



Cape Charles Gazette

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We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette which is the electronic newsletter published monthly on behalf of the municipal government of the town of Cape Charles. The Gazette provides a variety of information that we believe will be useful to the citizens and businesses of Cape Charles as well as those who plan to travel to Cape Charles or have any interest in our Town or the Town's government. The Gazette provides information on actions being undertaken or being considered by the Town government, upcoming activities in the Town, important public safety and security issues and emergency announcements.

We welcome your responses which may be sent to gazette@capecharles.org, or by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

We also encourage you to visit the Town's website at www.capecharles.org where you will find up-to-date information about the operation of the Town government.



NOTE FROM MAYOR DIZE

March 27, 2019 was my last scheduled Mayor's Office Hours at the Cape Charles Town Hall. In the future, I plan to hold quarterly Town Hall meetings at the Cape Charles Civic Center to better notify the town's residents and business owners of a variety of information that I feel will be important to everyone. My first Town Hall session is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In the meantime, if you need to contact me, please feel free to email me at mayor@capecharles.org and we can schedule a time to talk or meet if needed.

Thank you!

NOTICE OF CAPE CHARLES TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS



The Cape Charles Town Council will hold public hearings on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to receive comment on the following:

- i) A Conditional Use Permit application to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 649 Randolph Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-422);
- ii) A Conditional Use Permit application to allow residential above first floor commercial in the Commercial-1 district at 209 Mason Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-638);
- iii) Renewal of a cable franchise agreement with Chesapeake Bay Communications.

Please contact Town Planner Zach Ponds at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

The Town Council will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the requests.

[Click here](#) for more information regarding these public hearing items.

RESOLUTION 20190321**CHANGING DAY OF THE APRIL 2019 CAPE CHARLES
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Cape Charles Town Council Regular Meetings are currently held on the third Thursdays of each month and agenda packets usually are sent out the Friday of the week prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the April Town Council Regular Meeting is currently scheduled for April 18, 2019, which conflicts with the observance of Holy Thursday; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure a quorum for the April meeting a date change is necessary; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Cape Charles, Virginia, that the April Town Council Regular Meeting will be held on April 11, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM, at the Cape Charles Civic Center.

Adopted by the Town Council of Cape Charles on March 21, 2019.

By: _____

Mayor William Dize

ATTEST:

Libby Hume
Town Clerk

AROUND TOWN HALL

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget process is underway. The Town Council began their review of the proposed budget for the next FY on March 14, 2019 and will be meeting over the next couple of months to finalize the budget for the public hearing, currently scheduled for June 6, 2019. The next budget work session is scheduled for April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- To keep the Council and citizens abreast of various activity, Town Manager Larry DiRe has been providing a [Weekly Activity Report](#), which is posted on the town's website. If you are interested in reviewing the weekly report, please sign up for [e-Notifications](#).
- Over the last several months, the Planning Commission and Town Council reviewed recommendations from an ad hoc parking committee to change the Mason Avenue parking from back-in angle parking to pull-in angle parking adding handicap spaces and parallel parking on the south side of the street. Before any parking pattern could change, a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) land use permit must be issued. Staff confirmed the permit application process with VDOT Resident Engineer Dale Pusey on February 26. The process included the development of a general area site plan, as well as specific drawings of handicap parking stalls and signage. Project cost estimates prepared by a professional engineer were also required. At their March 9 special meeting, Council provided direction to staff to begin the process of securing professional surveyor services to develop a general area site plan and specific drawings of proposed handicap parking stalls, signage and loading zones and contacting a professional engineer to provide cost estimate information for the new pavement parking pattern in order to submit the required permit application to VDOT. If approved by VDOT, the actual work to re-stripe the parking would occur after the 2019 summer season.
- In November 2018, the Town Council adopted Resolution 20181115 – Requesting Regulatory Authority from the Virginia General Assembly for the Town of Cape Charles to Regulate Parking of Certain Vehicles on Town Streets. A copy of the resolution along with the Town's official request were submitted to Senator Lynwood Lewis and Delegate Robert Bloxom who introduced bills to amend Code of Virginia § 46.2-1222.1 to authorize the Town of Cape Charles the ability to regulate or prohibit the parking on any public highway "of any or all of the following: i) watercraft; ii) boat trailers; iii) motor homes; and iv) camping trailers." The bills have passed both the Virginia Senate and House effective July 1, 2019. The Town Council will begin their review of various streets in town and regulations after finalization of the FY 2020 budget. No changes will be implemented until after the 2019 summer season.



