



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.



THE END OF ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER SEASON IN CAPE CHARLES

The 2015 Summer Season was full of great activities! The 8th Annual Blessing of the Fleet kicked everything off on April 24th! It seemed that we had some type of event in the town every weekend afterwards! Below is a list of activities:

- April 24: 8th Annual Blessing of the Fleet
- April 25: Low Country Shrimp Boil
- April 26: New Roots Youth Garden 5th Annual Blessing of the Worms
- May 5: ESSO Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
- May 16: 4th Annual Crabby Blues Festival
- May 30-31: Bike MS – Virginia's Ocean to Bay Ride
- May 30: Benefit by the Bay
- June 6: 27th Annual Clean the Bay Day
- June 13: King Neptune Maquette Dedication Ceremony
- June 13-14: Tall Ships Festival
- July 4: Independence Day Festivities
- July 26: Delmarvalous Dolls Concert
- July 31-August 2: Clam Slam
- August 7-16: Harbor for the Arts Festival
- August 9: Art Rocks the Inns
- August 9: Hoppie Vaughan and the Ministers of Soul Concert
- August 15-16: Cape Charles Cup Sail Boat Race
- August 16: The Almost Famous Band Concert
- August 30: Kasey Rae Band Concert



Even though the summer season is over, we still have a number of exciting events scheduled through the end of 2015! Stay tuned for more information on these events:

- 9/26: The Historic Homes Tour featuring Sears Roebuck Kit homes
- 10/9-11: Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival
- 10/24: 23rd Annual Between the Waters Bike Tour sponsored by the Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore
- 10/31: Trunk-or-Treat with Pirate Pete
- 11/28: Cape Charles Historical Society Oyster Roast
- 12/5: 20th Annual Historic Holiday Homes Tour sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce
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FUTURE EVENT LISTINGS:**A MESSAGE FROM JEN LEWIS - COMMUNITY EVENT/RECREATIONAL COORDINATOR**

As summer comes to a close, I think we can all agree it was another great year for the Town of Cape Charles. Guests and residents alike enjoyed the many programs and events that were held throughout the year.

In an effort to increase awareness of all the great opportunities in Town, we have made some changes to our policies in posting events and programs.

The Town of Cape Charles will post events quarterly for any event occurring within the Town of Cape Charles. June, September, December and March will begin each quarter. Listings for the upcoming quarter will need to be posted 1 ½ months prior to the beginning of the quarter and submitted to the Community Events/Recreation Coordinator. Deadlines for submissions will be April 15th for summer events, July 15th for fall events, October 15th for winter events and January 15th for spring events. Events submitted after this time will not be included in the quarterly schedule. This includes postings by Town Staff, non-profits, for profit, businesses and individuals. All events will be posted on one schedule for the convenience of the public. Events will also be posted on the Town's website, Cape Charles by the Bay website, submitted to the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission and a variety of regional newsletters as well as being posted in various areas throughout the Town.

There will be some leniency for the upcoming quarter due to late notice but beginning January 2016, these policies will take full effect.

Any event(s) requiring use of town property or town services will need to be accompanied by the appropriate Use of Facility form for approval by the Event Coordinator.

Please feel free to contact Community Events / Recreation Coordinator Jen Lewis with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to another successful year!

**CAPE CHARLES' KING NEPTUNE MAQUETTE**

On Friday, September 4, 2015, Special Projects Producer Jon Goodwin and a film crew from WVEC Channel 13 in Norfolk, were in Cape Charles taping a segment for their news broadcast which aired on Monday, September 7th.

A number of local residents, now celebrities, appeared in the segment, which has been posted to both the Town's website, www.capecharles.org, and www.CapeCharlesbytheBay.com.

We appreciate the station for coming to town to feature our own King Neptune and for providing the video clip to us and allowing us to share it with you.

You can [click here](#) to view the video!

DOGS ON THE BEACH

With Labor Day behind us, dogs, under the control of their owners, are now permitted on the beach during all hours. Please be mindful of others and keep your dog on a leash and clean up after them on the beach and all other areas within the Town. For your convenience, baggies are available at a number of Doggie Stations which are placed along the beach and in Central Park.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the Town clean!



