



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.capecharles.org) where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.



## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION – MAY 3, 2016



On May 3, 2016, the Town of Cape Charles will hold elections for three Town Council seats. The following six candidates are running for election: Steven Bennett, Andrew Buchholz, Dan Burke, David Gay, Nioaka Marshall and Theodora Sullivan.

If you will be out of town or otherwise unavailable to vote on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, you can still vote by absentee ballot. The deadline to apply for [absentee ballots](#) is April 30, 2016 if in person; and April 26, 2016 if by mail.

Additional information, including a [Sample Ballot](#), is available on the [Northampton County Voter Registration](#) webpage.

## CANDIDATE FORUM – APRIL 27, 2016

The Cape Charles Rotary Club is sponsoring a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue (the former library building). Wayne Bell, a current member and former president of the Cape Charles Rotary Club, will act as the moderator.

This will be the second Candidate Forum to be hosted by the Cape Charles Rotary Club. Rotary Clubs are not permitted to take positions on any political issues, much less support any particular political candidates. However, as community service organizations, Rotary Clubs throughout the United States often sponsor candidates' forums. Such forums are held in an effort to help educate their communities relative to the issues involved and regarding the candidates themselves, and to allow as many voters as possible to meet the candidates, hear them answer questions, and compare and contrast all of the candidates in an unbiased setting.

The Cape Charles Rotary Club is dedicated to improving the communities of Cape Charles and others on the Eastern Shore by being involved in service projects which benefit those communities. Members of the Rotary Club also urge everyone to apply the following four tests to the things they say and do, and the club will charge the candidates who participate in their forum, as well as those in the audience, to also apply these tests to their remarks at the forum. 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

All residents of Cape Charles are encouraged to attend the forum.



## THE TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES URGES RESIDENTS TO SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE LOCAL ALERTS

*Cape Charles Residents Can Now Receive Real Time Public Safety Messages Through Nixle*

The Town of Cape Charles has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories via text, email, web, social media and the Nixle Mobile App. The service is secure, reliable and easy to use.

If you haven't already done so, we urge you sign up to receive these alerts.

As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

1. Text "23310" or "CAPECHARLES" to 888777 from your mobile phone.
2. Go to [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) and sign up via the Nixle Widget.

Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text to their mobile device.

### MEET THE STAFF!



Tracy Outten started as the Deputy Clerk on April 4, 2016!

Tracy was born and raised on the Eastern Shore and graduated from Northampton High School. She previously worked as the inventory manager for Northampton Lumber, administrative assistant for the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce and assistant registrar for the Northampton County Voter Registration Office.

We are very excited to have Tracy join our team! Please stop in at the Town Hall to meet Tracy and welcome her to the Town!



Andrew Spencer rejoined the Cape Charles Town Harbor staff on April 4, 2016 as the Assistant Harbor Master.

Andrew first started working for the Town in April 2012 as a seasonal part-time harbor assistant. At the end of the 2012 season, he was hired on full-time in the Public Works Department, but transferred back to the Harbor in February 2013 as a harbor assistant. He was promoted to assistant harbor master in January 2014 and was in that position until his resignation in February 2015 to change careers.

We are fortunate to have Andrew back with us and hope you have a chance to stop in at the Harbor to welcome him back!



## HARBOR BREAKWATERS

The Town contracted with Coastal Design & Construction, Inc. for construction of the third harbor breakwater to the south of the existing two, and increasing the height of the existing breakwaters to 7 feet above Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). This project has been completed and we look forward to improved conditions in the harbor during the summer when winds and swells are predominantly from the west and southwest. This \$848K project was funded 75% by a Virginia Port Authority (VPA) Aid to Local Ports grant, 9% by a Virginia Department of Health Boating Infrastructure grant, and 16% by the Town of Cape Charles.

The Town has applied to VPA for approval to carry over the \$194K balance of the existing authorized grant and a new \$500K grant for construction of the fourth breakwater, as well as design and engineering to rehabilitate the jetty on the north side of the harbor entrance. These two projects will further improve conditions in the harbor and diminish migration of beach sand.

If you have any questions please contact Bob Panek, Assistant Town Manager, at 757-331-3259, x19.

## FROM THE PLANNER

### HARBOR DREDGE PROJECT UPDATE

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has awarded a contract for the next phase of the federal harbor dredge project. Currently USACE and the contracted firm are finalizing the contract terms. The anticipated date for the notice to proceed with the work is April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the project please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036 or email [planner@capecharles.org](mailto:planner@capecharles.org).

### REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD APPLICATIONS

The Historic District Review Board meets the third Tuesday of each month. To ensure that all documentation is in order, staff has time to write a report to the Board, and the Board meeting agenda packet is produced, posted, and delivered on time it is important to meet the application deadline, which is close of business eleven calendar days prior to the Board meeting. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions about the application process please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036 or email [planner@capecharles.org](mailto:planner@capecharles.org).

### PARKING IN DOWNTOWN CAPE CHARLES



The summer season is almost here, and that means many more of the downtown businesses opening, more people visiting Cape Charles, and more events happening around town. With this increased seasonal activity comes a higher demand on the available on-street parking along Mason Avenue and the commercial side streets. While this demand is not constant throughout the day or week certain times and days can produce more vehicle congestion than others. Last year more parking spaces were added to the central business district by the installation of the back-in angle parking stalls on Mason Avenue. Parallel parking remains available on the south side of Mason Avenue and on all side streets.

This summer an off-street parking alternative exists at the Town-leased gravel parking lot. The lot is located on the south side of Mason Avenue behind the 300 Mason Avenue construction site and Cape Charles Medical Center. Parking at that lot is front pull-in, and free of charge. Parking here is useful for those who will be spending a prolonged period of time in town, people uncomfortable with the back-in angle parking, larger vehicles that may extend beyond the parking stall lines, and especially people wanting to park and enjoy a walk around the downtown, harbor, or beach areas. Currently there is no local overhead lighting for this lot, however improvements are scheduled for upcoming years. For more information about parking in Cape Charles please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036, or email [planner@capecharles.org](mailto:planner@capecharles.org)

## 2016 GOLF CART DECALS

Golf cart safety inspections and decals are due for the 2016 season no later than April 15, 2106 for golf carts driven on public roads within the Town of Cape Charles. The decals are good through April 14, 2017.

You may schedule an appointment for a safety inspection with either Eastern Shore Custom Carts at (757) 999-2278 or Interstate Equipment Service at (757) 999-2006. Please click the appropriate link below for more information.



[2016 Golf Cart Registration Form](#) / [2016 Golf Cart Inspection Form](#)

## 2015 & 2016 BUSINESS LICENSES

**2015 Business, Professional & Occupational License Tax** is due to the Town of Cape Charles by April 15, 2016 based on gross receipts and the tax rate applicable to each business.

2016 Business, Professional & Occupational License Tax forms are available by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling the Finance Department at 757-331-2979 or by emailing [libby.luettinger@capecharles.org](mailto:libby.luettinger@capecharles.org).

[2016 BPOL Form \(Non-Contractor/Non-Vacation Rental\)](#) / [2016 BPOL Form \(Contractor\)](#)  
[2016 BPOL Form \(Vacation Rental & Rental Management Business\)](#)

## Cape Charles Outdoor Market



The Cape Charles Open Market is still looking for vendors for Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Applications received so far will offer soaps, body scrubs, book marks, rice therapy bags, cookies, muffins, fresh kraut, gluten free ginger cookies, jewelry, vegetables, flowers and items from our own New Roots Youth Garden just to name a few. The rules for vendors are very simple, you have to make, bake or grow your own product. Vendors simply need to fill out the [Cape Charles Outdoor Market vendor form](#), and return it to Jen Lewis. Don't forget that the first 100 paying customers will receive a keepsake sustainable grocery bag!

Make sure you contact Jen Lewis to sign up for the [Rain Barrel Workshop](#) to be held at 10 a.m. You can sign up by emailing [reccordinator@capecharles.org](mailto:reccordinator@capecharles.org). Cost is \$35 per barrel.

