



# 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 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.



## BEST WISHES TO TOWN MANAGER HEATHER ARCOS

Today is Heather Arcos' last day as Town Manager of the Town of Cape Charles. She came to work for the Town in 2004 as the Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, was promoted to Assistant Town Manager in 2007, and appointed as the Town Manager in 2009, and served in this capacity for the past 5 years. Under her leadership, many important infrastructure improvements have been made throughout the Town, such as the updated wastewater treatment plant, Central Park and the Cape Charles Multi-Use Trail Project, and a new breakwater, floating slips, and bath house at the Town Harbor, just to name a few!

Please join us in wishing Heather the best for her future endeavors!

**Note:** Cape Charles Town Code § 2.4 states that in the event of the resignation of the town manager, until the appointment of a successor, the assistant town manager shall perform the duties of that office. Bob Panek will be the Interim Town Manager until the appointment of a new town manager.

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON A CITIZEN COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RULES RE: DOGS ON THE BEACH DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Mayor Proto would like to form a committee to review the current Town regulations concerning dogs on the public beach. The current ordinance prohibits dogs on the beach from 9 am to 9 pm, April 1 through Labor Day. This has proved difficult to enforce and resulted in regular complaints from non-dog owners and dog owners alike. At the same time many people enjoy the company of their pets and would like the opportunity to take them to the beach without violating town ordinances. The objective of this committee is to respect the views of those who would prefer there be no dogs while providing opportunity for dog owners to be with their pets on the beach during the season. Recommendations, particularly relative to enforcement, will be brought to Town Council for consideration. We would like to have representation of both dog owners and those not owning dogs on the committee to ensure diversity of opinion. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Town Clerk Libby Hume at [clerk@capecharles.org](mailto:clerk@capecharles.org) or by calling 757-331-3259, x10.



## MAYOR PROTO TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETING AND REGULAR "OFFICE HOURS"

Mayor Proto has scheduled a Town Hall meeting for Saturday, September 13, 2014, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue (the former library building). Citizens will be given an opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions.

The Mayor will also be holding regular "Office Hours" on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Civic Center. The hours will be from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on the second Tuesdays, and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the fourth Tuesdays in order to accommodate retirees and those that work during the days. Mayor Proto will be available during those times to meet with citizens regarding their concerns.

We hope that you will be able to take some time to visit with the Mayor during his Office Hours or by attending his Town Hall meeting.



The Cape Charles Memorial Library had record breaking attendance this summer for our Paws to Read Summer Reading Program, our regularly scheduled programs, and our special summer programs! Thank you to all who made Summer 2014 one of the best ever!

June - August 2014

- 207 children signed up to participate in the Paws to Read Summer Reading Program
- 290 prizes were given out to reading participants (an estimated 250 of those prizes were brown dog ice cream tokens! Thanks, Miriam!)
- 150 children attended the debut Paws to Paint summer program throughout the summer
- 108 children and parents attended Kids Movie Night (movie license sponsored by Friends of CCML)
- 90 Children attended 5 Story Time gatherings
- 55 stuffed animals attended the First Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Cape Charles Memorial Library
- 60 vacationing families participated in programs at CCML
- 48 free books were earned by Summer Reading participants (free books earned when participant read 15 books)
- 897 people attended a program at CCML
- Approximately 5562 people visited the library this summer
- Close to 1000 people used a computer at the library



Special thank you to the following for their contributions to the Summer Programs at Cape Charles Memorial Library!



# Town of Cape Charles Recreation Department 2014 Fall Programs

All programs will take place at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave unless otherwise noted.  
For more information on these programs, please visit [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) or call Jen Lewis at 757-331-3259 x18.

### Arts & Crafts



- 4:00 PM  
 Sept 3 - Foam Cup Farm Animals  
 Sept 10 - Glass Sculptures  
 Sept 17 - Toilet Roll Bracelets  
 Sept 24 - Tiny Yarn Butterflies  
 Oct 1 - Fairytale Twinkle Jars  
 Oct 8 - Cute as a Button Fishy  
 Oct 15 - Falling Leaf Mobile  
 Oct 22 - Paper Plate Birds  
 Oct 29 - Spooky Simple Monsters  
 Nov 5 - Handprint Turkeys  
 Nov 12 - Apple Turkeys  
 Nov 19 - Fall Craft

