



# CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

Fall 2014

## FROM THE MAYOR

### GREETINGS!

**Just a few short weeks ago**, we celebrated Halloween Family Fun Night at the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. The new, not scary, family-friendly atmosphere was a huge hit with all who attended. Guests enjoyed music and lightshows as well as a flash mob scene, games and treats for everyone. "Thank You" to everyone who participated and especially to The Twin Beach Players and their members for joining with Town employees to organize, staff and perform at the event.

### BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

I am sure you have noticed in the last week or two, we are often confronted with a bit of a traffic back up on Route 261. The preliminary work for the new Fishing Creek Bridge has begun. Right now, you can expect occasional delays. These delays will probably become more frequent and ongoing beginning next spring. The following is a link to the bridge construction: <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/Project-Information.aspx?projectno=CA480514>. Paul Woodburn, Town Engineer, will offer more construction details at the next Mayor's Night Out on December 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Chambers.

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Elementary students of Calvert County study the growth of our oysters during the CHESPAX-sponsored oyster field trip.

## Moving and Grooving

### THE CBOCS PROGRAMS AT FISHING CREEK AND BROWNIES BEACH

Story by John Bacon and Photography by  
Nancy Feuerle, Jay Berry, Connie O'Dell and John Bacon

*Lots has been going on with the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS). New flora signs have been placed along Fishing Creek and Brownies Beach. Our oyster larvae are flourishing. The CHESPAX program to study oysters has expanded. So much of this success is due to the continued support of all our CBOCS members and volunteers.*

*Read on to find out about our newest programs. And visit the Chesapeake Beach website, click on oyster cultivation to see our upcoming events!*

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Volunteers spent the day installing flora identification signs along Fishing Creek and Brownies Beach. Along with the signs, an activity book, "Flora of Chesapeake Beach," will provide additional information for those walking our trails.

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### FLORA SIGNS

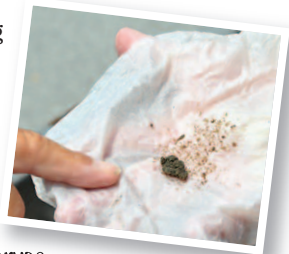
During July and August Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists from Calvert County surveyed the flora along Fishing Creek and Brownies Beach. They identified 49 different species. Nancy Feuerle took photos of each and collected leaf samples. She then prepared graphics to be attached to sign posts. The lamination was done by TNT Graphics, and the signs were attached to wooden posts by CBOCS volunteers.

On October 25, under Nancy's direction, 32 CBOCS members, friends, LORAX Club students from Northern High School and Chesapeake Beach maintenance personnel installed the signs. The results are spectacular, and we receive many positive comments from trail walkers.

Nancy is continuing to obtain laminated specimens of all the leaves to be used for classroom education with the new smart board program. She is also preparing an activity book, "Flora of Chesapeake Beach," which will provide an excellent field guide for interested people walking our trails.

### OYSTER LARVAE

There is an exciting news update about the oyster larvae to spat cycle. In early September, Beach Elementary students were able to participate in deploying several hundred oyster larvae into a tank of shells. During this time, Mary Butz, a Beach Elementary science teacher, took some larvae and put them under a 40-power microscope. It was amazing to see that the poppy seed-sized larvae were actually fully developed oysters. During the next eight weeks, they grew to be the size of a dime.



### CHESPAX

September, October and November brought 14 busloads of 5th grade students from six northern Calvert County elementary schools to Fishing Creek for the oyster field trip sponsored by CHESPAX. During this time, CBOCS provided the classroom, laboratory and security while the Calvert







Members of the Department of Natural Resources staff provided instruction for the Fishing Creek oyster field trip sponsored by CHESPAX. Students, teachers, parents and volunteers enjoyed sharing the wonders of the oyster.



County's Department of Natural Resources staff provided the instruction.

Each trip lasted three hours and included identification of oyster animals, measuring of oyster spat and testing water quality and depth. At the end, a discussion was held to determine if Fishing Creek was a good place for an oyster garden. The answer was a resounding, "Yes!"

There were special visits from Commissioner Evan Slaughenhaupt, Superintendent of Calvert Schools Dr. Daniel Curry, several senior staff from Calvert schools and the Calvert County Natural Resource Department.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Chesapeake Beach's oyster tree will be on display again this year in the Town Hall lobby from December 1 to 19. 5th grade students at Beach Elementary School are busy decorating oyster shells to hang on the tree. Plan to visit Town Hall during early December to see their creations.

During January, we will be busy working on the smart board program module ti-

tled "Treasures of a Tidal Marsh."

In February, the CBOCS is expecting to receive the permit to deploy the reef balls on the Old Rock Reef. Deployment will probably happen later in the spring on a warm calm day.

For a list of all CBOCS activities go to the Chesapeake Beach town website and click on oyster cultivation. We encourage you to be an active, participating member of the society. ■





# Light Up the Town

We officially kick off the Holiday Season on **Sunday, November 30** at 6 p.m. at Town Hall. Join Mayor Wahl and Town Council in welcoming Santa and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy a performance by the Fifth Grade Band and Strings from Beach Elementary directed by Marilyn Beeson as well as performances by members of the Twin Beach Players. This is the night that we “throw the switch” and light all the Town displays. There will be treats for the kids and refreshments for all. This is a family-friendly, fun and free event.

On **Saturday, December 6**, the merchants and communities of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach will hold their Eighth Annual Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade. The theme for this year's parade is “Your Favorite Holiday Song.” The parade begins at 12:00 noon at the corner of 1st Street and Bay Avenue in North Beach. If you are interested in participating please contact Councilman Bob Carpenter at [patcarpenterholidayparade@gmail.com](mailto:patcarpenterholidayparade@gmail.com). The parade route concludes at 7th Street Bay Avenue. Bring the family and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

We are pleased to announce that the

subdivision of Chesapeake Village will again be holding a “Luminaria Event” throughout their community on **December 13** beginning at dusk. This is truly a wonderful, peaceful Holiday driving experience and there are many beautifully decorated homes to enjoy as well.

Past Councilwoman Jo Finch, affectionately known as “Mother Christmas” has been known to say, “All you Christmas junkies out there better get ready!” It is the time of year when everyone decorates their homes, businesses and boats. If you are the competitive sort, make sure to have your decorations complete by **December 15** at dusk when judges will roam the community in search of the winners of the 2014 contest. Please call Town Hall at 410-257-2230 and ask to be put on the judging list. And please call if you see a display that shouldn't be missed, because quite often people will not enter their own property into the contest. The winners will be announced at the Town Council Meeting on **December 18** at 7 p.m.

Take a moment or a few hours to enjoy all that Chesapeake Beach has to offer this Christmas... ■



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## SEND THANKS TO OUR TROOPS

### Operation Shoebox

The Chesapeake American Legion Auxiliary Unit #206 has mailed out 45 boxes to our troops overseas for the months of August, September and October. The approximate weight of the items shipped out was 520 lbs with a postage cost of \$715.50.

Thanksgiving boxes went out on Wednesday, November 12. Currently, Christmas games (handheld) are being purchased to be mailed out in the December boxes. The troops will have gifts from Santa along with their Christmas boxes of goodies.

If anyone would like to make donations of toiletries, food, jerky, slim jim's, protein cereal bars, baby wipes, all would be appreciated and sent on to the troops. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may make checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit #206; on memo part put Operation Shoebox, then the monies can only be used for Shoebox. ■

**Below are testimonials to the effort of Rosalie Russell and those who contribute:**

*Hey thank you for all the packages. We enjoyed the Halloween treats. We will be leaving in about a week so it won't be necessary to ship anything else. Thank you so very much for all the care packages. It truly helped boost morale and gave us*

*a piece of home. Tell everyone who contributed in sending these boxes that 3/5 Kilo company, 2nd Platoon says thank you! Hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.*

*Sincerely, LCPL Drummond*

**To contribute or get more information, please contact:**

**Rosalie Russell, Chairman**

**OPERATION SHOEBOX**

**E-mail: [stopherrose@yahoo.com](mailto:stopherrose@yahoo.com).**

**Subject: OPERATION SHOEBOX**

**Home Phone: (410) 257-3664**

*Please leave message on voice mail.*

*If you have any family members or friends deployed, Rosalie would be happy to mail boxes to them!!*

**Thanks to all our troops and their families for their continued sacrifices to keep us here in the USA safe and free. God Bless You! We love you!**

*Thank you very much. Baby wipes were life savers. Closest thing to a shower in the field.*  
*Anonymous*

## Welcome Our Newest Town Employees!



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**LAURIE R. SMITH**  
*Town Treasurer*

Laurie Smith has lived in Southern Maryland her entire life. She is happily married with two children. Her husband, Tim, is a mattress salesman with Mattress Discounters in Prince Frederick.

