

CHESAPEAKE BEACH *Newsletter*

Fall 2010

Thank you Chesapeake Beach!



Photo Credit: Robert Tinari Photography

Your financial assistance and ridership made the 2010 season of the Beach Trolley Association the most successful yet.

In 2008, our first year of operation, we operated one trolley on a two hour loop and carried approximately 6,000 riders from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. In 2009, we operated on that same two hour loop and again carried approximately 6,000 riders. In 2010, we took a bold step, extending our route to include Dunkirk, and expanding from one trolley to three, shortening each loop to just one hour. And, we carried over 12,500 riders.

**Without you, our 2010 season
would not have been possible.**

As we begin our plans for 2011, we again look forward to seeing you on the Trolley. We will once again produce a full color route map and schedule, so look for it in May 2011. And, if you or your business would like to advertise in the 2011 schedule, please contact the Beach Trolley Association at Post Office Box 714, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

Beach Trolley Association

From the Mayor

I have several thoughts I'd like to share with you in this issue of the Newsletter. There is so much happening around town ...

You Make Me Proud to be Your Mayor!

I am writing this one day after you, the magnificent citizens of Chesapeake Beach, extended an incredible welcome to the Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed Medical Center. As a Vietnam Veteran, it was heartwarming to me to see these brave members of the Armed Forces treated with honor, dignity and respect. The annual fishing trip from the Rod 'N' Reel Dock has become a tradition that encourages those of us blessed to live here to show our strong support for the members of the military. It was very gratifying to see people awaiting their arrival lining our streets, parks, bridges and local businesses, wearing red, white and blue and waving American flags in support. The arch created by North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Tower One and Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department Tower Two was a fitting tribute to welcome our guests. The charter boat captains are to be commended for donating their services for the cause. American Legion Post 206 stepped up to honor the visitors by hosting a family barbecue after the fishing trip. The Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa provided hotel rooms for our guests, and the Rod 'N' Reel served a great breakfast for them on Sunday morning. The Beach Trolley Association provided exclusive trolley service for the soldiers and their families on

Continued on page 3

The Chesapeake Beach Skateboard Park... Closer to Reality!

The Chesapeake Beach



Skate Park



Visit The Chesapeake Beach Skate Park
on FaceBook and become a friend!

At the urging of the young people of our Town, Mayor Bruce Wahl established a Skateboard Park Advisory Committee to advise the Town Council on the development of a Skateboard Park at the Kellam's Field Recreation Complex. Councilmembers Spano, Cumbo and Carpenter are working with a team of skateboarders and parents to move this project forward.

The Committee has met several times, looked at a number of elements for inclusion in the Park and have decided that the following should be included: a Small Fun Box; a Euro Gap Box; a Half Pipe with Spine Transfer; a Flat Rail; a Round Rail; and a 6-Stair Set and 3-Stair Set. (Not sure of what all that means...ask a young person in your neighborhood to explain.)

The Park will be approximately 10,000 square feet and constructed out of concrete. Letters have been sent to 40 skateboard park designers across the country asking for their designs and budgets. Once these are received, the Committee will review the designs, select a firm and begin construction. We anticipate the Park opening in the late Spring of 2011.

If you would like to be a part of this Committee, we would welcome your participation. Please contact Councilman Carpenter at 301-855-4265.

Mayor Wahl Elected to Board of Directors of Maryland Municipal League

During its annual convention in June in Ocean City, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) elected Mayor Bruce Wahl to serve on its Board of Directors. Wilson Cochran, Chesapeake Beach Public Works Superintendent, begins his second year as an MML Board Member, due to his position as President of the Municipal Public Works Association.

A number of the Town elected officials and staff attended this year's convention, including Amanda Barrett who volunteered in the Main Street booth for the Town of Chesapeake Beach. Amanda is the daughter of Chesapeake Beach Town Treasurer Leslie Porter. She is pictured here at the Inaugural Dinner with Governor Martin O'Malley (right) and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown.

Headquartered in Annapolis, the MML is a voluntary, non-profit, nonpartisan association representing 157 municipal governments and two special taxing districts in Maryland.



From the Mayor

Continued from Page 1

Sunday morning. Tyler's Tackle Shop and the Rod 'N' Reel Tackle Shop donated fishing gear to all who needed it. So many citizens shared with me their intense feelings of patriotism and pride as they participated in the welcome. So thank you to everyone who participated. You truly make me proud to be your Mayor!

Play Ball! Kellam's Field is Reborn!

The renovation of Kellam's Field will be complete by the time you read this. It is very gratifying to see this project coming together. I am quite confident that the Beach Buccaneers' home field will quickly become the envy of all Calvert County teams. The improvements include re-grading the entire field, new turf for the football field (Bermuda grass), new large bleachers for the home team side, a press box, and a very fancy score board. Make a point to come see a game and watch these kids have fun! Home games resume on October 2. The Buccaneers' Homecoming Pep Rally is Friday night, October 15 at 6 pm. Please join us that evening for a rededication of the field, and just for the fun of it, come watch some of the homecoming games the next day, Saturday, October 16th. You can find the Buc's schedule at <http://www.beachbuccaneers.com>.

