



# Cape Charles Gazette

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We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette which is the electronic newsletter published from time to time by the Town Manager on behalf of the municipal government of the Town of Cape Charles. The Gazette provides a variety of information that we believe will be useful to the citizens and businesses of Cape Charles as well as those who plan to travel to Cape Charles or have any interest in our Town or the Town's government. The Gazette provides information on actions being undertaken or being considered by the Town government, upcoming activities in the Town, important public safety and security issues and emergency announcements.

We welcome your responses which may be sent to [gazette@capecharles.org](mailto:gazette@capecharles.org), by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or by calling (757) 331-3259.

We also encourage you to visit the Town's website at [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.



## A Special Thank You from Mayor Sullivan to Mr. Jim Wert

for donating 140 flags to the Town for Memorial Day. The flags were distributed along Mason Avenue and given to citizens and visitors to the Town. What a wonderful gesture!

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jeb Brady, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the following:

- The construction on the **Central Park Trail Project** is moving along very smoothly now and we anticipate completion by August.
  - Over 75% of the sidewalk around the park has been completed.
  - The brick pavers for the North and East Nodes have been installed.
  - The handicap access ramp around the Gazebo has been completed.
  - All Memorial Trees have been relocated to their final resting places.
  - The Fountain which will be installed in the West Node has been ordered.
  - The conduit has been installed for the light poles around the Nodes. There will be 5 lights in the West Node, 4 in the South Node, 4 in the East Node and 4 in the North Node.
  - **REMINDER:** The **Cape Charles Central Park** will be closed until further notice. **The Basketball Court, Tennis Courts and Playground will remain open** unless otherwise noted. Please access these facilities from Madison Avenue.
- 30 Erosion & Sedimentation Control inspections, 67 building inspections and 2 zoning clearances were performed in May. 1 Public Utilities Shallow Well permit was issued.
- Code Enforcement continues to work on an enforcement case regarding a property in Bay Creek. Numerous complaints have been received regarding the building which is in an unsafe/uninhabitable condition.
- A code enforcement case on Randolph Avenue has begun abating noted violations.
- A code enforcement case on a property on Mason Avenue has been closed.
- Jeb also performed a site visit inspection, with Harbor Master Smitty Dize, on the Offshore Breakwater Project.
- Jeb also reviewed the plans for the new docks and bath houses at the Harbor regarding erosion and sedimentation measures as well as the structural and mechanical plan.
- Jeb continues to make site inspections on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.
- If you plan to rent your home this summer, please make sure that you have registered in the rental program and that Code Enforcement has made the proper inspections. For more information, please call Jeb at 331-



## TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reported the following:

- The **Breakwater Project** is moving along and is already making a difference in the Harbor. The first 400' section is almost complete and the second section has been surveyed and construction has begun. The estimated completion date is the end of June.
- **The Cape Charles Harbor** has been awarded \$447K in grant funding from the **Virginia Port Authority**. This funding will help with the Harbor Redevelopment Plan. **Harbor Redevelopment Plan "Phase One"** is almost ready to be put out to bids.
- A **Fishing Line Recycling Station** will soon be placed at the Cape Charles Harbor for the disposal of old fishing line. Stay tuned for more details.
- The **Harbor Gazebo** is available for private parties. If interested, please complete the [Use of Facility Application](#) for the Cape Charles Harbor and return it to Smitty to reserve your date(s).
- Please observe the **"No Wake Zone"** in the Harbor area – for your safety and the safety of others.
- **FYI** – 302,760 lbs. of crabs, 5,720 lbs. of conch, and 5,000 lbs. of fish were brought into the Harbor during the month of May.



## TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

Wednesday, June 9, 2010:

**Town Council Work Session with Southport Investors and the VA Economic Development Partnership** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Thursday, June 10, 2010:

**Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting** starting at 7:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall. [Public Hearing Ad](#) / [AGENDA](#)

Tuesday, June 15, 2010:

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

Thursday, June 17, 2010:

**Harbor Area Review Board** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Monday, June 21, 2010:

**Joint Meeting of Cape Charles and Cheriton Planning Commissions** starting at 7:00 PM at the Cheriton Fire Hall.

Thursday, June 24, 2010:

**Town Council Work Session (tentative)** starting at 6:00 PM at the Fire Hall.

Monday, June 28, 2010:

**Joint Public Hearing with Northampton County Board of Supervisors and Town Councils of Cape Charles, Cheriton, Exmore and Nassawadox re: PSA Board** starting at 7:00 PM at the former Northampton Middle School Auditorium. [Ad & Information](#)

Tuesday, July 6, 2010:

**Planning Commission Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Thursday, July 8, 2010:

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

- The Town offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010, in observance of Independence Day.
- **If you are interested in serving on any of the Town's boards, even if there is currently no vacancy on the Board or Commission of your choice, please complete the [Cape Charles Boards & Commission Application](#) and return it to Libby Hume at the Town Hall or send by email to [clerk@capecharles.org](mailto:clerk@capecharles.org).**

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, reported the following:

- The **Planning Commission** met twice over the past several weeks
  - On 5/17, they reviewed the strengthened language for the Conditional Use Permit process and modifications to the Variance Time Limit section of the zoning ordinance and their recommendations will be forwarded for Council review at their 6/10 regular meeting.
  - On 6/1 they discussed the potential industrial connector road between westbound Old Cape Charles Road (Rte 642) and the entrance to Bayshore Concrete and the possibility of establishing Technology and Tourism Zones to attract certain types of businesses. Representatives from surrounding businesses will be invited to attend the 7/6 regular meeting to obtain their input regarding these issues.
- The Historic District Review Board and Harbor Area Review Board did not meet in May.
- The Planning Commission and Harbor Area Review Board modifications to the **Harbor Area Architectural Guidelines** have been completed and the Town should be receiving the final version for Council approval next week.
- Tom was invited to speak at the Kings Creek Landing Homeowners Association meeting on Saturday, 5/29, in reference to the boundary adjustment discussions.
- Tom has also been working on the following projects:
  - Central Park Community Trail regarding electrical service, wells and ADA questions
  - Beach Replenishment Project regarding moving of the sand dune, awaiting arrival of the snow fence and the addition of coarse sand at the north end of the beach.
  - Tom worked with MSA Surveyors to locate the new wells in the Northwest corner of Tract B (Keck Property). The test wells looked promising at this location.
  - Tom continues to participate in the Bay TMDL and King's Creek TMDL. The total maximum daily load (TMDL) is the maximum amount of nutrients that a body of water can accept.
  - Bay Vistas completion and resurvey of the Resource Protection Area for the eastern lot. The owner will begin construction pending this survey.
- Tom will be out of the office from 6/17 – 6/22. For assistance with planning and zoning during this period, please contact Jeb Brady at 331-3259 x22.



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sambo Brown, Chief of Police, reported the following information:

- On 5/22, 9 Boy Scouts were in Town picking up trash and other items off the Cape Charles Beach as part of a Badge project. 4 large trash receptacles were filled and 3 old tires were dug up out of the sand. Afterwards, Chief Brown and Jen Lewis grilled up some hot dogs for the kids.
- The "No Parking" signs have been removed from Fig Street.
- **Chief Brown would like to remind everyone that animals are prohibited on the beach, boardwalk or the grassy area west of the boardwalk during the period from 9 AM through 9 PM between April 1 and Labor Day.**
- Cape Charles is a pet-friendly Town, but please be considerate of others and pick up after your pets. Doggie "Poop Stations" have been provided around Town which provide baggies for the disposal of pet waste.
- **Skateboards are NOT permitted on the Town's streets, at the churches, or at the gazebos. A Skateboard Park was built across from the Park to accommodate boarders.**
- **Golf Carts** cannot be driven by an individual who does not have a valid driver's license. Please [click here](#) for more information regarding the Cape Charles Golf Cart Ordinance.
- The law enforcement statistics for the month of May:
  - 58 calls for service within Cape Charles were received.
  - 6 calls for service outside of Cape Charles were received.
  - 0 felony arrests, 4 misdemeanor arrests and 0 DUI arrest were made.
  - 31 traffic summonses and 27 traffic warnings were issued.
  - 5 parking tickets were issued.
  - 4 calls were received to assist Fire & Rescue.
  - 0 calls were received to assist the Northampton County Sheriff's Office.
  - 3 calls were received to assist the Virginia State Police.
- For **non-emergency police assistance**, please call 678-0458.



