

Fall 2008

From the Editor

For the nine years that I have produced this Newsletter, I have tried to be invisible, but with this final issue of the **Donovan Years**, I feel compelled to take editor's privilege and express my thoughts about this dear friend and extraordinary public servant.

I was a County Commissioner when Mayor Donovan asked me to write a column for the first issue of a new Town newsletter. That proved to be the last as well as first edition.

Years later, when there were important Town issues that the local

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Dates to Remember

October 23 – Town Voter Forum, 6:30- 9:15 p.m., Northeast Community Center

October 26 - Haunted Water Park - 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

October 31 - Halloween

November 2 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set your clocks back

November 4 - Town and Presidential Elections

November 11 - Veteran's Day - Town Hall Closed

November 27, 28 - Thanksgiving - Town Hall Closed

November 30 - Brightest Beacon on the Bay Lighting Ceremony - 6 p.m.

December 15 – Judging for Brightest Beacon

December 18 – Beacon Awards

Donovan Era Closes



Then:
First Campaign



Now:
Retirement Announcement

Farewell From the Mayor

I realized the other day that I have been directly involved in Town politics more than half my life, and indirectly involved my entire life. My grandfather had been Mayor in the 1950's and 1960's, my father had succeeded him and my mother had been the Town Clerk for many years. In my home, the third Thursday of the month has always meant town meeting night.

When I was born in 1948, Chesapeake Beach was experiencing its second heyday. The first heyday was the 1920's when the train, boardwalk, and steamboats were all busy catering to the tourists they were meant to attract. After the Great Depression and a few great hurricanes, all the amusements were moved to the land. Chesapeake Beach Park brought thousands of people to our town every week in the summer from the mid 1940's to the early 1970's. Visitors enjoyed swimming in the salt water pool, picnicking, riding the Merry-Go-Round or Ferris Wheel and enjoying all the other amenities that small family amusement parks had to offer. Many people got their first job or their last job at the park.

Lots of folks who visited loved it here so much that they decided to stay, and that was wonderful for all of us. The "Welcome Mat" has always been out in Chesapeake Beach for residents, tourists, and those who discovered us at the end of the road.

If you haven't visited our Railway Museum, I encourage you to do so, to soak in the rich history of our hometown.

During my tenure as Mayor, it has been my pleasure to work with so many fine elected officials and staff to return our town to yet again, another

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Library Offers Fun for All Ages

Remember the old days when the operative three-letter word at the library was *S-H-H*? Now those three letters are *F-U-N*, at least where Twin Beaches Library is concerned.

FUN, as in toddlers giggling through Storytime, K-third-graders enjoying "Kids Just Want to Have Fun" nights, fourth and fifth grade boys having how-to-eat-fried-worms fun, and same-age girls having sisterhood fun, while adults have book discussion fun.

FUN, as in learning computer skills, discovering a good read, or sharing stories with folks who share your interests.

For little ones, Storytime happens on Wednesdays, for birth-24 months at 9:15 a.m., two-to-three year olds from 11 to 11:30, and for the whole family at 10 to 10:45 and 1 to 1:45, as well as Saturdays at 10. Themes are **FALL**, 10/20; **HALLOWEEN**, 10/

27; **OUTER SPACE**, 11/3; **GOING TO THE LIBRARY**, 11/10; **THANKSGIVING**, 11/17.

There will also be two special *Evening Storytimes*, at 7 p.m., **HALLOWEEN** on October 30, and **HOLIDAY** December 4.

A new monthly program has begun for primary graders. Kids Just Want to Have Fun offers K-third graders stories and activities, from 7 to 8 p.m. October 23 offers **APPLES**; November 27 **PIGS WILL BE PIGS**, and January 22, **LIGHTHOUSES**.

New programs are available for 4th and 5th graders as well, also on Thursdays at 7. For the boys, Guys Read will feature **THE DAY MY BUTT WENT PSYCHO** January 8, **HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS** March 12, and **THE BIG ONE-OH** on May 14. For the girls, Sisterhood of the Traveling Book Club will present **EVERYTHING ON A WAFFLE** November 13; **PRINCESS ACADEMY** February 12, and

MAXWELL SMART DOES NOT LOVE STUART LITTLE April 9.

A fun sure-thing is making a **GINGERBREAD HOUSE**, for first through seventh grade. Bring a bag of candy to use for decorating to Northeast Community Center at 2 p.m. December 13.

Not to be overlooked, there's fun for adults as well. Book discussions take place the second Monday of every month (third Monday this October) from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Town Center Apartments in North Beach.

