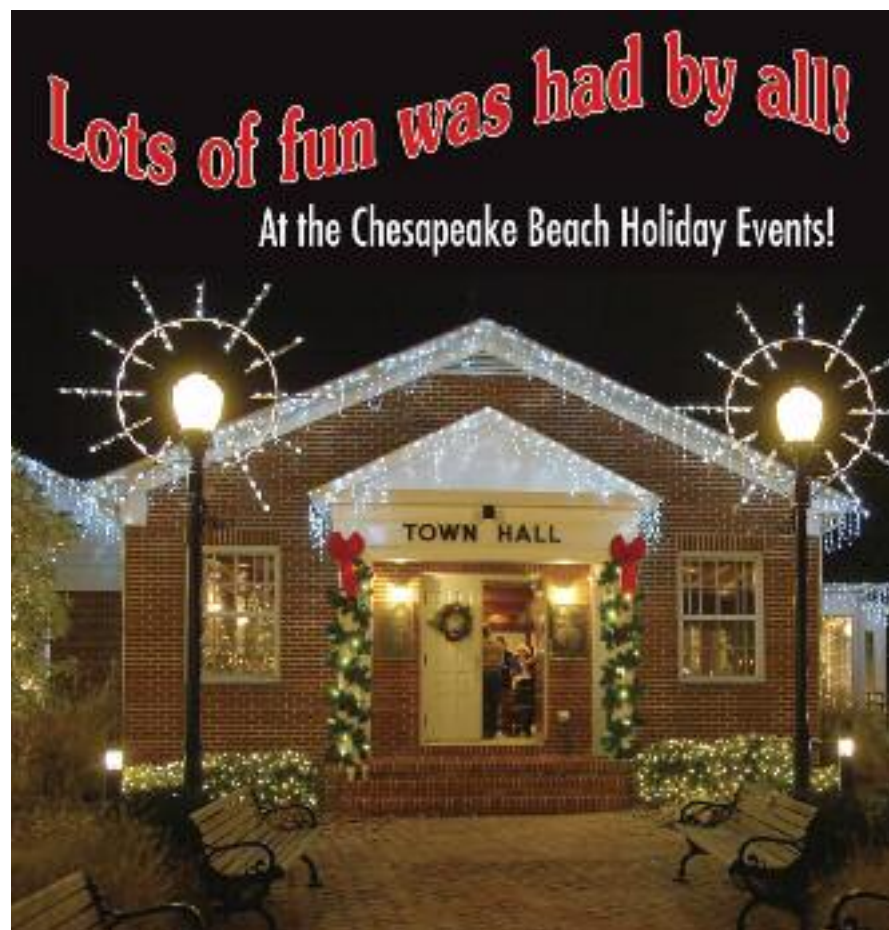


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Town Hall, right before guests arrived to enjoy an evening full of fun, laughter, music and treats!

Story by Connie S. O'Dell, Special Events Coordinator
and Photography by Nancy Feuerle

It was more than a packed house on Sunday, November 25th when friends and families came together at the Town Hall to celebrate the Holiday Season.

Guests were spilling out the front doors! Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted the children and handed out treats in a tent decorated with twinkling lights galore. Everyone enjoyed hot cider, cookies and seasonal music. Many thanks go out to

Beach Elementary School, Brownie Troop 4343 and Twin Beach Players Youth Troupe. We would also like to thank Bob Snider for "The Vibes" and to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out during this busy season to

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BRUCE WAHL

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join our party. Mayor Wahl, his wife Becky and Mrs. Claus joined everyone on the porch and Mrs. Claus waved her magical wand to turn on the lights all over the Town. Everyone was excited to see the "Crab Pot Tree" constructed in the parking lot. It was certainly a hit around town! The idea was conceived by Mayor Wahl after seeing that a community in Maine constructed one with lobster pots. A big "thank you" goes to Mr. Bobby Abner for providing the crab pots.

I hope everyone enjoyed driving throughout the community to see all of the lighting displays. Jay Berry took a broken fish ornament and turned it into a new display of fish jumping out of the water. That display was up on Route 260 directly behind the "CB." I hope you also took a ride up into Richfield Station to look at the water tower. Did you see the beautiful star? We would like to thank Richard Mazella and Crane Service Company for their help in securing the star on top of the water tower. ■



HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade

Story by Connie S. O'Dell, Special Events Coordinator
and Photography by Nancy Feuerle

Councilman Bob Carpenter knows how to organize a parade. Over 100 entries participated in the Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade. The parade route started on First Street in North Beach and traveled on Bay Avenue concluding at Seventh Street. Several Chesapeake Beach Town Council Members as well as Mayor Wahl participated. The Chesapeake Beach Water Park and the Stars and Stripes Festival Committee each had floats in the parade. I would like to thank all who volunteered their time to help build the floats and also Les King of Homes and Gardens by Les for providing trailers and hitches. ■



Brightest Beacon on the Bay Contest

The "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest was again a wonderful success. The Town of Chesapeake Beach is so proud of all the beautiful holiday displays that made our Town so warm and welcoming. Thank you to all who participated in making the season so bright!

