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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.

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**THE 2016 CRABBY BLUES FESTIVAL DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016, FROM 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
DUE TO THE WEATHER FORECAST.**



ATTENTION Town of Cape Charles Water System Flush

Monday, May 23, 2016 through Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 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 Scott Neville or Ron Bailey at 331-1018.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' HARBOR DREDGE PROJECT UPDATE

On May 18th, the Town received correspondence from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) that the next phase of the federal harbor dredge project would begin the week of June 1, 2016. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 15, 2016. This is the last phase in the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) project to ensure safe navigation and anchorage in the federal harbor area. As part of this project approximately 100,000 cubic yards of dredge materials will be located on the Town's public beach. Another approximately 102,000 cubic yards of material will be sent to the upland site. Please [click here](#) for more information about the dredge project permit and other relevant documents, many dating back several years.

Please check the Town's website for updates and information. If you have any questions or require further information please contact Town Planner Larry DiRe at 757-331-2036 or planner@capecharles.org.

CENTRAL PARK PLAYGROUND

The Town Public Works staff has been installing the new playground equipment in Central Park over the past several weeks. We are especially thankful for the help of our Police Department. Chief Pruitt and his officers have donated many volunteer hours to help with the installation. Though the weather has not cooperated during this period, installation is now almost complete and opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 21.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ZIKA VIRUS & MOSQUITOES

As of Thursday, May 19, 2016, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has reported 15 cases of Zika virus disease in Virginia residents to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - 2 in the Northwest Region, 7 in the Northern Region, 1 in the Eastern Region, 3 in the Central Region and 2 in the Southwest Region. CDC has issued a travel alert (Level 2-Practice Enhanced Precautions) for people traveling to regions and certain countries where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.

The VDH has a webpage, which is updated weekly, containing some important information regarding the Zika virus. Please [click here](#) to review the information offered on the site.

As a reminder, mosquito season begins in May, there is potential for our local Yellow fever mosquitoes and Asian tiger mosquitoes to become infected with the Zika virus by biting infected persons who have returned from areas of Zika activity. These two mosquito species are different from most other mosquito species in Virginia because they fly and bite during daylight hours and will enter homes through any open door or window and bite indoors. These two species are also different from other species because they lay their eggs exclusively in containers of water (i.e. containers made of plastic, ceramic, glass, metal, concrete, wood or stone) and they **do not** lay their eggs in "ground" bodies of water such as puddles, flooded ditches, ponds or streams. Please do your part in helping to control this mosquito population and Do Not leave containers of standing water on or around your property as this is where these mosquitoes will lay their eggs.

Control and prevention for these two mosquito species requires tactics that are different than what is normally used for other mosquito species. For example, the treating neighborhoods with truck-mounted foggers and larviciding puddles and stagnant water in ditches, swamps, or streams will not control either of these two mosquito species. Mosquito control and prevention requires:

- Thorough inspection of residential and commercial properties to find and eliminate, dump, or treat the containers of water that these mosquito species lay their eggs in. Effective treatment of a neighborhood often requires a property to property effort.
 - Spraying of aerosol fogs into the foliage of shrubs, hedges, ivy and other vegetation or structures where these mosquitoes sit.
 - Spraying of residual insecticide barriers on the foliage of shrubs, hedges, ivy, other low vegetation or walls on properties where these mosquitoes are abundant.
 - Maintaining screens on all home/building windows and doors to prevent the entry of these mosquitoes into the home.
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