Books for the next four months are *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League*, by Ron Suskind on October 20; any U.S. military literature for Veterans' Day, such as *Candy Bombers: The Untold Story of the Berlin Airlift and America's Finest Hour*, by Andrei Cherny, or *Three Brothers of the Greatest Generation* by local author Edward B. Finch, November 10; *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, by Dylan Thomas, with pot luck dinner, at the Bayside History Museum December 8, and any book by *political commentator Cokie Roberts* on January 12.

Fun or not, depending on your tech affinity, adults have the opportunity to learn computer skills, and that can lead to fun. On November 19, learn how to use COSMOS, the library's on-line services, and on December 17, learn how to use Microsoft Word. Both classes are at 2 p.m., and enrollment is limited.

Information about any of these programs, including registration requirements, is available at 410-257-2411, or online at www.calvert.lib.md.us.

Talkin' Trash

Some important reminders about trash as we move to a new season:

PICK-UPS go back to once a week for trash and once a week for recycles at the end of October.

LEAF AND LIMB PICKUP will run Tuesdays through November, then stop for the winter.

CHRISTMAS TREES will be picked up through January 9, 2009. Any tree put out after the deadline will carry a \$25 fee payable in advance.

BULK ITEM pick-up must be arranged *in advance* through Town Hall.

Please make sure to place your trash out either the night before, or before 5 a.m. on your scheduled service days. Remember, regular pick-up does *not* include bulk items, construction material, or yard waste. If a holiday falls on a weekday, all service for the week from that day forward will be delayed by one day.



FREE Non-Partisan Candidates' Forums for the Town of Chesapeake Beach

- **Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach** •
- **Town Council Members for Chesapeake Beach** •

Thursday, October 23, 2008, 6:30-9:15 PM

**Northeast Community Center
4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Room B, Chesapeake Beach
Telephone 410-257-2554**

**6:30-8 PM – LWV Forum for Town Council Candidates
8-9:15 PM – LWV Forum for Mayor of Chesapeake Beach**

***Hear Candidates' Positions on Important Issues
as They Answer Questions Submitted from
the Audience to the LWV Screen Team***

Election Day Information

PLEASE VOTE– NOVEMBER 4, 2008, 7 AM-8 PM
2008 Chesapeake Beach Town Elections

Voting in this election is separate from voting in the General Election. If you are registered to vote in Calvert County and live in Chesapeake Beach, vote in this "Town Election" at...

**The Chesapeake Beach Town Hall
8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach
Telephone 410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398 for more info**

Forums Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Calvert County, MD

www.lwvmd.org/calvert

• **410-586-2176 (voice mail)**

Ride the Railway Trail November 1

As development continues to erase its path, it is no longer possible to follow the annual tradition Bernie Loveless started in 1975 and walk sections of the historic Chesapeake Beach Railway right-of-way. But traditions evolve, and, in the spirit of those Bernie hikes, the Railway Museum is offering its second motorized Heritage Tour of the year. The Newsletter featured a lengthy article on the first tour in the last edition.

Tour leader Kristen Scott says that "We can still find pieces to explore. Please join us on Saturday, November 1 for a fun day of exploring the right-of-way from Chesapeake Beach to Seat Pleasant."

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the museum and return by 3:30 p.m. with a stop at historic Mount Calvert in Marlboro for a box lunch.

Seating is limited. Registration will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. A registration fee of \$25 per person includes transportation and lunch. Pre-registration, with a check

for the full cost, is required. Your seat is not considered confirmed receive payment is received

Send a check, made payable to Friends of the CBRM, to: Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, attn: Kristen Scott, P.O.Box1227, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

For more information, contact: Janet Bates at 301-855-8915.

Lock It, Not Lose It

Are you guilty of aiding and abetting theft? If you leave your car unlocked, or the windows rolled down, valuables out in the open or worst of all, your keys in the ignition, you are inviting getting ripped off.

The Town is again suffering from thefts from vehicles. It is a fact that **EVERY** theft from a vehicle in Town was facilitated because the car owner simply did not lock its doors and left valuables out in plain sight.

Don't be an accomplice in your own loss. Theft from vehicles is a crime of opportunity. If you lock, opportunity won't knock.

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prosperous time. I hope the kids growing up in Town today enjoy the Water Park, the walk to Bayfront Park, the lighted ballfield, and the library. All of these town enhancements were the product of government teamwork, cooperation, and an appreciation for what had been here before. Veterans Park is located directly where a World War II Honor Roll stood during the war. What great pride we all took in making that location a place to pause and reflect. We will never forget the first candlelight vigil held there the week of 9-11-2001.