Chesapeake Village Water Tower

As you can see from the pictures in this issue, the new Chesapeake Village Water Tower is nearing completion. This much needed project will provide an additional 350,000 gallons of elevated storage, additional system redundancy, and will assure that there is sufficient firefighting capacity in Chesapeake Village and on the south end of town, should that ever be necessary. The town was fortunate to be able to take advantage of a temporary decline in the price of steel to secure a contract at only 2/3 of the engineer's estimate for the price of this project, which was \$3 million. Saving a million dollars of rate payers' money is my idea of good Municipal Government!

Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail (CBRT) project is well underway, with all of the clearing of the right-of-way complete. The pilings for the two bridges across Fishing Creek and the timber walkways in the creek and across the wetlands are being driven



The football field with the new Bermuda grass playing surface in late August. The tall poles in the right background are pilings driven to support the new large scoreboard.



The Chesapeake Village Water Tower stem is up. When completed, this water tower will contain 350,000 gallons of water pumped from a well right at its base, and will feed it via gravity to rate payers.



The original Chesapeake Beach Railway right-of-way looking west. This portion of the trail is across Fishing Creek from Bayview Hills.

Calendar of Events

October		
Day	Event/Location	Time
10	Railway Museum Fall Family Fun Day	1:00 – 4:00 pm
11	Town Hall Closed, Columbus Day	
13	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
15	Beach Buccaneers Homecoming Pep Rally and Re-Dedication of Kellam's Field	6:00 pm
16	Beach Buccaneers Homecoming	
18	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
21	Town Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
23	Halloween Haunted Water Park (Rain Date: October 30)	6:30 – 8:00 pm

November		
Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
10	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
11	Town Hall Closed, Veterans Day	
15	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
18	Town Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
25	Town Hall Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday	
26	Town Hall Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday	
28	"Light Up the Town" Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Town Hall	6:00 pm

December		
Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Call Town Hall to nominate your home, business or boat OR the home, business or boat of another Chesapeake Beach resident to be judged in the Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest.	
4	Bay Business Group Holiday Parade, 1st and Bay to 7th and Bay in North Beach	12:00 noon
5	Railway Museum Holiday Open House	1:00 – 4:00 pm
6	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
8	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
10	DEADLINE to call Town Hall to be entered in the Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest	
13	Judging for the Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest	
13	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
16	Town Meeting Awards Ceremony for Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest, Town Hall	7:30 pm
21	Annual Reading of "The Polar Express" & Trolley Ride to view Town's Holiday Lights, Railway Museum, Readings at 5:30 and 6:30 pm, followed by Trolley Ride	
24	Town Hall Closed, Christmas Day Observed	
31	Town Hall Closed, New Year's Day Observed	

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 2 - ELECTION DAY

Don't forget to cast your vote! Every election is an important one, and your voice should be heard.

IT'S TIME FOR THE 2011 CALENDAR!

Hard to believe, but the deadline is upon us to submit your fabulous photos to the Town for the Annual Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar! Please send your photos by October 31st to us at editor@chesapeake-beach.md.us. Your photo may be selected to grace one of the months in next year's calendar!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS!!!!

The deadline to submit entries in the "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest is Friday, December 10th. Please call Town Hall by that date if you would like to have your home, townhome, business or boat judged this year. **AND REMEMBER...** anyone can nominate anyone! If you know of someone whose lights are not to be missed, let us know so our judges can be sure to include them on their route!

New Newsletter Editor at the Helm

We are very grateful for the wonderful work of Mary Krug as Newsletter Editor for many years! Thank you, Mary!

Now, as we bid farewell to Mary, we turn a new page as we welcome our new Editor, Pat Carpenter. Pat has been serving the town as our Volunteer Special Events Chair since I became Mayor, and she has agreed to take on the added responsibility of Editor of our Town Newsletter. Please feel free to contact Pat with any and all ideas and suggestions you may have! She's as close as your telephone: 703-980-2143 or your computer keyboard: editor@chesapeake-beach.md.us. Welcome Aboard, Pat!

And never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns: bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us.

Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor



Do You Know This Person?

A new feature of our quarterly Town Newsletter is a contest to see if you can identify people and/or places in and around the Town of Chesapeake Beach. We'll share old photographs of citizens of the town and sites from our town from another era. The first person to call Town Hall with the correct information will win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise in the summer of 2011! So watch for this article in each newsletter.

The first photo is one of a long-time citizen of the Town of Chesapeake Beach. Can you name him?

Summer Fun! We Had Some!

There was a lot of fun to be had this summer...from the activities planned by the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum to the events held by the Chesapeake Beach Special Events Committee...citizens were kept busy with some new activities and some old favorites that have come to be a tradition here at the Beach!

It all began with the distinctive, impressive fireworks display on July 3rd! Once again Edwin A. & John O. Crandall, Inc. provided the barges and tug boat, and Fireworks Productions, Inc. provided the excitement, and all we as citizens had to do was sit back, relax and watch the wide array of explosions that took place over the Chesapeake Bay! Even a large flock of Canadian Geese joined the other visitors to the Town to watch the fireworks!

The great staff of Fireworks Productions, Inc. spent the better part of the day preparing for the show. And the finale was new and innovative! A roar of applause and screams of delight could be heard when the two red, white and blue



Photo Credit: Robert Tinari Photography



Photo Credit: Nancy Feuerle

arcs...one from each barge...met for a great, final blast of the night! Admirers who gathered on each side of Fishing Creek cheered as the tug boat, Big C Too, returned the barges safely back to the Creek. Even the Canadian Geese knew when to call it a night as they swam back up the Creek in formation... looking oddly like synchronized swimmers performing for the onlookers. Oh what a night...! Chalk up another hit for the famous Chesapeake Beach Fireworks Display!

