

CHESAPEAKE BEACH *Newsletter*

Winter 2012

From The Mayor

The Holidays Are Over

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the lights and activities in our beautiful town. The "Town Light Up" the Sunday following Thanksgiving was the best attended in my memory. I'd estimate over three hundred people were in attendance, and that there were probably 75 that could not even fit into the Town Hall! As has become custom, the Beach Elementary School Band did a great job, the Girl Scouts led a few Christmas Carols, and Santa greeted the children and handed out "goody bags". A great time was had by all!

The "Brightest Beacon" judging was followed by the award presentation at the December Town Council Meeting. Once again, Town Hall was packed, and those in attendance were also treated to a performance by students of Abigail Francisco's School of Classical Ballet. I would like to think that this is the beginning of a new tradition.

I feel like the lighting displays were the best ever this year, and I need to express my gratitude to the staff and contractors who make it all happen. This included the Public Works crew, headed by Jay Berry; the staff of Homes and Gardens by Les, owned by Les King; electrician Mike Wade, owner of Wires, Inc.; and Town Project Manager Wilson Cochran. The students at Calvert Career Center repaired the Jack in the Box. And I would be remiss if I did not, once again, express my gratitude to volunteer extraordinaire Pat Carpenter and her "Fun Committee" who organize all of the Town special events,

I'd also note that the new North Beach displays are a tremendous addition to the "Twin Beach" area, and I applaud the decision of the North Beach Mayor and Council to light up their town too.

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Holiday Cheer prevailed throughout the Town!

Special Holiday Events were enjoyed throughout the Season...



The CB Sign, along with the famous waving crab, welcomed visitors and residents to town! Photo credit: Nancy Feuerle

It all started with the Annual Light up the Town celebration on November 27th...when more than 300 adults and children gathered at the Town Hall for the traditional lighting of the Town Christmas tree. The overflow crowd was entertained by the 5th Grade band from Beach Elementary, followed by the appearance of none other than Santa himself! Together, Santa and Mother Christmas (Jo Finch) waved a magic wand and the entire town was illuminated with beautiful Christmas lights from Chesapeake Village to Chesapeake Station to Horizons on the Bay to Richfield Station. Brownie Scout Troop #4343 then entertained, singing several traditional Christmas songs, and everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by the Town. Santa visited with all of the children and gave each a bag of candy and goodies! It was a wonderful beginning to the Holiday Season.

The Mayor, Town Council and many citizens of Chesapeake Beach participated in the Bay Business Group's Holiday Parade in North Beach on Saturday, December 3rd. It was a beautiful day for a parade, and more than 1,500 people

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turned out to watch 100+ entries parade through the town. Former State Delegate George Owings served as Emcee and Chesapeake Beach's Clare O'Shea started off the festivities with a lively rendition of "We Need a Little Christmas" to get everyone in the mood. The theme of this year's parade was "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and many of the participants worked very hard to ensure that their entry reflected the theme. A real favorite was the Chesapeake Beach Garden Club's entry, using a "play on words" with their "Five Golden-s Ring" as their famous Golden Retriever "diggers" paraded with members of the Club. The traditional finale to the parade was the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department vehicles with Santa Claus perched high atop the hook and ladder, thrilling the children waiting to talk with him about their Christmas wishes.

The Brightest Beacon on the Bay contest did not disappoint this year, as many citizens registered their houses, townhouses and businesses to be judged. Winners were:

Business

1st Place – Rod 'N' Reel/Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa

2nd Place – Trader's Steak & Ale

3rd Place – Horizons on the Bay

Townhouse

1st Place – 7844 C Street – Jay Cronk

2nd Place – 8097 Windward Key – Nancy & Larry Coffman

House

1st Place – 3330 Cannoncade Court – Robert & Eileen Pumphrey

2nd Place – 8208 Hart Lane – Dean & Ann Lucas

3rd Place – 3221 Smith's Retreat – Ed & Lori Arnold

Brightest Beacon on the Bay – 7975 Delores Court – Brian & Jennifer Zlotorzynski

Special thanks to all those who entered the contest and made our town even brighter! And great appreciation goes out to all of the merchants of the town who donated prizes for the worthy winners! Everyone's holiday spirit and generosity make our town a wonderful place to be at Christmastime!

A new tradition continued this year with the Chesapeake Village Luminaries on December 17th. The entire Chesapeake Village community participated in this beautiful display! This year, nearly 2,000 luminaries were placed along the roadsides throughout the community. This beautiful spectacle was free



Chesapeake Village Luminaries. Photo credit: Eileen Pumphrey



The entrance to Chesapeake Village on the evening of their Luminaries! Photo credit: Eileen Pumphrey

for all to drive through and enjoy the magic of the lights. In the spirit of the season, residents asked that visitors drop off a can of food or other non-perishable food items to benefit End Hunger in Calvert County. We hope this wonderful new tradition continues for years to come!

