



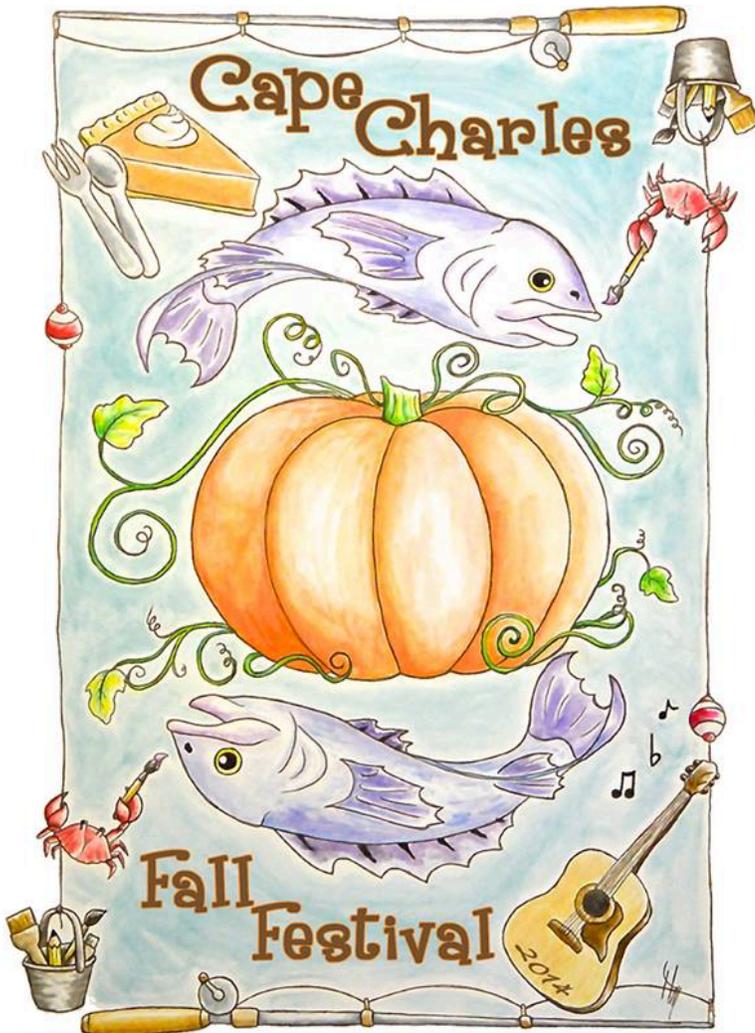
Cape Charles Gazette

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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 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.



CAPE CHARLES FALL FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Come join the fun at the Fall Festival this weekend in the Historic Business District.

There will be lots of activities, contests, live entertainment, food and more!

Saturday, October 11 10 am to 5 pm

Historic Business District of Cape Charles

Farmers Market Art Show Food Vendors
Live Entertainment Biggest & Best Contests



sponsored by Cape Charles Business Association





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Please click the photo above for the full information regarding the festival!

FROM THE PLANNER

In March 2015, FEMA is scheduled to adopt their new Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The proposed maps vary greatly from the existing maps, which could affect what property owners in Cape Charles will be paying for flood insurance. When adopted, a significant amount of property will be located within the "X Zone," which means there is a 0.2% annual chance of flooding (500-year flood). In this zone, FEMA recommends, but does not require flood insurance, however, many lenders will still require mortgage holders to obtain or retain their flood insurance.

To determine how your property will be affected by the changes links to two of the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Cape Charles are below and are also available at www.capecharles.org under Planning and Zoning.

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FROM THE HARBOR MASTER – WINTERIZING YOUR BOAT

Winter is approaching and boating season is coming to an end. With the fall in temperatures and threats of extreme weather, your boat can be put in harm's way both internally and externally, mechanically and physically. Taking the proper precautions and procedures will help prevent your boat from sustaining any damage, corrosion, or significant mechanical problems. Each part of your boat can be prepared for winter storage and maintained throughout the winter to ensure dependability come next spring.

