



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:

- The 2009 Fire Inspections will begin July 1st. Letters are being sent to the affected businesses in Town.
- 11 Grass Notices were sent to property owners regarding their lawns getting too tall.
- 5 lawns were cut where the property owners failed to perform the duty of maintaining their yard or lot.
- A Stop Work Order was posted on an E&S Land Disturbing Parcel for non-compliance of the state regulations.
- The Flood/Hurricane Hazard notice has been updated and will be distributed to all properties within the next 2 weeks.

TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA 2008

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reports the following:

- The Town has been awarded a \$500K grant from the Virginia Port Authority to construct the first phase of the off shore breakwater. This is great news and will help continue the Town's efforts to redevelop the Harbor.
- South Port has relocated the Mid-Atlantic Maritime Academy (MAMA) and their equipment into the Harbor Basin area. This location was chosen due to the plans for future redevelopment of the Harbor. Smitty would like to thank everyone for their patience during this move.
- Smitty would like to thank the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club for visiting the Harbor for their annual Memorial Day cruise again this year. They were very appreciative of the help and professionalism from the staff at the Harbor.
- The discount card offered by merchants in Town to boaters staying at the Harbor was received very well over the past week. 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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TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- With the summer months upon us, requests for use of Town facilities are increasing and weekends are filling up for events at the beach and Central Park. If you are planning an event using any of the Town's facilities, you must complete an [Application for Use of Facility](#) and obtain prior approval from the Interim Town Manager.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
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. [Agenda Packet](#)
Thursday, June 11, 2009:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 7:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall.
Monday, June 15, 2009:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. (This meeting was rescheduled from June 2nd.)
Tuesday, June 16, 2009:
Historic District Review Board Regular Meeting starting at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.



LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- **Toddler/Preschool Storytime:**
 - The theme for the May 21st **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was *"Down on the Farm!"* and a total of 8 children and caregivers attended.
 - The theme for the May 28th **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** was *"C is for Cookie"* and a total of 6 children and caregivers attended.
- The theme of the 2009 Summer Reading Program is ***Be Creative at the Library!*** Summer programs will begin on July 1st and go through August 28th. The weekly children's Storytime will continue at 10:30 every Thursday morning. [Click here](#) to see the schedule of weekly Storytimes and special programs.
- On Wednesday evenings, we will be having Kids Movie Night at 5:00 PM and Teen Movie Night at 7:00 PM. The Movie Nights are sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library and popcorn and sodas will be provided by the Town of Cape Charles. [Click here](#) to see the Kids Movie Night schedule. [Click here](#) to see the Teen Movie Night schedule.
- 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.

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 block has been laid and the plumbing will go in this week. Completion date is expected to be June 19th.
- The Public Works crew has been cleaning up around the exterior of the old school and also around Town after the last two successful weekends.
- Reminder re: Yard Debris
 - Yard debris will be picked up on Mondays. The yard debris must be stacked in the front yard between the sidewalk and the curb. Limbs and branches must be cut in maximum lengths of 4' (See [Town Code Section 58-32b.](#)) No limbs larger than a 2" radius will be picked up. Loose debris, vines and leaves must be bagged.
 - Construction Debris WILL NOT be picked up.
 - If you have a large or bulky item to be picked up, please call or email Tammy Teague at 331-2176 ext. 14 or utilityclerk@capecharles.org. A \$25 fee is charged for each item.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief David Eder reported the following:

- Chief Eder would like to remind everyone that animals must be under control at all times on the beach. Dogs, under the control of their owners, are permitted on the beach prior to 9 AM and after 9 PM daily until after Labor Day. Please clean up after your dogs and dispose of their waste in the waste receptacles that are provided.
- 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.
- Please do not keep any valuables in your vehicles and keep your doors locked. There have been several car thefts in the County over the last couple of weeks.
- The Police Department has been receiving calls that the Town has not been sounding the siren when thunder storms are expected. This is a reminder that this siren is to be used only to notify residents of emergency situations and severe weather such as tornadoes and hurricanes to warn the residents about the need to take cover.
- A reminder that walking and climbing on the rocks of the jetty are not permitted. They are slippery and dangerous. A man was climbing on the rocks last weekend and slipped and injured himself and had to be driven to the emergency room for treatment. Please obey the posted signs.



INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Interim Town Manager, reported the following:

- This year's Memorial Day holiday weekend drew a tremendous crowd of Cape Charles citizens, residents from surrounding areas of the Eastern Shore and visitors and tourists from all walks of life. The Chamber of Commerce Beach Party drew a large crowd and quite a few people turned out for the Grand Opening of the Cape Charles Skateboard Park.
- The Town received a message from Mr. Vince Conroy thanking the Town, the Police Department and all the Town's personnel for their assistance in the Memorial Day Service at the World War II Monument.
- The number of visitors to the beach are increasing each week and just a reminder to please stay off the dunes.
- The Town has been receiving complaints regarding the amount of sea weeds on the Cape Charles Beach and along the water. During the summer months, the Public Works Dept cleans the beach every morning, which does not always coincide with the tide movement, so fresh sea weeds will be on the beach until the next cleaning. The north end of the Beach has several breakwaters which are great for keeping the sand in place, but at the same time, also holds the sea weeds. The Town will continue cleaning the beach throughout the summer to keep it as clean as possible for the residents and visitors to the Town to enjoy.
- The MS Bike Race was held on Saturday, May 30th, and was another successful event. Thanks to the event organizers, the Police Dept and Public Works Dept for all the great work in helping everything run so smoothly.
- Tad Taborn, Recreation Coordinator, has tendered his resignation effective June 8th. We wish him the best in his future endeavors.
- The Town is currently operating under a hiring freeze with the exception of the following 2 positions which are now being advertised. Please [click here](#) for details pertaining to these 2 positions.
 - Town Manager
 - Recreation Coordinator
- Northampton County provides several **Recycling Facilities** that accept plastic, glass, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, waste oil and batteries. The closest location to the Town is in Bayview at 22564 Bayview Circle. The hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 7 AM – 12 Noon and 2 PM – 7 PM; Sunday 1 PM – 6 PM. More information can be located on the Northampton County website at www.co.northampton.va.us/departments/landfill.html.

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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 Tadbarn at 331-3259, ext. 18.

Please Feel Free to Leave a Message!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAPE CHARLES' FACILITIES

- On June 7, 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 Northampton County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting several **Summer Harbor Parties** at the Cape Charles Harbor from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM throughout the summer with live entertainment! The dates and scheduled entertainment are as follows:
 - Saturday, June 20, 2009 featuring Ryan Conroy
 - Saturday, July 25, 2009 featuring Ben Phelps Project
 - Saturday, September 5, 2009 featuring Michael Clark Band

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