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OYSTER MEETING PLANNED – JULY 18 – The restoration of American oysters in the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay is a benefit to everyone. An adult oyster cleans the water by filtering nearly 50 gallons a day and provides the best fish habitat for crabs, white perch and rockfish. Beginning in 2009, citizens in the Town of Queenstown have been involved in oyster restoration by building cages to grow oyster with Washington College, the Chester River Association and the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. The constructed wire cages are then filled with young oysters (spat) that attached to adult oysters shells, or spat-on-shell. This activity to fill the cages with spat-on-shell and then hang them from local docks is part of a Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Grows Oysters Program and is organized by the Chester River Association. Every fall the Oyster Recover Partnership truck drops off spat-on-shell oysters at our dock to put in the cages. The cages are then hung from various docks in about a one hour event. Each year in the spring when the spat have grown from the size of a dime to a half dollar, they are collected and deposited in an oyster sanctuary site in the Chester River near Love Point. This final step in the spring takes a little longer, but is an enjoyable and rewarding boat trip to the mouth of the Chester River to restore a historic oyster reef. Following our last event on June 2, a group including watermen, fishing charter captains and marine biologists thought they would like to do more for our home creek. We propose to have an oyster meeting at the town office to discuss and plan an oyster project for Queenstown Creek. All are welcome to attend the meeting to discuss oyster restoration or just listen to the banter. The meeting is planned for July 18, 2018 from 7PM to 8PM at the town office. Contact David Sutherland at tunamarlin@verizon.net or 410-490-0465 if you have questions.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING – The Town is again participating in the mosquito control program offered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and QAC Department of Public Works. The program includes monitoring of mosquito populations and spraying when deemed necessary by a MDA Inspector. Spraying will take place only on Sundays between the hours of 7pm (Sunday) to 6am (Monday). Residents are asked to remain indoors when you see or hear the spray truck as the technicians cannot spray while people are present outside. More information on the Mosquito Program Procedures can be found on our website at www.queenstown-md.com.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – The Town is in support of the “Wreaths Across America” fundraiser for the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. Wreaths Across America places wreaths on graves at 1200 locations throughout the U.S. The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland is seeking donations to place wreaths on every grave at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, MD on December 15, 2018. Wreaths Across America donates 1 wreath for every 2 purchased. The goal is to reach 5,000 wreaths purchased, for a total of 7,500 wreaths total. This will be enough wreaths for all gravesites at the cemetery to be honored. Anyone who would like more information and to donate to this cause can do so at www.wreathscrossamerica.org until November 15th. Click “support a local fundraising group” and enter “Group ID# MD0016” and “Location ID# MDES VH” to ensure the donation goes to the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery.