CHESAPEAKE BEACH
Newsletter
Spring 2013

FROM **THE MAYOR**

Spring is here and Chesapeake Beach is the place to be as the weather warms up. Whether it is the Water Park, Charter Fishing, the Stars and Stripes Festival, activities at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum or any other of the many activities and events available – this is a wonderful place to call home! Be sure to join your neighbors and friends to enjoy the benefits of living here.

BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING NEWS

By the time you read this, the Beach Elementary School Redistricting Committee will have made its recommendation to the Calvert County Board of Education to change the school boundaries to alleviate the overcrowding at Beach. Since both Plum Point and Windy Hill Elementary schools are significantly under capacity, it makes sense to go through the painful process of redistricting to balance out the school populations. My thanks go out to Councilman Bob Carpenter for serving on the redistricting committee.

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The closing ceremony on Monday, May 27 will be held at 10 a.m. by the American Legion Post 206.

The Stars & Stripes Festival Returns

Story by Stephanie Zanelotti, Stars and Stripes Festival Chair
and Photography by Jacqueline Malonson

The Town of Chesapeake Beach presents the second annual Memorial Day event, the Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27, 2013. This Festival, honoring our fallen heroes, begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with an opening ceremony at Veterans' Memorial Park with music by the United States Naval Academy Band Brass Quintet. The Guest Speaker will be local Gold Star Mother and co-founder of SSG Christopher W. Swanson Support Charity for Veterans and their Families, Inc., Mrs. Kelly Swanson.

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Stars & Stripes, *continued from page 1.*

Be sure to decorate your home, business and/or boat to paint the Town red, white and blue. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Catch the Nam Knights mini-rolling thunder through Town at approximately 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 25** and thank them for their service and continued support of our military.

The Nam Knights will have a model of a Vietnam Memorial to be placed at Veterans' Memorial Park in 2014 (target date) on hand at the Festival, Sunday, May 26. Donations will be accepted as well as an opportunity to purchase a print or win the original artwork in an auction. The artist of the original artwork is Dave Lewis. Mr. Lewis was an "In Country" artist for the United States Army in Vietnam and has art displayed at the National Army History Museum in Washington, D.C.

A free moonlight cruise Saturday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. is open to the first 80 active military persons and their immediate families aboard the *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, the Rod 'N' Reel fishing charter head boat. The owner of the *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Mr. Luke Thatcher, donates the trip. Proper identification required.

Like to hand dance or want to learn? The American Legion will host a hand dance Saturday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m. Dance lessons begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $10 per person with a 50% discount for active military personnel and guest. Cost includes beer, soda and snacks.

All weekend – free admission to the Chesapeake Beach Water Park, Bayfront Park and North Beach to all active military personnel and immediate family members as well as Veterans and their immediate family members. All must show proper identification.

The Big Day is **Sunday, May 26** at Kellam's Field. Bring the family for a day of fun learning experiences through stories, crafts, games and activities. There will be a moon bounce, super slide, miniature golf, Bingo tent (Sponsored by North Beach Volunteer Fire Department), Super Heroes of Southern Maryland, local entertainment, All American Family Day Picnic (sponsored by the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206), snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and more. There will be a tent filled with non-profit organizations that assist families of fallen heroes as well as a display of military toys and other military equipment. You can climb the rock wall with the Army National Guard. Enjoy afternoon entertainment on the open stage including Superheroes, Dave Chappell, Ladies of Twin Beach Players, Scattered Leaves and Patty Reese. Both Chappell and Reese are multiple Washington Area Music Association (WAMMIE) winners and have been heard at many local and national festivals, sporting events, theaters and clubs. A show you will not want to miss!

On **Monday, May 27** beginning at 10 a.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park, the American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 will host their annual Memorial Day Observance.

At 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 27, please take a moment to participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. You can do this with a family or individual prayer, moment of silence or any way you see fit to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



All events (unless otherwise stated) are free. Donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated to ensure future Festivals to celebrate the true meaning of Memorial Day and to honor our fallen heroes. ■

For more information about the event, please visit www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/events_cbssf.htm.

To volunteer to assist at the Festival, email 2013 Festival Chair, Stephanie Zanelotti at sasz_cbssf@comcast.net or call 301-752-0445.

Don't Miss it!

On Sunday, May 26, the Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival is proud to introduce Dave Chappell and Patty Reese, who both will be performing for our entertainment. Guitarist Chappell is highly regarded for coaxing a huge range of sounds out of his trademark Fender Telecaster. Vocalist Reese is known for her powerhouse pipes and soulful expression. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Dave Chappell
guitardavechappell.com

COURTESY PHOTO



Patty Reese
pattyreese.com

LINDA PARKER

Stars and Stripes Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, **MAY 25**

Judging for Decorating Contest– Chesapeake Beach and North Beach Residents – Decorate your home, business and/or boat. Let's paint the Towns Red/White/Blue to show our support! Prizes will be awarded!!

10 a.m. **Opening Ceremony** at Veterans' Memorial Park; Guest Speaker – Kelly Swanson, Gold Star Mother and Co-founder of SSG Christopher W. Swanson Support Charity for Veterans and their Families, Inc. and music by the U.S. Naval Academy Band Brass Quintet.

1:30 p.m. **Nam Knights' Rolling Thunder** Rt. 260 – Boyd's Turn Road – 5th Street – Chesapeake Ave./Bayside Rd. back to 260 to American Legion. Come on out along the route to show your support!

7:30 p.m. **Moonlight Cruise** aboard the *Miss Chesapeake Beach* compliments of Captain Luke Thatcher, owner. The first 80 active military personnel and their immediate family members will enjoy a two-hour cruise leaving from the Rod 'N' Reel dock. Must show proper identification.

8 p.m. **Hand Dance** at the American Legion Post 206. Come early – dance lessons start at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $10 per person – includes beer, soda and snacks. 50% discount for active military and guest.

SUNDAY, **MAY 26**

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Non-Profit Organizations** who focus on assisting military including families of fallen heroes, wounded warriors and Veterans.

Display featuring Nam Knights proposed "Vietnam Memorial" for future installation in Veterans' Memorial Park.

Displays featuring military equipment, weapons, jeep and toys.

Military Interpreters focusing on protecting the Chesapeake Bay during WWII as well as a Russian foot soldier.

Meet Superheroes of Southern Maryland – "Dark Knight," "Iron Man" and "Captain America."

Carnival games, moon bounce, super slide, miniature golf, rock climbing wall, arts and crafts, color a page for a deployed military member, stories, popcorn, snow cones, etc.

1 - 3 p.m. **All American Family Day Picnic-** Sponsored by American Legion Post 206 (or while the food lasts).

1 - 4 p.m. **50/50 Bingo Games-** Sponsored by the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

1 - 5 p.m. **Entertainment** on open stage featuring in order of performance – Superheroes, Dave Chappell, Ladies of Twin Beach Players, Scattered Leaves and Patty Reese.

MONDAY, **MAY 27**

10 a.m. **Memorial Day Observance** at Veterans' Memorial Park. Presented by the American Legion Post 206.

3 p.m. **National Moment of Remembrance-** Pause with your family or individually for a moment of silence or prayer for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

ALL **WEEKEND** EVENTS

Chesapeake Beach Water Park & Bayfront Park– Free Admission to all active duty military personnel and veterans as well as their immediate family members.

North Beach– Free Admission to all active duty military and veterans as well as their immediate family members.
All must provide proper identification.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change and that all events are free unless otherwise noted on the schedule. Donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated to help support future festivals to honor all of our fallen heroes and promote the true meaning of memorial day.

Easter Festival

Photography by Laura Krick and Nancy Feuerle

Over 500 children were greeted by the Easter Bunny, Quacks, the Water Park Duck and Slice from Papa John's Pizza. Special guests "The Dark Knight" and "Spidey" from Superheroes of Southern Maryland were on hand to talk to the youngsters about bullying.















A Good Day Gone Bad... Then Back to Good!

Story by Connie S. O'Dell, Special Events Coordinator

Annie was having a great day at the annual Easter Festival until she discovered she had lost her iPod. Needless to say, she was very upset. Several of the volunteers looked all over Kellam's Field for the iPod, but to no avail. Luckily, I found it on Tuesday when sorting through all of the decorations and supplies to be stored away. The iPod must have fallen out of her pocket when she bent over to look through the bin to pick out a prize. Her mother and father were very upset with her for bringing it to the Festival. They were amazed when I called to say that I had found it! Annie was very pleased as evident in her "Thank You" note!

You're welcome Annie! Glad everything turned out!



BRUCE WAHL

The project to replace Fishing Creek Bridge is scheduled to go to bid later this year.

