



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.



Courtesy of Nancy Vest

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results for the quarterly samples collected during the compliance period of April 2010 - March 2011 indicate that the running annual average exceeded the standard, or Primary Maximum Contaminant Level (PMCL), for THMs. The running annual average for the subject quarter was 0.082mg/l which exceeded the THM PMCL of 0.080mg/l based on the average of four consecutive quarters of data.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The criteria used to develop the standard were consuming 2 liters of water per day for 70 years.

What happened? What is being done?

THMs are byproducts of drinking water chlorination (disinfection/oxidation) reacting with precursors in the water. We are reviewing our operations and will make adjustments to our operations or changes to our system as needed.

For more information, please contact Dave Fauber at 757-331-3259 x17 or at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles.

This notice was issued by the Town of Cape Charles.

State Water System ID#: 3131120

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TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reported the following:

- The current Harbor office hours are 8AM – 6PM Monday through Thursday and 7AM – 7PM Friday through Sunday & Holidays.
- **Harbor Redevelopment Project – Phase 1** – Somerset Paving & Marine continues to put the finishing touches on the new slips. All electric and water is expected to be completed by 5/13 and the slips will be opened at that time.
 - Staff continues to work on the bath house portion of this project to possibly reduce costs even further.
 - This project will be mostly funded through grants from the Boating Infrastructure Grant and the Virginia Port Authority and the Town will be financing the remainder through long-term financing for Capital Projects. The next award of funding through the Virginia Port Authority will be announced in May.
- The Harbor crew has been busy performing maintenance around the Harbor.
 - Work continues on the flower beds and garden.
 - Several fuel fittings have been replaced.
 - Loose dock boards are being re-nailed.
 - After completion of the new slips, staff will begin numbering them.



TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA (CONTINUED)

- The **Lower Chesapeake Bay Black Drum Classic**, which is sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for 5/20 – 5/22 at the Cape Charles Harbor. [Click here](#) for details.
- The first Tall Ship, the **Schooner Kalmar Nyckel**, is scheduled to be at the Harbor from 6/2 – 6/6! Deck tours and sailing will be offered during their visit. More information will be provided as details are finalized.
- **FYI** – 715,365 lbs. of crabs, 18,500 lbs. of fish and 24,895 lbs. of conch were brought into the Harbor during the month of April.
- Follow the **Cape Charles Town Harbor** on Facebook by [clicking here!](#) Pictures of the slip construction and information on upcoming events are posted weekly.
- **Save the Dates!**
 - The **Chesapeake Bay Buyboat Association** will be holding their 8th Annual Reunion at Cape Charles from 8/5/2011 – 8/8/2011. The boats will be open to the public to tour and we are definitely looking forward to hosting their event this year!
 - The **5th Annual Blessing of the Fleet** has been scheduled for 4/13/2012 to begin at 5:30 PM.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jeb Brady, Code Official, reported the following:

- **Central Park Project:**
 - Substantial construction is complete and the fountain issues are being resolved.
 - Jeb is working with the contractor to alleviate drainage problems.
- 30 Erosion & Sedimentation Control inspections, 38 building inspections and 1 zoning clearance were performed in April. 1 commercial plan for Erosion & Sedimentation Control and 1 residential plan were reviewed.
- Inspections of the electrical systems for the new docks at the Harbor were also performed.
- Jeb continues the site inspections on the New Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Library Manager, reported the following:

- During the month of April, a total of 51 children and caregivers attended the **Toddler/Preschool Storytime**.
- The book displays for the month of April featured books for children and adults celebrating **Earth Day**.
- On 5/11, the **Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** will be sponsoring a bus trip to the Harrington Casino.
- The **Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** will be having **Book Sales** on 6/11, 7/2 and 10/8. You can always check out the used books for sale in the Library lobby.
- The **2011 Summer Reading Program – Amazing Tales at Your Library** will begin on 6/16. Special programs include magicians, a storyteller and nature programs from the Virginia Living Museum. All special programs are funded by the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Check out the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library on Facebook by [clicking here!](#)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tom Bonadeo, Town Planner, reported the following:

- The **Planning Commission** held their regular meeting on 5/3 and discussed a revised Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process for Home Occupations. A questionnaire will be developed from the list of requirements in the Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance for home occupations. If the applicant can pass the questionnaire successfully, zoning clearance could be granted and no CUP would be required. If the answers to the questionnaire are not completed successfully, ACUP application would be initiated. The Commissioners will review the draft questionnaire and discuss the process further at their June meeting.
- A CUP pre-application meeting was held with Gamesa to review the requirements and process for submitting an application. The application could be submitted by the property owner (Bayshore Concrete) or Gamesa for a wind turbine on the western edge of the property.
 - The final permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) has been issued to Gamesa for the geotechnical work on the site just seaward of the Harbor. After this work is complete, an application for the turbine site would be made. This decision will be made by the Department of Environmental Quality and the VMRC.
- The **Technical Transportation Advisory Committee** met in Accomac and reviewed the VDOT regional transportation plan.
- The **Historic District Review Board** held their regular meeting on 4/19 and reviewed the following:
 - The revised application, which incorporated the Board's recommendations made at the March meeting, for the renovation of the Cape Charles Hotel were reviewed and approved. The construction plans have also been reviewed. The owner is planning for a late summer opening.
 - The Board also reviewed modifications and repairs to another Cassatt Cottage on Tazewell Avenue which was recently purchased.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- The law enforcement statistics for the month of April:
 - 35 calls for service within Cape Charles were received.
 - 13 calls for service outside of Cape Charles were received.
 - 0 felony arrests, 3 misdemeanor arrests and 0 DUI arrest was made.
 - 44 traffic summonses and 15 traffic warnings were issued.
 - 3 parking tickets were issued.
 - 7 calls were received to assist Fire & Rescue.
 - 5 calls were received to assist the Northampton County Sheriff's Office.
 - 5 calls were received to assist the Virginia State Police.
- For **non-emergency police assistance**, please call 678-0458.

TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Thursday, May 12, 2011:
Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall. [PUBLIC HEARING INFO / AGENDA part 1 / AGENDA part 2](#)
 - Tuesday, May 17, 2011:
Cape Charles Broadband Management Team Meeting starting at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall.
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.
 - Thursday, May 26, 2011:
Town Council Budget Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
 - Thursday, June 2, 2011:
Town Council Budget Public Hearing (tentative) starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
 - Tuesday, June 7, 2011:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
 - Thursday, June 9, 2011:
Town Council Budget Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall.
- **Cape Charles is Looking for a Few Good Volunteers!** The Town is seeking a citizen who is interested in volunteering their time in assisting the community on the **Historic District Review Board**. The Historic District Review Board oversees the Town's Historic District. Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm. Work sessions are scheduled on an as-needed basis. If you are interested in serving on the Historic District Review Board, please complete the Cape Charles Boards & Commission Application (see below) and return it to Libby Hume.
- **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.**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

- **Earth Day** was celebrated on 4/22 in Central Park. The participating children planted decorated planters and planted sunflower seeds. The weather was a little less than perfect but the children were able to get their seeds planted before the rain came.
- The 4/22 **Teen Night** was opened up to a younger group this month since many of the teens were away for school sporting events. The kids played the Wii on the big screen in the Cape Charles Memorial Library and had a great time playing games and enjoying their snacks.
- **Teen Night** for May will be held in Central Park on 5/13 beginning at 7PM for Glow Stick Tag. [FLYER](#)
- Jen continues to hold the **Get Fit Club** at the Cape Charles Christian School on Fridays. Children are learning healthy eating habits and the importance of exercise. The **Cape Charles Rotary Club** and the Town have worked together to make this program possible.
- Golf sessions are being held on Tuesdays beginning at 4PM in Central Park. There were 9 participants the 1st week and by the end of April, we had 20 participants!
- The **Birding Festival** committee continues to meet monthly and the rack cards have been distributed around Town.
- The **Garden Committee** continues to meet and their focus is on fundraising to get the necessary funds to get started on the garden project. It is estimated that the group needs to raise between \$12K and \$15K. Volunteers are also needed.



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

- A meeting was held with the **Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department** in preparation for the July 4th activities. Everyone should get their bikes and golf carts ready for the parade!
- The **Cape Charles Christian School** will be holding a carnival in Central Park on 5/14. Please come out and support the school. You never know who may be sitting in the Dunking Booth!
- The activities at Central Park and the beachfront are picking up! If you are interested in holding an event at either facility, please complete the appropriate Use of Facility application and submit it to [Jen Lewis!](#) [Use of Facility Application – Central Park](#) / [Use of Facility Application – Other Areas](#).
 - If you are interested in holding your event at the Cape Charles Harbor, please complete the [Use of Facility Application – Cape Charles Harbor](#) and submit it to [Harbor Master Smitty Dize](#).

PUBLIC UTILITIES / PUBLIC WORKS

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

- **Public Works:**
 - Completed projects include:
 - The repairs to the boardwalk. These repairs will be reimbursed from FEMA as a result of the November 2009 Nor'easters.
 - The Beach Bathrooms have been repainted and new flush valves have been installed.
 - The mulch in the Fig Street Bio-filter has been replaced.
 - The front of the former Meatland building has been painted.
 - 2 new spring toys have been installed at the playground in Central Park.
 - The lights on the pier have been replaced.
 - Other ongoing and upcoming projects include:
 - Preparing road patches for asphalt. Repairs will be completed when the asphalt plant reopens.
- **Public Utilities:**
 - Billy Powell and Dan Dabinett attended a week-long class at Air-Vac for repair and maintenance of the sewer vacuum system.
 - Completed projects include:
 - The test results for the TTHMs in the Town's drinking water were 2 parts per million over acceptable limits which put us out of compliance. Notices have been mailed to customers. The Town will be flushing the water system quarterly vs. semi-annually to reduce these numbers. We are awaiting a response from the Virginia Department of Health regarding the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that was submitted last month on actions we might take to reduce TTHMs. More frequent water system flushes was one suggestion included in the PER.
 - Yield and draw down tests on the Keck wells were performed for the VDH with great success. There was plenty of good water. Both wells were pumped at 300 GPM, for a total of 600 GPM for both wells, for over 80 hours. Approximately 3M gallons were pumped during the test.
 - Pipes and valves have been repainted at the water plant.
 - Ongoing projects include:
 - The Town is working with the DEQ to finalize the Keck Well Aquifer Test Plan. Data is being collected for response to the DEQ review letter.
 - Flow data is being collected to look for sources of inflow and infiltration in the Plum Street Pump Station Basin sewer mains. The current flow meter location is the corner of Madison Avenue and Plum Street.
 - **Mason Avenue Force Mains and Sewer Project:** Work continues on the Mason Avenue Forcemains and Pump Station Upgrade Project. The construction is expected to last until the end of May 2011. The portion of Mason Avenue to Peach and Plum Streets is anticipated to be completed before Memorial Day.
 - A new metering system for chemical feed pumps will be installed at the water plant. The pumps have been ordered and will be installed upon receipt.
 - The crew has completed approximately 50% of the annual inspections of vacuum system sewer pods in the Bay Creek and Marina Village areas.
 - The interior painting of the Water Tower is complete. After curing and disinfection, the tower will be back in service.
 - The painting of the walls in the chemical room at the water plant is approximately 70% complete.
 - Other upcoming projects include:
 - Draw down and yield testing on the Keck Wells for DEQ.
 - PER for connection of the Keck Wells.
 - 2 emergency generators will be installed at the Plum Street and Pine Street Pump Stations. The contract is being finalized and work should begin later this month.