Laurie's daughter graduated from Salisbury University with a degree in Finance and is in the process of getting her Master's degree in Business while working full time. Her son is a junior at George Mason University.

Laurie has an extensive background in Governmental accounting, budgeting, verifying, monitoring and reconciling. She is very excited to be a part of the Town of Chesapeake Beach.



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**RICHARD ROSE**  
*Town Administrator*

Richard Rose recently moved to Southern Maryland from Gulfport, Mississippi. Richard's governmental career began in 1989 when he was elected to the Town Council in Gulfport. He received a master's in public administration and management in 1998. Richard later became the city manager for D'Iberville, Miss. and then for the newly incorporated city of Diamondhead, Miss.

As the Chesapeake Beach Town Administrator, Richard is looking forward to having a positive effect on the lives of the Town's residents. He wants to keep residents apprised of governmental goings-on and is available to answer any questions. "Don't ever let a day go by wondering. Just ask, and we'll let you know," Richard states.



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**MAURICETTE (MARTI) GILPIN**  
*Town Receptionist*

Marti Gilpin moved to the Southern Maryland area in 1986 and says she believes "this area is the best place to live in Maryland." Marti has been involved at the Stallings-Williams American Legion Post 206 for almost as long as she has lived here and has been an Auxiliary member since her marriage to Steve Gilpin in 1996.

In the past, Marti has worked in logistics, real estate, accounting and construction among a few other things! She is very happy to be working for the Town of Chesapeake Beach and states she feels so fortunate to be working with the great staff here. She loves meeting and interacting with the Town residents that call or stop in every day.

### FROM THE MAYOR

*Mayor, continued from page 1.*

#### WELCOME NEW TOWN EMPLOYEES

We are pleased to introduce three new employees to the Town of Chesapeake Beach staff. Our newest staff members include Mr. Richard Rose, Town Administrator, Mrs. Laurie Smith, Town Treasurer and Mrs. Marti Gilpin, Town Receptionist. Please take a minute to read their bios (above). And I invite you to stop in Town Hall and welcome them to Town.

#### HOLIDAY EVENTS

Unbelievably, the Holidays are upon us! I hope all of you enjoy the Holiday season here in Chesapeake Beach as much as I do. You may very well be reading this while enjoying a left-

over turkey sandwich; I hope you are. This is "Thanksgiving Season," a time to be thankful for such a wonderful community in which we are so lucky to live.

Sunday evening, November 30, as Thanksgiving comes to a close, I invite you to join us at the Town Hall when we throw the switch that lights up the Town. The magic of the season is felt and enjoyed throughout our community with our twinkling lighting displays and beautifully hand-wrapped decorated trees. Citizens and business owners are encouraged to join us by decorating your homes and storefronts to show your holiday spirit. Who knows... you may be voted "Brightest Beacon on the Bay!"

Details of the contest are on page 4. The Town displays will be illuminated through January 4, 2015.

#### TOWN CALENDARS

The 2015 Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar is at the publisher and will be presented at the Town Council Meeting on December 18, 2014. Again, we have wonderful photos of our Town. I can't wait to share it with you!

Have a safe and glorious holiday season!

**Bruce Wahl**

Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach





## Halloween Family Fun Night at the Water Park

Story by Connie O'Dell and Photography by Nancy Feuerle

October 19, 2014 marked the beginning of Halloween Family Fun Night and the end of The Haunted Water Park. Storybook Characters, Superheroes, local businesses and even candidates for office joined together to welcome the community to a Halloween version of the Chesapeake Beach Water Park. The Twin Beach Players joined forces with Town staff to create a fun-filled atmosphere for youngsters and the young at heart. There was spectacular music, a terrific light show and goodies galore. The Town of Chesapeake Beach would like to thank everyone who participated and especially those who donated time, expertise and materials. These events would not be possible without your help. "Thank You All!" ■







*Fun was had by all –  
youngsters and the young  
at heart!*



**BEST PRINCESSES**  
Maddie and Emily Fogle



**BEST SUPERHERO**  
Cohen VanBavel



**ALL-AROUND**  
Ella Wrosteck



## Calendars for Soldiers

Once again, Town Council Vice President Pat “Irish” Mahoney will coordinate the Calendar for Soldiers program. The Town will mail one of our beautiful calendars to any soldier serving overseas or stateside. He or she need not be a Town resident. We want to express our gratitude to any soldier who is a friend or family of our residents.

