



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.



Happy Thanksgiving

CAPE CHARLES ORNAMENT ON THE EXECUTIVE MANSION HOLIDAY TREE



Earlier this year, the Executive Mansion announced that the theme for its 2015 Holiday Tree would be "Celebrating Virginia's Localities." The Virginia Municipal League (VML) was asked to assist in collecting ornaments from Virginia cities and towns to be displayed on the tree in the mansion's ballroom. Each locality in the state was asked to provide a hand-made Christmas ornament representative of the community.

125 ornaments were submitted. Cape Charles' ornament, which was hand crafted by Deputy Clerk Amanda Hurley, is shown on the left.

The Executive Mansion will be open to the public for tours in December and below is a listing of times:

- Official Tree Lighting and Executive Mansion Open House: Thursday, December 3, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Holiday Tour Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.
Fridays, December 11 and 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Holiday Open House: Sunday, December 13, Noon – 5:00 p.m.

After the holidays, the ornaments will be returned to VML. The VML plans to hang the ornaments on a tree at their offices in future years.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS IN CAPE CHARLES EVERY FRIDAY FROM THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS!

Shop, Stroll & Savor our Cape Charles Charm! The local merchants will be open until 8:00 p.m. offering discounts, door prizes, open houses and restaurant specials! Enjoy live, local music in Downtown Cape Charles along with carriage rides and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The street will be decorated with lighted luminaries designed by Arts Enter and the Cape Charles Christian School students. There will also be FREE Christmas movies shown on the big screen at the Historic Palace Theatre! Please see below for the schedule of activities:

Friday, November 27th:

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Music by the New Saturday Night Traditions & Folkibart!
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Children's Christmas Craft-acular at the Cape Charles Memorial Library (free for kids of all ages, children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult)
- 8:00 p.m. – *White Christmas* will be shown at the Palace Theatre – sponsored by Moonrise Jewelry & At Altitude Gallery.

Festive
Fridays
2015

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Friday, December 4th:

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Music by Corn Funk Revue!
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Children's Christmas Craft-acular at the Cape Charles Memorial Library (free for kids of all ages, children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult)
- 8:00 p.m. – *Elf* will be shown at the Palace Theatre – sponsored by the Town of Cape Charles

Friday, December 11th:

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Music by Northampton High and Middle School Bands + Concert Choir
- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Santa House at Cape Charles Christian School (\$5 suggested donation), Pictures with Santa, Christmas crafts & cookies, Santa's Workshop for children to shop for gifts
- 8:00 p.m. – *Miracle on 34th Street* will be shown at the Palace Theatre – sponsored by Bay Creek Realty

Friday, December 18th:

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Music by Felicity & Jeremy Laird
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Children's Christmas Craft-acular at the Cape Charles Memorial Library (free for kids of all ages, children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult)
- 7:00 p.m. – Capeville First Baptist Church Choir at the Central Park Gazebo
- 8:00 p.m. – *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* will be shown at the Palace Theatre – sponsored by Eastern Shore Signs

We hope you will be able to participate in this year's Festive Fridays!

For more details, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/festivefridayscapecharles/>

TURKEY FRYING

Turkey frying is becoming an increasingly popular way to prepare the main course for that special Thanksgiving meal. However, what most people do not realize is the dangers that come with turkey frying. Turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at very high temperatures and pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. Some important points to consider should you choose to fry a turkey this holiday season.

- Hot oil may splash or spill at any point during the cooking process. The fryers are very unstable and could tip very easily. Any contact between the hot oil and skin could result in serious injury or death.
- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible, and if it is heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite. Always have a thermometer handy for checking the temperature of the oil. Even if the unit has temperature controls, they can fail.
- Propane-fired turkey fryers are designed for outdoor use and should be used away from the house. A deck is not a safe area for use as generally most decks are made of combustible materials.
- Always make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Sticking a partially frozen turkey in hot grease greatly increases the potential for fire.
- Never leave the fryer unattended while it is on.
- Always follow proper instructions on the fryer as to not overfill more than is needed. Most fires start because of overfilling.
- Please [click here](#) for a video showing how NOT to fry a turkey.