To top off the festivities, the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum held its Annual Reading of the *Polar Express*, followed by a trolley ride around town to see the Brightest Beacon winners. On December 22nd, children gathered at the Museum to hear Conductor John read the wonderful story of the *Polar Express*. They then hopped on the Beach Trolley, jingled their Santa Bells, and enjoyed the beautiful lights of the town. Two readings and two trolley rides brought grins to the faces of the children who attended, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all!

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Grand Prize Winner for Brightest Beacon on the Bay went to Townhouse owners Brian and Jennifer Zlotorzynski.



First Place House in the lighting contest went to Robert and Eileen Pumphrey of Chesapeake Village.



First Place Townhouse in the lighting contest was won by Jay Cronk of Chesapeake Station.



First Place for Business in the lighting contest went to the Rod 'N' Reel.



Jim Andre and Gary Brown carry the BBG Banner at the start of the BBG Holiday Parade in North Beach.



5 Golden Rings—Lyn Striegel and Stephanie Cosby ride on the BBG Float and toss "golden" bracelets to the crowd that read: Buy Local - Buy BBG.

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Crow Entertainment's entry in the Parade was 4 Calling Birds...and of course they look like "crows"!



The Chesapeake Beach Garden Club's entry...5 Golden Rings.



The Students from Beach Elementary played kazoos for their entry...11 Pipers Piping.



The Northern High School Marching Band, led by Michael Pugliese, are regulars in the Holiday Parade.



The Beach Buccaneers Float in the Holiday Parade.



Santa Claus arriving for "Santa on the Beach" following the Holiday Parade.

Calendar of Events

February		
Day	Event/Location	Time
6	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
8	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
12	Railway Museum Bayside Chat, NECC	2:00 – 4:00 pm
13	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
14	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 pm
16	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
20	Town Hall Closed, Presidents' Day	

March		
Day	Event/Location	Time
5	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
10	Railway Museum Volunteer Training Workshop	10:00 – 3:00 pm
12	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
13	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 pm
14	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
15	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
17	Fishing Creek Clean-Up	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
18	Fishing Creek Clean-Up (Rain Date)	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
25	Railway Museum Bayside Chat, NECC	2:00 – 4:00 pm
31	Easter Festival, Kellam's Field	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

April		
Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
4	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 pm
6	Town Hall Closed, Good Friday	
7	Easter Festival, Kellam's Field (Rain Date)	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
11	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
14	Annual Railway Museum Spring Heritage Tour	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
16	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
17	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 pm
19	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
21	Bayfront Park Clean-Up (No Rain Date)	10:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Perfect Match – An Antique Store in an Historic Building!



A-1 Antiques

As you enter Chesapeake Beach from the West, you drive by one of Chesapeake Beach's well-established businesses. But do you know the wonderful story behind that familiar sign – A-1 Antiques?

Barbara and Jerry Madeoy moved to Chesapeake Beach from Hyattsville in 1972. Jerry says they moved here for the fish! He kept his boat at Stinnett's Marina (now Sea Gate Townhomes), fished often and loved it! He still has two boats, but no longer gets out on the water. He and Barbara work seven days a week in the store now, and take great pride in the business they built over the nearly 30 years they've operated the store.

Prior to purchasing A-1 Antiques, they ran "Antique Underground" in Prince George's Plaza for ten years. Jerry was a coin collector from the time he was a young man, and Barbara always loved antiques – especially the family pieces she was exposed to growing up. Their store in Prince George's Plaza began as a Coin Shop, but quickly morphed into an antique furniture business as

they began purchasing estate pieces. After ten years running Antique Underground, they knew they needed a larger store, and they wanted to be closer to home. In 1984, they went from a 45 minute commute to a one-minute commute when they bought their store

in Chesapeake Beach.

Having been in the business for some 40 years, they find that they are now serving the grandchildren of their first customers. Their steady patrons are not only nearby residents, but also come from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC – and as far away as California! One of their long-time customers still buys furniture from them on a regular basis, and has it shipped to her home in California.

Barbara and Jerry just returned from a vacation/buying trip in the southern part of the country. They traditionally make a buying trip in late October or early November, but are always back to participate in the Christmas Antiques Festival with the Antique Dealers of Calvert County the first weekend in December!

The building that houses A-1 Antiques has its own history. It was originally two buildings with a yard in the middle. The yard was the area on your right as you enter the store today. In the early 1900s, the eastern third of the current building served as the town Post Office, a

barber shop and a grocery store.

In the 1930s, the buildings were connected, making it one large hotel. It was later turned into a boarding house. When the Madeoys opened their new antique store, they named it A-1 Antiques so it would be the first listing in the telephone book!

A-1 Antiques carries a wide variety of furniture – something to suit all tastes and pocketbooks. Additionally, they carry a wide range of gifts, including nautical items. Jerry says he "likes to give people a bargain" as often as he can. He loves to buy and he loves to sell! They are always willing to work with their customers and are flexible on price, as well as hours of operation. While they are open seven days a week from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (6:00 pm in the summer), they are happy to accommodate the schedules of their over 1,000 happy customers. If you have a "wish list" let them know, and they'll help you find what you're wishing for.

The Madeoys love their life in Chesapeake Beach and they love the town. They are always very generous during the holidays with donations of items for the Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest. They don't hesitate to participate in this tradition, because they love what Jo Finch – now known as Mother Christmas – did when she started the campaign to light up the town!

Plan to stop in soon and take in all that A-1 Antiques has to offer. And definitely grab up one of those bargains!

From The Mayor

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A Year Later

The Town resumed operational responsibility for the Chesapeake Beach Waste Water Treatment Plant on February 1, 2011. Since that time, there have been several notable achievements that I'd like to share with you. First, we need to congratulate plant operators Bob Haynes and Tim McCoy for becoming Certified Waste Water Operators during the past year. Both of these men did course work and subsequently passed their certification examinations to reach this goal. I believe that this may be the first time that we have had three certified operators at the plant. Supervisor Jon Castro's leadership was instrumental in this achievement.

The second item I'd like to share with you is that since February 1, 2011, there have been no spills or reportable incidents at the plant. This has been achieved in spite of a hurricane and flooding that posed significant challenges for our three operators. Congratulations to Jon, Bob and Tim for a job well done.

Wrapping Up

We have entered the final year of this term of office, and I could not be more pleased with the achievements of the past three years. This town is an absolutely unique place on the planet, and as I've said many times, I feel blessed to live here and to serve as Mayor. Thank you!

I usually include a photograph or two with these articles, but didn't have anything in mind for this one. So, last night I shot a picture of the full moon rising over the Bay. I hope you enjoy it!



Bruce Wahl
Mayor



Mayor Wahl will be in Town Hall on Mondays and will be available to meet with residents between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the Monday before Town Council Meetings. You do not need an appointment, just come on in! On holidays that fall on a Monday the Mayor will not be in Town Hall.

Bruce A. Wahl
email: bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us

The Water Park prepares for the 2012 Season!

Early Bird Special & Season Passes – The Water Park continues to offer Town residents an Early Bird Special on 2012 Season Passes! Go to our website at <http://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com> and purchase your Season Passes today. Chesapeake Beach Town residents can enjoy a Season Pass for just \$49. Season Passes entitle you to General Admission, Night Slides and all other Special Day features that will be offered at the park for the entire 2012 season.

Employment Opportunities – Employment opportunities are now available for the upcoming season. Visit our website and read about the positions available. Sign up for an interview! Once an interview is scheduled, please download the application from the website, complete it and bring it with you to your interview. Don't delay! The deadline is March 15. This is earlier than in prior years. So, please spread the word to your family and friends.

Swim Lessons – You can also sign up for swim lessons on the website for the 2012 Season. We have four sessions available and each session has five different levels. You can start your babies as early as six months with the new program – Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me – that was launched in 2011. This level is designed to give babies and young children a head start on swimming. The children get comfortable in the water and begin to work on basic skills while interacting with the instructor and other children in a fun and safe environment. A parent (or adult) must accompany the child in the water. Visit our website for more information on swim lesson levels and the dates they are offered. Space is limited and the first two sessions always fill up quickly. Discounts are available for



The Chesapeake Beach Water Park's entry in the Holiday Parade.

multiple children in the same family, and also for children who take more than one session during the season.

And speaking of swim lessons, the Water Park will partner again this year with water parks and other swimming facilities around the world to get the important message out about how important swim lessons are. This year's date for the **"World's Largest Swim Lesson"** is June 14 at 10:30 am. Join the 2012 WLSL Team and be a part of this amazing, life-saving, Guinness World Record-setting event. More than 20,000 children and adults, on five different continents, helped spread the message that Swimming Lessons Save Lives in 2011. Tragically, drowning remains the second leading cause of injury-related deaths of children ages 1-14. In fact, more than one in four fatal drowning victims are children 14 and younger. Research shows, if a child doesn't learn to swim before the 3rd grade, they likely never will. We promise a fun morning and all participants in the event will be invited to stay the rest of the day at the Water Park as our guests. We appreciate your patronage all summer long, and this is just one of the ways we can give back to you and the community.

Please "like us" on facebook to stay informed about all of the activities at the Water Park! We will post all Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Days, Night Slides, Character Days, and other special events offered during the 2012 Season.

Until we see you at the park,

Marilyn VanWagner

General Manager

Chesapeake Beach Water Park



Some of the Water Park employees enjoy the beautiful day at the Holiday Parade.

Calendars for Soldiers

2012 Chesapeake Beach Town Calendars



Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney will once again coordinate our "Calendars for Soldiers" program. Please contact him with the names and addresses of any family or friends who are Calvert Countians stationed out of state or overseas so we can send them a copy of the 2012 Town Calendar. A little home town love to our men and women defending our country will be appreciated. Please call Vice-President Mahoney at 410-257-6905 or contact him by email at pmahoney@chesapeake-beach.md.us

AND...If you did not receive your 2012 Town Calendar, they are still available at Town Hall. These are very popular items, so be sure to stop by and pick one up if you don't have a copy! They feature great photos taken by citizens of the Town as well as important meeting dates, event dates, shopping and service information and everything you might want to know about what's happening in our Town!

Can you identify this man?



In our ongoing contest to identify people and places around our community, we offer you this photo. Can you identify the man pictured here with two Easter Bunnies? Hint: When you hear his name, you think "fun"!

Thank you to Donald Gibson of Bayview Hills for identifying the gentleman on the porch of Town Hall in the last issue of the Newsletter! That was Harold Finlon! Mr. Gibson wins two tickets on the Moonlight Cruise of his choice this summer.

The first person to call Town Hall with the correct name will be this quarter's winner!



Important Town Contact Numbers

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

Town Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

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

Trash/Recycling Pick-Up Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Creek	10 South-Trash Town Hall	11	12	13	14
15	16 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	17 South-Trash Town Hall	18	19 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	20 Recycle-South	21
22	23 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	24 South-Trash Town Hall Bayfront Park	25	26	27	28
29	30 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	31 South-Trash Town Hall				

SPECIAL NOTE: Please put your trash and recycling out the night before your pick-up day, as the routes sometimes begin as early as 6:00 am. Also note that recycling dates are indicated on the 2012 Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar.

Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trash Collection-February 2012						
			1	2 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	3 Recycle-South	4
5	6 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	7 South-Trash Water Park Town Hall	8	9	10	11
12	13 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	14 South-Trash Town Hall	15	16 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	17 Recycle-South	18
1 9	20 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	21 South-Trash Town Hall	22	23	24	25
2 6	27 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	28 South-Trash Town Hall Bayfront Park	29			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trash Collection-March 2012						
				1 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	2 Recycle-South	3
4	5 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	6 South-Trash Town Hall Water Park	7	8	9	10
11	12 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	13 South-Trash Town Hall	14	15 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	16 Recycle-South	17
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trash Collection-April 2012						
1	2 North-Trash WWTP D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	3 South-Trash Town Hall Water Park	4 North/South Bagged Yard Waste	5	6	7
8	9 North-Trash D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	10 South-Trash Town Hall	11	12 Recycle-North D Street Sea Gate Fishing Creek	13 Recycle-South	14
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Fishing Creek Water Testing Winter Update

by John Bacon

The oysters in Fishing Creek and on the Chesapeake Beach bay front piers are healthy and growing. Recent evaluation of oyster spat in the cages shows a significant growth since being planted in late September. This is in spite of heavy rains which affected the salinity of the creek and bay during the past three months.

The water testing committee continued their activities every other Saturday until December 17, 2011. Due to the cold weather and water, the committee will only be monitoring on a monthly basis until March 2012. Water quality parameters continue to be excellent for oyster health. Salinity levels have recovered from dramatic lows to the normal range and dissolved oxygen is again rising.

Committee members had the opportunity to participate with the principal and faculty of Beach Elementary during the 5th grade class field trip to Fishing Creek, and were able to assist the students taking water quality and stream flow measurements.

Chesapeake Beach now has 26 large rotating CBOCS and 30 smaller DNR cages deployed on the creek and bay front piers. Give or take a few, 100,000 oyster spat are doing their job of cleaning up the water.

Before going into their resting mode the oysters heard their own special Christmas story on the last visit of the water monitoring team in December:



Oyster Christmas Story

It was the week before Christmas
 And on Fishing Creek,
 100,000 oysters
 Were ready for a long winter sleep.
 When up on the trail
 There arose such a clatter...
 The Saturday morning team
 With their good natured chatter.
 But what to their wondering ears did they hear
 The water monitors in their cold weather gear.
 That's Coral and David, Kathy and Terry
 Amenda and Dennis, Melanie and Larry.
 They dip in their bucket
 And lower the Secchi
 Making their measurements
 To record for posterity.
 That's DO, pH and Salinity
 and of course,
 Solids, Temperature, Time and Turbidity.
 When they were finished
 They packed up their gear
 And trudged down the trail.
 The oysters could hear them
 Saying see you next year!

Mayor Announces The Green Team!

Sustainable Maryland Certified Program (SMC)

We all want to leave our world better than we found it and the Town of Chesapeake Beach is no different. To that end, Mayor Wahl became a founding Mayor for the Sustainable Maryland Certified Program run through the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland. The program strives to "preserve our civilization and the things we hold dear in perpetuity while enhancing our quality of life." At their November Council meeting the Town Council passed a resolution to pursue Sustainable Maryland Certification and appointed Wilson Cochran as the staff liaison to the program. Mr. Cochran completed the necessary paperwork and the Town of Chesapeake Beach became one of the first twenty municipalities in the state to be officially registered.

The next order of business was to form a "Green Team." The Green Team will recommend which projects will be included in the program that the Town should undertake in order to obtain certification. The Green Team members are:

Mayor Bruce Wahl
 Town Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin
 Dr. Mike Shisler, Principal of Beach Elementary School
 Jeff Labar, Chair of Chesapeake Beach Planning and Zoning
 John Bacon



Wesley Donovan
 Keith Pardieck
 Ken Rasmussen
 Eunice Lin
 Elisabeth Henderson
 Wilson Cochran

The Green Team will meet once a month. The times and dates of the meetings will be determined, with the goal of the Town of Chesapeake Beach leading the way in sustainability in the State. Four members of the Green Team, Mayor Bruce Wahl, Eunice Lin, Keith Pardieck and Wilson Cochran, attended training held on December 10, 2011 at the Maryland 4H Center to help get our program started. There was a great deal of important information provided at the meeting, and the Green Team looks forward to kicking off their efforts in 2012!

What's Happening at Town Hall?

Art at Town Hall

Don't forget to stop in the Town Hall Lobby and check out the beautiful artwork! Each month, a different local artist's work is on display, thanks to the efforts of artist Barbara Bowman. You will be amazed at the wonderful talent that resides right here in our own home town! If you are interested in showing your art, you can sign up at Town Hall, or give Barbara a call at 301-855-2283. Shows are juried.

Project Echo

Now that winter is here, Project Echo once again need warm blankets and coats. They are also in need of paper products... including napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper cups, paper plates, etc. THANK YOU to all who continue to

participate in our project to gather these supplies for Project Echo! Their needs continue, and we invite you to bring any of these items to Town Hall and drop them in the receptacle provided in the foyer. All of these items are greatly appreciated!

End Hunger

And speaking of needs...End Hunger continues to need canned and non-perishable food to fill their pantry shelves to help those in need. Everyone was very generous during the holiday season, but don't forget...hunger continues, and your contribution is still critical for many Calvert County residents. Thank you to all who have given and to those who continue to support this worthy cause!

The Library

A Beehive of Activity

Book Discussions

The Library staff has planned a great year of discussing interesting books! Discussions take place at 7:00 pm at Twin Beaches Library. Join us at one or all of the sessions listed below!

- 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

These stimulating sessions have become very popular at the Library. Adults are invited to visit the Twin Beaches Library for a series of informal discussions of local history that all citizens will find interesting. Relax in the library living room and enjoy complimentary coffee and tea while sharing or learning something new about our fascinating community! Library Manager Joanie Kilmon is facilitating these discussions on the 2nd Thursday of the month, thru May.

February 9
 March 8
 April 12
 May 10

Yes! You Can Use a Computer!

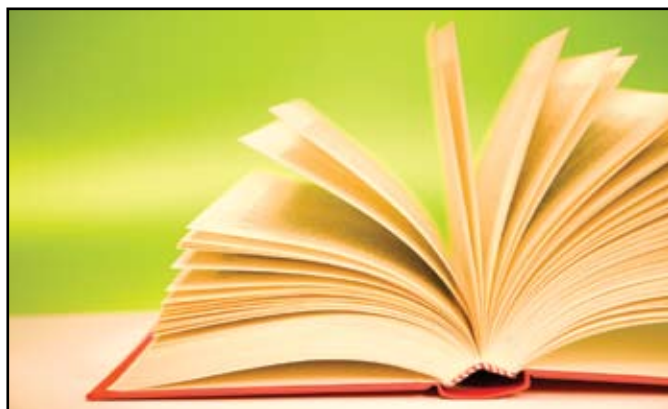
Did you know...that the librarians at Twin Beaches Library Branch offer free one-on-one classes to match the needs of the individual customers?

Children's Library Programs

Storytimes

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.

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

January 21 – Winter
 25 and 28 – Arctic Animals
 February 1 and 4 – Owls
 8 and 11 – Valentines Day
 15 and 18 – Hats
 22 and 25 – Bears
 29 and March 3 – Dr. Seuss
 March 7 and 10 – Going to the Library
 14 and 17 – Baking
 21 and 24 – Transportation
 28 and 31 – Spring
 April 4 and 7 – SPRING BREAK – No Storytime
 11 and 14 – Pets
 18 and 21 – Farms
 25 and 28 – Good Morning
 May 2 and 5 – Butterflies
 9 and 12 – Storytime Celebration
 No evening Storytimes this session.

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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, thru May. Suggested age for attendance is, kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is ongoing.

January 26 Van Gogh
February 23 Jackie Robinson
March 22 Martial Arts
April 26 Titanic
May 24 Olympics

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

February 9 Bartholomew and the Oobleck: Be Careful What you Wish For!

Easter Festival 2012 is Coming!

Last year's move from the Boardwalk Parade to Kellam's Field and the Easter Festival was a BIG HIT! This year promises more fun, games, treats, and surprises! So, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 31st and plan to join us at Kellam's Field at 12:00 noon. The Festival continues until 1:30 pm.

We're planning moon bounces, trains, ponies, a wide array of games, plenty of Easter treats and the BIG ATTRACTION – THE EASTER BUNNY! Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, join in the games, ride a pony or enjoy the moon bounce. See you there!

