



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, 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.



KING NEPTUNE COMING TO CAPE CHARLES!



This 7' tall maquette of the 34' bronze sculpture on the Virginia Beach boardwalk will be installed on the Bay Avenue boardwalk between Washington and Jefferson Avenues. *Neptune* was created by noted public art sculptor Mr. Paul DiPasquale. In addition to *Neptune*, Mr. DiPasquale has created numerous public sculptures, including the Arthur Ashe Memorial in Richmond. The patron for the Cape Charles *Neptune* is Mr. Wyndham Price.

Neptune will be dedicated on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Following the dedication, at 11:00 AM a reception for Messrs. DiPasquale and Price will be hosted by Arts Enter Cape Charles at the Stage Door Gallery, 301 Mason Avenue. Mr. DiPasquale will give a short talk about the creation of the *Neptune* sculpture and the importance of public art.

Neptune will become a part of the Cape Charles Art Walk. The portion along Bay Avenue will be anchored on the south by our custom LOVE installation, on the north by *Neptune*, with our bronze dolphin sculpture in the middle by the Pavilion. We hope to add additional pieces of art to our community trail system as it develops over time. The Art Walk was planned as part of the Our Town project funded by the National Endowment for the Arts grant, the Town of Cape Charles, and contributions from private organizations and individuals. The major partners in this project were Arts Enter Cape Charles, the Town of Cape Charles, Citizens for Central Park and the Cape Charles Business Association.

Mayor Proto hopes you will be able to attend both the dedication and the reception on June 13th.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

As mentioned in the April 9th Gazette, the Town of Cape Charles has contracted again with Bay Creek Landscaping to provide monthly mosquito spraying around the Town. Listed below is the mosquito spraying schedule:

- May 21
- July 2
- July 30
- August 27
- October 1

Spraying will begin on the golf courses at 7:00 p.m. and will end in town between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., weather permitting. If it cannot be done due to weather, spraying will continue on the following evening.



FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET PREPARATIONS



Town Council started their budget process for FY 2015/2016 on March 5th and had a very tight meeting schedule. The final budget work session was held on May 7th and Council did an excellent job to balance the proposed budget. The Council will vote on May 21st at their regular meeting to schedule a public hearing in early June.

GRASS CUTTINGS & DEBRIS IN STREETS

With the spring season in full swing, it's time to cut your grass on a regular basis. The Public Works Department asks that you do not rake or blow the grass cuttings or other yard debris into the streets. Doing so will clog up the storm drains which will lead to flooding that could severely damage personal property. Please do your part to keep the yard debris out of the streets by bagging them up in biodegradable bags for proper pickup.



Thank you for your assistance!

DOGS ON THE BEACH



Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the beach between the hours of 9am-9pm April 1st 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 charge.

At all times, throughout the Town, dogs must remain under the owner's control.

Thank you for your cooperation!

MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

International Codes is the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation and are used by most states, counties, cities and towns. The building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – the local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings. Each year in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community and to acknowledge the essential service provided to us by the local and state building departments in protecting lives and property.



Photo courtesy of Ron West, Eastern Shore Post

This year's theme is "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes" and encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation, energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognized that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

At their April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council adopted Proclamation 20150416B proclaiming the month of May 2015 as Building Safety Month and encourages the Town's citizens to join with our community in participating in Building Safety Month activities as described above.

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week.

The members of the Cape Charles Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the Town and provide a vital public service. It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the Police Department and that members of the Cape Charles Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, but protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression.



Photo courtesy of Ron West, Eastern Shore Post

At their April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council adopted Proclamation 20150416A proclaiming Friday, May 15, 2015, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and the week of May 10-16, 2015 as National Police Week.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

The week of May 16 – 22, 2015 is National Safe Boating Week!

Recreational boating is fun and enjoyable and we are fortunate that we have sufficient resources to accommodate the wide variety of pleasure boating demands. However, our waterways can become crowded at times and be a place of chaos and confusion. While being a marvelous source of recreation, boating, to the unprepared, can be a risky sport. Not knowing or obeying the navigational rules, drinking alcohol or taking drugs while operating a boat, or choosing not to wear your life jacket when doing so is not the smart thing to do and are all examples of human error or a lack of judgement.



Photo courtesy of Ron West, Eastern Shore Post

On average, 800 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S. and nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning. Wearing a life jacket can reduce the number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year by 80%!