Listed below are a number of steps you can take to winterize your boat and keep it maintained throughout the winter.

- Change engine oil, and transmission oil.
- Replace fuel filters, oil filters, and add oil stabilizer.
- Drain all water out of your engine and fill with antifreeze.
- Keep fuel tank 7/8 full and add fuel stabilizer to prevent condensation.
- Cut the fuel supply to the engine and run engine out of gasoline.
- Lubricate all grease points for tilt/trim, steering, control cables, etc.
- Remove spark plugs, use a fogging oil on the cylinders and replace the spark plugs.
- Seal all openings of the engine (intake, exhaust, etc.).
- Keep battery indoors and maintain a full charge once a month.
- Wash the boat and coat any unpainted parts with an anticorrosion spray.
- Touch up damaged paint.
- Keep boat covered.
- For boats stored in water keep a heater in your cabin and engine box to maintain temperature.

It is also important to set a regular care/maintenance schedule up to perform monthly. This schedule should include:

- Regular security and system checks
- Checking all hatches, windows, etc.
- Check all fenders, mooring lines, covers, power lines, etc.
- Run the Engine for an hour once a month
- Check Bilge Pumps and holding tank

SPAY, NEUTER & TNR

The Eastern Shore Spay Organization, Inc. (ESSO) is a 501(c)(3) organization in Cape Charles whose purpose is to prevent the cruelty of animals by providing funds and subsidies to pet owners for spay and neuter services for cats and dogs to prevent over population. ESSO also provides a trap, spay/neuter, release (TNR) service for feral cats and maintenance of colonies locally.

There are many benefits of TNR which include, preventing reproduction of cats, stabilizing feral cat colonies, improving physical health, vaccinating for rabies and ceasing mating behaviors such as roaming, fighting and spraying. Most shelters euthanize cats that don't get adopted which can be a costly, futile effort as this is not an effective way to reduce and stabilize the feral cat populations. TNR is a more humane and economical solution. You can identify a TNR cat by an "eartip" which is the removal of approximately 3/8 of an inch off the tip of a cat's left ear.



Feral cats do not pose a risk to humans as most diseases can only be transferred from cat to cat and feral cats typically avoid humans. With TNR, cats are vaccinated against rabies. However, catching rabies from a cat not vaccinated is a rare occurrence.

In 2011, Best Friends Animal Society from Utah traveled to Tangier Island to provide TNR services to over 300 cats on the island. Caring Hands Animal Hospital in Arlington, Virginia assisted with this project, as well as one on Chincoteague where they were able to TNR over 200 cats. Many communities across the nation are on board with TNR programs including Fairfax, Virginia which endorsed a TNR project with the help of its citizens in 2008 and just four years later, the county shelter saw a 58% decrease in the number of feral kittens in its foster care program.

Year to date, ESSO has scheduled 26 dogs and 79 cats for spay and neuter surgeries with the SNIP van. This has prevented the births of 120 puppies and 653 kittens in a 12 month period. These calculations are based on 2 litters of 5 puppies each for dogs and 3 litters of 5 kittens each for cats.



ESSO is in the process of preparing their recently purchased van for spay/neuter surgeries. A golf cart raffle sponsored by Eastern Shore Custom Carts is being held to raise money for the purchase of the Neuter Scooter van and a drawing will be held on Thanksgiving. Tickets are available at www.easternshorespayorg.com.

For spay/neuter appointments, please contact Sharyl Cline at 757-331-3037 or easternshorespayorg@yahoo.com.

For more information on fund raisers and donations, please contact Sandy Mayer at 757-331-2087.

