

CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

Spring 2011

Important Announcements



Operation Shoebox

One of the many services provided by American Legion Stallings-Williams Post 206 here in Chesapeake Beach is called "Operation Shoebox." Through this program we can all support our troops deployed outside the United States by donating snacks and much needed personal care items. One active member of our American Legion Post currently serving in Afghanistan sent a request for the soldiers in her unit (5 males and 1 female) for art supplies – because "they like to draw during their down time." So, gather items you think our troops would appreciate and simply drop them off at the American Legion. They'll make their way from there to our men and women serving abroad! Also visit AnySoldier, AnyMarine, AnySailor or AnyAirman on the Internet. Thank you for supporting our troops.

Garden Club Plant Sale and Yard Sale

Nothing says "Happy Mother's Day" like flowers! The Chesapeake Beach Garden Club has timed their Plant and Yard Sale for the day before Mother's Day. It will be held Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. You won't want to miss it!

Town of Chesapeake Beach Promotional Video

We are pleased to announce our lovely promotional video, designed to bring more visitors to enjoy all our Town has to offer, is

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From the Mayor

In this edition of the Newsletter, I want to share with you progress on our many projects, and since we are in our budget cycle, I will bring you up to date on your town's financial condition.

Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Town resumed operation of the Chesapeake Beach Waste Water Treatment Plant from Calvert County on February 1st, ending a contractual arrangement that dated back to 1990. The Town Council and I took this step for two reasons: to save rate payers money and to prevent any future discharges of untreated effluent into the Chesapeake Bay. I am pleased to say that we have achieved a smooth transition and that the three plant operators have chosen to become Town employees. Over the past year, we have made many necessary repairs to assure that spills are eliminated. We've outsourced lab tests and sludge disposal and we anticipate saving nearly \$75,000 per year by these changes. Please welcome Plant Supervisor Jon Castro and Plant Operators Tim McCoy and Bob Haynes as new town employees in this most vital municipal function.



Town Administrator Jim Parent welcomes the new Chesapeake Beach Waste Water Treatment Plant Employees on their first day as Town employees...February 1, 2011. Pictured (l to r) Jon Castro, Jim Parent, Bob Haynes and Tim McCoy. (Photo credit: John Bacon)

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Public Works Report

By Wilson Cochran,
 Superintendent, Public Works

One of the most frequent complaints we get at Town Hall is "How did I use that much water? You need to check your meter."

Here are some facts you should know:

- 25 % of the water used in the home is for showers, and if each member of a family of four takes a 5 minute shower, it can use up to 700 gallons a day or 63,000 gallons a quarter.
- The Town bills in 3 month quarters. A leaking faucet or toilet can use 20 gallons each a day, or 1,800 gallons per quarter.

So what can you do? Here are some suggestions to conserve water:

- Install new low-flow shower heads. With the new technology, you will barely notice the difference.
- Fix any leaky faucets. Most hardware stores can show you how.
- Fill an old two-liter bottle with water and put it in your toilet tank. You will save 2 liters with every flush.
- Test your toilet for leaks. Town Hall has free dye strips you can use to see if you have a leaky toilet in need of repair.

These are simple, easy steps that can save you money and help conserve a valuable resource while protecting our environment.

Remember to Stay in the Know...

We are now up and running with this new service, so don't forget to send us your email address or sign up on the website! You'll always have the inside information on what's going on in town! This email list will enable us to let you know when schedules change, important dates come up, flushing will occur, streets are closed, and other important announcements.

Please take a few moments, clip this coupon, fill it out and mail it to Town Hall at P.O. Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. Or give us a call at Town Hall and give us your email address: 301-855-8398 or 410-257-2230. Email us at editor@chesapeake-beach.md.us or even better...go to our website and sign up there: www.chesapeake-beach.md.us

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

*Thank you!
 We look forward to being of better service
 to you through this email service!*

Beach Elementary

Beach Elementary School PTA Beach Bay Luau Auction for Education



Saturday, April 2nd marks the seventh annual Beach Bay Luau Auction for Education – the most important fundraiser of the year for the Beach Elementary School PTA. Each year, the auction brings in up to \$13,000 in support for the students and staff at Beach Elementary School. Funds support pilot curricula, technological advancements for the classroom, PTA programs for students and parents, and other school improvements.

This year's festivities will again be held in the facility of community partner, Stallings-Williams Post 206 of the American Legion in Chesapeake Beach. All community members are invited to join in for an evening of silent and live auction items, a 50-50 raffle, food and fun! Auction items have been generously donated by friends in the business community and include sports memorabilia, museum and entertainment tickets, gift certificates and unique gift items. Don't miss this opportunity for fun, food and auction items, all in support of our community's youngest citizens. Questions? Contact the Beach Elementary School PTA at beachpta@yahoo.com.