At their April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council showed their support of the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign by adopting Proclamation 20150416 proclaiming May 16 – 22, 2015 as National Safe Boating Week. This campaign starts the year-round effort to promote safe boating and encourages all boaters to wear their life jackets, boat responsibly and enroll in a safe boating class. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-02 Painter provides safe boating instruction for persons of all ages in order to prevent boating accidents and to teach rescue and survival techniques in case one does occur.



efforts of the Public Works crew.

At their April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council adopted Proclamation 20150416C recognizing the hard work by the Town's Public Works crew and proclaimed May 17-23 as National Public Works Week. Please join us in thanking our wonderful crew – Director Dave Fauber, Foreman Pete Leontieff, Mike Mullner, Willie Lyons and Brent Mears!

Public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Cape Charles. The facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated

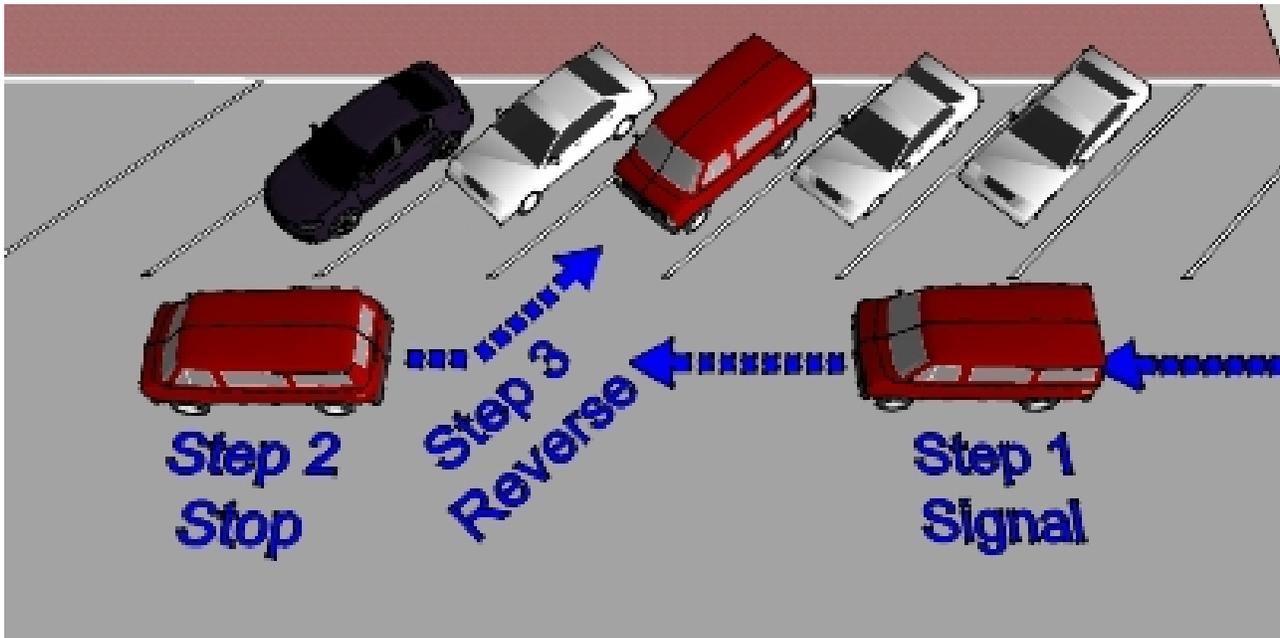


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MASON AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the Mason Avenue Street Improvement Program, the Town obtained a VDOT land use permit to change the parking plan from parallel to reverse-angle. Reverse-angle parking is sometimes referred to as “back in, pull out” parking. The purpose of this plan is to provide enhanced safety through increased visibility for motorists, pedestrians, golf cart drivers, and bicyclists. An added benefit is the increase in parking spaces available in the central business district. The project runs from Harbor Avenue east to Peach Street on the north side of Mason Avenue. The south side of Mason Avenue will retain parallel parking.

If you have any questions please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036 or by email at larry.dire@capecharles.org.



NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN TOWN OFFICES



In March, a new phone system was installed in the Town offices replacing an antiquated system that was over 20 years old. In an effort to simplify the process for customers to contact a particular department, you can now call a department directly vs. dialing the main number and having to listen to a recording. Below is a list of the direct dial numbers:

- Administration (Brent Manuel, Bob Panek, Libby Hume, Amanda Hurley): 331-3259 (Main Number)
- Building Permits / Code Enforcement (Jeb Brady): 331-2176
- Finance (Deborah Pocock, Jerry Murphy, Libby Luettinger) 331-2979
- Harbor (Smitty Dize, Barbara Michaux)..... 331-2357
- Library (Ann Rutledge, Sharon Silvey, Greg Jones)..... 331-1300
- Planning & Zoning (Larry DiRe)..... 331-2036
- Police Department (Jim Pruitt, Chelsea Pfeiffer, Jay Bell, Tom Potts, Jake Leuer) 331-3096
- Non-Emergency Dispatch: 678-0458
- Director of Public Works/Public Utilities (Dave Fauber) 695-3839
- Public Works (Pete Leontieff, Mike Mullner, Willie Lyons, Brent Mears)..... 331-1410
- Recreation / Community Events (Jen Lewis) 331-4785
- Utility Billing (Kathy Fraas)..... 331-3285
- Water Plant (Scottie Neville, Ron Bailey) 331-1018
- Wastewater Plant (Patrick Christman, Fred Meditz, Dan Dabinett) 331-1150

2015 BIKE MS: VIRGINIA'S OCEAN TO BAY RIDE



Bike MS is the premier fundraising cycling series in the nation. Bike MS brings people together as individuals and as teams to conquer a challenge and share an unforgettable experience with friends, family and coworkers, all while raising money to make a difference in the lives of people affected by MS.

Now in its 35th year, the Central & Eastern Virginia Chapter's [Bike MS: Virginia's Ocean to Bay Ride](#) will host over 500 cyclists and volunteers for a weekend long event. Unlike a racing event, Bike MS is designed to provide a scenic, challenging ride for both the experienced cyclist and the energetic novice. Riders are offered a choice of fully supported routes each of the two days.

Cyclists will enjoy the scenic roads of Virginia's Eastern Shore. Cyclists will love the flat terrain as they travel through the quaint towns, pedal through corn fields, and experience the serene beauty of the Shore.

Submitted by Karla L. McCarraher, Director, Development, National Multiple Sclerosis Society

EASTERN SHORE SPAY ORGANIZATION NEWS UPDATE

We would like to thank all of our supporters and contributors that helped to make our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta fundraiser a success. Don Valerios did an excellent Mexican buffet that was enjoyed by everyone. We offered sangria and beer as well as appetizers and Mexican brownies for dessert. Sombreros and mustaches were complimentary as well as a bottle of margarita mix, that was generously contributed by Blue Crab Bay Company, for each guest. We expect to net approximately \$2,000 from our attendance and silent auction proceeds and we are hoping to make this an annual fund raising event. Thank you again for your support and attendance.

ESSO has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Walmart Community Grants Team. Thank you Walmart for recognizing our community efforts to help the cats and dogs in our area and to educate everyone about the value of our spay/neuter service. It will be put to good use and is very much appreciated.

Sharyl Cline, our vice president and clinic coordinator, works tirelessly to fill our spay/neuter appointments, accepting reservations and refilling cancellations. We are very grateful to our anonymous donor who paid for two free clinics with the Virginia Beach SPCA in March and April. Our current monthly arrangement is with the Peta Snip Van, which comes monthly to Cape Charles for spay/neuter surgery. Last year we purchased our very own neuter/scooter van and have finally found a veterinarian to work with

us as Vet-in-Charge. We are planning a test clinic sometime this summer when all our legal obligations and permits are finalized.



ESSO is responsible for 6 spay/neuter clinics totaling 131 cats and 30 dogs in 2015. 25 of these surgeries were subsidized or paid for by ESSO. These surgeries saved 120 puppies and 1,013 kittens from being born. More information is available on our Facebook site.

An ongoing project is our Recycle Cart. The cart was donated and painted and is now located in the parking lot opposite the Cape Charles Coffee House. We are collecting aluminum cans to help buy cat food for animals in need and for residents of the Eastern Shore who are in need of assistance to keep our

kitties well and healthy. Please consider saving and recycling your aluminum cans and tins for deposit in our recycle cart.

As many know, cats are necessary in a harbor town to keep the rodent population under control. If this is not realized, the rodents can become a serious problem carrying disease and illness. ESSO is working hard to attain low population growth by spay/neutering as many animals as possible. But, it is simply not enough to trap, neuter and release (TNR) them without some maintenance. TNR often requires maintenance and feeding of a small colony of cats. If you see a feral cat doing his job, please be kind and understand that he is working to protect our community and harbor way of life. He does not want to be your friend or sit on your lap, but a scrap of food or shelter from the elements would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Sandy Mayer, ESSO Secretary/Treasurer



Town of Cape Charles Recreation Department 2015 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 or call Jen Lewis at 757-331-4785.

