



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.



CAPE CHARLES DAY



The first Cape Charles Day celebration was held on Saturday, March 2nd. Although it was a rainy weekend, a number of residents cleaned their yards in the morning and came out at noon for the picnic in Central Park. Mayor Smitty Dize and Council members grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and Barbara Grossman made all the delicious desserts! Staff from several of the departments were in attendance with their information tables along with members from Cape Charles Main Street and Citizens for Central Park.



Thank you to everyone who participated!

2019 GOLF CART DECALS



The annual golf cart safety inspections and decals are due for the 2019 season no later than April 15, 2109 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 757-331-2979 or by emailing libby.luettinger@capecharles.org.

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

NOTICE OF CAPE CHARLES TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Town of Cape Charles will hold public hearings on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to receive comment on:

- A. The vacation of a public right of way on tax map # 90-8-1A2.
- B. The sale of a portion of one lot, located on Marina Road (Tax Map No. 83A3-A-10), to the Hungry Crab, LLC.

This notice is advertised pursuant to § 15.2-2006, § 15.2-1800, and § 15.2-1813 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views.

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

These items will be discussed and brought to a vote by the Town Council at the regular meeting scheduled for March 21, 2019.

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold public hearings on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue to receive comment on the following:

- A. An application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 615 Monroe Avenue (tax map# 83A3-1-243B);
- B. Proposed text amendments to the Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance:
 - i. Article IV, Section 4.5.1 adding a mixed-use designation to the Table of Parking Standards, and regulating the minimum off-street parking requirement for mixed-use development;
 - ii. Article IV, Section 4.5.F.1.k adding a requirement that new mixed-use developments delineate residential parking spaces with appropriate signage.

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

These items will be discussed and may be brought to a vote by the Town Council at the regular meeting immediately following the public hearings.

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!



HISTORIC CAPE CHARLES



Founded in 1886

Cape Charles has one of the best collections of historic buildings of any community on the Eastern Shore. There are many excellent examples of Victorian, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and Neo-Classical styles of homes in Cape Charles and the Town strives to preserve this rich architectural heritage. In 1997, the Town adopted a Historic Preservation Plan and has recently begun the process to update the plan. In 2001, the Town adopted Historic District Guidelines which were revised in 2017. A Historic District Review Board administers the guidelines and oversees new construction and renovations in the Town's Historic District.

HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

What does the historic district review board do?

The local Historic District is an overlay in the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this district is to preserve the designated historic areas, landmarks, and architectural features and to ensure that new construction or alterations are architecturally compatible with the character of the general area in which they are located and with the historic buildings or structures within the historic district. The Historic District Review Board reviews new construction and those actions which are considered substantial alterations to existing buildings. When reviewing applications, the Board refers to the [Historic District Guidelines](#), which can be found on the Town's website. In addition to providing review criteria, the Guidelines are intended to assist property owners who are renovating structures or planning new construction.

Application Procedures

If the Zoning Administrator determines a project requires review by the Historic District Review Board, an application must be submitted to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Board. The application and additional forms can be found on the Town's website on the [Planning and Zoning](#) page. Applications must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the Historic District Review Board meeting to provide ample time for the Zoning Administrator to process the application. After receiving a complete application, the Zoning Administrator prepares a staff report summarizing the nature of the request and making a recommendation of approval or denial to the Board.

The Historic District Review Board holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue. The Board must render a decision within 60 days after the filing of a complete application. If an application is approved, the applicant must wait 30 days before receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for any appeals. Decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Town Council during this 30-day period. Once the 30-day period is over, the Certificate of Appropriateness may be picked up at Town Hall and work may commence. Prior to commencing work, a property owner must still obtain the necessary zoning clearances and building permits. Denial of an application prevents a property owner from being able to obtain the applicable zoning clearances and building permits.

Information about the Historic District Review Board can be viewed online on the [Historic District Review Board](#) page of the Town's website, in the Town Planner's Office at 2 Plum Street, obtained by phone at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, March 19, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Wednesday, March 20, 2019:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, March 21, 2019:
Town Council Public Hearings & Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Wednesday, March 27, 2019:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Town Hall.
- Tuesday, April 2, 2019:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, April 3, 2019:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, April 4, 2019:
Town Council Budget Work Session, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Town Hall.
Library Board Meeting, 5:00 PM, at the Cape Charles Memorial Library
- Thursday, April 11, 2019:
Town Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center
- Tuesday, April 16, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center
- Wednesday, April 17, 2019:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Town Hall.
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019:
Mayor's Office Hours, 2:00-4:00 PM, at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, April 25, 2019:
Town Council Budget Work Session, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center



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.





**The pleasure of your company is
requested at the**

100th Anniversary Tea

**In honor of the Cape Charles
Memorial Library**

**Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 3 PM
Cape Charles Christian School
237 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles**

“Welcome to the Table:”

The Culinary Traditions of the Eastern Shore

**Presented by Laura Vaughan, Monika Bridgforth and Sally
Dickinson of the Barrier Islands Center with Louise Orlando and
Norris Bowen, stars in the documentary “Welcome to the Table”**

**Enjoy fine china, lovely decorations, congenial company, tasteful
varieties of tea and culinary delights**

Cost: \$20* Reservations required. No refunds.

Book your reservation on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or call 757-695-4192

**Plus \$2.03 if paying by credit card*

Anniversary Tote Bags, Anniversary quilt raffle tickets and Anniversary book
donations to the library's permanent collection with a
personalized nameplate available for purchase.

Copies of “Welcome to the Table” also available.

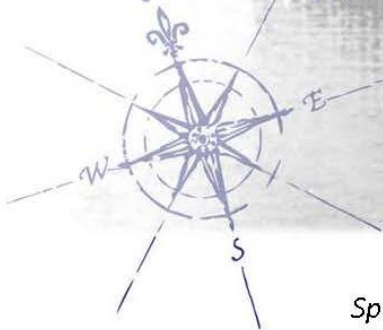




12TH ANNUAL
BLESSING OF THE FLEET
CEREMONY

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!*



Sponsored by the Town of Cape Charles



CAPE CHARLES BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The Town's Historic District Review Board has two vacancies and interviews will be scheduled in early spring. The Historic District Review Board oversees the Town's Historic District. The local [Historic District is an overlay](#) in the Town's Zoning Ordinance. When reviewing applications, the Historic District Review Board refers to the [Historic District Guidelines](#).

The Historic District Review Board currently consists of five members each serving five-year terms. The board meets monthly on the third Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

If you live in the Town and are interested in serving on this board, or any other board, 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, a new Facebook page (Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles) was launched 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*

March 6, 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!
 - 5/27/19: Memorial Day Ceremony
 - 7/4/19: July 4th Celebrations
 - 9/11/19: 9-11 Memorial Ceremony
 - 11/11/19: Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 12/7/19: Grand Illumination of Central Park
 - 12/31/19: 7th 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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