Please contact Councilman Mahoney with a name & mailing address and he will take care of the rest. Pat can be reached by phone (301-602-9034), email ([pmahoney@chesapeake-beach.md.us](mailto:pmahoney@chesapeake-beach.md.us)) or just call or drop by Town Hall and leave a message there (410-257-2230). ■

## Honorable Edward B. Finch Sr.

Honorable Edward B. Finch Sr. died peacefully at Anne Arundel Medical Center on November 11, 2014 with his family by his side. He was 90 years old. Edward is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Joanne “Jo” Finch, and their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by two of his children.

Edward was born on July 14, 1924 in Washington, D.C. He proudly served his country in the Navy during WWII and was decorated for his bravery. He married Jo (currently Chesapeake Beach’s very own “Mother Christmas”) in 1946. Edward graduated from Catholic University with a law degree. And was the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the Environmental Protection Agency when he retired. ■





Brownies Beach is sustained by the erosion of Miocene sedimentary layers behind it.

# Brownies Beach

## The Jewel at the End of Our Boardwalk

Story and Photography by Dr. Kenneth Rasmussen

At the south end of Bayfront Park lies what locals have long called “Brownies Beach.” This little patch of shelly sand represents a rare bit of natural shoreline along our town’s largely armored waterfront. Brownies Beach changes seasonally, as all beaches do, and remains a remarkably resilient community treasure for us all to enjoy. However, in a time of rising sea level, and likely more powerful storms, natural waterfront such as Brownies Beach will become more rare. In order to be better stewards of the geological gem at the end of our boardwalk, it’s important to understand a bit of how our beach originated, and how it functions.

The Atlantic Coastal Plain – the region in which we all live – is a broad apron of layered gravel, sand, and mud that extends outward from the more rocky, elevated landscapes of the inland Piedmont. For roughly 200 million years sediment grains have been shed into the

opening Atlantic from that more ancient Piedmont, accumulating layer after layer through periods of sea-level rise and fall, until reaching several miles in thickness. In Chesapeake Beach, the top of that vast sedimentary wedge is seen exposed along the shore, just south of Brownies Beach. The older portion is exposed at eye-level and called the Calvert Formation, while the younger Choptank Formation can be seen towering above near Randle Cliff. These layers accumulated at the bottom of an ancient inland sea called the Salisbury Embayment, spread over the Atlantic Coastal plain at a time of much higher sea level – the Middle Miocene Epoch (about 12-20 million years ago). During this time, marine conditions extended inland to about Washington, D.C. – this accounts for the unusual character of the cliff-side strata and our beach sediment, which is rich in ancient Miocene fossils. For generations, scientists and collectors from around the world have

visited Brownies Beach to search for these remarkable finds, including shark teeth, whale bones, and extinct seashells.

Most important to the health and survival of Brownies Beach are the recycled sediments from that ancient Miocene seafloor – the cliff. To get a sense of how dependent beaches are on the erosional landscapes behind them, think of an undeveloped cliff as a reliable “bank account” of sediment, routinely slumping and re-supplying the more dynamic “checking account” of the windward beach. If that re-supply disappears, the relentless erosion of waves and current strips the sand away, causing the beach to narrow and allowing the sea to encroach closer.

To most of us who live in Chesapeake Beach, the reality of modern sea-level rise and rapid erosion of the Miocene cliffs should come as no surprise. The Rt. 261 bridge over Fishing Creek is now too low to guarantee safe passage of boats coming



and going during high tide, due to the combined effects of our slowly subsiding landscape, and a global sea level that has risen over a foot in the past century. Estimates of coastal erosion range from 1-2 feet per year in our region, accelerated by the combination of rising seas, loose sedimentary shoreline materials, a narrow “knife-edge” tidal range, and the regular pounding of the western shore by wind-whipped winter waves and occasional hurricanes. In fact, when Captain John Smith sailed up the Chesapeake Bay 400 years ago, our shoreline likely extended about 400-800 feet farther east than it does today (sediment cores my students and I have taken in the marsh behind Brownies Beach confirm this process, called “retrogradation,” or shoreline retreat). One only needs to view the difficulty with which our North Beach neighbors have struggled to keep their recreational beach and pier intact to appreciate the combined problem of present-day sea-level rise and coastal erosion. Indeed, late 19th and early 20th Century rates of shoreline retreat near Holland Point are among the fastest measured anywhere in our region – over 900 feet in less than 100 years. This has led to considerable engineering of the shoreline north of Brownies Beach, with boulder-sized rip-rap and bulkheads armoring the lower landscapes, and groins and jetties extending outward to catch or block the little available sand moving by. However, the problem with this shoreline engineering is that it inadvertently starves downstream (southern) beaches of the sediment they depend on.

Here is the three-fold dilemma facing virtually all bayside beaches in the coming century: world sea level is rising at an accelerating pace, our regional landscape is gradually subsiding, and there’s less beach sediment available to go around. Brownies Beach faces all these challenges as well. The most enduring gift we can give it is to ensure its connection to the erosional cliffs to the south – the geologic bank account that presently sustains it. ■

*Dr. Kenneth Rasmussen teaches Geology and Oceanography at Northern Virginia Community College and George Washington University, and makes his home near Brownies Beach.*

Beach sediment is composed of the shells, bones, and teeth of Miocene sea creatures, as well as quartz derived from even more ancient inland mountain chains of the Piedmont and Appalachians.



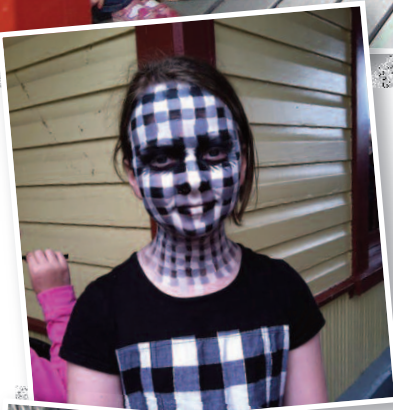




The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum featured the amazing Reptiles Alive LLC for Fall Family Fun Day!

## Fun! Fun! Fun! At the Railway Museum

Story by Hilary Dailey and Photos by Hilary Dailey and Corrine Moore



The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum recently hosted their annual **"Fall Family Fun Day"** in October. The weather was fantastic and so was the crowd! Activities included games, crafts, face painting, moon bouncing, and to top it all off, a wonderful reptile show! This event is always free and open to the public. The next family fun day will be on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 1-4 p.m. at the Railway Museum.

On Saturday, November 22, the **Sweet Treat Express** headed to the Northeast Community Center where families used lots of candy and treats to make take-home Train Engines out of cereal treats! This event was free and walk-ins were welcome!



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, December 7, 2-4 p.m.:** The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum holds its Holiday Open House. This event is free and open to the public. Come see the depot dressed up for the holidays!

**Friday, December 19, starting at 4:30 p.m.:** The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, in cooperation with the Town of Chesapeake Beach will again be offering its popular dramatic reading of the "Polar Express" and trolley rides around the Town of Chesapeake Beach to view the "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest winners. We will be offering several sessions this year – the readings are all free and open to the public; the trolley rides are free, but require registration due to limited seating. Registration will open this December. Call the Railway Museum for details at 410-257-3892 or visit our website at [www.cbrm.org](http://www.cbrm.org). ■





# Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Day	Event/Location	Time
28	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving	
29	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving	
30	Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Town Hall, Meet Santa	6:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Holiday Lights through January 4, 2015	
1	Railway Museum Closed/Open by Appt.	
2	Call Town Hall for Holiday Lights Judging	
6	Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade, North Beach Waterfront	12 Noon
7	Railway Museum Holiday Open House	2 - 4 p.m.
10	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
12	Deadline to call for Holiday Lights Judging	
13	Luminaria Event in Chesapeake Village	Dusk
14	Luminaria Event in Chesapeake Village Rain Date	
15	Judging for Lighting Contest	
15	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4 - 5:30 p.m.
18	Town Council Meeting/Holiday Lighting Awards, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
19	Railway Museum Polar Express Reading & Ride Around	
25	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Christmas	
26	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Christmas	

### JANUARY

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Town Hall Closed in Observance of New Year's Day	
4	Last Evening for Town Christmas Lighting	
5	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9 p.m.
14	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
15	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
19	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	

### FEBRUARY

Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9 p.m.
11	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
16	Town Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day	
19	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.



