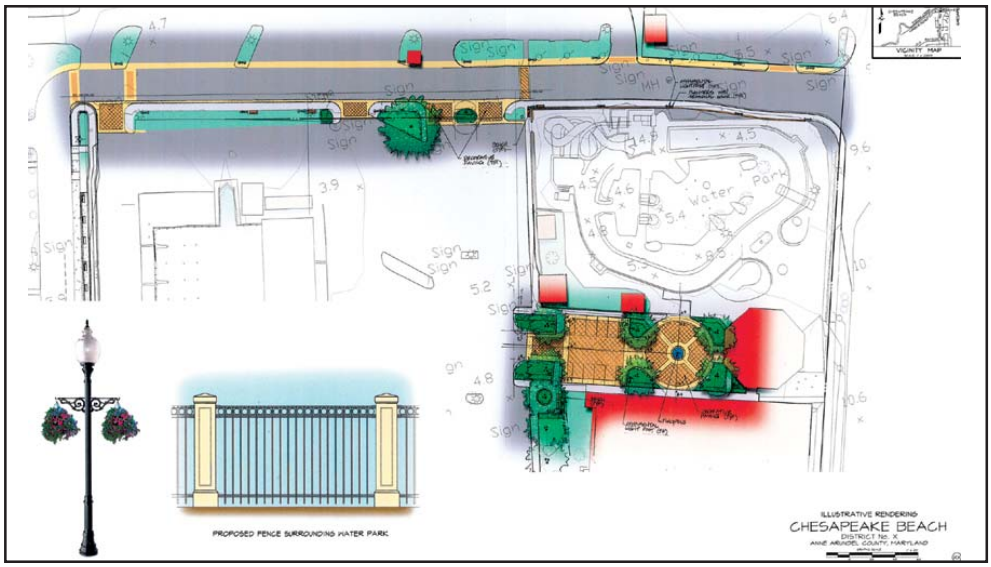
NEWS LETTER

TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH

Winter 2008



Refreshed Water Park Opens May 17

The Water Park will open on May 17 with a new look and new convenience. It will operate weekends only until school lets out, and then daily.

Water Park hours will remain 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. ***Swimming lesson sign ups will begin on April 1***, at Town Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The bathhouse, entrance and fence surround will all have a new look. Renovations to the bathhouse will include changing the entrance. No longer will you have to go through the bathrooms to get to the pool. The new entrance will be at the top of the original steps to a ticket booth, then entry to the left.

The old metal partitions in the bathrooms are being replaced with sturdier heavy plastic ones, and lockers will be located in each bathroom instead of on the other end of the park. A new more attractive fence will surround the whole park, in addition to design enhancements on the circle and Gordon Stinnett Avenue.



And the Winners were. . .(See page 8 for Beacon Winners)

From The Mayor

The New Year doesn't seem so new anymore, but there is still the exciting feeling of a fresh start that each change of the calendar brings. And if the year turns out anywhere near as wonderful as the 2008 Town calendar looks, we should all be very happy.

With all that's going on in the Town, measuring up to that calendar should be a sure thing. The streetscape improvements continue, and we are working closely with the State to make sure that they meet the Town's needs. The Water Park will open with a new look as well, both more attractive and more pleasant to use. And the best part is, the improvements are being done with revenues from the Park. No tax money involved!

As always, there are many opportunities for you to share in making our Town a better place, from helping give Bayfront Park its spring cleaning to supporting the Garden Club plant sale to volunteering at the Railway Museum. Or just doing your part, in your own household, to help make this a truly "green" and Bay-friendly town.

Gerald W. Donovan, Mayor

Meet the Neighbors

In our series on the communities that make up our Town, we focus this issue on an organization with a very special role, rather than a residential neighborhood.

You see it every day, up on the hill overlooking route 260, flags flying over all that passes. You may have played bingo there, or seen an Eagle Scout court of honor, or danced at someone's wedding, but given no thought to what the real purpose of the building is.

If you attended one of those events, you were at the Stallings-Williams Post of the American Legion, where Legionnaires, Auxilians, and Sons of the American Legion socialize and host fund-raising events, but all with one purpose, to honor those who have served our nation in the armed services, and to promote the freedoms for which they fought.