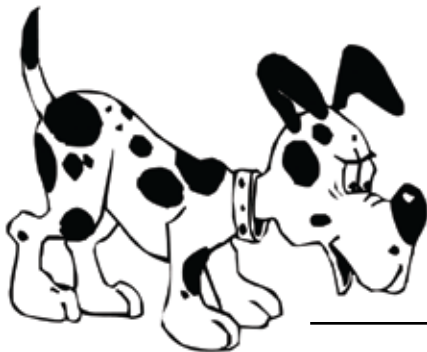
Add to that extravaganza, four "Flicks on the Field" near Kellam's Field, two "Moonlight Cruises" on the Chesapeake Bay, four Summer Bay Breeze Concerts at the Railway Museum, and family activities sponsored by the Twin Beaches Library and the Railway Museum...and it all spells FUN, FUN, FUN!

Important Town Contact Numbers

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, tune to Channel 6 or WTOP Radio at 103.5

Animal Control	410-535-2800
Beach Elementary	410-257-1512
Community Center	410-257-2554
Emergency	911
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	410-257-6564
Library	410-257-2411
Post Office	410-257-6180
Railway Museum	410-257-3892
Sheriff (non-emergency)	410-535-2800
Town Hall	301-855-8398
	410-257-2230

And don't forget, Town Hall is now open
Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.



Pick Up After Your Pet Please, Be Responsible!

Clean up and properly dispose of any waste left by your pet. Pet waste is not only a nuisance, but it is also a health concern that contributes to the spread of parasites and possible disease. Please do your part to promote courtesy among neighbors and keep our town grounds as sanitary and unsoiled as possible for all to enjoy.

Remember, it's the law! According to the Calvert County Animal Control Ordinance: "No person owning, keeping or having custody of a dog or cat shall allow or permit excrement of such animal to remain on public property or private property without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or allow the excrement to cause foul odor on the owner's property. Any person owning keeping or having custody of an animal shall immediately remove the excrement deposited by the animal if deposited on property other than that of the owner."

Got Trash?

Please clip and save this for your reference...

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North Side (North of Route 260 and including Bayview Hills, Captain's Quarters and Windward Key)

- Regular trash collection day is MONDAY
- Recycling day is THURSDAY

NOTE: Summer schedule continues through the month of OCTOBER with an additional regular trash collection on THURSDAY

South Side (South of Route 260 and including Richfield Station)

- Regular trash collection day is TUESDAY
- Recycling day is FRIDAY

NOTE: Summer schedule continues through the month of OCTOBER with an additional regular trash collection on FRIDAY

When a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, pick-up will be a day later. For instance, if your trash day is Monday, pick-up will be on Tuesday and if your trash day is Tuesday, pick-up will be on Wednesday. Similarly, if there is a Friday holiday and Friday is your recycling day, recycling will be picked up on Saturday.

CONTACT TOWN HALL FOR REQUIREMENTS
FOR ANY SPECIAL PICK-UPS

2010-11 TRASH HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY	DATE	COLLECTION DAY
Thanksgiving	November 25	North Side- November 26 South Side-November 27
Christmas	December 25	No change in pickups
New Year's Day	January 1	No change in pickups

KeepnTrack Screening at Beach Elementary School

Beginning July 2010, Calvert County Public Schools (including Beach Elementary) began using KeepnTrack for visitors and volunteers to sign-in and sign-out of all schools and facilities. All visitors and volunteers are required to sign-in at a designated computer with a driver's license or other approved ID. All visitors and volunteers will be scanned using the KeepnTrack screening system. KeepnTrack will compare information from visitors and volunteers against the National Sex Offender Registry. All visitors and volunteers will be screened each time they enter a Calvert County Public School or Facility.

Other School News

Anyone wishing to volunteer in any of the Calvert County Public Schools or facilities will need to complete an online application at least two weeks prior to beginning



service as a volunteer. Online applications are available and can be accessed on calvertnet.k12.md.us from any Internet connection. If completing an application online is not possible, paper applications are available in all schools. Applications can only be submitted after the prospective volunteer has completed all parts of the application process.

Anyone wishing to serve as a chaperone for a field trip or special event must be an approved volunteer.

The Bucs Are Back!

It's hard to believe it's that time of year once again. The Beach Buccaneers are about to begin another football, cheer and poms season. Our club continues to grow and be successful. As we begin our 29th year, it is a very exciting one. It's exciting because this year, Kellam's Field will be a brand new field. As the President of the Beach Buccaneers, I would like to sincerely thank the Town of Chesapeake Beach, Mayor Wahl and the Chesapeake Beach Town Council for making it possible for our club to have a new field. We are really looking forward to playing our first game on our new field in early October. It will truly be a memorable day for all of us. We hope that everyone can come and help us celebrate. Again, on behalf of me, the Board of Directors of the Bucs and the kids, thank you to everyone who has made the new field possible. For more information on when we will play our first game at Kellam's Field or for information on the Beach Buccaneers, go to www.beachbuccaneers.com.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Niland

President, Beach Buccaneers Youth Club

Our Town Supports the Volunteers Who Work to Protect Us!

