



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.



2016 ELECTION RESULTS

On May 3, 2016, the Town of Cape Charles held elections for three Town Council seats.

Congratulations to Councilman-elect Andy Buchholz and Councilwoman-elect Dora Sullivan. Steve Bennett was re-elected to Council. Their terms run from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020.



PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week.

The members of the Cape Charles Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the Town and provide a vital public service. It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the Police Department and that members of the Cape Charles Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, but protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression.

At their April 21, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council adopted Proclamation 20150421 proclaiming May 15, 2016, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and the week of May 16-21, 2016 as National Police Week.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 15 – 21, 2016

Public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Cape Charles. The facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of the Public Works crew.

At their April 21, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council adopted Proclamation 20160421A recognizing the hard work by the Town's Public Works crew and proclaimed May 15-21 as National Public Works Week.

Please join us in thanking our wonderful crew – Director Dave Fauber, Willie Lyons, Brent Mears and Charlie Demarino!



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!



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 YACHT CLUB ROAD CLEAN-UP

Members of the Cape Charles Yacht Club conducted their spring clean-up of the roads leading to the town harbor. This includes Old Cape Charles Road from the Bay Creek entrance to Mason Avenue, a portion of Bayshore Road and Marina Road. Ten bags of trash were collected.

We appreciate the efforts of these volunteers to keep our Town looking good!



MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

International Codes is the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation and are used by most states, counties, cities and towns. The building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – the local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings. Each year in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community and to acknowledge the essential service provided to us by the local and state building departments in protecting lives and property.



This year's theme is "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety" and encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2016 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

At their April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Cape Charles Town Council adopted Proclamation 20160419B proclaiming the month of May 2016 as Building Safety Month and encourages the Town's citizens to join with our community in participating in Building Safety Month activities as described above.

NOTICE TO ALL HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES RE: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Transient Occupancy Tax is a tax levied for accommodations at any lodging facility within the Town of Cape Charles. This applies to any public or private hotel, inn, hostelry, tourist home or house, bed and breakfast, tourist camp, tourist cabin, camping grounds, motel, rooming house, rental home or other lodging place within the Town offering lodging for compensation to any transient. A transient is considered to be any person who obtains lodging at their expense or the expense of another for any period of not more than 30 consecutive days.

Any person or business paying Transient Occupancy Tax must also apply for a Business License with the Town under the Repair / Personal / Business Service category. Payment of \$30.00 minimum or .0036 or \$3.60 per thousand of **gross receipts**, whichever is higher, is due each year by 4/15 along with the Business and Professional License Application.

The Transient Occupancy Tax of 3.7% of the total amount paid for lodging shall be imposed on all lodging within the Town as described above. Every person or business receiving any payment for lodging shall collect 3.7% Transient Occupancy Tax at the time payment is made for lodging. A Transient Occupancy Tax form shall be completed monthly and payment of tax shall be remitted to the Treasurer. Reports and remittance shall be submitted on or before the 20th of each month, covering the amount of tax collected during the preceding month. The report must be submitted even if there is no rental income for the reporting month.

The revenue collected from the Transient Occupancy Tax is designated to fund tourism-related initiatives. A portion of the revenue goes to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission to help fund the Welcome Center at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The remainder of the revenue is used for advertising, events, and Virginia Main Street Program initiatives. All initiatives bring in visitors to the Town who stay at the Town's hotel, bed & breakfasts, or other vacation rental homes. They eat in the restaurants and shop in the retail stores in Town.

This notice is to inform any homeowners or businesses who may be renting homes in Cape Charles that you must be collecting and remitting Transient Occupancy Tax for all rentals. The Town accepts credit card payments in person or by phone.

If you need any of the applications or more information, please contact Treasurer Debbie Pocock at treasurer@capecharles.org or call 757-331-3259 ext. 23.

CAPE CHARLES COMMUNITY TRAIL

You've probably seen the silt fence installed along Washington Avenue and north Peach Street. This is part of the erosion and sedimentation control measures required before the contractor begins construction of Phase 2 of the community trail. We are awaiting approval of the storm water management plan by the Department of Environmental Quality for construction to start. We anticipate construction to take six months.

Phase 2 will connect to the trail in Central Park, go north on both sides of Peach Street to Washington Avenue, then east to Fig Street, connecting to the trail to the Marina district, and west to the beach boardwalk along Bay Avenue. The trail is designed for pedestrian and non-motorized vehicular use, e.g., bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, wheel chairs, etc. Golf carts are not allowed.

The project includes a landscaped median on north Peach Street, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, and extension of the rock revetment over the storm water outfall pipe at the corner of Washington and Bay Avenues.

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



Cape Charles Outdoor Market

Saturday, May 28, 2016
9:00am - 12:00pm
Cape Charles Public Parking Area
 (behind Cape Charles Medical Center)

The first 100 families to make a purchase at the Outdoor Market will receive a free sustainable grocery bag!

FRESH • LOCAL • HAND-MADE

- Farm produce
- Local seafood
- Prepared products
- Handmade crafts
- Educational materials and children's activities focusing on recycling and the environment

Vendor applications available on www.capecharles.org under Recreation page.
 For more information, contact Recreation/Events Coordinator Jen Lewis at reccoordinator@capecharles.org.



Afterwards, enjoy shopping along Mason Avenue and Strawberry Street and savor a meal at a local restaurant!

Cape Charles
Outdoor Market



Rain Barrel Workshop at the Cape Charles Outdoor Market

Cape Charles Public Parking Area
(Behind Cape Charles Medical Center)

Saturday, May 28th, 2016

10:00am

Cost: \$35 per barrel

Hosted by Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District

Come make your very own rain barrel to collect water from your roof to water your garden,
your lawn, or to even wash your car!

Limited number available so **please register** by calling Recreation/Community Events
Coordinator Jen Lewis at 757-331-4785 or by email at reccordinator@capecharles.org. If
paying by check, you may mail to Town of Cape Charles, 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310.



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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 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.

Upcoming programs at Cape Charles Memorial Library

201 Mason Avenue Cape Charles, VA



Story Time every Thursday at 10:30 am

We have two separate groups – Babies & Toddlers meet downstairs with Miss Ann and Preschoolers meet upstairs with Miss Terri. Stories, songs, and lots of FUN!

Chess Club every Thursday 5- 6 pm

All ages and all skill levels are invited!



Tween Night – Friday, May 20

7:00 pm

Are you between the ages of 10 and 14? Looking for something new to do on Friday night?



Paws for Reading – Saturday, May 21

10:45 am – 12 noon

Children read individually to a trained therapy pet (and their handler) where they can feel comfortable and confident – and have fun! Program for children ages 6 to 12; pre-registration is required. Call 757-331-1300 to register or with any questions.



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 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



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



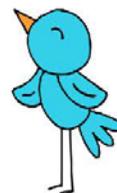
**Blessing of the
Worms**

3:00PM-4:30PM

New Roots
Youth Garden

April 24

Rain date May 1



Flatfooting

6:00PM

March 11

April 8

Blessing of the Fleet

6:00PM

Cape Charles Harbor

April 15



UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Monday, May 16, 2016:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, May 17, 2016:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, May 19, 2016:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, May 24, 2016:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Monday, May 30, 2016:
Town offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Thursday, June 2, 2016:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, June 7, 2016:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, June 8, 2016:
Library Board Meeting starting at 5:00 PM at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Thursday, June 9, 2016:
Town Council Budget Public Hearing starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. *tentative*
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, June 16, 2016:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, June 21, 2016:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, June 28, 2016:
Mayor's Office Hours, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Civic Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 5/21/16: [5th 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](#)
- 5/30/16: Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial on Mason Avenue, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/4/16: [Community Yard Sale](#), 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 6/18/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Band, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 6/25/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Mark Alan Linton Band, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Save the Dates!
 - 7/16/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Hoppie Vaughan & the Ministers of Soul, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 7/23/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): J and the Band, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 7/30/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Gayheart, Freeman and Lacy Sandy Shortridge, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 8/13/26: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Khedive Notables Dance, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 8/20/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Dharma Initiative, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 9/4/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Delmarvalous Dolls, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 9/10/16: [Concerts in Central Park](#): Kasey Rae Band, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 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.

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