



# TALBOT PARTNERSHIP

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## Promoting Partner Membership

If you or someone you know would like to become a **Partner** of Talbot Partnership, visit our Web site and click on [Partner Agreement Form](#) or set up a meeting with Susan LaFerla by calling 410-

## Talbot Partnership Newsletter April 2010 Message from the Director

According to the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism ([www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov)), alcohol is the drug of choice among children and adolescents. Annually, about 5,000 youth under age 21 die from motor vehicle crashes, other unintentional injuries, and homicides and suicides that involve underage drinking. As we enter the season of proms and graduations, we are reminded that we each have a social responsibility not to provide alcohol to underage youth. The slogan, "Parents Who Host Lose the Most," is resonating across the country as parents are reminded of the consequences of hosting underage drinking parties in their homes. Many parents think they are protecting their teens by allowing them and/or their friends to drink in their own house, often taking their keys so they can't drink and drive. There is a false assumption among parents that this practice will prevent their teens from drinking elsewhere.

No matter how you try and justify it, in Maryland, it is a criminal offense to host an underage drinking party and it is punishable by law. The social host may be prosecuted by the State under a criminal statute and face a fine or imprisonment for the criminal violation. If you break the law, you can be fined up to \$1,000 and others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property. For further information about how to monitor your teen during upcoming graduation and prom parties, visit [www.talbotpartnership.org](http://www.talbotpartnership.org).

*Gary Pearce, Executive Director, Talbot Partnership*

## Talbot Partnership's 1st Flower and Flea Market Festival

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Talbot Partnership will host its **1st Annual Flower and Flea Market Festival** at the Talbot Agricultural Center on Hiner's Lane in Easton. Participants will enjoy purchasing seasonal flowers and garden accessories from local vendors, and browsing for flea

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If you are currently a member, remember it is time to renew!

market finds, such as artwork, furniture, clothing, and bakery items. A silent/live auction will also be held. Fun for the family includes an assortment of lunchtime treats, including hotdogs, hamburgers, popcorn, tacos and much more; a petting zoo, the Fishmobile, kids crafts and Mother's Day gifts, face painting, fire trucks, games, music, and classic cars. Flea Market tables may be rented for \$20 each.

### Become a Fan!

To become a fan of Talbot Partnership's Facebook Page, visit [www.talbotpartnership.org](http://www.talbotpartnership.org).



To rent a table to sell your own items, contact us at 410-819-8067. The cost of admission to the event is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Sponsors include Chesapeake Publishing, Maryland Air, Panera Bread, Kleppinger Electric, Easton Millworks, Michael Marcell Memorial Fund, First Media (WCEI/WINX), Dental Choice, Fred the Plumber, and Chesapeake Bay Properties. Visit [www.talbotpartnership.org](http://www.talbotpartnership.org) for further details.

### New Talbot Youth Coalition Growing

Talbot Youth Coalition Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, is a new teen organization founded a year ago to encourage and support drug-free youth, establishing clear no tobacco, alcohol or other drug use. The Coalition's program, open to youth ages 13 to 18, stresses youth community development and personal growth, where teens play key roles in program, agenda, decision-making and activities while developing leadership skills. Over the course of a year, the Coalition has grown to over 25 members, with more than 200 youth participating in various programs and activities. Among the Coalition's accomplishments for the year:

- Attended the Youth-to-Youth Conference in Rhode Island
- Planned programs and activities with a clear no tobacco, alcohol or any other drug at any time policy
- Held a pool party, attended by over 75 youth
- Hosted two Open Mic nights in Easton and St. Michaels

- Hosted an Open Skate night, attended by over 85 youth
- Participated in two television programs, Channel 15 in Easton and Channel 47 in Salisbury promoting substance abuse prevention
- Voted to send letters to the Maryland State Legislature supporting House Bill 832 and Senate Bill 717 to increase alcohol taxes by a dime a drink and have \$214 million in new revenues used to address key public health issues
- Hosted a high school dance at the YMCA of Talbot County
- Hosted various board game and activity nights at members houses
- Plans underway to enter a float in Easton's 300th Anniversary Celebration Parade
- Plans underway to participate in Easton's Multicultural Festival
- Plans underway to produce an anti-smoking video for YouTube
- Plans underway for an anti-drinking art collage in the community

For further information about Talbot Youth Coalition, contact us at 410-819-8067. To read an article on Sawyer Spurry, one of the Coalition's founders, visit [www.talbotpartnership.org/news.html](http://www.talbotpartnership.org/news.html).

### **Hill's Take Back Program**

Hill's Drug Store has responded to the strong need for the proper disposal of unused and expired medications in Talbot County by offering a new "drug take back" program. This program is intended to reduce the risk of improper use, as well as disposing of medicines that may be harmful to our environment and present safety issues if not disposed of properly. Patients of any pharmacy are invited to safely dispose of unused and expired medications at Hill's Drug Stores, free of charge, by bringing in their drugs in their original containers. Hill's will ensure that they are sent to a reverse return distributor, which utilizes facilities to incinerate all pharmaceutical waste, converting it to usable energy which can be outsourced to local power distributors. Some items, by law, cannot be accepted for disposal, such as controlled prescriptions, needles and sharps, syringes and aerosol cans. For further information about Hill's Drug Take Back Program,

call them at 410-819-6541.

## Talbot Partnership Honors 2010 Award Recipients

On June 16, 2010, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Talbot Partnership will hold its annual awards reception in the Waterview Room at the Easton Club. Awards are given to both individual and organizational contributions toward raising safe and healthy youth in our community.

## Resources

In addition to our Web site [www.talbotpartnership.org](http://www.talbotpartnership.org), in each issue of our e-newsletter, we highlight resources that may be helpful to you on the health effects of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs.

### *Web Site*

In *Net Cetera: Chatting With Kids About Being Online*, OnGuard Online gives adults practical tips to help kids navigate the online world. ([www.onguardonline.gov/topics/net-cetera.aspx](http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/net-cetera.aspx)) The online guide provides advice about such issues as building online profiles, texting on mobile devices, and sending photos to friends – all of which can lead to inappropriate conduct, contact, and content. The guide examines the risks associated with socializing and communicating online and encourages parents to talk to kids about how they communicate – online and off – to help them engage in conduct of which they can be proud.