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TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Town Manager, reported the following:

- The **Town Council Public Hearing & Regular Meeting** will be held on Thursday, 5/12, beginning at 6PM. Agenda items include:
 - Town Code Modification – Golf Cart Ordinance.
 - Conditional Use Permit for 548 Madison Avenue.
 - Technology Zone: A draft an ordinance based on Council input has been developed and will be reviewed by Council.
 - Northampton County Tourism Infrastructure Grant: The Town was awarded an Infrastructure Grant to construct the Golf Cart and bike Trail to provide safe access for golf carts and bicyclists to travel between the Bay Creek Golf Community and the Historic District.
 - National Safe Boating Week Proclamation.
 - National Police Week Proclamation.
- Over the past 2 months, the Town Council has been working on the FY2012 Budget. The last budget meeting was held on 5/5 and I am happy to report that the General Fund has been balanced without a tax increase!
- The **Central Park Trail Project** is expected to be completed this month and final reimbursement from VDOT will close this project. The drainage of the BMP will continue to be monitored and a solution to speed the drainage is underway.
- The **Master Plan Trail Program Update**: During the process for the FY2012 budget review, it was agreed that Phase 2 – North Peach Street and Washington Trail Connection be budgeted for planning and design only. The construction would be included in the FY2013 budget.
 - In November 2010, Council approved submission of a grant application for additional funds from the VDOT Enhancement Grant. The Town received word that we are on the tentative award list for the requested amount of \$304K. Notification of the award is expected by the end of May.
- **PSA for Regional Wastewater**: Northampton County will be advertising to fill the 2 At-Large position vacancies.
- **Veterinary Services**: Unfortunately, the veterinary services to be provided by Leslie Nelson, DVM, cannot be held at the Cape Charles Fire House since it is not climate controlled. We are currently working to find an alternate location.
- **Cape Charles Beach**: The Public Works Department continues to work on the beach cleanup and sand replenishment efforts.
 - Students from Northampton High School will once again be planting grass this June. All the grasses planted last year by the students made it through the winter and is thriving.
 - A new volleyball area is under construction south of the Monroe Avenue walkway. The volleyball court will be installed on the beach as a permanent area for our growing beach volleyball programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- **Teen Night – Friday Night Tag**: 5/13, 7PM at Central Park. [FLYER](#)
- **Spring Carnival** sponsored by the Cape Charles Christian School: 10AM – 2PM at Central Park.
- **Citizens for Central Park Pirates & Wenches Ball**: 5/14, 7PM at the Cape Charles Fire Hall. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Boating Safety Course**: 5/15 – 5/17, 6PM at the Town Hall. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Lower Chesapeake Bay Black Drum Classic**: 5/20 – 5/22 at the Cape Charles Harbor. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Tall Ship Visit – Schooner Kalmar Nyckel**: 6/2 – 6/6 at the Cape Charles Harbor. More details to come.
- **Bike MS – Virginia’s Ocean to Bay Ride**: 6/4 – 6/5 – Leaving and ending in Cape Charles. [Click here](#) for details.
- **Teen Night – Picnic & Games**: 6/17, 6PM at Central Park
- **Harbor Party** sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce: 6/18 at the Cape Charles Harbor. More details to come.
- **Cape Charles Fire Company 4th Annual Seafood Festival**: 7/2. More details to come.
- **4th of July Festivities: Sunday, 7/3**. Fireworks at Dusk. More details to come.
- **Harbor Party** sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce: 7/16 at the Cape Charles Harbor. More details to come.
- The [Chesapeake Bay Buyboat Association](#) will be holding their 8th Annual Reunion at Cape Charles from 8/5/2011 – 8/8/2011. The boats will be open to the public to tour and we are definitely looking forward to hosting their event this year!
- **Cape Charles Annual Fall Festival**: 9/24. More details to come.
- **Annual Birding & Wildlife Festival**: 10/7. More details to come.

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