We May be "Off Season" ...
...but the Water Park Continues in Full Motion!

Less than two months to go before the Water Park opens for the 2011 season. We open May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend) and will be open until Labor Day, September 5th. BUT REMEMBER, we don't open during the week until the Calvert County Public Schools are out for the summer!!!

If you are interested in working at the Water Park this summer, we are interested in having you. Please visit our website at chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com to download an application, or stop by Town Hall and fill one out. Also, please take the time to "like" us on our Chesapeake Beach Water Park Facebook page so that we can keep you informed on the important hiring dates such as orientation and interviewing schedules.

This year, lots of changes are taking place at our concession stand. Guests can look forward to a NEW AND IMPROVED MENU. This new menu promises many food surprises and a new design that will provide quicker service.

The FAMILY SEASON PASS for Chesapeake Beach residents is back by popular demand. When your entire family signs up, each member receives a Season Pass at 50% off the regular price of a Season Pass. And, new this year...Season Pass holders will not have to wait in line, when they use the NEW SEASON PASS ADMISSIONS WINDOW.



On June 2nd, the Water Park will participate in PROJECT GRAD. We will be open from 11 PM to 1 AM exclusively for 200 Graduates from Patuxent High School. Project Grad is a program for graduating High School Seniors which encourages them to celebrate their graduation both drug and alcohol free in a safe environment. So...on June 2nd, if you hear some noise at the Water Park late in the evening, please know that we are partnering with Project Grad in an effort to save lives.

Mentioned above, but worth mentioning again, please join our facebook page and "like" us. This way you will be kept informed on fun events such as "Night Slides" and "Character Days", just to name a few that will be coming to the park this season.

We are looking forward to a Splashin' Fun season and we want you to be a part of it!

Until we see you at the Park,

Marilyn VanWagner

General Manager Chesapeake Beach Water Park

The Mayor and Town Council of Chesapeake Beach want to say
Thank You to the Town of Chesapeake Beach!



Due to popular demand, the
Family Season Pass is back!

All Family Members will realize a

50% Discount

from the Advertised Pass when they join as "a Family."



For More Details visit our website at chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com
 Or Call 410-257-1404

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Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail

The construction of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail has continued through the winter, and there is remarkable progress. Nearly all of the pilings have been driven, all paving has been done except the Richfield Station portion, and much of the decking is complete. Keep an eye out for a dedication ceremony announcement this summer.

The trail will begin across the street from the Tot Lot adjacent to Kellam's Field following a stamped concrete walkway to Fishing Creek by the rear range marker which marks the creek's entrance from the Bay. Where the trail meets the creek, it will follow a path along a newly constructed eight foot wide timber walkway that will reach up to the intersection of a new bridge across the creek to the south side, and to a walkway over the marsh that leads into Bayview Hills. Once across the bridge to the south side, you are actually on the old Chesapeake Beach Railway right of way. Travelling west, you encounter a second bridge that goes across the creek at the site of the original railroad trestle.

Back at the intersection, going right (north), you will enter Bayview Hills. A little further along the trail you will encounter another timber walkway across the marsh. This leads to Richfield Station. This area is still under construction in Richfield Station, but when finished, will tie into the street system and connect to Sansbury Drive.

Please be patient with the progress we've made, and don't trespass in the trail area while it is still under construction. We'll soon have sidewalks and paths for your convenience!

Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society

As I mentioned in the previous two editions of the Newsletter, the construction of the trail provides the perfect opportunity to cultivate oysters in cages underneath the timber walkway in Fishing Creek at the eastern end of the trail. I am pleased to announce that Keith Pardieck, my neighbor and Biologist at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, has agreed to serve as the chairman of the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS), a name we unabashedly appropriated from our good friends and advisors at the Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society (SMOCS) in Solomons Island. The SMOCS organization has been a great model for the program we are starting here, and their leaders have been incredibly supportive of our efforts, for which I am very grateful. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for more on CBOCS. And thanks, Keith!

Money, Money, Money!

As the Town Staff and I prepare our Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, the effects of the recession have truly hit home. While I am certain that many of you are very happy that your property taxes will be less next year, this poses a challenge for your town government. The recent reassessment of home values will result in a reduction of revenues to the town of approximately \$450,000. And the State Government's withholding of the Highway User Revenue (HUR) funds yields another loss of

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Photo Credit: Bruce Wahl

Events Coming Our Way for 2011

Some NEW, some TRANSFORMED, some OLD TRIED AND TRUE!

Easter Festival (Formerly the Easter Parade)

A new event is coming our way this Spring! The former Easter Parade is getting a facelift and it is morphing into a new type of celebration – a FESTIVAL!

It'll be at a new location. It'll have some old and some new games. And it'll have some new, very special features. But there will be the same old FUN, and the same old EASTER BUNNY!

The Special Events Committee invites you to join us at Kellam's Field this year rather than the Boardwalk and Beach. There won't be a "parade," but there will be a lot of fun and excitement to be had. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 16th, 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, and bring your Easter Basket to gather up all the treats. (Rain date is z April 23rd.)

Kellam's field is located behind Town Hall. There's plenty of parking available.

This is a new event, and one you won't want to miss!



Photo credit: Nancy Feuerle

Chesapeake Beach Duathlon



A new event for our Town, this promises to bring excitement for residents, as well as visitors to Chesapeake Beach who will learn more about our wonderful bit of heaven here on the Chesapeake Bay.

This event will be held on Sunday, April 17th and will include two 3.18 mile runs through Chesapeake Beach and North Beach and a 20.61 mile bike ride through tree-lined areas south of Chesapeake Beach.

Running Maryland chose our beautiful setting for a RUN-BIKE RIDE-RUN because of our small-town feel and scenic course. Duathlon Director Brad Jaeger believes, "The athletes will not only get a great race, they will enjoy the course as well as the competition!" The Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa is the headquarters for the event, and the race will begin across the street at the Northeast Community Center. Athletes may compete as individuals or as a two-person relay team. For complete details visit www.runningmaryland.com. Running Maryland is working with the Towns, Sheriff and State Police to ensure that everyone stays safe that day! So, watch out for runners and bicycles in our area on April 17th and please remember to "Share the Road!"

July 3rd Fireworks!

"...And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air..." Familiar words to all Americans as we celebrate 235 years of FREEDOM! Yes, this year, we will remember that it was 235 years ago, in 1776, that our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence. At the time, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail:

This "will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

And so, in Chesapeake Beach, we do just that! Each year on July 3rd we celebrate this great event with a spectacular fireworks display at which even Adams would have marveled! This year will be no different. Once again we will join together at dusk and watch the "illuminations" brought to us courtesy of the Town of Chesapeake Beach!



Photo credit: Robert Tinari Photography

Calendar of Events

April		
Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Beach Elementary PTA Luau & Auction	6:00 pm
4	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
6	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 pm
9	Annual Railway Museum Spring Heritage Tour	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
9	Bayfront Park Clean-Up	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
10	Bayfront Park Clean-Up (Rain Date)	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
13	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
16	Easter Festival, Kellam's Field	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
17	Chesapeake Beach Duathlon	9:00 am – 12:00 noon
18	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
21	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
22	Town Hall Closed, Good Friday	
23	Easter Festival, Kellam's Field (Rain Date)	12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

May		
Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
7	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	10:00 am – 12:00 noon
7	Railway Museum Celebrates National Train Day	
7	Garden Club Plant & Yard Sale, Railway Museum	9:00 am – 12:00 noon
11	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
16	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
19	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
22	Railway Museum Free Spring Family Fun Day	1:00 – 4:00 pm
27	Beach Trolley Begins Summer Service	6:00 pm
28	Water Park Opens	11:00 am
28	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	10:00 am – 12:00 noon
30	Town Hall Closed, Memorial Day	

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June		
Day	Event/Location	Time
4	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
5	Railway Museum Friends Meeting	
6	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
8	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
9	Summer Bay Breeze Concert Series, Railway Museum	7:30 pm
9	Railway Museum Founders Day	
11	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
13	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
16	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
18	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
23	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am
30	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am

July		
Day	Event/Location	Time
3	Chesapeake Beach Town Fireworks	Dusk
4	Town Hall Closed, Independence Day	
6	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 pm
7	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am
9	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
11	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
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Enjoy Bayfront Park All Year Long!

Bayfront Park (aka Brownies Beach) is open 365 days a year for your enjoyment. Many residents (especially shark tooth hunters) do just that.

During the summer months, from Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 28) through Labor Day (September 5), there is a fee for non-town residents to use the park. (Please see insert.) The park opens at 6am and closes at 9pm. Remember there is no lifeguard on duty, so you swim at your own risk. Also please be kind to Mother Nature and stay away from the cliffs. We all look forward to another season of beaching and enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. See ya there!