Below are the winners of the 2012 "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest.



The first place winner in the House category was given to the Leon household of Richfield Station.

BUSINESS

1st Place: Trader's Seafood, Steak and Ale

2nd Place: Chesapeake Pharmacy

TOWNHOUSE

1st Place: 2304 Cardinal Way –
Sondberg – Richfield Station

2nd Place: 7975 Delores Court –
Zlotorzynski – Bayview Hills

3rd Place: 7844 C Street – Cronk –
Chesapeake Station

HOUSE

1st Place: 8326 Harrison Blvd. – Leon – Richfield Station

2nd Place: 3559 Cox Road – Perfitt

3rd Place: 7488 Cavalcade Drive – Szeszulski – Chesapeake Village

BOAT

"Harbor Spirit Award": Mr. Joe Herbert – Rod 'N' Reel Marina

BRIGHTEST BEACON ON THE BAY

"Cannoncade Court": Chesapeake Village – The spirit of the community speaks for itself. We are proud to honor each home in Cannoncade Court. ■



The Sondbergs of Richfield Station won first place in the Townhouse division. They are already making plans for next year's display!



2013 Moonlight Cruises

The Town of Chesapeake Beach will be hosting six evening cruises in 2013. Tickets will go on sale March 1, 2013 at Chesapeake Beach Town Hall and on the Town website, www.chesapeake-beach.md.us. The cost is \$25 per person and payment is due when making reservations. Light refreshments will be provided.

Is astronomy your passion or your occupation? If so, would you consider joining us on one of the cruises to share your knowledge of the night sky with the passengers? If astronomy isn't your thing, how about local maritime history? Are you a crabber or a charter boat fisherman who would like to share your knowledge of our local waters? We would like to host at least two "theme based" cruises in 2013. Please contact Connie O'Dell at 301-938-4061 or by email at special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us if you would be willing to help turn this idea into reality. Please note: We are not attempting to conduct seminars on these cruises, just have some fun and informative conversations about the surroundings!

Cruise dates and times for 2013 are:

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

Please check the Town website for the "theme cruise" details as they develop. ■

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a low-interest loan from the Maryland Department of the Environment. This low-interest loan was also at risk had the Town Council not approved this contract award at the January meeting. Thankfully, that risk was averted by approval of the contract award.

Although this is a huge amount of money, we were fortunate that nine firms bid on the project, with Bearing Construction being the lowest bidder. You can rest assured that the Town is spending your money as prudently as is possible.

What is ENR? Simply stated, the purpose of this project is to reduce pollution in the treated effluent that is discharged into the Chesapeake Bay. Particularly, there is a Federal EPA requirement to meet a "Total Maximum Daily Load" (TMDL) standard of the amount of Nitrogen and Phosphorous that can be discharged. These nutrients cause algae blooms that absorb oxygen in the Bay and block sunlight from reaching submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), hence stunting the growth of these beneficial plants.

In addition to the nutrient reduction, this project replaces much aging and failing equipment; some items have been in service for over thirty years. At the time we are doing this, the plant is being expanded from 1.32 million gallons per day (MGD) to 1.5 MGD, the capacity that is specified on our permit. This expansion was unanimously approved by an action of the Town Council in 2005 by an irrevocable resolution. Four of the 2005 Council members are still serving as elected officials in the Town: myself, Council Vice-President Patrick Mahoney, Councilman Stewart Cumbo and Councilwoman Valerie Beaudin.

The ENR project has been in the planning stages for over five years and is critically important to the future of our Town and to the health of the Chesapeake Bay. I am pleased to be able to report to you that it is finally about to happen!

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The Town staff and I have been engaged in detailed discussions with the Maryland State Highway Administration regarding the long-awaited replacement of the Fishing Creek Bridge. I am pleased to report to you that this project is now funded—construction is scheduled to start late this year with a completion date anticipated at the end of the year 2015.

