

Town of Centreville

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MD 213/Gravel Run Closure Postponed One Week

A message from the Maryland State Highway Administration:

The MD 213 weekend closure originally scheduled for the Gravel Run bridge work in Centreville from March 29 - April 1 has been postponed one week.

Weather permitting, SHA will close MD 213 at Gravel Run beginning at 7 p.m. Friday evening, April 5. The closure will remain in place through the weekend until 5 a.m. Monday morning, April 8. Detour signs will be posted. This closure is needed to install a temporary "jump bridge" which will maintain traffic during the week while work proceeds underneath.

This is the first of four planned weekend closures to replace the Gravel Run bridge at the north end of town.

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District Community Liaison
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From the Town of Centreville:

Please keep in mind the Gravel Run bridge located by Hardees and Subway will be closed per the schedule described in the SHA message above. Travelers are still able to navigate around town to visit businesses, family, friends, etc. from the south, east, and west. Only the bridge will be closed and not the southern entrance of Rt. 213 entering town.

The Gunston School Invitational

Rowing Regatta

The Gunston School will be hosting their annual Gunston Invitational rowing regatta on Saturday, April 6th on the Corsica River. Emergency services will be patrolling the waterway that day to assist so please be mindful of the event as it takes place between the Corsica River Yacht Club and Jacob's Nose. When permitted to pass through the race course by emergency services, please maintain as little wake as possible. The event is open to the public, and spectators are welcome on Gunston's campus.

Project Clean Stream

Once again, Project Clean Stream will be held on Sunday, April 7th from noon to 4:00 p.m. Please choose from two locations in Centreville: Location #1: Centreville Wharf at Watson Road and Location #2: North Brook at Trickling Brook Way. Gloves and trash containers will be provided for all volunteers.

This event is sponsored by: Corsica River Conservancy, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, and the Town of Centreville. For more details and information email CorsicaRiverConservancy@gmail.com.

Osprey Platforms Donated in Centreville

Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage (CWH) donated two Osprey Platforms to the Town of Centreville. The Osprey Platforms were installed by CWH near the Centreville Wharf on March 21, 2019 to provide a nesting site for two pairs of Osprey near the Corsica River.

CWH partnered with the Town of Centreville Parks Board to install the platforms. There was growing concern from local citizens around the Centreville area for the welfare of the Osprey pair that nested on an old, heavily leaning platform near the Wharf and Corsica Neck Road. When the first Osprey of the season was spotted on Monday, March 11th plans were put into action.

Andi Pupke, CWH's Education and Outreach Director, said: "Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage is happy to help the nesting Osprey in the Centreville area and to please the bird lovers in the neighborhood. Humans have a major impact on wildlife and this is one way that we can make that impact be positive."

Osprey are important indicator species. Due to being on top of the food chain, the Osprey will reflect changes in the quality of its environment. This proved to be a harmful position in the 1950's through 1970's when organochlorine pesticides such as (DDT) adversely affected their reproductive success leading to a population decline. DDT builds up in the Osprey, causing the shell of the eggs to be too thin to stand up during incubation causing an unsuccessful nesting. Osprey would get DDT poisoning by eating fish that had eaten contaminated insects. The banning of some pesticides, including DDT, enabled Chesapeake Bay Ospreys to increase to an estimated 2,000 pairs by the 1980's. The Osprey population continues to face threats.

Osprey breed in North America, but return to South America each winter. Young Osprey stay in South America for three to four years reaching breeding age before returning north. Many South American countries still use pesticides that are harmful to the birds. Many of the pesticides that are banned from use in the U.S. are manufactured here then exported to countries where many of our migrants spend their winters. If pesticide use on their wintering grounds can be regulated perhaps the Osprey population grows even greater. Breeding habitat must be protected from development pressures and bad water quality.



Ospreys readily use man-made structure like utility poles, nesting platforms, duck blinds, and buoys. It may take a few years for a new pair of Osprey to nest successfully on the new platform but given time, we hope for a successful nesting season.

Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage is a private non-profit membership supported organization dedicated to restoring, protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat. CWH has placed hundreds of Osprey platforms in the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay for over 25 years. Founded in 1980, CWH owns farms in Queenstown, Kent Island and Talbot County. In addition to nesting structures, CWH has restored 1,526 acres of wetlands, created 6,181 acres of warm season meadows and planted 874 acres of trees. This work increases habitat for wildlife and improves water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. For more information please visit www.cheswildlife.org

Upcoming Meetings

April 2, 2019 - Centreville Park Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall, 101 Lawyer's Row - 6:00 p.m.

April 4, 2019 - Centreville Town Council Meeting - Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, 2nd floor meeting room - 7:00 p.m.

April 9, 2019 - Chesterfield Cemetery Advisory Committee - Town Hall, 101 Lawyer's Row - 4:00 p.m.

April 10, 2019 - QAC Council of Governments - Queen Anne - 6:30 p.m.

April 17, 2019 - Centreville Planning Commission Meeting - Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, 2nd floor meeting room - 7:00 p.m.

April 18, 2019 - Town Council Budget Work Session - Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, 2nd floor meeting room - 6:00 p.m.

April 18, 2019 - Town Council Public Hearing for [Ordinance 01-2019](#) - Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, 2nd floor meeting room - 7:05 p.m.

April 18, 2019 - Town Council Public Hearing for [Ordinance 04-2019](#) - Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, 2nd floor meeting room - 7:05 p.m.

April 25, 2019 - Town Council Budget Work Session - Liberty Building, 107 N. Liberty Street, 2nd floor meeting room - 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

June 15, 2019 - Drink Maryland: Centreville - A Maryland Makers Festival - 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

June 30, 2019 - Family Fun Day & Fireworks - more details to follow!

July 14, 2019 - First Annual Maryland Women in Agriculture Festival presented by: Maryland Museum of Women's History. For more information contact mebefoundation@gmail.com.

August 24, 2019 - Kid's Fishing Derby & Movie Night - more details to follow!

****Please note: One or more Centreville Town Council members may be attending these events and/or meetings.**