



Mayoral State of the Town

January 17th, 2019

Mayor Patrick J. "Irish" Mahoney



A PLACE TO CALL HOME:

Home Ownership in the Town has increased from 59.3% to 74.7%; the highest percentage increase in the County.

FINANCES:

- Reduction in the tax rate, adhering to the constant yield, with a goal of providing enhanced services to the community such as free Town resident access to the Town owned boat ramps;
- Budgets are balanced with sufficient reserves;
- \$1.9M in debt paid off in FY18;

WATER/SEWER SERVICES:

- Upgrades to 3 wet wells with new clog free pumps and new control panels connecting all wet wells to the Towns mass alert system reducing risks and downtime;
- Proactive processes for identifying water leaks, on the Homeowners side, reducing waste and costs;
- Updates to meter pits with upgrades to over 250 MXU's bringing more than 50% of residents online for remote reading rather than manual reads reducing costs and improving efficiencies;

WATER RECLAMATION TREATMENT PLANT (WRTP):

- **No spills, No violations, No incidents;**
- Awarded Waste Water System of the Year for 2018 by the Maryland Rural Water Association;
- Qualified and awarded the Bay Restoration Fund O&M grant;
- Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) Project close out with Federal and State agencies for the ENR upgrade processing up to 1.5 Million Gallons a Day;
- Upgraded operational efficiencies and disinfection measures with a new effluent flow meter, UV system, effluent sampler running in flow pace mode and initiation of cyclic air process control;
- Increased certified coverage at the plant with a current WRTP employee reaching MDE 5A certified operator status;
- Initiated the new lab renovation upgrade expanding the plants "in-house" lab testing abilities;
- Reuse of Effluent Discharge Water in all operations at the plant resulting in a savings of 3.465 Million gallons of water in the calendar year;
- Reuse of solids at the plant generating reusable materials such as fertilizers, compost and fuel;
- Permitted as a NUTRADE plant providing the opportunity for the WRTP to benefit from the sale of reduced nutrient release into the Bay.



SAFETY:

- Increased safety during hazardous weather conditions through the deployment of Salt Brine equipment; reducing costs, increasing safety of the roadways and reducing damage to the roads;
- Conducted staff training at all facilities, led by our certified trainers at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park, to improve staff's awareness of emergency health events to include CPR and Basic First Aid;
- Upgraded AED equipment at the Water Park;
- Received 3 "Exceed" designations, the highest achievable level, during safety auditing and inspections at the Water Park;
- New Deputy office in Town Hall with software to upload body cam imagery;
- Successful State Highway Administration (SHA) petition for review of safety concerns at the Richfield Station intersection that have resulted in the planning of a light at the intersection within the next 12 months;
- Upgrades to the flood gate structure and enclosure area to improve safety and access;
- Successful coordination between the Town and the County to install emergency communication equipment ensuring emergency responders have coverage to access to all areas of Town;
- Implementation of improved emergency egress measures at the Water Park.

STREETS/SIDEWALKS:

Through the leadership and implementation of the Town's Walkable Communities Committee by Councilman Favret:

- Sidewalk plans included in the Counties Program Open Space and priority letter to the State increasing funding opportunities;
- Identified and repaired approximately 1,000 linear feet of damaged, disconnected and hazardous sidewalks on the North side of Town and installed ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps in Richfield Station, establishing a base for the sidewalk advisory committee future improvements;
- Facilitated the coordination of over 500 linear feet of sidewalks in the commercial area of the Chesapeake Station Shopping center and Rod n Reel resort improving walkability and safety through a commercial and residential area;
- Coordination with the State Highway Administration to install road markings and signage near Bayfront Park to alert motorists of a dangerous roadway crossing;
- Identified and facilitated the expedited installation of cross walks and pedestrian crossing lights at the Mears Ave/MD 261 intersection;
- SHA Safe Routes to School sidewalk design is in progress and well underway incorporating sidewalks along MD261 from Chesapeake Village to Beach Elementary School and Old Bayside Rd.



ADMINISTRATIVE:

- Increase in Highway User Revenue Funding with a projected \$800,000 allocated for the Town in the next 5 years;
- Implementation of measures to run the Town at the speed of business;
- Increase in internal control measures with the addition of a private industry Corporate Controller, with over 20 years' experience, in the role of Town Treasurer;
- Implementation and maintenance of a balanced utility fund;
- Dredge spoil site rehabilitation in preparation of the federal dredge utilizing \$125,000 in grant funding from the Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Fund;
- \$1.36M in funds allocated to the Fishing Creek Federal Dredging and Channel project, up by \$1.26M from the original allocation by the Army Corp of Engineers;
- 100% completion of Town utility relocation for the State Highway Administration Fishing Creek bridge project;
- Increased recycling collection by 15% with the increase in collection services;
- Initiated 88 code enforcement violations, resolved 71 violations within an average 37 turnaround time;
- Increased staff educational opportunities and partnerships with other municipalities through membership with International Code Council, Maryland Code Enforcement and Zoning Officials Associations;

TOWN ASSETS:

Public Boat Ramps:

- Revenue for the Town owned public boat ramps remaining within the Town;
- Plans for improvements to the public ramps have been drafted and submitted to DNR.

Kellam's Field Complex:

- Established protocols for maintenance of fields working closely with the County, Coaches and Landscaping contractor.

Water Park:

- Served as the 5th largest employer in the County; employing 195 employees, 47% from Chesapeake Beach and 49% from Calvert County;
- Hosted over 42,000 guests at the Park and over 250 swimmers in the World's Largest Swim Lesson;
- Increased the longevity of the park with infrastructure repairs completed to further address stability and decrease exposure of down time;
- Concrete upgrades/repairs completed;
- Upgrades to the security camera coverage has resulted in proven coverage of Park assets;



- Despite being closed 30% of the 2018 season, due to weather and unforeseen closures, the Park was self-sustaining and remained within its budget;
- Improved guest experience for Chesapeake Beach residents with low resident rates and increasing non-resident rates resulting in an increase attendance in admission totals for Chesapeake Beach and Calvert County residents;
- Installed new Town owned lockers, increasing revenue by over 300%.

PLANNING, ZONING, DEVELOPMENT:

- Results of third-party inspections, funded by developers, have reduced risks incurred to residents and the Town from development errors;
- Initiation of the Town's Comprehensive Planning update with interactions with over 300 residents during the initial planning process through surveys, work session, community forums and engagement of the Town's Economic Development Committee and the Town's Walkable Community Advisory Group;
- Successful coordination for the preservation of the Railway bed along Fishing Creek;
- Successful coordination for the procurement of a stormwater filter that reduces run off contaminants from entering the Chesapeake Bay.

SUSTAINABILITY, OUTREACH, ENVIRONMENT:

- Savings of 20% with the implementation of retrofit LED street lighting;
- Initiation of an Energy Savings plan, with a decreased set rate, resulting in an estimated 10% in savings over all Town energy bills effective in the 2019 calendar year;
- Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) hosted just under 1,000 5th grade students, their teachers and chaperones from 8 Calvert County Elementary Schools for the annual Oyster education field trips on the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail where student scientist measured and counted oyster spat and monitored water quality in Fishing Creek;
- CBOCS and Beach Elementary Art Department jointly sponsored 122 students who painted 300 sea life animals on a 4.5 X 16-foot mural canvas during 2 days in January. The mural was displayed at Chesapeake Beach Town Hall, Stars and Stripes Festival and is now permanently housed at Beach Elementary;
- CBOCS had the best oyster growing season ever in 2018 with an astounding 91.8% survivability rate for 110,000 oysters which were moved to the Old Rock Reef;
- Successful coordination, through the Town's Green Team, of an outreach event for residents to participate in the making of a Rain Barrel for their home;
- Implementation of the "Grow Table" at the North East Community Center through Green Team volunteers, providing a space for community members to contribute to healthy food choices and plant exchanging;



- Expansion of Bay Wise education and certification program improving residents understanding of their direct impact on the Chesapeake Bay, outreach provided by the Green Team.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Through the leadership and implementation of the Town's Economic Development Committee by Councilman Jaworski and Councilman Morris:

- Successful execution of the second annual Taste the Beaches event with close to 2,000 attendees highlighting the Twin Beach businesses and vendors;
- Increased partnership with the Town of North Beach promoting Economic Development for the Twin Beaches;
- Introduction of the Veteran's Park Summer concert series initiation showcasing Military Bands;
- Increased services to local businesses through coordination with the Calvert County Department of Economic Development;

OPIOID ABUSE AWARENESS:

Through the leadership and implementation of the Twin Beach's Opioid Abuse Awareness Coalition Committee by Councilman Pardieck:

- In recognition of the innovative work the Committee has been doing to raise awareness and reduce stigma in the Twin Beaches, Councilman Keith Pardieck and Committee member Cheryl Greene were invited to speak at the Summer 2018 Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference and share lessons learned with other Maryland community leaders as part of the "Combating Opioids - Best Practices" workshop;
- Hosted four End Addiction Community forums to help educate residents about the opioid crisis and connect people in need with assistance resources. Each forum offered an educational presentation, naloxone training and prescription drug take-back. Educational presentations included:
 - Signs and Symptoms of Opioid Addiction
 - Opioid Addiction in Calvert County
 - Enabling & Codependency
 - County recovery resources
 - Resource provider fair
 - Hidden in Plain Sight exhibit
- Conducted direct outreach at community events and local businesses to raise awareness, distribute assistance information, and advertise upcoming forums;
- Facilitated naloxone training for Northeast Community Center staff in collaboration with Calvert County;
- Facilitated naloxone training of Town staff in North Beach and Chesapeake Beach;



- Facilitated removal of approximately two pounds of prescription drugs from community households;
- Facilitated and finalized installation of Opioid Abuse Awareness sign at North Beach Volunteer Fire Department in collaboration with County partners;
- Facilitated initiation of discussions between Chesapeake Beach Town Council and Calvert Health officials for improved health services and outreach for Twin Beach area of county;
- Since its creation in January 2017, the Committee has provided naloxone training to >110 people, educated >140 people on opioid abuse issues, and removed approximately 5 pounds of unused prescription drugs from the community, in addition to raising awareness about this crisis among thousands of residents through various other outreach efforts.

Thank you to the residents of the Town of Chesapeake Beach for your trust.
The Mayor, Town Council and Staff look forward to serving you in 2019.