



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 met with the owners of a property on Mason Avenue regarding Code Enforcement issues.
- 13 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspections have been performed.
- 24 Grass Notices were sent to property owners regarding their lawns getting too tall.
- 7 lawns were cut where the property owners failed to maintain their yard / lot.

TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA 2008

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reports the following:

- The new hours for the Harbor are:
 - Mondays – Thursdays – 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
 - Fridays – Sundays & Holidays – 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- The VMRC permit has been received for the Offshore Breakwater.
- Spring crabbing season has come to an end with 15,504.5 bushels or 775,225 lbs of crabs brought in by 30 crabbers.

TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- With the warm weather, the events around Cape Charles are picking up. If you would like to plan an event using one of the Town's facilities, please note that a Use of Facility Application is required to be completed and approval must be given by the Town Manager. Please go to www.capecharles.org and download the Use of Facility Application from our homepage.

• Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, May 7, 2009:

Wetlands / Coastal Dune Board starting at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall

Town Council Work Sessions re: Old Cape Charles School & Budget Review starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Thursday, May 14, 2009:

Town Council Executive Session starting at 6:15 PM at the Town Hall

Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 7:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 19, 2009:

Historic District Review Board starting at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall

LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

• Toddler/Preschool Storytime:

- The theme for the April 23rd **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was *"I'm Getting Bigger"* and a total of 5 children and caregivers attended.
- The theme for the April 30th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was *"Just Ducky"* and a total of 7 children and caregivers attended.
- Deloris Morris returned to work on April 30th and we are glad to have her back. Many thanks to all who volunteered to help out during her illness.

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PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS

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

- The Public Works crew has been working on the bio filter.
- The Beach and Beach access have been cleaned up in preparation for the warmer weather and increased visitors.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, reported the following:

- Tom spoke at the DEQ Public Hearing in Richmond, along with Vice Mayor Chris Bannon. This was the last input session prior to the stimulus awards. Cape Charles was funded 50% of its request and is first on the list for second chance funding.
- Tom attended the Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee Monthly meeting in Accomac.
- Tom also attended the Wind Turbine Ordinance Workshop in Staunton hosted by the Central Shenandoah Planning District and JMU. He brought back excellent information which was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their May meeting last night. Virginia will receive over \$70M in stimulus dollars through the VA Dept. of Mines, Minerals and Energy which will be available as rebates and grants for alternative energy projects.
- Tom will be out of the office from May 28th – June 3rd on vacation.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Tad Taborn, Recreation Coordinator, reported the following:

- The work on the Skateboard Park continues. Weather permitting; the park should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned for further announcements.
- Keep a lookout for upcoming events for May and rescheduled dates for postponed events.

TREASURER

Jo Anna Leatherwood, Treasurer, reported the following:

- The deadline for Town decals was April 15th. There are still residents who have not purchased their decal for their vehicle or trailer. Traffic checks will be in place beginning May 5th, so take the time now to get your decal and have it on display.
- Business License applications were also due by April 15th. There are several businesses in Town that have not paid for their 2009 business license or reported their earnings for any balance due or refund on their 2008 business license. A penalty and interest has been added for any delinquent business licenses. Under the Town Code, a business operating without a license may be closed down until they are in compliance. Please check your status and make sure you have your license on display.
- As the warm weather arrives, spring cleaning generates yard and garage sales. If you are planning a yard sale, please note that a permit is required at a cost of \$10. The Yard / Garage Sale Permit Application is available on our homepage at www.capecharles.org or you can visit the Town Clerk's office to pick up an application.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Interim Town Manager, reported the following:

- The Town Council held a Budget Work Session on April 28th to finalize the General Fund. The Council is working diligently to trim the budget as much as possible in order to keep any tax rate increase as minimal as possible. The proposed FY 2009/2010 Budget should be finalized sometime this month so a public hearing can be scheduled for early June.
- On April 29th, Heather and Dave Fauber met with Bill Bishop of the DEQ to finalize the contract for the STAG Grant funding to improve the pump stations.
- The Town's Public Works Staff worked for three (3) days installing posts along the beach so roping could be placed to help keep people from walking on the dunes. On Monday evening, someone removed all the posts and neatly placed them along the ground where they were installed negating all the hard work of the Town's crew. If anyone has any information or saw anything, please contact someone on the Town's staff. With all the budget cuts, we do not need the Town's staff having to redo work of this nature taking an additional three (3) to four (4) days. Any assistance in identifying the person or persons is greatly appreciated.
- The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Beach Parties on the Cape Charles Beach on May 23rd, June 20th, July 25th and September 5th. Stay tuned for more information.
- This year's Tomato Festival is scheduled for September 25th – 26th. Please mark your calendars!

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