

# CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

January 2011

## *Brightest Beacon on the Bay*

In 2010, the citizens, merchants and boat owners of Chesapeake Beach put together a lot of Holiday Spirit and did an outstanding job of decorating their homes, businesses and boats for the Holiday Season. Along with the Town's beautiful displays and the new banners throughout the town, their contribution added to the magic of the season!

The winners were announced before the December Town Council meeting at Town Hall and were awarded certificates from the Town, as well as prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

**Best Decorated Boat** went to George Klein, the owner of Bay Hog!

### **Best Decorated Business winners:**

3rd Place – Chesapeake Beach Pharmacy, located in Chesapeake Station Shopping Center  
2nd Place – Tyler's Tackle Shop at 8210 Bayside Road  
1st Place – Trader's Restaurant at 8132 Bayside Road

### **Best Decorated Townhouse:**

3rd Place – Ryan & Mary Dotter, 2483 Deerfield Lane  
2nd Place – Jay Cronk, 7844 C Street  
1st Place – Brian & Jennifer Zlotorzynski, 7975 Delores Court



Brightest Beacon on the Bay: Lori & Ed Arnold, 3221 Smith's Retreat  
Photo Credit: Bob Munro

### **Best Decorated House:**

3rd Place – Richard & Sherri Nelson, 7616 I Street  
2nd Place – Tanya Calacino, 3911 16th Street  
1st Place – Greg & Laura Kellner, 7117 Chesapeake Village Blvd.

### **Brightest Beacon on the Bay:**

Lori & Ed Arnold, 3221 Smith's Retreat

## *From the Mayor*

Once again, I am writing little snippets on a lot of things going on around town. I hope that you find this interesting!

### **Beach Buccaneers**

The Beach Buccaneers finished another successful season, its 30th. I am in awe of the amount of volunteer effort that goes into this club, and what a tremendous resource it is to the youth of our community. I had the privilege of handing out some of the trophies at their Awards Banquet in November. Of note, the 100 lb. football team has gone undefeated for four consecutive years, with nearly 50 wins and no losses. This is an amazing accomplishment! But there's more.



## *New Face at Town Hall!*

So you may be wondering who that new person is that you see at Town Hall these days. Or who that different voice is when you call Town Hall. It is Fran Addicott! And you're going to love her! Fran (pictured here) has temporarily joined the town staff to work with the new scanning system...scanning all of the town's documents.



In addition, she assists Kathy and Sharon, answering phones and handling mailings. Fran is originally from Clinton, Maryland and moved to Huntingtown eight years ago with her husband of 23 years. They have two children...a daughter Christina, 22 and a 16 year old son Peter. When she's not at Town Hall, and not spending time with her family, you'll find Fran walking, cooking or shopping! Next time you're in Town Hall make a point of meeting her and welcoming her aboard!

## *Important Town Contact Numbers*

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

## *Do You Know This Person?*

In the last Newsletter, we created a new feature that will be in each of our quarterly Town Newsletters. It is a contest to see if you can identify people and/or places in and around the Town of Chesapeake Beach. We will be 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 first photo which appeared in our last Newsletter was one of a long-time Chesapeake Beach citizen. He was correctly identified by Veronica Oursler who won two tickets on the 2011 Summer Moonlight Cruise of her choice! And our mystery man is Mr. Donald McDermid!

Thank you both for participating! Now it's time to identify our next mystery person. Do you know the woman standing behind the seated people in this photograph? Be the first to call Town Hall with the correct information and you, too, can win two free Moonlight Cruise tickets!



## Calendars for Soldiers

Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney will once again coordinate our "Calendars for Soldiers." Please contact him with the names and addresses of any family/friends who are Calvert Countians stationed out of state or oversees so we can send them a copy of the 2011 Town Calendar. A little home town love to our men and women defending our country will be appreciated. Please contact Vice-President Mahoney by email at pmahoney@chesapeake-beach.md.us or by phone at 410-257-6905.

## Remember to Stay in the Know...

We'll soon have this new service up and running, so don't forget to send us your email address and 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. OR, even better, email us at editor@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!*

## Town Website gets a Facelift!



Chesapeake Beach's own Bob Munro has updated and reworked the Town's website, so be sure to check it out! Same address: [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us) with a new refreshing look.

For now, the site includes much of the content from the former site, with some new features as well. We'll be adding a lot of new information in the coming months. Navigating the site is easy and citizens are encouraged to use the "suggestions" page to submit comments and recommendations to Town Hall.

Finding contact information for staff and elected officials is at your fingertips, as is access to recent copies of the Newsletter, forms, calendar of events, special events, a directory of local businesses and a resident's page. You can even link easily to the local weather!

Site visitors should feel free to submit any thoughts about changes or additions to the site to [webmaster@chesapeake-beach.md.us](mailto:webmaster@chesapeake-beach.md.us)



## *Kellam's Field Re-Dedicated*

On a beautiful, crisp, fall evening amid a sea of orange and black, the Town of Chesapeake Beach re-dedicated its beloved Kellam's Field and celebrated the Beach Buccaneers' Homecoming Pep Rally! From the Bucs' entrance onto the field through the tunnel, to the re-dedication ceremony on the fifty yard line, to the lighting of the new score board, to the Pom and Cheerleader routines, to the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, it was quite an exciting night!



Friday night, October 15th saw Mayor Bruce Wahl, Town Council Members, County Commissioners, State Delegate Sue Kullen, State Senator Mike Miller and the Beach Buccaneer leadership all on hand in the center of the newly restored Field for a re-dedication ceremony. The crowd roared as the new, giant score board was switched on and welcomed everyone to Kellam's Field for the first time! U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski sent a proclamation, and the Beach Buccaneers presented the Mayor and Town Council with special plaques to commemorate the occasion.

It was a memorable night for everyone. The Bucs have a new home and the Town of Chesapeake Beach can be proud of this outstanding sports facility!

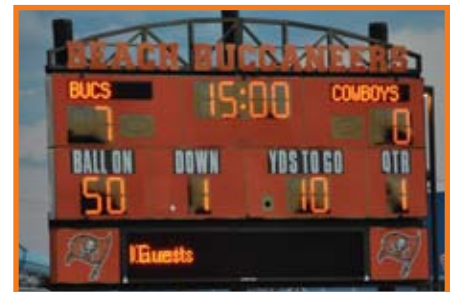


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## *Oh What a Night...*

### **Late October back in 2010...**

Ghosts and goblins, witches and monsters and many, many more turned out for the Haunted Water Park in Chesapeake Beach on October 23rd. Over 2500 children of all ages went through the Park, experiencing the wonder...the fun...the excitement...and the terror...of Halloween!

Town staff and volunteers worked all day to transform the friendly, magical Water Park into eerie, spooky and downright scary haunted trails. As visitors emerged from the scary and the not-so-scary trails, Town merchants were ready for them with treats and goodies of all sorts.

The weather was perfect and the excitement of the night kept those waiting in long lines upbeat and happy. Sneaks the Library Cat, Captain Pete from Smokey Joe's, an anonymous gorilla, and Papa John's Pizza Slice were all on hand to amuse and delight the children as they walked through the Park. And everyone went away with a smile on their face and a bag full of treats!