The names Stallings and Williams are familiar to anyone who has read the "Honor Roll" at the Veterans Memorial. James Franklin Stallings was lost in action over Holland on September 22, 1944. He was 21 years old. Jesse Whittier Williams gave his life in France on August 17, 1944 at the age of 26.

The 47 members of Post #206 chose to honor these local heroes by naming it for the two when the national headquarters of the American Legion granted a charter to the Post on September 25, 1946. It has been an important part of the community ever since, in their aerie on Route 260 only since 1966.

They moved from pillar to post in their first 20 years, starting in the North Beach Town Hall, moving to a rented building, then a purchased house next to Mother Brown's store on Chesapeake Avenue, which they outgrew in five years and sold in 1958 to the Browns. For the next seven years they saved money as they met in the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall and various restaurants, all now gone.

The group purchased their home property, three acres, in 1964 for

Post 206 Serves Community, Honors Military Veterans





$3,049.10 "including the settlement cost," according to the history on the Post website. With a bank loan and volunteer labor, they built their home for "a little under $25,000, including the cost of the property, clearing the land, grading and excavating" and celebrated with their first event, a dance on November 19, 1966, that made $621.10.

Since then it has been a place where members, including Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, can gather to socialize, with dances, dinners, even a Pool League. Membership is open to all who served honorably in time of war from World War I forward. But socializing is only a part of the Post's existence.

The American Legion constitution states that "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Lofty goals and a tall order, but the men and women of Post 206 do it, in very visible ways and those you never see. If you have attended a Memorial Day or Veterans Day wreath laying at Veterans Park, you have seen the Legion. If you see American flags on the graves at Southern Memorial gardens and other local cemeteries, you have seen the



Important Numbers

Clip and save the following list:

Animal Control	410-535-2800
Beach Elementary	410-257-1512
Community Center	410-257-2554
Fire Department	410-257-6564
Library	410-257-2411
Post Office	410-257-6180
Railway Museum	410-257-3892
Sheriff's Dept.	410-535-2800
Town Hall	301-855-8398
Or	410-257-2230

Legion, whose volunteers gathered at 8 a.m. Memorial Day to place the flags while the rest of us were sleeping in or preparing holiday barbecues. If you have attended the County Christmas Parade, you have seen the Legion, proudly parading its colors.

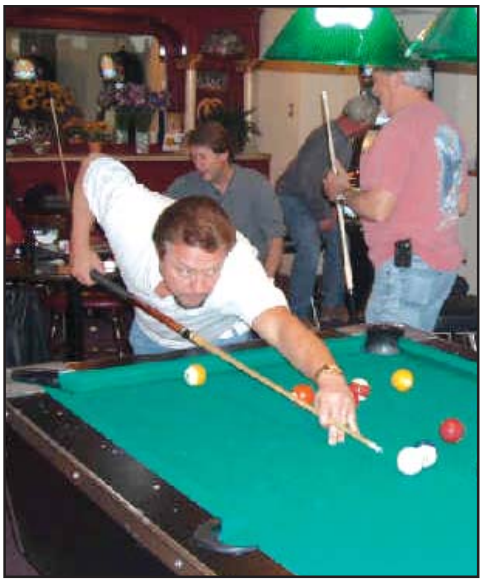
But probably you have not seen the flames on Flag Day, when the Legion, with Boy Scouts, disposes of worn American flags in a dignified ceremony, or been on hand to see fourth graders honored for their work in the annual Americanism Essay competition, or seen





veterans from Charlotte Hall enjoying the free lunch at the Post that the members host for them each month.

Even for the highly visible public events, the Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies, all too few see the Legion. Attendance has been sparse at these gatherings. Memorial Day will happen before the next Newsletter comes out. Make yourself a reminder to give part of your holiday to share in honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, and thank the Legionnaires.



Election Reminder

There will be Town elections on November 4. All positions, Mayor and Council, will be on the ballot. The elections are non-partisan, and all elected officials are volunteers who serve without pay. ***Filing deadline is 45 days before the election.*** If you have questions, you can contact the Election Board through Town Hall.





TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2008 HOLIDAYS

(Please Save For Reference)

When a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday collection day, **the corresponding day(s) will be a day behind. If the Holiday falls on a Thursday or Friday, then the corresponding day(s) will be a day behind.**

NORTH SIDE of Town (from North Beach to Fishing Creek Landings Marina at Fishing Creek includes Bayview Hills) **REGULAR TRASH** collection is on **MONDAY** and **RECYCLE** collection is on **THURSDAY**.

Summer Schedule: There will be an additional REGULAR TRASH collection on Thursday June through October.



	Holiday	Collection Day
Memorial Day	May 26, 2008	May 27, 2008
Independence Day	July 4, 2008	July 5, 2008
Labor Day	September 1, 2008	September 2, 2008
Thanksgiving Day	November 27, 2008	November 28, 2008
Christmas Day	December 25, 2008	December 26, 2008
New Years Day	January 1, 2009	January 2, 2009

SOUTH SIDE of Town (from Fishing Creek Landings Marina at Fishing Creek to Randle Cliffs, including Richfield Station) **REGULAR TRASH** collection is on **TUESDAY** and **RECYCLE** collection is on **FRIDAY**.

Summer Schedule: There will be an additional REGULAR TRASH collection on Friday June through October.

Reminders: No yard debris pick-up until April 1
YOU MUST CALL AHEAD TO ARRANGE FOR BULK TRASH PICK-UP.

For Your Convenience Throughout 2008!

April 5 Rail Trail Bus, Boat 'Hike'

Bus and boat aren't transports that spring to mind when you think of the Chesapeake Beach *Railway* Museum, but for train buffs, those vehicles will play an important role in the Museum's traditional spring kick-off, the annual Railway Right of Way hike on April 5.

There will be no walking this year. In a departure from tradition, the event will cover not just a portion, but the entire route of the Railway by bus from the museum to the end of the line at Seat Pleasant. The boat portion will be a trip into the Patuxent to see the line's turntable. The trip will include a stop at Mt. Calvert for a box lunch, bus and boat, for a fee that has not yet been determined.

Reservations are essential for this event. Call museum volunteer Kris Scott at 410-535-2214.

The annual free Spring Family Fun Day will be held on May 18 from 12:30-3:30. As always, it will feature entertainment and activities for the whole family, but details are still developing.

Like the trail "hike" and everything else the museum does, the Fun Day requires much volunteer support. The stationmasters who welcome visitors to the museum, man the souvenir sales, and show folks around are all volunteers, as are many who help with collections, exhibits, publicity, fundraising, Bay Breeze Concerts – all the things that go to making the museum a prime attraction for the Town and the County. If you are interested in meeting some great people and being "behind the scenes" of a museum, there will be a volunteer training workshop March 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The museum also, at this time, has an opening for a part time contractual paid staff member, "a Director of Education. We need someone interested in working with both adults and children and presenting interesting programs for all age groups. We are especially interested in programs that will bring a new audience to the Museum," Museum curator Harriet Stout reports.

Information on any of the museum's events and opportunities is available at 410-257-3892.

Lacrosse Sign-ups on
Buc Girls Prepping For Pro Bowl Trip

Lacrosse, football, basketball, cheerleading, poms, even the NFL Pro Bowl. In every season but summer, the Bucs start here. And if you watched this year's Pro Bowl game you might have seen 15-year-old Shelby Higgins, representing the Beach Buccaneers, cheering at halftime.

Ten more Bucs girls have been chosen to be in the 2008 Pro Bowl. At a recent competition they were among the 12 girls from Calvert County who qualified. All ten have committed to raising the $4,000 each that the week in Hawaii, learning routines and then performing, will cost them.

Ten-year-old Morgan Lang is the youngest Beach girl to qualify for the Pro Bowl event, and her mother Stefany is organizing the fundraising efforts for the group.

The qualifiers include Morgan, Amber Wilson, 11; Deanna Lucas, 11; Natalie Lake, 11; sisters Alexis, 13, and Shelby, 15, Richardson-Lau, Briana Smith, 13; Kiera Murphy, 13; Brittany Hagan, 16, and Mandie Harrison, 16.

Community donations and sponsorships are sought for the cheerleaders going to Hawaii. Contributions can be made to the Beach Buccaneers Youth Club, a 501c3 organization, designated for the Pro Bowl fund.

The Beach Buccaneer Youth Club is now registering for spring lacrosse, for ages 5 through 14. Registration is on-line at www.beachbuccaneers.com. Bucs president Phil Constantino urges Beach families to register for their "hometown" team as the group renews this program.