There have been so many "firsts" over the last 32 years, they would be hard to list. As I prepare for my last meeting on the third Thursday of the month, all I can say is thank you. Thank you to the citizens who elected me, thank you to each Town Councilperson I have worked with, thank you to the dedicated staff who have always provided "Gold Service" to this Town and thank you to my family and friends for believing that dreams can come true!

Gerald W. Donovan, Mayor

Successful Season At Bayfront Park

Summer 2008 was a very safe, sunny one at Brownie's Beach, Councilman Pat Mahoney reports.

In addition to wonderful weather, he credits the outstanding Beach Patrol of Allan Brown, Ashley Bowen, Brittany Dexter and Tanya Sites. "Their dedication and love for the beach and their jobs once again made our special beach a wonderful respite for our town residents and visitors."

But "safe" was in part thanks to good fortune (luck of the Irish?) Beautiful weather and beautiful beach also add up to too many cars. Please obey the parking signs and do not park on the road front, putting not just vehicles but lives in danger.

Beach Bucs Wrap Up Fall Season

The Beach Buccaneers wrap up their fall football season next month, and begin try-outs for basketball.

The Bucs have three football home stands left. Homecoming is October 18 against the Solomons Steelers at Kellam's. Games and festivities begin with the smallest team at 9 a.m. and continue through all classes. There will be a pep rally at the field the night before, from 6 to 9.

Final home games are October 25 against the Huntingtown Hornets, and November 11 vs. the Dunkirk Warriors, again starting at 9 with the smallest teams.

The Bucs cheerleaders who were selected to perform at the 2009 Pro-Bowl game in Hawaii are still actively fundraising.

For information on any of the Bucs activities and fundraisers, including football, basketball, lacrosse, baseball, poms and cheerleading, visit their website at www.beachbuccaneers.com.

The Mayor and Town Council
of Chesapeake Beach

Presents a

Halloween Family Fun Night
At the Haunted Water Park

October 26, 2008

6:30 - 8:00 p.m



FUN! FREE! TREATS!

COME IN YOUR COSTUME AND WALK THROUGH
THE HAUNTED RIVER, THEN TRICK OR TREAT
AROUND THE PARK



The Town of Chesapeake Beach and our local merchants have donated all tricks and treats!

Time to Light Up Town for Holidays

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Or, more accurately, to think about looking a lot like the holidays.

It's time, once again, to prepare to get lit, to make the Town the Brightest Beacon on the Bay. Councilwoman Jo Finch, mother of this local tradition, reminds you to plan your décor, check your bulbs, and make your own home, boat, or business a spot that will lift Townies' and visitors' spirits, whether competing or not.

But if you are of a competitive nature, remember, you must sign up to be judged, by contacting Town Hall. Categories, as usual, are Best Town House, Best House, Best Business, Best Boat, and Brightest Beacon on the Bay. Prizes donated by local businesses will be awarded in each category.

Drive with Care

School is back in session. Children are waiting for school bus pick-up in the early morning. Adults are rushing to work. A recipe for disaster. Just add speed and stir.

Do not speed through Town streets at any time, but please be especially careful at school bus time. If you see speeders, report them. Young lives may be in the balance.

Solid Gold Service

Please mail this to the Town, P.O. Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732 if you need "Solid Gold" Service. You may e-mail your information to: kjohnson@chesapeake-beach.md.us.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Recipients must be age 55 or older or have handicap tag status.

You Can Count on Me!

**I am willing to help Town citizens who need Solid Gold Service.
Please mail this to the Town, P.O. Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I can help by: _____

Winter Won't Stop Garden Clubbers

The Garden Club doesn't fade when the flowers do.

The club provided flower arrangements for the concerts at the Railway Museum throughout the summer. Now its focus is on the upcoming Christmas holiday season. Watch for fliers and information on the annual pre-holiday flea market to be held Saturday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Town Hall, an opportunity to buy unique gifts as well as greenery to brighten your holiday home.

The group always welcomes new members, and green thumbs are not required. Meetings focus on all levels

of gardening, with good food, fellowship and fun.

Contact Marianne Valaer at 301-855-5891 for more information and meeting times and places.

Clean Babies, Jammed Pumps *Don't flush it !!*

"What appears to be baby wipes, or similar towelettes, are getting jammed in the influent pumps" at the wastewater treatment plant, the contractor reports.

This causes the pumps to turn off, and all the fine-tuning adjustments that are possible have been made. The contractor expects this to continue to be a problem and is pursuing whatever system changes can be made. **But you can make a difference.**

The Town's sewer ordinance prohibits the discharge of solids that interfere with the proper operation of the Town's wastewater works into any public sewer. Reducing the quantity of these wipes/towelettes would be the most effective way to minimize the WWTP equipment issues. Please do not flush baby wipes and other similar products.

Town of Chesapeake Beach Brightest Beacon on the Bay

November 30, 2008

Holiday Lighting Ceremony at
6 PM in the Town Hall.

December 15, 2008

Judging of Lighting Contest.

*If you wish to have your
display judged, please contact
the Town Hall at 410-257-
2230.*

December 18, 2008

Contest winners announced and
Awards Ceremony at 7:30 PM.

Please join the Town in this annual event, catch the holiday spirit and decorate your home, business, boat or townhouse! Awards are given for the best decorations. Contest is limited to residents and businesses *within* the Town limits.





Time to Say Goodbye

On these pages, some who worked with Gerald reflect on his legacy. The photos represent *just a few* of the things that were not a part of the Town before Gerald took office.

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press was not clearly conveying to Town citizens, I suggested that he needed to revive the newsletter. “I don’t have the time,” he said. “You’ll do it.” And so I have. And therein lies one of the secrets of his amazing success — making connections, seeing opportunity, figuring out how to implement it, and bringing others on board. **He has a combination of vision and deal-making savvy that I have never seen equaled in anyone else.**

There were times when he would seek my support as a Commissioner for an idea that would make me laugh at its boldness and say, “never happen.” But they did – the development at Kellams, for example, the elements of which were sketched out in the course of a lunch in which he and Dana Jones figured out not just how to use an empty field, available at a fire-sale price, to add ball fields, a water park, community center, marina and public boat ramps, and affordable housing, but *where the funding would come from*. (I mostly observed; with those two visionaries in action, it is best to just stay out of the way, because you know it’s going to cost you time and money!) It took us several years, but it all happened.

Then there were the library, Veterans Park, the boardwalk, new Town Hall building, streetscape improvements,

flood control, environmental upgrades of the water and sewer system, Bayfront Park, the Fishing Creek Trail, Town clock, welcome signs and welcome mats, Brightest Beacon, floral beautification, and on and on, all the while repeatedly reducing tax rates. Sometimes it was his own vision; often he bought into the visions of others and made them happen. Who else, about to leave office, would have come up with a grand scheme to take the Town off the grid, and power its facilities with sun and wind!

His accomplishments as Mayor are only part of the Donovan story.

Everyone knows the phenomenal success of the **Cancer Gala**, which is now a Maryland institution that attracts public figures of both parties from throughout the state as well as locals who know it’s the event of the year. But unless you know Gerald well, you don’t know his huge heart and enormous generosity to institutions and individuals, because he keeps that all quiet and would not be happy with me if I recounted it. But I will cite one example of particular importance to me.

As chair of **Success by 6**, a United Way program designed to help every child be ready to learn when they start school, I roped Gerald into sitting through a presentation on the

importance of early brain development. His reaction – “*You made me watch this, and now I have to do something.*”

Upon learning that Beach School was the most challenging in the county for reaching the population that most needs pre-kindergarten, he declared that the Town should do something that would draw parents and children together in a fun activity that would promote early childhood education. “I want it to be for the whole family”, he said.

Thus was born the **Family Fun Fest**, which has grown each year and now reaches hundreds of Beach-area families and dozens of volunteers. The Town paid for the first two years, and inspired similar events in central and southern Calvert, all now funded by private and corporate donations, and one generous anonymous grant from an individual.

I became editor of the Newsletter as a favor to my friend, and whether I continue remains to be seen. But I have enjoyed enormously my front-row seat watching the Town bloom under the leadership of a Mayor of extraordinary vision and dedication – remember, that’s **32 years of uncompensated volunteer time** — sharing his own dreams and supported by and supporting a Council with dreams of its own.

I don’t know what November will bring. The new Mayor and Council will reflect whatever priorities and characteristics the voters feel the Town needs going forward. I’m sure they will choose competent and dedicated people. But there will never be another Gerald Donovan. **Mary Krug**



Welcome Signs and Landscaping



Library

I remember shortly after we had a bad snowstorm years ago, **Gerald established a new program which he called “Solid Gold Service”**. It was created for our senior and handicapped citizens.

Over the years doing snowstorms, hurricanes, and other emergencies I have realized what a kind and thoughtful gesture this program has been to our citizens. Gerald has been a precise manager of the Town, has had a vision for the present and future, and has taken care of the needs of those that need help and assistance in times of emergencies. During my calls to our “Solid Gold Service” citizens often say **tell the Mayor “Thanks!”**

Kathy Johnson, Receptionist



Advanced sewer system

Gerald, your vision and love for our Town are evident around every corner. Even as you retire from public service, your foresight is apparent in your desire to explore alternative energy sources. Thank you for 32 years of dedication and for making our Town what it is today!

Leslie Porter, Town Treasurer



Tot Lot

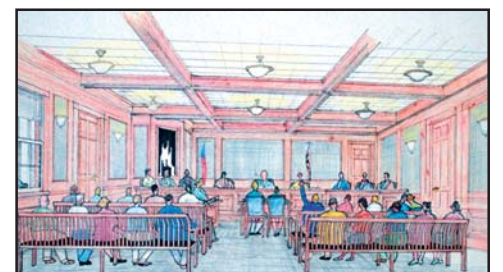
It has been a pleasure to work with Gerald the past 4 years. I will miss the historical perspective he provides to town meeting discussions. Having served the town for more than three decades, he provides the context as to why decisions were made the way they were way back when.

Gerald is a prototypical story teller. When Mayor Donovan wants to defuse a conflict or introduce an ordinance, more often than not he does so with a story. I have appreciated Gerald’s support of **Success By Six**, water park improvements, and willingness to answer my questions and listen to my ideas. And as a private citizen, what the Donovan Family has been able to create with the **Cancer Gala** – what a lasting legacy!

Valerie Beaudin, Town Council



Streetscape Upgrades



New Town Hall

A few months after moving to Chesapeake Beach in December, 1981, my wife, Beth, suggested we attend a town meeting. I thought this would be an interesting evening out and free of commitments. Near the end of the meeting Gerald said there was an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals and asked for a volunteer.

No one responded. He looked at me and said, "Jim, how about you?" I asked how much time it would entail. He said, "It has only been meeting one or two times a year." So I agreed. What he didn't tell me was the Council had recently changed the zoning ordinance allowing town houses with a special exception. From that time we met every month for at least three years with a packed house up in arms about building homes on the beach across from town hall.

This was the beginning of my 26-year saga of working with the mayor in Chesapeake Beach town government. As time went on I became amazed at the knowledge and talents Gerald possessed. He is one of the few people I have ever worked with who had the ability to analyze complicated technical situations and make them understandable to us mortals. But that wasn't his greatest strength. I realized early on that he had a vision for the future of the Town and the ability to seize opportunities when they arose to reach this dream. Watching him interact with County, State and Federal officials to the

benefit of the Town was a lesson in salesmanship and marketing.

What Chesapeake Beach is today is the result of his time and efforts as a man and Mayor. Gerald Donovan is Chesapeake Beach.

Jim Parent, Town Council

Dr. Parent is also retiring from public service. More on his service to the Town will appear in the next edition of the Newsletter.



Railway Museum

Being born and raised in Calvert County, Chesapeake Beach has been a part of my life for a long time, since I was a teenager. My first job and first encounter with Gerald was working at the Rod n Reel Restaurant many years ago, and from there to the Chesapeake Beach Amusement Park. I have seen a lot of changes here at Chesapeake Beach. I have to say that Gerald has brought about many wonderful changes and additions to the Town and I can say that first hand as I remember the "Beach", as we called it, the way it used to be, to now, the beautiful town that it is, a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Sharon Humm, Assistant Town Clerk

Although I am not a long time resident of Chesapeake Beach, I have lived here long enough to know that Gerald Donovan has been instrumental in implementing many positive projects this town,

This is a beautiful place to live, thanks to projects such as Veteran's Park, the Route 260 median, Kellam's field, the Water Park and the list goes on. Gerald is a true visionary when it comes to beautification as well as improving the infrastructure by installing more powerful pump stations throughout town, upgrading the water and sewer plant and working with the state to improve our roads and sidewalks. He has truly been an asset to the town he loves and calls home. We will miss his leadership but wish him well in whatever his future endeavors may be.

Cheri Beard, Assistant Town Treasurer



Veterans Park



Community Gallery



Boardwalk



Brightest Beacon

**Family
Fun
Fest**



Bayfront Park

I've had the pleasure of working for Gerald for 18 years. During those years, I have seen the Town grow and improve tremendously under his enthusiastic vision and leadership, which I will greatly miss. His favorite time to think is when he is driving, which always resulted in many calls to my cell phone on a new idea or something that needs to be done in the Town.

I can never thank Gerald enough for all of the opportunities that he has given me, and the patience he has shown while allowing me to gain the confidence needed to manage the Town as Town Administrator.

I will always admire Gerald for his stewardship in ensuring that **"The Welcome Mat Is Always Out"** in Chesapeake Beach.

**Michelle Jenkins, Town
Administrator**

Jo Finch, Town Councilwoman

The first time I met Gerald Donovan was when my husband Ed and I moved to Chesapeake Station in March of 1987. We were having dinner at the Rod-"N"-Reel restaurant. He came over to our table, introduced himself, and we had a little chat, as he was wont to do. The following spring, 1988, he asked me if I would run for a position of Councilwoman in the coming elections in November 1988. Speaking facetiously, I said that he wanted a woman, who was also a Republican, on the ticket with him. Answering me in the same tone, he smiled and said yes. It has been a standing joke between us ever since. I informed him that I was flattered by his request and it was an honor to be asked to serve on the Town Council. I was elected and have served for over sixteen years.



Resident Deputy



Water Park

Over the years my admiration for Gerald Donovan, not only as Mayor, but as a very generous person, has grown considerably. It is hard to realize the knowledge and experience, and the patience, and the time away from his own personal duties, required to administer the details of running even a small Town like Chesapeake Beach. Since Gerald was born here, his knowledge of the Town's way of life has been a tremendous asset to him. He not only knows every nook and cranny of the Town, but he appears to know everyone in Town. Over the years as Mayor, with problems of water, sewage, [he said at one point "It would be so nice to get through one meeting without that word coming up".} taxes, budgets and just overall administration, it is amazing how his foresight and knowledge have grown. His vision for the Town has been responsible for Chesapeake Beach being the attraction that it is. For instance, the water park, the Veterans Memorial Park, the N.E. Community Center, the Library, the annexation of land for Richfield Station, Kellams Field improvements and lighting, the Streetscape project for the beautification of our town, which has led people to want to live here and not the least of which is my pet project of lighting up the Town at Christmastime.

It is very difficult for me to put into words the respect and love that I feel for this man, Gerald Donovan. I find it almost impossible to imagine that one day at a Council meeting, the Mayor, Gerald Donovan, will not be running the show in his own business-like and personal way. His dedication and labors of love for Chesapeake Beach are immeasurable.

Thank you, Gerald!!

A Message from the Sheriff's Office

As everyone is aware the Nation's economy is lower then normal. As gas prices rise and costs for everyday items increase, it causes an increase in crimes. The **Calvert County Sheriff's** office is dedicated to stopping this rise in criminal activity. We are actively patrolling your community in an effort to deter criminals and their behavior.

The **Sheriff** and his deputies request your help in this endeavor. Please remember to lock your vehicles and remove any valuables from sight. A majority of the thefts from automobiles are from **UNLOCKED** cars. If you observe anything suspicious, such as a strange car or people walking around late at night, please call **911 or 410-535-2800 (Sheriff's Office)**. The citizens are our eyes and ears in the community. By calling in we are able to respond and identify who is in the area. This type of information has helped solve crimes in the past.

Establish neighborhood watch programs within the community. This program bonds the neighborhood together. Not only does this program assist in watching over the community, but information is shared during the meetings. The resident deputy will be more than ready to assist in setting up these programs and attend these meetings with you.

The Chesapeake Beach Town Council and Mayor work very closely with the **Sheriff's Office** to help keep this a safe community. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please call **F/Sgt. Matt McDonough at (443) 624-3159**.



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Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

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Voter's Guide Inside

VOTER GUIDE

The Town election will take place Tuesday, November 4, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall, the same hours as the Presidential election but *in a different location*. Allow enough time to get to both locations. In order to vote in the Town election, you must be a Town resident, living within the Town, not zip code, limits, and registered to vote in Calvert County, or registered with the Town election board for Town elections only. The Town election is non-partisan. Those elected serve as volunteers, without salary or other financial compensation.

Following are statements from each candidate, *as they submitted them, including spelling, punctuation, and boldface*, although they are uniform in typeface, type size and single spacing. Each candidate was allowed 100 words, in addition to name, to make any statement they chose. If any exceeded the 100-word limit, it was cut back to 100, beginning with the last word. If no statement or photo appears, it is because the candidate did not submit one.

An (I) after the name indicates incumbent. Candidates are listed alphabetically, as their names appear on the forms they submitted to the Election Board. Members of the Town Election Board are Malcolm Funn, Chairman; Ron Draper, Mary Horsmon, and Brian Beard, alternate.

Mayor: (vote for one)



D.F. Bartholomew, J.

