

CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

Fall 2011

Chesapeake Beach Remembers September 11th

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, a day much like September 11, 2001, hundreds of citizens of Chesapeake Beach gathered at Veterans' Park to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the disaster that we know now as 9/11.

Mayor Bruce Wahl welcomed attendees and dignitaries, and following the Presentation of the Colors by the Knights of Columbus Lord Baltimore Assembly Color Corp, the Fathers & Sons Quartet sang the *Star Spangled Banner*.

Mayor Wahl, Former Mayor Gerald Donovan, Maryland Senate President Mike Miller and Congressman Steny Hoyer each spoke briefly and remembered those who fell that day – the first responders, the victims of the Twin Towers in New York City, the fallen at the Pentagon in Washington, DC and the crew and passengers on the flight that went down in Somerset County, PA.

As the speakers recalled that dreadful day, a gentle rain began to fall from a cloudless sky. After a moment of silence, the rain stopped and a Peace Ballet was performed by Abigail Francisco's School of Classical Ballet to the song *Imagine* by John Lennon. Clare O'Shea then sang a memorable rendition of *God Bless America*. As she concluded the song, a flock of white doves was released over the Chesapeake Bay. The program concluded with the playing of *Taps*.

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Mayor Bruce Wahl welcomed the large crowd assembled to remember 9/11



Presentation of the Colors



: Former Mayor Gerald Donovan reminded citizens of the creation of the Veterans' Park and the first memorial of 9/11 held there.



Clare O'Shea sang a memorable rendition of "God Bless America" as the event speakers looked on.

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Photo of dancers: Abigail Francisco's School of Classical Ballet performed a Peace Ballet to "Imagine" by John Lennon.

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State Senate President Mike Miller



Congressman Steny Hoyer



Do You Know This Person...

Our contest brought several happy winners to our Moonlight Cruises this year! And so, we will continue the contest and the winners will each receive two tickets on the Moonlight Cruise of their choice next summer!

The winner of the last newsletter issue's photo contest was Linda Foster! She correctly identified Cindy Smith Garner...the little girl in a photo taken at Chaney's. Now, who can correctly name the gentleman leaning on the left pillar of the Town Hall in this photo?

The first person to call Town Hall with the correct name will be the winner!

Calendar of Events

| November | | |
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| Day | Event/Location | Time |
| 7 | Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall | 7:30 – 9:00 pm |
| 9 | Planning & Zoning, Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 11 | Town Hall Closed, Veteran's Day | |
| 14 | Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall | 4:00 – 5:30 pm |
| 17 | Town Council Meeting, Town Hall | 8:00 pm |
| 24 | Town Hall Closed, Thanksgiving Day | |
| 25 | Town Hall Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday | |
| 27 | Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Town Hall | 6:00 pm |
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| December | | |
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| Day | Event/Location | Time |
| 3 | Bay Business Group Holiday Parade in North Beach | 12:00 Noon |
| 4 | Railway Museum Holiday Open House | 1:00 – 4:00 pm |
| 5 | Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall | 7:30 – 9:00 pm |
| 12 | Judging for Holiday Lights Contest | |
| 12 | Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall | 4:00 – 5:30 pm |
| 14 | Planning & Zoning, Town Hall | 7:00 pm |
| 15 | Holiday Lights Awards Ceremony, Town Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 15 | Town Council Meeting, Town Hall | 8:00 pm |
| 22 | Railway Museum Polar Express | 6:00 pm |
| 26 | Town Hall Closed, Christmas Holiday | |

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| <h3>Important Town Contact Numbers</h3> <p>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, tune to Channel 6 or WTOP Radio 103.5</p> <p>Town Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.</p> | Animal Control | 410-535-2800 |
| | Beach Elementary | 410-257-1512 |
| | Northeast Community Center | 410-257-2554 |
| | Emergency | 911 |
| | Fire Department (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 | 410-257-2230; 301-855-8398 |

For Your Information

2012 Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

The deadline is fast-approaching for submission of photographs for the Town Calendar! Please send those fabulous photos you've been taking all year to us by November 10. Some things to remember when you send your photos to Town Hall:

- Send them to: kjohnson@chesapeake-beach.md.us or drop them by Town Hall
- Include your name, name of the photographer, your home address, email address and phone number
- Also, please tell us where the photo was taken
- Only send 8.5 x 11 high resolution prints
- If your photo is accepted, we will need a high resolution digital file

Project Echo

THANK YOU to all who continue to participate in our project to gather paper products, blankets and coats for Project Echo! Their needs go on, and we are writing once again to invite you to bring any paper products...including napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper cups, etc. to Town Hall and drop them in the receptacle provided. And with winter coming soon, please also continue to drop off any coats or blankets that you no longer need or use. These items are greatly appreciated!

End Hunger

As the holidays approach, End Hunger continues to need canned and non-perishable food to fill their pantry shelves to help those in need. Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do for this worthy cause!

The tradition continues at the Water Park for Halloween Family Fun Night.



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From the Mayor

Fires, Floods, Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Railway Trail and Oysters!

We've had quite a summer! Despite all of the adversity, Chesapeake Beach has once again met all of the challenges and even managed a celebration. It has been my honor and privilege to lead the town staff during this time. Please indulge me as I share some of the highlights of the summer with you.

Fire

In the wee small hours of October 10, I was awakened by sirens – lots and lots of sirens! The scary thing was that they stopped nearby. Then my cell phone rang with a call from Clara Mae Buckmaster. I jumped out of bed, dressed and ran across the street to see what was happening. I was upset to learn that one of Chesapeake Beach's landmark businesses was burning - Abner's Crab House.