CITIZENS GROUP CONTINUES TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN CENTRAL PARK



Ever wonder what Citizens for Central Park (CCP) is doing with the money they receive from selling their famed Margaritas at major events around Town, and just who they are?

The Town of Cape Charles was designed in 1883 around a five acre Central Park, but the land was never used as a functional Park until more than 120 years later. When the High School opened in 1912 the land was used as its athletic fields. Between 1993 when the school was closed and 2000 the Park was left locked and surrounded by a chain link fence.

That year a group of interested citizens came together to form Citizens for Central Park, a non-profit corporation and lead an effort with town residents and local school children to create a plan for the park property. Incorporated into the design were the ongoing plans of the Women's Club of Cape Charles for a children's playground and a garden area planned by the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore. After a lengthy process of revisions, the final design for our park was submitted to community groups and the Town Council for final approval.

CCP has worked throughout the years to raise funds for park improvements. The Gazebo was designed by local architect Leon Parham and patterned after the original pavilion built by Conrad Grimmer on the beachfront in 1923. CCP raised over \$30,000 for construction and with support from the Town it became a reality. Cape Kids, the Children's Playground, was built through hundreds of hours of work by the members of the Women's Club. They raised over \$40,000 for the project. The Garden Club of the Eastern Shore was awarded the Commonwealth Award by the Garden Club of Virginia. This \$5,000 grant was used for crape myrtle beds, jasmine for the pergola, and the infrastructure for an irrigation system. Many of the trees in the park were carefully selected and planted as the result of individual contributions. The pergola was built using a \$2,500 grant from Bank of America that was matched by additional money raised by CCP. Most recently, permanent restrooms were built and landscaped with a \$20,000 grant to CCP from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation, \$15,000 from the Town and about \$4,500 from CCP.



CCP partnered with Arts Enter and the Town to win a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, which with substantial matching funds and other grants were used to fund the Harbor for the Arts Festival, Experimental Film Virginia and development of the CapeCharlesbytheBay.com website and tourism marketing program. CCP has also partnered with Eventacular to obtain a tourism marketing grant for Tall Ships Cape Charles.

This year CCP has hosted four free Picnic-Concerts in the Park and is spearheading a fundraising effort to rebuild the Cape Kids Playground. The Town's insurance carrier has strongly recommended that much of the wooden equipment be replaced with modern materials due to safety issues. This project is estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000. CCP has contributed \$5,000, obtained a \$7,500 grant from the County and raised almost \$1,400 in private donations at its concerts. The Annual Epiphany Auction in January raised \$6,400 and Brown Dog Ice Cream and other local retail businesses have helped raise an additional \$900. With \$15,000 and Public Works staff labor being provided by the Town, the first phase of replacing the unsafe wooden units will begin this Fall.

We are still short of funding to complete the entire job and encourage contributions to this worthwhile project from both businesses and individuals. If you would like to contribute, please contact the CCP Treasurer, Hank Mayer, at 908-209-3804 or hmayer@rci.rutgers.edu. If you would like to join us as a member, please contact the CCP Chairperson, Joan Natali, at 757-695-4884. There is always plenty to do!

Submitted by Hank Mayer

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.

VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS

The Town currently has vacancies on the Wetlands/Coastal Dunes Board, the Library Board, and Building Code Board of Appeals. 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. Once applications are collected, interviews will be scheduled with the Town Council to fill the vacancies.

