



Cape Charles Gazette Special Edition

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We welcome your responses which may be sent to gazette@capecharles.org, by regular mail to 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

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HARBOR DREDGING / CAPE CHARLES BEACH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



This is a follow up to an article that appeared in the February 13th edition of the Gazette. The first phase of the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) project at Cape Charles Harbor is coming to a close. As a result of that recently completed work, the Town beach has been significantly improved. This project was fully funded by the Federal government and imposed no direct cost on the Town's treasury.

A number of residents raised questions and concerns during the harbor dredging/beach improvement project. Here are several of the questions the Town staff received during the time the project was underway, and answers according to the USACE Design Section Chief engineer.

Q. Will it eventually turn to a normal sandy color, or are we stuck with the gray, silted look?

A. Yes, the sand will eventually lighten in color and will be a sandy color in a short period of time.

Q. Is there debris in the sand?

A. Once construction and dredging activity is completed, there should be no equipment or debris in the sand as a result of the dredging and construction work.



Q. I heard the Town is responsible for the cost of beach sand replacement. Is that true?

A. It is true that the Town annually budgets about \$20,000 for beach sand replacement as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). However, this project will place approximately 80,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach and not impose any direct cost on the Town.

Q. Will it be safe to walk on when the dredging is complete?

A. Yes, the sand placed on the beach as a result of this project will be indistinguishable from the sand there before.

Q. How long will the sand last?

A. No one knows the answer to that question for certain. The beach is subject to major weather events and the normal changes of a dynamic natural environment.

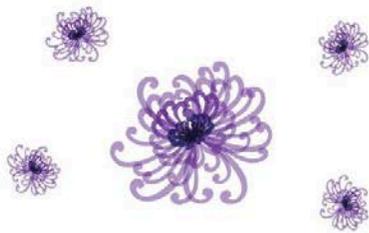
If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at planner@capecharles.org or by calling 757-331-2036.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TENNIS COURTS

During routine maintenance checks, it was discovered that the lighting at the tennis courts were damaged due to the age of the lights and the severe weather endured this winter. Several of the light fixtures have actually fallen off the posts and staff felt that the lights in their current condition were unstable and posed a safety hazard to the users of the tennis courts. The Public Works crew is working to repair or replace the lights but until this issue can be resolved, the tennis courts will be closed temporarily. We are hopeful that the work can be completed and the tennis courts can be reopened by the end of May or early June.



We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have to first consider the safety of our citizens. If you have any further questions, please contact Jen Lewis at 757-331-4785 or email her at reccoordinator@capecharles.org.



LOCAL POETS

CELEBRATE

National Poetry Month at the library with an evening of poetry - read your own poems, read a work by your favorite poet, or just listen and appreciate the beauty of the written word.

"To have great poets, there must be great audiences."
Walt Whitman

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Cape Charles

Memorial Library

201 Mason Avenue, Cape Charles



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