The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department reports that their Summer Carnival in North Beach was a great success, raising over \$6,000 in five days, thanks to the many wonderful citizens of the area who supported it! Children of all ages enjoyed exciting rides in a wonderful atmosphere among family and friends, while supporting the work of our great neighbors who volunteer their time and energy to keep us safe!

Next on their agenda is their Annual Crab Feast, scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 5:00 – 9:00 pm at the Fire House in Chesapeake Beach. This annual feast has been held for over 19 years and is a "not to be missed" event for residents of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach!

Papa John's Pizza Finds a New Home

When you think of the Beach Boys, you tend to think of great "beach music" like "Surfin' USA," "Barbara Ann" or "Good Vibrations"! But we have our own "Good Vibrations" and our own Beach Boys right here in Chesapeake Beach...Beach Boys Pizza! Yes, that's the name of the enterprise that owns and operates Papa John's Pizza in our community. Look for the new Papa John's location at the bridge on Hwy. 261 near the Northeast Community Center and the Water Park in Chesapeake Beach. If you're a commuter, you can call your pizza order in as you pass through Owings and it'll be ready for you when you reach the new location in Chesapeake Beach! They are open seven days a week; from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 am to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. In this new convenient location, you'll be able to watch them make pizzas through the front window!

A partnership in which Wesley Donovan and Ray Sears play major roles, Beach Boys Pizza was established in 2000 with its first store in Chesapeake Beach...the first Papa John's in Calvert County. The store was so popular that people came from all over the county to buy their pizza. They quickly expanded to three stores...Chesapeake Beach, Prince Frederick and Solomons. They have now grown to 13 stores in the state with the opening later this year of their newest store in Cambridge.

Ray Sears' expertise is in the marketing end of the operation, while Wesley's focus is the numbers. Wesley reports that their busiest day of the year is Halloween, making over 100 pizzas an hour that day between the hours of 4:00 and 7:00 pm.

Wesley and Ray make a great team and employ over 25 people in



their Chesapeake Beach store. These entrepreneurs understand the value of being good citizens and giving back to their community. They donate prizes to Beach Elementary School for outstanding students and students with perfect attendance, sponsor "Spirit Nights" for Beach and Windy Hill PTAs (contributing a percentage of each pizza to the PTA organizations), they are major sponsors of the Cancer Gala, and were critical first-year sponsors of the Beach Trolley Association.

"We're very excited about this new site," Wesley reports. "When our lease expired at the old location, we knew this stand-alone location near the "hub" of the Town was the perfect answer."

Stay in the Know...

Send us your email address and always have the inside information on what's going on in town! This email list will enable us to let you know when schedules change, important dates come up, flushing will occur, streets are closed, and other important announcements.

Please take a few moments, clip this coupon, fill it out and mail it to Town Hall at P.O. Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. Or...call us at Town Hall and give us your email address: 301-855-8398. OR, even better, email us at editor@chesapeake-beach.md.us

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Thank you! We look forward to being of better service to you through this email service!



A message from Jay Berry, Public Works Shop Superintendent...

Summer has faded, fall is here, and next, of course, is winter. Last year we learned that snow is a four letter word. With that in mind, I would like to reflect on the past and use that experience to prepare us for the upcoming weather events.

Having lived in Chesapeake Beach for 17 years I can't say I recall a winter with two large, back-to-back storms like we had last winter. Clearing the Town's roads during these blizzards gave me the opportunity to see firsthand the unselfishness of our citizens and their patience in dealing with the snow and our efforts to clear the streets. I would like to especially thank the citizens in town who did more than their share. For example, they helped shovel neighbors' driveways, cleared a path to an elderly person's mailbox, or simply gave someone a ride to the store. This list could go on and on. I saw and spoke with many of you in the days following the snow storm. Your help in times like that does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated. Thank you again.

Now, let's talk about planning for this winter. We have built an entire new salt dome. The old salt dome was in failing condition and had to be removed prior to last year's snow storms. This turned

out to be perfect timing because the amount of snow we received would have surely caused the roof to collapse. The new dome (pictured at right) will help us by not only holding twice the salt compared to the old dome, but it will also keep the salt dry and ready for use at a moment's notice.

You might ask what you, as a citizen of the town, can do to help. I'm glad you asked! Here are some tips for the upcoming winter:

- Any car that is on the street hinders our snow removal effort. Even removing one car from the street can make a difference. If cars are left on the street we have no choice but to plow around them. In theory, if the entire street is free of cars we could plow shoulder to shoulder clearing the entire road and leaving plenty of parking. In many areas this is not possible, but working with your neighbors and parking on just one side of the road would help considerably.
- The town will try to clear to all mailboxes whenever possible. However, when storms are as



severe as last year's, our efforts are focused on opening up all town roads and alleys first. This will allow the emergency equipment to access all areas in town, which is a higher priority than mail service.

- Please try to prepare for the storm prior to the event. This could include going to the store to buy necessities. Any car on the road, during or just after the snow storm, may result in our plow drivers not only having to stop, but in a lot of cases, having to back down a narrow road.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. I can honestly say I am not looking forward to a winter like last year, but if it happens we are ready to handle it.

Thank you, again.

Safety Reminders from the Sheriff's Office

The non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Office is 410-535-2800. Commit that number to memory in case you need it!