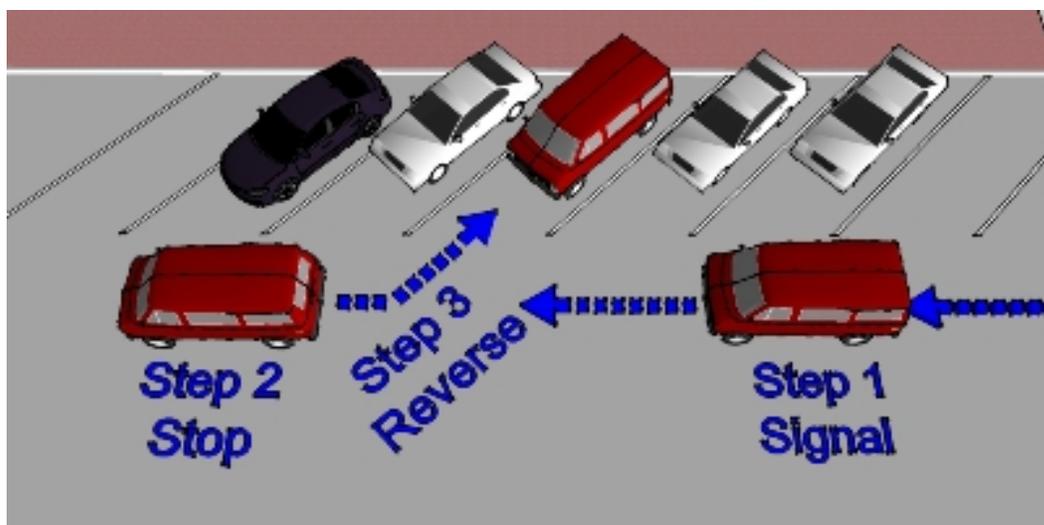


ANOTHER NOTE RE: MASON AVENUE PARKING

There are several reasons back-in angle parking is the parking pattern for the north side of Mason Avenue between Harbor Avenue and Peach Street. Back-in angle parking provides an increased number of parking spaces when compared to parallel parking, allows direct sidewalk access to trunks and tailgates, and increases visibility for drivers when pulling out of a space when compared to pull-in angle parking.

And it's the Town's law. Section 42-61 of the Town Code makes it unlawful for any person to park a vehicle front-first in any parking space designated by signs or markers for back-in angle parking.

Pulling into a parking space across a lane of on-coming traffic and then backing out into two lanes of traffic is unsafe for you, your passengers, and other drivers. Additional parking options include parallel parking on the south side of Mason Avenue and all side streets, and pull-in parking is permitted on the Town's gravel public parking lot off Mason Avenue.



TOWN HARBOR DREDGE PROJECT UPDATE

The next phase of the Cape Charles Harbor dredging project will begin soon.

Maintenance dredging of the harbor is an Army Corps of Engineers' project and is scheduled to be completed by early December.



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:

- 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.

HISTORIC HOMES AND BUILDINGS TOUR

“Walking through town one sees increasing numbers of recently restored commercial buildings and houses, both large and small, as well as many others waiting for helping hands.” (Cape Charles Historic District Guidelines, page 4)

“The town’s building fabric, ranging from small vernacular workers’ houses of the 1880s to architect-designed commercial, municipal, and residential buildings of the early twentieth century, is remarkably well preserved. Architectural styles represented include the Queen Anne, Gothic Revival, Neoclassical, Colonial Revival, Bungalow, American Foursquare, Spanish Colonial Revival, and Art Deco styles. The town is also noted for its collection of late Victorian and early-twentieth century vernacular dwellings. The integrity of the town’s physical plan and architectural fabric together help to make Cape Charles one of the best preserved towns of the period in Tidewater Virginia.” – David A. Edwards



This tour of historic homes and public buildings showcases Cape Charles’ rich architectural history. The tour begins at the Cape Charles Museum and Welcome Center. There you can pick up your ticket and informational brochure. A map is included highlighting locations of particular interest, including the many kit homes in the Cape Charles Historic District. Tickets are free of charge. For the most current information please see the tour’s [Facebook](#) page and follow on Twitter @CapeCharlesTour.

The self-guided tour takes about two hours on foot. People with mobility concerns and those with younger children may want to manage their pace for longer than that.

[Printable Flyer](#)



Monday, September 14 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



At the Cape Charles Civic Center

500 Tazewell Ave. Cape Charles
Ph. 757-331-1300



David Poyer, graduate of the US Naval Academy and author of nearly 40 books, will be reading from his books *THE WHITENESS OF THE WHALE* and *AS THE WOLF LOVES WINTER*. David has been a visiting writer/writer in residence at Flagler, Annapolis, and Wilkes, and a guest on PBS's "Writer to Writer" series and on Voice of America. His fiction has been required reading in the U.S. Naval Academy's Literature of the Sea course, along with that of Joseph Conrad and Herman Melville.