Rain date is the following Saturday, April 7th – same time, same place.

Animal Control Ordinance

Defecation & Removal of Excrement

According to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Ordinance, citizens who own, keep, or have custody of a dog or cat shall not allow excrement of such animal(s) to remain on public or private property.

It has come to the attention of the Town that this has become a problem in certain public areas, including Veteran's Park, the Boardwalk and the new Railway Trail. Bags and mitts to pick up after pets are provided in public areas and we urge citizens to utilize them. The Board of County Commissioners has designated Animal Control Officers as well as County Law Enforcement Officers as "Enforcement Authority" when violations are reported.

A letter from one of Chesapeake Beach's citizens sums it up very well...

An open letter to my fellow dog walkers.

The new Fishing Creek boardwalk is a jewel and popular with many, including dog walkers like myself. Why do I so often find doggy poop in the middle of it? No reason I can see; pick-up bags are conveniently provided at each entrance. I always clean up after my own dogs, and all too often after the dogs of others. To those I say: You probably think it's a smart move to simply ignore your mess. But consider it possible that people might complain and the Town might close the boardwalk to dogs. The Town can do that, you know: stroke of a pen, just like that. So think again: The evidence left by your dog indicates that you like your treks on the boardwalk. Why jeopardize this opportunity? Be truly smart and clean up after your pup!

Peter Feuerle
Chesapeake Beach

What Am I Reading?

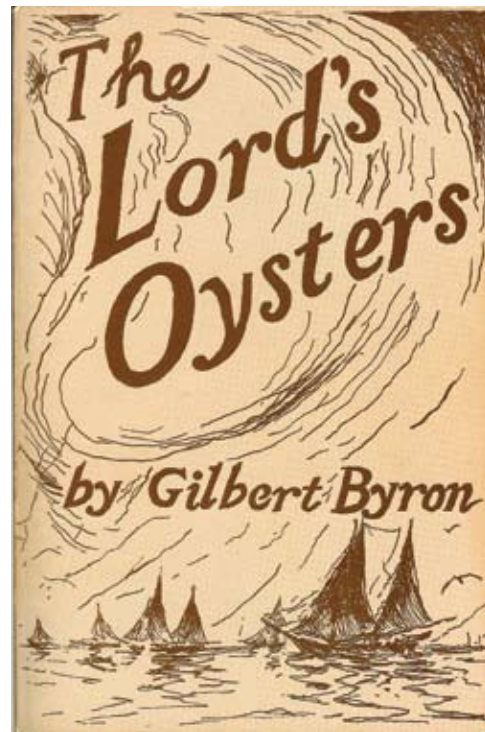
By Mayor Bruce Wahl

Many of you know that I moved from Northern Virginia to Chesapeake Beach in 1985. I made the decision to relocate here because I was a sailor and wanted to live on the Chesapeake Bay. From the time I started sailing in the early 1970's, I subscribed to *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, and my favorite monthly feature was "Cove Dweller" by Gilbert Byron, who lived in a small cabin that he built on San Domingo Creek, right off the Choptank River near St. Michaels. The "Cove Dweller" essay series was eloquently written, and depicted life on the Chesapeake Bay with observations on the seasons, plant life, fishing, crabbing, oystering, and being close to nature.

In addition to the magazine articles, Gilbert Byron also wrote several books. The book that I just re-read for this article is "The Lord's Oysters", originally published in 1957 and reprinted in paperback in 1977. It is a semi-autobiographical novel about a young boy named Noah Marlin growing up near Chestertown in the early 1900's. Noah's father was a waterman, and his mother was determined that Noah would go to

college and not become a waterman like his father. This novel does a great job of describing the day-to-day life of a young boy on the Eastern Shore. Each chapter is a small story unto itself, making this book quite easy to read. Chapters include stories about crabbing, boat racing, fishing along the Chester River, Noah's "grandpappy", a man flying on a box kite, his father serving briefly as a bridge tender, motion pictures in a school that had just been electrified, and many other wonderful tales. This book is a true delight to read.

Byron did not follow the water, attended Washington College, and then became a teacher — first in Delaware, then in Talbot County (directly across the Bay from Chesapeake Beach). Later, after successfully selling some of his writings, Byron resigned from teaching and dedicated all of his time to writing. He became known as the "Thoreau of the Chesapeake". Some of his books were published by the Unicorn Book Shop on Rt. 50 in Trappe, Maryland. I suspect that some are still available there. I have also observed



that "The Lord's Oysters" is available from amazon.com at <http://www.amazon.com/Lords-Oysters-Maryland-Paperback-Bookshelf/dp/0801819598>.

From my bookshelf, this is highly recommended. Gilbert Byron is one of my favorite authors, and the title of this book is a perfect match to our efforts to grow oysters here in Chesapeake Beach. I'm sure you will enjoy this one.

Chesapeake Beach Skateboard Park Continues to Move Forward

At the November Town Council Meeting, the Town Council awarded a contract to Wally Hollyday Designs of Aliso Viego, California to design our new park. Wally Hollyday Designs is an award winning design/build firm that specializes in planning, designing and building custom concrete skate and BMX parks throughout the United States.

