



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.



JULY 4TH PARADE, FESTIVAL AND FIREWORKS



The 2015 July 4th festivities began with the annual parade down Bay and Mason Avenues which included many participants such as festively decorated golf carts, bicyclists, fire engines from the Cape Charles and surrounding communities, antique vehicles, and patriotic horses and riders just to name a few. Other activities included a Beautiful Baby Contest, volleyball and horse shoe tournaments. Over 100 children competed in the Guppie Challenge at the fishing pier.

Bay Avenue was lined with craft and artisan vendors along with a variety of food vendors. There was

something for everyone!

The festivities ended with a spectacular fireworks display over the Chesapeake Bay and Harbor. It seems that the fireworks get better every year!

Many thanks to Bayshore Concrete Products for allowing the fireworks vendor to set them off from their property across the Harbor!



Many thanks also to Chris Glennon for his permission to use his wonderful photographs of the parade!



FY 2015-2016 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Budget was adopted by the Town Council at their June 18, 2015 meeting after months of review. The budget maintains the same level of services currently offered to the Town's citizens. The total budget for FY 2015-2016 is \$8,022,603 for all funds, with the General Fund portion being \$4,050,514 which includes \$1,941,971 in capital projects related to the purchase of a new financial management system, a new police vehicle and dash cameras for several of the police vehicles, a vehicle for Code Enforcement with the existing truck transferred to the Harbor, additional improvements to the parking lot along Mason Avenue behind the proposed Strawberry Street Station, the Strawberry Plaza purchase and improvements, the Art Walk Way-finding signage, Central Park Playground equipment purchase, security cameras for the beach, Central Park and Civic Center, and Cape Charles Multi-Use Trail. The Town will receive \$1,356,624 in grants or local/state/federal aid to help offset the capital improvements. Total General Fund expenditures excluding capital items in the FY 2015-2016 budget amounts to \$2,108,543. Below is a highlight of several items included in this year's General Fund budget:

Personnel: The General Fund budget includes revised wages for a number of positions, which were implemented in March 2015, based on the wage and compensation study which was finalized earlier in 2015. We are hopeful to reduce the staff turnover rate by offering salaries that are more comparable to surrounding localities. No additional increases are included in the FY 2015-2016 budget.

Finance: A 3% credit card processing fee was implemented to help offset the costs due to the increasing number of citizens opting to pay by credit card.

Town Manager Budget – \$115K was allocated in a Contingency Fund for unforeseen expenses to be used at the Town Council's discretion.

Contributions to Non-Profits: This line item is included in the Town Manager's budget. The Town is continuing to provide funding assistance to a number of non-profit organizations. Many of the allocations for tourism-related activities and organizations will be funded by the transient occupancy tax revenue. The tourism-related organizations and activities included in the FY 2015-2016 budget include the Eastern Shore Eventacular, Inc. for the Tall Ships and Birding and Wildlife Festival, Cape Charles Business Association for the LOVE display, Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission, July 4th fireworks display, Harbor for the Arts Festival, Historical Society Welcome Center, and the Cape Charles by the Bay website hosting and maintenance along with social media and print marketing. In addition, the FY 2015-2016 budget includes \$25K assistance to the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company.

The Town's budget also includes 3 Enterprise Funds – Harbor, Sanitation and Water/Wastewater. These budgets are not funded by tax revenue.

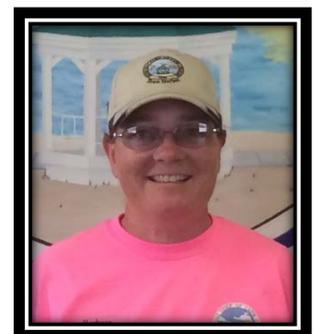
- The Harbor Fund is funded by fees collected from the local watermen and slip rentals from annual slip-holders and transient boaters. The amount budgeted in the Harbor Fund is \$2,073,778 for operations and debt service.
- The Sanitation Fund is funded by the trash collection fees, which were increased from \$13.50 to \$13.76 per month. This fee is the amount paid by the Town to Davis Disposal for providing this service.
- Water/Wastewater Fund is funded by the monthly water and wastewater fees. For FY 2015-2016, the water rate was decreased from \$31.21 to \$31.16 per month. The wastewater rate was increased from \$63.20 to \$63.00 per month. The total utility rate to citizens remains unchanged at \$107.92 including water, wastewater and sanitation fees.

MEET THE STAFF!

Please join us in welcoming Barbara Michaux, our new assistant harbor master. Barbara started at the Harbor on April 14, 2015 and has been a great addition to the team!

Barbara moved here from New Jersey and comes from a background in the medical field. She also enjoys fishing and boating which fits in perfectly with her position.