The new bridge will be all concrete construction (the current 80 year-old bridge sits on wooden timbers), will provide an additional four feet of vertical clearance for boat traffic, will expand from 75 to 125 feet of horizontal clearance, will provide three traffic

lanes—with the center lane designed as a stacking lane for left turns into the shopping center and the Rod 'N' Reel, and will have a 5 1/2 ft. sidewalk on each side. As you can see from this description, this is a major enhancement to the current bridge. Since the last bridge has been in place for nearly 80 years, it seems prudent to plan way far out into the future for the replacement. I will keep you informed as the project progresses.

DREDGING

You should have noticed that Fishing Creek is being dredged! I am grateful that our Town Engineer, Paul Woodburn, was able to convince the Army Corps of Engineers to do this \$1.6 Million project to make the channel navigable again. It had silted over very severely and in recent years, at low tides had become impassable. With the Federal budget constraints that have become commonplace since the recession started, the Corps has ceased dredging Federal Channels. We got in "just under the wire." It is safe to assume that there will be no future funding from the Corps for these projects. We continue to work with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to find State funding for dredging, which seems to be needed every 5 to 8 years.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

One of the initiatives begun during the previous term was to develop a Campaign Finance Disclosure Ordinance. I am pleased to report to you that such an ordinance will be introduced at the February Town Council Meeting, with consideration at the March meeting. I appreciate the efforts of the committee that work to create these recommendations, chaired by Councilman Bob Carpenter.

BUDGET PREPARATION

We are in the midst of the annual Town budget preparation cycle. We continue to see declining revenue due to decreased real estate assessments and a drop in amusement tax revenue. To date, in my twenty four years of service to the Town, we have never once raised the property tax rate. In fact, during that period, the rate has been lowered ten times. Within the Town government, we all work very hard to be as efficient as possible with your money and will continue to do so as long as I am your Mayor. I just hope that we've seen the end of the declining real estate market.

Please make an effort to attend the budget work sessions and the April and May Town Council Meetings where the proposed budgets will be considered for adoption.

BID FOR MML PRESIDENT-ELECT

If you've attended Town Council Meetings or "Mayor's Night Out" meetings, you've likely heard one or more elected officials speak of the Maryland Municipal League. This organization is the state equivalent of the National League of Cities and is an important resource for the 157 Municipal Governments across Maryland.

Councilman Stewart Cumbo served as President of MML in 2007 - 2008 and brought great honor and distinction to Chesapeake Beach. North Beach Mayor Mark Frazer served as President in 2005.

Over the past decade, I have served (and chaired) many committees and served as a member of the Board of Directors. After much consideration, I have decided to run for President-Elect at the June Convention. If I am successful, I would become President of the League in June 2014.

Chesapeake Beach is a unique and special small town, and it would indeed be an honor for me as your Mayor to serve as the League's president. I appreciate your support as I seek this role. Wish me luck in the June election!

Until next time, my best wishes to you and your family.

Bruce Wahl

Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach



BILL BUCKLEY

Get Your Town Calendar!

The 2013 Chesapeake Beach Town Calendars are in! If you did not receive one in the mail, visit us at Town Hall and pick up a copy for yourself. There are wonderful photographs taken from around Town. And this year, we welcome submissions from new photographers Carolyn Ward, John Muller, Samantha Key, Jana Barberio and Bill Buckley. As always, the Town calendar is sure to please! ■



CHESAPEAKE BEACH RAILWAY MUSEUM

MARK YOUR **CALENDAR!**

Annual Heritage Tour

In 1975, Mr. Bernie Loveless, one of the driving forces behind the founding of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, started a great tradition — every April, Bernie would lead an intrepid group of explorers to walk down sections of the historic right-of-way of the now-defunct Chesapeake Beach Railway bed. Today, walking is no longer possible for many parts of the right-of-way, as development continues to erase its path. However, there are still visible “cuts” and ridges in the earth where the railway was laid over 100 years ago that one can drive to and view in order to imagine the past. This year’s Annual Heritage Tour will be by bus and is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13**. Please contact the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum for more information at 410-257-3892. ■

“Teddy,” one of the many trains that stopped in Chesapeake Beach during the early 1900s.

Farewell Ceremony FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH RAILWAY

Story by Michael Sweeney, Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

This ceremony commemorates the departure of the last train from Chesapeake Beach, which departed on April 15, 1935 at 11:50 a.m., ending 35 years of service to the Town. It also memorializes two Chesapeake Beach Railway crewmen, Engineer Frederick Maier and Fireman Charles Zier who died in the line of duty in an accident in Chesapeake Beach on July 2, 1900.

The celebration will take place on **Sunday, April 14** during the Museum hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Please come out and help us remember this event in our Town’s history. ■

Please note the date change from the Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar. The ceremony had to be changed from April 7 (as noted on the calendar) to April 14. We are sorry for any confusion.