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DREDGING

I mentioned this federally funded project in our last newsletter. I am pleased to report that this project is now complete, and the Fishing Creek channel should be easily navigable for the next five or more years. Given that there will not likely be any future federal funding, the Town Council has decided to create a "Dredging Reserve Fund" to provide the needed funding for future dredging. In the Fiscal Year 2014 budget, $250,000 has been set aside for this purpose, and it is the Council's intention to continue this practice until it is time to dredge again. We will seek federal and state aid, but if it is not available, we will have the funds to do the work ourselves.

FISHING CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The project to replace the Fishing Creek Bridge is continuing to move forward and is scheduled to go to bid later this year. One very significant development since I last wrote about this is that the massive power lines on the west side of the bridge are to be tunneled under the creek, instead of putting poles back on top of the bridge. Although we were originally informed that Verizon was also planning to go underground, the latest information is that they have reversed this decision and are planning to string wires above the bridge. The Town is working diligently to keep these unsightly wires off the new bridge. I'll provide an update in the next newsletter.

BUDGETS

So far, the Town Council has passed the budgets for the General Fund, the Water Park and the Critical Area Mitigation Fund. Two funds are left– the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Utility Fund (Water and Sewer). These final two funds have been the subject of a great deal of interest and debate for several years, especially as the growth in the Town has slowed to a crawl and the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) project contract has been awarded. These remaining two budgets will be the subject of public hearings and Town Council deliberation at the June 20 Town Council Meeting, so please come to learn of the challenges we face.

MAYOR'S NIGHT OUT

Please remember that the informal Mayor's Night Out program continues and is generally on the first Monday evening each month. Check the Town Calendar or the calendar of events in these newsletters for the dates. These meetings are no longer targeted to a specific section of Town, so come to any meeting you choose. These meetings make for a good opportunity for you to speak to me or the Town's department heads about anything that is on your mind.

Until next time, be well. I hope to see you around Town.

Bruce Wahl
Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach



Many volunteers came out to help clean up Fishing Creek.

Fishing Creek Clean Up

Story by Connie O'Dell
and Photos by Nancy Feuerle

On Saturday, March 16 over 40 volunteers came out and spent the morning cleaning up along the Railway Trail as well as Harbor Road. The amount of trash collected was not weighed, but the Town's large stake bed truck would not hold all that was collected. Thank you volunteers for your hard work. ■















This year's right-of-way hikers pausing for a photograph before heading out along the trail.

Right-of-Way Hike

Story and Photos by Hilary Dailey
President, Friends of the
Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

On Saturday, April 13th, 2013, approximately 25 intrepid "hikers" gathered at 9 a.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum to spend the day walking along some of the old Chesapeake Beach Railway bed (a.k.a. right-of-way) where the tracks used to be laid 100 years ago. The group covered approximately five miles in total, including the Bayfront Park and Railway Trail boardwalks located in Chesapeake Beach as well as some pieces of the right-of-way located on private land (with permission). The Right-of-Way Hike is a free event, open to the public and is repeated every April, so check your Chesapeake Beach Town calendar for next year's hike and plan on joining us! ■



Hiking on private property along the railway right-of-way.

Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY

Day	Event/Location	Time
25	Water Park Opens (Weekends Only)	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
25	Stars & Stripes Festival (See timeline for details on page 3.)	
26	Stars & Stripes Festival (See timeline for details on page 3.)	
27	Stars & Stripes Festival Closing Observance	10:00 a.m.
27	Town Hall closed in Observance of Memorial Day	

JUNE

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Railway Museum Begins Summer Weekend Hours	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
3	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
7	Cruise aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Rod 'N' Reel Dock	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
8	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9	Railway Museum, Founder's Day, Friends Meeting & Opening Day of Summer Exhibit	
12	Water Park Begins Opening on Weekdays	11:00 a.m.
12	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
13	Railway Museum Summer Breeze Concert, Free	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
16	Water Park Celebrates Father's Day	
17	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
18	Water Park World's Largest Swim Lesson	10:00 a.m.
18	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
20	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
22	Cruise aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Rod 'N' Reel Dock	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
24	Water Park Character Day, Scooby Doo	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
25	Water Park Swim Lessons Begin (Session 1)	9:00 a.m.
25	Water Park Adult Swim Begins	9:15 - 10:45 a.m.
25	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
27	Railway Museum Children's Summer Fun Program, Free	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
28	Water Park Night Slides	11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

JULY

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
2	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
3	Town of Chesapeake Beach Annual Fireworks, Waterfront	Dusk
4	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	
5	Water Park Night Slides	11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
6	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
9	Water Park Swim Lessons Begin (Session 2)	9:00 a.m.
9	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	

