



# 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.



## WELCOME TO CAPE CHARLES!

It is summer here on the Shore and we have so much going on in the Town. Some of the upcoming events include the Tall Ships at Cape Charles Festival, the Pirates & Wenches Festival and Ball, and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities! If you want peace and quiet, we have that available, too! You can lay low and relax and walk our quiet streets or sit on the beach. Whatever you decide, you won't be bored. You can choose to be alone but you will never be lonely in Cape Charles where people always take the time to talk to you!

Thank you,

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## CHESAPEAKE BAY MAGAZINE'S BEST OF THE BAY 2013



Chesapeake Bay Magazine published their annual **Best of the Bay** survey results and we are pleased to say that Cape Charles placed in several of the categories!

- **Best Town for Families**
- **Best Bay Beach**
- Harbor Master Smitty Dize was named in the **Best Dockmaster** category.
- Kings Creek Marina was named in the **Best Resort Marina** category.



Please [click here](#) to read the article and view the entire list of winners!



# TALL SHIPS AT CAPE CHARLES

June 14 - 16, 2013  
at the Cape Charles Harbor

For more information, please click the Tall Ships at Cape Charles logo above.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF CAPE CHARLES FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 PROPOSED BUDGET AND UTILITY RATES

Following are the estimated receipts and expenditures of the Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on **June 20, 2013** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Charles Parish Hall to receive written and oral comments on all proposed disbursements. The proposed Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget will be discussed and brought to a vote at a special meeting on June 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 2 Plum Street.

REVENUES	2013-2014	EXPENDITURES	2013-2014
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>General Fund</b>	
Real Estate Tax	1,073,856	Legislative	19,897
Personal Property Tax	136,000	Town Clerk	119,563
Prior Year Tax Collections	45,000	Town Manager	295,992
Motor Vehicle License Tax	24,000	Finance	195,971
Machinery & Tools Tax	30,500	Police	367,645
BPOL Tax	83,000	Code Enforcement	77,955
Adms, Meals, Rentals, Transient Occ. Taxes	283,500	Public Works	406,620
Other Taxes	178,928	Parks & Recreation	60,611
Building Permits & Code Enforcement	61,150	Library	118,598
Review Fees, Miscellaneous Income	31,800	Town Planner	66,906
Library Revenues	800	Fire Department – State Pass Thru	8,000
Interest	22,000	Debt Service	109,425
Grants and Local/State/Federal Aid	986,649	Capital	1,110,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>2,957,183</b>	<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>2,957,183</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund</b>	<b>160,452</b>	<b>Sanitation Fund</b>	<b>160,452</b>
<b>Harbor Fund</b>		<b>Harbor Fund</b>	
Operating Revenue	1,481,869	Operating	1,272,631
Harbor Proceeds	500,000	Debt Service	182,238
Grant Revenue	585,000	Capital	1,112,000
<b>Total Harbor Fund</b>	<b>2,566,869</b>	<b>Total Harbor Fund</b>	<b>2,566,869</b>
<b>Water/Wastewater Fund</b>		<b>Water/Wastewater Fund</b>	
Operating Revenue	1,349,632	Water Operations	341,156
Connection Charges	12,250	Wastewater Operations	520,134
Grant Revenue		Meter & Utility Billing, Administration	123,295
Facility Fees	74,200	Debt Service	376,497
Financing Proceeds	60,000	Capital	135,000
<b>Total Water/Wastewater Fund</b>	<b>1,496,082</b>	<b>Total Water/Wastewater Fund</b>	<b>1,496,082</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>7,180,586</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>7,180,586</b>

Following are the proposed tax rates and user fees which are part of the fiscal plan:

Vehicle Tax: \$31.00 per vehicle subject to Virginia State Registration (Trailers \$18.00) and Golf Cart Decal is \$31.00.

Real Estate Tax: \$.2759 per \$100; Personal Property Tax \$2.00 per \$100; Boat Tax \$0.01 per \$100

Transient Occupancy Tax: 3% Monthly; Meals Tax: 5% Monthly; Admissions Tax: 3% Quarterly; Short Term Rental Tax: 1% Quarterly

Water Rate: Residential 0-2,000 gal.: \$34.50 minimum; 2,001 to 5,000 gal.: \$2.63 per 1,000; 5,001 to 10,000: \$3.75 per 1,000; 10,001 to 15,000 gals: \$5.00 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$7.50 per 1,000; Commercial 0-2,000 gal: \$34.50 minimum; 2,001-10,000 gal: \$2.50 per 1,000; 10,001-15,000 gals: \$3.75 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$5.00 per 1,000

Wastewater Rate: Residential 0-2,000 gal.: \$60.85 minimum; 2,001 to 5,000 gal.: \$4.11 per 1,000; 5,001 to 10,000 gals: \$5.85 per 1,000; 10,001 to 15,000: \$7.80 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$11.70 per 1,000; Commercial 0-2,000 gal: \$60.85 minimum; 2,001-10,000 gals: \$3.90 per 1,000; 10,001-15,000 gals: \$5.85 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$7.80 per 1,000

Trash Collection Fee: \$12.57 per month

Dora Sullivan, Mayor



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## NEW WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

The proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, includes new minimum rates for water and wastewater service. Water will decrease from \$39.55 to \$34.50, and wastewater will increase from \$35.45 to \$60.85. Why is that?

Water and wastewater services are funded by user fees and charges as opposed to general tax revenues. Each year the Town reviews projected expenses, numbers of connections, and results from previous years to determine the rate that must be charged to generate the revenue needed to provide these services. Expenses can vary markedly from year to year due to a variety of factors: changes in government regulations, equipment repair and replacement, major capital projects, availability of offsetting grant revenue, etc.

The main driver of the increase in the wastewater rate is the debt service on the new treatment plant. A new plant needed to be built to both meet new nutrient discharge regulations and to replace the existing plant that was nearing the end of its service life. The total cost of this project was about \$19.2 million. The Town was fortunate to obtain two grants (Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) to cover almost 73% (\$14 million) of the cost. The remaining amount is being financed by a 20 year, no-interest loan provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The debt service associated with this loan comprises most of the wastewater rate increase. While the annual debt service is significant, it is much less than what would have been experienced had grants not been available or if the Town had to borrow at interest rates typically available. For example, the annual debt service would be about \$90,000 higher if the loan were at an interest rate of 3.25%. This would equate to almost \$7 more per month for each customer.

Why did the Town need to obtain grants and a loan to build the new plant? Because, since the mid-1980s, both service rates and new connection charges were set too low to accumulate a capital replacement reserve.

## 2013 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

The proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget shows a total budget of \$7,180,586 for all funds, with the General Fund portion being \$2,957,183. The General Fund includes \$1,110,000 in Capital projects related to the Cape Charles Multi-Use Trail, Fishing Pier Repairs, Handicap Accessibility for the former library and a sidewalk near the 700 block of Randolph. The Town will receive \$986,649 in grants or local/state/federal aid to help offset these Capital improvements in the General Fund. Total operating expenses excluding capital items in the 2013-2014 General Fund are similar to prior year totals.

In 2013, Northampton County performed a reassessment of real property, which will be effective in the FY2013-2014 budget year for the 2013 real property tax bills. In 2012, total overall assessments were \$623,140,200 and the Town of Cape Charles charged a real estate tax rate of \$.1828 per \$100 of assessed value. The 2013 assessments from the County were \$409,709,500, which was an overall decrease of 35% for the Town of Cape Charles. Total land values decreased 46% from \$379,603,900 in 2012 to \$206,268,800 in 2013. Total improvement values decreased 16% from \$243,536,300 in 2012 to \$203,440,700 in 2013.

A rate of \$.2674 would have been needed to collect the same dollar amount from FY2012-2013 to FY2013-2014 in real estate taxes. To cover additional expenses of \$33,146 related to capital, the rate was increased an extra \$.0085 per \$100 of assessed value. The adopted 2013 real estate tax rate is \$.2759 per \$100 of assessed value and helps cover the 35% decrease in the reassessment, as well as additional match dollars needed related to the Cape Charles Multi-Use Trail. In a study performed based on the Northampton County proposed real estate tax rates and the new Town of Cape Charles rates, we found that many properties in Town will end up paying less tax dollars overall in 2013 compared to 2012. However, some properties will see a tax dollar increase if their assessments did not decrease as much as other properties.

## MASON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

As funding is available, the Town undertakes efforts to improve the look of our central business district along Mason Avenue. We have recently replaced the street light globes with a more appropriate design. We have just purchased 10 Japanese Red Maples donated to Arts Enter Cape Charles for use at the Benefit by the Bay. Public Works will be planting them at various locations in the near future. We are also in the process of procuring replacement for the faded banners attached to the light poles. These improvements, along with the sidewalk repairs being done by VDOT, should result in a more inviting streetscape.



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## TOWN HARBOR—VA CLEAN MARINA

Smitty Dize, Harbor Master, reported the following:

- The current office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Friday through Sunday and holidays from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. As always, customers with fuel cards can access the fuel dock at any time, day or night.
- The Town Harbor was full to capacity over the Memorial Day weekend. There were over 60 transient boaters in the Harbor on the Sunday night of Memorial Day weekend and staff had to send a 44' sail boat to Kings Creek Marina as there was no dock space available.
- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tall Ships at Cape Charles** will be held this weekend from 6/14 – 6/16. Over a thousand people are expected!
- **Upcoming Events at the Town Harbor:**
  - **2013 Clam Slam & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boat Docking Contest** – 8/3 – 8/4. [Click here](#) to be a sponsor for the Cape Charles Clam Slam. Food and Arts vendors have signed up and sponsorship levels are up compared to this time last year. Music will be provided by Loaded Goat, Fat Tuesday and the New Custards on Saturday and the Cape Charles Community Band and Planet Full of Blues on Sunday. We are working to secure volunteers for parking, beverage sales, admissions and more. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Smitty at 757-331-2357.
  - **Godspeed Visit** – 10/24 – 10/28.
  - **Haunted Harbor** – Staff is currently working on the dates.
  - **Lighted Boat Parade** in December. Date to be determined.
- Follow the **Cape Charles Town Harbor** on Facebook by [clicking here!](#)

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Jen Lewis, Community Events / Recreational Coordinator, has been gearing up for the busy summer season and reported the following:

- **Committee/Organization Updates:**
  - **New Roots Youth Garden:** The last Spring Garden session will be held on 6/16. The garden looks great and Jen would like to remind everyone to stop by and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from the Garden Stand that the kids will run on Thursdays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Summer Garden session will begin on 6/20 and run through 8/15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM.
  - **Clam Slam:** The committee did not meet in May and will resume their normal meetings in June.
  - **Citizens' Needs Advisory Committee:** The surveys have been received and a final report will be presented to the Town Council. The number of responses was a little disappointing but the suggestions received will be very useful. Jen would like to meet with the committee again in the fall to see how well the Recreation Department did throughout the summer season to incorporate some of the requests and to receive feedback on how best to proceed with programming.
- **Programs:**
  - Effective 6/19, **Arts & Crafts** will be held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM. With the end of the school year approaching, Arts & Crafts attendance was down for the month of May with 2 – 6 children attending each week for a total of 29. Jen has been able to plan the crafts for the summer to go along with the theme of the Summer Reading Program.
  - The Public Works crew, the Police Department and the Recreation Department worked very hard throughout May and June to assist with the **Crabby Blues Festival, Benefit by the Bay, Bike MS** and the **Friends of the Cape Charles Library Book Sale**. All events were a huge success!
  - **First Tee** will be back for a summer session. Jen is waiting for confirmation of the dates. More information will be released once everything has been finalized.
  - **4-H** will be visiting the Town in July and August with some great kids' events.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Movie Night** will be held every Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM beginning 6/19.
  - **Scrapbooking Classes** will be held every other Tuesday at 3:00 PM beginning 6/4.
  - **Chess Club** will begin on 6/19, and be held every Wednesday at 3:30 PM.
  - The first **Summer Sports Camp (Tennis)** will be held 6/8 – 6/12 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.
  - Jen is looking for volunteers for the **4<sup>th</sup> of July** activities. Please contact her if you are able to help. A variety of time slots are available so you can still enjoy your day.
  - Please visit the [Recreation page](#) on the Town's website for a listing of recreational events.
  - For a complete listing of events, please check the [Town's website](#) frequently for updates to our quickly growing Schedule of Events.
- Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the Cape Charles Public Beach between the hours of 9 AM – 9PM from 4/1 through Labor Day. All dogs in the Town and in Northampton County must be on a leash at all times.
- **Please drop off your old printer ink cartridges and old cell phones to Jen so she can submit them to The Funding Factory for recreational equipment!** Using points from The Funding Factory, Jen can order equipment at no cost to the Town. Please [click here](#) for more information.



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

- If you are planning a yard sale in Cape Charles, please complete [Yard Sale Permit Application](#) and submit it to Jen. There is no charge for the permit.
- If you are planning an event in Cape Charles, please contact Jen Lewis at [recordinator@capecharles.org](mailto:recordinator@capecharles.org) or at 757-331-3259, ext. 18. Also, please complete the appropriate Use of Facility Application and submit it to Jen.  
[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](#).

## CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Ann Rutledge, Librarian, reported the following:

- During the month of May, a total of 38 children and caregivers attended the **Toddler/Preschool Storytime** which is held on Thursdays at 10:30 AM.
- **The 2013 Summer Reading Program, Dig Into Reading**, begins 6/17. When children sign up to participate in the program, they will receive a reading log to record their books. Every time they read 4 books, they will receive a prize out of the Library's "pig" jar. One of the prizes is a token for a free Brown Dog ice cream cone! After the children read 12 books, they get a prize and a free book. The sponsors for this year's Summer Reading Program are the Eastern Shore Public Library, the Town of Cape Charles, The Collaborative Summer Library program, the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library and Brown Dog Ice Cream.
- The Library's summer programs will feature free movies, crafts, story times, magicians, a mime, live animals from the **Virginia Living Museum**, storytellers and balloon fun.
- Stop by the new Cape Charles Memorial Library located at 201 Mason Avenue to see the new facility! Staff continues to organize the Library and are preparing for a busy summer. Each week, we continue to receive new items that have been ordered with the generous donation from the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Staff appreciates the patience of our customers as new furnishings get added to the Library.
  - The small vault houses their large CD collection which is a very popular item in the summer due to summer travelling.
  - The large vault will house the **Eastern Shore Collection** which include reference books on the Eastern Shore and Virginia, local history, delicate historical material, Cape Charles High School yearbooks and other items of interest. The materials in the Eastern Shore Collection can only be used in the Library and cannot be checked out. Staff is excited to have this space available and hopes to add additional genealogical material to the collection.
  - Another new section is the Teen/Young Adult Section which houses the Young Adult books, teen magazines and 2 computers for teens to use. Some additional furniture will be purchased using funds donated by the Friends of the Library.
- For additional information about Library programs and library-related information, check out the Cape Charles Memorial Library on Facebook by [clicking here!](#)
- The **Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** also has a Facebook page. You can follow them by [clicking here](#).
- The **Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** now has their own website where you can find information about the Library and the Friends' efforts to support the Library programs. Please visit the site to learn how you can also help the Friends in their mission!  
<http://friendscapecharleslibrary.com/>

## TOWN CLERK

Libby Hume, Town Clerk, reported the following information:

- **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - Tuesday, June 18, 2013:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall. [AGENDA-pt1](#) / [AGENDA-pt2](#)
  - Thursday, June 20, 2013:  
**Town Council Public Hearing** starting at 6:00 PM at the St Charles Parish Hall. Regarding proposed FY 2014 budget and Conditional Use Permit Application for 712 Randolph Avenue. [AGENDA](#)
  - Town Council Regular Meeting** immediately following the public hearing. [AGENDA-pt1](#) / [AGENDA-pt2](#)
  - Thursday, June 27, 2013:  
**Town Council Special Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Review comments from 6/20 public hearing and vote.
  - Tuesday, July 9, 2013:  
**Planning Commission Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
  - Tuesday, July 16, 2013:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall.
  - Thursday, July 18, 2013:  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall.



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## TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

- **The Town offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2013, in observance of Independence Day.**
- If you are interested in serving on any of the Town's boards or Planning Commission, 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). Please [click here](#) for information on the various Boards and Commission.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Rob Testerman, Town Planner, reported the following:

- Rob is working on the following:
  - Reviewing the Technology Zone and developing an application for it.
  - Reviewing and possibly revising planning application documents and procedures.
  - Reviewing existing issues regarding the signage regulation.
  - He will be meeting with Heather Arcos to discuss the options regarding the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update.
- VDOT:
  - A response was received regarding the handicapped parking spaces at the St. Charles Catholic Church and found that the current configuration did not meet Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG). VDOT noted infrastructure improvements that would bring the location into ADAAG compliance. VDOT also suggested that if the Town or the church did not wish to make the needed infrastructure improvements, an alternative may be that the church obtains some sandwich board-type signs requesting congregants reserve those spaces for elderly or handicapped parishioners. These signs could be manually placed on Sunday morning and removed after services conclude. It should be noted that these signs would not be legally binding.
  - VDOT is expecting to complete its traffic study of the intersection of Fig Street and Randolph Avenue mid-June.
- The **Planning Commission** met on 6/4 and reviewed the following:
  - Rob was introduced to the Planning Commission.
  - The Commission was given a presentation and explanation of the Public Service Authority (PSA) by Assistant Town Manager Bob Panek, who is a Town representative and Chairman of the PSA. The presentation gave a brief history of the PSA as well as an update as to where it stands today and how it is moving forward in the future. Discussion was also held regarding how future development in the area might affect the Town.
  - In the near future, the Commission will return to its review of the signage regulation and continue discussion regarding density and floor area ratio (FAR).
  - The second session for the Virginia Certified Planning Commissioners Program was scheduled for 6/10 and 6/11 and Commissioners Dan Burke, Sandra Salopek and Bill Stramm attended. Commissioner Andy Buchholz had a scheduling conflict and will be attending the session in December.
  - Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to 7/9.
- The **Historic District Review Board** met on 5/21 and received training from Ms. Paige Pollard from the Commonwealth Preservation Group. Ms. Pollard formerly worked for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
  - The Board also reviewed an application for 621 Jefferson Avenue for modification to the rear dormer, roofline, window and door, and porch restoration. The application was approved as presented with the exception of the removal of the chimney. The Board requested the applicant to repair or replace the chimney with matching material for consistency with adjacent houses.
  - The next meeting of the Historic District Review Board is scheduled for 6/18 and the Board will be reviewing an application from Charon Ventures, LLC for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the former Cape Charles High School.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Jeb Brady, Code Official, reported the following:

- 28 Erosion & Sedimentation (E&S) Control inspections, 45 building inspections, and 1 courtesy commercial inspection were performed in May. 1 commercial plan review for E&S was performed.
- Jeb has been working with the new Town Planner, Rob Testerman, regarding ongoing projects and new projects that are under review. Rob has been riding with Jeb in the field to familiarize himself with the area.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

- Personnel:
  - Patrick Christman attended a 1-day seminar sponsored by GE on the biological process associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant bioreactor.
- Projects in progress include:
  - The Keck Well Aquifer Drawdown test for the DEQ has been completed and staff is preparing the report for submittal to DEQ.



## PUBLIC UTILITIES (CONTINUED)

- Staff is working on the Asset Management program, populating the program and becoming familiar with how it works.
- Bio filters at the Fig Street and New Quarter pump stations have been emptied and new mulch has been ordered and will be installed upon delivery.
- Projects include:
  - An automatic flush valve will be installed in Heron Point to introduce water into that vacuum sewer system to increase the flow through the pump station in an effort to reduce the septic odors created when sewage water resides in the system for extended periods of time.
- **Water Quality Report:**
  - The **2012 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report)** has been received and is being provided to all residents and businesses as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. Hard copies of the report will be delivered to each residence and business in Town next week. Please [click here](#) to view the complete report.
  - **Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)** – A letter was received from the Virginia Dept of Health Office of Drinking Water notifying the Town of the results of the TTHM analyses which indicated that the water samples for the second quarter of 2013 had a running average of 0.081 mg/l which exceeded the THM Primary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.080 mg/l. A notice is being delivered to all residences and businesses in Town next week. Please [click here](#) to view the letter.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Pete Leontieff, Public Works Foreman, reported the following information:

- Completed projects include:
  - New globes were installed on the light poles and new benches have been placed along Mason Avenue.
  - A new pump was installed in the Central Park Water Fountain and epoxy splice has been installed.
- Projects in progress include:
  - The crew continues to perform routine monthly duties as follows: i) maintenance of the Town vehicles and equipment; ii) assisting the Utilities Department with water meter reading; iii) maintenance, cleaning and landscaping for outdoor public areas, including public beach, Central Park, Playground, Fishing Pier, Harbor and downtown commercial district; iv) maintenance, cleaning, landscaping of all public facilities including the Town Hall, Library, Water and Wastewater Plants, Public Works Building and the former library building; and v) maintenance of the streets, drains and alleys in the Historic District, including debris pickup and work orders.
  - Exploring options and design of the oldest section of the Fishing Pier.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- The law enforcement statistics for the month of May:
  - 29 calls for service within Cape Charles were received.
  - 7 calls for service outside of Cape Charles were received.
  - 0 felony arrests were made.
  - 2 misdemeanor arrests were made.
  - 15 traffic summonses and 1 traffic warning were issued.
  - 1 parking tickets were issued.
  - 11 calls were received to assist Fire & Rescue.
  - 0 calls were received to assist the Northampton County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police or other agency.

## TOWN MANAGER

Heather Arcos, Town Manager, reported the following:

- A **Town Council Public Hearing** will be held on Thursday, 6/20, beginning at 6PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall, to hear comments regarding the following:
  - Conditional Use Permit Application for 712 Randolph Avenue for use of a dwelling unit over commercial space. This item will be voted upon at the regular meeting immediately following the public hearing.
  - Proposed FY 2013-2014 Budget. This item will be voted upon at a special meeting scheduled for 6/27 at 6PM at the Town Hall.
  - Please [click here](#) for details regarding the topics included in the public hearing.



## TOWN MANAGER (CONTINUED)

- The **Town Council Regular Meeting** will be held on Thursday, 6/20, immediately following the public hearing. Agenda items include:
  - Cape Charles Multi-Use Trail Update
  - Citizens' Needs Advisory Committee Report
  - Procurement Policy Manual
- A public hearing was held on 5/30 regarding the equalization of the tax rate and a potential increase of 2¢. Five residents spoke at the public hearing and 1 comment was submitted via email. Council held a special meeting on 6/3 and voted to approve the equalization rate of \$0.2674 per \$100 of assessed value. In addition to the equalization rate, Council approved the final real property tax rate of \$0.2759 which amounted to a \$0.0085 per \$100 tax rate increase.
- The **VDOT Sidewalk Project** – Additional crews have been mobilized in an effort to get the job completed as we move into our busy season. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Fauber, Director of Public Works/Utilities at 757-331-3259x17.
- The **Northampton County Board of Supervisors** recently approved semi-annual collection of real estate taxes. This change becomes effective with the 2014 tax billing and payments would be due by 6/5/14 and 12/5/14.
- The **Cape Charles Arts Walk Conceptual Master Plan Steering Committee** is in place as part of the National Endowment for the Arts Grant. The committee will meet with Land Studio who will facilitate the public design process as we move forward to develop a link to our outdoor performance spaces with public art and signage to guide the public.

Sixth Annual  
**Cape Charles Seafood Extravaganza**

Sponsored by:



Date:  
Saturday, 07/06/2013  
 Time:  
5 pm till 8:00 pm



- All you can eat Seafood (crab cakes, fried fish, steamed clams, steamed shrimp, clam fritters)
- Also serving: Pork Barbeque, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Salads, & Hushpuppies
- Beer on Sale
- Live Band ~ Broke By Sunday
- Great Fun

**Ticket Prices:**

- Adults ~ \$35 in advance; \$40 at the gate
- Kids 3 to 10 ~ \$10 at the gate
- Children 2 & under ~ free

Location: Cape Charles Harbor

Rain Location: Cape Charles Fire House

Questions contact Spencer @ 757-323-9105

www.capecharlesva.com

## CAPE CHARLES VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

The **Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company** will be holding their **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafood Extravaganza** on Saturday, 7/6/13, from 5 PM - 8 PM at the Cape Charles Harbor.

Come enjoy all-you-can-eat crab cakes, fried fish, steamed clams, steamed shrimp, clam fritters, pork barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs and more! There will also be live music by **Broke By Sunday**.

Great food, great music and great fun for everyone – all at the beautiful Cape Charles Harbor!

See one of the Cape Charles Volunteer Firefighters for advance tickets! Tickets will also be available at the gate. For any other questions, please contact Spencer at 757-323-9105.

(Rain location: Cape Charles Fire House)

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 6/14 – 6/16: **Tall Ships at Cape Charles.** Please [click here](#) for more details and the schedule of events.
- 6/15: **Pirates & Wenches Festival and Ball**, Mason Avenue & Strawberry Street. Please [click here](#) for details.
- 6/17-6/28: **Musical Theatre Summer Camp** at the Palace Theatre. Please contact the Arts Enter Cape Charles for details.
- 7/4: July 4th Celebration.
- 7/6: Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company's **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafood Extravaganza**. Please [click here](#) for details.
- 7/8 – 7/19: Musical Theatre Summer Camp at the Palace Theatre.
- **Save the Dates:**
  - 8/3 – 8/4: 2nd Annual Clam Slam & 3rd Annual Boat Docking Contest.
  - 8/3 – 8/18: Harbor for the Arts Festival – Music, art, dance in public spaces. Free and ticketed events.
  - 9/1: Labor Day Picnic in the Park.
  - 10/11 – 10/13: 21st Annual Birding and Wildlife Festival.
  - 11/30: Cape Charles Historical Society 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Roast.
  - 12/7: Cape Charles Central Park Grand Illumination.

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