Pat "Irish" Mahoney
 Town Council Vice President

2011 RATES FOR BAYFRONT PARK

Town Residents and Guests	Free
Calvert County Residents	
Age 2 & under	Free
Age 3-11	\$3
Age 12-54	\$4
Age 55 & over	\$3
Out of Calvert County Residents	
Age 2 & under	Free
Age 3-11	\$6
Age 12-54	\$10
Age 55 & over	\$6

From the Mayor

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\$300,000. As you can well imagine, the magnitude of these revenue reductions has required us to very carefully evaluate every program and project. The proposed (but not approved by Town Council as of this writing) solutions to these revenue shortfalls are to do no street repaving this coming year, make no contribution to the Rainy Day fund (currently funded at \$1.7 million), and to use approximately \$250,000 of reserves to balance the budget. I am not proposing any furloughs or layoffs of town staff, but I am also not proposing any cost of living or step increases. It is a tough time, but I am confident that we will come through this recession intact.

A Valuable Resource for our Town

I don't know if you are aware of it, but we have the largest charter fishing fleet on the Chesapeake Bay right here in Chesapeake Beach! Our boat captains are a valuable resource to the economy of our Town, and I know we are all appreciative of what they bring to the success of Chesapeake Beach. Economic times are tough for everyone these days, so I hope you'll remember to recommend their services to your friends, colleagues, relatives and business associates. Charter Fishing can be a wonderful outing not only for families, but also for government agencies and companies in the area. I hope you'll join me in supporting our Charter Boat Captains! And don't forget, Rockfish Season opens on April 16 and the Annual



Rockfish Tournament will be held April 29 through May 1. For more information or to reserve a boat contact one of the following:

- Abner's Marina 410-257-3689
- Bounty Hunter Charters 410-286-8990
- Chesapeake Beach Fishing Charters 301-855-4665
- Rod 'N' Reel Tackle Shop 301-855-8450
- Working Girl Charters 410-610-5141

As always, there are many exciting things ongoing in our great town. Send me an email to let me know what's on your mind at bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us

Spring and Summer at the Library!

American Girl Tea Party

Presented by Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch
 Saturday, April 16; 2:00 – 3:30 pm
 Northeast Community Center, For ages 7 to 11
 Participants are invited to bring a guest! Registration
 required. 410-257-2411

Kids' Summer Programs at Calvert Library, Twin Beaches Branch

Kickoff to Summer Reading – A Special Storytime – Thursday, June 9, 6:30 pm at the Library

Summer Storytime – Wednesdays at 10:00 am at various locations around town.

Locations and themes to be determined.

- June 22 and 29
- July 6, 13, 20 and 27
- August 3

Wednesday Afternoon Program for elementary age children: Stories and Crafts

Theme: One World, Many Stories

2:00 pm at the Library

- June 22 and 29
- July 6, 13, 20 and 27
- August 3

Summer Fun Programs

Held at Northeast Community Center

10:00 am on Tuesdays

- June 21 – John Sullens in performance
- June 28 – Stevens Puppets ~ Aladdin
- July 5 – The Story Lady ~ Miss Glenda
- July 12 – InterAct ~ Reader's Theater
- July 19 – Digeridoo Down Under ~ Music
- July 26 – Reptile World
- August 2 – The Magic of Mike Rose

Tween Book Fest – Interactive, literature-based discussions for 5th to 7th graders

7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Library

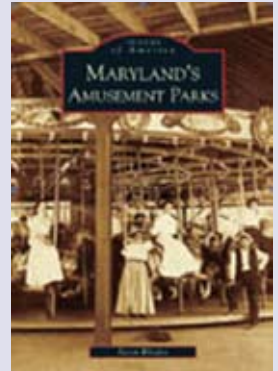
- June 21
- July 19
- August 9

Registration required

New Feature:

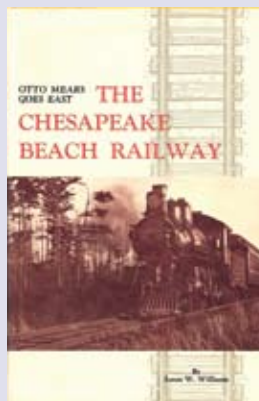
What Am I Reading?

Mayor Bruce Wahl and Twin Beaches Library Manager Joanie Kilmon recently had a conversation regarding books that contain some reference to Chesapeake Beach. Both have collected many Chesapeake Beach titles over the years and agreed to share those titles in forthcoming issues of the Newsletter. Bruce's title for this issue is "Maryland's Amusement Parks" by Jason Rhodes, published by Arcadia Publishing.



This book contains ten pages of photos and captions about the amusement parks here in Chesapeake Beach, which existed from 1900 until 1972. The amusement park started out on a long boardwalk over the water until it moved inland in the 1930's. It was originally served by the Chesapeake Beach Railway and steamboats from Baltimore. After the 1930's, patrons arrived by automobile.

Most of the photos in this volume are from the collection of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, a wonderful resource for our community. One fascinating aspect of this book is to see how Chesapeake Beach compared to other parks across the state. This is a very entertaining book and a fascinating look into the past and Bruce recommends it highly.



At the top of Joanie's collection list is "Otto Mears Goes East: the Chesapeake Beach Railway" by Ames W. Williams. Published in 1975, the book really started the movement in town to preserve and share our history. The Railway Museum was definitely inspired by Judge Williams' incredible research and beautiful book – filled with photographs, drawings and maps of life in Chesapeake Beach – before,

during and after the Railway. If you have not yet read our history, the book is for sale at the Railway Museum (410-257-3892) or available for checkout at the Twin Beaches Library (410-257-2411).

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now available on our website. Go to www.chesapeake-beach.md.us and click on the link to the video on the homepage. You're sure to recognize many of the sites...and maybe some of the people! Send it along to friends and family and urge them to have a look and to come and discover this piece of heaven we all share here on the Chesapeake Bay!

A is for ART!

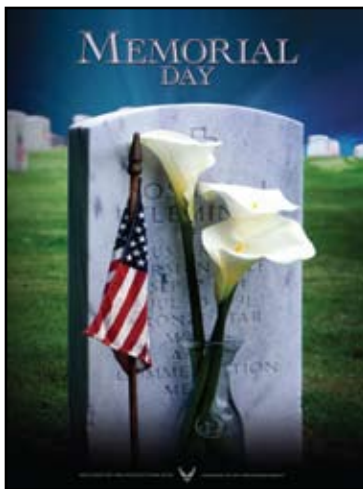
Barbara Bowman continues to manage the beautiful Art Shows that appear in our Town Hall Lobby each month. If you are a Calvert County artist, you are welcome to apply to show your work in these juried shows. Please contact Barbara at 301-855-2283 or leave your name and number on the clipboard in the Town Hall lobby and Barbara will contact you.

Coats, Blankets & Food

Again, thank you to all who donated coats, blankets and food for the needy. Our campaign continues, and we welcome anyone who has gently used coats and blankets to pass them along for Project Echo. And the need goes on...all year round...for non-perishable food for End Hunger. We are collecting all of these items in the foyer of Town Hall. Thank you for remembering those in need.

First Annual Memorial Day Weekend Festival

Are you passionate about Memorial Day Weekend and the beginning of summer? Is Chesapeake Beach Veteran's Park your favorite view as you come into town? If so, please join us in organizing our first annual Memorial Day Weekend Festival planned for 2012. We envision a three-day festival with numerous activities focusing around our veterans and our "Chesapeake Beach"



history. Folks of all ages are encouraged to participate. Let's all work together to make this "the event that showcases our community." Call Connie O'Dell at 301-855-6755 or email rlodell@verizon.net if you are interested in helping and with ideas and suggestions.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum



This Spring and Summer, if you're looking for some fun...or a way to spend a pleasant evening...look no further than the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum! Spring begins with the Annual Heritage Tour on April 9 when they explore the Drum Point Right of Way. It continues with the observance of National Train Day on May 7, and Spring Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 22...a free event that is always a big hit with both kids and adults!

Founders Day is June 9 and kicks off a busy summer season with the unveiling of their special "Celebrate Summer" exhibit. All summer long (June through August) there are free Children's Programs every Thursday at 10:00 am.

Always a joy to attend, are the Bay Breeze Summer Concerts! These free concerts are held on the porch at the Railway Museum on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Refreshments are provided during intermission.

- June 9 – "Hangman's Faire"
- July 14 – "Dixie Ramblers"
- August 11 – "Two For You"
- September 8 – "The Dixie Power Trio"

You can get more detailed information by calling the Museum at 410-257-3892 or by visiting their website at www.cbrm.org. If you would like to receive updates on activities and special events, email krescott@aol.com. And visit Friends of the CBRM on Facebook!

Town of Chesapeake Beach 2011 Trash Schedule

NORTH SIDE (North of Route 260 and including Bayview Hills, Captain's Quarters and Windward Key)

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

NOTE: Summer schedule starts June 1st through October 31st with an additional regular trash collection on THURSDAY.

SOUTH SIDE (South of Route 260 and including Richfield Station)

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

NOTE: Summer schedule starts June 1st through October 31st with an additional regular trash collection on FRIDAY.

When a holiday falls on Monday or Tuesday, pick up will be a day later. For instance, if your trash day is MONDAY, pick up will be on TUESDAY, and if your trash day is TUESDAY, pick up will be on WEDNESDAY. Similarly, if there is a Friday holiday and Friday is your recycling day, recycling will be picked up on SATURDAY.

Holiday	Date
Memorial Day	05/30/11 (Monday)
4th of July	07/04/11 (Monday)
Labor Day	09/05/11 (Monday)
Thanksgiving	11/24/11 (Thursday)

Since Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on a Sunday this year, as of now, the trucks will run a regular pick up that week, there will be no delay.