JULY CONTINUED

Day	Event/Location	Time
9	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
10	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
11	Railway Museum Children's Summer Fun Program, Free	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
11	Railway Museum Summer Bay Breeze Concert, Free	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
12	Water Park Night Slides	11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
12	Cruise aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Rod 'N' Reel Dock	8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
13	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
15	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
16	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
16	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
18	Railway Museum Children's Summer Fun Program, Free	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
18	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
19	Water Park Night Slides	11:00 - 9:30 p.m.
20	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
22	Water Park Character Day, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
23	Water Park Swim Lessons Begin (Session 3)	9:00 a.m.
23	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
25	Railway Museum Children's Summer Fun Program, Free	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
26	Water Park Night Slides	11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
27	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
27	Cruise aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Rod 'N' Reel Dock	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
30	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	

AUGUST

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Railway Museum Children's Summer Fun Program, Free	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
2	Water Park Night Slides	11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
5	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
6	Water Park Swim Lessions Begin (Session 4)	9:00 a.m.
6	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
7	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
8	Railway Museum Summer Bay Breeze Concert, Free	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
12	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
12	Water Park Character Day, Elmo	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
13	Water Park Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, ½ price until 4 p.m.; free after 4 p.m.	
13	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
15	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
16	Water Park Last Weekday	
16	Water Park Last Day for Adult Swim	9:15 - 10:45 a.m.
17	Cruise aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Rod 'N' Reel Dock	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
30	Cruise aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, Rod 'N' Reel Dock	8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
31	Railway Museum Last Day of Summer Weekend Hours	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Water Park Last Day of 2013 Season	11:00 a.m.



From left to right, Connie O'Dell, Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., Janet Bates, John Riedesel, Hilary Dailey, Mike Sweeney, Joanie Kilmon, Commissioner Pat Nutter and Railway Museum Curator, Harriet Stout in the front with the dog.

Farewell Ceremony

Story and Photos by Hilary Dailey
President, Friends of the
Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

On Sunday, April 14th, 2013, volunteers of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum commemorated the day the very last train left Chesapeake Beach on the Chesapeake Beach Railway: April 15th, 1935 via a "Farewell Ceremony" at 11:46 a.m. (the exact time the last train left the station), and again at 1:00 p.m. for those who could not attend the first service. Vice-President of the Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, Mike Sweeney, said a few words about the history of the railway and rang the station bell 35 times to represent the 35 years the railway was in service. Then he held a moment of silence for the two railway crewmen, Engineer Frederick Maier and Fireman Charles Zier, who died in the line of duty in an accident in Chesapeake Beach on July 2nd, 1900. The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum would like to thank Chesapeake Beach Town Councilman Bob Carpenter, Calvert County Commissioner Pat Nutter, Senate of Maryland President, Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. and other members of our community for attending this special event. This event is free and open to the public and will be repeated next year, so check your Chesapeake Beach Town calendar and please plan to attend! ■

The Chesapeake Beach Water Park 2013 Season is Almost Here!

Story by Marilyn VanWagner, General Manager and Laura Krick, Marketing and Groups Coordinator



Quacks the Duck is the newest member of the Water Park family and will make an appearance every day this summer!



This summer Elmo returns to meet the kids on August 12 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

We are at the home stretch for the opening for the 2013 Chesapeake Beach Water Park Season! Hot summer days are just around the corner, and there is no better way to cool off than at the Water Park! We open on Saturday, May 25 and stay open until Labor Day Monday, September 2. However, as always, we are only open on weekends while Calvert County Public Schools are still in session.

Our **Discounted Season Passes** are now available for advance purchase on our website at www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com. Purchase your Season Passes before the Water Park opens for the season! We are scheduling appointments now for those who have pre-purchased their passes. This way you can avoid standing in lines when we are open. Remember, if you are a Season Pass holder, you can advance to the front of the line when you visit! Other perks of being a Season Pass Holder include:

- Attend the Night Slides for no extra fee.
- Attend our New Parents with Preschoolers for no extra fee.
- Attend all Adult Swim (age 18 and over) for no extra fee.
- Come and go as you wish any time of the day.

Check out all the Water Park has to offer this season. **Adult Swim** is designed for adults only each morning, Tuesdays thru Fridays, before the Water Park opens for adults to get exercise and cool off in the lazy river when no one else is around. Purchase tickets on our website, or if you have a Season Pass you may enjoy Adult Swim for free! **Parents with Preschoolers** is a new morning out designed just for parents with preschool-aged children on Tuesday through Friday mornings. A portion of our center Activity Pool and two baby slides will be open, but no Lazy River. **Night Slides** are returning for the third season this year! Friday nights, June 28 through August 2, stay late until 9:30 p.m. and enjoy the Water Park and all slides at night! We offer fun and games for all ages! This seasons' **Character Days** are sure to bring a smile to your child's face. We have popular characters like Scooby Doo and Winnie-the-Pooh scheduled to visit. See our calendar of special events listed on pages 6 and 7 for dates and details.



Lifeguards practice drills as they prepare for the season.



See Elmo this summer hanging out with our Sales Manager, Whitney Catterton, pictured on the left and Operations Manager, Catelynn Spriggs, pictured on the right.

Again this season, we will be participating in **The World's Largest Swimming Lesson** (WLSL) on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.! This event is designed to help build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim and to help prevent drowning. Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-14. On the morning of June 18, water parks and pools around the world that are hosting this WLSL event will simultaneously enter their pools together in an attempt to break this Guinness World Record. This event is free for all children and families participating!

Due to popular demand, we will continue to offer exclusively to our Chesapeake Beach residents, our **Chesapeake Beach Resident Appreciation Day** every Tuesday this season! Each Tuesday, our Chesapeake Beach residents are invited to visit the Water Park and enjoy **half-price admission**. During our Twilight hours on Tuesdays, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Chesapeake Beach residents will receive **free admission** into the Park! We will take very few, if any, group reservations on Tuesdays so that our Town residents can enjoy a less crowded park and relish in the Town where we all love to live! The Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day is our way of saying "Thank You" for your continued support over the years.

Does your child or special friend have a birthday to celebrate this summer? Why not have your **Birthday Celebration or Special Event** at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park? We host many parties each season, and we would love to have your name on our special guest list! Birthday party packages include your own exclusive shaded area as well as pizzas, sodas, and snow cones, for your party attendees. Visit our website for more details and follow the link for a personal party coordinator to contact you to begin planning your celebration!

We are excited to introduce to you this season our new mascot **Quacks the Duck!** Quacks will make appearances at the Park every day. He will even lead us in a few dances on our East Bridge. We hope you will join in on the fun and dancing! Quacks is now part of our Water Park family, and we can't wait for you to meet him! He will be an integral part of the New Duck Race Fundraisers that the Water Park is now offering. If you know of any schools or organizations looking to raise money, suggest they contact us for more information on how they can partner with us on these exciting and profitable events!

Please remember, we do not allow any outside food or beverages into the Park. This includes water. Unfortunately, we have had negative experiences in the past where folks have tried to bring alcohol into the Park in their water bottles. The good news is that last year, after this policy was implemented, we had no more incidents where alcohol was spotted. You may, however, bring in an empty water bottle and fill it at our water fountain. All bags will be thoroughly checked at the door upon entry.

Visit our website for more information about all the fun and exciting happenings at the Water Park for 2013. Join our Facebook page and "like" us so you can stay informed on our special deals and up-to-the-minute activities! You can also refer to the Town Calendar on pages 6 and 7 for a list of all Special Events we have scheduled for this season. We look forward to seeing you this summer at your very own Chesapeake Beach Water Park! ■

Summer Programs

At the Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch!

There's always something fun and interesting going on for all ages at the Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch. Here's a review of what's planned for this summer. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions on what else you might be interested in learning more about. Call 410-257-2411 or stop by anytime to get updates on what's available at the library. Or visit our website at www.calvert.lib.md.us. Happy learning!

Children Programs

Evening Storytime: Summer Reading Kick-off!

Join us to celebrate the start of our summer reading program with an evening storytime in the library.

Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Storytimes

Conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday storytimes are on the road at various locations in the Chesapeake/North Beach area. Saturday storytimes are in the library's Children's area. No registration required.

June 26 Chesapeake Railway Museum
July 3 American Legion Hall
July 10 Wetlands Overlook Park, 11th and Dayton Street in North Beach
July 17 North Beach Boardwalk near the Welcome Center
July 24 Abigail Francisco's School of Classical Ballet in North Beach
July 31 Bayside History Museum
August 7 North Beach Fire Department

TWEEN Summer Bookfest

5th to 7th grade students are invited to a great evening of fun activities! Registration is required. Stop by any Calvert library to register; the first ten registrants receive a free copy of the book. Refreshments provided. Space is limited. Thursday evenings in the Children's Area from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

June 27 *Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi
July 18 *Wildwood* by Colin Meloy
August 8 *Jake and Lily* by Jerry Spinelli



Summer Reading Program

Theme for Children
Dig Into Reading!

