



Cape Charles Gazette

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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 by the Town Manager 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, by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or by calling (757) 331-3259.

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.



DATES SET FOR DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES TO PICK CANDIDATES FOR 6TH DISTRICT SENATE SEAT

With Senator Ralph Northam's successful election as Lieutenant Governor, a special election will be scheduled to fill his seat in the 6th Senate District. A number of candidates will be running for the seat.

The Democratic candidates are Delegate Lynwood Lewis, Paula Miller of Norfolk, and Andria McClellan of Norfolk. The **Democratic Primary has been scheduled for Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** at the following locations in Northampton County:

- Trinity United Methodist Church, 410 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles
- Northampton County Department of Social Services, 5235 The Hornes, Eastville
- Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Highway, Exmore

The Republican candidates are Wayne Coleman of Norfolk, Richard Ottinger of Norfolk, and John Coggeshall of Norfolk. The **Republican Primary has been scheduled for Thursday, November 21, from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM** at Little Italy Restaurant in Nassawadox.



WATER SYSTEM FLUSH

Monday, November 18, 2013, through Tuesday, November 19, 2013, beginning at 9:00 PM and continuing until 2:00 AM, the Town of Cape Charles Utility Department will be conducting a system flush of the water system in all districts of the Town.

You are cautioned not to use water at that time. Sediment could be drawn into the residence water lines. When done, the system should rectify itself fairly quickly.

For questions, please call Ron Bailey at 331-1018.

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE DECEMBER 5, 2013

Treasurer Kim Coates would like to remind citizens that the Northampton County and Town of Cape Charles real estate and personal property tax payments are due on 12/5/13.

For 2014 billing, Northampton County plans to split their real estate tax bills into two, with the first payment due in either June or July and the second payment being due in December. The Town of Cape Charles will continue to send one bill in 2014 with the full balance due in December.

TURKEY FRYING

Turkey frying is becoming an increasingly popular way to prepare the main course for that special Thanksgiving meal. However, what most people do not realize is the dangers that come with turkey frying. Turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at very high temperatures. The fryers pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. Some important points to consider should you choose to fry a turkey this holiday season:

- Hot oil may splash or spill at any point during the cooking process. The fryers are very unstable and could tip very easily. Any contact between the hot oil and skin could result in serious injury or death.
- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible, and if it is heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite. Always have a thermometer handy for checking the temperature of the oil. Even if the unit has temperature controls they can fail.
- Propane-fired turkey fryers are designed for outdoor use and should be used away from the house. A deck is not a safe area for use as generally most decks are made of combustible materials.
- Always make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Sticking a partially frozen turkey in hot grease greatly increases the potential for fire.
- Never leave the fryer unattended while it is on.
- Always follow proper instructions on the fryer as to not overfill more than is needed. Most fires start because of overfilling.



Source: NFPA <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/causes/cooking/turkey-fryers>

Remember to "Freeze the Grease" This Holiday Season



Over the next few weeks, many households will be cooking more than usual as they prepare to host family members for the holidays. That's why the Cape Charles Department of Public Utilities is asking residents to avoid sending fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain.

Any FOG that enters the plumbing system, whether through your kitchen sink or bathroom toilet, can thicken and block pipes, causing sewage to back up into homes. Proper disposal can save you an inconvenient (and expensive) visit from your plumber.

Here are some simple tips to protect your home from nasty sewer back-ups and save you money this holiday season:

- Store any used oil in a can and freeze it for reuse (make sure to strain out any food particles first). Oil can be kept for up to 6 months and reused for up to 6 hours of fry time.
- Pour used oil in a can and place it in the fridge. After the grease hardens, plop the can in the trash.

And remember, turkey grease isn't the only thing you have to be mindful of this holiday season. Many other foods, like salad dressings, butter, ice cream and even baked goods contain large amounts of FOG that can wreak havoc on your sewer system. So be sure to dispose of these foods in the trash as well.

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN PLANNER

When preparing to do work to your home or business in the Historic District area of the Town, keep in mind that many projects will require review from the Historic District Review Board, in addition to zoning clearance. The Historic District Review Board does not look at renovations or modifications made to the interior of a building, nor does it review the use of a building, but any work done to the exterior architecture of the building will need to be reviewed. This includes additions, accessory buildings, decks and porches, and a wide array of other projects. A new home, while not historic itself, if it is in the Historic District would require a review as well to ensure that it is consistent with the guidelines of the Historic District. Certain minor projects may be approved administratively while the more significant projects require a review by the Historic District Review Board.