Follow ESSO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EasternShoreSpayOrg

Resources: Alley Cat Allies, Best Friends Animal Society, Sharyl Cline of ESSO

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON A CITIZEN COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RULES RE: DOGS ON THE BEACH DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Mayor Proto would like to form a committee to review the current Town regulations concerning dogs on the public beach. The current ordinance prohibits dogs on the beach from 9 am to 9 pm, April 1 through Labor Day. This has proved difficult to enforce and resulted in regular complaints from non-dog owners and dog owners alike. At the same time many people enjoy the company of their pets and would like the opportunity to take them to the beach without violating town ordinances. The objective of this committee is to respect the views of those who would prefer there be no dogs while providing opportunity for dog owners to be with their pets on the beach during the season. Recommendations, particularly relative to enforcement, will be brought to Town Council for consideration. We would like to have representation of both dog owners and those not owning dogs on the committee to ensure diversity of opinion. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Town Clerk Libby Hume at clerk@capecharles.org or by calling 757-331-3259, x10.





HALLOWEEN 2014 ACTIVITIES

-  Kids' Halloween Party at the Cape Charles Civic Center from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
-  Pump Carving at the Shanty from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
-  Trick-or-Treat with Pirate Pete at the Cape Charles Harbor from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
-  Drive-In Movie at the Cape Charles Harbor from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
-  Costume Party at the Shanty beginning at 7:30 PM

The Town of Cape Charles will permit Trick-or-Treating on Friday, October 31, 2014 until 8:00 p.m.

Masks will not be permitted for youth over 12 years of age. Town curfew will be strictly enforced for anyone under 18 years of age.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & NOTICES

- **Monday, October 13, 2014: Town offices closed in observance of Columbus Day.**
- Tuesday, October 14, 2014:
Mayor's Office Hours from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Thursday, October 16, 2014:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center. [AGENDA](#)
- Tuesday, October 21, 2014:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Monday, October 27, 2014:
Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Tuesday, October 28, 2014:
Mayor's Office Hours from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Tuesday, November 4, 2014:
Planning Commission Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- **Tuesday, November 11, 2014: Town offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day.**
- Thursday, November 13, 2014:
Town Council Work Session starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Tuesday, November 18, 2014:
Historic District Review Board Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.
- Thursday, November 20, 2014:
Town Council Regular Meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Cape Charles Civic Center.

ATTENTION AMAZON.COM SHOPPERS!

Amazon has a new program (AmazonSmile) to help non-profit organizations raise money! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. **The Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library** has signed up as an eligible organization. If you'd like to help with the Friends' fundraising for the Cape Charles Memorial Library, please take a moment to sign up. It's easy and doesn't cost you anything. Whenever you shop at Amazon, just start at Smile.Amazon.com!

RECYCLING FACILITIES



Northampton County provides several **Recycling Facilities** that accept plastic, glass, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, waste oil and batteries. Large or bulky household items occasionally needing disposal by a resident will also be accepted and transported to a disposal site.

There are 5 locations throughout the County. The closest location to the Town is in Bayview at 22564 Bayview Circle.

The hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 7:30 AM – 6 PM; Sunday 1 PM – 6 PM.

More information can be located on the Northampton County website at www.co.northampton.va.us/departments/landfill.html.

SIGN UP FOR THE GAZETTE & E-NOTIFICATIONS!

As announced over the last several months, the Cape Charles Gazette is now available only 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 new 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 new 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

- 10/10/14-10/12/14: [Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival](#)
- 10/11/14: [Cape Charles Fall Festival](#)
- 10/11/14: Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Book Sale, 10AM – 2PM
- 10/25/14: [Kid's Halloween Party](#), 1PM – 3PM
- 10/25/14: [Trick-or-Treat with Pirate Pete](#), Town Harbor, 5PM
- Save the Date:
 - 11/29/14: [Cape Charles Historical Society Oyster Roast](#)
 - 12/5/14: 19th Annual Northampton County Holiday Progressive Dinner Tour
 - 12/5/14: [Santa Train](#)
 - 12/6/14: Cape Charles Grand Illumination – Central Park

For more information regarding events, please visit our website and take a look at the Calendar!

You can also visit www.CapeCharlesbytheBay.com for other events in the Town!

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

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