be there are: Thirty One, Lilly Pad Cakes, Mary Kay, Scentsy, Park Lane Jewelry, Celebrating Home, Fibi & Co., Ditty Bug Design, Dove Chocolate, ManCave, Damsel in Distress, just to name a few! For more information or to reserve seating please contact Mary Hashagen 301-641-5690 or Michele Mabry 301-743-5168.



INDIAN HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENTS

March

3/1– Leading Lady and Main Man Night
3/4-3/5– MSA Math
3/12-3/13– MSA Reading
3/18-3/19– MSA Science
3/28– Third Quarter Ends
3/29-4/5– Spring Break

April

4/22– Earth Day
4/23– Family Art Night

May

5/7- Family Fitness Night
5/16– Title I Parents Meeting 10-11AM



Town of Indian Head Useful Information

Holiday Closings

Town Hall, Public Works and the Community Affairs Office will be closed on the following days this quarter in observance of the holidays listed:

Good Friday
Friday, March 29

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

If you have a water or sewer emergency after hours, call 301-743-2222 to report your emergency. On-call Town personnel will be contacted and the problem will be handled accordingly.

After hours non-emergency type problems can be reported by leaving a message on the Town Hall office number 301-743-5511. Be prepared to furnish your name, address, phone number and brief, but detailed description of the type of problem. Water cut-offs for non-payment are not considered emergencies and are only handled during Public Works regular business hours.

Town Codes

- **Burning**—No burning is allowed within the Town limits.
- **Animal Control**—Dogs must be kept on the owner's property unless properly restrained. The Charles County Animal Control provides animal enforcement within the Town. Call 301-932-1713 if you have a problem.
- **Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicles** are prohibited within the Town and may not be kept on the street for more than 24 hours or on private property, with certain exceptions. Call Code Enforcement at 301-743-5511 ext. 101 with any questions.
- **Property Maintenance**—Every dwelling and lot shall be kept free from trash and garbage. Weeds and grass must be cut and kept shorter than 10 inches.
- **Building Code**—The Town has an adopted building code. Any new construction or remodeling, including, but not limited to porches, fences, sheds and garages, requires inspection and a building permit from the Town.

Town Meetings

1st Monday every month at 7:30pm at the Village Green Pavilion. Televised 8 p.m. first two Fridays each month on Comcast Channel 190. Meetings will also be televised on CCGTV on Mondays at 10am and Wednesdays at 7pm. Comcast channel 95 and FIOS channel 10.

Share the Road

Please be aware of bicyclists and share the road.

Recycling/Yard Waste

Solid waste products such as glass jars and bottles, newspapers, plastic bottles and metal cans will be picked up at the curb every Wednesday within the Town of Indian Head. Place these items in your recycling bin - no need to separate them. Have them curbside by 7:00am.

Yard waste will be collected on Wednesdays, year-round, weather permitting. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in brown paper bags or in a trash container marked "Yard Waste" and placed at curbside. Brush must be bundled and must not be any longer than four feet (4') in length. Individual pieces of brush must not be any larger than six inches (6") in diameter.

Bulk trash can now be scheduled year-round on Wednesdays. Fee of $50 (cash or money order **ONLY**) per scheduled pick-up must be paid in advance at time of scheduling at Town Hall. All items must be curbside by 7:00am on the prescheduled pick-up day but not earlier than 48 hours prior to pick-up day.

Utility Rates

The Town bills for utilities on a quarterly basis. Please make note that you will be receiving a bill four times a year (July, October, January and April). ***You are encouraged to make an estimated payment monthly toward your quarterly bill.*** For more information you can call Town Hall at 301-743-5511

Water & Sewer Rates

Minimum rate for all residential customers **$70.40**
(per dwelling unit per quarter) plus
$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used
Minimum rate for all commercial customers **$212.80**
(per unit per quarter) plus
$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used

Bay Restoration Fee

$15.00 to State of Maryland Comptroller's office for the Bay Restoration Fund

Trash Rates

Residential/Multiple Residential Rate: **$80.00 (per dwelling unit per quarter)** - Billed quarterly for twice a week curb-side pickup and one (1) recyclable products pickup per week. (Trash must be in a 20 to 32 gallon metal or hard plastic trash container with a secured lid)

Commercial Rate:

Category I	Dumpster (4cu yds)	$495.00 per qtr
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	$95.00 per qtr
	Each additional can	$46.00 per qtr

All residential and commercial units within the Town of Indian Head shall avail themselves of the Town's curb-side trash collection service.

Town Hall

Office Hours : Monday—Friday 8:30am—4:30pm
Phone Numbers : Ofc: 301-743-5511
Fax: 301-743-9008

COPS/Crime Watch News

See something—Say something! Report suspicious activity to the police—301-743-2222/301-932-2222.

New Community Policing Officer in Town—Welcome PFC Lee Elliot #396 as the Community Policing Officer for Indian Head/Potomac Heights. Thank you PFC John Riffle #482 for your dedicated service to the Town as our COPS Officer from December 2010 until January 2013. Job well done! You can Meet n' Greet Officer Elliot at the March 4 Town Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Green Pavilion. PFC Elliot #396 can be reached at 301-609-3282 ext. 396 or email Elliotl@ccso.us. His local office is located with Community Affairs, next to the Town Hall.

Public welcome to the CC Sheriff's Office Annual Crime Watch Kick Off Celebration on Wednesday, March 20, 7:00pm, Waldorf Jaycees Hall and their Annual Citizens Advisory Meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 7:00pm at the American Legion Post 82, La Plata. For more information call Connie Gray, CCSO Community Organizer 301-932-3080.

FREE Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Recycling 2013

1st Saturday April—December

Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 1, Jul. 6, Aug. 3, Sep. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

Location : Department of Public Works, 10430 Audie Lane, off Radio Station Road, La Plata

9a.m to 3p.m

Items accepted free of charge include pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, gasoline, paint (except latex—it can be dried out in can and included in regular trash), cleaning supplies, pool chemicals, batteries, and other poisons.

Items accepted ANYTIME at the C.C. Landfill & Pisgah/Recycling Center, 6645 Mason Springs Road, Pisgah, Monday—Saturday 7a.m to 7p.m, Batteries, empty gas grill propane cylinders, motor oil, antifreeze.

Old computers & electronics are accepted ONLY at the C.C. Landfill, Billingsley Road East, Monday—Saturday, 7a.m to 7p.m

24 hours oil & antifreeze drop off site located at Ruth B. Swann Park, Bryans Road

Please keep materials in their original containers whenever possible, and bring them to the collection site in cardboard boxes to ease unloading.

For more information call Charles County 301-932-3599 or 870-2778



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