



# Cape Charles Gazette Special Edition

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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 by the Town Manager 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.

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.

As announced over the last several months, the April edition of the Cape Charles Gazette will be the last issue that is emailed to subscribers. Please go to [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) to sign up for e-Notifications to continue receiving the Gazette. You can also sign up to get regular updates on Agendas & Minutes, Alerts, Bids, Calendar Items, Job Postings and other News & Information. You control the information you receive and can cancel the notifications at any time.



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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GEORGE PROTO

It seems very fitting that the term of office for Cape Charles's democratically elected officials starts on July 1 shortly before the holiday in which we celebrate our independence and our democracy, and that my first official act as Mayor will be to greet the citizens of Cape Charles and our guests on that holiday.

I grew up in the Philadelphia area, visited Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell many times and came to love the Fourth of July celebration in the small town of East Lansdowne that I call home. There were parades, games for the children, lots to eat and drink and fireworks. Yes, it sounds familiar, and it is wonderful to see Cape Charles carrying on a long tradition of celebration kept in common with communities all over the country throughout our history.

Traditions like this are important because they keep us grounded by helping us to remember the freedom we have and those heroes who, for over 200 years have worked and sacrificed, in some cases giving up their lives, so we can celebrate today.

Enjoy the Freedom democracy gives you, celebrate it and Happy Fourth of July!!

*George Proto*

George Proto was elected Mayor of Cape Charles on May 6, 2014 and took office on July 1 with a term running four years.

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## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FESTIVITIES MOVED TO JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>

**With the weather forecast calling for rain from Tropical Storm/Hurricane Arthur, the decision has been made to move all the planned July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities to Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**We hope you can all join us to celebrate the nation's birthday!**

**Please refer to the next page for the schedule of events.**

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# 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 Celebration

## Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

## Schedule of Events

8:00 am	Vendors set-up on Bay Avenue
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Registration for all activities on Bay Avenue by the Fishing Pier
8:30 am -12:00 pm	Trash to Treasures – 100 Block of Mason Avenue
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Parade Line-Up on Washington Avenue
10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Craft and Artisan Vendors on Bay Avenue
10:00 am – Dark	Food Vendors on Bay Avenue
10:00 am	Parade – Down Mason Avenue & Bay Avenue – Presentation of Colors – Cape Charles Coast Guard – singing of National Anthem
11:00 am	Announcement of Parade Winners
11:00 am	Horseshoe Tournament – South end of Bay Avenue by the Fishing Pier
11:00 am	Registration for Guppie Challenge
12:30 pm	Guppie Challenge at the Fishing Pier
1:00 pm	Beach Volley Ball Tournament
1:00 pm	Beautiful Baby Competition
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Live Music – Unleashed Faith
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Live Music – Cape Charles Community Band
4:00 pm	Corn Hole Tournament – Sponsored by Law Enforcement Torch Run Benefiting Special Olympics Virginia
5:00 – 8:00 pm	DJ Kevin Doughty
8:00 pm	Fishing Pier Closed

After Dark at the Harbor/Beach...



**FIREWORKS!!!!!!**



## TROPICAL STORM ARTHUR – WEATHER BRIEFING

Tropical Storm Arthur is expected to be upgraded to a hurricane sometime early Friday morning. Although the storm will most likely pass to the east of the Town in the Atlantic Ocean, the area may experience winds stronger than normal along with rain Thursday evening and Friday.

There are many homes in Cape Charles that have part time residents. With the impending storm and the possibility of strong winds and heavy rains, it would be prudent for each of us to pay attention to our neighbors' homes. Below is a list of items for consideration to avoid damages from the winds that may come with the storm:

### SECURE ALL OUTDOOR ITEMS IN CASE OF STRONG WINDS:

- Lawn / yard furniture (tables, chairs, umbrellas, etc.)
- Grills
- Decorative items
- Boat and utility trailers in the yard or the street
- Trash Receptacles
- Please **DO NOT** put any yard debris, brush or other trash on the street curb. Any debris can pose a safety hazard in strong winds and will clog storm drains if any flooding occurs.

If there is any street flooding, **DO NOT** drive your vehicle through high water. If you cannot see the pavement, **DO NOT** go through it as this could cause irreparable damage to your vehicle.

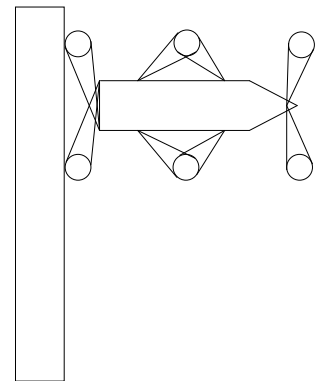
Mayor Proto and the Town staff appreciate everyone's assistance during this period. For emergencies, please call 911 or 678-0458.

The Northampton County Department of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation with the National Weather Service. Updates will be issued as necessary depending on the updated information. Updates are typically issued via the Northampton County Emergency Alert System. Please see the next page for information on how you can sign up to make sure you receive these important updates.

## INFORMATION ON SECURING YOUR BOAT

Harbor Master Smitty Dize offered the following advice to help you prepare and secure your boat:

- If you own a boat that can be taken out of the water, you should do so. Once you get the boat to its destination and if it is going to remain outside, you can do 1 of 2 things:
  - Purchase 4 ground anchors and 2 ratchet straps. Place 2 anchors near the bow on both sides and place 2 anchors near the stern on both sides and run the straps across the top. Have the bow blocked up a little higher than the stern so the water will run out.
  - Make the boat as level as possible, insert the boat plug and fill the boat with water.
- If the boat / vessel must stay at the Harbor or in a marina:
  - Make sure the batteries are fully charged before the storm because the power will most likely be shut off around the docks due to high water.
  - Make sure all scupper holes are clear and that the automatic bilge pumps work properly.
  - Make sure that anything loose is tied down.
  - When adding extra lines, make sure the lines are at the top of the piling and that all lines leading in the same direction have equal tension. *(Please see diagram)*



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