The Boys Scouts from Cheriton who helped with the beach clean up along with Chief Brown.

## PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

- **Dan Dabinett** has joined the Cape Charles Wastewater Treat Plant crew as an operator.
- The Public Works crew attended safety training on "Hand and Power Tool Safety."
- Dave met with VDOT regarding the force main running down the south side of Mason Avenue from the Mason Avenue pump station to the new wastewater treatment plant.
- 5 test wells were drilled and good water was found in the upper aquifer. Dave met with Mr. Dixon Tucker from the Virginia Department of Health to determine the exact locations of 2 new production wells. The Town will be advertising for bids for the installation of the new wells in the near future.
- The exterior painting of the **Cape Charles Water Tower** has been completed and it looks great! The interior of the tank will be painted after Labor Day.
- The work continues on **the handicap access** at the beach from the road level to the boardwalk near the pier and the restrooms. This work is being funded by grant money received from the **Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Infrastructure Grant**.
- The **Cape Charles Memorial Library** entrance has been given a fresh coat of paint.
- Wagner Brothers has been selected as the contractor for the **Beach Replenishment Project** and work has already begun to level a portion of the sand dune at the north end of the beach.
  - The new beach access walks at Jefferson, Madison and Monroe Avenues and the kayak access at Washington Avenue have been delayed until completion of the Beach Replenishment Project.
- An invitation for bid for repairs to the fishing pier will be going out shortly. These repairs are being funded by FEMA as part of the storm damage from the November Nor'easters.
- The Public Utilities crew is working on a valve inventory and the work in the Historic District is complete. The crew had to dig in several areas to locate some of the valves and the worst areas have been marked with cones. Risers must be added to these valve boxes to bring them to grade. Please watch your step around these areas. The crew is continuing their work in the Bay Creek development.



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## LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** continues to be held every Thursday morning at 10:30 AM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library. A total of 29 children and their caretakers attended in May. [Click here](#) for the Summer Schedule.
- The book displays for May celebrated Memorial Day, Exercise Books for adults and Mystery Books for both children and adults.
- The **2010 Summer Reading Program** entitled **Make a Splash – Read!** Begins on 6/23. Children can sign up at the Library and they will receive a reading log and a bookmark. Every time they read **2 books**, they will receive a prize. If they read **10 books**, they will receive a free book! [Click here](#) for the Summer Reading Program Schedule.
- Each week, we will be having 3 programs for children at the Library. These Summer Programs are sponsored by the **Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library**.
  - **Summer Crafts** with Community Events / Recreational Coordinator Jen Lewis at 4:00 PM on Wednesdays. For kids of all ages.
  - **Summer Kids Movie Nights** will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 PM, featuring the latest movies for kids on DVD with free popcorn and sodas. For kids ages 12 and under. [Click here](#) for the Summer Movie Nights Schedule.
  - **Summer Children’s Reading Program** at 10:30 AM featuring music, stories, activities and a special treat. For kids of all ages.
- The **Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** will be sponsoring a **Harrington Slots Bus Trip** on Wednesday, 6/9. Call Chris at 331-2206 if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$50 per person.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Jen Lewis, Community Events / Recreational Coordinator, reported the following:

- Attendance has been on the rise for **Arts and Crafts** at the Library. The Recreation Department will follow the theme for the Library’s Summer Reading Program. All summer activities, with the exception of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, will have a nautical theme.
- There were 20 participants at the **Missing / Exploited Children Seminar**. Officer Braatz gave a very informational presentation and Chief Brown and Officer Stubbs were on hand to fingerprint and take pictures of the children. Helmets were also distributed.
- A **Scavenger Hunt** will be held on Saturday, 6/5 beginning at 6PM at the Basketball Court. [Click here](#) for more details.
- The **Volleyball League** will begin on Sunday, 6/6 at 3PM at the beach.
- Summer is quickly approaching and a calendar of events is available for viewing on the Town’s [website](#) as well as on the [Recreation page](#). June will start the first mini-camp. High school students are donating time to teach children the basic skills of field hockey.
- The **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** is scheduled to begin at 2PM on 7/4. If you would like to participate by riding your bicycle in the parade, [click here](#) for more details.
- If you have any ideas on how to make the Town’s Recreation Program as successful as possible, please contact Jen at 331-3259 x18 or by email at [reccoordinator@capecharles.org](mailto:reccoordinator@capecharles.org).

## TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Town Manager, reported the following:

- **Thank you to Irene Munz for her generous donations of flowers, plants and her time!** Ms. Munz donated and planted flowers and plants at the Town Hall and throughout the Town.
- The Town has received notification that VDOT should be mowing the grass along Route 184 (Stone Road) in June.
- Items for review / action at the **6/03/10 Town Council Regular Meeting:**
  - Adoption of the Proposed FY 2010/2011 Budget
  - Adoption of Resolution to incur the debt for a 0% loan for up to \$6.4M for wastewater improvements
  - Updated Conditional Use Permit Process
  - Zoning Variance Time Limitation
  - Harbor Redevelopment, Phase 1
- The **Cape Charles-Cheriton Boundary Adjustment Committee** did not meet in May. A joint meeting of the Cape Charles and Cheriton Planning Commissions has been tentatively scheduled for 6/21 at 7:00 PM.
- The Cape Charles sign on the corner of Fig Street and Randolph Avenue has received a facelift and it looks great! Kudos to the Public Works crew for getting this done!
- The construction for the new **Wastewater Treatment Plant** continues. The pouring of the concrete for the walls has begun!
- **A minimum of 2 volunteers are needed** to serve on the **Regional Wastewater Project Management Team** as community representatives for the Town of Cape Charles. The Project Management Team will help the County in the completion of the infrastructure assessment and neighborhood surveys.



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## TOWN MANAGER (CONTINUED)

- The Town is still in communications with the Cape Charles Christian School regarding the possible future use of the old high school building.
- This weekend is the **MS Bike Ride** which will be starting in Cape Charles on 6/5 at 6:00 AM. Please be considerate of bicyclists along the Town's streets from 6:00 – 8:00 AM. Thank you!

Have a safe and happy summer!

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- **MS Bike Ride** – 6/5 – 6/6
- **Scavenger Hunt** – 6/5 beginning at 6PM at the Basketball Court. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Friends of the Library fundraising trip to the Harrington Slots** – 6/9. Contact Chris Bannon to reserve your seat(s)!
- **Cape Charles Fire Department Annual Seafood Festival** – 7/3 at the Tavi Property (corner of Mason and Bay Avenues) from 4PM – 11PM. Tickets can be purchased at the Harbor. \$30 in advance / \$35 day of the event
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – 7/4 beginning at 2PM. If you are interested in participating in the parade by riding your bicycle, [click here](#) for more information!
- **Annual Cape Charles 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks** – 7/4 at the Cape Charles Beach after sunset
- **Northampton County Chamber of Commerce Harbor Party** – 7/10 from 5P – 10P at the Cape Charles Harbor.

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