



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.



4TH ANNUAL TALL SHIPS AT CAPE CHARLES FESTIVAL



The [4th Annual Tall Ships at Cape Charles Festival](#) will be held June 13 – 14, 2015 at the Cape Charles Harbor. The festival grows bigger and better each year!

Please click the link above for the schedules for day and sunset sails, deck tours and other events!

We look forward to seeing you in Town over the weekend!

KING NEPTUNE DEDICATION CEREMONY JUNE 13, 2015 AT 10:00 AM

The 7' tall King Neptune maquette will be installed on the Bay Avenue boardwalk between Washington and Jefferson Avenues. A dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Arts Enter Cape Charles will be hosting a reception for the creator, Mr. Paul DiPasquale, and patron, Mr. Wyndham Price, at the Stage Door Gallery at 11:00 a.m. 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, which 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. Additional pieces of art will be added to our community trail system as it develops over time.



PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET

Following are the estimated receipts and expenditures of the Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016. The Town Council held a Public Hearing on June 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center and heard from one citizen. The proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 budget will be discussed and brought to a vote at the Town Council Regular Meeting on June 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cape Charles Civic Center.

REVENUES	2015-2016	EXPENDITURES	2015-2016
General Fund		General Fund	
Real Estate Taxes	1,079,374	Legislative	25,858
Personal Property Tax	91,000	Town Clerk	137,465
Prior Year Tax Collections	100,000	Town Manager	355,425
Motor Vehicle License Tax	19,500	Finance	205,994
Machinery & Tools Tax	25,000	Police	361,625
BPOL Tax	117,680	Code Enforcement	107,056
Admissions, Short-term Rental, Trans. Occ. Taxes	93,000	Public Works	390,832
Meals Tax	250,000	Parks & Recreation	65,754
Other Taxes	98,700	Library	124,298
Building Permits & Code Enforcement	75,675	Town Planner	73,720
Recovered Costs & Miscellaneous Income	122,225	Fire Department – State Pass Thru	10,000
Library Revenues	1,000	Debt Service	135,078
Financing Proceeds	465,892	Capital Projects	1,941,971
Grants and Local/State/Federal Aid	1,619,409	Contingency Fund-General	115,438
Total General Fund	4,158,455	Total General Fund	4,050,514
Sanitation Fund		Sanitation Fund	
	175,300		175,300
Harbor Fund		Harbor Fund	
Operating Revenue	1,105,837	Operating	1,019,262
Financing Proceeds	215,000	Debt Service	184,516
Grant Revenue	645,000	Capital	870,000
Total Harbor Fund	1,965,837	Total Harbor Fund	2,073,778
Water/Wastewater Fund		Water/Wastewater Fund	
Operating Revenue	1,338,646	Water Operations	333,309
Penalties and Late Fees	28,000	Wastewater Operations	535,824
Grant Revenue	0	Meter & Utility Billing, Administration	122,227
Connection Fees	27,065	Debt Service	375,351
Financing Proceeds	165,000	Capital	192,000
Facility Fees	164,300	Facility Fees moved to Reserve	164,300
Total Water/Wastewater Fund	1,723,011	Total Water/Wastewater Fund	1,723,011
TOTAL REVENUES ALL FUNDS	8,022,603	TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS	8,022,603

The overall utility rate will remain at \$107.92 per month with the following breakdown: Water = \$31.16 minimum, Wastewater = \$63.00 minimum, and Trash Collection = \$13.76. The real estate tax rate will remain at \$.2759 per \$100.

Please click the following link for more information regarding the [proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget](#).

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE

At the May 19th Historic District Review Board meeting, the Board created an ad hoc committee to consider options for a recommended (but not required) selection of color palettes for structures in the Town's Historic District. This committee will consider appropriate wall, trim, and accent colors. The Board prefers applications from local residents or contractors with design experience or experience rehabbing historic homes. This committee should be made up of no more than five members, with its work beginning in mid-summer and wrapping up by early autumn. For more information please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036 or larry.dire@capecharles.org



If touring and learning about historic homes is more to your liking, then keep reading the Cape Charles Gazette for information on the historic homes tour which is being planned for later this autumn.

CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION'S 27TH ANNUAL CLEAN THE BAY DAY



The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's 27th Annual Clean the Bay Day was held on Saturday, June 6th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Jen Lewis was the coordinator of the event and Dave Steward and Smitty Dize were the zone captains.

Three people participated in the event on Saturday and collected 4 bags of trash for a total of approximately 22 lbs. from the south end of the beach and railroad property. Some of the items that were collected were cigarette butts, plastics such as straws, cups and bottles and aluminum cans.

On Friday, June 5th, 20 volunteers from Bay Shore Concrete Products participated and collected 15 bags of trash for a total of approximately 165 lbs. from the Harbor area. Some of the items that were collected were crab pots, part of an oyster reef and other miscellaneous debris.

Thank you to all who participated in cleaning up the waterways and surrounding areas to keep our Chesapeake Bay clean!

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!



CAPE CHARLES VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY HISTORY



The Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company is a 501(c) (3) organization in Cape Charles, Virginia and is believed to be the oldest, organized fire company on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The present Company was incorporated in 1921. On August 14, 1924, a 1924 American La France equipped with a 750 gallon per minute pump was delivered at a cost of \$12,000. This antique piece is still owned by the fire company today.

For the past 90 plus years, the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company has been a part of the Cape Charles community providing a level of protection for our residents, visitors and businesses second to none. Currently, the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company operates a total of six pieces of apparatus including two engines, one 95 foot long Aerial truck, one tanker, one utility vehicle and one Brush Truck. We also provide assistance for EMS calls upon request by the Cape Charles Rescue Service.

In addition to serving the historic Town and the sprawling Bay Creek planned residential community, we also provide fire protection to all or portions of Arlington, Capeville, Kiptopeke, Seaview, Townsend and all other outlying rural areas in lower Northampton County. We continue to provide 24/7 coverage in Cape Charles while supporting Northampton County's other volunteer stations. A vast majority of the Company's southernmost fire district is a joint district with the Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company- Station 14, as well as neighboring departments including Eastville- Station 17 to the north and Cape Charles Rescue (EMS) to the east.

Our dedicated team of volunteers has had a busy year. In 2014, our volunteers responded to 128 calls for service within an average response time of 5 minutes. In addition to these calls of service, our members maintain a high commitment to training. This important training prepares us for the situations which we may encounter as we continue to protect you, your loved ones and your property. The time that volunteers invest in responding to calls and training takes valuable time away from their family, friends and jobs.

The Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company continually strives to provide the highest level of fire protection services to the community.

We welcome new volunteers to support our important mission, either as firefighters or helping with administration and maintenance functions.

We are located at 501 Mason Avenue, P.O. Box 427, Cape Charles, VA 23310. Email us at station15@capecharlesvfc.com.

Article submitted by Paul Skolnick, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

SUMMER SEAFOOD SEASON

The Cape Charles Harbor is known for its incredible ability to connect the land and sea. With the warm weather finally here, our season is well under way, making it an opportune time to pick up fresh, local eats, such as crabs and fish that you can purchase right off the docks.

After a long morning's work, the crabbers come in around noon with boats stacked with bushels of delicious sooks and jimmies. In April and May, we had 10,457 bushels of crabs come across our docks, along with 131,515 pounds of fish. This fiscal year (since July 1, 2014) we have had a total of 1,361,606 lbs. of seafood including clams, conchs, and oysters come across our docks valued at \$1,715,677!