The volunteers from North Beach Volunteer Fire Department did their typical wonderful job, and were joined by firefighters from Dunkirk, Huntingtown and Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Departments. Anne Arundel firefighters from Deale and Lothian also assisted. NBVFD Chief Donald Gibson told me that over 60 firefighters responded.



Fire climbs up the exterior of Abner's Crab House at 4 am on October 10.

Fortunately the damage was mostly limited to a second floor storage area, and no one was injured. Bobby Abner indicated to me that he hopes to repair and re-open the restaurant in two to three months. Let's hope so!

Floods, Earthquakes and Hurricanes

The August 23rd earthquake, centered near Mineral, Virginia, was felt here in Chesapeake Beach, but fortunately produced no significant damage. This was not the case in nearby



One of many houses seriously damaged during Hurricane Isabel.

Washington, DC, where the Washington Monument and the National Cathedral have been closed ever since. We were lucky on this one.

Just a few days later on August 27th and 28th, Hurricane Irene was not nearly as benevolent. With an incredible amount of soaking rain and bursts of very high winds, we learned first-hand what a problem the tulip poplar trees that are so predominant in our town can be. All roads in and out of town were blocked, many homes and businesses were without power, and in general, it was a difficult time. But true to our small town core, our fellow citizens stepped up to help, and the town emerged with flying colors.

I want to point out the work of several volunteers and staff members that was "above and beyond the call of duty". First, our Town Administrator, Jim Parent, returned early from his weekend home in Delaware to keep town hall open. Jim spent the night at town hall, answering phones and coordinating the staff's activities. Bob and Sharon Munro and Councilman Bob Carpenter and his wife Pat (with a list of titles too long to put here) volunteered to handle calls at town hall to give Jim an occasional break. Town receptionist Kathy Johnson also helped out. Project Manager Wilson Cochran coordinated our efforts by situating himself at the Calvert County Emergency Operations Center in the Court House in Prince Frederick. The Public Works crew, under the supervision of Superintendent Jay Berry did a remarkable job of clearing streets of downed trees, monitoring and making adjustments to the water and sewer systems as needed, and whatever else was required to keep the town running smoothly. The support provided by Les King

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail Awaits You!!!

Town leaders dedicate the long-awaited Trail

The Town of Chesapeake Beach formally dedicated its new Railway Trail on Friday, September 30th at 4:00 pm. The Dedication took place at the head of the Trail, just off Gordon Stinnett Avenue near the Tot Lot, where colorful balloons and "train music" got everyone in the mood for the celebration.

Congressman Steny Hoyer, State Senator Mike Miller, County Commissioner Pat Nutter and Former Mayor Gerald Donovan joined with Mayor Bruce Wahl, the Chesapeake Beach Town Council, other Town, County and State leaders, Railway Museum officials, and citizens of the area to officially open this long-awaited trail to walkers, runners, hikers, bicyclers...and all citizens of all ages. "It's a wonderful place to explore and observe the magic of living in this beautiful area," said Chesapeake Beach Mayor Bruce Wahl. "This was well worth the wait!"

More than 150 people turned out to celebrate the occasion, and following the ribbon cutting, Mayor Wahl invited everyone to "take a walk" on the new Trail. Experts were available along the trail to answer questions and provide additional information about the fish, wildlife, CBOCS oyster program and fascinating history of the Railway Trail.



Informative signs like this one are displayed along the trail, giving the reader both historical facts and information about the fish and wildlife along the trail.



Dignitaries arrive at the Dedication following a golf cart tour of the new Trail.



Maryland State Senate President Mike Miller

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Nancy Feuerle

Photo Credit:
Bruce Wahl



Bobby Abner of Abner's Crab House, displayed a congratulatory banner on the day of the Dedication.

Railway Trail

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Officials cut the ribbon to open the new Railway Trail

Photo Credit: Jax Photography, Jacqueline Malonson

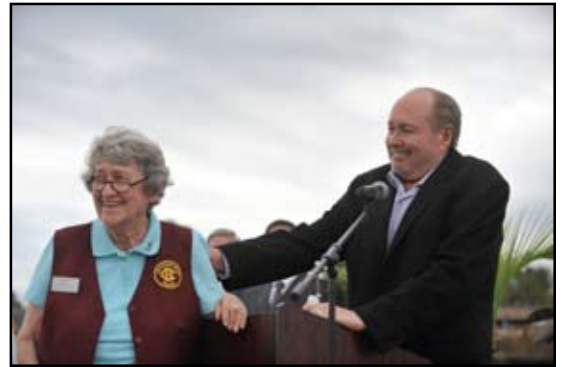


Congressman Steny Hoyer

Congressman Steny Hoyer and State Senator Mike Miller whose help and leadership were invaluable to the Trail project.



The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum's Janet Bates is introduced by Former Mayor Gerald Donovan. "Janet is probably the only person here who actually rode the train," Donovan said.



Board of County Commissioners Vice President Pat Nutter



Railway Trail builder John Riffe of Gradient Construction

Former State Delegates who played a role in the Trail George Owings and Sue Kullen



Congressman Steny Hoyer and Bobby Abner



Be Prepared! Hurricane Preparation

With the passing of Hurricane Irene we have received many questions about how to be better prepared for future hurricanes. Here are some simple tips to remember for next time.

Water - You need one gallon of water per person per day – and don't forget about your pets. If you are on Town water, the Town has three towers, each with a back-up generator, so your water will continue to flow even if power is out at your house. If you are on a well, fill water jugs and all bath tubs; use the water in the tubs to flush toilets.