NANCY FEUERLE

## Thank You from Operation Hope on the Chesapeake

Story by Mary Mathis,  
Events Director Eastern Division  
Operation Second Chance –  
Operation Hope on the Chesapeake

Hello Citizens, Supporters  
and Volunteers,

On behalf of our wounded heroes and their families, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's event a complete success. Although we no longer hear as much about the sacrifices that are currently being made by our brave heroes, you have not forgotten. You gave with your hearts, and it was received with appreciation. Moving forward, their task will not be an easy one. Showing these honorable men and women that there is a future after serving our country will ease their burden and give them hope. Once again, you created Hope on the Chesapeake. ■



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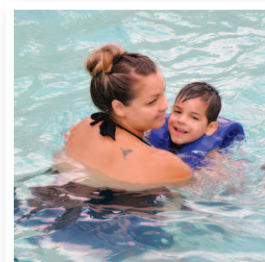




Life Guards stay alert to make sure visitors are safe while enjoying the Water Park.



Character Days at the Water Park are always a favorite!



A summer day spent at the Water Park creates special memories for families.

## Another Successful Summer At The Chesapeake Beach Water Park

Story by Marilyn VanWagner, General Manager

It is hard to believe another Season has come and gone. We want to offer a special thanks to all of you that came to visit us this summer!

**ON SALE NOW:** The **2015 Season Passes** are on sale now and are available on our website. We are offering our special Early Bird discount between now and January 31. This means that on February 1, the prices will increase. Water Park Season Passes make great Holiday gifts! This way you can offer Fun-in-the-Sun to your special loved ones all summer long.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Calling all teens, adults and seniors too! We have positions open for all ages. If you are looking for fun **Summertime Employment**, we will be posting employment opportunities soon. We will begin accepting interview requests as early as December on our website and interviews will start early in 2015. Stay tuned to Facebook or check out our website for more information on these dates.

**RECAP OF THE 2014 SEASON:** We hope you were able to enjoy our **Chesapeake**

**Beach Appreciation Days** again this season. As a reminder for the upcoming 2015 Season, **EVERY TUESDAY**, all Chesapeake Residents and their Guests get in for half price; then from 4 to 7 p.m., we offer Free Admission for all Chesapeake Beach Residents.

**You spoke and we listened!** This past summer, we launched our New Group Program Schedule. Our Groups and Summer Camps were only allowed to visit us on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we opened an hour early for them. All groups were required to leave by 2 p.m. This helped to alleviate overcrowding of the Park and created a more enjoyable experience for all. We also offered Twilight Rates on those days starting at 3 p.m. Our guests were happy to know exactly when they could plan their visits around these groups. We will continue to offer this same Group Schedule for the 2015 Season.

In 2014 we launched our new **"Party Place."** This is a place in the Water Park, where you can have an exclusive space that you can call your own for

the day. This is the perfect spot for a Family Reunion, Graduation Party, or even a Supersized Birthday Party! It is a shaded area, roped off and is exclusive for you. It will hold up to 30 of your guests comfortably. This spot comes with your own personal wait staff, chairs and tables, and water bottles too! For more information, visit our website at [chesapeakebeach-waterpark.com](http://chesapeakebeach-waterpark.com) and click onto "Parties."

We hope you were able to make it to the **Halloween Family Fun Night?** A fun time was had by all! The Water Park was thrilled to sponsor the Baby Pool area this season where we again created a scene from The Little Mermaid, complete with a live Ariel and Prince Eric! The weather that evening was beautiful and the event was a great success. Kudos to Connie O'Dell who leads Economic Development and Special Events for our Town. It was her enthusiasm again this year that led us all into making this the best Halloween Event ever! The "scary" was gone, and we had games, lots of Story Book Characters, an Enchanted Forest, Princesses and Super Heroes. The Twin Beach Players did a Flash Dance version of The Monster Mash. Thank you Nancy Feuerle for all the great photos! (See page 6.) We would like to give a special thank you to all of our local businesses who sponsored this event and helped to make it such a fun



Refreshing snow cones helped cool off our guests on those hot summer days!

evening! Another very special thank you goes out to Jay Berry and his Public Works Team. We could not have done this event this without you!