Theme for Teens
Beneath the Surface



Register for summer reading and win prizes like tickets to the Bowie Baysox and Southern Maryland Blue Crabs and other great awards!

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

Book discussions begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Beaches Library.



July 8th
This month we will be discussing *Arthur & George* by Julian Barnes.

Can You Dig It?



An event series for Kindergarten through 5th graders held Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Program will focus on "digging" topics such as archaeology, digging for clues, gardening, pirate treasure and more and will include stories, crafts, games and a snack. No registration required.

Wednesdays, June 26 – August 7

Summer Fun Programs

Free performances in the gym at the Northeast Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

June 25 Mad Science
July 2 Nicolo Whimsy
July 9 New Moon Theater – The Old Man and the Bay
July 16 Luis Garay Percussion World
July 23 Calvert Youth Players – Indiana Jones
July 30 Reptile World
August 6 Magic by Mike Rose

WHAT AM **I READING?**

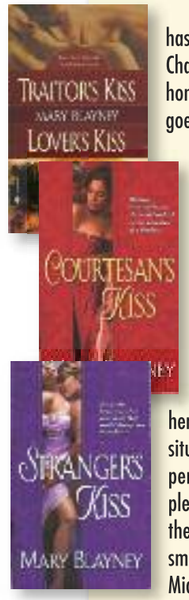
Traitor's Kiss, Lover's Kiss, Courtesan's Kiss, Stranger's Kiss, One More Kiss

Four Historical Romance Novels from Local Author Mary Blayney with the Fifth Book Due Out April 30, 2013

Book Review by Becky Wahl

My favorite reading of all times is historical novels. My daughter introduced me to a local author, Mary Blayney, who has been writing novels since 1986. Where have I been? I had never read any of Blayney's books. Blayney was born and raised right here in Southern Maryland. To have books signed by a local author is a real treasure to me.

I have read four of Blayney's books revolving around a powerful English family, the Pennistan's. Book 5 is available April 30, and mine is on order.



The first book, *Traitor's Kiss*, tells the story about Lord Gabriel Pennistan, who has been in a French prison cell. He doesn't know why he has been rescued by Charlotte Parnell, but he finds that he is very attracted to her. After she gets him home safely, she disappears. Not satisfied that he won't ever see her again, he goes to all lengths to find her.

Lover's Kiss is the story about Lord Gabriel's sister, Lady Olivia Pennistan. She was kidnapped by someone who has been threatening her family. She escapes from the kidnappers and is rescued by a very handsome soldier, Michael Garrett, who thought she was dead when he found her in the woods. Lady Olivia, who is a very headstrong female with three brothers, takes a long time to trust Michael. Neither one believes they could be attracted to each other, but that one kiss tells all. Michael returns her safely to her family, and the excitement begins.

Courtesan's Kiss is about Lord David Pennistan, who has been asked by his brother to escort Mia Castellano to his family's home in Derbyshire where her guardian awaits her. Mia, engaged to be married, is caught in a compromising situation, and her engagement gets called off. She wants to be an independent person and decides that becoming a courtesan is the best way to live as you pleased. As Lord David starts their journey, some of the help becomes sick, and they must stop at one of the family homes in the country. Thinking it could be smallpox, they are all quarantined. Thus, starts the adventure of Lord David and Mia.

Stranger's Kiss is all about Lord Lynford Pennistan, Duke of Meryon, who is the head of the Pennistan family. After the death of his wife, Lord Lyn realizes that he should have done more to show his love for her. Reluctantly, Lord Lyn attends a ball and meets Elena Verano, who is also mourning the death of her husband. With neither one wanting to be with anyone else, their paths seem to keep putting them together, and their love begins.

One More Kiss (on the shelves April 30) is the last of the Pennistan series and is about the last brother, Jess Pennistan, who is considered the black sheep of the family as he gambles his life away. Since this book is not out yet, who knows what twists and turns will tell the story of Jess?

I could not put any of these four books down, so I can't wait to receive the last Pennistan family book. Blayney has been invited to be a guest speaker at the Twin Beaches Library and has agreed to appear soon. Inquire at the library to learn when she will visit. I am very happy to learn of this wonderful local author! ■



The Bayfront Park clean-up crew were ready to work!

Bayfront Park Clean Up

Story by Pat "Irish" Mahoney
Town Council Vice-President
and Photos by Nancy Feuerle

Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney reports that the annual Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) Clean Up "had the largest turnout ever and was chock full of young volunteers. We had a gorgeous day," Mahoney said.