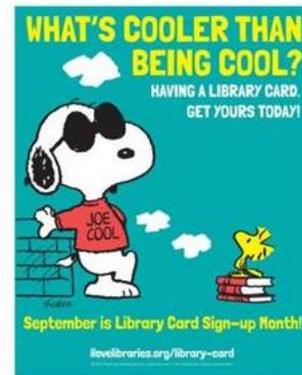
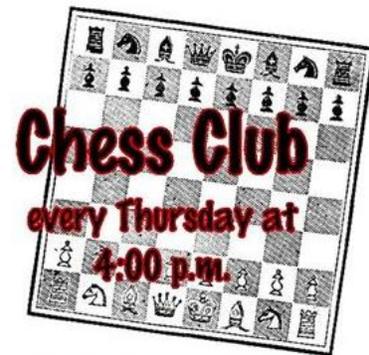
Light, cool refreshments will be served. The authors' books will be available for purchase and signing.



Pat Parsons, who grew up in Cape Charles, will read from her work *PORTRAIT OF A TOWN, CAPE CHARLES, 1940-1960*. It is about the life in Cape Charles during the WW II period and beyond, when it was an active transportation hub, whose economy centered around the Pennsylvania Railroad and the ferries that connected the town and the Delmarva Peninsula to the Norfolk area. After the war the railroad became bankrupt, many local jobs were lost and the Eastern Shore experienced a significant population drain that has lasted for decades.

🍎 Cape Charles Memorial Library 🍎

2015 Fall Story Time	
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.	
Preschoolers meet upstairs. Toddlers & Babies meet downstairs.	
8/27	Back to School
9/3	No story time this week
9/10	Cats Meow
9/17	Snug as a Bug in a Book
9/24	Fall
10/1	On The Farm
10/8	Fly Away Birds
10/15	Dinosaurs
10/22	Things That Go, Go, Go
10/29	Halloween
11/5	Mice
11/12	Night
11/19	Thanksgiving
11/26	HOLIDAY – Library Closed thru 11/28
12/3	Rabbits
12/10	Color
12/17	Winter
12/24	HOLIDAY – Library Closed thru 12/26





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

Arts & Crafts

4:00 PM

Sept 23

Oct 14

Oct 28

Nov 4

Nov 18



Adult Book Club

5:30 PM

Sept 14 - Heart of Palm

Sept 28 - Heart of Palm

Oct 5 - The Invention of Wings

Oct 19 - The Invention of Wings

Nov 2 - The Girl on the Train

Nov 16 - The Girl on the Train

Trunk-or-Treat & Pirate Pete

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Mason Avenue

Followed by trick-or-treating
until

8:00 PM

Oct 31



Flatfooting

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Donations appreciated

Sept 8

Oct 13

Nov 10



Bingo

10:30 AM

50¢ per card

Sept 4

Sept 25

Oct 2

Oct 9

Oct 16

Oct 23

Oct 30

Nov 6

Nov 13

Nov 20

UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, September 15, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, September 17, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, September 22, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 1, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center
- Monday, October 6, 2015:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 8, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- **Monday, October 12, 2015:**
Town Offices closed in observance of Columbus Day.
- Tuesday, October 13, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, October 14, 2015:
Library Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Thursday, October 15, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, October 20, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, October 27, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 9/14/15: [Cape Charles Memorial Library Friends of the Library Author Series](#), 7:00 p.m., Civic Center
- 9/26/15: [Historic Homes Tour](#) featuring the Sears Roebuck Kit Homes. [Printable Flyer](#)
- 10/9/15 – 10/11/15: [Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival](#)
- Save the Date:
 - 10/24/15: 23rd Annual Between the Waters Bike Tour, sponsored by the [Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore](#).
 - 10/31/15: Trunk-or-Treat with Pirate Pete, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Mason Avenue
 - 10/31/15: Trick-or-Treating throughout the town until 8:00 p.m.
 - 11/28/15: Cape Charles Historical Society Oyster Roast
 - 12/5/15: [20th Annual Historic Holiday Homes Tour](#), sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce
 - 12/5/15: Grand Illumination of Central Park
 - 12/13/15: Cape Charles Bed & Breakfast Cookie Trail
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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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