Arts & Crafts

10:30AM
June 24
July 1
July 8
July 15
July 22
July 29
August 5
August 12
August 19
August 26



Scrapbooking

10:30AM
June 8
June 22
July 13
July 27
August 10
August 24

Adult Book Club

5:30PM
June 1 - Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail
June 15 - Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail
July 6 - Songs of the Humpback Whale
July 20 - Songs of the Humpback Whale
August 3 - The Hurricane Sisters
August 17 - The Hurricane Sisters

Cape Kids Clubhouse

6:00PM
June 26
July 24
August 28



Bingo

10:30AM
June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26
July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31
August 7
August 14
August 21
August 28



Mommy & Me

10:30AM
June 9
June 23
July 14
July 28
August 11
August 25



Town of Cape Charles Recreation Department 2015 Programs

All programs will take place at the beach unless otherwise noted. In the event of rain, programs will be canceled.

For more information on these programs, please visit www.capecharles.org or call Jen Lewis at 757-331-4785.

Beach Fitness

8:00AM - 8:30AM

June 23	July 28
June 25	July 30
June 30	August 4
July 2	August 6
July 7	August 11
July 9	August 13
July 14	August 18
July 16	August 20
July 21	August 25
July 23	August 27

Beach Activities

10:00AM

June 23 - June 26
June 30 - July 2
July 7 - July 10
July 14 - July 17
July 21 - July 24
July 28 - July 31
August 4 - August 7
August 11 - August 14
August 18 - August 21
August 25 - August 28

Beach Activities

2:00PM

June 23 - June 27
June 30 - July 2
July 7 - July 10
July 14 - July 17
July 21 - July 25
July 28 - July 31
August 4 - August 8
August 11 - August 14
August 18 - August 21
August 25 - August 28

Cornhole

2:00PM

June 24
July 1
July 8
July 15
July 22
July 29
August 5
August 12
August 19
August 26

Beach Volley Ball

4:00PM - 6:00PM

June 23	July 16	August 8
June 25	July 21	August 11
June 27	July 23	August 13
June 30	July 25	August 18
July 2	July 28	August 20
July 7	July 30	August 25
July 9	August 4	August 27
July 14	August 6	

The following programs will take place or meet in Central Park:

Flag Football

4:00PM - 6:00PM

July 8
July 10

Basketball

4:00PM - 6:00PM

June 24
July 22
July 24

Soccer

4:00PM - 6:00PM

June 26
July 15

July 17

Kickball

4:00PM - 6:00PM

July 29

Tennis

4:00PM - 6:00PM

July 1

Can Jam

4:00PM - 6:00PM

August 5
August 7

UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, May 19, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, May 21, 2015:
Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing & Meeting starting at 9:30 AM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Monday, May 25, 2014:
Town offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Tuesday, May 26, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Saturday, May 30, 2015:
State of the Town Meeting, 10:00 AM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, June 2, 2015:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, June 4, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, June 9, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, June 10, 2015:
Library Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Tuesday, June 16, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, June 18, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 5/16/15: [4th Annual Crabby Blues Festival](#), 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 5/30/15: [Benefit by the Bay](#), 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, at The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek
- 5/30/15 – 5/31/15: [Bike MS – Virginia's Ocean to Bay Ride](#)
- 6/6/15: [27th Annual Clean the Bay Day](#)
- 6/13/15: Neptune Dedication Ceremony, 10:00 AM
- 6/13/15 – 6/14/15: [Tall Ships Festival](#)
- Save the Date:
 - 7/4/15: [Independence Day Festivities](#)
 - 7/31/15 – 8/2/15: [Clam Slam 2015 & 5th Annual Boat Docking Contest](#)
 - 8/7/15 – 8/16/15: [Harbor for the Arts Festival](#)
 - 8/9/15: [Art Rocks the Inns](#), 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - 10/9/15 – 10/11/15: Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival

For more information regarding events, please visit our website and take a look at the [Calendar!](#)

You can also visit www.CapeCharlesbytheBay.com for other events in the Town!

We welcome your feedback. Please send your comments to gazette@capecharles.org.

Any reference to an external website is for public information only and does not constitute an endorsement of that website.

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