CHESAPEAKE BEACH RAILWAY MUSEUM



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Come learn about how the railway brought vacationers to Chesapeake Beach as a resort destination.

National Train Day

Story by Kris Scott, Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

Come join the celebration! The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum will be hosting their annual National Train Day event on **Saturday, May 11** from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Trains have a special place in the history of Chesapeake Beach. The Museum invites everyone to join in discovering how trains helped create the Town of Chesapeake Beach and the surrounding areas. Learn about the first train arriving in Chesapeake Beach to the last train leaving and every-

thing in between. This fun event includes games and crafts, such as making train-themed Mother Day’s cards.

National Train Day marks the anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869. On that day, the golden spike was driven into the final tie that linked the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railways. National Train Day celebrates railroads and how they changed lives and the history of America. ■

MARK YOUR **CALENDAR!**

Don’t Miss Our Workshop!

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum’s Annual Workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 9** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The workshop invites new members and potential volunteers to attend our fun-filled informational session to discuss the role of the volunteer and how important they are in keeping the Museum operational and the history alive. As our visitation numbers increase, it is becoming more important that we have an informed volunteer force to accommodate our expanding role in the community. The Museum relies on you, whether volunteering as a docent or as part of our special events. Without our volunteers, many of our programs and operations would not be what they are today. Museum staff and current volunteers look forward to meeting you at the Annual Workshop. ■

MAKE NEW **MEMORIES**

Spring Family Fun Day

Story and Photography by Corrine E. Moore, Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum’s Annual Spring Family Fun Day will be held on **Sunday, May 19** from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. This free event offers excitement and fun to all who attend. Once again, we will be offering clever crafts and games, a moonbounce, live entertainment, face painting and goodies.

The event started several years ago on a smaller scale with the idea of introducing the public to the Museum. In the past few years, our two annual Family Fun Day events, (Spring Family Fun Day and Fall Family Fun Day) have seen an increase in attendance at well over 400 participants and visitors for each event. It gives us great pleasure in planning and providing these events for the community so that families may enjoy the day in a fun atmosphere with lots to do while visiting the Museum. ■



WANTED: **VOLUNTEERS**



MAR. 16
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
RAIN DATE:
MAR. 17

Fishing Creek Clean Up

Story by Connie O'Dell
and Photos by Jay Malonson

The annual Spring Clean Up of Fishing Creek and the Railway Trail is scheduled for March 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Join us as we spruce up the Fishing Creek and Kellam's Field areas. This is a great opportunity for families, neighbors and friends to have fun while doing something for our community. Trash bags, gloves, water and refreshments will be provided by The Town of Chesapeake Beach. Rain date is March 17 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. ■

Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Day	Event/Location	Time
18	Town Hall Closed, President's Day	
19	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
21	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
26	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.

MARCH

Day	Event/Location	Time
4	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
5	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
9	Railway Museum Volunteer Training Workshop, CBRM	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
11	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
12	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
13	Planning and Zoning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
16	Fishing Creek Clean Up, Meet at Railway Trail Head	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
16	Railway Museum Opens Weekends Only, CBRM	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
17	Fishing Creek Clean Up, Rain Date	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
19	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
19	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
21	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
23	Chesapeake Beach Easter Festival, Kellam's Field	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
24	Railway Museum Bayside Chat, Bayside History Museum	2:00 p.m.
26	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
29	Town Hall Closed, Good Friday	
30	Chesapeake Beach Easter Festival Rain Date, Kellam's Field	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

DON'T MISS THIS!

Meet the Easter Bunny!



The annual Chesapeake Beach Easter Festival will be held **Saturday, March 23** at 12:00 p.m. at Kellam's Field. The Easter Bunny will be on hand as well as other special guests. There will be a giant slide, train rides and 5 in 1 moon bounce combo which is great for the small kids. There will also be treats and small gifts provided by our local business community, civic organizations and the Town of Chesapeake Beach. Don't forget to bring your camera for some great photo ops! Come out and join us for this fun and FREE event. The rain date is March 30 at 12:00 p.m. at Kellam's Field. Businesses interested in participating should contact Connie O'Dell at 301-938-4061 or special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us. ■

APRIL

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
1	Railway Museum Opens Weekdays, CBRM	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
9	Cable TV Advisory Committee Meeting, Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
9	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
10	Planning & Zoning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
13	Railway Museum Annual Spring Heritage Tour, CBRM	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
14	Railway Museum Salute to 1935 Final Train Run, CBRM	1:00 p.m.
15	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
16	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
16	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
18	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
20	Bayfront Park Clean-up, Bayfront Park, No Rain Date	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
23	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
30	Stars and Stripes Committee, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.

