



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:

- 13 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspections have been performed.
- 8 Grass Notices were sent to property owners regarding their lawns getting too tall.
- 1 lawn was cut where the property owner failed to maintain their yard / lot.

TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA 2008

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reports the following:

- The Harbor was full with transient boaters for weekend of May 16th with participants of the Black Drum Tournament. The Harbor is also full over the Memorial Day weekend.
- This past week, a reservation was made for over a year in advance because the Harbor was already booked for the same period this year. This is great news for the Harbor and the Town!
- "No Wake" signs are now posted at Bayshore Concrete and the Fishing Pier. There are also small placards posted around the boat ramp area. The "No Wake" zone is from Beacon #8 or the Jetty eastward into the Harbor. **Please** pay close attention to your wake in this area since the fines could be severe.
- The Harbor Staff is asking the Cape Charles business owners to offer discounts to transient boaters staying at our Harbor. These discounts will be placed in the Welcome packages and should help bring customers into the businesses in Town. If you have not yet been contacted and are interested in participating in this program, please contact Smitty Dize at 757.331.2357.

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LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- **Toddler/Preschool Storytime:**
 - The theme for the May 7th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was **"My Mom!"** and a total of 7 children and caregivers attended.
 - The theme for the May 14th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was **"Quiet as a Mouse"** and a total of 4 children and caregivers attended.
- The Friends of the Library will hold a used book sale at the Library on Saturday, May 23rd, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- In order to continue sponsorship of the various events and activities at the Library, the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library are asking for donations to help support their efforts during these difficult times. If you are considering a financial commitment there are 4 categories to choose from:
 - Be a **Friend** by contributing \$10
 - Be a **Good Friend** by contributing \$25
 - Be a **True Friend** by contributing \$100
 - Be a **Friend's Benefactor** by contributing \$500

All donations are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to the "Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library" and send it to: Geri Carpenter, Treasurer, P. O. Box 141, Cheriton, VA 23316. Your generous contribution will be enjoyed by everyone in the community.

- The Friends of the Library presented their "A Little Help for Your Friends" gift at the Northampton High School Senior Awards banquet on Wednesday, May 13th, and Allison Rutledge was this year's recipient of the \$500 award.
- On Saturday, May 30th, Sheila Cardano will be reading a selection from her children's book entitled **Tail of a Squirrel and Other Tales**. Dianne Appell has recorded a CD of the book and we will also play a few selections from the CD. Come meet a local author and listen to some tales!



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TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- **The Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009, in observance of Memorial Day.**
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Wednesday, May 27, 2009:
Wetlands & Coastal Dune Board Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall
 - Thursday, May 28, 2009:
Town Council Work Session re: Town Manager starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall
 - Tuesday, June 2, 2009:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall
 - Thursday, June 4, 2009:
Town Council Public Hearing re: FY 2009/2010 Budget starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. [Click here](#) to view a copy of the Budget Advertisement.
 - Monday, June 8, 2009:
The Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing & Regular Meeting starting at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, will be out of the office from May 28th – June 3rd on vacation.

PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS

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

- Work is progressing on the New Quarter biofilter. The footer has been poured and block work is scheduled for this week.
- The steps and handicap ramp for the Central Park Gazebo have been completed and a wooden walkway is being installed from the ramp to the sidewalk. The ramp and walkway are temporary and will be replaced when the multi-use trail is installed.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Tad Taborn, Recreation Coordinator, reported the following:

- The work on the Skateboard Park has been completed and the first eight skaters enjoyed themselves last Wednesday, May 13th! Many thanks to Jim Mahaffy, all the volunteers and the Public Works Department for their hard work in building the Skateboard Park. It would not have happened without Mr. Mahaffy's commitment to the children and help in raising the funds to build the Park. A **Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** has been scheduled for Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Skateboarders, parents and townspeople can participate in painting the Skateboard Park and enjoy the food and fun!
- **Attention High School Varsity Basketball Players! The Town of Cape Charles needs 5 varsity basketball players (3 boys & 2 girls) for a One-Week Summer Coaching Job!** Help teach basketball fundamentals to boys and girls ages 7-11 & 12-15 at a basic-skills Basketball Academy, July 13-17, at the Northampton Middle School gymnasium. Hours: 9AM – 12PM; 1PM – 5PM. Pay: \$100. Contact Tad Taborn at 757.331.3259 ext 18. Application deadline is June 26, 2009. [Click here](#) to download a Cape Charles Employment Application or stop by the Town Clerk's office to obtain a copy.
- Stay tuned for upcoming events for June!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief David Eder reported the following:

- The Police Department answered 40 calls of service for the month of April.
- 4 arrests were made during this past month, with 1 DUI arrest
- 20 traffic summonses were issued
- 1 Emergency Custody Order/Temporary Detention Order was processed.
- The Police Department assisted Fire & Rescue on 8 calls of service.
- With the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, the department has increased traffic enforcement due to complaints of speeding within the Town's jurisdiction. This will continue throughout the holiday weekend.
- Chief Eder would like to remind everyone that animals must be under control at all times on the beach.
- While at the beach, you are not permitted to trespass on the dunes or into the grass at anytime. Please put all trash in the trash receptacles that are provided. Thank you and enjoy your time in the Town of Cape Charles.



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INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Interim Town Manager, reported the following:

- **Clean the Bay Day**, which was originally scheduled for this Saturday, June 6th, at the Cape Charles Beach Front, has been cancelled due to the fact that the Cape Charles Public Works Department has done such a great job in keeping our beach clean! You can still participate and help to clean other beaches on the Shore. If interested, please contact Pete Henderson at 747-442-5885.
- The Town closed on the VML/VACo interim financing for the new wastewater treatment plant earlier this morning.
- On Saturday, May 23rd, to accommodate the **Chamber of Commerce Beach Party**, Bay Avenue, from Randolph to Mason, will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM.
- The Cape Charles Town Council held their regular meeting on May 14th and the following is a summary of their action items:
 - The application for the conditional use permit to operate a seafood market at 609/611 Mason Avenue was approved.
 - Jo Anna Leatherwood was appointed as the new Town Treasurer. She has worked in the Treasurer's office as the Deputy Treasurer for 5 years.
 - The effective date of the Water and Sewer Connection Charge increases were extended to October 1, 2009, from July 1, 2009, to allow the Council additional time to explore the offering of a pre-payment program with a possible time-payment option.

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Present:

Selling the First Impression: Job-Hunting Skills – Tweaking the Resume and Effective Interviewing

Location: Cape Charles Memorial Library
Dates: Tuesday, June 16th
Tuesday, July 21st
Tuesday, August 18th
Time: 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM
Ages: 15 – 22 years old

Space is limited to 10 participants. First Come, First Serve.

To reserve your space, please call: Tad Tadborn at 331-3259, ext. 18.
Please Feel Free to Leave a Message!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAPE CHARLES' FACILITIES

- The Northampton County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting several **Beach Parties** at the Cape Charles beach from 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM throughout the summer with live entertainment! The dates and scheduled entertainment are as follows:
 - Saturday, May 23, 2009 featuring Jesse Chong
 - Saturday, June 20, 2009 featuring Ryan Conroy
 - Saturday, July 25, 2009 featuring Ben Phelps Project
 - Saturday, September 5, 2009 featuring Michael Clark Band
- **A Grand Opening Ceremony of the Cape Charles Skateboard Park** will be held this Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- On June 6, 2009, from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, a concert will be held at the Central Park Gazebo as a fund raiser for the Cape Charles Christian School. The concert is free to the general public but donations are appreciated.
- **The Second Annual Fall Tomato Festival** is scheduled for Friday, September 25th – Saturday, September 26th.

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