Christmas Day	12/25/11
New Years Day	01/01/12

Brownie's Beach Clean-Up



Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney is once again coordinating the Spring Bayfront Park (Brownies) Beach cleanup on Saturday April 9, beginning at 10 AM (but also whenever you get there) and ending ????. We need volunteers to help clean up the beach as we head into Spring. The Town will provide gloves, bags, water and great neighborly fellowship. Volunteerism is a wonderful thing to teach our children so please show up with your family and help us clean up our beach for the Spring beach season. Slightly inclement weather, we show up, but the "heavy rain" date is Sunday April 10.

Citizens Appreciate Your Picking Up After Your Pet!

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 town grounds as clean as possible.

AND REMEMBER, it's the law! Per the Calvert County Animal Control Ordinance: "No person owning, keeping or having custody of a dog or cat shall allow or permit excrement of such animal to remain on public property or private property without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or allow the excrement to cause foul odor on the owner's property. Any person owning, keeping or having custody of an animal shall immediately remove the excrement deposited by the animal if deposited on property other than that of the owner."

Chesapeake Pharmacy One of the friendliest... and busiest places in town!

When we think of our local "drug store," we picture that quiet gray structure on Bayside Road in Chesapeake Beach. But behind its cool, calm demeanor there is a bee-hive of activity and a wide array of services that await us inside! Are you aware of all they have to offer?

If you visit their website at www.chesapeakephcy.com, one of the first things you see is their focus on "exceptional customer service and taking the time to know our customers." And they do that in spades! The moment you walk through the door, you are greeted by a friendly hello! If you're there for a visit to the pharmacy, you encounter the helpful services of professionals like Candace Bintrim, Lynette Jordan, Mari-Ann Sweeney, Renee O'Brien or, of course, the owner, Leo Mallard. And if you're shopping for any of a wide variety of items, there is always a friendly, helpful person to assist you!

From filling a prescription, to medication therapy management, to their innovative medication take-back service, to the new Hearing Center, to pain management counseling, to pet medications, to computerized tax summaries, to nutritional supplements, to first aid supplies, to party supplies, candy, household items, school supplies...the list goes on and on...the Chesapeake Pharmacy meets the needs of our community's citizens every day!

In addition to providing many outstanding services to their customers, they are also good community citizens... always there when asked to support Town activities and initiatives, from the Haunted Water Park to the Easter Festival to the Beach Trolley. We know



we can always count on them to be there for us.

The two most familiar faces you encounter upon entering the store are its owner Leo Mallard and the manager Beverly Dillon. Leo, originally from Boston, earned his degree in Pharmacy at Northeastern University there. The Army brought him to the Washington, DC area where he was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center. After he married, he and his wife lived in College Park and came to Southern Maryland on weekends to sail and be near the water. Soon, they realized they wanted to spend more than weekends in the area, so they moved to Huntingtown.

Leo opened his Pharmacy in Owings in 1977 where, in 1979, 16 year old Beverly Dillon began working after school during her high school years at Northern High School. The management team of Mallard and Dillon was born then and there and it continues today. Beverly, a certified pharmacy technician, excelled at the administrative side of the business, and in 1986, when Leo decided to open another Pharmacy in the new shopping center that was being

built in Chesapeake Beach, Beverly was assigned to oversee the plans for the store and immediately became its manager. When the Chesapeake Beach store opened it joined the Post Office and the Bank, and was 5,000 square feet in size. The other stores (Rolands, etc.) came later, and the Pharmacy expanded to 6,500 square feet.

They are now in their 25th year and continue to be on the "cutting edge" of the latest technology, the most creative programs and the most up-to-date systems available. We cannot begin to list all of their services in this brief article, so we encourage you to visit the store or website to learn more. This is truly no ordinary Pharmacy! Take a moment to explore and discover the many surprises and the state-of-the-art technology awaiting you at Chesapeake Pharmacy!

In this era of "big-box," impersonal stores, we are very fortunate in Chesapeake Beach to have the home town, friendly, caring, personalized Chesapeake Pharmacy just down the street to meet so many of our daily needs.

Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS)

Exciting news! The Town of Chesapeake Beach is partnering with the Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society (SMOCS) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to provide a collaborative and fun opportunity for the citizens and businesses of Chesapeake Beach to improve local water quality, while gaining knowledge of the Bay ecosystem. These fortunate volunteers will be assisting with national, state and private efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay, through oyster gardening and oyster reef restoration.

We have held our first meeting/planning session and we are very fortunate to have Keith Pardieck as our CBOCS Chairman!

Our new program will rely on citizen volunteers – gardeners – to grow, or garden, oysters and help plant them in local oyster reefs. If you have your own pier or water access, great! But if you don't, that's not a problem. The town will provide gardening space below the soon to be completed Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail timber walkway!

We anticipate establishing the first oyster gardens this summer, but there is a lot to be done before then, and we need your help. So if you are interested in participating in this exciting venture, visit our website at www.chesapeake-beach.md.us and click on the CBOCS link. Or you can also contact Kathy Johnson at Town Hall to sign up!

Here's how it is done:

- Gardeners receive spat and cages (Buoyant Oyster Cultivation System or rectangular cages) which they help place
- Gardeners grow the oysters for about one year



- Gardeners help gather the yearling oysters and assist with planting them on local reefs
- Gardeners receive more spat and the cycle begins anew

The time commitment is about two half-days during the summer to: 1) help refill oyster gardens with new spat on shell, and 2) remove yearling oysters from gardens and plant them on local reefs. There are other opportunities to help out as well, and we welcome your further participation.

Again, visit the Town's website: www.chesapeake-beach.md.us and click on CBOCS for more information about the program.

For more on oyster gardening and restoration, in general, visit these sites:

Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society (SMOCS): www.smocs.org; DNR's Marylanders Grow Oysters (MGO): oysters.maryland.gov; Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF): www.cbf.org

Events Coming Our Way for 2011

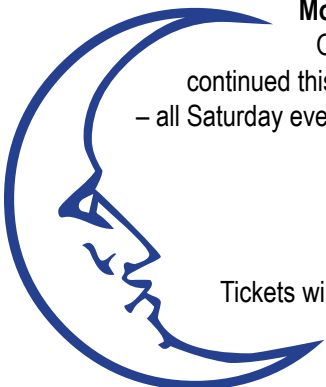
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Moonlight Cruises Continue

Our Moonlight Cruises, on the evenings of a FULL MOON, were quite a success last year, and will be continued this summer when we have four of them planned! Details are still being formalized, but we have the dates – all Saturday evenings, 7 – 9 pm:

- June 18
- July 16
- August 13
- September 17

Tickets will be \$25 per person, and reservations may be made at Town Hall. We invite you to bring your own refreshments (food and beverage) and enjoy a delightful cruise on the Chesapeake Bay!



Volunteerism at its Finest

We can all rest easier in Chesapeake Beach, knowing our friends and neighbors at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department (NBVFD) are watching out for us.

We all volunteer for various activities in our community – some of us for our children’s school or sporting events, some for community events, others for church or service club activities. But the men and women of the NBVFD not only volunteer their time on our behalf...they put their lives on the line for us! 100% VOLUNTEER!

Knowing that the leadership at the Fire House was changing after a number of years, your Editor called the President of the NBVFD Bobby Allen and asked if he would be willing to talk about retiring Chief Billy Freesland. Bobby, as everyone knows him, told me he would welcome the opportunity to talk about Billy, but that he wanted to do it in person, not over the telephone – it was too big a story to tell over the phone. A dedicated volunteer fireman himself, Bobby’s voice becomes quiet and reverent when he speaks of Billy Freesland. You can hear the respect he has for him in his tone when he refers to Billy as a “silent giant” – a man who is always prepared and always there for his comrades and for us. He’s the “go-to” person on about everything!

Billy, who was raised in the

Chesapeake Beach-North Beach area, joined the Fire Service in 1974 when he was still in his teens. Even as a student at Salisbury State, he came home every weekend so he could maintain his active status with the NBVFD. While earning his college degree, he excelled at athletics and was a soccer superstar in addition to continuing his service back home. When he returned to the Beaches and went to work for BGE, he continued his dedicated service to the Fire Department and he lived for a time at the Fire House. He’s now married to Ruth Ann and has a daughter and son – both soccer players. In addition to his full-time position as an executive with BGE, his family responsibilities, and his various other activities, he still manages his dedicated work at the Fire House and his service as President of the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Association. Bobby asked him how he could handle it all, and Billy looked at him and said...“time management...it’s all time management.”

During Billy’s 36 years with the Fire and EMT Service, he spent 27 of them as a Chief Officer: two years as Safety Officer, two as Deputy Chief, four as Assistant Chief and 19 years as Chief Officer. He is a highly decorated officer,



earning awards from both our North Beach Volunteer Fire Department and Calvert County. He entered the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Association Hall of Fame in the 1990s and three years ago the Southern Maryland Firemen’s Hall of Fame.

This year, Billy decided to step down as Chief and did not seek re-election. His leadership will be missed. He is truly our hero!

The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department has 120-125 men and women on their rolls, with 40-50 in the “core group.” They are continually training to remain top-notch as both Firemen and EMT personnel and they maintain an arsenal of equipment as well: two Fire Engines, one Rescue Piece, one Ladder Truck, one Fire Boat, a couple of Zodiacs and two Ambulances. Funds contributed to the Fire Department go directly to training the personnel and maintaining the vehicles.

The next time you run into one of these brave souls, give them a big thank you for their dedicated service. And remember, they are 100% VOLUNTEER!

Important Town Contact Numbers

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, tune to Channel 6 or WTOP Radio 103.5			
Animal Control	410-535-2800	Library	410-257-2411
Beach Elementary	410-257-1512	Post Office	410-257-6180
Northeast Community Center	410-257-2554	Railway Museum	410-257-3892
Emergency	911	Sheriff (non-emergency)	410-535-2800
Fire Department (non-emergency)	410-257-6564	Town Hall	410-257-2230; 301-855-8398
Town Hall is now open Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.			

Mosquito Season is Just Around the Corner

It won't be long before we're swatting mosquitoes and working to control them in our neighborhoods. We obviously do this for two reasons: to avoid nuisance biting, and to preclude the spread of mosquito-borne disease. Calvert County Mosquito Control has provided us with information, and some suggestions, that we as citizens can do to help stop the breeding of these little pests.

The important thing to remember is that when it comes to breeding grounds for mosquitoes, they need stagnant water in order to lay their eggs. You may be surprised at the number of areas around your home where mosquitoes find the stagnant water they need to breed. Remember! If it can hold water for more than a few days, it can breed mosquitoes!

Here are some remedies and preventative measures you can take:

Fishponds: While these are beautiful landscape water features, mosquitoes find these to be ideal breeding grounds, especially if the pond is in disuse.

SOLUTION: If the pond is in disuse, Calvert County Mosquito Control can provide you with mosquito fish free of charge. If the pond is active, be sure to remove excess vegetation, as it can provide a stable breeding ground.

Swimming Pools: If your pool is active and maintained it should not create a problem. But if it is neglected it becomes a large pool of stagnant water and an excellent breeding ground.

SOLUTION: Maintain your pool. If you cannot maintain it, contact Calvert County Mosquito Control and ask them about mosquito fish. These fish can easily survive in your pool, and they will devour the mosquito larvae.

Bird Bath: While they are designed to attract birds, unfortunately, they also attract mosquitoes. Bird baths are a major source of mosquitoes that many



people overlook. It is a shallow source of water, so the water is warmer, and actually encourages mosquitoes to grow faster! **SOLUTION:** All you have to do is change the water every few days. In other words...just wash it out with your garden hose! It's easy!

Clogged Gutter: When trees lose their leaves, and they end up in your gutter, little pools of standing water result. These last longer than you realize, and when mosquito season rolls around, they have a perfect place to breed. **SOLUTION:** This one requires a little more work on your part. Roll up your

sleeves, and clean out that gutter before the weather gets too warm. Or better yet, hire someone to do it!

Tarps: These are used to protect those items we don't want to get wet. Things like firewood, truck beds, boats, etc. While they provide a good protection, there are dips in the tarp that trap stagnant water. And all it takes is a little water for those pesky mosquitoes

to breed! **SOLUTION:** During nice weather, you really don't need those tarps. If you think you do, every few days you should remove the tarp and shake it out.

Old Tires: When people leave their old tires outside, they naturally catch the rain and it is almost impossible to empty out ALL the water. Inevitably, a little water remains, and produces a breeding ground for mosquitoes. **SOLUTION:** The best and easiest solution

is simply to get rid of the old tires! Take them to the dump, or pay a tire store or gas station to recycle them. If you want to hang onto the old tires, store them in a dry place.

For more information, contact: Calvert County Mosquito Control 410-535-6924 or Email: mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us

NOTE: Calvert County will be spraying for mosquitos in our town this summer. If you DO NOT want the County to spray within 100 feet of your house, please call Town Hall and let us know.

Resident
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732



Do You Know This Person?

We are continuing our special feature/contest to see if you can identify people and/or places in and around the Town of Chesapeake Beach. We are sharing old photographs of our citizens and sites from our town from another era. The first person to call Town Hall with the correct information will win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise in the summer of 2011!

The second photo in this series, which appeared in our last Newsletter, was one of a long-time friend of Chesapeake Beach. She was correctly identified by Cathy King who won two tickets on the 2011 Summer Moonlight Cruise of her choice! And our mystery woman is none other than Grace Rymer!

Now it's time to identify our next mystery person. Can you tell us who the little girl on the right is in this photo? Be the first to call Town Hall with the correct information and you, too, can win two free Moonlight Cruise tickets!

