



Colonial Charles Community
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August 1, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President -

Residents have complained, with good reason, about the increased number and noise of dirt bike riders in the community. Dirt bikes are generally not street legal in Maryland unless they are modified to meet the state's requirements for street motorcycles.

- Maryland law restricts the use of dirt bikes on public roads unless they are properly modified and registered as street legal vehicles.
- To be considered street legal, dirt bikes need to be equipped with features like turn signals, mirrors, and pass a motor vehicle inspection.
- Dirt bikes can be ridden on private property with the owner's permission or in designated off-road areas.
- Riding a dirt bike illegally on public roads can lead to fines, impoundment of the vehicle, and even court appearances.

Residents should not hesitate to call Charles County police (301-932-2222).



The community welcomed Charles County Commissioners, President Reuben Collins, Vice President Ralph Patterson and District 3 representative Amanda Stewart to our Town Hall on 16 July. The Commissioners participated in a question-and-answer session to discuss various topics, including County planning, taxes and services, land development, and the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit System.



Text message scams are on the rise. Consumers are wary and on guard of unsolicited phone calls and emails, but not so with texts. A few of cell phone Texts to avoid:

- Greetings from unknown phone numbers;
- Scammers impersonating representatives from banks, credit card companies, computer tech-support services, Social Security, the IRS and Medicare;



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- Texts claiming recipients owe highway toll and face big fees or legal action.
- A UPS package is undeliverable at the address on the box, requesting you click on a link to confirm the address.

Approved Motions — July 2025

- (1) Southern Tree Service, \$3,200.
- (2) VR Construction, one time Clubhouse housecleaning, \$250.
- (3) Chesapeake Paper, Shred, \$787.50

Architectural Design

Updated Design Review Applications are available at the Clubhouse and on the community webpage for residents not registered on the Majerle Management portal.

Neighborhood inspection was performed on 21 Jul for homes needing power washing to remove mold and mildew. Eighteen (18) homes were identified. Mold and mildew are not only unsightly, takes away the exterior beauty of your home and is unhealthy for the homeowner as well as your neighbors.

One Architectural violation was noted.

Any exterior work (additions, changes, etc) to your home must first be approved by the Architectural Design Committee.

Grounds Maintenance

If you see trash/debris in the stormwater ponds, please notify Grounds Maintenance.

groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org.



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Complete Landscaping Schedule

8/8 Mow, edging & bed weeding
8/19 Mowing, bed weeding
8/29 Mowing, edging & bed weeding
8/20 Beds, concrete, crack & curb weed control
8/21 Beds, concrete, crack & curb weed control

Clubhouse

Jazz Under the Stars featuring DWQ Jazz Ensemble (attached)
Aug 9, 2025, 7p to 9p

Management & Community Inquires should be addressed to:

Stephanie Martin, 301-220-1850

Majerle Management Services, inc.
1375 Piccard Drive, Suite 210
Rockville, MD 20850-4311

Register for the online portal at:

<https://mmi.cincwebaxis.com/>

Colonial Charles Utility Group (Cygnus) Recurring Payment Authorization Form
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HOA Board Meetings Schedule

No scheduled Board Meeting



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Karla Costello
Treasurer
Grounds



Jacqueline Green
President
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Thelma Carter
Secretary
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Vice President
Clubhouse



George Via
Member-at-Large
Clubhouse



Clubhouse Facility Managers



Reva Ware



Vivian Madison



[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](tel:18006982411)
[Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then press 1](#)

VA Disability Compensation Increase for 2026

The 2026 VA disability compensation increase is projected to be 2.5%, based on current inflation estimates. This increase will apply to the monthly disability payments for veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 10% or higher. The official 2026 COLA will be finalized in mid-October 2025 when the Social Security Administration (SSA) reviews third-quarter inflation data.

- The increased rates will take effect on December 1, 2025, with the first payments reflecting the increase on January 1, 2026.
- The official 2026 COLA will be confirmed in mid-October 2025 by the Social Security Administration (SSA) after reviewing third-quarter inflation data, [according to a Facebook post from VA Claims Insider](#).
- A veteran with a 100% disability rating and no dependents currently receives \$3,621.95 per month. With a 2.5% increase, this would increase to \$3,712.50.

Take Advantage of All Your VA Benefits With VA Resource Navigator

The new, improved 2025 version of the Navigator reflects input from Veterans and VA staff. It includes a VA Records section, a VA Mobile Apps section, frequently searched terms, improved mental health and homelessness support content, and lots more. The Navigator is easy to use. To learn more about each resource, just click its link. If you'd like to speak to a person, dial MyVA411: (800) 698-2411 for help. You can also reach out to your [local VA](#) or [Learn more about the VA Resource Navigator](#).

TRICARE Pharmacy Program Benefit

Military pharmacies have different procedures than civilian pharmacies. When a provider issues a new prescription to a military pharmacy, you need to activate the prescription before a pharmacist fills it. Information on Q-Anywhere and ScripCenters can be found at: <https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4251642/your-tricare-pharmacy-program-benefit-creating-a-patient-centered-military-phar>

SUMMER

WORD SEARCH



D N G X S P R K D N X D A A T
 D Q A G I V O F T N A D V M T
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AUGUST
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 CAMP
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 HOT

JULY
 JUNE
 PICNIC
 POOL
 RELAX

SWIM
 SWIMSUIT
 TRAVEL
 VACATION
 WATERMELON



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AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pokeno 2:00p	2
3	4 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	5 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	6 Chair Aerobics 12p	7 Phase 10 2:00p	8 Pokeno 2:00p	9 Jazz Concert 7:00p
10	11 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Theatre Ground	12 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	13 Chair Aerobics 12p	14 Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	15 Pokeno 2:00p	16 Game Room Rental 1:00p
17	18 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	19 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	20 Chair Aerobics 12p	21 Men's Luncheon @ 12:30p Phase 10 2:00p	22 Grand Room Rental 6:00p	23 Grand Room Rental 2:00p
24	25 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	26 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	27 Chair Aerobics 12p	28 Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	29 Pokeno 2:00p	30 Grand Room Rental 11:00a
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