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## Calendar of Events

January		
Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Railway Museum Field Trip to B & O Museum	
3	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall - Northside	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
5	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
12	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
17	Town Hall Closed, Martin Luther King Day	
20	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
February		
Day	Event/Location	Time
7	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall - North, HOAs, including Seagate, Baycrest, Horizon on the Bay, Windward Key, Courtyards at Fishing Creek and Bayview Hills	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
9	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
14	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
17	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
21	Town Hall Closed, Presidents' Day	
March		
Day	Event/Location	Time
7	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall - Southside	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
9	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
12	Railway Museum Volunteer Training Workshop	
14	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
17	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
19	Fishing Creek Clean-Up	10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
20	Fishing Creek Clean-Up (Rain Date)	10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
April		
Day	Event/Location	Time
4	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall - Richfield Station	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
6	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
9	Annual Railway Museum Spring Heritage Tour	
9	Bayfront Park Clean-Up	10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
10	Bayfront Park Clean-Up (Rain Date)	10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
13	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
16	Easter Festival (Formerly known as Easter Parade), Tot Lot	12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.
18	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
21	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
22	Town Hall Closed, Good Friday	
23	Easter Festival (Formerly known as Easter Parade), Tot Lot (Rain Date)	12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

*The Holidays in Chesapeake Beach...  
 Always a spectacular season!*

Photo Credits: Bob Munro

From the "Light up the Town" event on Sunday, November 28th at Town Hall to the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum's Polar Express and Trolley Tour of Lights, the holiday season in Chesapeake Beach was a memorable one again in 2010!

It all began with the traditional lighting of the Town Tree and all of the wonderful, magical displays throughout the town in late November. The children from Beach Elementary entertained the crowd gathered at Town Hall with traditional Christmas music while Mother Christmas and Santa Claus lit the Town's Christmas tree. Santa brought goodies for all, and the Holiday Season was off to a great start!

This year the Town of Chesapeake Beach, and many of the Town's citizens, participated in the Bay Business Group's Holiday Parade in North Beach. The Town had its first official float in the parade and featured its newest holiday light display...a fishing penguin! The Water Park also participated for the first time, and had a great float. The Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, old hands at the parade were there, along with the Chesapeake Beach Garden Club, the Mayor and members of the Town Council. Many antique and classic car owners, town businesses, groups and organizations, citizens with their pets, and "characters" from around town were enthusiastic participants and parade watchers for this event that, in its fourth year, has become a welcome tradition at the Beaches!

"Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest brought the town many fabulous light displays again in 2010. Homes, townhomes, businesses and boats were all entered in the competition, and

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Northern High School Band



Les King of Homes and Gardens by Les pulls Mrs. Claus and her elves with his new John Deere tractor that will be used to shovel snow in the town this winter!



Mayor Bruce Wahl rides in the BBG Holiday Parade in North Beach on December 4th with his daughter Megan Isenberg and his grandson John Isenberg.

# The Holidays in Chesapeake Beach...

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winners were announced prior to the Town Hall meeting on December 16th where they claimed their prizes, donated by the generous merchants of the County. (See front page article.)

This year the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, the Town's Special Events Committee and the Beach Trolley Association joined forces and brought the citizens of the town an expanded event. As in years past, the Railway Museum's Conductor read the "Polar Express" to the group of children and adults gathered at the Museum on December 21st. New this year, was the tour of lights! When the story was over, the children and their families boarded the Trolley and rode around town to view all the entries in the "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" contest. Everyone had such a wonderful time, this is sure to become a new tradition in Chesapeake Beach!

### And finally HOW ABOUT THAT

CRAB!?!? In what has become a playful, delightful game in Chesapeake Beach during the holidays, we watched the migration of one of the crabs again this year. Each evening it was interesting to see what the crab was up to and where it would turn up. In two short years, this has become one of the most anticipated "games" of the season, and we can't wait to see what the crabs will have in store for us in 2011!



Mrs. Claus waves to the crowd as she rides along with her elves and reindeer.



Santa Claus rode high atop the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department's Hook & Ladder!

Photo credits: Bob Munro



Photo credit: Nancy Feuerle



### Holiday Lights

The children of Beach Elementary School entertain prior to the lighting of the Town by "Mother Christmas" Jo Finch and Santa Claus.

Photo credits: Peteris Bicevskis



## *Roland's of Chesapeake Beach* **The story behind the success.**

You shop there, you love their fried chicken, potato salad and so much more about the place. But do you know the story behind the store, and the man who made it possible? Pull up a chair...this is truly an American story about a self-made man who calls Chesapeake Beach home.

It's been about family since the beginning, and it continues in that tradition today. Roland Pelletier opened Roland's of Chesapeake Beach in 1990. He expanded the store twice...once eight years ago and the most recent expansion was just last year. But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

The story begins in 1960, when Pelletier and his father-in-law Harry Kaplan opened Penn Delicatessen at 313 Pennsylvania Avenue on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Realizing the need for more of a grocery market as well as a deli, in 1968 Pelletier opened Roland's of Capitol Hill at 333 Pennsylvania Avenue (near the Tune Inn and Hawk & Dove for those of you who frequent Capitol Hill). It was at this site that they began doing party platters for many of the events on Capitol Hill as well as for one of the well-known caterers on the Hill. One day, a few of those party platters ended up at the White House for an event attended by the president at the time, President George Herbert Walker Bush!

Pelletier sold the Penn Delicatessen in 1970 and sold Roland's of Capitol Hill in 1991. Over the course of 50 years he owned eight businesses. In addition to the three men-

tioned above he owned The Emporium Deli in Washington, DC; Roland's of Falls Church, VA; two stores in Clinton, MD... the Clinton Five and Dime which he opened with a brother-in-law and another deli called Bob and Roland's which he opened with another brother-in-law (the family continues); and the Sea Breeze Restaurant (you know it now as Trader's) right here in Chesapeake Beach.

When Pelletier opened Roland's of Chesapeake Beach he wanted a 24,000 square foot store. But the owners of the shopping center only agreed to 12,000 square feet. With the two recent expansions, the store is now 24,000 square feet in size. The last expansion had a price tag of nearly \$1.5 million. The store carries \$900,000 in inventory and one million dollars in equipment.

Roland's is an independent grocery store, now run by Pelletier's three children, Shirley, Sandy and Roland, Jr. But even now, when he is in Chesapeake Beach, Pelletier is in the store seven days a week. The family continues. And he considers all 75 of Roland's current employees his family. Some of the employees have been with Roland's for 18 to 20 years. A sign of the philosophy of this humble man: "you need to treat people right."

Roland Pelletier was born into a



family of ten children (five boys and five girls) in Amesbury, Massachusetts. His father died in a paint store explosion and fire when Pelletier was only seven years old. After completing grade school he went to work in a shoe factory and then joined the Air Force at the young age of 16. He served four years of active duty and another four years in the active reserves. He moved to Calvert County in 1980, living near Twin Shields and Route 260. Today he resides at Windward Key in Chesapeake Beach and is an active member of the local American Legion, serving on the executive board and volunteering at the Legion seven days a week. His other passion is golf...playing twice a week. When he's not in Chesapeake Beach, he and his wife Nancy can be found at their home in The Villages, Florida...a community with 40 golf courses!

He continues to be all about family, beaming when he talks about his three grandsons. Next time you stop in Roland's or you are in the American Legion, look for Roland Pelletier. He's still an active participant in our community and truly proof that the American dream is still with us!



## *Some Safety Tips from the Sheriff's Office*

Criminals are always looking for an opportunity to make an easy score. To protect yourself and your valuables, the sheriff's office would like to recommend the following safety tips:

- Shop during the daytime hours whenever possible. When shopping at night, park in well lit areas near your destination.
- When possible, don't shop alone. Take a friend or relative along. It may take a bit longer, but there is safety in numbers.
- Always lock your car and roll up your windows, even if you will "only be gone for a minute". A minute is all a thief needs to separate you from your valuables. If you have an alarm, utilize it.
- Lock your purchases in your trunk. Never leave them in plain sight on the seats or the floorboard. If you don't have a trunk, cover them with a blanket or something similar.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't advertise large amounts of cash in public. You never know who may be watching. Use credit and debit cards when possible.
- If you use an ATM at the mall, be aware of who may be around you. Try not to make large cash withdrawals. The malls are usually crowded and this makes it easy for a criminal to catch you off guard and grab your cash.
- Always choose a bank ATM in visible, well lit areas. If you notice anyone suspicious approaching, cancel your transaction and leave.