### Cornhole

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
 Cape Charles Fire House

**\$20 Registration per person & \$5 weekly fee. 3 person teams.**

- Sept 25  
 Oct 2  
 Oct 9  
 Oct 16  
 Oct 23  
 Oct 30  
 Nov 6



### Scrapbooking

- 5:30PM  
 Town Hall  
 Sept 11  
 Sept 25  
 Oct 9  
 Oct 23  
 Nov 13



### Line Dancing

- 7:00 PM  
**\$5 per person**  
 Sept 15  
 Oct 6  
 Oct 20  
 Nov 3  
 Nov 17



### Bingo

- 10:30AM  
**\$1 fee or bring item worth \$1**  
 Sept 5  
 Sept 19  
 Oct 3  
 Oct 17  
 Nov 7  
 Nov 21



### 4-H Clover Bud Camp

- 4:00 PM  
 Sept 30  
 Oct 28  
 Nov 25



### Mommy & Me

- 10:30AM  
 Sept 2  
 Sept 9  
 Sept 16  
 Sept 23  
 Sept 30  
 Oct 7  
 Oct 14  
 Oct 21  
 Oct 28  
 Nov 4  
 Nov 18  
 Nov 25



### Adult Book Club

- 5:30PM  
 Sept 15 - Unbroken  
 Oct 6 - Cane River  
 Oct 20 - Cane River  
 Nov 3 - Gone Girl  
 Nov 17 - Gone Girl



### Halloween Party

- 1:00 PM - 3:00PM  
 Oct 25

## FROM THE PLANNER

Planning to open a business in Town? Please remember to check with Town Planner Rob Testerman to ensure that your planned business is compatible with those allowed within your zoning district. Even if no new construction is needed for your business, a zoning clearance is still required.

Additionally, zoning clearances are required for many projects in residential zones, including but not limited to fences, accessory buildings, and decks. When planning your next project please bring your plans or ideas to the Town Planner's office in order to verify that your plans are consistent with the Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance.

## PILL & DRUG COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

On September 27, 2014 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, the Northampton County Sheriff's Office will be accepting medications for disposal at the Sheriff's office located at 5211 The Hornes in Eastville. This is a program offered by the Northampton County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired and unused prescription drugs. This service is free and anonymous. No questions asked.

Last October, 377,080 pounds of prescription drugs were turned in at over 5,300 sites. In their 3 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners took in almost a million pounds of pills!

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, both pose potential safety and health hazards.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Saturday, September 13, 2014:  
**Mayor's Town Hall Meeting** from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue.
- Tuesday, September 16, 2014:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, September 18, 2014:  
**Town Council Public Hearing** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** immediately following the Public Hearing. [AGENDA](#)
- Monday, September 22, 2014:  
**Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Tuesday, September 23, 2014:  
**Mayor's Office Hours** from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Thursday, September 25, 2014:  
**Planning Commission & Town Council Joint Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 2, 2014:  
**Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center. (*tentative*)
- Tuesday, October 7, 2014:  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 9, 2014:  
**Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- **Monday, October 13, 2014: Town offices closed in observance of Columbus Day.**
- Tuesday, October 14, 2014:  
**Mayor's Office Hours** from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 16, 2014:  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Tuesday, October 21, 2014:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Monday, October 27, 2014:  
**Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
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### ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS!

Amazon has a new program to help non-profit organizations raise money! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. **The Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** have signed up as an eligible organization. If you'd like to help with the Friends' fundraising for the Cape Charles Memorial Library, please take a moment to sign up. It doesn't cost you anything to sign up. Whenever you shop at Amazon, just start at [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com)!

### RECYCLING FACILITIES



**Northampton County** provides several **Recycling Facilities** that accept plastic, glass, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, waste oil and batteries. 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).

### SIGN UP FOR THE GAZETTE & E-NOTIFICATIONS!

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).

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 9/27/14: [Stay Tuned Music Festival](#)
- 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
- 10/25/14: Kid's Halloween Party, 1PM – 3PM
- Save the Date:
  - 11/29/14: Cape Charles Historical Society Oyster Roast
  - 12/5/14: 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Northampton County Holiday Progressive Dinner Tour
  - 12/6/14: Cape Charles Grand Illumination – Central Park

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

You can also visit [www.CapeCharlesbytheBay.com](http://www.CapeCharlesbytheBay.com) for other events in the Town!

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

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