The Sheriff's Office also reminds us to lock our car doors whenever we are parked. And be sure to remove any

valuables from the car. If items cannot be removed from the vehicle, lock them in the trunk or tuck them out of sight to avoid break-ins. This is especially critical during the holiday season when there are tempting items left in cars!

Join us as we Re-Dedicate Kellam's Field!

You've read about it...you've seen it changing...now come and enjoy it! The renovations to Kellam's Field are now complete and we will re-dedicate the Field in a special celebration during the Pep Rally which precedes the Buccaneers' Homecoming! The Pep Rally will take place on Friday, October 15 at 6:00 pm. Please join your friends and neighbors as we re-dedicate this tremendous recreational park!

A little bit of history: In the mid 1980s, a football/baseball playing field was constructed on property purchased from Linwood T. Kellam. In the early 1990s the Town of Chesapeake Beach purchased the entire former Kellam's Marina. The property had previously been designated for a housing development and a marina; however, upon acquisition by the Town, the land was subdivided differently to accommodate the Northeast Community Center, the Chesapeake Beach Water



Kellam's field as the grading process began in early July. The topsoil has been removed and piled up at either end of the field for later use. The stakes show the new height of the playing surface.

Presently, the principal user of the Kellam's Field Recreation Complex is the Twin Beach Youth Club, fielding the "Beach Buccaneers" football, lacrosse and cheerleading teams. This past season, over 550 children were enrolled in their programs. For the past two seasons, Calvert County Babe Ruth League and Northern Calvert Little League have resumed using the baseball fields. Soon to be added to the complex will be a new Skateboard Park, providing additional recreation opportunities.

Special thanks: The Town of Chesapeake Beach owes a great debt to its financial partner the State of Maryland through the efforts of Senator Thomas V. "Mike" Miller and Delegate Sue Kullen. The State provided a \$250,000 matching grant for the Kellam's Project. To match the State's grant, the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners provided \$85,000 and the Town of Chesapeake Beach contributed \$125,000. In addition, the Beach Buccaneers donated \$10,000 and our successful bidder for the project, Les King of Homes and Gardens by Les made an in-kind contribution of \$30,000. Without all of these partners, this project would not have been possible.



The new infield surface of the 70 foot baseball diamond. This field is typically used for smaller children with machine pitched and coach pitched games.

Park, the marina operation, the Courtyards at Fishing Creek affordable housing project, additional parking and to enlarge the playing fields.



Photo Gallery

These trail photographs depict little seen areas that will soon be readily accessible to visitors to the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail. Following these trail photos are three photographs taken on the SMOCS outing to plant the yearling oysters. The SMOCS photos were taken at the "Jonny Oyster Seed" operation at Battle Creek in the Patuxent River."



A view from the old right-of-way looking south across the marsh toward Old Bayside Road.



The view from the Bayview Hills spur across Paw-Paw Gut to Richfield Station.



A pair of Egrets take flight in Paw-Paw Gut.



The view from the old right-of-way across the creek to Bayview Hills. This "spur" will also continue across the marsh to Richfield Station.



The pilings for the bridge across Fishing Creek at the old railway trestle site.



Newly attached oyster spat on an old shell. These spat will mature to be the size of a quarter in the year that the oysters remain in the cages.

Water Park Enjoys a Very Successful Summer!

Your Newsletter Editor had the opportunity to spend some time with the General Manager of the Water Park recently. This was not an easy task, as General Manager Marilyn VanWagner had to have been the busiest person in town this summer! In her first year on the job, she hit the ground running and has not stopped. Thanks to Marilyn and her stellar team, our Water Park was safe, sound and an exciting place to be this summer. Below are excerpts from our discussion:

What were some of the highlights of the year?

Our first "Ellis Audit" was definitely a highlight. The Lifeguard Managers had worked together as a Team for less than a week when we were audited. I'm proud to say that, in spite of it being early in the season for us, we received an "Exceeds" rating, which is the highest mark a facility can earn.

In mid July, we received our new floatables. The Crab, Snake and Gator had been in the Activity Pool since it opened...16 years ago. This year they were replaced with new floatables, and the children thoroughly enjoyed them.

What were some of the challenges you faced in your first year as General Manager?

The greatest challenge by far is the short Season we have. Just when you begin to feel that your Team is becoming cohesive, and that the departments are running smoothly, the Season is over. Many new systems were put into place this year. For instance, at the start of the season we ran out of many items because we were not set up for the heavy demand and had no system to track our stock. It was a challenge keeping all the necessary items in each department. We were able to solve the problem once we came up with a system and inventory-control measures.

Another major challenge was managing our young staff. We employ 150+ staff and, as you might guess, we face many different personalities. Only a handful of our employees are over 21. Even though I graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Business Management, have 35+ years of Management and Marketing experience, and am a Certified Pool Operator and a certified Ellis Lifeguard Trainer, I have to say, without a doubt, that for this job my best training came from helping raise my five children who are now ages 18-23! We had a great staff this year, and I was proud to work with them.

Were there any employees that you were especially proud of?

There were many employees I was proud of. We had an exceptional team. I could talk about their leadership and skills all day long. But I would have to say that if I were to give an Employee of the Season



Lifeguard Managers Jason Fowler, Dani Henwood, Nicole Henwood, and Kyle Jarrett.



General Manager of the Water Park, Marilyn VanWagner.