Please be aware of the possible dangers and keep your family and home safe during the holidays.

Source: NFPA <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/causes/cooking/turkey-fryers>

REMEMBER TO “FREEZE THE GREASE” THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



Over the next few weeks, many households will be cooking more than usual as they prepare to host family members for the holidays. That's why the Department of Public Utilities is asking residents to avoid sending fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain.

Any FOG that enters the plumbing system, whether through your kitchen sink or bathroom toilet, can thicken and block pipes, causing sewage to back up into homes. Proper disposal can save you an inconvenient (and expensive) visit from your plumber.

Here are some simple tips to protect your home from nasty sewer back-ups and save you money this holiday season:

- Store any used oil in a can and freeze it for reuse (make sure to strain out any food particles first). Oil can be kept for up to six months and reused for up to six hours of fry time.
- Pour used oil in a can and place it in the fridge. After the grease hardens, plop the can in the trash.

And remember, turkey grease isn't the only thing you have to be mindful of this holiday season. Many other foods, like salad dressings, butter, ice cream and even baked goods contain large amounts of FOG that can wreak havoc on your sewer system. So be sure to dispose of these foods in the trash as well.

Courtesy of the City of Virginia Beach

MEET THE STAFF!

Please join us in welcoming Christopher Singletary, the newest member of the Cape Charles Public Works crew! Chris started his position as a Maintenance Technician on October 28, 2015.

Chris lives here in town and graduated from Northampton High School and has worked previously in security/loss prevention and in retail in the delivery/warehouse department.

If you see him around town, please stop and introduce yourself and welcome him to the town staff!



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

We are moving forward with plans to replace much of the playground equipment in Central Park per the recommendation of our insurance carrier. An evaluation of the proposals received has been completed and the competition has been narrowed down to two equipment vendors. A recommendation for contract award based on best value will be made to the Town Council in December. We anticipate delivery of the new equipment in late January. The following equipment/structures will be removed: music wall, wood climbing wall, wood locomotive, monkey bars, embedded tires, wood play structure. The Public Works Department began this work the week of November 9. The mulch will also be regraded. The playground will be closed for about a week during this process. The following equipment will remain: zip line, swings, spring toys, and tractor tire swing. A plaque will be installed to recognize the donors of both the original and new equipment.

We have had a wonderful fund raising response for this project, but still need a significant amount to complete it this winter to avoid having to phase some of it to next summer/fall. If you would like to make a donation or have any questions, please contact Jen Lewis, Community Events/Recreation Coordinator, at 757-331-4785 or by email at reccordinator@capecharles.org.

CAPE CHARLES TOWN HARBOR BREAKWATER PROJECT



Town Council has approved the award of a contract to Coastal Design & Construction, Inc. for construction of the third harbor breakwater and improvements to the existing two. The third breakwater will be built to the south of the existing breakwaters to a height of 7 feet above Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). Additionally, the existing breakwaters will be increased from 5 to 7 feet above MLLW which was the originally planned design.

This project will improve conditions in the harbor by attenuating swells from the southwest and during periods of unusually high water; e.g., storm surge, and will benefit both commercial and recreational maritime traffic. Work should start by early December.

The project is being funded 75% by a Virginia Port Authority Aid to Local Ports grant, 9% by a Virginia Department of Health Boating Infrastructure grant, and 16% by the Town of Cape Charles. If you have any questions please contact Bob Panek, Assistant Town Manager, at 757-331-3259, x19.

VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS

The Town currently has vacancies on the Wetlands/Coastal Dunes Board, the Library Board, Harbor Area Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Building Code Board of Appeals. These boards, with the exception of the Library Board, meet on an as-needed basis. The Library Board meets monthly on the second Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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.



FROM THE TREASURER



The Cape Charles personal property tax bills were mailed the last week of October and the real estate tax bills went out the first week of November, both with a due date of Monday, December 7, 2015.

If you have not received your bills or have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 757-331-2979.