Please call me “**BART**” - as informality breeds trust. Please be sure to vote on November 4th! I believe most of you will vote for me if you read about me, and others, in my Calvert papers’ advertisements. I have 40 years continuous military, state/bi-county agency, municipal, and federal government experience - managing Billions in government contracts and projects. I **WILL WORK 4 YEARS FOR FREE**, as Mayor, as I make enough for me and my wife from my government employment, and I WILL NOT take advantage of my position, for ANY business opportunities, in “**Our Home Town: Chesapeake Beach!**”



Margo D. Hughes

THE AFFORDABLE MAYOR WITH PROVEN LEADERSHIP YOU CAN TRUST
LOWER TAXES WHILE KEEPING HOME VALUES UP
LOWER BUDGET EXPENDITURES
PLAN AND SPEND WISELY ON TRAFFIC SAFTY AND ROAD REPAIR
ENSURE CLEAN AND SAFE WATER
MONITOR PUMP STATION AND STORM DRAIN OPERATIONS
GUARNTEE OPEN DOOR POLICY TO THE MAYOR’S OFFOCE
OBTAIN FERERAL AND STATE GRANTS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND PROTECT OUR PROUD HISTORY
PARTNER WITH THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH TO SERVE EVERYONE, NOT A SELECT FEW
MARGO, A LIFELONG MARYLANDER, SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WOMAN, IS A DEEPLY DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDERN
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Joseph Wayne Johnson

The sights and sounds of the Chesapeake Bay are majestic and priceless. As your Mayor I will review every town contract, and function from operating the sewer plant to the use of chemicals for weed control to reduce cost and damage to the bay. I will hire a town attorney with no ties to the Rod'n'Reel, institute paper ballots, and campaign finance reporting. I will use my contract management and engineering experience for the best interest of the bay, all our children, every business and you the taxpayer. Together we can keep the country in Calvert County.



Jeffrey J. Krahling

Straight Talk! Why am I running for Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach? It's simple really. I love this place. I want to give something back! I was born and raised in Maryland. I'm a resident of Calvert County. I've been a successful businessman for over 20 years right here (Twin Beaches). I have a vested interest in keeping our taxes low while maintaining our community services. I'm blessed in so many ways. I believe it's important to get involved. **No matter what you do, VOTE on November 4th and please vote for me.**



Bruce A. Wahl

After devoting twenty volunteer years on the Town Council, I am honored to run for Mayor of Chesapeake Beach. I have held leadership roles for forty years starting as an Army Lieutenant in Vietnam. I am confident that I am the most qualified candidate for the important position of Mayor. I will build the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, reduce traffic congestion, continue to work closely with Sheriff Mike Evans and the Fire Department, protect the environment, further reduce taxes, and maintain the uniqueness of life we enjoy in Chesapeake Beach. Please vote for me on November 4th and visit www.BruceWahl.com.

Town Council: (vote for up to 6)



Robert Edward Allen

Hello to the citizens of Chesapeake Beach. My name is Robert (bobby) Allen. I am a candidate for town council of your town. I have been a resident of our town for 19 years. I have resided in Calvert Co. for 45 years. I have served the community for 26 years as a volunteer fireman at North Beach VFD. where i currently serve as President. It is my wish to sereve you now as your town councilman. I promise you ethics, integrity hard work and honesty. I want be your voice. I want to be you councilman.

sincerely Robert E Allen



Yvonne Anatale-Scott

Make a difference. Get involved."

Much truth lies in this statement.

I believe that we all live in Chesapeake Beach because it provides the security and warmth of small town America.

If one were to compare our town to others, he/she would discover that "we have it all," business opportunities, great residential and retirement communities, a plethora of recreational facilities, and, not to mention, all of the wonder and beauty that the Chesapeake Bay affords us. It is our responsibility to be closely involved in the preservation of our unique town. We all should be "involved" and "make a difference!"

**Valerie L. Beaudin (I)**

For four years I have had the privilege of working for the residents of Chesapeake Beach as a member of town council. The basic principle that I follow is that monies expended are your tax dollars and ought to be spent with great care. The fundamentals of my decision-making are does it a) promote public safety? b) improve our environmental stewardship? c) advance our energy efficiency? and e) does it better our quality of life? Will I be able to defend the expenditure to the residents of the town? I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve you.

**Robert E. Carpenter**

Chesapeake Beach faces a number of challenges in the years ahead.

- Municipal property taxes have declined, but they are still too high. I will work to continue to reduce your property tax burden.
- Businesses contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes each year. I will work to attract new business to our town, and work with those already here.
- We must clean up and protect the Bay. And, together we will.

