



# 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.



## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR SULLIVAN

Let me tell you a story...

15 years ago, we took a drive across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. We were not necessarily looking for change but rather to take a drive and visit the town of Cape Charles. We had read that it was a quiet town on the water and homes were practically being given away. At the time, we had two daughters in college and the youngest was finishing his senior year of high school.

I think we knew it when we were half-way across the bridge. It felt calm and beautiful. Driving through town was a thrill in itself. People everywhere and elderly gentlemen would cock their hats as we drove by.

I think that change in town started when Councilman Veber made stink about investing in our assets. He led the charge to spend money on our beach. We took from Peter to pay Paul and never looked back. Every time I visit the beach, I think of Larry.

The next big step was when a handful of citizens (some who didn't even live here full time) decided that they wanted to have a park. They threw a party and called it the Renovator's Ball. You had to wear your best renovator's clothes. Steve Hairfield wore a toilet seat around his neck and I was Queen of the Landfill with a buzzard on my shoulder! What fun that was and they raised so much money. Year after year the Ball was held and at some point the group asked the Town to match what they had collected. Take a look at the park today and you can thank that small group of people followed by a devoted small town's citizens to get it done!

So Cape Charles now has a great public beach and a stellar park. What would be next? We didn't have to go looking because it came to us. We were directed by the federal government to build a new wastewater treatment plant. We now have a state-of-the-art treatment plant which was funded largely by grants. The cost of the new wastewater treatment plant was \$19.5M and \$14M was received in grant funding, which amounted to 72%. The remainder was financed by the Town at 0%. You can't do any better than that!

Next came the redevelopment of the Cape Charles Town Harbor! Two breakwater sections were built in 2010 followed by the construction of the floating slips in 2011 and the Harbor Bath House in 2012. The Town also leased a portion of the Harbor property for a restaurant and The Shanty opened in 2012!

The Town also worked with representatives from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD), the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (ANPDC), and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA) on a project to bring a fiber optic network to the Eastern Shore, from Wallops Island down the shore to Virginia Beach. This work was completed with a Community Improvement Grant from the VDHCD. The work on the broadband connection was completed in 2012. As part of this grant, the Town acquired 20 computers and computer stations for a Computer Lab which is housed at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

None of the above was here in 2000 and so I call Cape Charles the little engine that could. I leave office with the Town in very secure hands which are always optimistic about her future and vision.

No matter who you are or where you live, the harbor is yours to walk about or just sit and smell the salt air. The library and museum are yours to read or study our history. The beach and the park are yours to relax and enjoy family time. And all are within walking distance of each other! We are truly a unique town that has so much to offer our citizens and visitors!

I began my public service career in 2002 on the Town Council and was elected Mayor in 2006. Thank you for a wonderful 12 years! I look forward to seeing everyone in my retirement years!

## MEMORIAL DAY & CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY REDEDICATION

The spirit of cooperation filled the streets of Cape Charles on Memorial Day! The American Legion Post 56, the Town of Cape Charles, the Library Board, the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library and the Cape Charles Band worked together to create a beautiful service to honor those who serve our country and to remember those who have given all.

The American Legion began the day at the War Memorial with a solemn and reflective remembrance. The crown stood in respectful silence to show appreciation for all who lost their lives fighting for freedom and those who still unselfishly serve our country. Attention then turned across the street and went from solemnity to celebration with the rededication of the Cape Charles Memorial Library.



The music of the Cape Charles Band filled the air and heightened the spirit of gratitude and patriotism. Senator Lynwood Lewis offered his respect for our soldiers and veterans and spoke of the opportunities the new Library facility offers to the citizens of Lower Northampton County.

The Cape Charles Memorial Library has an interesting history. In June of 1919, thirty-two women gathered together to take the first steps in their quest to create a Library for the Town. Each woman brought a book to donate to the cause. The small collection grew slowly and was housed in private homes, a department store, and a bank before it found its first true home in the vacated Presbyterian Church building on Tazewell Avenue. On May 27, 1927, that building became the first Memorial Library in Virginia. Governor Harry F. Byrd formally dedicated the Library to the twenty-one men from Northampton County who perished in World War I. By 2012, the growth of the library collection and changes in technology necessitated the need for a new facility. The former Bank of America building and adjacent lots were purchased by the Town of Cape Charles and with the help of volunteers, the building was transformed.



Pictured from left to right: Councilwoman & President of the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Joan Natali, Vice Mayor & Chairman of the Library Board Chris Bannon, Delegate Robert Bloxom, Senator Lynwood Lewis, Mayor-elect George Proto, District 4 Supervisor Rick Hubbard



Pictured Library Ann Rutledge (left) and Mayor Dora Sullivan.

The formal rededication of the new facility took place on Memorial Day. With a gigantic pair of scissors, Mayor Dora Sullivan and Librarian Ann Rutledge cut the ribbon, opening a new chapter in the history of the Library. A symbolic procession of women, carrying thirty-two books, reminded those gathered that no matter how big the obstacles, with untiring determination, dreams can come true. This new building is their enduring legacy.

Immediately following the rededication ceremony, the celebration continued with tours of the new Library building. The Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library provided a wide variety of refreshments. Everyone was invited to reconnect with old friends and enjoy the spirit of community cooperation!

*Story submitted by Nancy Vest  
Photos by Ron Wrucke*

## URBAN CHICKEN SURVEY



The urban chicken public opinion survey has now been closed. Staff would like to thank everyone who participated, your input is important in this decision making process.

Results from the survey are being reviewed and were discussed by the Planning Commission at their June 9, 2014 meeting. The results may also be found on the town website, included in the June 9 Planning Commission packet under the Agendas and Minutes page. If you did not fill out the survey, but would still like to voice your opinion on the matter, the Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the matter for July 8. If you cannot attend a meeting, please submit written comments to [planner@capecharles.org](mailto:planner@capecharles.org) or hand deliver them to the Town Planner's office at 2 Plum Street, comments will be read into the record during the public hearing.

## CAPE CHARLES FISHING PIER



The repairs to the Cape Charles Fishing Pier is expected to be completed by the end of this week. The pier will be open to the public with the entrance from the boardwalk.

We appreciate your patience during the time that the pier was under repairs.

## DOGS ON THE BEACH

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the beach between the hours of 9am-9pm April 1<sup>st</sup> through Labor Day per Town Code Section 50-191.

If you have your dog on the beach during the permitted hours, please be courteous and pick up the waste and do not bury it for someone to step on. There are a number of doggie waste stations along the boardwalk which contain bags for your convenience. Failure to comply could result in a class 4 misdemeanor.

At all times, throughout the Town, dogs must be on a leash.

Thank you for your cooperation!



## FROM THE HARBOR MASTER



In the midst of a beautiful day in sunny Cape Charles, the folks down at the Town Harbor would like to remind all visitors and locals of the importance of abiding by safety rules and regulations during summer fun. As stated in the Rules and Regulations posted on our website, "The mission of the Municipal Corp. of Cape Charles Town Harbor is to protect and preserve the lives, health, safety and well-being of any person who uses or works at the Harbor." This includes the safety surrounding the No Wake Zones. It is our responsibility to maintain the safety in and around our facility and the responsibility of the driver and passengers of a watercraft to ensure that all rules are being closely followed at all times.

A No Wake Zone can be defined as "as vessel making way as slowly as possible without losing steerage." This means that the vessel must be slowed by the driver BEFORE passing the No Wake sign. It is no different than driving a car and slowing down when approaching a speed limit sign. Although it may be tempting to rev that Jet Ski or boat one last time before wrapping up a thrilling beach day, it is not worth potentially putting another person in danger.

Your friends at the Cape Charles Town Harbor wish you a summer that is as safe as it is fun!

## ADULT BOOK CLUB

Adult Book Club met for the first time on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will meet on the first and third Mondays of every month from 5:30-6:30pm at the new Cape Charles Civic Center located in the former Cape Charles Memorial Library building at the corner of Tazewell Avenue and Plum Street. There are currently 5 members. The group selected *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot as the first book. Recreation Coordinator Jen Lewis has ordered 10 copies of the book so if you're interested in joining book club, please pick up a book at the Town Office and we'll look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

This is "your" book club, meaning that it is run by everyone and not just one person. So, please join us for great reads, lively discussion and new friends.