CAPE CHARLES HISTORICAL SOCIETY OYSTER ROAST

On November 28, 2015 the Cape Charles Historical Society will hold its 18th annual Oyster Roast from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Museum. The menu includes local oysters - roasted and raw, fried chicken, potato salad, chowder, 4 bean salad, homemade rolls, desserts, coffee, and soda, with beer and wine available. Food will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and there will be live music throughout the evening by the popular local band, "Off the Hook". There will also be a silent auction featuring an array of eclectic items and the traditional Eastern Shore 50/50 raffle. Seating will be available both inside and out.

Tickets to the Roast are on sale now: \$35 adults and \$10 for children ages 7-12. As always, we welcome sponsors (\$100 includes 2 tickets; \$200 – 4 tickets, etc.) and contributions to the Silent Auction. Tickets and sponsorships are available at the Museum and Periwinkles in Cape Charles by cash or check, or by email with PayPal. To purchase your ticket via email, send an email to ccmuseum@hughes.net stating the number of tickets desired, and you will be billed through PayPal (\$1 extra per ticket to cover PayPal costs). Proceeds of the event benefit the Cape Charles Museum.





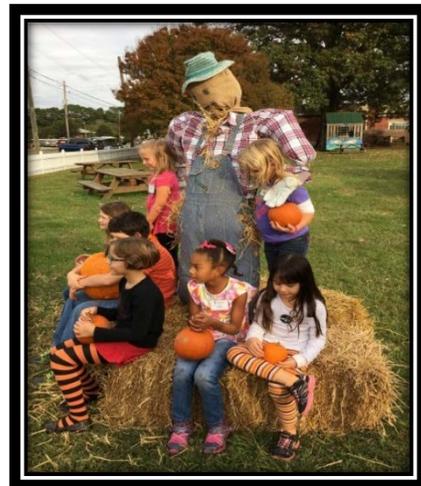
The Town offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, and will be closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015, and Friday, November 27, 2015, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

NEW ROOTS YOUTH GARDEN

What is the best way to celebrate Halloween at New Roots Youth Garden? Create a scarecrow of course! The kids had a great time working with the Town's own Kathy Fraas building a scarecrow during the last week of the fall session. During the fall session the children planted fall veggies, tried some new foods with delicious dips and learned a little about Jonny Appleseed.



Now that we have a little break until spring, it is time to start selling pies for Thanksgiving. Everything that is done at New Roots Youth Garden is through grants, donations, volunteer time and our favorite fundraiser – selling pecan and sweet potato pies. You can order your pies today at www.nryg.webs.com or you can download and print an [order form](#) to complete. Donations are welcome at any time and you can always order a pie for a family in need.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 31, 2015

Approximately 250 trunk-or-treaters could be seen from the front of the Cape Charles Memorial Library to Bailey's Bait and Tackle on Halloween. 7 trunks and 10 businesses participated. Children could trick-or-treat at Moonrise Jewelry, Cape Charles Memorial Library, Bad Girlz Collective, gallery 209, Watson's Hardware, Gull Hummock, Periwinkles, The Boardwalk, Best Nest Home Furnishings and Destination 23310.

Following is a list of winners of the various contests:

Best Decorated Storefront: Sandy McFall of gallery 209. Ms. McFall won a giant trophy full of candy.

Candy Corn Contest:

- First Place: Syedah F. with a guess of 1,435, which was the actual number! Syedah won the honor of "flipping the switch" at the Grand Illumination, all the candy corn in the jar, and a comic book.
 Second Place: Moorie L. Moorie won a comic book.
 Third Place: Christopher N. Christopher also won a comic book.



The winners of the Superhero Costume Contest won Marvel Mr. Potato Head: The winners of the Superhero

- Up to Age 4: Ethan Q.
 Age 5 – 8: Ava S.
 Age 9 – 12: Jaivon B.

The Town of Cape Charles would like to thank all businesses, individuals and children who participated in this event as well as the Cape Charles Police Department for their assistance in passing out candy and keeping everyone safe.

Please let us know how we can make this event even better by emailing your ideas to reccoordinator@capecharles.org.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY FOR

AFTERNOON TEA

THE CAPE CHARLES CIVIC CENTER, 500 TAZEWELL AVE

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Rayfield's Pharmacy, Cape Charles The Book Bin, Onley

Seating is limited, purchase today!