This Season we had some new characters visit us for our **Character Days**. Elmo made his way back again, and we also had many Princesses and Super Heroes! They held some fun activities and also played games with the children. Auditions are being held for the 2015 Cast of Characters this month. The final selections will appear in both the Spring Newsletter and on our website in our Calendar of Events.

Did you have a chance to see the **freshly painted murals**? The very talented Adam Kohn painted many murals around our Park. Adam is a 2014 graduate of Huntingtown High School, and he has definitely left his mark on our Park. Adam is currently attending the Savanna College of Art and Design, SCAD, studying illustration and graphic design. Thank you Adam!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:** Our Water Park Advisory Committee is currently working hard on a maintenance list to revamp and give our Water Park a new face-lift! We have a great committee with lots of momentum for capturing the improvements necessary to **keep the Water Park looking fresh and beautiful.** ■

# Attention All Property Owners/Tenants

## Re: Water/Sewer Billing Procedure for Town of Chesapeake Beach

July 1, 2014 marked the first day of the new Water/Sewer Rate Schedule for the Town of Chesapeake Beach. The schedule was adopted by the Town Council on May 15, 2014. The schedule was mailed to all property owners in early June. Please call Town Hall if you would like a copy mailed to your address. Also, you can download a copy by going to [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us) and scrolling down the home page to the page that says "Pay Your Utility Bill Online." You will find a link which takes you to [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/PDFs/AppendixA2014Fee&RateSchedule.pdf](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/PDFs/AppendixA2014Fee&RateSchedule.pdf)



## The following is a brief explanation of how our billing procedure works:

The Town of Chesapeake Beach invoices Town residents quarterly for their water and sewer usage. Billing dates are April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15. Most likely, if you live in the "town limits" you are on the Town's utility system. Please check your bill for the supplier information. Town bills are clearly marked "Town of Chesapeake Beach."

The sewer usage is directly related to the water that flows through your water meter, unless you have a sub-meter installed. When you receive your bill you will notice that your consumption usage is plainly listed on the bill. That usage is based on the meter reading we receive from a radio signal that is emitted from your meter to our receiver located in a Town vehicle while riding through your neighborhood.

If there is no signal coming from your meter, we must read the meter manually to obtain an accurate reading. Sometimes that is not possible, since in certain locations meters are located inside of the home. If your bill has "ESTIMATE" printed on it, your usage is being based on your average consumption over several quarters because we have not been able to read your meter either manually or through the radio signaling system. You should contact our office at 410-257-2230 and ask for the Utility Billing Clerk. We will make an appointment to come change your meter reading equipment. The Town does not charge for replacing your existing equipment. However, it is your responsibility to allow us the access to make repairs. If arrangements are not made to have equipment repaired or replaced, the Town has the authority to turn off water until repairs and/or replacements are made.

The Town has a policy stating that the quarterly utility bill must be sent to the property owner. This policy is enforced to protect the property owners from tenants being delinquent with payments. Payment delinquency can result in water turn off and eventually in property going to public tax sale.

You always have at least 30 days to pay your bill without incurring a penalty. Bills may be paid online. You must register at [www.myutilityaccount.com/login.php?utilityid=1062](http://www.myutilityaccount.com/login.php?utilityid=1062) which is available on the Chesapeake Beach Website [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us/). Should you encounter problems logging in and creating a password, please contact Town Hall and ask for Fran who will gladly help you set up the online payment access.

Of course, you can simply mail your payment in using the address of PO Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. We also take payments by phone (410) 257-2230 using a credit/debit card.

We are aware that the new rates are impacting your household budget. We take these issues seriously. We strive to offer you the best possible service available. Please call our office for assistance. We are happy to answer your questions. ■



# Winter is Around the Corner

## 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. Don't miss these fun events! 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](http://www.calvert.lib.md.us). Happy learning!*

### Children's Programs

## Lego Mania

This is our newest evening program! It is a free building program for Lego enthusiasts from Kindergarten-5th grade. Come hear a story based on our theme and then build away! Legos supplied by the library. Registration is required. Meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**January 15** Construction

**February 12** Amusement Parks

**March 12** Coral Reef



## Storytime

Meets in the Children's Area of the library Wednesdays and Saturdays, beginning the week of January 7th. Registration is required.

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### 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.

## Playtime

**Saturday mornings, 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.** A new addition to our children's programs, Playtime is learning and discovery time for you and your child. Engage in interactive play, connect with other parents and caregivers, and have fun! Bring a non-battery operated toy to share. No registration is required. For ages birth through 5 years old.

## Code Name 4-5-6

**For 4th-6th grade eyes only!**  
4th – 6th grade students are invited to this series of events which uses plenty of hands-on activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new theme and introduce a great chapter book on the topic. No advanced preparation is needed and a snack will be provided. Registration is required. All programs start at 6:30 p.m.

### THEMES

**January 8** Beethoven  
**February 5** Nicola Tesla  
**March 5** New York, New York



## Evening Storytime

**Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday!** Join us for a special evening dedicated to celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on **Thursday, February 26** at 6:30 p.m. Songs and stories and fun and cake—what a great night it will make!



## Kids Just Want to Have Fun

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

**January 22** Tito Puente  
**February 19** Phillis Wheatley  
**March 19** Rosie the Riveter



## Gingerbread Workshops

**Saturday, December 6** at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Our perennial favorite is back—kids in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to join us at the Northeast Community Center to make their own gingerbread house. Participants are asked to bring one bag of candy to share for decorating. Registration is required.



## Holiday Evening Storytime

**Thursday, December 18** at 6:30 p.m. at the Abigail Francisco School of Classical Ballet (4110 3rd St, North Beach). Celebrate the spirit of the season with the children's librarians and some of Abigail's talented dancers! Don't miss this one of a kind opportunity for holiday fun!

## Minecraft at Calvert Library

**Thursday, January 29** at 7:00 p.m. All students 1st grade and up are invited to join in a free play session of Minecraft at the library! Meet other Minecraft enthusiasts for fun play together! Registration is required and space is limited.

### Adult Programs

## 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.

**December 11**                      **February 12**  
**January 8**                         **March 12**

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

## On Pins and Needles

Bring your quilting, needlework, knitting, crocheting, or other project for an afternoon of conversation and shared creativity. Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### Family Programs

## Join us for Chess!

### Chess Saturdays at the Library

Chess enthusiasts or wannabe enthusiasts — please join us (with or without your own chess set) at the library on the **2nd Saturday** of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All ages and levels welcome! Chess sets available anytime—just ask!

**January 10**

**February 14**

**March 14**



## Christmas in Washington – a Calvert Library On The Go Event

Have you always wanted to visit the National Christmas Tree in Washington D.C. but worried about where to park? Worry no more! "Calvert Library On the Go" is sponsoring a bus trip to experience "Christmas in Washington" on **Sunday, December 28, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The cost per person is \$15.

Pick up will be at the Sunderland Park 'N' Ride at 3:00 p.m. First stop will be at Union Station to see the Norwegian Christmas Tree as well as the Train Display. The food court has many options for meals!

Then on to the National Christmas on the Ellipse and the "Pathway of Peace," which consists of 56 smaller, decorated trees representing all 50 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia. While there, you can also enjoy a Yule log, a large-scale model train and a Christmas manger.

We must register 34 people by December 20 for the trip to happen. Please register in person at any Calvert Library.

## Book Discussions

Book discussions run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

### December 8

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll  
(potluck dinner off-site, costumes optional)

### January 12

*Empty Mansions* by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr.

### February 9

*Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

### March 9

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
(compare the book and movie)







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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](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us)  
[info@chesapeake-beach.md.us](mailto:info@chesapeake-beach.md.us)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Just a Reminder!*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30:** *Chesapeake Beach Light Up the Town* –  
Join Mayor and Mrs. Wahl along with Santa and Mrs. Claus when we “Flip the Switch”  
to light up the town for the 2014 Holiday Season. Music, gifts for the little ones and  
refreshments for all. It’s fun and free!

**DECEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 14:** *Decorate for the Holidays* –  
Judging, December 15 after dusk.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6:** *Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade* –  
12:00 p.m., North Beach – Bay Avenue. To enter or for more  
information, email [bobcarpenter1957@gmail.com](mailto:bobcarpenter1957@gmail.com).



#### TRASH & RECYCLE

Location	Weekday	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
North Trash	Mondays	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16, 23	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
South Trash	Tuesdays	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27	3, 10, 17, 24	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
North Recycle	Every Other Thursday	4, 18, 31	15, 29	12, 26	12, 26
South Recycle	Every Other Friday	5, 19	2, 16, 30	13, 27	13, 27

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!