Book overview: "Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew."

Book Club Summer Schedule:

- June 16
- July 7
- July 21
- August 4
- August 18





# TALL SHIPS AT CAPE CHARLES

## THIRD ANNUAL TALL SHIPS AT CAPE CHARLES FESTIVAL JUNE 14 AND 15, 2014

Historic tall ships, skipjacks, buy boats, sloops and schooners will once again grace Cape Charles Town Harbor to Hospitality. This is a rare opportunity to get up close and personal as you explore the decks and meet the costumed crews of magnificent tall ships and encounter roving pirates, costumed re-enactors and all kinds of family fun throughout our historic town and harbor. Enjoy delectable food, refreshing beverages, arts, crafts and collectibles as well as music and entertainment by local performers.

### MUSIC, FOOD & FAMILY FUN!

There's so much to do, see and enjoy at Tall Ships at Cape Charles. Live music. Great food. Fun for all ages. [Click here](#) for a run-down of the events, entertainment and activities.

### DAY SAILS AND PIRATE SAILS

Day sails and Pirate Sails aboard the Kalmar Nyckel and Lynx begin June 12. Full festival events are Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15. There will be free Pirate Schools and a Kids Pirate Costume Contest! Dress up like a pirate to win! You can also tour the decks!

[Click here](#) for a listing of tours and sails!

## RECYCLING FACILITIES



Northampton County provides several **Recycling Facilities** that accept plastic, glass, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, waste oil and batteries. Waste oil and batteries are also collected. Large or bulky household items occasionally needing disposal by a resident will also be accepted and transported to a disposal site.

There are 5 locations throughout the County. The closest location to the Town is in Bayview at 22564 Bayview Circle.

The hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 7:30 AM – 6 PM; Sunday 1 PM – 6 PM.

More information can be located on the Northampton County website at [www.co.northampton.va.us/departments/landfill.html](http://www.co.northampton.va.us/departments/landfill.html).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, June 17, 2014:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, June 19, 2014:  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall. [AGENDA](#)
- Monday, June 23, 2014:  
**Town Council Work Session** starting at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall.
- Monday, June 30, 2014:  
**Planning Commission Meeting** with the A-NPDC regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update, starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, July 3, 2014:  
**Town Council Budget Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- Friday, July 4, 2014:  
*Town Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day.*
- Tuesday, July 8, 2014:  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall (location subject to change).
- Tuesday, July 15, 2014:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall (location subject to change).
- Thursday, July 17, 2014:  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall (location subject to change).



# 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 Celebration

## Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am  
 8:30 am – 9:30 am  
 8:30 am -12:00 pm  
 9:00 am – 9:30 am  
 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 10:00 am – Dark  
 10:00 am  
  
 11:00 am  
 11:00 am  
 11:00 am  
 12:30 pm  
 1:00 pm  
 1:00 pm  
 2:00 – 3:00 pm  
 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
 4:00 pm  
  
 8:00 pm

## Schedule of Events

Vendors set-up on Bay Avenue  
 Registration for all activities on Bay Avenue by the Fishing Pier  
 Trash to Treasures – 100 Block of Mason Avenue  
 Parade Line-Up on Washington Avenue  
 Craft and Artisan Vendors on Bay Avenue  
 Food Vendors on Bay Avenue  
 Parade – Down Mason Avenue & Bay Avenue – Presentation of Colors –  
 Cape Charles Coast Guard – Singing of National Anthem  
 Announcement of Parade Winners  
 Horseshoe Tournament – South end of Bay Avenue by the Fishing Pier  
 Registration for Guppie Challenge  
 Guppie Challenge at the Fishing Pier  
 Beach Volley Ball Tournament  
 Beautiful Baby Competition  
 Live Music – Unleashed Faith  
 Live Music – Cape Charles Community Band  
 Corn Hole Tournament – Sponsored by Law Enforcement Torch Run  
 Benefiting Special Olympics Virginia  
 Fishing Pier Closed

After Dark at the Harbor/Beach...  
**FIREWORKS!!!!!!**




3-8pm Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Cape Charles Fire Company Annual Seafood Festival

# JUNE & JULY @the Cape Charles Memorial Library

Questions? Give us a call at 757.331.1300. Check us out on Facebook at Cape Charles Memorial Library