Public Works Staff installs new floatables. Left to right: Cordell Young, D.J. Richardson, Jay Berry, Danny Wyatt and Nate Loggins.

The Comprehensive Plan

The Town Council is considering adoption of the newly updated Comprehensive Plan for Chesapeake Beach. Quoting from the "Purpose of the Plan"...

A Comprehensive Plan sets forth policies governing growth, development and conservation. It is long-range, general and comprehensive.

Long Range - The Plan is forward looking. It provides for future needs.

General - The plan does not focus on matters of detail which can distract from important policies and proposals.

Comprehensive - The plan uncovers relationships between local and regional factors that impact development. It addresses major elements of the natural and built environment.

Important new features of this updated Comprehensive Plan are the State Law mandated additions of a Municipal Growth Element and a Water Resources Element.

The Municipal Growth Element analyzes the growth patterns of the Town

and projects their impact on infrastructure to support that growth. The plan has found that the Town is well situated to accommodate the anticipated growth to 2016, which is the planning horizon for this Comprehensive Plan. Chesapeake Beach seems poised to complete the development of most major projects in Town by 2016 and be substantially built out. Future growth opportunities will be through re-development and in-fill.

Water Resources include surface waters (the Bay and Fishing Creek in particular), sub-surface waters (Town water well supply) and the impacts growth and development may have upon them. The plan addresses the State required Enhanced Nutrient Removal upgrade of our wastewater treatment plant (presently under design), Surface water pollutants (Primarily for Fishing Creek) and adequacy of the Towns water supply (it is more than adequate throughout the planning period).

The plan also proposes to add a new Zoning classification - Medium

Density Mixed Use Commercial which is proposed to *Promote opportunities during re-development or in-fill for medium scale shops, offices and other low impact commercial uses with possible second stories having office space.* The plan envisions this new category to be applied along Chesapeake Beach Road from G Street to the intersection with Bayside Road, along the west side of Bayside Road from Chesapeake Beach Road to North Beach and from Chesapeake Station Shopping Center south to Beach Elementary School.

By 2016, the plan projects that the town will have just under 2,600 homes with about 5,320 friends and neighbors.

As soon as possible, the adopted plan will be available on the Town's website and interested parties may also purchase a copy at Town Hall.

Bill Watson

Zoning Administrator
Town of Chesapeake Beach

Calling All Ghosts and Goblins!

Spend a scary, fun-filled evening at the Haunted Water Park on Saturday night, October 23rd from 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Rain Date is Saturday, October 30).

Put on your most creative or your scariest costume and join family and friends, along with the Chesapeake Beach Town Merchants, and wind your way through the haunted setting. There will be a mildly scary route for youngsters and a major scary route for braver souls! Lots of treats for ALL!



Scenic Trail Highlights

Continued from page 12



This is a bag of oyster spat, such as is delivered for cultivation. These bags are placed in a large tank with creek water, then the spat are released into the tank to attach themselves to the shell.



This tank is where the spat are placed to attach themselves to the shell. Town Engineer Paul Woodburn inspects the operation at "Jonny Oyster Seed Company" in St. Leonard. Next to Paul is Maryland Delegate Heather Mizeur, District 20 (Montgomery County), who participated in the SMOCS outing to plant the oysters. Jonny Oyster Seed is owned and operated by Jon Farrington, a former aerospace engineer who is one of only four oyster seed sellers in Maryland. There is much useful information at the following website <http://sites.google.com/site/theoysterguy/home>

Water Park

Continued from page 13

award, it would go to Nicole Henwood. She is the Senior Lifeguard Manager and was instrumental in putting together the Lifeguard Management Team and the Lifeguard Training Program this year. Nicole also organized an ongoing training program that was held at the park every Monday evening to keep our Guards in tune and their skills sharp for any emergency. She has worked as a Guard at the park for the past six years and has led the Swim Lesson Program for the past four years. She is definitely a great asset to our Water Park.

Were you happy with the sales and admissions this year?

Yes, it was a very profitable year. We did some special promotions that proved to be successful for us. In addition, the park was kept clean and, therefore, inviting. People came back again and again. The numbers were up this year, and the weather worked in our favor...with many very hot and sunny days.

There is room for improvement, of course. Although we hit our capacity bather load of 1,363 on many days, we had a number of days when we would have liked to have had more people in the park. The key, I found, is to create an atmosphere of open space... where people don't feel crowded. We accomplished this by moving the bathers around throughout the park. By elevating some of our attractions in the future, we will be able to fit more people in while maintaining a feeling of openness. The bottom line is, the more profitable we are, the better we can make the park each year.

While we were in full operation, I didn't have as much time as I would have liked to spend on our marketing plan. With the season over, I'm able to do more of that while working on improvements for next season. One of the specific things I'm working on is creating a more interactive website where tickets can be purchased online. I hated to see our customers standing in line in the hot sun to buy tickets last season. Online admissions just make sense. I also plan to create a marketing brochure. With one season under my belt, I'll be able to put together a well thought out marketing plan to benefit our park and its customers in the future.

What do you look forward to next season?

With the park closed, we've begun work on plans for the renovation of our snack bar. I'm working with the newly-formed Water Park Committee to make recommendations regarding what is needed. Our Snack Bar Manager Lucia Gott has maximized the efficiency of the snack bar given the current conditions. However, we both feel we can serve our customers better, keep the lines down, and increase our efficiency with more space and upgraded equipment which will be included in the planned renovation.