In-person registration for the fall football and cheerleading seasons will begin May 17 at Northeast Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will continue May 31 and six Saturdays in June and July. Registration dates are printed in the Town calendar.

Football teams are available for kids as young as 4/5 (flag) through 14, and cheering from 4 to 17

Garden Club Plant Sale May 10

The Chesapeake Beach Garden Club annual spring plant sale and flea market is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 (the day before Mother's Day) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Railway Museum. Club members will have a variety of bulbs and plants from their gardens to please every mom.

All proceeds from the sale go to the club's beautification projects in Chesapeake Beach. The club welcomes new members who like to garden, look at gardens, talk about gardens, or just enjoy good company. Learn more at the sale.

Book Chats, Messy Science at Library

A good book is often a welcome friend in winter, and Twin Beaches library has plenty to choose from. But this month offers a new twist – one book that all of Southern Maryland will be sharing.

The region is taking part in the Big Read, a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities in which entire communities read and discuss the same book. Sponsored by the College of Southern Maryland, the "read" is happening in all three counties, and the book chosen is ***A Lesson Before Dying*** by Ernest Gaines. It will be the subject of the monthly adult book discussion for March.

All discussions take place at Bayhill Market 7 p.m. Topics for the quarter are:
March 10: ***A Lesson Before Dying.***
April 14: ***American Brutus: John Wilkes Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies,*** by Michael W. Kauffman.
May 12: ***A Thousand Splendid Suns*** by Khaled Hosseni.

The library also offers adults monthly classes in computer basics. If the computer era has left you behind, catch up on March 19, ***Using Microsoft Word***; April 16, ***Creating an Email Account***, and May 21, ***Searching the Internet.*** The programs begin at 2 p.m. and last one hour. Advance registration is suggested.

There's also plenty of kid stuff, as usual, including a special **Evening Family Storytime for Earth Day** April 22 at 7 p.m. Regular Storytimes and their themes are as follows:
March:
5, 8 ***Pond Life;*** **12, 15** ***Ducks;***
19, 22 ***no Storytime;*** **26, 29** ***Frogs;***
April:
2, 5 ***Gardens;*** **9,12** ***Hugs & Kisses;***
16, 19 ***Birds;*** **23, 26** ***Spring;*** **30,** ***Butterflies***
May:
3 ***Butterflies;*** **7, 10** ***Storytime Celebration.***

Hands-on science programs, ***AHA! Science,*** are offered for second to fourth graders on the second Saturday of each month, from 3 to 4 p.m. Because they are hands-on and sometimes involve spills, they are held at the Northeast Community Center. Advance registration is recommended but not required. Themes are: **March 8,** ***Gooey Globs;*** **April 12,** ***Volcanoes;*** **May 10,** ***Rockets.***

It's Spring Cleaning Time at Bayfront Park

Working up a sweat giving Bayfront Park its post-winter cleaning will be more of a challenge this year, but Councilman Pat Mahoney urges all to come out and make the effort. Because the Easter Parade is March 22, clean-up day will be a chilly March 15.

This year's cleaning will not only get the park ready for Easter celebrations, but even St. Patrick's Day, which the Council member widely know as "Irish" must consider a good thing.

To make the park welcoming for the spring/summer season, Councilman Mahoney will again lead the effort to clear the winter accumulation of debris from the beach. Join him beginning at 10 a.m. The Town will provide gloves, trash bags, dumpster, and bottled water.

Come as an individual, or organize neighbors, or recruit a Scout troop or other civic organization. It's your beach and park. Help to make it safe and pleasant for the outdoor season.

Fun Fest Returns to BES March 8

The Beach Family Fun Fest returns to Beach Elementary School March 8, from 10 am to 2 pm. Hosted by United Way's Success By 6, Calvert County Public Schools, and the Calvert County Interagency Council for Families and Children, the ***free*** event designed for ages birth to 5.

At the Fun Fest, parents tour a kaleidoscope of fun school-readiness activities with their child, and receive resources from over 20 local agencies with information on kindergarten and pre-K registration, health, nutrition, literacy and children's programs in Calvert County, and ideas for things parents can do with their children at home to improve school readiness.

There will be performances by Wild Willy Woo Woo and Mad Science, and Dora the Explorer and Sneaks the Cat will pose for pictures with each child. Free pizza and cookies, and giveaways such as books, Water Park passes, and Calvert Marine Museum admission await participants.

Since the Family Fun Fest events began at Beach Elementary four years ago, school readiness scores have increased by more than 10% at the school. The Fun Fest is made possible with support from an anonymous friend of families in Chesapeake Beach, PNC Bank and Target. For more information on the Fun Fest, early childhood development and ways to support Success By 6 contact the United Way at 410-286-0101 or successby6@chesapeake.net.

MARCH 8, 2008

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FREE!

Beach Family Fun Fest



For Families with Children 5 & Under

Location:

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Games
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Holiday Beacon Winners Shine

The Town was once again aglow for the holidays, thanks to the leadership of Councilwoman Jo Finch, the sponsors, the judges, and most important, the hard work and creativity of everyone who decorated. And the winners were:

Best Decorated Boat

1. Compensation – Mike Harris (Rod n' Reel Marina)
2. Bob & Pat Carpenter – Windward Key

Best Decorated Business

1. Horizons by the Bay - 8501 Bayside Road – Kenneth & Donna Muller
2. Shear Perfection - 7921 Bayside Road – Annie Blackwell –

Best Decorated Townhouse

1. 8051 Windward Key Drive – Bob & Pat Carpenter -
2. 3416 Silverton Lane – Bob & Eileen Pumphrey
3. 8657 Baywalk Square – Judy Doody –

Best Decorated House

1. 8406 Wesley Stinnett Boulevard – Brooks Lindsey -
2. 8208 Hart Lane – Dean & Ann Lucas -
3. 8725 D Street – Debra Blevins –

Brightest Beacon on the Bay

3222 Smith's Retreat – Gary & Teresa Linton

The Town would like to thank the following sponsors who provided the prizes that make the contest possible. Be sure to thank them for their role in helping to give the Town its holiday glow:

Papa John's Pizza, Lucky Duck Pet Boutique, Chesapeake Care Drug, Tucker's Sunoco, The Spa at the Chesapeake Beach Resort and Spa, Roland's Grocery, Richard's Bayside Florist, Sneade's Ace Home Center, Sisk Auto Body, Chesapeake Beach Subway, Rod n' Reel Restaurant, Smokey Joe's Restaurant, A-1 Antiques.









Clockwise, from top left, Brightest Beacon on the Bay, Veteran's Park, Best Townhouse, Best House

The Town of Chesapeake Beach

Presents



The Sixth Annual

Easter Parade

FREE!

Saturday, March 22, 2008

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

GAMES
CANDY
PRIZES

Parade starts at 17th Street
At the Boardwalk then
Down to the Beach!

Wear your best Easter bonnet and bring your Easter basket!

Free Parking and Shuttle Service From Kellam's Ballfield and Beach Elementary School To and From 17th Street

EASTER TREATS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON THE BEACH BY CHESAPEAKE BEACH LOCAL MERCHANTS!



Calendar Brings Town to Troops

How does 2008 look to you so far? Prospects might not look wonderful, but the year itself looks fabulous, if you're using your new Town calendar. Thanks to the Calendar Committee for another beauty.

You can share that beauty, and that taste of home, with fellow Townies serving in our armed forces overseas. Councilman Pat Mahoney reports he is again packing up calendars and sending them to more than a dozen service personnel with ties to the Beach and other areas of Northern Calvert, "along with copies of Sporting News magazines to keep our soldiers abreast of Redskins, Wizards accomplishments as well as the Terps NCAA hopes in March Madness."

If you know of soldiers who would appreciate this connection to the Town, submit their names to Town Hall.

Save the Dates

Family Fun Fest March 8

RR Volunteer Training March 8

Bayfront Park Cleanup March 15

Easter Parade March 22

Garden Club Plant Sale May 10

Water Park Opening May 17

Small Town Speed

The small Town atmosphere. It's what everyone says they love about Chesapeake Beach. The relaxed pace. The friendly people. The kids playing outside, feeling safe.

The cars, speeding though the neighborhoods as if they were at the Indy 500, sending the young cyclists scrambling. Oh, wait. That shouldn't be part of the picture. But it is, all too often if the complaint calls to Town Hall indicate anything.

We all know better. We know what speeding can do, to our driver's licenses, our insurance, our very lives, or someone else's.

Slow down in the Town.

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