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**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Easton Utilities Completes Landscaping for Easton Point Park



With a master plan in place and a strong, enthusiastic crew, Easton Utilities completed a noteworthy landscaping project for the future Easton Point Park. For aesthetics and to create a natural barrier, the landscaping features a variety of 45 trees and 53 shrubs. "This project aligns our mission and service to the Town of Easton with our proud tradition of environmental stewardship," said Hugh E. Grunden, President & CEO for Easton Utilities.

The entire staff of Easton Utilities, along with Town Councilwoman Megan Cook, planted trees, shoveled dirt and mulch, and spread mulch. Easton Utilities Commissioner Bill Stagg, a recently retired Landscape Architect, created the design to run along the fence, which surrounds the substation. Mayor Willey's proposal for the development of Easton Point Park features an open green space with a variety of park amenities along Easton's only waterfront. The extension of Rails-to-Trails will weave through this space and across the new footbridge of the North Fork of the Tred Avon River.

The tree planting initiative is a tradition at Easton Utilities since it first began in 2008. Every employee is required to participate in some capacity following the annual employee meeting. Following a safety briefing, the teams embark on their mission to plant and mulch the pre-selected location. This year they planted almost 100 different trees and shrubs to include a variety of crepe myrtles, junipers, arborvitae, white pines, viburnums and maples.

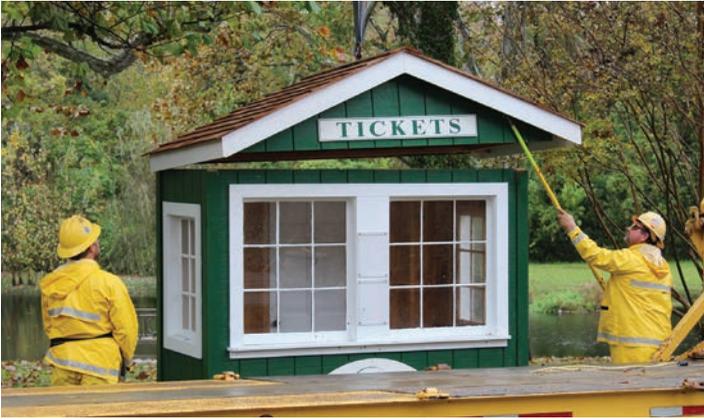
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Committed to Our Community



Habitat Build Day

Over forty employees volunteered to participate in a 'Build Day' with Habitat for Humanity Choptank.



Waterfowl Festival

EU crews help with setting up kiosks, providing electricity, and ensuring our town is ready for this annual event.

Help Us to Better Serve You

To help ensure you receive excellent customer service, Easton Utilities needs accurate contact information. This will make it easier for you to do business with us, learn about outages and updates, and strengthen our communications with you.

Here are some options to update your info:

- Call Customer Service at 410-822-6110
- Send an email to info@eastonutilities.com

Thank You!



Easton Velocity Internet Upgrade

Easton Velocity, a service of Easton Utilities started construction on the system-wide technology upgrade to improve the infrastructure that delivers high-speed internet to current customers. The upgrade will offer increased speeds of up to one gigabit (down), 100 Mb (up), improved reliability, and the capacity to support next generation services. This two-year overall project is split into phases by specific locations to ensure the least amount of disturbance for residences, businesses and traffic. "We appreciate the patience and understanding from our customers as we work to deliver high quality services," said Ted L. Book, Director of Easton Velocity.



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MOVE OVER!

It's the Law.

Jobs on Maryland roadways are the most dangerous type of work, and a change to expand the state's Move Over law that took effect October 1, 2018 aims to reduce the number of fatalities. The law now includes transportation, service and utility vehicles, as well as waste and recycling trucks, with yellow or amber flashing lights or signal devices. Vehicles already covered by the law include emergency response and law enforcement vehicles, as well as tow trucks.



The expanded law requires drivers approaching (from the rear) one of these vehicles with red, yellow or amber flashing lights that is stopped, standing or parked along the highway to, when possible, move over a lane, according to a news release from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. This movement should only be done if another lane in the same direction is available and the move can be made safely and without impeding other traffic, authorities say.

If the driver is unable to change lanes, the law requires drivers to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing conditions while passing the emergency or service vehicles.



1MW Landfill Gas to Electric Generator

Online January 2017

2,308,300 lbs
Methane destroyed



The emissions of
5,605 cars



Annual projected Methane (Greenhouse Gas) converted to electricity

2 MW Solar Array

Online November 2017

3,000,000 kWh



Enough to power
250 homes



Annual projected output (25 year avg)

ENR Wastewater Treatment Facility

90%
Less Nitrogen



97%
Less Phosphorous



Reduction in discharge since 2006

Quick & Easy Winter Energy Tips

Seal up the drafts.

Weatherstripping can save you up to 10% on your total energy bill.

Use electric space heaters sparingly.

They are expensive to run and should be closely monitored.

Heat only the rooms you need.

Close off unused rooms.

Get with the program!

Try a programmable thermostat this heating season.

Keep it cool.

Set your thermostat at the lowest comfortable setting. Try 68° or lower.

Get some sun.

Keep drapes open during the day to allow the sun in and closed at night to keep the warmth in.

Don't forget your "shoes."

Install door "shoes" or "sweeps" to stop air from sneaking under doors.



Easton Utilities Employees Mark Career Milestones

Easton Utilities recently celebrated 10 and 20 year service milestones achieved by six of its staff members. "It is always a highlight to celebrate the commitment our people have to our organization and our customers," said Vicki L. Petro, Director of Human Resources for Easton Utilities.

20 Years of Service

- Sean Guschke

10 Years of Service

- Ehren Hawks
- Wallace Willey
- Joshua Shortall
- Kim Harris
- Maria Pack

Don't Fall For SCAMS!

Please be aware of scams by phone and online. Easton Utilities does not give away rewards or gift cards. Also, some calls are being made from an Easton Utilities number. Please use caution if anything seems suspicious.

GET CONNECTED!

Follow Easton Utilities to get the latest news and information!

- Outage alerts
- Project updates
- Community news
- Energy tips



Committed to our Community

In keeping with our mission to enhance the quality of life in our community, Easton Utilities is proud to support many local organizations and events including:

YMCA of the Chesapeake

TCPP Education Foundation

Clark Comprehensive Breast Center

Talbot Goes Purple

Waterfowl Chesapeake

SOS Sink or Swim