- Never leave your purse in a shopping cart. Make sure it is always zipped or snapped shut. When dining out, never hang your purse on your chair. Keep it in your lap or on the floor in front of you.
- Avoid carrying too many packages that may make you a target. It's better to make regular trips to the car to drop off packages while shopping.
- Do not get into your car if you are followed or are suspicious of anyone hanging around your vehicle. Instead, return to the mall or store and ask security for assistance.
- Save your most expensive purchases for the end of your shopping trip.
- Watch for people who may bump into you or distract you in some other way. They may be setting you up for pick-pocketing.
- When leaving the mall, don't talk on your cellphone. Be aware of what's going on around you. Also, have your keys ready in your hand. Lots of packages and fumbling through your purse or pockets for your keys makes you an easy target.
- Be alert and aware of strangers who may approach you for whatever reason. Following these simple rules will help keep you from becoming a crime victim. If you see any suspicious activity, immediately report it to store security or the local police.



## *More Trash!*

### **Let's talk bulk trash and yard debris...**

#### Bulk Trash

- Definition of Bulk Trash: Large items that normally would not be picked up by the household trash contractor
- Limited to three (3) items per pickup per house. Items in excess of three (3) will be charged \$150 per item. Payment must be made in advance.
- All bulk trash must be scheduled for pickup through the Town Hall by calling 410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398. You will be scheduled for the next pick up for your area of Town.

#### Pickup Schedule

- 1st Thursday of the Month – South Side (South of Fishing Creek)
- 2nd Thursday of the Month – North Side (North of Fishing Creek)
- 3rd Thursday of the Month – West Side (Bayview Hills & Richfield Station)

Pickups may be added or subtracted to meet the needs of the Town and the capabilities of the Public Works Department.

#### Items That Will NOT Be Picked Up

- Anything that was not included in your request to Town Hall
- Hazardous Materials, Paint, Oil, Tires and Batteries
- Gas Motors or Farm Equipment
- Pianos, Pool Tables and Assembled Play Equipment
- Heat Pumps
- Carpeting
- Grass and Yard debris (see below)
- Construction debris: i.e. drywall, wood, flooring, tile, etc.
- When renovating, remodeling or emptying a house, you must call a trash contractor and have a dumpster placed on your property.

If there are items you wish to dispose of, but do not meet our policy, you may call the Calvert County Landfill at 410-326-0210 so that they may assist you in your disposal needs.

The Town reserves the right not to pick up an item if it determines the Town cannot or should not dispose of the item. If there are any questions, please contact Town Hall for assistance.

#### Yard Debris

- Grass clippings and leaves should be bagged and placed with your normal household trash, and will be picked up by our trash contractor at the same time as normal household trash. This will continue all year.
- Sticks, twigs and branches must be cut into three (3) foot lengths and bundled together with twine or rope. They will be picked up on Tuesdays from April through November on the same section schedule as bulk trash. The Town will not remove a whole tree or a stump of any kind.
- Yard debris will not be picked up if it does not comply with these requirements.

#### Yard Items That Will NOT Be Picked Up

- Whole Trees
- Tree Stumps
- Planter Pots and Boxes
- Planting Soil

#### NOTE:

- Christmas Trees will continue to be picked up through the end of January 2011.
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## *From the Mayor*

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The following Sunday was the day for the "Beach Bowl". The La Plata Blue Knights came to town to play in this annual classic championship. One thing that truly impressed me was the method by which the trophies for each weight class are awarded. There are "Champion" and "Runner-Up" trophies awarded as you would expect to the coaches of the winning and losing teams. What I enjoyed seeing was the award of the "Best Offensive Player" and "Best Defensive Player" on each team. The player selection was made and the awards presented by the coach of the opposing team. In my mind, this method shows great sportsmanship and serves as a wonderful example for the kids on both teams. I like it!