TRASH & RECYCLE

Location	Weekday	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
North Trash	Mondays	18, 25	4, 11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
South Trash	Tuesdays	19, 26	5, 12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
North Recycle	Every Other Thursday	14, 28	14, 28	11, 25
South Recycle	Every Other Friday	15	15, 29	12, 26
Bagged Yard Waste	Every Other Wednesday	N/A	N/A	N/A

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! Please check the Town website for any changes.

ATTENTION **ARTISTS!**

Calling All Artists!

Story by Connie O'Dell and Photos by John Bacon



We are actively seeking locals artists to showcase their work in the atrium of the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall. Are you an avid photographer, painter, sculptor, quilter, carver, etc.? All mediums are welcome. Folks who are interested are asked to contact Connie O'Dell, Special Events Coordinator, at 301-938-4061, by email at special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us or talk to Kathy Johnson in the Town Hall to discuss details and available time slots. Artists are responsible for setting up and removal of their displays. There are several easels available for your use. You may offer your pieces for sale while on display, but sales cannot be handled by Town Staff. Artists are required to include their own contact information for the public within their exhibit. Please note: All exhibits must be approved prior to display. We look forward to showcasing all of the talent within our community. ■

WANTED: **VOLUNTEERS**

Bayfront Park Clean Up

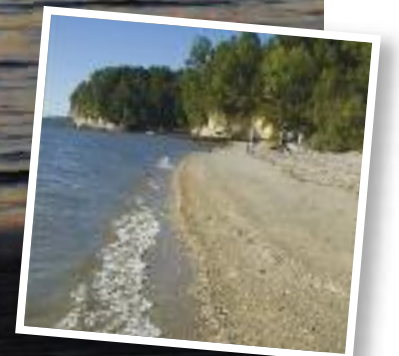
Story by Pat "Irish" Mahoney
Town Council Vice-President
and Photos by Jacqueline Malonson

Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney reports that the annual Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013. The regular volunteers will begin arriving at 10 a.m. Participation time does stagger as we locals enjoy our weekends on "beach time." Some folks will arrive in the late morning just as the early birds are completing their tour of duty.

The Town supplies water, gloves, bags and good humor. We do not have a rain date as past experience has taught us that you all show up rain or shine. This year, the Maryland DNR was kind enough to schedule the start of Spring Trophy Rockfish Season on April 20 so we get to see lots of boats as we clean up.

See ya there!!! ■

APR. 20
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
NO
RAIN DATE



Winter/Spring 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 winter and early spring. 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

Storytime

Meets in the Children's Area of the library Wednesdays and Saturdays.

WEDNESDAYS

9:15 – 9:35 a.m. 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 – 10:45 a.m. 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 – 11:30 a.m. 2-3 Year-Old Storytime
Uniquely designed with 2 and 3 year-olds in mind. Children practice their listening skills, participate in group activities, and create a craft weekly.

1 – 1:45 p.m. 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 – 10:45 a.m. 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.

2ND THURSDAYS

6:30 p.m. Evening Storytime
Evening storytime will meet the **2nd Thursday** of each month. This will be a 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 at each session.

THEMES

March 14 Zoo **April 11** Pond Life

Kids Just Want to Have Fun

3RD THURSDAYS

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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the **3rd Thursday** of every month from September through May (except December). Designed for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is required.



THEMES

February 21

Richard Wright

March 21

Pop Art

April 18

Earth Day

Adult Programs

Book Discussions

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

March 11

When the Emperor Was Divine or The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka (either or both)

April 8

Arthur & George by Julian Barnes

May 13

Greater Journey: Americans in Paris by David McCullough



Yes, You Can Use a Computer!

YES! YOU CAN SEARCH FOR A JOB ONLINE

February 20

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Participants will learn about some useful web sites and tips to use for job searching. The training will last one hour and will take place in a small group. Registration required.

YES! YOU CAN USE GOOGLE

March 20

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Tips and tricks for using Google to search the internet will be presented. The training will last one hour and will take place in a small group. Registration required.

YES! YOU CAN USE FACEBOOK

April 17

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn the steps to setting up a Facebook account so you can locate and keep in touch with friends and family. The training will last one hour and will take place in a small group. Registration required.



YES! YOU CAN USE A MOUSE AND KEYBOARD

May 15

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Beginners who have never used a computer before can learn the basics of using a mouse and the keyboard. The training will last one hour and will take place in a small group. Registration required.