For the past six years I have been proud to call Chesapeake Beach my home. I would be honored to have your support and vote.

**Gary E. Coldsmith**

Originally from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, Gary Coldsmith has been a citizen of Chesapeake Beach for over 8 years. He has attended numerous Town Council, Board of Appeals and Planning and Zoning meetings where he has been a vocal advocate for the people of Chesapeake Beach. Gary's nearly 40 years of experience in the construction industry and his experience with detailed contracts and specifications has been integral to his understanding of the Town's Zoning and General Ordinances. If elected, Gary's knowledge and experience would be an asset to the Town Council, the incoming mayor and most importantly the citizens of Chesapeake Beach.

**Stewart B. Cumbo (I)**

Serving the community is more than just attending monthly council meetings. It's being an active member in local government and making a difference in the lives of those who live in the community. Committed to a small town atmosphere; environmentally conscious; continue Maryland's smart growth land preservation and community revitalization; improve traffic flow; provide town amenities; cooperative government; enhance public safety; financial stability; public schools that achieves excellence in education; a wholesome, sustainable community for all senior citizens, families and children; controlled residential and commercial growth. Certified Municipal Official. Johns Hopkins University MS Management. Maryland Municipal League President 2007/2008.

**Barbara Jo Finch (I)**

In Florida where her husband underwent emergency surgery, Mrs. Finch asked by phone that the newsletter re-print her entry from the 2004 voter guide with updated dates and addition of Brightest Beacon. It follows, with changes in boldface:

Barbara Jo Finch served on the Town Council of Chesapeake Beach for 12 years – 1988-2000. While she had been reelected for a fourth term, shortly thereafter she and husband Judge Ed Finch moved beyond the Town limits which necessitated her resignation from the Town Council. Since Jo and Ed have moved back into Town, she **[was]** reelected to the Town Council in the election held on November 2, 2004. The accomplishments of the Town Council during the period she previously served include: Kellams Ballfield, Veterans Memorial Park, Streetscape, Courtyards at Fishing Creek, **Brightest Beacon on the Bay.**

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Ingrid K. Lamb

Ingrid K. Lamb, CPA/PFS I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. If elected I would strive to make sensible decisions that would be in the best interests of the residents of Chesapeake Beach. As a 10 year resident of our town and as a small business owner I have much invested in Chesapeake Beach. I have seen lots of changes – some good, some not so good – while a member of the Chesapeake Beach community. I will bring a practical approach to the issues at hand. Thanks for considering me.



Patrick J. Mahoney (I)

For 12 years I have diligently served as your “independent” voice on Town Council. My votes always support our citizens who work, pay taxes, raise a family and seniors enjoying retirement. I pledge to:

- maintain outstanding Town services with lowest tax rate possible.
- support another tax decrease. I am fiscally frugal with your money! I have decreased the tax rate every term since 1996.
- support rights of single home, townhouse, condo homeowners; keep Town a safe place to live.

Overdevelopment and SLOTS GAMBLING within Town limits are key issues that threaten our family-friendly, small town atmosphere. I OPPOSE both!



Frank W. Purdy, III

Hello, I’m Frank Purdy I have lived here for more than 18 years. I’m a homeowner, taxpayer, husband and father. We retired from the Air Force to raise our family here. I have served the country in many capacities for almost 30 years and it’s time to serve closer to home. Serving on the Town Council is just that – serving! I’d like to work with the other elected officials in the town, county and state to improve professional opportunities for the citizens of Chesapeake Beach, to continue controlled growth and sustain a safe way-of-life for our children and all citizens.



Julie L. Spano

Julie Spano has been a resident and property owner in Chesapeake Beach since 1980. She has two children, one grandchild, and is the parent of a Beach Elementary School student. Julie has been employed by the Department of the Interior for 24 years. She is a Business Manager responsible for a \$12Million annual budget, and has diverse experience in budgeting, management and administration. She supports open government, and is a fiscal conservative who believes your hard-earned money should be carefully spent. She wants Chesapeake Beach to be a place where you can raise your family, and not a gambling Mecca.



Ralph E. Stone

I believe if elected, I’ll bring an fresh outlook to the town council. We need to point our town towards the future. Wind turbines and solar, let’s go green all the way. Protect our wetlands and our wildlife, they are God given. I’ll vote on issues that the residents would want me to vote, with an open mind. I’m from the old school. and believe what’s right is right, and wrong is wrong. I served in the Marines and now I’m ready to serve you. So with your vote we’ll change the way things are done - the right way.