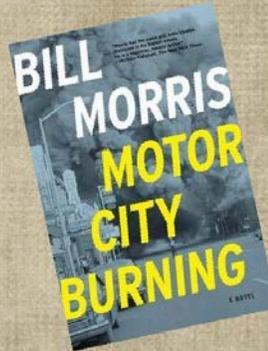


Seafood prices fluctuate daily, but the best deal is at the dock. Don't miss out on the Eastern Shore's finest and freshest seafood this year at the Cape Charles Town Harbor! Now is the time to head over to 11 Marina Road, Cape Charles, VA to try some of the Eastern Shore's tasty treats.

Friends of CCML
Author Series

Monday, June 15
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cape Charles
Memorial Library
201 Mason Avenue, Cape Charles
Ph. 757-331-1300

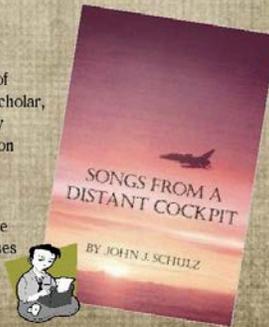


Bill Morris is the author of the novels *Motor City* and *All Soul's Day*. He is currently a staff writer with the online literary magazine *The Millions*, and his writing has appeared in *Granta*, the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post Magazine*, *L.A. Weekly*, *Popular Mechanics* and numerous other newspapers and magazines. Bill grew up in Detroit and now lives in New York City.



John J. Schultz is a retired news executive and former Voice of America foreign correspondent who also has been an Oxford scholar, National War College professor, editor of *Arms Control Today* magazine and Associate Director, The Arms Control Association and, in college, a prize-winning poet and varsity quarterback.

In 1967-8 he flew 275 missions as an F-100 fighter pilot in Vietnam. His combat decorations included the Silver Star, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses and several single-mission Air Medals.
Author biography provided by songsfromadistantcockpit.com



Program hosted by



Cape Charles Memorial Library

 "Read to the Rhythm" 		June 2015 Programs
June 4	10:30 a.m.	Story Time - Oceans
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
June 11	10:30 a.m.	Story Time - Pirates & Mermaids
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
June 13 - 14		Tall Ships Festival @ Cape Charles Town Harbor
June 15		Sign-up for Read to the Rhythm reading program begins
June 15	7:00 p.m.	Author readings - Bill Morris & John Schultz - hosted by the Friends of CCML
June 16	11:00 a.m.	Imagine/Create → projects with recyclables
June 18	10:30 a.m.	Story Time - Father's Day
	11:00 a.m.	Father's Day Craft
	4:00 p.m.	Lego Club
June 23	11:00 a.m.	Visit by Kiptopeke State Park
	3:00 p.m.	Red, White & Ewe book reading with Andrew Barbour
June 24	10:30 a.m.	Craft with Moonrise Jewelry - session 1 (preregistration beginning 8/17 is required)
	11:00 a.m.	Craft with Moonrise Jewelry - session 2 (preregistration beginning 8/17 is required)
June 25	10:30 a.m.	Story Time - I've Got Rhythm
	11:00 a.m.	I've Got Rhythm craft with Story Time attendees
	4:00 p.m.	Lego Club
June 30	11:00 a.m.	Imagine/Create → projects with recyclables

Special THANK YOU's to friends of CCML, brown dog ice cream, Moonrise Jewelry, & Kiptopeke State Park for helping make these programs possible!

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program at CCML! Read books & earn prizes! Program is FREE and open to ages birth - 18!



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, June 16, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
 - Thursday, June 18, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
 - Tuesday, June 23, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
 - Tuesday, July 7, 2015:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
 - Wednesday, July 8, 2015:
Library Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
 - Thursday, July 9, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
 - Tuesday, July 14, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
 - Thursday, July 16, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
 - Tuesday, July 21, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 6/13/15: [Neptune Dedication Ceremony](#), 10:00 AM
- 6/13/15 – 6/14/15: [Tall Ships Festival](#)
- 7/4/15: [Independence Day Festivities](#)
- Save the Date:
 - 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
 - 8/15/15 – 8/16/15: [Annual Cape Charles Cup Sail Boat Race](#)
 - 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.

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