



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:

- He performed 1 Rental Inspection and issued 1 Rental Certificate of Occupancy.
- He performed 13 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspections and 34 other Inspections
- Code Enforcement would like to remind everyone again that with the amount of rain we have been getting, the grass is growing at a rapid rate. Please do your part as a property owner to keep the Town looking as nice as possible. Also please do not blow your grass clippings into the street as it causes the storm gutters to clog up.

TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA 2008

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reports that he and his staff have been very busy with the crabbers and fishermen coming into the Harbor.

TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- If you are planning any type of event using any of the Town's facilities, please make sure to complete a Use of Facility Application, which can be found at www.capecharles.org/documents/UseofFacilityApplw-Rules.pdf and return it to the Town Clerk's office for processing and approval by the Town Manager.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

Thursday, April 23, 2009:

Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall re: Budget

Monday, April 27, 2009:

Planning Commission Recessed Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall re: Comprehensive Plan Update

Tuesday, April 28, 2009:

Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall re: Budget

Tuesday, May 5, 2009:

Joint Public Hearings re: a Conditional Use Permit for 609/611 Mason Avenue for Deli/Seafood Market and the Draft Comprehensive Plan starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Planning Commission Regular Meeting immediately following Public Hearing

Thursday, May 7, 2009:

Town Council Work Session re: Old Cape Charles School starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS

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

- The Public Works crew worked on medians along Bay Ave.
- The Beach and Beach access are being cleaned up in preparation for the warmer weather and increased visitors.
- The materials for the bio filter in the New Quarter of Bay Creek have been delayed and delivery is expected later this week. The work on the bio filter will commence next week, weather permitting.

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LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- **Toddler/Preschool Storytime:**
 - The theme for the April 9th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was *"Bunnies!"* and everyone received an Easter surprise. A total of 10 children and caregivers attended.
 - The theme for the April 16th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was *"My World of Color!"* and a total of 7 children and caregivers attended.
- The Library now has a Junior Volunteer coming in two hours a week to "read the shelves."
- The new display for this month is "Celebrate National Dance Week, April 25-May 4" and features books on ballet and other forms of dance.
- The week of April 13-17 was spring break for the public schools and the Library was very busy.
- On Monday, April 13th, Mary Morris returned to her job at the Cape Charles Museum but will continue to help out at the Library several afternoons a week.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, reported the following:

1. The Planning Commission and Town Council held a joint meeting on April 16th to review the Draft Comprehensive Plan and a Joint Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
2. He has been working with several property owners in the Historic District regarding the rehabilitation of properties and new home setbacks. The building at 243 Mason Avenue may soon get new windows and a completed front.
3. He has also worked with representatives from Mid Atlantic Marine regarding uses in the Bay Creek Marina.
4. He met with Peter Stith, the County Long Range Planner, regarding flood acreage in Cape Charles relating to the Community Rating System and Cape Charles' ratio of the total flood zone area protected from development. Peter Stith was very helpful with his time and mapping capability.
5. On Friday, April 24th, Tom will be attending a Wind Ordinance Writing Class in Harrisonburg, VA.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief David Eder reported the following:

- With the weather getting warmer, there were quite a few people and their dogs at the beach and on the fishing pier. Please be mindful to help keep the Cape Charles Beach a clean and safe place to visit. Please dispose of any litter in the trash receptacles provided along the boardwalk.
- The visitors to the Cape Charles Park are increasing and there was a report of broken glass in the children's play area. Again, please help keep the Park a clean and safe place for the children and youth of Cape Charles by disposing of any litter in the appropriate trash receptacles.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Tad Taborn, Recreation Coordinator, reported the following:

- The work on the Skateboard Park continues. Weather permitting; the park should be completed by May 1st. Stay tuned for further announcements.
- The April 16th Abrakadoodle event at St. Charles Parish Hall was a success with 8 children in attendance. Special thanks to Monika Bridgforth for a great program, to Liz Jones for lending a big hand and to St Charles Catholic Church for use of their facility.
- Keep a lookout for upcoming events for May and reschedule dates for postponed events.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Interim Town Manager, reports the following:

- The Town Staff has been working diligently with the Town Council, who have been meeting weekly, regarding the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.
- Delegate Lynwood Lewis and Senator Ralph Northam will be in Cape Charles on Thursday, April 23rd, beginning at 5:30 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall.



Easter Bunny in Cape Charles!

The Cape Charles Easter Bunny got a head start on his deliveries by stopping in at the Town Hall to distribute goodies to the town staff.

He took time out from his busy schedule to pose for a picture with Linda Carola, assistant town clerk.

The Easter Bunny wished everyone a happy and safe holiday!

COMMUNITY FORUM WITH DELEGATE LYNWOOD 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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