Septic - If you have anything other than a grinder pump your toilets should function normally. For grinder pumps, manually pump your grinder pit down before the power goes out. There should be a control box with a red light on top near the pit, inside should be a switch with "run, stop, and auto." Move the switch to "run" to pump the pit down, then put it back to "auto." This should give you 100+ gallons of capacity, depending on the size of your pit. A generator can also be used but this should be done by a licensed electrician. Or, a septic service can be called to pump your pit out if the outage is extended.

Food - Keep at least 3 days of non-perishable food on hand. You can fill old milk jugs with water and freeze them beforehand to help keep a refrigerator cold while the power is out. When the water melts it can be used as drinking water.

Safety - Have a hand-cranked, or battery-operated radio, flashlights, plenty of batteries, and a first aid kit. A whistle for signaling and dust masks should also be considered. A basic tool box, local maps, and cell phone with charger are good ideas too. Listen to all public notices and evacuate if told to do so. Keep the numbers for your local utilities by the phone, along with emergency and non-emergency police, fire, and rescue numbers.

Remember, proper planning can save your life and the lives of the ones you love. Go to www.mema.state.md.us for more information and other helpful tools.

Wilson Cochran
Project Manager
Town of Chesapeake Beach

Twin Beach Players News

Count Dracula is Coming...

The Twin Beach Players will be performing Dracula through November 6th on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm and Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm. There is a special midnight performance on Saturday, October 29th. The production is directed by Sid Curl. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for seniors, military, students and members of the Twin Beach Players. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 410-474-4214.

An Old Favorite Returns...

The Twin Beach Players Youth Troupe will be performing Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol (all children's musical) November 25th through December 11th on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 pm and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. The show will be directed by Regan Cashman and will star approximately 40 children. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for seniors, military, students and members of the Twin Beach Players. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 410-474-4214.

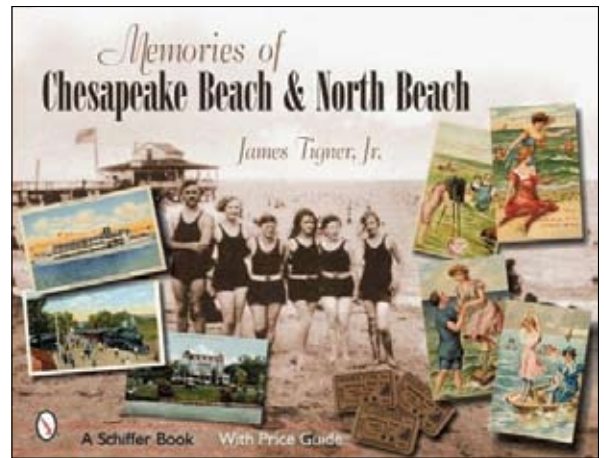


What I am Reading

The purpose of a postcard is to send a quick message to friends and family while on vacation. Local view postcards exhibit places, activities and events of where you were when you bought and sent the postcard. But many postcards are so much more than just that! Each one has captured memories on both sides and tells a story beyond the words and pictures. Where and how was it postmarked? What do the writers reveal in their remarks? If there are people pictured in the postcard, how are they dressed? What mode of transportation are they using? Are any of the buildings pictured still standing?

James Tigner, Jr. did us all a favor in 2007 when he published his collection of our "local view" postcards in *Memories of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach*.

His collection spans early to mid 20th century and does a beautiful job showcasing the boardwalk and park areas. He has also written brief histories of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach. The book can be purchased at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. While there, you will see many of the original postcards that first intrigued James Tigner, Jr. and inspired him to become a collector. You might begin a new hobby yourself!



Joanie Kilmon

Twin Beaches Library Manager

Wounded Warriors Parade

Photo Credits: Jax Photography



Fall Library Activities

Book Discussions

The Library staff is looking forward to another great year of discussing interesting books! Remember, discussions will take place at 7:00 pm at Twin Beaches Library. Plan to attend!

- November 14: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
 December 12: Holiday Pot Luck at Town Center Apartments, 8933 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach
 January 9: Robert Frost Poetry ~ *Birches*, *Mending Wall*, *The Road Not Taken*, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*
 February 13: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
 March 12: *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok
 April 9: *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
 May 14: *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson
 July 9: What Have You Read Good Lately?
 No meetings in June or August

Calvert Conversations

Adults are invited to visit the Twin Beaches Library for a series of informal discussions of local history that both locals and newbies will find interesting. Enjoy complimentary coffee and tea in the relaxing library living room and share or learn something new about our fascinating community! Library Manager Joanie Kilmon will facilitate these discussions on the 2nd Thursday of the month, September thru May.

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| November 10 | December 8 | January 12 | February 9 |
| March 8 | April 12 | May 10 | |

Yes! You Can Use a Computer!

Free one-hour adult computer classes at Twin Beaches Library: 2:00 – 3:00 pm.
 Registration requested.

- November 16: Setting up an Email Account
 December 21: Word Basics

Children's Library Programs

Fall Storytime on Wednesdays and Saturdays through November 26.

Wednesdays

- 9:15 – 9:35 am: Cuddle Up and Read to Me Storytime - Designed for children birth to 24 months. Children are introduced to books and language through short stories, songs and more.
 10:00 – 10:45 am: Family Storytime – For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.
 11:00 – 11:30 am: 2-3 Year Old Storytime - Uniquely designed with 2 - 3 year olds in mind. Children practice their listening skills, participate in group activities, and create a craft weekly.
 1:00 – 1:45 pm: Family Storytime – For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

In addition to the regularly scheduled classes listed above, librarians also offer free one-on-one classes to match the needs of the individual customers.