Wally Hollyday was in Chesapeake Beach on January 10 to meet with the skateboard park committee as well as skateboarders and their supporters to discuss the design of the park. Skateboarders came to tell Wally what they liked about his design and what they wanted changed. Wally told the committee that he walked away from this

meeting with very definite ideas of what our skateboarders want. He is taking their suggestions back with him and will shortly be sending us a revised plan.

Once Wally finishes the design, the Council will award the contract to build the park.

Two New Videos Now Available on the Town Website!

If you're not checking the Town website regularly, you may be missing breaking news, pertinent information or even a couple of new interesting videos! Make it a habit to visit the site regularly, as it is ever-changing, and there is likely to be information that you'll find interesting and informative.

You should definitely check out our two new videos.

Go to www.chesapeake-beach.md.us. As you scroll down the homepage, you'll see an item entitled "New Video" and further down one that says "New – Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail Dedication Video." The "New Video" is all about the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society project. It features Project Chairman Keith Pardieck and Mayor Bruce Wahl explaining the genesis of the project, along with many photos of the oyster cages and the trail! You will also find the "Railway Trail Dedication Video" very informative, with a narrative about the process of building the trail and some shots of the beautiful scenery along the trail.

While you're on the website, be sure to sign up for our blast email service. Located in the dark green column on the left of the homepage is a white rectangle. Simply type your email address into the white area, and hit "submit" and you'll be on the list! This is a great service, and will keep you on top of late-breaking news about our Town and its activities.



News and Events from the Railway Museum!

The 2012 Bayside Chats began in January with some interesting topics and speakers. All Bayside chats will take place at the Northeast Community Center in Meeting Room 1.

Saturday, February 12 – Oyster Cultivation & Reef Restoration at 2:00 pm

Guest speaker Keith Pardieck will offer you an opportunity to learn more about the ongoing efforts of the citizens of Chesapeake Beach to help restore the Bay through oyster cultivation and reef restoration. Come learn why this project is so important and what you can do to help!

Sunday, March 25 – Ospreys Take Flight at 2:00 pm

Noted author Janie Suss will speak about her book, "Oscar & Olive Osprey: A Family Takes Flight" which followed the lives of the ospreys that built a nest outside her home in Holland Point. She will also speak about her research on ospreys and the continuing story of Oscar.

The Annual Railway Museum Volunteer Workshop will be held on March 10 at the Museum. This is a great opportunity for

new and current Museum volunteers. Attendees will spend the morning going over volunteer materials and will learn more about the Museum. The afternoon affords volunteers the opportunity to participate in an optional field trip.

Volunteers are needed for jobs such as station master and outreach. Station masters are the cornerstone of the Museum and welcome visitors. Outreach programs include a variety of opportunities such as Bayside Chats – the winter adult lecture series – and participating in the North Beach Christmas Parade! Outreach is a way to get the word out about the wonderful resources of the Museum, and encourages new visitors to stop in. You might be asked to dress up at the Fall Family Fun Day and work in Dr. Frankenstein's Lab, or help children make pinwheels at children's programs. There are many different ways to become involved in the Museum and you can volunteer once a month or once a year – as often as you like! Please contact the Museum at 410-257-3892 for more information.

First Annual Stars and Stripes Festival. May 26 – 28, 2012

If you are like me, you probably spend much of January and February dreaming about the arrival of spring and summer. You know the routine; first we think of the weather warming, the first sighting of a crocus, when can I get on the golf course and of course finding the perfect Easter dress. Then, along comes Memorial Day Weekend and our thoughts turn to how we will celebrate the beginning of the summer. Unfortunately, most of us do just that. We spend the entire three day weekend “sunning and funning” when we should be paying our respects to those who lost their lives serving our country. The sad reality is this: “What is the true meaning of Memorial Day?” is quickly becoming a great trivia question.

Last May, while attending the Memorial Day service, hosted annually by American Legion Post 206 at Veteran’s Park, I started thinking that it would be nice if Chesapeake Beach

would become known as the little town on the Bay where folks could come to observe, learn and celebrate the true meaning of the day. I made the mistake of sharing those thoughts with those in attendance at a monthly town council meeting (just kidding)! As they say, “The rest is history.”

Numerous people in the community have come together to form the Stars and Stripes Festival Committee. We are planning three days of learning about, honoring and respectfully celebrating those who have lost their lives while serving our Country. We hope to

especially honor those who called Calvert County home.

We must first decorate for our celebration. You know, Memorial Day was originally called “Decoration Day”. Mayor Wahl assures me that our Town will be showing its patriotic side with pride that weekend. Join us by flying your flags, draping bunting and even hanging some lights. Have your house, boat or business ready for the judging, because prizes will be awarded at the

Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force.

Saturday will also feature The Nam Knights, a military veteran and law enforcement motorcycle club whose local organization, The Old Line Chapter, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. They plan to parade as many as 400 veterans on their bikes. Their ride will end at American Legion Post 206, where they will hold their annual picnic.