6/17	10:30 pm	LEGO Club Jr. – ages 4 to 6
	3:30 pm	LEGO Club – ages 7 to 12
6/19	10:30 am	Babies & Toddlers Story Time (meet downstairs)
	10:30 am	Preschool Story Time – Eric Carle (meet upstairs) immediately followed by Paws to Paint project
6/23		<b>PAWS to READ</b> Summer Reading Program begins!
6/24	3:30 pm	Paws to Paint
6/25	5:15 pm	Kids Movie Night
6/26	10:30 am	ES Soil & Water Conservation District Program – The Lorax
	4:00 pm	Chess Club
6/30	4:00 pm	Roy's Book Club for ages 12 – 15 "Eragon"
7/1	11:00 a.m.	Virginia Living Museum – Chesapeake Bay Adventures
7/1	3:30 pm	LEGO Club ages 7 – 12
7/2	5:15 pm	Kids Movie Night
7/3	10:30 am	Babies & Toddlers Story Time meet downstairs
	10:30 am	
7/3	4:00 pm	Chess Club
7/8	10:30 am	ES Water & Soil Conservation – Animal Tracks
7/9	5:15 pm	Kids Movie Night
7/10	10:30 am	Preschoolers – Fireflies & Ladybugs meet upstairs w/ Paws to Paint craft immediately following
7/10	4:00 pm	Chess Club

AMAZING SUMMER PROGRAMS AT CAPE  
CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY SUPPORTED  
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## FY 2012/2013 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

The FY 2012/2013 financial audit was performed by the Town's auditing firm, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates. The Town's total assets are \$36,070,487 and liabilities are \$10,268,189 for a total net position of \$25,795,177 as of June 30, 2013. A copy of the complete [FY 2013 Financial Audit Report](#) is available on the Town's website.

Staff is working with the auditors to set a date for the FY 2013/2014 financial audit and we are hopeful to start the review earlier in order to have it finalized prior to the budget process for next year.

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## VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS

The Town currently has vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Building Code Board of Appeals, Harbor Area Review Board and Wetlands/Coastal Dunes Board. If you live in the Town and are interested in serving on any of these boards, please complete the [Application for Boards and Commission](#) and return it to Town Clerk Libby Hume at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or email it to [clerk@capecharles.org](mailto:clerk@capecharles.org). Once applications are collected, interviews will be scheduled with the Town Council to fill the vacancies.

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As announced over the last several months, the Cape Charles Gazette is now available only by subscribing to [e-Notifications](#). With [e-Notifications](#) you can sign up to get the Gazette and regular updates on Agendas & Minutes, Alerts, Bids, Calendar Items, Job Postings and other News & Information.

With [e-Notifications](#), you control the information you receive and can cancel the notifications at any time.

We encourage you to browse the new website and if there is something that you would like to see added to the site, please submit your comments in writing by sending us an email at [info@capecharles.org](mailto:info@capecharles.org) or send a note to the Town Clerk at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310, and we'll see what we can do to get your requested information online.

We hope you are enjoying our new site and we welcome your comments! We look forward to hearing from you!

Please send comments to [info@capecharles.org](mailto:info@capecharles.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 6/14/14-6/15/14: [Tall Ships at Cape Charles](#)
- 6/19/14-8/7/14 (except 7/3): [New Roots Youth Garden Summer Open-Garden Club – Thursdays in the Garden](#)
- 6/21/14: [Great Bay Run](#)
  - 7/4/14: [July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks and Celebration](#)
  - 7/5/14: Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company Seafood Festival
  - 7/12/14: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale, 10AM – 2PM
  - 7/12/14: Summer of Love – Cape Charles Community Band Fundraiser
- Save the Date:
  - 8/1/14-8/3/14: [Clam Slam 2014](#)
  - 8/1/14 – 8/17/14: [Harbor for the Arts Festival](#)
  - 8/9/14: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale, 10AM – 2PM
  - 10/10/14-10/12/14: Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival
  - 10/11/14: Cape Charles Fall Festival
  - 10/11/14: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale, 10AM – 2PM

For more information regarding these events, please visit our website and take a look at the Calendar!

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