Library

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Saturdays

10:00 – 10:45 am: Family Storytime – For children 1-5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

Storytime Themes

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| November 2 and 5: | Colors | November 16 and 19: | Home Sweet Home |
| November 9 and 12: | Woodsy Animals | November 23 and 26: | Thanksgiving |

Evening Storytimes

December 8 at 6:30 pm – Holiday Theme (Enjoy stories and cocoa around our holiday tree.)

Gingerbread House Workshop: Come and celebrate the holiday season by building a small gingerbread house. Each child is asked to bring a bag of any edible item to share with the group to decorate all the gingerbread houses. Location: Northeast Community Center. Registration is required.

December 3 from 10:00 – 11:00 am and from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Kids Just Want to Have Fun is an exciting hour filled with reading, discussion and projects. Themes change every session. Kids Just Want to Have Fun will be held from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm on the 4th Thursday of every month through May (except November when it is the 3rd Thursday). Suggested age for attendance is, kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is ongoing.

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| November 17: | Italy | March 22: | Martial Arts |
| January 26: | Van Gogh | April 26: | Titanic |
| February 23: | Jackie Robinson | May 24: | Olympics |

Shenanigans: 4th – 6th grade students are invited to this event which uses activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new topic and introduce a great book on the subject. No advanced preparation is needed, but registration is required.

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| November 10 | What Stinks? |
| January 12 | On the Brain |
| February 9 | Bartholomew and the Oobleck: Be Careful What you Wish For! |



Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

It was a busy summer for the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. Every Thursday morning, children eagerly gathered on the Museum porch to participate in the Summer Fun Programs. Headed this year by the new Education Coordinator Kelly Peake, the programs were a hit. Children role-played the different positions at a train station and even had a special visit from CBRM's Volunteer Conductor John (Riedesel).

Summer also brought the Town the always popular and free Bay Breeze Summer concerts which played to enthusiastic crowds again this year. *Hangman's Faire* set feet to tapping, while the *Dixie Ramblers* played popular blue grass favorites. Ralph and Janet of *Two for You* were an energetic duo that performed a wide variety of musical styles from the 40s thru today. Finally, *The Dixie Power Trio*, featuring The New Line Brass entertained with their award winning and authentic New Orleans jazz and original compositions.

There are also many events to look forward to during the Fall. In November, kick off the holiday season with the Sweet Treat Express, where children can make and decorate a train engine made out of Rice Krispie treats. Sure to be fun for the entire family!

On December 4th, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm the Museum holds its Holiday Open House with plenty of good food and good cheer! And plans are underway for the Annual Polar Express reading which has become a favorite tradition for many – young and old alike – as Conductor John reads *The Polar Express* and presides over games and goodies. The story time is followed by a Trolley ride around town on the Beach Trolley to see the winners of the Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest. For more details, please contact the Museum at 410-257-3892 or consult the website at www.cbrm.org.



Summer Bay Breeze Concert Series favorite "The Dixie Ramblers."



A large crowd gathered at the Railway Museum for the Summer Bay Breeze Concert Series.

The Polar Express Capture the Magic!

Come share in the classic children's story Afterwards come look at the Brightest Beacons on the Bay. We will tour Chesapeake Beach in the Holiday Trolley!

Thursday, December 22nd, Two Readings* 6:00 pm & 6:45 pm

* Space limited. Reservations required. We will begin accepting reservations November 14, 2011. You may call the Museum at 410-257-3892 or reserve your space online at <http://www.planetreg.com/E101111521898>



New Moonlight Cruises a Big Hit! There just weren't enough of them

But we plan to remedy that next summer, with plans to do them much more frequently.

We were able to sail on three of the four Moonlight Cruises planned this past summer. One was cancelled due to rain...but we enjoyed a little party on the dock anyway! While it was a little dicey at times, the cruises proved to be very popular, with long wait lists for each one of them and a lot of positive feedback from those who were fortunate enough to sail with us.

The Special Events Committee promises to make more cruises available next summer so that everyone who wants to see the Bay from the Bay will have an opportunity to enjoy a cruise or two.

Captain Luke Thatcher advises that Miss Chesapeake Beach will be here all next summer! So, we plan to schedule the cruises more often and make them more fun than ever. So, watch the website and our local newspapers for announcement of the 2012 summer schedule.



Holiday Events Not to Be Missed! Light up the Town, our Holiday Lighting Ceremony

It's a tradition! Mother Christmas waves her magic wand and **Lights up the Town** for the Holiday season! Join us the Sunday after Thanksgiving, on November 27th at 6:00 pm at Town Hall for all the fun. It is always a wonderful family night, and we once again expect our very special guest, Santa Claus, to be with us!

Consider participating in or turning out to see the **5th Annual Holiday Parade in North Beach!** Sponsored by the Bay Business Group, this event is always a great way to get into the Holiday Spirit. Floats, antique cars, kids on bicycles, pets with their owners, marching bands, singers, dancers, elected officials, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, church groups, business organizations, schools... EVERYONE turns out to be in the parade or watch the parade. And the grand finale is always Santa himself riding in on a North Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fire Truck to welcome all the

children gathered at the North Beach Pier to talk with him about their Christmas wishes!

Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest will be here before you know it!

Start planning now to enter your home, business or boat in our annual contest.

Remember to **call Town Hall by December 9th to enter the contest!**

There is always great competition for the coveted "Brightest Beacon" award, and those who participate help make our Town a bright and shining delight to all who drive through our streets!

Chesapeake Village Luminaries...

This new and beautiful community activity is amazing! You will definitely want to see these lovely luminaries throughout the Chesapeake Village neighborhood on Saturday, December 17 (Rain date is Sunday, December 18... and if both those dates fail, they will do it New Years Eve!). Last year there



were over 1,250 luminaries throughout the community and this year they are planning on more than 1,750! This is definitely something you will want to take in during the holiday season, and it is a wonderful addition to the festivities of the Town.

The Railway Museum's reading of **The Polar Express** is something every child of every age in Chesapeake Beach has come to look forward to. Conductor John's reading of this wonderful story is fun and exciting...not to mention the games and goodies that are included in this magical night at the Railway Station!

From the Mayor

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and his crew from Homes and Gardens by Les was invaluable. Working closely with the Public Works crew, I know that the recovery effort here in Chesapeake Beach was second to none! I also need to commend the Waste Water Treatment Plant crew under the supervision of Jon Castro. Despite incredibly heavy flows, there was never any problem at this facility. Last, but certainly not least, my wife Becky gets a special nod of appreciation from me. She was with me everywhere I went (including taking pizzas to the WWTP and PW crews Saturday evening), and she even strapped on a huge backpack leaf blower and helped to clean off Route 260 after the downed trees were removed! Thanks, Becky!

And then a few days later, Tropical Storm Lee decided to dump more rain on us. Around the region, some locales received nearly 25 inches of rain in the month of September. Enough is enough! Thank goodness, October has produced some very pleasant weather.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail Dedication

After 22 years of effort, the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail was dedicated on Friday September 30. Many dignitaries at the local, county, state and federal level attended, and I am very grateful for their participation. Just prior to the formal dedication, I was able to take Congressman Steny Hoyer, County Commissioner Pat Nutter, former Mayor Gerald Donovan and Council Members Pat Mahoney, Stewart Cumbo and Ingrid Lamb on a tour of the trail by golf cart. The photo shows all of us at the trestle site over Fishing Creek. This quick ride gave Mr. Hoyer a great opportunity to see what has been



Elected Officials at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail Dedication. On a tour prior to the ceremony, officials pose at the trail's trestle site. Left to right, Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum Mike Sweeny, Council Vice President Pat Mahoney, Mayor Bruce Wahl, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Councilman Stewart Cumbo, Councilwoman Ingrid Lamb and Calvert County Commission Vice President Pat Nutter.



Sunset along the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail.

created, and he acknowledged our achievement at a meeting of Maryland Municipal Officials and the Maryland Congressional Delegation the following Tuesday at the US Capitol. In this presentation, he hailed the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail as a great example of cooperation at the municipal, county, state and federal levels. I was truly honored by his recognition.

I hope you have had the opportunity to get out and enjoy the trail. On a recent Friday evening, I walked to the trestle site with my daughter Megan Isenberg and my grandson John. The sunset was truly spectacular, as you can see in the photo I took. Be sure to take advantage of this great new asset!

Oysters



Oyster Cages Buoyant Oyster Cultivation System (BOCS's) are installed beneath the timber walkway of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail. In the orange kayak is volunteer Eunice Lin, in the canoe are CBOCS chairman Keith Pardieck (on the right) and his son Michael, and on the Jon boat is Jon Farrington (AKA Johnny Oysterseed).

It would not be a 2011 Chesapeake Beach newsletter without an article about oysters. The Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) completed the first phase of the oyster gardening project for the 2011 – 2012 year. About 40 volunteers, under the guidance of CBOCS Chairman Keith Pardieck showed up on September 17 to install twenty-four

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oyster cages. Each cage is now supporting between 5000 and 6000 oyster spat, for a total of somewhere between 120,000 to 150,000 young oysters in Fishing Creek. What a significant accomplishment. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved! Don't miss the additional photos on page 21 showing the activities of the CBOCS crew as they filled and installed the oyster cages along Fishing Creek.

Trash

As we have explained before, we changed our trash and recycling contractor to Southern Maryland Recycling on July 1. When we put this out to bid, we made several changes to economize. First, we are limiting the second weekly trash pickup to be only between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Second, we are picking up recycling every other week from now on. In order to make this work, we are making available new larger recycling containers. These changes would have occurred regardless of which company won the bid, as we were seeking to reduce our costs.

Since we started curbside recycling pickup in 1991, more and more materials have become acceptable to recycle. In all likelihood, most of what has been going into the trash may be able to go into recycling. Besides being the "green" thing to do, this saves us as taxpayers quite a bit of money, since we do not have to pay the \$62 per ton tipping fee to dump in the county landfill. The staff and I are always looking at ways to save taxpayer money, and this is one fairly easy way to do so. Please help us to achieve this goal. You'll find more detailed information about trash schedules in this issue on page 17.

Wrapping It Up

That's a roundup of the things we have been dealing with for the past few months. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance at bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us

Cheers,

Bruce Wahl
 Mayor, Chesapeake Beach



At the annual Maryland Municipal League Convention, Mayor Bruce Wahl was inducted into the Municipal Hall of Fame, having served as an elected municipal official for 22 years and he was also elected to the MML Board of Directors. In this photo, he is joined by Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Governor Martin O'Malley, House Speaker Michael Busch, and MML President (and Aberdeen Mayor) Michael Bennett.



Mayor Bruce Wahl and Councilman Stewart Cumbo (MML Past President) proudly display the Banner City Award, which was presented to Chesapeake Beach at the Annual Convention of the Maryland Municipal League in June.



Mayor Wahl (top far left) joins the newly installed Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors for 2011 – 2012

Let's Get Ready for Winter!

**This article appeared in last year's Fall Newsletter...
 ...and it is worth repeating as we head into winter.**

Summer faded, fall is here and next, of course, is winter. In 2009, we learned that snow is a four letter word. With that in mind, I'd like to reflect on the past and use that experience to prepare us for the potential upcoming weather events.

Having lived in Chesapeake Beach for 18 years, I can't say I recall a winter with two large, back-to-back storms like we had in 2009. 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'd 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 those snow storms. Your help in times like that does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated. Thanks 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 the 2009 storms. The new dome helps us by not only holding twice the salt, but it also keeps the salt dry and ready for use at a moment's notice.

Here are some tips regarding what you, as a citizen of the town, can do to help:

- Any car that is on the street hinders our snow removal effort. Even removing one car from the street

can make a big 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 can plow shoulder to shoulder, clearing the entire road

and leaving plenty of parking space. 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 all mailboxes whenever possible. However, when storms are as severe as they were in 2009, our efforts will be focused on opening up all town roads and alleys first.

This allows the emergency equipment to access all areas of town...a higher priority than mail service.

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

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. I am not looking forward to a winter like the winter of 2009, but if it happens the town is ready to handle it!

Thank you again,

Jay Berry
 Public Works Shop Superintendent



Photo Credit: Bruce Wahl

Trash...Trash...Trash...

We all have it...We all need to know what to do about it!

There's a lot to be said about TRASH. As you know, we have a new trash collection service in town, so some changes have been made. As we settle in to these new schedules and services, we hope to make it easier for all of the citizens of the town. Through this article and our website www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/trashschedule.htm we hope to have this information at your fingertips at a moment's notice!

NEW TRASH LINK – We now have a direct link to information about trash collection on our website! Easy to find, it is located on the homepage on the left side as a navigational button. In the dark green area on the left, you will find...just below the little box that says "submit" a button that says "TRASH SERVICES." Click on this button to find all the information you will need about trash.

PICK-UP CALENDARS – We have also printed calendars for November December & January in this issue of the Newsletter. (see next page). You might want to cut them out and post them in a convenient place in your home for your reference.

SCHEDULES:

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

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

NOTE: Additional Summer Trash Pick-ups on Thursdays now run from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Grass clippings and leaves will continue to be picked up on your regular trash day, but must be bagged and put out next to your regular trash.

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

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

NOTE: Additional Summer Trash Pick-ups on Fridays now run from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Grass clippings and leaves will continue to be picked up on your regular trash day, but must be bagged and put out next to your regular trash.

HOLIDAYS COMING UP – Generally, pick up will be a day later than normal pick up days.

- Thanksgiving – 11/24/11 (Thursday)
- Christmas – 12/24/11 (Sunday)
- New Years Day – 1/1/12 (Sunday)

NOTE: Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Sunday this year, AS OF NOW, the trucks will run a regular pick-up that week, and there will be no delay.

FINALLY...ABOUT THOSE GIANT RECYCLING BINS:

If you love them, GREAT! If you DON'T LOVE THEM, and want to exchange your big blue bin for a smaller size blue bin (about the size of a regular garbage can), call Town Hall and let us know you want to trade. Give us your address, and we will happily switch your can!

NOTE: In an effort to help establish this new schedule, the Town will post signs regarding recycling pick up each week through the end of the year.



Trash Pick-Up Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------|--|---|----------|
| Trash Collection-November 2011 | | | | | | |
| | | 1 South-Trash Water Park Town Hall | 2 | 3 D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 8 South-Trash Water Park Town Hall | 9 | 10 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 11 Recycle-South | 12 |
| 13 | 14 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate | 15 South-Trash Town Hall | 16 | 17 D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 22 South-Trash Town Hall Bayfront Park | 23 | 24 HOLIDAY | 25 Recycle- North & South D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 26 |
| 27 | 28 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 29 South-Trash Town Hall | 30 | | | |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|---------------------|----------|
| Trash Collection-December 2011 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 6 South-Trash Water Park Town Hall | 7 | 8 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 9 Recycle-South | 10 |
| 11 | 12 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing | 13 South-Trash Town Hall | 14 | 15 D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 20 South-Trash Town Hall Bayfront Park | 21 | 22 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 23 Recycle-South | 24 |
| 25 | 26 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 27 South-Trash Town Hall | 28 | 29 D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 30 | 31 |

Trash Pick-Up Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Trash Collection-January 2012 | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 3 South-Trash Water Park Town Hall | 4 | 5 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 6 Recycle-South | 7 |
| 8 | 9 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing | 10 South-Trash Town Hall | 11 | 12 D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek | 13 | 14 |
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A Tackle Shop with a Rich History **Tyler's Tackle Shop & Crab House**

Famous for its fresh local crabs, crab meat and seafood, as well as its outstanding cole slaw, shrimp salad and seafood salad, Tyler's Tackle Shop & Crab House has become an institution in Chesapeake Beach!

It all began back in 1960, when Calvin C. Tyler, Sr., a roofer by trade, began making bucktails (fishing lures) and selling them to the VFW. Mr. Tyler hired Buddy Kellam to move an old schoolhouse to the current location of Tyler's Tackle Shop near the corner of Hwy. 260 and 261. Tyler took off the porch of the school, added a front room, and added the crab house and space

months. Calvin Tyler, Jr. and his wife Pearl also worked in the family business for many years. Upon retirement, Calvin and Mary sold the business to George and Ann Klein.

For 30 years, the face you saw when you stopped by the Tackle Shop was that of Pearl Tyler King – who you probably know as “Miss Pearl.” She came to Tyler's when she married Calvin Tyler, Jr. and never left...until this past July when she decided to “take some time off.” Pearl loved her customers and had a way of making each customer feel special while providing them with fishing information, tips and lots of laughter. She refers to her time at Tyler's as “the best time of my life.”