By the time you read this, Kellam's Field will be finished. The last thing to be done for the football side is the Press Box. This is right behind the new bleachers and will be a great place for the announcer and scorekeepers. Please take a look at the new ball fields and show your pride for the Beach Bucs!

### **Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail**

Contractor Gradient Construction is making great progress on the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail. Most of the pilings in the project have been driven, and the stringers on the walkway in the creek and the second bridge are completed. The stamped concrete walkway on the old right-of-way on the south side of the creek is also complete, and most of the asphalt work should be done by the time this is published.

I have made many inspection trips out to the construction sites, and I am always delighted that this trail will offer a view into the watershed that you simply cannot achieve by any other land-based means. While out with John Riffe, owner of Gradient recently, we observed a Bald Eagle flying across the marsh carrying food to its offspring in their nest at the marsh's edge. They screeched and made quite a racket as dinner approached! It delights me to think that observing this kind of thing will be a mere few minute walk for most town residents once this project is finished in 2011.

### **Chesapeake Village Water Tower Nearly Complete**

The new 350,000 gallon Chesapeake Village Water Tower is nearing completion, and should be available for duty in the early part of 2011. I mentioned in my last message to you that we were able to build this for just 2/3 of the engineers' estimated cost, saving our rate payers nearly a million dollars! I consider this to be municipal government at its best – providing necessary services and doing it frugally.

### **Council Approves Water Park Concession Stand Improvements**

As part of a significant upgrade to the Chesapeake Beach Water Park, the Town Council has approved the recommendation of the Water Park Committee to expand and upgrade the Snack Bar (to be known as the Concession Stand in the future). This enhancement will provide additional serving windows, more food storage, and in general reduce the lines and wait time. The sketches I have seen for the revised building are quite attractive and will make a wonderful addition to the park.

### **What's On Your Mind?**

Feel free to contact me with whatever is on your mind. My email address is [bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us](mailto:bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us) and you can see what days I am available in Town Hall by referring to your Chesapeake Beach calendar. Stay warm this winter!

*Bruce Wahl,*  
*Mayor*

*Please Continue to  
 Pick Up After Your Pet*  
**We appreciate your being responsible!**

Please continue to clean up and properly dispose of any waste left by your pet. Pet waste is not only a nuisance, but it is also a health concern that contributes to the spread of parasites and possible disease. Please continue to do your part to promote courtesy among neighbors and keep our town grounds as sanitary and unsoiled as possible.

Remember, it's the law! According to 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, 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 the owner."

## *Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail Coming Soon!* **Let's Get Ready for the Celebration!**

The Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail will be a reality before we know it! We are planning a rousing dedication ceremony for this long-awaited Trail, but before we can celebrate, we have to get ready for the party!

A group of citizens is forming to produce "The First Annual Fishing Creek Clean Up" and we're sure you will want to be a part of this project for our Town. The "First Annual" will help us prepare for the launching of the Railway Trail...and then each year, we'll continue to keep the area green and clean!

On Saturday, March 19th at 10:00 am, we'll gather at the site where the Railway Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony was held near the Rear Range Marker (just west of the NE Community Center). There's plenty of parking in the area. We'll work from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm...some on foot and some out of boats, to clear the area of debris and trash all along the new Trail. Rain date is Sunday, March 20th...same time.

If you would like to participate, please call Town Hall and sign

up for this very worthwhile and rewarding project. If you have a small boat and can join us in our efforts, please call Pat Carpenter at 301-855-4265. All you need to do is show up wearing long trousers, long sleeves and have the will to help our environment! We'll provide everything else you'll need (gloves, trash bags, etc.). We'll also provide donuts, water, coffee and pizza for participants!

