



Cape Charles Gazette

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Welcome to the official Town of Cape Charles Newsletter. The purpose of this electronic newsletter is to pass factual, informative and timely information to the citizens of Cape Charles and to any other individuals who have a business, property, travel or historical interest in our Town.

The information contained in this newsletter is considered to be the "official word" on the Town's activities. The Cape Charles Gazette is a news source which reports upon weekly events, upcoming Town activities, articles of interest to our citizens, Town projects, safety & security issues and emergency announcements.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jeb Brady, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the following:

- Notices have been sent to property owners who have tenants renting property from them. The notices pointed out the fact that the Town of Cape Charles has a rental district which is in the old town and that a Rental Certificate of Occupancy is required for rental homes. Any property owners who are renting their residential property out or are planning to rent out their residential property and do not currently have a Rental Certificate of Occupancy, please contact Jeb Brady at 331-3259 ext. 22. The process is very simple and it will ensure the safety of your tenants in the home.
- 13 Erosion and Sedimentation Control inspections were performed over the last week and an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan review was performed on a parcel in the STIP.
- The Town of Cape Charles Building Code brochure has been updated and explains many of the procedures for doing work in the Town. It also includes a section on frequently asked questions. Please come in and pick up a copy. It is very helpful.
- The Code Enforcement Office would like to remind everyone that **GRASS** season is here and to please maintain your yard. Also please note that all grass blown in the street needs to be picked up. This grass will clog up storm drains which will cause streets to flood.

TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA 2008

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reports the following:

- The 2nd Annual Blessing of the Fleet was a great success! Smitty and the Town would like to thank everyone for their help and participation to make this such a special event. Smitty also thanks the 700+ people that came out and endured the wind to enjoy the festivities. He's sorry that the weather hindered the Buy Boats from coming some of which would have had to travel from Upper Maryland. Please mark your calendars for April 2, 2010 @ 5:30 for the 3rd Annual Blessing of the Fleet weekend!
- The Harbor is now open on Sundays from 1 PM – 5 PM. The Harbor will be closed on April 12th, Easter Sunday.
- The work to re-preserving the deck and handicap ramp near the harbor masters office is continuing.
- The Harbor staff is working on the main flower bed by the boat ramps.
- New counter tops have been built in the office from excess flooring materials.
- The files at the Harbor are being converted to electronic format.

LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- **Toddler/Preschool Storytime:**
 - The theme for the March 26th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was **"Bears are Sleeping!"** and a total of 8 children and caregivers attended.
 - The theme for the April 2nd **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was **"Chickens!"** and a total of 5 children and caregivers attended.
- The computer class in the series on Excel, Word Processing and the Internet, taught by Etta Kaye Pruitt, continue on Wednesdays and 3 people attended both the March 25th and April 1st classes.
- A book order was sent to the Eastern Shore Public Library for 71 titles, including 8 Large Print titles and 1 CD.
- The book displays for April are "Books into Film," Eastern Shore books and Easter books.

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TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- The Town Council has narrowed the Treasurer search down to four (4) candidates. Interviews will be scheduled for later in April.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Thursday, April 9, 2009:
 - Town Council Executive Session** starting at 6:30 at the Town Hall.
 - Town Council Public Hearing** starting at 7:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall re: Financing for Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Town Council Regular Meeting** Immediately following the Public Hearing
 - Tuesday, April 14, 2009:
 - Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall re: Budget
 - Thursday, April 16, 2009:
 - Planning Commission / Town Council Joint Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall re: Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Tuesday, April 21, 2009:
 - Broadband Management Team Meeting** starting at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall
 - Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall
 - Thursday, April 23, 2009:
 - Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall re: Budget

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Tad Taborn, Recreation Director, reported the following:

- Construction has begun on the Skateboard Park. Jim Mahaffey and his volunteers have been working diligently on getting this project completed as soon as possible. **For safety issues, please do not use the facility until all construction has been completed.**
- April Events:
 - April 15th at 10:30 AM – **Organic Gardening:** Jeanie Flynn, with help from Jennifer Ingram, will instruct participants in the preparation and maintenance of a garden over several sessions. The first session is scheduled during the Northampton County Public Schools Spring Break. The garden will be on town property near Rayfield's Pharmacy at the corner of Fig Street and Mason Avenue.
 - April 16th at 4:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall – **Pop Into Spring – A Spring Break Art Special:** Presented by the Town of Cape Charles and Abrakadoodle for children 3-7 years old. Mix up your spring break with an Abrakadoodle Art project. Come celebrate Spring with some bold color, fun media and pop art! Space is limited to 12 children – first come, first serve. To reserve your spot, please call Tad Taborn at 331-3259 x18.
 - April 19th at 10:30 AM – **Pier Fishing:** Ben Lusk, with help from Tad Taborn, will instruct participants in preparing poles and pots for use; the proper and safe handling of equipment and bait; and catching and releasing fish at the Town Pier.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, reported the following:

- He worked with an applicant for a conditional use permit for review by the Planning Commission on April 7th.
- He participated in a teleconference on the stimulus program which was sponsored by Northampton County and was helpful in understanding the potential dollars and requirements for applications.
- He worked with Public Works on the Skateboard Park infrastructure.
- He worked with the March Historic Review Board applicants. Three items were approved: a house renovation, new house plans and a commercial renovation.
- He worked specifically with the new commercial venture, Pacific Atlantic Professional Academy, on incentive programs such as Enterprise Zone, County and Town Tax programs and others.
- He worked on real estate projects for future parcels.
- He attended a meeting held at the Town Hall by Consultant Bob Panek for developers to discuss the WWTP fee increase.
- He is working on two applications for the Wetlands Board.
- He has also been working on Cape Harbor Conditions and Harbor Architectural Guidelines?
- At their April 7th meeting, the Planning Commission elected Joan Natali to serve as Chairwoman and Eileen Cobb to serve as Vice Chair.



PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS

Dave Fauber, Director of Public Works, reported the following:

- The work on the bio filter will be starting soon and should be completed by the end of April.
- The new Library sign has been installed.
- Picnic tables have been constructed for the vacant lot at Fig Street and Randolph Avenue.
- The tennis courts have been cleaned up and the nets repaired.
- The interior of the old high school is being cleaned up and surplus items are being organized for auction.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief David Eder reported the following:

- There was a large crowd in attendance at the Blessing of the Fleet with no real problems.
 - One DUI was processed late that night following the Blessing of the Fleet.
- Over the next two weeks, the Police Dept will once again increase traffic enforcement as well as traffic checks due to the upcoming summer months and increased complaints of speeding.
- The Skateboard Park has not been completed yet and there should be no skating at the facility until completion.
- Everyone is encouraged to have their bicycles registered with the department free of charge.

Chief Eder reported the following statistics for the month of March:

- Assisted Northampton County Sheriff's Office – 9
- Assisted Virginia State Police - 2
- Assisted Fire & Rescue – 6
- Four (4) misdemeanor arrests were made
- One (1) DUI arrest was made
- Nine (9) traffic summonses were issued
- Fourteen (14) traffic warnings were issued

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Interim Town Manager, reports that with the weather getting nicer, the number of visitors to the beach and the fishing pier are increasing. She wants to remind everyone to please stay off the dunes and to dispose of any trash in the receptacles that are provided.

Yesterday, April 8th, members of the Virginia Beach Police Department were in Cape Charles for the dedication and presentation of the plaque for Police Detective Mike S. Phillips who was killed in the line of duty on August 7, 2008. In early 2008, Detective Phillips and his partners presented a Gang Summit at the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company.

On April 3rd, Heather, Smitty and Vice Mayor Chris Bannon met with Mr. J.J. Keever, Sr. Deputy Executive Director, External Affairs and his assistant, Jodie Love, of the Port of Virginia to discuss the Town's funding request for the first segment of the offshore breakwater at the Harbor. The previous work done at the Harbor is partly due to the funding received from the Port of Virginia. The meeting went well and they continue to be impressed with the Cape Charles Harbor.

The Town Council met on April 2nd for their first review at the Departmental Operating and Capital Project Budgets. The Town Hall staff is diligently working to prepare the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 budget for Council's review at upcoming meetings.

NOTICE TO CAPE CHARLES RESIDENTS 2009 VEHICLE DECALS

Decals are required for all motor vehicles, trailers and golf carts. They will be on sale beginning March 16, 2009 and may be purchased at the Cape Charles Municipal Building, 2 Plum Street, on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Decals must be displayed no later than April 15, 2009 in accordance with Section 42.47 of the Town Ordinance.

The cost for a vehicle or golf cart is \$27.00 and the cost for a trailer \$10.00. Golf carts require proof of insurance and inspection.

To purchase a Decal, you must:

- Present a valid vehicle registration card
- Have paid all personal property taxes due

If you included your payment for your vehicle decal with your personal property taxes at the end of last year, your 2009 decal was mailed to you at the end of March.



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LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL

APRIL 18, 2009 @ 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

AT THE CAPE CHARLES MUSEUM



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The annual "Low Country Shrimp Boil" run by the Cape Charles Historical Society has been scheduled for April 18th at the Museum from 5 – 9 PM. As always, the event features the famous Alabama shrimp boil recipe with extras, accompanied by live music -- this time by the local "Still Staggering" band. Earlier in the day, from 11 – 4, a **Treasure Trove Tag Sale** will take place on the Museum grounds. Both events benefit the Museum and contributions for the sale are most welcome.

Please call Kathy Bonadeo at 331-2329 if you have anything to donate or would like to help. Please note that due to a conflict with another event the date is a week earlier than usual. Tickets are \$30 (\$10 for kids 7-12) and are available at Sullivan's Office Supplies in Cape Charles or by sending an email to ccmuseum@hughes.net. Tickets will also be available at the Museum the week of the event.

COMMUNITY FORUM WITH DELEGATE LYWOOD LEWIS AND SENATOR RALPH NORTHAM REVIEW OF THE PAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

When: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
Where: Captain's Deck Restaurant
7120 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox

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NEWS RELEASE - A Free Vacation for Our Troops – Virginia's Eastern Shore B&Bs offer a free one-night stay

ONANCOCK, VA – Active military can win a FREE vacation on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Thursday, May 14, 2009 has been declared "**Virginia's Eastern Shore Salutes Our Troops**" day by Bed & Breakfast and boutique inn owners of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, in honor of Memorial Day.

Twenty-one Bed & Breakfasts on Virginia's Eastern Shore are offering a total of 50 FREE rooms for one-night stays to active military personnel and their special someone, in recognition of the sacrifice our troops and their families make every day. In addition to a free night in a charming inn, many are offering extras such as dinner for two, free massage, and discounts for extended stays.

Responding to the First Lady's commitment to support military families, Eastern Shore B&Bs have devised a way to give the troops what they need most – a quiet respite to spend time with a loved one in one of America's special places. A secret hideaway tucked between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, this pristine peninsula offers serenity and small town hospitality. (See the video on www.esvatourism.org.)

"This is a small token of our thanks for the enormous work our troops do every day," says Lisa and Kris LaMontagne, former veteran and owners of The Inn at Onancock. "We hope this will serve as a model for other communities around the country to recognize our military and their families."

Entry is easy. Go to www.esvatourism.org/salute to read the instructions and complete the entry form. Links to the participating B&Bs are also on the page to help the entrants select their top two choices. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Duplicate entries will be discarded. The deadline for submission is April 16, 2009. Entries will not be accepted after that date. The winners will be selected at random and notified directly by the B&Bs. This is a no-purchase-necessary and no-strings-attached offer - registration information will NOT be shared.

To be eligible, military personnel need only provide proof of active service when they arrive at the B&B. Entrants must be military personnel in active status to qualify. For more information or to enter to win, go to www.esvatourism.org/salute.



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