For the past 15 years, Tyler's has been owned and operated by George Klein, Jr., who prior to that was a local waterman on the Chesapeake Bay. George offers a full range of the latest fishing tackle. If they're catching fish anywhere in the mid-Bay area, George and his capable staff will know about it. He makes his own parachutes on the premises. Whether you are going bottom fishing, live lining or trolling, George has what you need. Rods, reels, hooks, sinkers and of course bait.

Four years ago, George's sister Evelyn Newman and Lou Hyde wanted to try their hands at the seafood side



of the business. Evelyn and Lou enjoy dealing with the public and take great pride in the seafood and other products they sell. The fresh seafood and crabs make this stop special. The entire Tyler's Tackle Shop family has great community spirit, generously support town activities and sponsor a couple of youth baseball teams. They always do a great job decorating the Tackle Shop, Crab House and George's boat “Bay Hog” for the holidays, and they challenge all businesses in town to join them in the Brightest Beacon on the Bay contest!

Presently, George, long-time worker Barbara Paddy and George's sister Cathy run the Tackle Shop side while Evelyn and Lou operate the seafood side.

Plan to stop by Tyler's and meet these wonderful people. And while you're there, buy some local crabmeat, shrimp or try the seafood salad! The Tackle Shop is open from April through December, and the Crab House is open all year round. Visit their website at www.tylerstackle.com for more information about their products and their hours of operation.



onto the back portion of the building which served as the living quarters for he and his wife Mary during the summer

Fishing Creek Water Testing Project

Responding to a request from the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS), a group of volunteers was formed to test the water quality of Fishing Creek. This was done to document the effect that oysters would have on cleaning up the creek.

After an initial planning meeting, five locations were selected to be monitored. Three of these are along the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail where the oysters are placed, and two are further upstream at private piers.

Working with the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, monitoring parameters were established. For oyster health it is important to measure dissolved oxygen, salinity, pH, and turbidity. Monitoring equipment for these parameters was either fabricated, purchased or borrowed from the Chesapeake Beach Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Volunteers now collect and analyze samples every other Saturday morning. The initial results show that the creek is very dependent on the amount of rainfall that blankets the watershed. After a large rain the salinity is generally lower and the turbidity (cloudiness) higher. Parameters are also temperature-dependent, especially the dissolved oxygen level which is critical to oyster health.

To date, we have not seen a time when the oysters have been in significant danger. Monitoring will continue throughout



Members of the Water Testing Committee during the Railway Trail Dedication (left to right) Amenda Brown, Coral Palmerton, Dave Hoffman and John Bacon.

the next nine months while the oysters are in the creek. After that time, the oysters will be transferred to the bay reef.

An additional water testing element is being added which will determine the Total Maximum Daily Limit (TMDL) of nutrients and solids flowing to the Chesapeake Bay. This incorporates measurement of stream flow and analysis of phosphorous, nitrates and total suspended solids. This will add to our knowledge of the health of Fishing Creek and its effect on the Chesapeake Bay.

John Bacon
 Water Testing Committee Chair

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Exciting News Regarding the Skateboard Park planned for Kellam's Field Recreation Complex

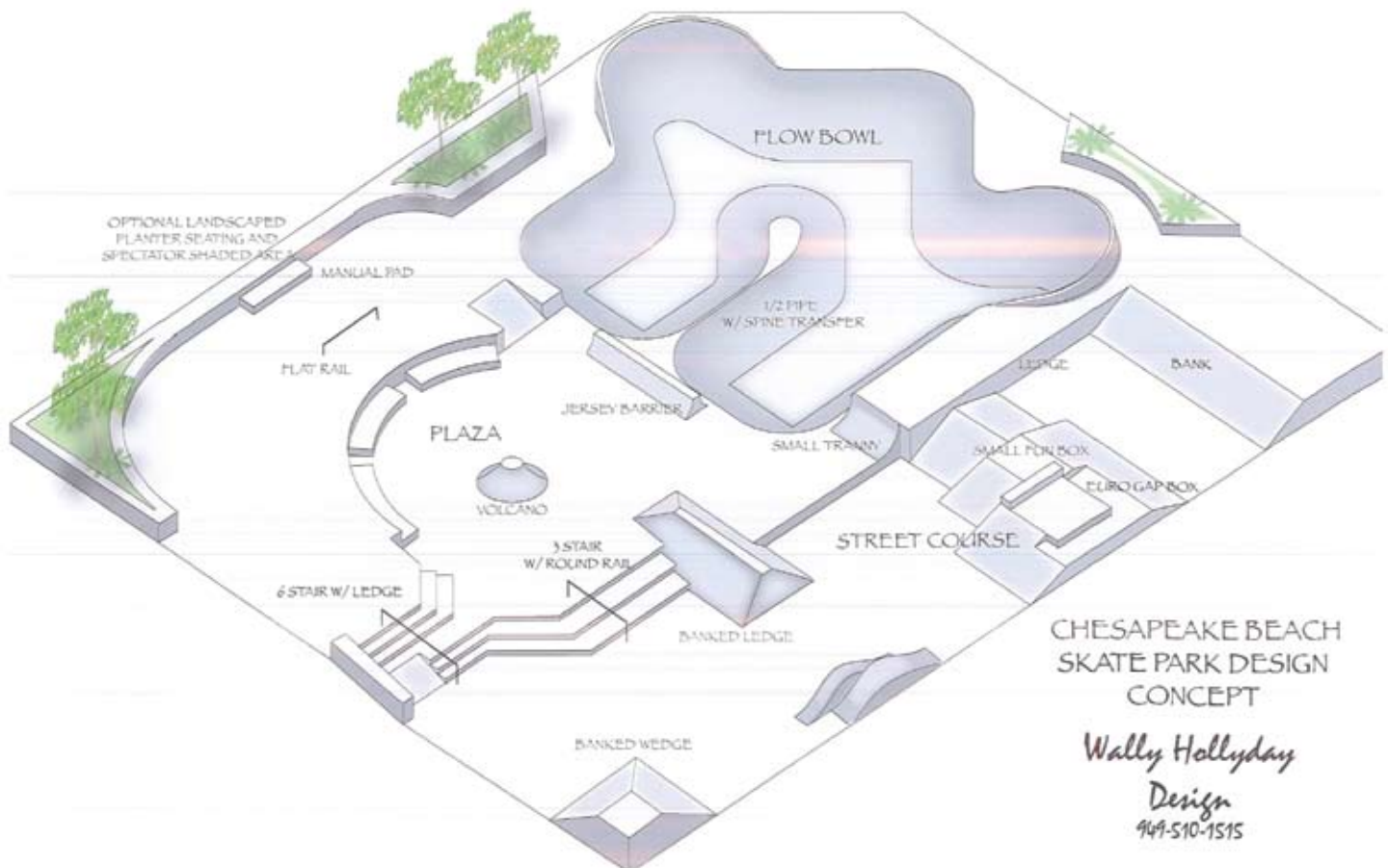
As shown in the drawing below, the Skateboard Park Committee will recommend to the full Town Council awarding the contract for the design phase of the Skateboard Park project to Wally Hollyday Design of Aliso Viego, California. "I don't anticipate any problem with the Council approving our recommendation" said Committee Chair Councilman Bob Carpenter. "Over the year and one-half we have been meeting, none of my colleagues have voiced any opposition to this exciting addition to our Town. And, why would someone vote against our kids?"