The Old Campgrounds crew (i.e. the Brabson girls) was joined by our new Southside neighbors from Chesapeake Village, Cub Scout Troop # 420, Rosemary Byrd (Beach Garden Club), Tori George (Northern High's National Honor Society member), Duncan Plate (earning Community Service credits) and many more. Allan Brown started early, stayed late, and Nancy Feuerle served as our photographer/reporter (she was having fun). Town Council members Valerie Beaudin and Jeff Krahling pitched in as well. Loads of trash made its way to the dumpster.

All in all, Vice-President Mahoney reports that our dedicated volunteers made this year's event another successful beach and boardwalk clean up!!!

Thanks to all and Happy Summer. ■





The *Miss Chesapeake Beach* operates from the Rod 'N' Reel dock in Chesapeake Beach.

Moonlight Cruises

A New Way to See Chesapeake Beach

Story by Connie O'Dell, Special Events Coordinator



Marlin will be ready to greet you as you board the *Miss Chesapeake Beach* for your moonlight cruise.

The Town of Chesapeake Beach invites you to spend a summer evening cruising aboard the "Miss Chesapeake Beach." Captain Luke Thatcher brought "Miss Chesapeake Beach" to the Bay in 2011. Formerly, she sailed out of Plymouth, Massachusetts taking guests bottom fishing and whale watching.

Miss Chesapeake Beach was built in 1995, is 63 feet in length and is certified by the US Coast Guard to carry 107 passengers. (The most we carry is 80.) Captain Luke grew up around here and began his career on the water by mating on other boats. Captain Luke is a young, (he is in his early 20s) laid-back captain. Most often, he comes aboard in shorts, a tee shirt and barefoot. He is always accompanied by his friend and companion, his dog Marlin. You read that right, his dog's name is Marlin. Captain Luke greets the passengers and introduces Marlin, while asking if there is anyone who does not like dogs. If a passenger indicates that they are not comfortable about dogs Luke tells Marlin to go upstairs. Marlin then climbs the ladder, yes it's a ladder, and lays on "Marlin's Roost" throughout the trip. As the boat leaves the slip and heads out towards the Chesapeake Bay, you realize that young Captain Luke knows how to drive this big boat better than most can drive their car. Just sit back and enjoy a two-hour leisurely cruise along the coastline of our beautiful community.

Tickets are on sale now by visiting the Town website at www.chesapeakebeach.md.us. Click on the Moonlight Cruise link and follow that link to purchase with your own credit card or PayPal account. Tickets are also available at Town Hall. Please pay with check or cash only when purchasing at Town Hall. The cost is $25 per person. No reservations will be accepted without accompanying payment. Children are welcome; there are no age limits, but these cruises are more suited for adults. Complimentary light snacks are provided during the cruise. Guests are welcome to bring their own adult beverages or other drinks. ■



Captain Luke enjoying a day on the Chesapeake Bay fishing for (and catching) rockfish!

MOONLIGHT CRUISE DATES

Friday, June 7 ..... 8 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 22..... 7 – 9 p.m.
Friday, July 12 ..... 8 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 27 ..... 7 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, August 17.. 7 – 9 p.m.
Friday, August 30 ..... 8 – 10 p.m.

TRASH & RECYCLE

Location	Weekday	May	June	July
North Trash	Mondays	20, 28*	3, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
North Trash	Thursdays	30	6, 13, 20, 27	5*, 11, 18, 25
South Trash	Tuesdays	29*	4, 11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
South Trash	Fridays	31	7, 14, 21, 28	5, 12, 19, 26
North Recycle	Every Other Thursday	23	6, 20	3*, 18
South Recycle	Every Other Friday	24	7, 21	3*, 19
Bagged Yard Waste	Every Other Wednesday	29	12, 26	10, 24

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 a.m. Thank you!

*Change in schedule due to Holiday.

Memorial Day thru Labor Day we will begin our "summer trash schedule" twice-a-week trash pick-up. The second pick-up will be your recycle day. Recycle still remains every other week. Also, on April 3rd, we began our yard debris pick-up. This is grass and leaves in trash bags, every other Wednesday. For sticks, twigs, and branches (cut in 3' lengths and tied up) South side – 1st Tuesday, North side – 2nd Tuesday, and for the West side the 3rd Tuesday.