Calvert Library

Twin Beaches Branch; Guaranteed to Keep You Busy This Winter!

You can't say you have nothing to do this winter if you are a Friend of the Calvert Library! With programs to delight all ages, our local Library is full of fun and exciting things to do this winter! And if you've had enough excitement, the Library staff can recommend a number of fabulous books to snuggle up with on a cold day! If you'd like more information, go to www.calvert.lib.md.us

- Try "Cuddle Up and Read to Me" for birth to 2 year olds on Wednesday from 9:15 – 9:35 am
- Or 2 to 3 year old Storytime on Wednesday from 11:00 – 11:30 am
- Family Storytime for children of all ages is held Wednesday from 10:00 – 10:45 am or 1:00 -1:45 pm
Or on Saturdays (if the Library is open) from 10:00 – 10:45 am

Fall Storytime Themes and Dates

Back to School – September 15 and 18
Elephants – September 22 and 25
My 5 Senses – September 29 and October 2
Owls – October 6 and 9
Fruits & Veggies – October 13 and 16
Fall – October 20 and 23
Halloween – October 27 and 30
Time – November 3 and 6
Town & Country – November 10 and 13
Grandparents – November 17 and 20
Thanksgiving – November 24 and 27

Special Evening Storytimes at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween – October 28th (Costumes optional)
Holiday – December 9th

Kids Just Want To Have Fun!

A program for children in Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade, is held at Twin Beaches Library from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Register online at www.calvert.lib.md.us. Theme-based books will be discussed and a fun project will be made each month!

September 23rd	Mt. Rushmore
October 21st.....	Hawaii
November 18th.....	Georgia On My Mind (Artist Georgia O'Keefe)
January 27th	Constellations
February 24th.....	Abraham Lincoln
March 24th	Ireland
April 28th	Nature
May 26th	Jazz

Shenanigans

Fourth through sixth grade students are invited to this event which uses activities to have fun with reading! Meet four times to explore different topics and to introduce a great chapter book on the subject. No advanced preparation is needed, but registration is required. Register online at www.calvert.lib.md.us.
6:30 – 7:30 pm

October 14	November 4
January 13	February 2

Calling All Adults!

Twin Beaches Library will hold lively book discussions for adults at the Town Center Apartments, 8933 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month (except October). Registration is NOT necessary.

September 13.....	One Maryland One Book discussion of "Outcasts United" by Warren St. John
October 18	Coco Chanel discussion – read or watch anything on her life and come in costume to talk about her!
November 8.....	"Plum Wine" by Angela Davis-Gardner
December 13.....	"Beachcomber's Odyssey" by S. Deacon Ritterbush. (NOTE: This will be a potluck holiday meal to be held at SeaScapes, 4105 7th Street, North Beach)
January 10	"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee or "Scout, Atticus and Boo: A celebration of 50 Years of To Kill a Mocking Bird" by Mary McDonagh Murphy.
February 14.....	"Luncheon of the Boating Party" by Susan Vreeland
March 14	"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett
April 11	"Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones
May 9	"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson

Wounded Warriors Visit Chesapeake Beach

The entire town turned out on Saturday, August 14th to send-off a group of Wounded Warriors on a fishing trip on the Chesapeake for the fourth year in a row! Amid a stream of red, white and blue, an arch of American flags and a helicopter fly-over, the bus and other vehicles carrying our wounded warriors made its way to the Rod 'N' Reel dock. Just like Chesapeake Beach did in 1919 and again in the 1940s (see photos), we once again provided a weekend away for these great men and women who have fought on our behalf to keep us safe here at home. After fishing on the Bay, the American Legion provided a family barbecue, dance and entertainment. The soldiers then spent the night at the beach and after a hearty breakfast at the Rod 'N' Reel on Sunday morning, the Beach Trolley was waiting to take them to North Beach for more fishing! Our Town was proud to provide some time away from the hospital for these soldiers and their families. The soldiers said they had never received such a great welcome. We look forward to seeing them back again next year!



1919, Library of Congress

1946, Library Of Congress



Photo Credit: Jax Photography, 2010

Things you might want to know...

That odd looking pipe in your yard: It is your "Sewer Stand Pipe," otherwise known as your "Sewer Clean-Out Pipe." If you see this odd looking pipe rising out of your yard... and it has no cap on it...call Town Hall. The caps often come off or are accidentally knocked off of these pipes. Caps must be kept on to prevent infiltration into the sewer system which can cause great problems for you AND for our beloved Chesapeake Bay. Issues arising from infiltration of the sewer system can be expensive!

We appreciate you letting us know if you encounter an exposed pipe!

You can now pay your utility bill at Town Hall with a credit card!
 Yes, we now accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover when you pay your utility bill at Town Hall. Only utility bills may be paid by credit card. Just stop by Town Hall and we'll be happy to help you. And don't forget, when paying your utility bill by check or money order, please indicate your account number on the check or money order.

Would you be interested in dis-

playing your artwork at Town Hall?

All artists and artisans are welcome to apply to show their art in the Town Hall Lobby! Each month a different artist's work is featured. Shows are juried. If you are interested, please call Barbara Bowman at 301-855-2283, or leave your name and number on the clipboard in the Town Hall lobby and Barbara will contact you. What a great way to expose the citizens of the Town to your work!

From the Mayor

Continued from Page 3

as I write this update. The general contractor, Gradient Construction, is based right here in Chesapeake Beach. Rest assured that the birth of Gradient's owner John Riffe's first grandchild has caused no delay in the project. Congratulations John and family!

As most of you know, I had the vision for this project over two decades ago, and I still have to pinch myself to realize that it is actually under construction! In this issue, I have included several pictures of the trail during construction. The project will be completed by the spring of 2011. Watch the Newsletter for progress reports and an announcement of the CBRT Dedication Ceremony.

What is SMOCS?

One element of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail is a timber walkway in Fishing Creek that starts by the rear range marker and runs westward until it reaches the creek crossing at the foot of Bayview Hills, a distance of approximately 1,600 feet. This 8 foot wide walkway is over the creek, and is the perfect place to locate oyster cultivation cages, such as those used by the Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society (SMOCS), based in Solomons Island. Their website is <http://www.smoocs.org> where you can learn more about their program. SMOCS President Len Zuza came to Chesapeake Beach in August to see if our walkway site might work as an oyster cultivation area, and his initial assessment is that it will be quite suitable.

I would like to hear from any town citizens that would like to participate in an oyster cultivation project. This program would require two half-day efforts per year, one to place the spat on shell into the cages, and a second effort to take yearling oysters and place them on our oyster bar, (location yet to be determined). This is a great project, and would help tremendously in filtering our local waters. If you are interested in helping, please give your contact information to Kathy Johnson at Town Hall, kjohnson@chesapeake-beach.md.us or call her at (410) 257-2230.

The "CB" Bumper Sticker in Plants

While on a recent town tour with Les King, our landscaping contractor, we were at the entrance sign at Rt. 260 and Cox Road, discussing the landscaping and the general appearance of the south side of the road. As we sat there in my car looking



An oyster cultivation cage, such as might be placed under the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail timber walkway in Fishing Creek.



at the hillside at the corner of G Street and Rt. 260, we both acknowledged that the hillside, while neat and clean, was not the slightest bit inspiring. Les and I brainstormed for a while, and decided that this location would be perfect to re-create the town's "CB" logo bumper sticker. Les completed this project within two weeks, and kept it well within our budget for landscaping. I am sure that you agree with me that it is a great addition to our town. If you need a "CB" bumper sticker, which was the inspiration for the new landscaping, stop by Town Hall where they are available for the asking.

It has been a busy time in Chesapeake Beach. I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful summer. As always, I am available during "Mayor's Open Door" days and "Mayor's Night Out" meetings to discuss any concerns you have or issues that are important to you. Check your Chesapeake Beach Calendar and see the Calendar of Events in this issue of the newsletter for the dates of these events.

Bruce Wahl
Mayor

The Holiday Season is Just Around the Corner



And it won't be long before we'll see those dazzling lights all around town! Remember those pesky moving crabs from last year? They made their way down Highway 260 to the Veterans Park. They eluded Tyler's Crab House, and made it into the Bay! I'll bet they'll be back again to keep you guessing about where they'll show up next! So, keep an eye out for them as you drive around town during the holidays.

We have a lot of activities planned during December...some old familiar traditions and some new activities...so, there's lots of fun to be had this year in Chesapeake Beach! Join us for ALL of the events and don't forget to nominate yourself or someone else for the "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest! The deadline is Friday, December 10th. Call Town Hall to nominate yourself or someone else who has put up fabulous Christmas lights...houses, townhouses, boats and businesses. Again, the deadline to call Town Hall with your nominee(s) is December 10.

November 28 – Let's "Light up the Town"! Join us at Town Hall for a holiday concert, a visit with Santa Claus, the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree and refreshments and treats for all! The fun begins at 6:00 pm! Plan to be there!

December 4 – Bay Business Group Holiday Parade

in North Beach at 12:00 noon...rain or shine. Join with children of all ages to watch the parade...or better yet, participate in the parade! Santa Claus will ride in on a fire truck, and there will be floats, bands, cheerleaders, antique cars, pets, bicycles and tricycles, famous characters and much, much more! Think about participating in the parade...or come down and watch as we kick off the Holiday Season.

December 5 – Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 pm!

December 16 – Awards Ceremony for "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.

December 21 – Now that we know who the winners are of the "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest...let's hop on the Trolley and take a magical ride around town to view the winning entries! Begin your journey at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum with the Annual Reading of "The Polar Express" and then jump aboard the trolley and see all those twinkling lights! The trolley will take you past ALL of the winners' decorations. There will be two "Readings and Rides"...one at 5:30 pm and a second one at 6:30 pm. This is a new tradition we're starting at the Beaches, and you never know who might show up!





P.O. Box 400
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

** Remember to vote on November 2nd! **

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CHESAPEAKE BEACH, MD
PERMIT #400

Resident
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732



20

Fall 2010

Help Someone Less Fortunate...

This year during the month of November, the Town Hall will collect warm coats and blankets and canned or boxed food for the needy. Please consider donating that warm coat that you're about to discard, or a blanket that sits on the shelf. We will see that both the food and the clothing/blankets are sent to those in Calvert County who need them.

We will accept donations in the lobby of Town Hall from November 1 through 24. If you have any questions, please call Kathy at Town Hall at 301-855-8398 or 410-257-2230 anytime between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. It'll warm your heart as you help keep someone else warm this winter!