Of the five plans we received, the preliminary design of Wally Hollyday Design incorporated all the elements that we requested and will provide an excellent skateboarding experience for all age and skill levels. Once the contract is

awarded, Wally Hollyday Design will have approximately 90 days to fine tune their design. Their final design will be based on input provided by our skateboarders, their parents and others in the community interested in the project at a community-wide meeting that will be scheduled once Council approval is given.

Following completion of the design and approval by the Council, construction can begin. We expect the construction to take about six months meaning the Park could be open by early summer.

Bob Carpenter
Town Councilman
Chair, Skateboard Park Committee



Water Park Enjoys Another Successful Summer!



The Season went by very fast and it's hard to believe it is over. We enjoyed many new experiences this Season, and we thank all of the citizens of Chesapeake Beach who joined us this season!

The feedback on our Character Days, Night Slides and new radio station – Splash Radio, has all been positive. One of the best ideas came from a Mayor's Night Out session...Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Days. Every Tuesday all Chesapeake Beach residents were invited to enjoy admission for half price until 4:00 pm. Then, from 4:00 -7:00 pm, all Chesapeake Beach residents could enjoy the park free of charge!

Our new Beachcomber Grill is a very successful addition to the Park. The aroma, especially the chicken teriyaki and hamburgers, was hard to resist. Near the end of the season, the sale of our new veggie burgers and Ahi Tuna steaks really took off. And we can't talk about the success of our food menu without mentioning the ever-popular and world-famous Dippin' Dots.

Now that the season has come to a close, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get to the behind the scenes work to prepare the park for next year. We'll be repairing the leaks in the baby pool, fixing some of the concrete and tile, getting the slides in tip-top shape and, of course, plenty of painting to make the Park shiny and new again. We will also be improving our sound system and upgrading security cameras.

At the end of November we plan to offer our Season Pass Early Bird Special again for the 2012 Season. You will be able to go to our website and purchase a gift of "fun in the sun" for a family member or friend that they can enjoy all summer long. www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com

We always invite suggestions, questions and comments. So, please send them to waterpark@chesapeake-beach.md.us. Many of our best ideas come from Town residents, so we want to hear from you!

Until we see you at the Park,

Marilyn VanWagner

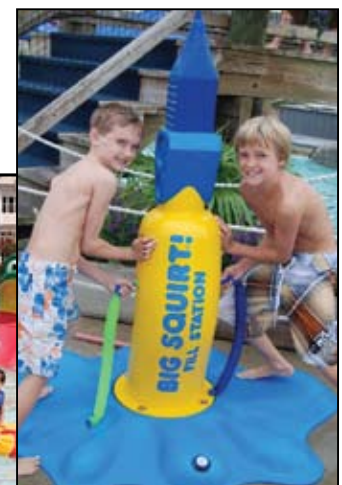
General Manager
Chesapeake Beach Water Park



2011 Water Park Managers (left to right): Catelynn Spriggs, Ali Buckley and Whitney Catterton.



Ribbon Cutting for the new Beachcomber Grill.



Resident
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732



News from the Sheriff's Office

On September 6, 2011, Dfc. Burggraff and his K-9 partner Manchi entered an intensive 18 weeks Basic Patrol Dog Course. The course is held at the Calvert County Sheriff's Office K-9 training facility, Island Creek, Port Republic Maryland.

During the 18 week course Dfc. Burggraff, K-9 Manchi and four other K-9 teams learn to track suspects, locate evidence and lost articles, apprehend criminals, conduct building and area searches, complete basic obedience drills, complete an obstacle course along with other various police K-9 tactics.

In addition, Dfc. Burggraff and the other handlers will learn to Decoy for other police dogs in bite work and scenarios. He will also be required to pass a 100 question written exam and a practical certification that covers all elements of the school with his dog.