All day, Saturday and Sunday, there will be programs and activities throughout the community. The Northeast Community Center will be hosting non-profit groups who are invited to reserve booth space. All local non-profits are encouraged to participate, and we hope to attract regional and national non-profits who focus on the veteran, his or her family and their needs. There is no charge for the space and a table,

but you are encouraged to reserve your space soon. To reserve space contact Kirsten O’Neill by email at military_wives_matter@live.com.

Children’s learning activities will be held in conjunction with the summer opening of the Chesapeake Beach Water Park and in co-ordination with Calvert County Schools and Twin Beaches Library.

Activities may include coloring contests and a costume parade. A contest is also in the works which will



opening ceremony.

The weekend festival will begin on Saturday morning with patriotic music, a Town Proclamation, Mayor’s remarks, announcement of contest winners and guest speaker Major General James A. Adkins, The Adjutant General, State of Maryland. Adkins is responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting seven thousand men and women who make up the state of Maryland Military Department. The Military Department includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard,

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feature facts about our Calvert County fallen heroes.

Saturday evening we will take you back in time as we transform the North Beach Fire Department into a USO-type tour stop. Our very own Twin Beach Players will be performing vintage and patriotic music from days gone by. North Beach Fire Department members and auxiliary will be serving drinks and refreshments.

Begin your Sunday morning with an all-you-can-eat breakfast at American Legion Post 206. The non-profit organizations will be back at the community center and we hope to have some military equipment and vehicles on display throughout the community.

Sunday evening begins on Kellam's Field with The United States Navy Band Country Current, the Navy's premier country-bluegrass ensemble. Afterward, head on down to North Beach for an old fashioned drive-in movie.

The weekend will culminate on

Monday with the traditional Memorial Day ceremony hosted by the American Legion. This ceremony will feature drill teams, special music, guest speakers and hopefully a surprise or two!

That, neighbors, is just the beginning. We are partnering with our local business community to create a weekend filled with activities that will make you glad you stayed at "home" for the holiday. All town sponsored events, with the exception of the USO-type show, are free to the public.

As with every community event, it is not possible without your support. We have a hardworking committee but with everything we hope to accomplish, we need many more "minds and hands". We are particularly looking for military equipment and vehicles for display throughout the community, organizations who perform military drills, demonstrations, patriotic music, etc. Would you like to volunteer to work during the weekend? We need you! And

of course, we are looking for monetary donations to help offset the cost of the festival. We will be selling advertising space and "In Memory Of" space in a booklet we will be compiling as a keepsake for all who attend.

If you have questions, suggestions, or would like to get involved, contact me by email at rlodell@verizon.net. If you don't have email, contact the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall and they will forward your messages. There is also a volunteer/donation form available at the Town Hall. Don't wait too long; we need your support now. Memorial Day is just a few weeks away. Help us as we say, "Thank you for the ultimate sacrifice"

Connie S. O'Dell
 Chairperson
 Stars and Stripes Festival

Moonlight Cruises Return to Chesapeake Beach!

The Moonlight Cruises on the Bay were such a big hit last summer, that the Special Events Committee plans to bring them back...and bring back more of them! Instead of three or four, the "Fun Committee" is planning EIGHT this year! And we are working on a new system for registration that will allow people to register and pay for their tickets online. Check the Town website for all the details as dates are set and plans formulated.

Cruises will be the same great price -- \$25 per person -- and we'll provide light refreshments, and will have beverages available for purchase.

Captain Luke Thatcher promises another great season on the Bay, so make your plans now to join us for a cruise and enjoy the beautiful moonlight on the Bay!





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Beach Elementary School PTA Auction for Education

Saturday, April 21st marks the eighth annual Beach Auction for Education, the most important fundraiser of the year for the Beach Elementary School PTA. The Auction is always one of the best events of the season for town members who turn out to support the youth of our community. Beach's annual Auction traditionally raises up to \$13,000 each year and funds are used to support pilot curricula, technological advancements for the classroom, PTA programs for students and parents and other school improvements.

This year's festivities will again be held at the Stallings-Williams Post 206 of The American Legion in Chesapeake Beach, one of the PTA's many community partners. Auction items are generously donated by friends and supporters in the business community. The PTA is seeking donations for this year's event.

Last year there were over 200 people in attendance at this free event which provides wonderful visibility for local businesses. Contributing businesses and organizations will be

recognized at the auction, both in the program and in information accompanying the donation.

Businesses

and organizations interested in making a donation to this worthy cause can contact Auction Chair Sandy Hunting at orionpublications@yahoo.com.

All community members are invited to join us for an evening of silent and live auction items, including sports memorabilia, museum and entertainment tickets, gift certificates and unique gift items. Don't miss this opportunity for fun, food, and auction items, all in support of our community's youngest members! Questions? Contact Auction Chair Sandy Hunting at orionpublications@yahoo.com.