If you are considering any such projects in the Historic District, please be sure to contact Rob Testerman at 757-331-3259 x15 or by email at robert.testerman@capecharles.org to determine if it will need approval prior to beginning any work.

CAPE CHARLES ROTARY ROUTE 184 CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to the Cape Charles Rotary for your continued support in adopting Route 184 from U.S. 13 to Fulcher Street through the Adopt-a-Highway. Members of the Rotary with some additional volunteers held their first Route 184 Clean-Up Day on October 13, 2013.



2013 THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and New Roots Youth Garden will again be selling Thanksgiving pies. This year you can choose from the following:

- 9" Mocha Pecan Pie – Your classic pecan pie enhanced with bittersweet chocolate and espresso.
OR
- 9" Sweet Potato Cheesecake Pie – A light version of an old favorite, topped with a delicious glaze. Made with Pickett's Harbor Beauregard Sweet Potatoes.

Pies are \$17.50 for 1, or 2 for \$32.00. Additional pies are \$16.00 each. Order deadline is Monday, 11/18/13. You can pick up your pie(s) at Gull Hummock at 115 Mason Avenue, Applesed Porch and Garden on Route 13 in Eastville, and Taste Unlimited at 4097 Shore Drive in Virginia Beach.

[Thanksgiving Pie Sale Order Form](#)

FROM THE HARBOR MASTER

Fall is upon us and while the boating season is winding down, the holiday season is getting started. The Harbor staff welcomes anyone who wishes to decorate their vessel to help illuminate the harbor during the holiday season. For information on how we can assist, please contact the Harbor staff at 737-331-2357.

The holiday season in Cape Charles officially kicks off on 12/6 with the [18th Annual Holiday Progressive Dinner Tour](#) sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce.

On 12/7, at 5:30 PM, the Cape Charles Yacht Club will be hosting its 2nd Annual Lighted Boat Parade. If you have a boat, you are invited to join in. 12/7 is also Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. There will be a moment of silence to reflect on all the lives that were lost before the beginning of the Lighted Boat Parade.

Following the Lighted Boat Parade, please join us for the golf cart parade from the Harbor to Central Park for the Grand Illumination, which is sponsored by the Citizens for Central Park!

For any information regarding the Town Harbor or Harbor events, please contact Smitty Dize at 757-331-2357 or by email at harbormaster@capecharles.org.

CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY – *LITTLE LIBRARY BY THE BAY*

November begins the craziness of the holiday season. The Cape Charles Memorial Library is a great place to unwind and a wonderful resource for your upcoming festivities.

We've recently done a little rearranging in the building and have a comfortable sitting area where you can peruse the local newspapers and your favorite magazines. Or, choose to sit in our upstairs reading nook, with a beautiful view of Mason Avenue. Need a break from the home office or have homework to do? Wi-Fi is available throughout the building, so bring your laptop or other web enabled device and get a change of scenery!

Having family over for the holidays? Come and check out our selection of cookbooks – there's something for everyone from cooking with kids, breads and soups, to vegetarian cooking. Books can be borrowed for up to 4-weeks. Recipe ideas can also be found in our magazine section – Martha Stewart Living, Food Network, or Country Living (to name just a few!) Need to entertain the family? The Cape Charles Memorial Library has an ever-growing DVD collection of movies including classics like *The Wizard of Oz* and a selection of children's favorite Disney titles. A few of the more recent items added to circulation include *The Croods*, *Safe Haven*, and the first three seasons of *Downton Abbey*. All DVD's are checked out for 2-weeks.

Traveling for the holidays? If you are, then you need to come and take a look at our audio book collection. We have many choices from adult fiction and non-fiction to young adult and children's. Audio books are a great way to break the monotony of the highway or keep the kids entertained!

No need to stress over the holidays. The Cape Charles Memorial Library is here to help!

LIGHTHOUSE MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES



Lighthouse Mobile Veterinary Services is a house call practice providing compassionate veterinary care to dogs and cats in the comfort of your own home. Their coverage area includes the Town of Eastville south to Kiptopeke. Appointments are available every Monday, Tuesday and select Fridays from 9AM – 5PM; Wednesdays from 9AM – 1PM.

Services include preventative care exams for puppies, kittens, and older pets, medical illness exams, vaccinations, and laboratory testing. A complete veterinary pharmacy home delivery service is also offered including access to heartworm and flea & tick preventatives. The services are perfect for those pet owners that may not have transportation or have difficulty getting to the veterinary office. Households with multiple pets or that have pets that become very anxious when leaving the home would also benefit.

Although Dr. Nelson loves dogs and cats alike, she is especially passionate about the care of feline patients and hopes to be an asset to that client that has difficulty getting the cat into the carrier when it is time to go to the veterinarian. Her hope is to eliminate much of the stress involved with the typical veterinary visit for both pet and owner alike. Her goal is to serve and to care for your pets as if they were her own.

Dr. Leslie Nelson grew up in New Jersey and completed her undergraduate studies at Delaware State University and then went on to the University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating in 1999, she moved to the Hampton Roads area and began practicing small animal medicine. She had worked in many facets of small animal veterinary care including emergency medicine, shelter medicine and spent 6 years working in a feline exclusive practice. In 2012, Dr. Nelson moved to the Shore and has welcomed a change in life. She is looking forward to being a great asset and resource to the people, pets and veterinary community of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Dr. Nelson at 757-351-4909 or email lighthousemobilevet@gmail.com.

FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

The **U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)**, is committed to protecting the public and ensuring that the rights of victims are carefully observed. HIS administers a Victim Notification Program which allows eligible victims and witnesses to obtain reliable and timely information regarding a criminal alien's release from custody. However, victims and witnesses are required to register with HIS in order to receive notification of a criminal alien's release.

The HIS has requested the Town's assistance with informing victims and witnesses located within our geographic area about this valuable program. Listed below is a universal resources locator for the HIS Victim Notification Program. By clicking the hyperlink, a victim or witness will be transferred to a number of valuable victim services programs provided by ICE. <http://www.ice.gov/victim-notification/> This information is also available on the Town's website on the Police Department page.

GRASS CUTTINGS, LEAVES & DEBRIS IN STREETS

With the onset of Fall, it is inevitable that the leaves fall from the trees around Town. The Public Works Departments asks that you do not rake or blow leaves, grass cuttings 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 streets by bagging them up for proper pickup.

Thank you for your assistance!



Don't Flush Trouble!

Disposable wipes and other Products are clogging our sewer lines, and damaging pumps and other equipment.

Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and the Chesapeake Bay.



Think Trash, Not Toilets!

These belong in the TRASH:

Cleaning Wipes · Grease · Condoms · Disposable Diapers · Nursing Pads · Baby Wipes · Hair · Facial Wipes · Tampons & Pads · Dental Floss



To learn more, visit www.capecharles.org or call (757) 331-3259



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CENTRAL PARK MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM



Here is your opportunity to be part of the ongoing revitalization of the Cape Charles Central Park. Bricks can be purchased from the Citizens for Central Park to honor a friend or family member, memorialize someone special or as a gift in your name. The bricks will be placed around the beautiful and picturesque water fountain in the west node of the park. Dedicating a brick costs \$75.

Please [click here](#) for details to order your personalized brick!

EASTERN SHORE SPAY ORGANIZATION

The Eastern Shore Spay Organization (ESSO) is a new organization which has been formed to replace Spay the Shore organization. The ESSO is working on their credentials to become a nonprofit sometime next year.

Sharyl Cline is still the contact person for appointments and the Peta van coordination.

The ESSO's goal is to reduce the cat population in Town and possibly provide free spay and neuter services to those who cannot afford it.

The ESSO is holding a Wine & Cheese gathering on 11/17, from 2PM – 5PM, at 212 Bay Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend and to help ESSO in their efforts to offer low cost spay and neuter services for the Eastern Shore.

For more information, please call 757-331-2087.

Thank you,
Sharyl Cline, Sandy Mayer and Pete Baumann



ESSO for the animals
Eastern Shore Spay Organization

Wine & Cheese
November 17th 2-5pm
Donation \$25
Silent Auction

Meet our new mobile VET!

212 Bay Ave, Cape Charles, VA 23310

Please help use to continue to offer low cost spay & neuter services for the Eastern Shore

Information 757-331-2087

Cape Charles Bed & Breakfast Holiday Cookie Trail

The Bed & Breakfasts of Cape Charles will be hosting their annual **Holiday Cookie Trail** through the B&Bs in Town on Sunday, 12/15, from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Take a walking tour through Cape Charles and visit the Bed & Breakfasts, each decorated for the holidays and offering a seasonal treat to support the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Start your tour at the Library, located at 201 Mason Avenue, to pick up a B&B Holiday Cookie Trail map. Drop off your donation of a new children's DVD, audio book on CD, or LEGOs (new or used in good condition), or consider making a monetary contribution. Make sure you fill out an entry form to win a one-night stay at one of the Bed & Breakfasts you'll see along the tour.

Follow the map for a stroll through our historic town and enjoy holiday specialties at our Bed & Breakfasts during this festive experience:

- Chesapeake Bay View, 212 Bay Avenue, Owners: Hank and Sandy Mayer
- Sea Gate Bed & Breakfast, 9 Tazewell Avenue, Owner: Chris Bannon
- Bay Haven Inn, 403 Tazewell Avenue, Owners: Jim and Tammy Holloway
- Cape Charles House, 645 Tazewell Avenue, Owners: Bruce and Carol Evans
- Fig Street Inn, 711 Tazewell Avenue, Owners: Greg and Donna Olney Kohler



UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- Tuesday, November 19, 2013:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, November 21, 2013:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall. [AGENDA](#)
- Thursday, December 5, 2013:
Town Council Special Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- Tuesday, December 10, 2013:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, December 12, 2013:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- Tuesday, December 17, 2013:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.
- Thursday, December 19, 2013:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the St. Charles Parish Hall.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The regular Department Reports are included in the [Town Council Regular Meeting Agenda Packet](#).



The Town offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, and will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2013, and Friday, November 29, 2013, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CAPE CHARLES

This year, the Town will be celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas beginning Friday, 12/6. Stay tuned for details over the next couple of weeks!

- 11/23: Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department's [8th Annual Tool Mania](#), 3PM – 8PM, tickets \$25 each
- 11/30: Cape Charles Historical Society [16th Annual Oyster Roast](#).
- 12/6: [18th Annual Holiday Progressive Dinner Tour – A Victorian Christmas of Yore](#)
- 12/6: Live Nativity at Heyward Hall (Cape Charles Christian School), 3:15 PM – 9:15 PM.
- 12/7: **Santa Train** – Santa Claus is Coming to Town by Train, 9:00 AM in Cape Charles. [Schedule](#)
- 12/7: Visions of Christmas Past, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the **Cape Charles Museum**.
- 12/7: **Santa House** at Heyward Hall (Cape Charles Christian School), 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Visit with Santa and Shop at Santa's Workshop. \$5 per family. \$5 for a picture with Santa.
- 12/7: Open Boat Tours at the Cape Charles Harbor, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.
- 12/7: **2nd Annual Lighted Boat Parade** sponsored by the Cape Charles Yacht Club, 5:30 PM.
- 12/7: **Lighted Golf Cart Parade** from the Cape Charles Harbor to Central Park, following the Lighted Boat Parade.
- 12/7: **Music in Central Park** by the Cape Charles Community Band, Central Park Gazebo, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- 12/7: **Cape Charles Central Park Grand Illumination**, 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Hot chocolate will be provided by the Cape Charles Business Association beginning at 6:30.
- 12/15: **Cape Charles Bed & Breakfasts' Annual Holiday Cookie Trail**, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Start at the **Cape Charles Memorial Library** and pick up your map! (Details are on page 6 of this Gazette.)
- 12/15: Annual Chowder Cook-Off at Aqua, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. \$15 per adult, \$5 for children 12 years and under.
- 12/17: Progressive Community Caroling Tour and Hayride, 5:30 PM. More details to come regarding pick up locations.
- Save the Date:
 - 4/26/14-4/28/14: 7th Annual Blessing of the Fleet
 - 6/13/14: Tall Ships at Cape Charles,
 - 8/1/14-8/3/14: Clam Slam 2014

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

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