A special feature of this "Clean-Up" – We have invited Len Zuza from the Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society (SMOCS) to speak with us briefly about filtering our local waters and the SMOCS project we are planning for Chesapeake Beach. There has been a lot of interest in participating in this project, and this is a great opportunity to learn more about it.

What a great way to spend a Saturday morning in the Spring! Let's take pride in this wonderful new Trail that will serve our Town for many years to come by giving the area a face-lift and restoring its natural beauty for all to enjoy!

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## *Oyster Cultivation Society*

Join us at the January 20, 2011 Town Council Meeting to learn about the Southern Maryland Oyster Cultivation Society (SMOCS) and their successes in restoring oysters to Mill Creek, Back Creek and St. John's Creek in the Solomons and Lusby areas. In just a few short years, SMOCS' efforts have resulted in enough oysters to filter the waters of these tributaries. This is in an area where there were no oysters just a few years ago. It is our hope to duplicate their success in the Fishing Creek watershed, and to take advantage of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail's timber walkway as a great location for the oyster cages such as the one in the photograph.

Plans for the meeting in January include a demonstration of the ability of oysters to filter Bay waters. SMOCS President Len Zuza, and Jon Farrington, owner of the Johnny Oyster Seed Company will be our guests and presenters for the evening. You can learn more about their efforts at [www.smocs.org](http://www.smocs.org) and <http://sites.google.com/site/theoysterguy/home>. Please join us in January!



Oysters after a couple of years of growth.  
Photo credits: Bruce Wahl

## *In the Spirit of the Season...*

The citizens of Chesapeake Beach rallied during the holiday season to help those less fortunate. Thank you to all who participated! We are pleased to report that because of the generosity of our citizens, we donated nearly 500 lbs. of canned food to End Hunger in Calvert County. End Hunger is a partnership of Calvert County churches, charities, schools, businesses, and government officials united behind the goal of ending hunger in the County.

In addition, we donated an abundance of warm coats and blankets to Project ECHO – a non-profit agency, located in Prince Frederick, which provides emergency assistance to homeless people in our community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Because this project was such a great success and helped so many, we plan to continue this campaign throughout the year. And, in addition to the coats and blankets for Project Echo, we find that they also need paper towels and other paper products. So, please continue to bring those discarded coats, blankets, canned food and now paper products to Town Hall and we'll see that they get to those who need them the most!

These important projects were the idea of our own Kathy Johnson at Town Hall. The letter (see inset) is a fitting tribute to Kathy and the other staff at Town Hall who assisted with these efforts.



Dear Mayor Wahl,

*I am writing to alert you to an amazing deed done by the wonderful women in the Town Hall.*

*Through their efforts, a very successful coat drive was conducted for Project ECHO, the homeless shelter in Prince Frederick.*

*I volunteer at the shelter each week. I had some residents carry in the abundance of wonderful, warm coats of all sizes, and everyone from the toddlers to the oldest, smallest to the largest, had a warm coat in their hands if they needed one.*

*While this may not sound like much to some, it is very important to our residents. They do not have transportation and walking on a 10 degree day is not fun. These coats were a gift of love.*

*In your next Chesapeake Beach newsletter, I hope you will give these women the recognition they so richly deserve. They certainly have the love and gratitude of those of us at the shelter.*

Sincerely,  
 Carole Haas



## *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.

## *Calvert Library* **Twin Beaches Branch**

The Library continues to be a hub of activity this winter! From their popular Storytimes...to programs for young people...to adult book discussions...there is definitely something for everyone at the Library! If you don't see something that interests you below, go to [www.calvert.lib.md.us](http://www.calvert.lib.md.us) for more.



### **Computer Class!**

On January 19th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, the Library will be offering a free class called "Yes! You Can Use a Computer." Topic for the day will be: Creating a Resume. Librarians are also very willing to schedule a free one hour session on whatever computer topic you want to learn. "If we know how to do what you want to learn, we are happy to share what we know," said Branch Manager Joanie Kilmon.

### **Shenanigans**

These sessions feature activities to have fun with reading, and are targeted to 4th thru 6th graders. Each session explores different topics and no advance preparation is required. Register online for these 6:30 to 7:30 pm sessions scheduled for January 13 with the theme "Ben and You and Me" (focusing on Benjamin Franklin), and February 10 when the theme will be "It's All Greek to Me" (featuring mythology).

### **Storytime**

Wednesday 9:15 – 9:35 am – "Cuddle Up and Read to Me" for birth to 2 years old

Wednesday 10:00 – 10:45 am – Family Storytime for children of all ages

Wednesday 11:00 – 11:30 am – Storytime for 2 and 3 year olds

Wednesday 1:00 – 1:45 pm – Family Storytime for children of all ages

Saturday (if the Library is open) 10:00 – 10:45 – Family Storytime for children of all ages

### **Kids Just Want to Have Fun!**

For children in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade, this program is held at Twin Beaches Library from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. You can register online at [www.calvert.lib.md.us](http://www.calvert.lib.md.us). Theme-based books will be discussed and an exciting project will be included each month.

January 27 – Constellations

February 24 – Abraham Lincoln

March 24 – Ireland

April 28 – Nature

May 26 – Jazz

### **Adult Fun!**

Save the 2nd Monday of every month for a great book discussion with the Twin Beaches Library, as they continue their wonderful series for adults at the Town Center Apartments, 8933 Chesapeake Avenue in North Beach at 7:00 pm. Registration is NOT NECESSARY.

**January 10** – "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee or "Scout, Atticus and Boo: A Celebration of 50 Years of To Kill a Mockingbird" by Mary McDonagh Murphy

**February 14** – "Luncheon of the Boating Party" by Susan Vreeland

**March 14** – "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

**April 11** – "Mister Pip" by Lloyd Jones

**May 9** – "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson



## Water Park Gets a Facelift!

The Water Park has closed after one of the most successful seasons ever, but we are still hard at work. In late May, when we reopen, you will see a renovated and expanded Concession Stand. Guests can look forward to an improved menu which promises many new food surprises and a new design that will provide you with quicker service. The Town and Water Park have been planning these upgrades for several years.

We have also begun planning for our next season which begins in less than five months. We are offering an Early Bird Special on 2011 Season Passes. These passes may be purchased online through our website at [chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com](http://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com). This is a wonderful way to purchase a gift of "fun in the sun" for a family member, a friend or even a gift just for you. The "Family Season Passes" will also be available again this year. Purchasing a Family Season Pass saves you more per family member, but the

entire family must sign up at the same time to receive this discount. These passes will be available on our website in a few months.



Until we see you at the Park.

*Marilyn VanWagner*

General Manager  
Chesapeake Beach Water Park

## Important Announcements

Our beautiful **Town Calendars** continue to be available to citizens at Town Hall, the Library and several other locations around Town. This calendar is made possible because of the beautiful photography contributed by our citizens each year. We wish to thank the Calendar Committee and the Calendar Designer Barbara Fink for once again producing this wonderful work of art for our Town!

And speaking of ART...Barbara Bowman continues to manage the lovely **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. Shows are juried. 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.

A big THANK YOU to all who donated **coats, blankets**

**and food** during the holidays! Because of your generosity, we were able to donate many, many coats and blankets to Project Echo in Prince Frederick and tons of canned goods and non-perishable food to End Hunger! We plan to continue this project throughout the year (see article on page 13).

Finally, if you submitted **photos** for the Town Calendar and would like to have them returned, please contact Kathy or Fran at Town Hall.





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