BAGGING OF YARD DEBRIS



With spring approaching and the temperatures warming up, the Public Works Department has issued a reminder asking citizens NOT to rake or blow grass and plant clippings or other yard debris into the streets. Doing so will clog up the storm drains which will lead to flooding that could severely damage personal property. Please do your part to keep the yard debris out of the street by bagging them for proper pick-up.

Please note that our recycler only accepts biodegradable bags. Yard debris placed on the curb in non-biodegradable bags will NOT be picked up. You can arrange for a special pick-up by contacting the Utility Clerk Kathy Fraas at 757-331-6901. Please note that there will be a \$5 per bag charge for this special pick-up.

Thank you for your assistance!



2019 GOLF CART DECALS



The annual golf cart safety inspections and decals are due for the 2019 season no later than **April 15, 2019** for golf carts driven on public roads within the Town of Cape Charles. The decals are good through April 14, 2020.

You may schedule an appointment for a safety inspection with either Eastern Shore Custom Carts at (757) 999-2278 or Interstate Equipment Service at (757) 999-2006. Please click the appropriate link below for more information.

[2019 Golf Cart Registration Form](#) / [2019 Golf Cart Inspection Form](#)

2018 & 2019 BUSINESS LICENSES

2018 Business, Professional & Occupational License Taxes are due to the Town of Cape Charles by **April 16, 2019** based on gross receipts and the tax rate applicable to each business.

2019 Business, Professional & Occupational License Tax forms are available by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling the Finance Department at 757-331-3259 ext. 21 or by emailing libby.luettinger@capecharles.org.

[2019 BPOL Form \(Retail, Business Services, Professional, Wholesale, Utilities\)](#) / [2019 BPOL Form \(Contractor\)](#)
[2019 BPOL Form \(Vacation Rental & Rental Management Business\)](#)

DOGS ON THE BEACH



Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the beach between the hours of 9am-9pm April 1st through Labor Day per Town Code Section 50-191.

If you have your dog on the beach during the permitted hours, please be courteous and pick up the waste and do not bury it for someone to step on. There are a number of doggie waste stations along the boardwalk which contain bags for your convenience. Failure to comply could result in a class 4 misdemeanor charge.

At all times, throughout the Town, dogs must remain under the owner's control.

Thank you for your cooperation!

NOTICE TO ALL HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES RE: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Transient Occupancy Tax is a tax levied for accommodations at any lodging facility within the Town of Cape Charles. This applies to any public or private hotel, inn, hostelry, tourist home or house, bed and breakfast, tourist camp, tourist cabin, camping grounds, motel, rooming house, rental home or other lodging place within the Town offering lodging for compensation to any transient. A transient is considered to be any person who obtains lodging at their expense or the expense of another for any period of not more than 30 consecutive days.



Any person or business paying Transient Occupancy Tax must also apply for a Business License with the Town under the [Realtor, Vacation Rental & Rental Management Business](#) category. Payment of \$30.00 minimum or .0036 or \$3.60 per thousand of **gross receipts**, whichever is higher, is due each year by April 15 along with the Business and Professional License Application. A Transient Occupancy [Registration of Vendor](#) form must also be completed and submitted to the treasurer.

The Transient Occupancy Tax of 3.7% of the total amount paid for lodging shall be imposed on all lodging within the Town as described above. Every person or business receiving any payment for lodging shall collect 3.7% Transient Occupancy Tax at the time payment is made for lodging. A [Transient Occupancy Tax form](#) shall be completed monthly and payment of tax shall be remitted to the Treasurer. Reports and remittance shall be submitted on or before the 20th of each month, covering the amount of tax collected during the preceding month. The report must be submitted even if there is no rental income for the reporting month.

The revenue collected from the Transient Occupancy Tax is designated to fund tourism-related initiatives. A portion of the revenue goes to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission to help fund the Welcome Center at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The remainder of the revenue is used for advertising, events, and Virginia Main Street Program initiatives. All initiatives bring in visitors to the Town who stay at the Town's hotels, bed & breakfasts, or other vacation rental or tourist homes. They eat in the restaurants and shop in the retail stores in Town.

This notice is to inform any homeowners or businesses who may be renting homes in Cape Charles that you must be collecting and remitting Transient Occupancy Tax for all rentals. The Town accepts credit card payments in person or by phone.

If you need any of the applications or more information, please contact Treasurer Debbie Pocock at treasurer@capecharles.org or call 757-331-3259 ext. 23.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, April 9, 2019:
Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing & Meeting, 10:00 AM, at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019:
Library Board & Friends of the Library Joint Meeting, 5:00 PM, at the Cape Charles Memorial Library. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, April 11, 2019:
Town Council Public Hearings & Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, April 16, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, April 25, 2019:
Town Council Budget Work Session, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, May 2, 2019:
Town Council Work Session, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, May 7, 2019:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, May 8, 2019:
Library Board Meeting, 5:00 PM, at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Thursday, May 16, 2019:
Town Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- **Monday, May 27, 2019:**
Town Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

CAPE CHARLES HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL

APRIL 27, 2019, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM



The Cape Charles Historical Society will hold its traditional Low Country Shrimp Boil on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Cape Charles Museum from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. The menu features the famous Alabama shrimp boil recipe - shrimp cooked with red potatoes, special "Old Timer" smoked sausage shipped in from Alabama, corn on the cob, onions and peppers. Accompaniments include homemade coleslaw, rolls, dessert and beverages, with wine and draft beer available for purchase. Food will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Live music by the local Corn Funk Revue Band. There will be a Silent Auction in the adjoining Bloxom Station Building (donations welcome) and the traditional 50/50 raffle. Seating is available inside the museum or outdoors under the tent.

Due to significant new expense, tickets are now \$50 for adults, \$25 for children 7 to 12, and

children under 7 free. 2019 Cape Charles Historic Society members can purchase 2 tickets at \$40 each. Tickets are available by cash or check from Periwinkles at 215 Mason Avenue in Cape Charles, or by credit card* from capecharlesmuseum.org. Tickets will also be available at the museum starting April 20. A limited number, pending availability, may be available at the door.



Event sponsors are most welcome. Sponsorships start at \$150, which includes 2 free tickets. Contact Kimb Denny at 757-607-6483 for more information.

The Cape Charles Museum will open for the season on April 21 continuing with the Rosenwald Cape Charles Elementary School exhibit.

* Credit cards have a \$2 surcharge per ticket to cover card fees; credit cards are also accepted at the museum.



Yoga for Littles

(ages 2 – 5)

Come out and join our friend Claudette Lajoie for a fun morning of mindfulness and calm. Littles will be introduced to simple yoga poses and do a small craft. Mats will be provided.

March 27 @10:30am

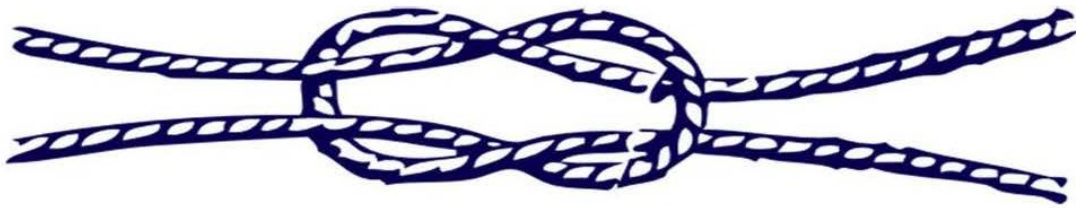
April 24 @10:30am

May 22 @10:30am

Cape Charles
Memorial Library
201 Mason Avenue
Cape Charles
757-331-1300

Space is limited – registration is not required, but suggested.

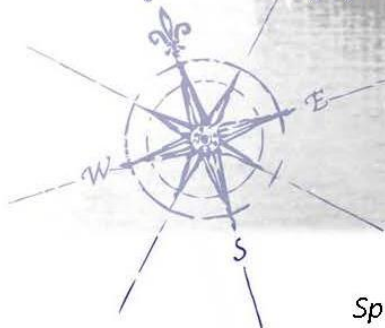




12TH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET CEREMONY

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019
6:00 P.M.
CAPE CHARLES TOWN HARBOR

*Celebrate our local watermen as we bless them
for a safe, successful, fair weather harvest!*



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CAPE CHARLES BOARDS AND COMMISSION UPDATE



Thank you to all the members of the Town’s Boards and Planning Commission for volunteering their time to serve the community in this capacity! We value the knowledge that you bring to the group and your continued dedication to the Town.

For the last couple of months, the Historic District Review Board has had two vacancies and applications have been collected. An interview panel, consisting of Councilmen Chris Bannon and Paul Grossman, and former Councilwoman/Planning Commissioner Joan Natali, conducted preliminary interviews of eight applicants on April 3 and 4. Their recommendations of the top four candidates will be provided to the Town Council and the final interviews will be scheduled later in April or early May to appoint two individuals to serve on the board.

If you live in the Town and are interested in serving on any of the Town’s boards or commission, please complete the [Application for Boards and Commission](#) and return it to Town Clerk Libby Hume at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or email it to clerk@capecharles.org.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF CAPE CHARLES FACEBOOK PAGE

As part of the Town’s improved communications initiative, we launched our Facebook page (Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles) on February 13, 2019. This page provides a variety of information useful to the citizens and businesses of Cape Charles as well as those having any interest in our Town’s government. We will be posting information regarding actions being considered by the Town government, upcoming Town Council and Board meetings, upcoming Town-sponsored activities and events, important public safety and security issues and emergency announcements.

To follow us, please click the image below and make sure to invite your friends to like us as well!



*Photo courtesy of
Jim Granger*

April 1, 2019

SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS!

In 2015, the Town of Cape Charles partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories via text, email, web, social media and voice messages.

There are several ways for you to register:

1. Text "23310" or "CAPECHARLES" to 888777 from your mobile phone. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation text to your mobile device.
2. Go to www.capecharles.org and sign up via the Nixle Widget, which is located on our home page.

We urge you to sign up to receive these alerts.

SIGN UP FOR THE CAPE CHARLES GAZETTE & E-NOTIFICATIONS!

The Cape Charles Gazette is available by subscribing to [e-Notifications](#). With [e-Notifications](#) you can sign up to get the Gazette and regular updates on Agendas & Minutes, Alerts, Bids, Calendar Items, Job Postings and other News & Information.

With [e-Notifications](#), you control the information you receive and can cancel the notifications at any time.



We encourage you to browse the Town's website and if there is something that you would like to see added to the site, please submit your comments in writing by sending us an email at info@capecharles.org or send a note to the Town Clerk at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310, and we'll see what we can do to get your requested information online.

We hope you are enjoying our site and we welcome your comments! We look forward to hearing from you!

Please send comments to info@capecharles.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

- 4/26/19: [12th Annual Blessing of the Fleet](#), 6:00 PM, Cape Charles Town Harbor
- Save the Dates! More details to come!
 - 5/24/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - U.S. Air Force Rhythm in Blue](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 5/27/19: Memorial Day Ceremony
 - 7/4/19: July 4th Celebrations
 - 7/6/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - The English Channel](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 7/13/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - Few Miles South](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 7/20/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - J & The Band](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 7/27/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - The Bobby Blackhat Band](#), 7:00PM, Central Park
 - 8/3/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - Jahfree Jones w/Eastern Shore All Stars](#), 7:00 PM Central Park
 - 8/10/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - Josh Grigsby and County Line](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 8/17/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Pops](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 8/24/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - Forte Jazz](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 8/31/19: [Harbor for the Arts Summer Festival - Schooner or Later](#), 7:00 PM, Central Park
 - 9/11/19: 9-11 Memorial Ceremony
 - 11/11/19: Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 12/7/19: Grand Illumination of Central Park
 - 12/31/19: 6th Annual Dropping of the Crab Pot

For more information regarding events, please visit our website and take a look at the [Calendar!](#)

We welcome your feedback. Please send your comments to gazette@capecharles.org.

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