Please stop by the Harbor, introduce yourself and welcome her to the community!



VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS



The Town currently has a vacancy on the Wetlands/Coastal Dunes Board. We will have two vacancies on the Library Board effective August 9, 2015. If you live in the Town and are interested in serving on either 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. Once applications are collected, interviews will be scheduled with the Town Council to fill the vacancies.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

A number of issues regarding trash collection have been brought to our attention recently, mainly relating to trash for vacation rental properties. It is ultimately the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the Town's ordinances for trash receptacles and pickup are followed. In many cases, the property owners contract with rental management companies and this issue should be covered in that contract.

Davis Disposal picks up residential trash on Tuesdays. The Town ordinance [section 58-27\(a\)](#) states that "residential refuse receptacles to be collected by the Town shall be placed on the alley way or curb line of a Town right-of-way the customary point of pick up no earlier than 5:00 PM on the day before collection and by 7:00 AM on the day of collection. All receptacles must be removed out of view of the public after collection on the day of collection."

A number of complaints have been received regarding the overflowing trash receptacles being on the street curb or alley for days at a time awaiting pickup. If you own a vacation rental property and need additional trash receptacles, please contact Kathy Fraas at 757-331-6901.

We ask that everyone do their best to abide by the Town's ordinance to keep the Town a nice, clean place to live and visit. Thank you for your cooperation!



NOISE ORDINANCE

With the summer months, the days are longer and everyone likes to stay outside enjoying what the Town has to offer. Please be courteous to your neighbors and refrain from playing loud music after dark and late into the evenings. We wanted to send a reminder to everyone that the Town has an ordinance regarding loud, disturbing noise. Section 46-3 of the Town Code is shown below:

Sec. 46-3. Loud, disturbing, etc., noise.

It shall be unlawful and a class 4 misdemeanor for any person to create any unreasonable loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the town or any noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any person or unreasonably disturb or annoy the quiet, comfort or repose of any person. The following acts are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

- (1) The playing of any television set, radio, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.
- (2) The keeping of any animal which, by causing frequent or long-continued noise, disturbs the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity to such an extent as to constitute a nuisance.
- (3) The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning or court, while the same is in session, or adjacent to any building used as a place of public worship, while being so used, or adjacent to any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the workings of such school, institution, court, place of worship or hospital or unduly annoys persons therein.
- (4) The shouting and crying of peddlers, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.
- (5) The use of any drum, loudspeaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention, by the creation of noise, to any performance, show or sale or display of merchandise.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

As mentioned previously, the Town of Cape Charles has contracted with Bay Creek Landscaping to provide monthly mosquito spraying around the Town. Listed below is the revised mosquito spraying schedule:

- July 29
- August 26
- September 30
- October 28

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 on the scheduled date due to weather, spraying will continue on the following evening.

Bay Creek Landscaping will only spray in late October if we have warm temperatures and an active mosquito population.



The Cape Charles Recreation Department recently purchased 12 different recycle bins from TerraCycle through the Department of Environmental Quality Litter and Recycling Grant.

TerraCycle recycles products that aren't typically recyclable. The waste is recycled instead of thrown into a landfill and material is repurposed into consumer products which are available online or at major retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target. Some of the items TerraCycle accepts are drink pouches, small automotive parts, cereal bags, toothbrushes, etc.

The Town will be collecting the following: binders and presentation materials, plastic bottles, plastic grocery and shopping bags, plastic building block toys, incandescent light bulbs, drink pouches, corks, single-serve coffee capsules, bottle caps, baby food pouches and alkaline batteries. These bins will be available at several different locations such as the Town Hall, Cape Charles Civic Center, Cape Charles Memorial Library and Town Harbor and may be rotated from time to time, but you can drop off your recyclables at the Town Hall during the normal hours of operation.

The Recreation Department will be holding contests in the future for collecting items so please check back to find out more. Please contact Recreation Coordinator Jen Lewis with any questions at 757-331-4785 or reccordinator@capecharles.org.

With your help, we look forward to recycling and keeping these items out of our landfill.

DELMARVALOUS DOLLS CONCERT IN CENTRAL PARK July 26th, 6:00-8:00 PM

The Delmarvalous Dolls will perform music from the 1940s. The show features songs from The Andrews Sisters as well as Big Band Swing for dancing. Three of the area's finest Jazz singers will combine their remarkable talents for this show: Pam Miller, Rhonda Apple & Ev Cook. They will be accompanied by David Zipse on piano, Dave Gadding on drums, Jim Miller on trumpet and Rob Barbarita on sax.