Accepting Donations

The Town of Chesapeake accepts donations for Project Echo and End Hunger in Calvert County. Place donations in the appropriate receptacles located at the atrium entrance to Town Hall.

Project Echo has requested the following items: Blankets, coats, paper towels, bath tissue, paper plates, paper/plastic cups and diapers. They ask that you do not leave any clothes at this time. If you would like to learn more about "Project Echo," please visit their website at www.projectecho.net.



End Hunger in Calvert County gladly accepts non-perishable food items including canned goods, mixes, etc. To learn more about End Hunger visit www.endhungercalvert.org.

Please remember, no donation is too small, and all donations made to these worthy organizations stay right here in our community. ■

Please Leash and Pick Up After Your Pets

Thank you for continuing to clean up and properly dispose of any waste left by your pet. As you know, pet waste is not only a nuisance, but it is also a health concern. Please continue to be a good citizen and promote courtesy among neighbors by keeping our grounds as clean as possible. Also, please remember to keep your pets on a leash, and upon approaching other walkers, please shorten the leash so as not to allow your pets to have the opportunity to nip or bite someone. There was a recent complaint of a citizen being bitten in the vicinity of Veterans' Memorial Park. Remember, as per the Calvert County Animal Control Ordinance, it's the law! ■



Bay Restoration Fee Financial Hardship Exemption

Available for Eligible Town Residents

On May 26, 2004, Senate Bill 320 was signed into law, creating the Bay Restoration Fund ("BRF"). The purpose of the bill was to create a dedicated fund financed by wastewater treatment plant users to be used to upgrade Maryland's wastewater treatment plants with enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) technology. On July 1, 2012, House Bill 446 increased the mandated BRF fee from $2.50 per month to $5.00 per month, and required that BRF fee billing authorities develop a financial hardship fee waiver plan for low income households.

Residents of the Town of Chesapeake Beach may apply directly to the Town for an exemption from the fee due to substantial financial hardship. Exemptions are valid for a one year period. Applicants may reapply annually.

Mail completed application along with all supporting documents to:

Town of Chesapeake Beach
Attn: Town Treasurer
P.O. Box 400
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Eligibility:

Proof of residency must be provided by supplying (1) A copy of applicant's photo identification, and (2) a copy of tax bill, current utility bill, or executed lease.

To be eligible for the hardship exemption, you must meet at least two of the following conditions:

- Receive energy assistance subsidy. Confirmation on official letterhead is required.
- Receive public assistance - supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps. Confirmation on official letterhead is required.
- Receive veterans or social security disability benefits. Confirmation on official letterhead is required.
- Meet the income criteria established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Programs. A copy of the tax return you filed for the prior calendar year is required. ■

Income Eligibility Limits
Effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards	Maximum Gross Yearly Income Standards
1	$1,628.95	$19,547.50
2	$2,206.45	$26,477.50
3	$2,783.95	$33,407.50
4	$3,361.45	$40,337.50
5	$3,938.95	$47,267.50
6	$4,516.45	$54,197.50
For each additional person, add	$577.50	$6,930.00

Town of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland
Residential Application
Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I understand that, if approved, this exemption will apply to the property in which I am living, as identified on the application, and that it will be valid for 12 months from the date of approval. I further understand that this exemption expires in 12 months, and that it is my responsibility to submit an application and the required supporting documentation on an annual basis.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE PREPARED AND EXAMINED THIS APPLICATION, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, IT IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE.

_____ _____ _____
Print Name Signature Date

For official use only:

Exemption Approved Not Approved (circle one)

By: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

P.O. Box 400
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

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Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

TOWN **CONTACT NUMBERS**

In case of emergency, tune to Channel 6 or WTOP Radio 103.5.

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

Town Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

www.chesapeake-beach.md.us
info@chesapeake-beach.md.us

GUESS **WHO**

Do You Know Tom Rymer?



Look at this photo of Town Hall. Can you pick out Tom Rymer? Email Kathy Johnson of Town Hall at kjohnson@chesapeake-beach.md.us with the correct answer by June 10. We will put the names of all those who submitted the correct answers in a hat and choose one. You could win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise this summer!

In the winter issue, we asked you to identify the proud pappa holding his daughter. The man was correctly identified by Cindy Gott Garner. Cindy wins two free tickets for any Moonlight Cruise of her choosing. Who was this happy dad? **Earl Paddy with daughter Barbara Paddy.** ■

Can you identify Tom Rymer in the photo above? Email Kathy Johnson of Town Hall at kjohnson@chesapeake-beach.md.us with the correct name. You could win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise!