



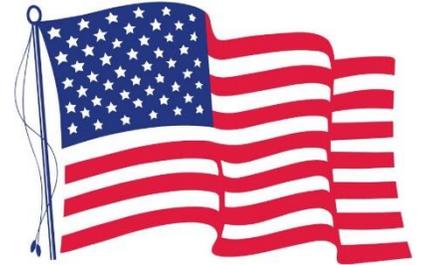
Cape Charles Gazette Special Edition

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We hope that you will enjoy reading the Cape Charles Gazette which is the electronic newsletter published from time to time 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 TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION



A Special Election has been scheduled for November 6, 2018 to fill the vacancy created when former Councilwoman Dora Sullivan resigned her position on the Council. The candidate elected to this position would serve until June 30, 2020.

The filing deadline for candidates was Friday, August 17, 2018, and three candidates declared their candidacy: Ms. Cela Burge, Mr. Herbert Thom and Ms. Joan Natali.

The deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, is Monday, October 15, 2018. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Your request must be received by your Registrar by 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER SWIM ADVISORY FOLLOW UP

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) conducts weekly water sample testing along Cape Charles beach as part of the annual summer [beach monitoring and swimming advisory](#) process. When the test samples show a bacteria content level above 104, VDH issues a swimming advisory.

[Swim advisories](#) were issued on three occasions this summer (May 30-31; June 12-13; and August 1-2). Per the VDH, the water sample taken on July 31, prior to the August 1-2 advisory, showed a "human signature" present in the bacteria content. This human signature was identified on August 14, 2018 as HF183 and was present in sufficient quantity to constitute a significant positive. The Town received information on this test result in an email dated August 17, 2018. According to the VDH [website](#) "The HF183 molecular marker is associated with recent human fecal contamination. HF183 is the most frequently recommended and used human-associated fecal contamination marker to identify human sewage pollution in surface waters."

Most recent VDH test results show the level at 6 for the sample taken on August 21, 2018.

To promote public health and safety, VDH developed the following steps to protect your health while swimming:

- **Observe Swimming Advisories;** do not enter the water at a beach under a swimming advisory.
- **Avoid swallowing water when swimming;** natural waters may contain disease-causing organisms that can cause gastrointestinal illness if swallowed.
- **Avoid swimming for a few days after heavy rainfall;** bacteria levels are likely to be high and disease-causing organisms are more likely to be present after rainfall due to pollution from land runoff and other sources.
- **Prevent direct contact of cuts and open wounds with recreational water;** natural waters may contain disease-causing organisms that may cause skin infections.

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- **Avoid swimming in areas where dead fish are present;** dead fish may indicate that water conditions are poor or hazardous materials are in the water. Please contact the Department of Environmental Quality (703-583-3800) if you observe a fish kill.
- **Don't swim if you are ill or have a weakened immune system;** some organisms are opportunistic and may only cause illness when you are already ill or your immune system is weakened.
- **Shower with soap after swimming;** showering helps remove potential disease-causing organisms.
- **Swim away from fishing piers, pipes, drains, and water flowing from storm drains onto a beach.**
- **Do not dispose of trash, pet waste, or dirty diapers on the beach.**

While the cause of the human signature in the July 31 sample is not identified in the testing, a number of sources are possible. These include raw sewage discharge from commercial and/or recreational vessels near the test site, run-off from failing septic systems, and stormwater discharge contaminated by a compromised connection to the sanitary sewage collection system. To determine if the public wastewater collection and treatment system is contributing to these swim advisories, the Town plans on doing television monitoring of the system in the near future.

Please follow www.capecharles.org for updates on that testing process. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Interim Town Manager Larry DiRe at 757-331-3259.

CENTRAL PARK BATHROOM AND GAZEBO VANDALIZED, AGAIN



Town public works staff discovered damage to the men's bathroom and gazebo railing in Central Park. The damage occurred sometime Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning. As seen in the accompanying photo, several walls were damaged, and the divider between the sink and urinal was torn out of the wall. The bathroom remains functional and will be open for all park events this weekend. Beginning the week of Monday, August 27, and continuing through Labor Day weekend, the bathroom may be closed for periods of time while staff prepares the area for repairs and makes those needed repairs. If, in that time period, you find the bathroom locked, it is due to the on-going repair and maintenance work.

There have been numerous incidents of vandalism in Central Park this summer. While such damage is caused by a small minority of park users and guests, the impact is felt by many. Staff is assessing several options to make the park and park property a safer and more secure place. Recommendations will be brought to Town Council in October. Public input and comments are welcome as the Town moves forward to improving the quality of life in Central Park and other public facilities. Please call or email the Town Manager's office at 757-331-3259 extension 12, or townmanager@capecharles.org.



REPORT A CONCERN



The Cape Charles Town website (www.capecharles.org) includes a [Report a Concern](#) feature that allows members of the public to report a variety of concerns, such as safety issues, tall grass, debris, park, lighting, etc., by completing a simple online form. Your report is then forwarded to the appropriate department for review and action. A link to [Report a Concern](#) has been added to the town's homepage.

Please understand that this feature is not to be used to report an emergency situation. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED YACHT PROVISIONING CENTER

The Cape Charles Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cape Charles Civic Center, located at 500 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles to receive comment on an application for the waterside construction of a proposed yacht provisioning center on a 6.6 acre-property at 6 Mason Avenue (tax map # 83A3-A-5). The project scope of work includes: removal of dilapidated structures, piles, bulkheads, and broken concrete followed by the installation of 727 linear feet of revetment stone; 175 linear feet of armor stone spur; 1,188 linear feet of floating concrete dock with aluminum gangways; approximately 38,000 square feet of riprap material placed below the mean low water elevation; and placing 700 cubic yards of sandy material on an existing sandy beach above mean high water. The Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will have a meeting to vote on the application immediately following the public hearing.



**NOTICE
OF
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HEARING**

This application is for waterside development only and does not pertain to any proposed landside development. The proposed marina uses are permitted by right in the Harbor zoning district (Cape Charles zoning ordinance [Article III, Section 3.9.D.3](#)). A Harbor Development Certificate is required for all landside development. That process includes application to the Harbor Area Review Board for review and recommendation to Town Council. The Council then votes on approval of that certificate. The proposed hotel development is by conditional use only in the Harbor zoning district and will require application for a conditional use permit according to process stated in [Article IV, Section 4.3](#) of the zoning ordinance. To this date the Town has not received application for any landside development. Please see the Virginia Marine Resources Commission [website](#) for the complete waterside development application and all related documents.

Information on the [application can be viewed online](#), in the Planner's Office at 2 Plum Street, or obtained by phone at 757-331-3259 x15, or email to planner@capecharles.org

For handicap assistance, please call the number above at least 48 hours in advance.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REMINDER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Town of Cape Charles has grown into a vacation destination and every year the number of visitors grows and this year is not an exception. To ensure the safety of your belongings, Chief Pruitt and the Cape Charles Police Department is urging all residents and visitors to always lock your homes, vehicles, boats, bicycles, etc. The best deterrent to theft is to take the small step and simply utilize the locks on your property.

If you see any suspicious behavior, please contact the non-emergency dispatch line at 757-678-0458 and request to speak to a Cape Charles officer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Cape Charles Town Council and the Town Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to receive comment on the following: application for conditional use permit for residential units above first floor commercial in the Commercial – 1 zoning district. The subject property is located at 12 Peach Street\tax map # 83A3-1-601B.

The Town Council alone will also hold a public hearing, same time and place, on proposed zoning ordinance text amendments making accessory dwelling units a conditional use in the Residential Estate, Commercial – Residential, Residential – 1, and Residential – 2 zoning districts.

Information on these public hearing items can be viewed in the Town Planner's Office at 2 Plum Street Cape Charles Town Hall, online at www.capecharles.org under Agenda and Minutes/ Planning Commission, by phone at 757-331-3259 x15, or email at larry.dire@capecharles.org.

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

- 9/11/18: [Day to Remember-National September 11th Commemoration](#), 11:00 AM, Cape Charles War Memorial
- 9/14/18: Coast Guard Station Cape Charles Open House, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
- 9/25/18: [Staying Safe with Social Media-The Dangers of Ricky Online Behavior](#), 5:30 PM, Civic Center
- 10/3/18: [Staying Safe with Social Media-Social Media 101 for Parents and Grandparents](#), 5:30 PM, Civic Center
- 10/9/18: [Staying Safe with Social Media-Securing your Social Media Apps](#), 5:30 PM, Civic Center
- [Save the Dates! More details to come!](#)
 - 11/11/18: Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 12/1/18: Grand Illumination of Central Park
 - 12/31/18: 5th 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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