Calvert Conversations

Calvert Conversations meets on the **2nd Thursday** of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Living Room at the library.

February 14

The Sinking of the Levin J. Marvel in 1955, off the shores of North and Chesapeake Beach.



March 14

April 11

May 9

Talk about the past, present and future over a cup of coffee or tea. Always something to talk about!

WHAT AM I READING?

"Poplar Island, My Memories as a Boy"

By Peter K. Bailey

Book Review by Mayor Bruce Wahl

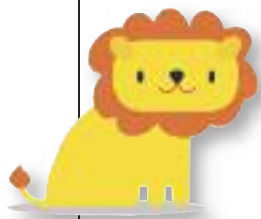
As many of you know by now, I truly enjoy reading books about the region in which we are privileged to live. I have collected quite a library over the past forty years, and the title I am reviewing this time is one of my favorites. It is "Poplar Island, My Memories as a Boy" by Peter K. Bailey, published in 1996. The Poplar Island Group consists of three islands, Poplar, Coaches and Jefferson Islands, and lies in the Chesapeake Bay to the east of Chesapeake Beach near the Eastern Shore.

In 1948, Peter Bailey's father, George Kennedy Bailey, purchased Poplar Island in order to rebuild the hunting and fishing lodge that had originally been created in 1931 as the "Jefferson Islands Club." This club had been an exclusive resort for prominent Democrats and was very popular with many politicians, including President Franklin Roosevelt. Unfortunately, the clubhouse was destroyed by an electrical fire in 1946. The club was unable to rebuild it due to insurance limitations and ultimately moved to another location. This cleared the way for the elder Bailey to fulfill his dream of creating the lodge which he had desired for years. At the time that the Bailey family moved to the island, the author was seven years old.

It's hard to imagine what life must have been like living on an island in the Bay two miles offshore, but the author does a good job of painting this mental picture, and the book includes many photographs depicting the years that he lived there. As you might expect, there are numerous stories about hunting, fishing, crabbing and all of the things we associate with life in the "Land of Pleasant Living." This all came to an unfortunate end when the elder Bailey prematurely passed away in 1951. Thankfully, there were some photographs and the author's memories. This work is his effort to commit to writing his recollections of living on Poplar Island. It's a story worth telling and certainly worth reading!

In the postlude to the book, which was written in 1996, the author describes a plan by the State of Maryland to build dikes to hold dredge spoils. Since the book was written, this has indeed come to pass. Where the islands were once threatened by erosion to disappear forever, just as Sharp's Island has done, this is no longer the case. Using Google maps (<http://maps.google.com>), you can see the extent of the land reclamation, and you can also see the lodge and dock still prominently standing on the easternmost island, Jefferson Island, safely protected from erosion by this huge project.

I hope that you will enjoy this book as much as I have. It is available from Amazon.com and other booksellers. ISBN 0-9655453-0-X. ■



Meet Our Newly Elected Officials!



The 2012 Town Council and Mayor: from left to right (standing) Jeff Krahling, Valerie Beaudin, Bob Carpenter, Eric Reinhardt and (seated) Stewart Cumbo, Mayor Bruce Wahl and Pat "Irish" Mahoney.

On Tuesday, November 6th, the residents of Chesapeake Beach went to the polls to elect those candidates who they felt would best represent them and their needs. Six Town Council members and the reelected Mayor were sworn in to service on December 21, 2012 at Town Hall. Below are a few words to all of you from our elected officials. Their contact information can also be found on the Town website at <http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/>.

Mayor Bruce Wahl – I have served Chesapeake Beach for 24 years, the last four as Mayor, and I am honored to serve for the next four years. My main focus continues to be the fiscal well-being of the town, maintaining and improving essential services such as water, sewer, streets, trash pickup, snow removal, etc. We must always be mindful of our sensitive environment and the necessity to protect it for generations to come. It is important that all citizens rightfully have a great deal of pride for the Town, and I pledge my very best efforts to achieve this on your behalf.

Valerie Beaudin – As I start my third term, I can truly say I am blessed to be involved in our special Town. What a wonderful place to raise our 9-year-old daughter in. Whether eating crabs from

Tyler's, looking for sharks teeth or biking the railway trail, our Town has it all. Being involved with the PTA at Beach Elementary, the Waterpark Advisory Committee, Beach Bucs Cheerleading, Brownies or through Council, a lot of you know me and that I will continue to focus on our town security and maintaining our small town charm. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, it is my honor to serve you.

Bob Carpenter – I am honored to begin my second term serving on the Town Council.

Originally from California, my late wife Pat and I moved to Chesapeake Beach in 2002. I immediately became involved in the community serving on the Town's Board of Appeals, the Windward

Key HOA Board, the Arts Council of Calvert County and the Calvert Marine Museum Board. Pat and I were founding Members of the Beach Trolley Association, and I have enjoyed serving as President for the past three years.

I look forward to another term. I pledge to continue to work to reduce property taxes, keep utility rates low, revise the Election Code and protect your tax dollars.

Stewart B. Cumbo – For the past twelve years, it has been my privilege to serve on the Chesapeake Beach Town Council. Working consistently and diligently to improve, to sustain and to maintain a wholesome community has been my pleasure. Thank you for your support as we begin this fourth term of keeping my promise of service. I will continue putting forth my best effort to bring innovations, improvements and services where needed. I will also carry on striving to ensure that confidence is maintained through cooperative government and fis-

cal responsibility while keeping a small town atmosphere and maintaining our "Banner City/Town" status. Thank you again for your favor. Here's to good years ahead for us. (Please visit my website at www.stewartcumbo.com.)

Jeff Krahling – Hello and Happy St. Patrick's Day. I thank you for the privilege to serve as your Town Councilperson. Many of you many know me, I work in town as your local Realtor. I can be found most any day in Roland's, Traders, Sneade's and Tyler's Seafood. I regularly attend service at Grace Brethren Church and Chesapeake Church. I have the good fortune to host missionaries from both churches.

Please stop me and say, "Hi" if you see me– I want to meet everyone in town. Your concerns are my concerns. Do go to my website at www.Building-a-Better-Tomorrow.com and share your thoughts and questions. Send me a personal message if you choose not to post.

Pat "Irish" Mahoney – Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter, I am honored to serve you again on Town Council and also excited that the Town Council values my leadership skills and reelected me to serve as the their Vice-President.

Most of you know me either as a Calvert County soccer coach, St. Anthony's parishioner, regular patron of Roland's, the library, Tyler's, Traders, Abner's or maybe from my wife Judy who works at Thursday's restaurant. I am very approachable, so please always stop me and tell me what is on your mind!

Your family's safety and quality of life is important to me!!

Eric Reinhardt – Welcome to a new year, and a new council. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of Chesapeake Beach as a newly elected member on the Town Council. As many of you have already found, I am approachable and responsive.

Family is important to me. Many of you may know my wife, a teacher for Calvert County Public Schools. We spent the day, recently playing in the snow. We hope to see more snow, and drink more hot chocolate before winter is gone.

Feel free to stop me around town to say, "Hi!" ■

IN MEMORY OF...

Remembering Jim Luckett



Harry James "Jim" Luckett, 68, of Chesapeake Beach passed away November 28, 2012 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

He was born February 6, 1944 in Riverdale, MD to Earl Thomas and Doris Elizabeth (McKimmie) Luckett. In the late 1960s, Jim started Colonial Masonry in Prince George's County. He moved his family to Calvert County in 1972 and began building custom homes in Calvert and the surrounding counties. Jim continued growing his reputation as a homebuilder through H. J. Luckett Contractors, Inc., Omni Custom Homes, Luckett Construction and Crown Investments.

In 2000, he ventured into the restaurant business with his son, Gary, when they opened Traders Seafood Steak & Ale in Chesapeake Beach. Then in 2004, he opened Eagle Amusements, an electronic bingo hall at Traders. He continued to work in both businesses until he passed away.

In his early years, Jim enjoyed boating, motocross racing and car racing with his sons and family. In his most recent years, he enjoyed his hobby of classic and antique cars, taking them to shows and just joyriding.

He was an avid supporter of many local charities and youth groups throughout the years. He enjoyed spend-

ing the winter months at his home in Florida with his wife Florence and dog Freddie.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Donald Luckett.

He is survived by his wife Florence Eileen Luckett; sons Gary Paul Luckett and wife Stacey of Huntingtown, James Michael "Jimmy" Luckett and wife Michelle of Owings and the late Randy James Luckett and their mother Janice M. Luckett of Prince Frederick. Also surviving are step children Edward J. Lewis of Bowie, Christine E. Kriner of Crofton and David A. Lewis of Chesapeake Beach; 16 grandchildren; a brother Earl Thomas "Tommy" Luckett of Pinellas Park, FL and his step mother Christine Luckett of Clearwater, FL.

A Celebration of Jim's Life was held Saturday, January 5, 2013 at the Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206 in Chesapeake Beach where family and friends were welcomed.

Memorial contributions may be made to: American Diabetes Assoc. P.O., Box 11454, Arlington, VA 22312.

Rausch Funeral Home in Owings handled the arrangements. ■



R.I.P. Jim Luckett



The Water Park Prepares for the 2013 Season!

Story by Marilyn VanWagner, General Manager, Chesapeake Beach Water Park



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Early Bird Special & Season Passes –

The Water Park continues to offer Town Residents an Early Bird Special on 2013 Season Passes! Go to our website at <http://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com> and purchase yours today. Chesapeake Beach Town Residents can enjoy a Season Pass for just \$49. This Season Pass entitles you to General Admission, Night Slides and all other Special Day features that will be offered at the Park for the entire 2013 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! Orientation is early this year. We are trying to fill all the positions by the end of February. 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 web site for the 2013 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 recent years. 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 multiple children in the same family.

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 message out about how important swim lessons are. This year's date for the "World's Largest Swim Lesson" (WLSL) is Tuesday, June 18, at 10:00 a.m. Join the 2013 WLSL Team and be a part of this amazing, life-saving, Guinness World Record™ setting event. More than 23,000 children and adults, on five different continents, helped spread the message that "Swimming Lessons Save Lives" in 2012.

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.

Adult Swim – You asked, and we have listened! Due to many requests from Town Residents, we launched Adult Swim at the Water Park in 2012. It was a big hit, and we promise to continue offering Adult Swim in the 2013 Season. The details for the days and times offered will be available soon. We hope to see more of you coming out to see us this season.

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 that will be offered during the 2013 Season. ■

SAVE THE DATE!

2013 Stars & Stripes Festival

Story by Stephanie Zanelotti, Chair
2013 Stars and Stripes Festival

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Many thanks to the 2012 Stars & Stripes Festival committee for such a successful and memorable event last summer. New volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to join in this very fun and rewarding endeavor.

I am delighted and honored to serve as the Chair for the second annual Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival (CBSSF). After working very closely with last year's Chair, Connie O'Dell, now Special Events Coordinator for the Town, I absolutely learned a lot.... but most of all, I know that I have big shoes to fill. My heart and soul went into the planning of the 2012 CBSSF, and 2013 will be no different.

As we all unwind from the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season, let us reflect on those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we may continue to experience the freedom and independence we have today. Our goal is to ensure our Fallen Heroes will never be forgotten!

Please mark your calendars to reserve time in your busy Memorial Day weekend schedule, May 25-27, 2013, to also reflect on and pay tribute to our Fallen Heroes.

This year's events will include an Opening Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park with guest speakers and patriotic music followed by an old-fashioned Family Day Picnic at Kellam's Field with local entertainment, children's activities, decorating and art contest and other activities yet to be determined. We

are also working on another USO-type show, military bands, more educational activities for both young and old and the traditional Memorial Day Closing Ceremony on Monday.

If you are interested in working on this year's Planning Committee for the 2013 Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival, whether it be helping us with events planning, marketing, adver-

tising, sponsorships or volunteering at any of the events throughout that weekend, please email special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us or sasz_cbssf@comcast.net. You can also call me at 301-752-0445.

We welcome all volunteers and look forward to seeing you at our next Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. ■

THIS JUST IN!



Open House for Calvert County Young Marines

Story by Jerry (Jake) Kepich
Executive Officer
Calvert County Young Marines

The Calvert County Young Marines are holding an Open House for any potential recruits and their parents at the American Legion in Chesapeake Beach on Saturday, February 23, from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. All who are interested in joining the program are encouraged to attend this open house. The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the focal point for the U.S. Marine Corps' Youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts. The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. For more information please visit www.youngmarines.com or send an e-mail to calvertcountyyym@gmail.com or call Unit Commander Rob Willis at 240-577-1489. ■

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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
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GUESS WHO

Do You Know this Person?



"Guess Who" this gentleman is proudly holding his daughter for all to see. If you can be the first person to call Town Hall with the correct information, you will win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise this summer!

In the fall issue, we asked you to identify the driver of the car who was sitting amongst a bunch of kids. The woman was correctly identified by Helen Green of Woodshire Avenue. Helen wins two free tickets for any Moonlight Cruise of her choosing. Who was this happy lady? **Mary Gibson!** ■

CALLING FOR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS!

Do you have any old photos of people or places in the Town of Chesapeake Beach? We'd love to use them in our "Guess Who" section. Please drop them off at Town Hall with Jim Parent. Include your name and phone number on the back and identify the subjects in the photo. Jim will scan them for future use and have them ready for you to pick back up.

Do you know this proud pappa is in the photo above? Be the first one to call Town Hall at 410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398 with the correct name and win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise!