



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, 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 where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.



Note from the Mayor

Dear Citizens of Cape Charles,

Starting in September, the Town Council Meetings will begin at 6 PM rather than 7 PM. I hope that this time change will make it possible for you to attend the meetings where you can listen, learn and give your input.

Hope to see you there,

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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 mid-August.
 - 85% of the sod has been placed and is rotting very nicely.
 - The irrigation system has been installed and is operational.
 - All the trees have been mulched.
 - All benches and trashcans have been delivered but will not be installed until the end of construction.
 - The fountain is expected to arrive on 8/12.
 - A grand opening celebration is being planned by the **Citizens for Central Park** in conjunction with the Town on 9/5 beginning at 3PM.
 - **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, 29 building inspections and 2 zoning clearances were performed in July. 2 courtesy residential and 4 courtesy commercial inspections were completed. 2 residential plan reviews were completed.
- Jeb is continuing his work on a Code Enforcement case on a property in Bay Creek on which he has received numerous complaints regarding the building being in an unsafe/uninhabitable condition. The property has recently sold and the new owner has begun the process of abating the numerous violations on the property.
- Jeb continues to make site inspections on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.



TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reported the following:

- The **Breakwater Project** is almost complete. The final inspection should be completed sometime this week.
- The Town has received the notice to proceed from **the Boating Infrastructure Grant** for the **Harbor Redevelopment Plan** to include floating boat slips and a bath house at the Harbor. Invitation for bids will go out by mid-August.
- The Harbor crew has been busy performing routine maintenance around the Harbor and docks.
 - Loose boards have been re-nailed
 - Old crab pots have been removed
 - Old lines are being removed from boat slips
 - The Harbor office door has been re-sealed and painted
 - The flower beds have been weeded
- Please observe the **"No Wake Zone"** in the Harbor area – for your safety and the safety of others.
- **FYI** – 68,580 lbs. of crabs and 26,376 lbs. of fish were brought into the Harbor during the month of July.



TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

Thursday, August 12, 2010:

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

Tuesday, August 17, 2010:

Broadband Management Team Meeting starting at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Thursday, August 19, 2010:

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

Monday, August 23, 2010:

Cape Charles-Cheriton Boundary Adjustment Subcommittee Meeting (tentative) starting at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Thursday, August 26, 2010:

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

Tuesday, September 7, 2010:

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

Thursday, September 9, 2010:

Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall.

- **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.**

- The Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 in observance of Labor Day.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, reported the following:

- The **Planning Commission** met on 8/3 with the Northampton County Planning Commission and discussed the opportunities available for interaction in the County Town Edge Zone.
 - The Commissioners will resume their discussions regarding the Technology and Tourism Zones and Connector Road issues at their September meeting. In July, positive public comment was received from Southport Investors and Bay Creek Resort and Club regarding the proposed connector road. Bayshore Concrete has also commented positively about the road.
- On 7/22, the **Town Council, Planning Commission and Harbor Area Review Board** held a joint meeting to hear a presentation from the architectural firm helping the Town develop the **Harbor Area Design Guidelines**. Several additional changes were suggested by the attendees and the Town hopes to be able to schedule a public hearing to hear comments from the Cape Charles citizens in the near future.
- The **Historic District Review Board** did not meet in July.
- Tom is also working on the following projects:
 - Central Park Community Trail: The cable for the electrical service has been installed and the lights are connected. The final inspection is expected by 8/14. Two shallow wells have been drilled and are operational for irrigation purposes.
 - Tom continues his participation in the Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) and the King's Creek TMDL which reviews the maximum amount of nutrients that a body of water can accept.
 - The Town is in the Chesapeake Preservation area and will soon be audited for performance over the last 10 years. The first phase of the audit went fairly well.
 - Tom is also working with the County Planning Staff on a joint grant application involving transportation between Cape Charles and nearby localities.



With the completion of the recent beach replenishment project, residents and visitors can enjoy the plentiful sand at the Cape Charles Beach.

This photo was taken on July 26th by our own Chief of Police, Charles "Sambo" Brown.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- Please remember that **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.
- **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.**
- The law enforcement statistics for the month of June:
 - 68 calls for service within Cape Charles were received.
 - 16 calls for service outside of Cape Charles were received.
 - 0 felony arrests, 0 misdemeanor arrests and 1 DUI arrest was made.
 - 52 traffic summonses and 10 traffic warnings were issued.
 - 6 parking tickets were issued.
 - 8 calls were received to assist Fire & Rescue.
 - 9 calls were received to assist the Northampton County Sheriff's Office.
 - 4 calls were received to assist the Virginia State Police.
- For **non-emergency police assistance**, please call 678-0458.

TREASURER

JoAnna Leatherwood, Treasurer, reported the following information:

- Utility rates have increased \$5 per month per residence. This increase applies to the minimum usage level of 2K gallons so everyone shares the increase.
- Delinquent tax bills will be mailed out by 8/15. The balances shown on the bill are past due and need to be cleared up as soon as possible. Since there is NO tax rate increase this year, all amounts need to be collected. Citizens may also pay towards their 2010 real estate tax bill to avoid having to pay the full amount in December. If you are interested in paying a portion of your tax bill in advance, please contact JoAnna at 678-7132 x23, to get the amount of your 2010 real estate tax bill.

PUBLIC WORKS / PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

- The construction of the **handicap access ramp** at the beach has been completed. The beach access walkways at Jefferson, Madison and Monroe Avenues have also been completed. A kayak access has also been added at Washington Avenue. This work was funded by grant money received from the **Northampton County Tourism Infrastructure Grant**.
- The Public Utilities crew has completed the painting and repairs of the Water Treatment Plant building exterior. The crew is now working on repairs and painting at the Pine Street Pump Station.
- Risers have been installed on the valve boxes to bring them to grade with the asphalt in the streets.
- The Public Works crew continues their work on alley maintenance.
- The Public Utilities crew will be working to replace the oldest water meters in the Town's system.
- Dave reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the Mason Avenue Pump Station upgrades.
- Dave reviewed the Erosion and Sedimentation Control plans, Utilities Plan, Bath House Building Plans and issues the Flow Acceptance Letter for the **Harbor Redevelopment Project**.
- Dave responded to comments from the Virginia Health Department regarding the Initial Distribution System Evaluation Report for Standard Monitoring which is a study of the fluctuations in chlorination byproducts in the Town's system. More information regarding the status of the adjustments being made will be distributed in a Special Edition of the Gazette within the next week.
- At the new **Wastewater Treatment Plant**, more walls of the head works and reactor tanks have been poured and the foundation for the solids processing building has been poured.
- Some upcoming projects are:
 - Mason Avenue Pump Station upgrades and Force Main re-routing.
 - Fig Street Force Main re-routing.
 - Installation of the new metering system for chemical feed pumps at the Water Plant.
 - PER for the connection of the new wells on the Keck property.
 - PER for chlorination byproducts.
 - Repairs will begin soon to the Fun Pier and Boardwalk.
 - Replacement of the front doors for the Cape Charles Memorial Library.



LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- The **2010 Summer Reading Program** entitled ***Make a Splash – Read!*** which began on 6/24 continues and as of 7/31, there are 105 children signed up to read books over the summer! The total for last summer was 55. Every time a child reads **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.
- In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, the Library will be presenting 3 special programs for the entire family.
 - **Summer Arts & Crafts** with Community Events / Recreational Coordinator, Jen Lewis, every Wednesday at 4PM for children ages 2+.
 - **Summer Kids Movie Nights** are held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5PM featuring the latest movies on DVD for kids with free popcorn and sodas. For kids ages 12 and under. In July, 80 children attended the movie nights!
 - 8/12 @ 4:30 PM – **Delmarva Discovery Center**. [Click here](#) for more information.
- On 7/22, the Library hosted **Hook a Book Magician Rob Westcott** and 85 children and parents attended. [Click here](#) for photos!
- On 7/29, the **Virginia Aquarium** visited the Library and presented their ***Ocean in Motion Program*** which included a 30-minute play, a truck tour and a touch tank. The play was P.T. Phylum's Amazing Animal Adaptations of the Chesapeake Bay, the truck tour showed a variety of fish in 4 different salt water aquariums and the touch tank included live sea creatures. **A total of 549 people visited these 3 programs!** Please click the following to view photos from the events: [Virginia Aquarium Play](#) / [Virginia Mobile Aquarium & Touch Tank](#) / [Arts & Crafts](#)
- **Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring all the special summer programs and the Summer Kids Movie Nights!**
- The children from the **Migrant Headstart Program** visited the Library every Friday for Storytime and 101 children attended in July. Ann presented a program on the ***Importance of Reading to Children*** at the Headstart Center on 7/2 and she used the bilingual children's' books for the Spanish-speaking adults.
- On Wednesday, 8/25, the **Friends of the Library** will sponsor another **Harrington Slots Bus Trip**. Please call Chris at 331-2206 for details and to reserve a seat.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

- **July 4th was a very busy day!** There were 14 volleyball teams, over 20 corn hole teams and singles & doubles horse shoe teams. T-shirts were awarded to the top winners of each event. Goodies were given to all the children who stopped by the Recreation Table. There was a huge turnout of bicycle riders in the parade. A big thank you to Danielle Campbell and Greg Rippon for doing such a great job organizing the day's events!
- Jen has organized several camps for the youth this summer and has been able to accommodate all ages with much help from the older children.
 - 23 children participated in **Field Hockey Camp**. The children were treated to ice cream from Shore Treasures on the last day to celebrate their wonderful behavior.
 - 15 children participated in the **Volleyball Camp**. The last day was celebrated with pizza from Veneto's Pizzeria.
 - 26 children participated in **Tennis Camp** and the last day was celebrated with ice cream from Shore Treasures.
 - There are 2 more camps scheduled for August. Each camp is held for 2 hours each day for 1 week.
- **Arts & Crafts** continues to be a very busy time at the Library! 23 kids attended the second week of July, 17 kids attended the third week and the fourth week saw 15 kids. **Roberta Newman and Chuck Little** donated arts and crafts supplies to the Recreation Department which will be a tremendous cost savings to the Town. A big thank you to both of them! [Click here](#) to see photos from a recent Arts & Crafts session.
- **Arts & Crafts** are on a hiatus at Heritage Acres until the fall, but Bingo continues on the last Thursday of each month. Donations are always welcome for prizes.

TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Town Manager, reported the following:

- The Cape Charles representatives to the Boundary Adjustment Committee met on 7/26 to provide background information to Councilman Sullivan who replaced outgoing Councilman Burdiss on the committee.
- Staff is working on an Invitation for Bids for computer maintenance for the Town and it should soon be ready for advertising.
- The Town is still awaiting an update from the Cape Charles Christian School regarding their intent to lease the old school. Once further information has been received, a public hearing will be scheduled as per Section 15.2-1800.B. of the Code of Virginia and an advertisement will be placed requesting bids from other entities that may have an interest in leasing the old school building as per Section 15.2-2100 of the Code of Virginia.



TOWN MANAGER (CONTINUED)

- Staff is reviewing the Town Ordinance regarding the Peddler's License and Golf Carts. A Town Council Work Session has been scheduled for 8/26.
- Items for review / action at the **8/12/10 Town Council Regular Meeting:**
 - Applications for Virginia Health Department Grants for the Keck Wells PER and the Disinfection Byproducts PER.
 - Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Audit Report
 - Re-appointments to the Library Board
 - Appointment to the Planning Commission
 - Commendation for Gray's Funeral Home
 - Change in Town Council Regular Meeting Time
- New Council members Joan Natali and Mike Sullivan attended the Conference for Newly-Elected Officials in July and both stated that they found it to be very helpful.
- The PSA Project Management Team continues to meet monthly. On 8/4, the discussion centered on the Northern Node which consists of the Exmore and Nassawadox areas. The South Node (Cape Charles & Cheriton) application was submitted on 7/16 and notification is expected in September.
- The Welcome Center continues to distribute Cape Charles' brochures to their visitors and promote Cape Charles. The businesses in Town have seen a substantial increase in the number of visitors who were recommended by the staff of the Welcome Center.



(Photos courtesy of Honey Moore)

Photos from the Town's 4th of July festivities including participants in the Cape Charles 4th of July Parade and a nice shot of the fireworks. Thank you to everyone who participated to help make the 4th of July events so successful!

CAPE CHARLES HARBOR PARTY

On Saturday, August 14th, the **Northampton County Chamber of Commerce** will host its second Harbor Party of the 2010 summer season from 6P – 10P at **the Cape Charles Harbor**. There will be great live music by the "*Non Sheleighlys*" featuring Brian Irminger, hot food from Veneto's Pizzeria and Don Valerio's, as well as good ol' fashioned American picnic fare. Beer and wine will be available along with plenty of fun for the whole family. Admission is \$5; Kids under 12 are free.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- **Northampton County Chamber of Commerce Harbor Party** – 8/14 from 6P – 10P at the Cape Charles Harbor.
- **Northampton County Chamber of Commerce Harbor Party** – 9/4 from 6P – 10P at the Cape Charles Harbor.
- **Cape Charles Central Park Grand Opening Ceremony** – 9/5 beginning at 3P at Central Park.
- **The Third Annual Fall Tomato Festival** – 9/25 along Mason Avenue and throughout the Town.
- **Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival** – 10/8 – 10/10 in Cape Charles.

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