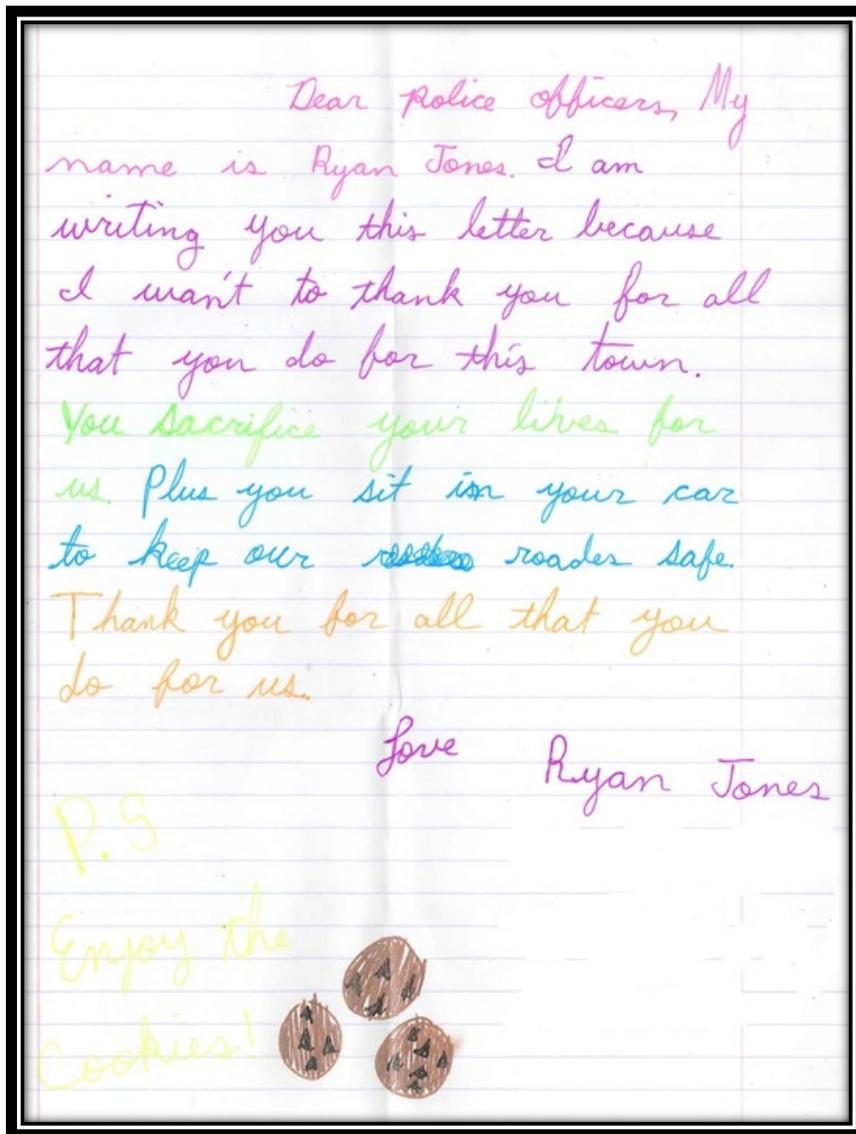
Afterwards, enjoy shopping along Mason Avenue and Strawberry Street and savor a meal at a local restaurant! See you at the Outdoor Market!

**LETTER TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!**

Recently, a very nice letter and a platter of cookies were delivered to the Police Department by a young resident of the Town. Chief Pruitt asked that the letter be published in this month's Gazette!

The officers appreciated the recognition and also enjoyed the delicious cookies!

Thank you, Miss Ryan Jones!

**SIGN UP FOR THE GAZETTE & E-NOTIFICATIONS!**

e-Notifications

The Cape Charles Gazette is available by subscribing to [e-Notifications](#). With [e-Notifications](#) you can sign up to get the Gazette and regular updates on Agendas & Minutes, Alerts, Bids, Calendar Items, Job Postings and other News & Information.

With [e-Notifications](#), you control the information you receive and can cancel the notifications at any time.

We encourage you to browse the Town's website and if there is something that you would like to see added to the site, please submit your comments in writing by sending us an email at [info@capecharles.org](mailto:info@capecharles.org) or send a note to the Town Clerk at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310, and we'll see what we can do to get your requested information online.

We hope you are enjoying our site and we welcome your comments! We look forward to hearing from you!

Please send comments to [info@capecharles.org](mailto:info@capecharles.org).

**DREAM WORKSHOP****SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

*The Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library  
are proud to sponsor:*

## WHAT TO DO WITH WHAT YOU DREAM



*Presented by  
Lynne Larson*

*Saturday,  
April 16, 2016*

*9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

*---at the---*

*Cape Charles Civic Center  
500 Tazewell Avenue  
Cape Charles, VA*

*Box  
Lunches  
from the  
Coffee  
House  
available  
for \$10 or  
bring your  
own lunch*

**Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling  
757-331-1337. Mail checks to "Friends of CCML",  
P.O. Box 27, Cape Charles, VA 23310.  
Credit cards also accepted over the phone.**

Why do I continually keep missing my plane! Why do I keep closing windows before the storm! Why am I always running out of gas on a deserted road! Why am I always running from men in black! These are our Dreams. All of us dream, most fade after we are up and about but others will repeat and repeat over time. Do you ever wonder what they mean and why me? The Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library are offering a DREAM WORK SHOP on what to do with what we dream! Lynne Larson, Dream Analyst, will explore many types of dreams and how you can make the most of what they reveal.

Dreams are our nocturnal visitor! Some are black and white others in vivid color. Why? Dreams go back thousands of years and are a part of all cultures and societies. They are part of many sacred books where messages are given, such as Joseph fleeing to Egypt with his family. Great inventions have come from dreams, novels have been written from dreams, they are a part of being human and they are telling you something about who you are.

So come and be a part of this workshop which will explore and enlighten you and help you to understand what your dreams are telling you! On Saturday April 16 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Ave Cape Charles, Lynne Larson will amaze you with what your dreams may be telling you.

Reserve your place by calling 757.331.1337. Tickets are \$20, and you may pay by credit card or by mailing your check to Friends of the CCML, P.O. Box 27 Cape Charles 23310. Bring your own lunch, or select a box lunch from the Cape Charles Coffee House for \$10.00 when you arrive.



# Town of Cape Charles Recreation Department 2016 *SPRING* 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](http://www.capecharles.org) or call Jen Lewis at 757-331-4785.

**Town-wide Yard Sale**

7:00AM-12:00PM

Cape Charles Public  
Parking Area or your  
own yard

May 7

**New Roots Youth**

**Garden Spring Garden  
Session**

5:00PM-6:00PM

New Roots Youth Garden

May 5

May 12

May 19

May 26

**Cape Charles**

**Outdoor Market**

9:00AM-12:00PM

Rain Barrel Work-  
shop at 10:00AM

May 28

**Bingo**

10:30AM

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 29

May 6

May 13

May 20

May 27

**Easter Egg Hunt**

1:30PM



New Roots  
Youth Garden

March 20

**Blessing of the  
Worms**

3:00PM-4:30PM

New Roots  
Youth Garden

April 24

Rain date May 1

**Adult Book Club**



5:00PM

March 7 - In the Unlikely Event

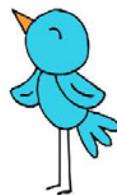
March 21 - In the Unlikely Event

April 4 - Morning Glory

April 18 - Morning Glory

May 2 - Illusionarium

May 16 - Illusionarium



**Flatfooting**

6:00PM

March 11

April 8

**Blessing of the Fleet**

6:00PM

Cape Charles Harbor

April 15



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, April 19, 2016:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, April 21, 2016:  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)  
**Town Council Executive Session** immediately following the Regular Meeting. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, April 26, 2016:  
**Mayor's Office Hours**, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, April 28, 2016:  
**Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, May 5, 2016:  
**Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, May 10, 2016:  
**Mayor's Office Hours**, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, May 11, 2016:  
**Library Board Meeting** starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Thursday, May 12, 2016:  
**Town Council Work Session** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. *tentative*
- Monday, May 16, 2016:  
**Planning Commission Regular Meeting**, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. (Date changed from May 3, 2016 due to elections.)
- Tuesday, May 17, 2016:  
**Historic District Review Board Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, May 19, 2016:  
**Town Council Regular Meeting** starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, May 24, 2016:  
**Mayor's Office Hours**, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 4/15/16: [9<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet](#), 6:00 p.m., at the Cape Charles Town Harbor
- 4/16/16: [Dream Workshop: What To Do With What You Dream](#), 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 4/16/16: [Movies at the Palace: Sisters](#), 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Palace Theater.
- 4/22/16: [Movies at the Palace: Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory](#), 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Palace Theater.
- 4/24/16: [Blessing of the Worms](#), 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., at the New Roots Youth Garden
- 4/27/16: [Candidate Forum](#) hosted by the Cape Charles Rotary Club, 7:00 p.m., at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- 4/29/16: [Movies at the Palace: Enchanted](#), 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Palace Theater.
- 4/30/16: [Low Country Shrimp Boil](#), 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Cape Charles Museum
- 5/3/16: **Election Day!** 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 410 Tazewell Avenue.
- Save the Dates!
  - 5/7/16: [Community Yard Sale](#), 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - 5/21/16: [5<sup>th</sup> Annual Crabby Blues Festival](#), 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Cape Charles Central Park
  - 5/28/16: [Cape Charles Outdoor Market](#), 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Cape Charles Public Parking Lot (behind Cape Charles Medical Center)
  - 5/28/16: [Rain Barrel Workshop](#), 10:00 a.m., at the [Cape Charles Outdoor Market](#)
  - 6/4/16: [Community Yard Sale](#), 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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](mailto:gazette@capecharles.org).

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