



# Cape Charles Gazette Special Edition

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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.



## CAPE CHARLES – YOUR HARBOR FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching and this year, the Town will be celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. Exciting events are scheduled from December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>! All events are free to the public unless otherwise noted. [Harbor for the Holidays Trifold Event Schedule](#)

### Friday, 12/6:

- **3:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Northampton Chamber of Commerce's [18<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Progressive Dinner Tour](#).** Act fast because the time slots are filling up! \$40 per person.
- **3:15 PM – 9:15 PM: Live Nativity** sponsored by Pfeiffer Riding Stables, Heyward Hall (Cape Charles Christian School).

### Saturday, 12/7: [A Magical Day in Cape Charles](#)

- **9:00 AM: Santa Train.** Santa Claus is coming to Town by Train! Come visit with Santa at the Bay Coast Railroad on Mason Avenue. The train will also be making additional stops up the Shore between Cape Charles and Parskley. [Schedule](#)
- **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Visions of Christmas Past** at the Cape Charles Museum.
- **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Santa House**, Heyward Hall (Cape Charles Christian School). Visit with Santa and Shop at Santa's Workshop. \$5 per family / \$5 picture with Santa.
- **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Open Boat Tours** at the Cape Charles Harbor. Sponsored by the Cape Charles Yacht Club.
- **5:00 PM: Pearl Harbor Remembrance** at the Cape Charles Harbor. A ceremony of reflection and remembrance of lives lost at Pearl Harbor.
- **5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Lighted Boat Parade** at the Cape Charles Harbor. Santa will also be arriving on a skiff at the end of the parade!
- **6:45 PM: Lighted Golf Cart Parade.** Santa will make his way from the Cape Charles Harbor to the festivities at Central Park. Begins after the Lighted Boat Parade.
- **6:30 PM: Holiday Music at Central Park.** The Cape Charles Community Band will perform your favorite holiday classics at the Central Park Gazebo.
- **7:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Central Park Grand Illumination.** Join us for great music, caroling and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Free hot chocolate will be available beginning at 6:30.
- **8:00 PM: Live Nativity** at Pfeiffer Riding Stables on Stone Road.

The Northampton County Chamber of Commerce Presents  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Progressive Dinner Tour  
Friday, December 6, 2013

### A Victorian Christmas of Yore



*Take a step back in time to have yourself a merry little Christmas in Cape Charles, VA; where hearts are light and troubles are out of sight. Gather near your faithful friends to when olden days were golden days as you enjoy a progressive meal and tour historic homes decorated for the holiday season.*

Tickets are \$40 each or \$35 each for groups of 10 or more.

Reserve your tickets today at  
[www.northamptoncounty.com](http://www.northamptoncounty.com)  
or call 757-678-0010



Virginia  
is for Lovers



**Sunday, 12/8:**

- **2:00 PM: Christmas Stories & Traditions** at the Historic Palace Theatre. Come hear your favorite holiday stories. Learn about holiday traditions from around the world including a sampling of international delicacies. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Arts Enter at 757-331-2787.
- **2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Women of the Vine** sponsored by Gull Hummock and Hook-U-Up Gourmet. A wine and food pairing event at Gull Hummock. Advanced tickets required. \$25 per person.
- **3:00 PM: Christmas Movie** at the Historic Palace Theatre. Join us for a free showing of the movie *Elf*. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Arts Enter at 757-331-2787.
- **3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Holiday Open House** at the Stage Door Gallery. Enjoy some holiday shopping with live holiday music on the piano and light refreshments. The Gallery has gifts starting at \$5. Contact the Gallery at 757-331-3669 with questions.

**Monday, 12/9:**

- **Random Act of Kindness Day** – Take a moment to remember why we love our small town charm. Reach out to a neighbor and/or stranger and do some random, unexpected act of kindness.
- **4:00 PM: Holiday Ornament Making.** Children are invited to come to the Cape Charles Memorial Library and decorate a holiday ornament.

**Tuesday, 12/10:**

- **Random Act of Kindness Crafts** at the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Children will make a holiday themed craft to be delivered to senior residents.

**Wednesday, 12/11:**

- **4:00 PM: The Hog Island Sheep in a Twisted Christmas Tale.** Author Andrew Barbour will read this wonderful Christmas tale at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

**Thursday, 12/12:**

- **Stock the Pantry Party** at the Cape Charles Baptist Church. Come together to stock our local food pantry. Help organize the bounty collected.
- **New Roots Youth Garden Holiday Harvest.** Join the children of the New Roots Youth Garden in their final harvest of 2013.

**Friday, 12/13:**

- **Afternoon until Close: Ugly Holiday Sweater Pub Tour.** Don't be shy! Show off your most special holiday attire!
- **8:00 PM: Holiday Love Story – Love Actually** at the Historic Palace Theatre.

**Saturday, 12/14:**

- **Shop Local Saturday** sponsored by the Cape Charles Business Association. Shop local. Shop independent. Stroll the streets of Cape Charles and shop in our quaint shops, each decorated for the holidays.
- **Model Train Display.** Fun for kids of all ages! Come to Watson's Hardware and enjoy their model train display!
- **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Christmas Art Workshop** at Arts Enter. Come make Christmas ornaments and cards with Eden Ertle, artist and instructor. Cost is \$30 per person and includes supplies and light refreshments.
- **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Holiday Craft Time** at the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Bring your children to make holiday crafts including Gingerbread Houses.
- **8:00 PM: A Christmas Carol** at the Historic Palace Theatre. The Dickens classic is told through the talent of one actor – John Hardy, who plays over 25 characters. \$15 adults, \$5 students.

**Sunday, 12/15:**

- **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Santa House,** Heyward Hall (Cape Charles Christian School). Visit with Santa and Shop at Santa's Workshop. \$5 per family / \$5 picture with Santa.
- **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Holiday Stories and Crafts** with Jen Lewis at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

**Sunday, 12/15: (continued)**

- **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Cape Charles Bed & Breakfast Association's Holiday Cookie Trail.** Take a walking tour through Cape Charles and visit the B&Bs, each decorated for the holidays and offering a seasonal treat to support the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Start your tour at the Library, located at 201 Mason Avenue, to pick up a B&B Holiday Cookie Trail map. Drop off your donation of LEGOs (new or gently used), a new children's DVD, audio book on CD, or consider making a monetary contribution. Enter a drawing to win a one-night stay at one of the B&Bs. [FLYER](#)

Follow the map for a stroll through our historic town and enjoy holiday specialties at our B&Bs during this festive experience:

- Chesapeake Bay View, 212 Bay Avenue, Owners: Hank and Sandy Mayer
- Sea Gate Bed & Breakfast, 9 Tazewell Avenue, Owner: Chris Bannon
- Bay Haven Inn, 403 Tazewell Avenue, Owners: Jim and Tammy Holloway
- Cape Charles House, 645 Tazewell Avenue, Owners: Bruce and Carol Evans
- Fig Street Inn, 711 Tazewell Avenue, Owners: Greg and Donna Olney Kohler
- **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Tour of Cape Charles Churches.** Tour of churches in historic downtown Cape Charles.
- **3:00 PM: Holly Jolly Christmas Party** at the Historic Palace Theatre. The Christmas spirit is in the air! Enjoy the joyous sounds of the season, the festive decorations and exquisite refreshments. Arts Enter will feature the recently formed Cape Charles Chorale, a talented local group of vocalists who are currently under the direction of accompanist and Musical Director William Neill. The Chorale will perform at 3:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, the Cape Charles Community Band will perform under the direction of Music Director Brad Ford. Starting at 5:00 PM, the Arts Enter's traditional Christmas Party will complete the evening. This community potluck supper is a lovely occasion to meet friends and neighbors, exchange Christmas greetings and celebrate the season. The Golden Mask Awards will be presented during the party.
- **5:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Chowder Cook-Off** at Aqua. Local restaurants compete or bragging rights for the best seafood chowder. Live music, chowder and good fun! \$15 per adult, \$5 for children 12 years and under. Please call 757-331-8660 for ticket information.

**Monday, 12/16:**

- **4:00 PM: Children's Holiday Crafts** at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

**Tuesday, 12/17:**

- **6:00 PM: Progressive Caroling.** Join us as we stroll the Town and sing Christmas Carols with friends and family. Whether you join from the start or at any one of the stopping points, all are welcome! Hayrides, hot chocolate and cookies will be waiting at our final stop! Starting point is on Mason Avenue across from Arts Enter.



**The Town offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas Holiday.**

We welcome your feedback. Please send your comments to [gazette@capecharles.org](mailto:gazette@capecharles.org).

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