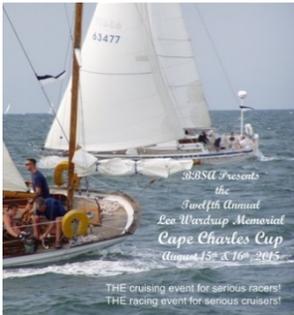
Letters from soldiers in World War II will be read.

Bring a chair or blanket to relax on the grass. The Dolls are the 1st of 3 Concerts in the Park in July & August being sponsored by the Citizens for Central Park.



Submitted by Hank Mayer

12TH ANNUAL LEO WALDRUP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP SAIL BOAT RACE



The 12th annual Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup sail boat race, sponsored by the Broad Bay Sailing Association, is scheduled for August 15 and 16, 2015. Sail boat racers from all around the southern Chesapeake Bay will be racing from Little Creek to Cape Charles on Saturday August 15, and staying overnight, then leaving for the second heat of the race Sunday morning August 16.

This event brings nearly 90 sail boats and crew to Cape Charles for this memorial event. For more information on the event go to: <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/misc/ccc15/index.asp>

Submitted by Larry Boone

WCCR-THE RESORT

WCCR-TheResort.com is a new Cape Charles internet radio station which features a combination of smooth jazz, adult contemporary, and dance pop music. WCCR-The Resort was created to emphasize the resort aspects of Cape Charles and the lower Eastern Shore and to provide relaxing and fun music to go along with the resort experience.

The station also features local weather, boating and golfing forecasts and fishing reports for the Southern Chesapeake Bay.

For more information regarding the station, please click the link above.

Submitted by David LaBonte

Cape Charles Memorial Library

 "Read to the Rhythm" 		
July 2015 Programs		
July 1	5:15 p.m.	Kids Movie Night
July 2	10:30 a.m.	Story Time w/craft - Strike Up the Band!
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
July 7	11:00 a.m.	Bonnie Mahl - ES Soil & Water Conservation District Program
July 8	11:00 a.m.	Virginia Living Museum - Reptiles of the World
	5:15 p.m.	Kids Movie Night
July 9	10:30 a.m.	Story Time w/craft - Rhyme Time
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
July 13	7:00 p.m.	Friends of the Library Author Series - Lenore Hart & Rip Phillips
July 14	11:00 a.m.	Imagine → Create
July 15	11:00 a.m.	Silent Comedy of HOOPOE!
	5:15 p.m.	Kids Movie Night
July 16	10:30 a.m.	Story Time w/craft - Dance Away
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
July 21	11:00 a.m.	Kiptopeke State Park @the Library
July 22	11:00 a.m.	Don Fogle - Movement with Meaning
	5:15 p.m.	Kids Movie Night
July 23	10:30 a.m.	Story Time w/craft - Jump, Hop, Skip & Bop
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club
	7:00 p.m.	2 nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Library (pre-register)
July 28	11:00 a.m.	Imagine → Create
July 29	11:00 a.m.	Chris Campbell - Music for Kids
	5:15 p.m.	Kids Movie Night
July 30	10:30 a.m.	Story Time w/craft - Animal Music
	4:00 p.m.	Chess Club

It's not too late to sign-up for the Summer Reading Program at CCML! Read books & earn prizes! Program is FREE and open to ages birth - 18!



Special THANK YOU's to Friends of CCML, brown dog ice cream, and Kiptopeke State Park for helping make these programs possible!

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

- Monday, July 13, 2015:
Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Meeting, 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. [AGENDA](#)
Town Council Executive Session immediately following Regular Meeting. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, July 21, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, July 28, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, August 4, 2015:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, August 6, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center
- Tuesday, August 11, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, August 12, 2015:
Library Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Thursday, August 13, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, August 18, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, August 20, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, August 25, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 7/11/15: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 2:00 PM
- 7/13/15: Author Series – Lenore Hart and Rip Phillips, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Cape Charles Memorial Library
- 7/26/15: Delmarvalous Dolls in concert in Central Park, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 7/31/15 – 8/2/15: [Clam Slam 2015 & 5th Annual Boat Docking Contest](#)
- 8/3/15: Author Series – Kirk Mariner, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Cape Charles Memorial Library
- 8/7/15 – 8/16/15: [Harbor for the Arts Festival](#)
- 8/9/15: [Art Rocks the Inns](#), 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- 8/9/15: Hoppie Vaughan and the Ministers of Soul concert in Central Park, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 8/14/15: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- 8/15/15: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- 8/15/15 – 8/16/15: [Annual Cape Charles Cup Sail Boat Race](#)
- 8/16/15: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- 8/16/15: The Almost Famous Band in concert in Central Park, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Save the Date:
 - 9/26/15: Historic Homes Tour
 - 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!](#)

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

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