Save the Date for upcoming 2016 teas:
February 15
March 14
April 11

NOVEMBER 9 AT 3 PM
Soul of a Culture: The Barrier Islands Story

Teas:
Mokalbari East Estate Assam
Earl Grey Salon Select
New England Harvest Blend
South African Rooibos (Red Bush)

Provisions
Maple Nut Scones
Spanakopita Bites
Pumpkin Pie Tarlets
Apple Pie Bites

DECEMBER 14 AT 3 PM
A Shore Made Holiday, Eastern Shore of VA Historical Society

Teas:
River Shannon Breakfast Blend
Baker Street Afternoon Tea
Christmas Tea Melange Noel
Peppermint

Provisions:
Avocado Bruschetta
Crab puffs
Peppermint Stick Cookies
Cranberry Orange Scones

JANUARY 11 AT 3 PM
Dreaming with Intention: New Year, New Life

Teas:
Premium China Keemun
Lapsang Souchong
Maracuja Flavored Tea
China Jasmine Da Zhang

Provisions:
Parmesan Basil Bread
Mushroom Crostini
Cinnamon Scones
S'mores Cups

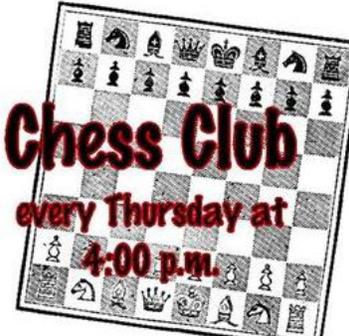
...And So much More!

🍎 Cape Charles Memorial Library 🍎

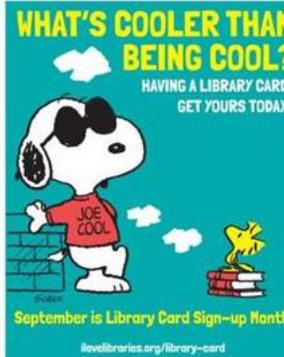
2015 Fall Story Time

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



Chess Club
every Thursday at
4:00 p.m.



WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?
HAVING A LIBRARY CARD.
GET YOURS TODAY!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

levelibraries.org/library-card



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

- Wednesday, November 18, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, November 19, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, November 24, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, November 25, 2015:
Town Offices closing at noon for Thanksgiving holiday.
- Thursday, November 26, 2015, & Friday, November 27, 2015:
Town Offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Monday, December 1, 2015:
Planning Commission Public Hearing & Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, December 3, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center
- Tuesday, December 8, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, December 9, 2015:
Library Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Thursday, December 10, 2015:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center (*tentative*)
- Tuesday, December 15, 2015:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, December 17, 2015:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, December 22, 2015:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 11/27.15 – 12/18/15: [Festive Fridays in Cape Charles!](#)
- 11/28/15: [Cape Charles Historical Society Oyster Roast](#), 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Cape Charles Museum
- 12/5/15: [Santa Train](#), 9:00 a.m. in Cape Charles, Mason Avenue
- 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
- 12/11/15 – 12/12/15: Santa House, Cape Charles Christian School
- 12/12/15: [Tool Mania](#), 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Cape Charles Volunteer Fire House
- 12/13/15: Cape Charles Bed & Breakfast Cookie Trail, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 12/13/15: [Annual Chowder Cook-Off](#), 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek
- 12/14/15: [Afternoon Tea](#), 3:00 p.m., Cape Charles Civic Center
- 12/19/15: [Christmas in New York](#) – An Original Danceable Drama, 7:00 p.m., The Historic Palace Theatre
- 12/20/15: [Christmas in New York](#) – An Original Danceable Drama, 2:00 p.m., The Historic Palace Theatre
- 12/31/15: The Oyster Farm's New Year's Eve Event, 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
- 12/31/15: [2nd Annual Dropping of the Crab Pot](#), 10:00 p.m., Mason Avenue (across from the Cape Charles Memorial Library)

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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