



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.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SEASON IN CAPE CHARLES

With Labor Day behind us, we concluded another successful summer season in Cape Charles!

We had so many different activities in the Town for people of all ages to enjoy including:

- The 12th Annual Blessing of the Fleet which typically starts off the season
- American Legion Post 56 Memorial Day Ceremony
- At the Cape Charles Memorial Library:
 - 100th Anniversary Celebration with an Old-Fashioned Community Picnic
 - A Cape Charles Century: Trivia with Eric Hack
 - The Summer Reading Program
 - Yoga for Littles
 - Chess Club
 - Celebration Friday with Thelma Peterson
 - Celebration Friday with Narelle Kelvin
 - A Writing Class with Mary Barrow
 - Tween Nights
 - Story Time and Crafts
 - Fantastic Animals and Where to Find Them
 - Red, White & Ewe Book Reading with the Barrier Island Center
 - Perseus with Storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann
 - Party for the Hungry Caterpillars 50th!
 - The Virginia Living Museum with Remarkable Reptiles
 - Kiptopeke State Park at the Library
 - Owl Prowl
- Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sales
- July 4th Celebration, with the parade, street fair and fireworks!
- The Annual Shriner's Parade
- 2019 Harbor for the Arts Summer Concert Series:
 - May 24 – U.S. Air Force Rhythm in Blue
 - July 6 – The English Channel
 - July 13 – Few Miles South
 - July 20 – J & The Band
 - July 27 – Bobby Blackhat Band
 - August 3 – Jafree Jones and Friends
 - August 10 – Josh Grigsby and County Line
 - August 17 – U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Pops
 - August 24 – Forte Jazz Band
 - August 31 – Schooner or Later. This was the final event of the season which included a Community Pot-Luck Dinner!



Thank you to the organizations, volunteers and Town Staff for helping to make 2019 another eventful summer! Planning has already begun for the 2020 season!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, September 17, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, September 19, 2019:
Town Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, October 1, 2019:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 3, 2019:
Town Council Special Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Civic Center.
- Friday, October 4, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Work Session, 1:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, October 10, 2019:
Library Board Meeting, 5:00 PM, at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- **Monday, October 14, 2019:**
Town Offices closed in observance of Columbus Day
- Tuesday, October 15, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 17, 2019:
Town Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Friday, November 1, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Work Session, 1:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, November 5, 2019:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, November 7, 2019:
Town Council Strategic Planning Session, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- **Monday, November 11, 2019:**
Town Offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019:
Library Board Meeting, 5:00 PM, at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.
- Tuesday, November 19, 2019:
Historic District Review Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, November 21, 2019:
Town Council Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM, at the Civic Center.
- **Wednesday, November 27, 2019:**
Town Offices closing at noon for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Thursday, November 28, 2019, & Friday, November 29, 2019:**
Town Offices closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

VACANCIES ON CAPE CHARLES' BOARDS



The Town currently has vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Library Board. If you are a citizen of the Town of Cape Charles and are interested in serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Library Board, or any of the Town's boards, 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.

A number of applications have been received for the Board of Zoning appeals and the Library Board. We are hopeful that interviews will be able to be scheduled in the very near future in order to fill these vacancies. Once a date has been determined, staff will contact the applicants to schedule an interview time.

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.

AROUND TOWN HALL



1. Hurricane Dorian visited Cape Charles on Friday, September 6, and left a few marks in its wake. The town experienced several downed tree limbs and branches but sustained no loss of structures or buildings. The storm's high tides at the harbor and beach receded without damage. The beach was pounded by strong surf and experienced loss of sand. Town staff provided regular updates via the Facebook page, e-notifications and on the town website. Thank you to all the town residents and businesses for your cooperation during this trying time. And thanks to the public works crew for getting us ready before and putting everything back after the storm.

2. At the September 19 regular meeting of the Town Council the proposed dog leash law is scheduled for a vote. Residents and staff have worked together to revise the proposed language, and Council discussed this matter at meetings in June, July, and August. The proposed leash law language and staff report can be found on the town website. Public comment is welcome up to the night of the meeting. If you want to address the Town Council, you may do so at the meeting during the public comment section. Remember, you'll have three minutes at the microphone. If you'd like to comment but are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your comments via email to Libby Hume at clerk@capecharles.org

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3. Look for some improvements to Central Park in the near future. Working from the design recommendations from the town's Green Infrastructure plan, additional trees and more seating areas will be added to the park. In 2018, the town staff, working cooperatively with the University of Virginia's Green Infrastructure Center and urban forestry program, developed recommendations for the park open space and landscaping. Citizens for Central Park embraced the project and put their volunteer hours and fundraising skills to work to help make these improvements a reality. And we all appreciate those efforts. Come out and enjoy the Park!

4. If you experience a water leak on your property, the Town Code allows for an adjustment to your utility bill. [Section 72-5](#) of the Town Code allows for the adjustment of the sewage portion of the utility bill because none of the leaked water passes through the wastewater collection and treatment system. Please contact Utility Clerk Kathy Fraas at 757-331-3259 extension 14 for more information.

BAGGING OF YARD DEBRIS

With the fall season approaching, it will soon be time to begin raking leaves, etc. Please do **NOT** rake or blow leaves, grass 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.

The Town will collect stacks of brush, not exceeding 4' x 4', from the curbside. Loose debris, vines and leaves must be bagged in biodegradable bags and must not exceed 30 lbs. The Town's recycler only accepts biodegradable bags which can be purchased at most retailers, including Watson's Hardware in town.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 331-1410 with questions regarding any other items prior to leaving it out for collection. You can arrange for a special pick-up by contacting the Utility Clerk Kathy Fraas at 757-331-6901.

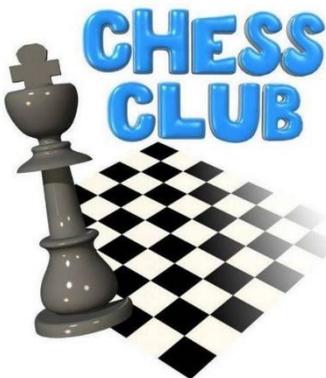
Thank you for your assistance!



NOTICE FROM THE CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

With the beginning of the school year, Chess Club will be taking a break through the month of September.

Thank you!



TRUNK-OR-TREATING – OCTOBER 26, 2019

Trunk or Treating will take place on October 26 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles!

Cars will start lining up in the first available parking space in front of the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Please contact Jen Lewis if you would like to register your car or golf cart.

Businesses have two opportunities to get involved with Trunk or Treating. The Best Decorated Storefront will receive a prize. Businesses can also get involved by passing out candy. Children will be given a list of businesses that will be participating. Please contact Jen Lewis at 757-331-4785 or reccoordinator@capecharles.org if you would like to participate.



Don't forget the traditional trick or treating on October 31 from dusk until 8:00 p.m. Masks are not permitted for youth over 12 years of age. Town curfew will be strictly enforced for anyone under 18 years of age.

2020 SUMMER EVENTS: MUSIC, CONCERTS & OTHER FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS



The Town is preparing a full slate of concerts, evenings of music and food, and other family-friendly community events for next year. Town staff is finalizing the details to add evenings of music and food on Strawberry Plaza and at the Town Harbor next year. The music in Strawberry Plaza will be held on Wednesday evenings and provide entertainment for folks enjoying an evening out downtown. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from local restaurants. At least two concerts are also being planned at the Town Harbor to provide music for the boaters, guests and residents.

Concerts and community events will continue in Central Park for the 2020 season. The Town Council budgeted funding for the 2020 Citizens for Central Park summer concert series in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget which was finalized in the spring and adopted in June 2019.

Other events scheduled for Central Park include the Second Annual Eastern Shore Ukelele Festival, sponsored by Sonic Ukes and the Town, on June 20; the Heritage Festival, sponsored by Cape Charles/Northampton Heritage, on July 4; Community Day, sponsored by Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church, on July 25, Walk for Life, sponsored by the Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center, in May; Stations of the Cross, sponsored by St. Charles Catholic Church, in April; Mother's Day Walk, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Capeville, in May; Crabby Blues Festival, sponsored by the Cape Charles Christian School, in the spring; Cape Charles Day on March 7; and a welcome for new teachers and family kick-off of the new school year, sponsored by Town in partnership with Northampton County Schools, in late August.



We hope you will come out to have some fun and spend some time with your neighbors!

Stay tuned for more events to be announced in the weeks to come. Information will be posted in future issues of the Cape Charles Gazette and on the town's Facebook page (Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles).

Town of Cape Charles

Live Silent Auction

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

12:00 PM

PUBLIC WORKS QUONSET HUT

ITEMS UP FOR BID

- ◆ Atlas COPO Trailer Mounted Air Compressor
- ◆ Barber Surf Rake—Model 400
- ◆ Sweepster SB Hopper Broom—205 Series
- ◆ Victory Sweeper with Curb Broom—T600
- ◆ Wooden Table—4'x 8' and Arm Chairs—8
- ◆ Book Case
- ◆ Computer Tables
- ◆ Misc. Office Supplies

AUCTION ITEMS ARE SOLD AS IS WITH NO RETURNS!

Contact Dave Fauber by phone, 695-1025, or by email, dave.fauber@capecharles.org, with any questions.

DOGS ON THE BEACH



After Labor Day, dogs are permitted on the beach during all hours as long as they remain in the owner's control.

If you have your dog on the beach, or in any public location throughout the Town, please be courteous and pick up the waste. There are a number of doggie waste stations along the boardwalk, in Central Park and around the Town which contain bags for your convenience. Failure to comply could result in a class 4 misdemeanor charge.

At all times, dogs must remain under the owner's control and not permitted to run at large.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Love was truly in the air as Cape Charles celebrated the 50th anniversary of Virginia's signature slogan "Virginia is for Lovers." The Summer of LOVE events, sponsored by Cape Charles Main Street, was made possible by funding from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Town of Cape Charles, Citizens for Central Park and the many hours given by dedicated volunteers.

The LOVEfest kickoff was held on July 6 with fun activities including a decorated VW van for a photo op, games and toys for the kids, a special offering of the Cape Charles Brewery's "Love Lager" served in a one-of-a-kind event cup. Tee shirts, cornhole game raffle tickets, and other memorabilia were for sale, and a "far out" concert by *The English Channel* entertained the dancing crowd. This was followed on July 11 by a "Summer of LOVE" golf cart parade, with almost 20 entries, and a sunset celebration with a beach bonfire.

Thanks are extended to the dedicated volunteers whose endless hours of work helped to insure the success of our fun summer event. Special thanks go to Tammy Holloway, CCMS President, Karen Zamorski, CCMS Program Director, and Jane McKinley, volunteer-with-many-hats. Thanks to Beth and Davies Storrs who put in many hours to plan and execute the "Hearts for LOVE" campaign which raised almost \$1,000 in \$1 donations for the maintenance of Cape Charles' signature LOVE sign. Thanks to the many businesses that hosted collection boxes and displayed red hearts in their windows and on their walls.

Through the many open-hearted donations to the "Virginia is for LEARNERS" campaign, we, once again, saw the LOVE generously shared. Through the school supply drive for Northampton County schools, 20 boxes of supplies and \$630 in monetary donations were collected. Thanks to Nancy Proto and her team, Ellen Moore Gallery and the Love Birds raffle, and the collection sites throughout town for the role they played to make this campaign a big success.

Thanks also go to the Lemon Tree Gallery, The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek, Love + Rosemary Catering, Cape Charles Distillery and Eastern Shore Signs for sponsoring the 1969 era movies which were offered to the community free of charge. And thanks to Emily Smith, local mural artist, for the beautiful "Summer of LOVE" mural painted on Mason Ave.

With all these events, including promotions offered by Cape Charles businesses, photo ops all around town, and the sporting of 60's flowers, jewelry and more on people and golf carts, the Cape Charles "Summer of LOVE" couldn't have been a greater success!!

*Submitted by Jane McKinley
Cape Charles Main Street, Inc.*



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) which 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*

September 7, 2019



Jim Granger

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

- 10/26/19: Trunk-or-Treating, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., on Mason Avenue
- Save the Dates! More details to come!
 - 11/11/19: Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 12/7/19: Grand Illumination of Central Park
 - 12/15/19: Cookie Trail, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - 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 Libby Hume at gazette@capecharles.org.

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