



CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

Summer 2009

From the Mayor

As I write this, I have just passed the six month anniversary of the honor of serving you as mayor. It has been an exciting, busy and rewarding time. I am very pleased with the progress we have made on several fronts. These include the creation of the budget for the 2010 fiscal year, completion of several major infrastructure projects, improvements to Kellam's Recreational Field, staff continuing education, keeping the town safe and secure, hiring a new attorney, and numerous other tasks.

The budget for the coming fiscal year contains much good news! It maintains the current town tax rate of \$0.37 per \$100 of assessed value. I feel that it is vitally important to keep rates low, yet continue to provide good services in the face of rising costs. I am pleased to report that the new budget accomplishes just that. It is interesting to note that the combined rate of both county and municipal taxes for property owners in Chesapeake Beach of \$0.926 is only \$0.034 more than the residents of Calvert County outside of the two municipalities. The county rate is \$0.892

per \$100 of assessed value. Municipal services provided by the town are many, including curbside trash and recycling pickup, fast snow removal, Veterans' Park, Kellam's Fields, Bayfront Park, the Water Park, street lights, paved streets, "Solid Gold" service for seniors, and the list goes on and on. I think living in Chesapeake Beach is a bargain, and I hope you agree!

Although the construction work has inconvenienced us all, the state highway improvements are now complete and Routes 260 and 261 have never looked better. The town has also completed a number of substantial sewer upgrades. The Public Works staff has implemented a new preventative maintenance

program for the sewer pump stations, and has designed and implemented a new directional flushing plan for the drinking water system. The water and sewer programs are designed to keep our water supply and protect our environment.

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Thunder Rolls into Town



American Legion Post 206 hosted the Nam Knights, a motorcycle club of Viet Nam vets and police professionals, the day before Memorial Day. A caravan of 360 cycles rode from Virginia to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on the Mall, the Policeman's Memorial in DC, then on to Chesapeake Beach, where the North Beach and (out of view) Prince Frederick VFD ladder trucks provided a salute on Rt. 260, Maryland Senate President Mike Miller and Mayor Wahl both welcomed the group, and the Legion served a picnic meal to some 600 attendees.

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Meet the Council
Financial Consultant Ingrid Lamb Brings Frugal Approach to Council

Meet the Council, a feature that helps us get to know the Town's elected officials in their non-government lives, focuses this month on the alphabetically second new Council member, Ingrid Lamb. Councilwoman Julie Spano will be profiled in a subsequent issue.

Barely a dozen years ago, everything Ingrid Lamb knew about Chesapeake Beach could have been contained on one coupon-sized piece of paper. And was. But now that young accountant, who knew Chesapeake Beach only as a picture of a house in a Val-Pak coupon mailing, not only knows the Town intimately, but is one of the team that governs it.

Living in a townhouse in Upper Marlboro, she was drawn to a coupon picture of a yet-to-be-built house in the yet-to-be developed community of Richfield Station, and headed down the road for a look. She came back later with her father, Chris Lamb, and reserved a lot. Then they sought someplace to eat, made their first foray down the road toward the Bay, came into the Town they had never seen, and loved it.

Her path to moving to Town, however, was neither a smooth nor quick one. Financial problems overtook Richfield Station and put the project on hold. Meanwhile, she had discovered the incipient Bayview Hills just down the road, which had a model home, with attached office, already constructed. And she liked that spot even better, but like its neighbor, Bayview also went into hiatus, leaving the model sitting empty, month after month, while she kept in touch to

monitor progress and, ultimately, struck a good deal to become the owner of the model and the project's sole resident until the community finally grew up around her.

A "Navy brat", Ingrid came to the Washington area from San Diego when her father was assigned to D.C. He enjoyed the work and the area, and after retirement continued to work here as a civilian. Thus, Ingrid grew up and was educated in Maryland, did undergraduate studies in accounting and economics at College Park and earned an MBA in finance and investment from George Washington.

"I worked for a number of government agencies in accounting and auditing, and also with consultants. She was a senior manager with Arthur Anderson, commuting to Tysons Corner, when she began seriously reconsidering her future path and "I took a six-month break to do some soul searching" and decided to go into business for herself. "I gave myself five years to get established" in a profession she calls "all-consuming, but I feel like I'm doing something important and worthwhile. I have to do everything myself, including taking out the trash" in the solo business, but she finds working with individuals rewarding. "It feels a lot more meaningful when it's putting dollars in a real person's pocket instead of some agency's."

When she started her business, she didn't have to look far for an office or a name. What would have been the garage in any other house had been set up as the sales office in the model home that she had purchased, and it even had the name "Bayview" embossed on the interior window, so "Bayview Financial



Consulting, LLC" was born. But even if it is "all-consuming", it's not the sole focus of her life.

Councilwoman Lamb is an enthusiastic gardener and member of the garden club, with a soft spot for animals, or at least for one particular cat. She found it shivering on the sidewalk in North Beach on a winter night and brought it home, an obvious stray who was old enough to have already used several of her nine lives and took some time to adjust to the luxury of a real home and human companion. "Squeaky" was diagnosed with cancer in the fall, just as Councilwoman Lamb's father was stricken with his final illness. As other new Council members were easing into their new roles, she was spending her hours at the hospital, and then (and now) nurturing her cat through the amputation of her front leg. Squeaky has her own soft, furry bed on the floor just outside the office, where Ingrid can watch and tend to her.

As for her late father (her mother passed away 19 years ago), she speaks of him with obvious pride, a Naval Academy graduate with an exemplary 30-year military career, first as a pilot for ten years, then at sea, and finally in management and consulting. "He brought us up in a frugal environment," she says, "and

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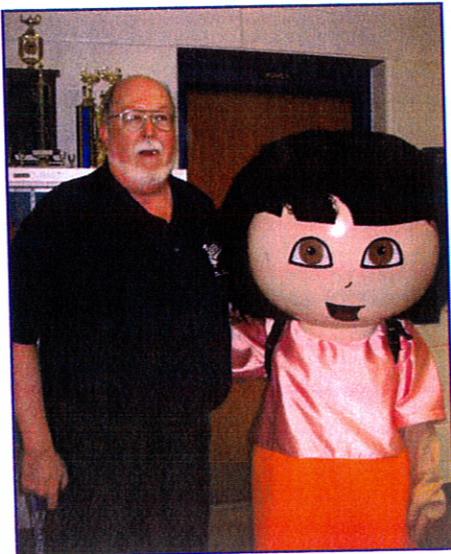
Trolley

Trolley Is Back For Second Season

The trolley is back, as the song goes, "On the Road Again". After a successful maiden year that carried some 6000 passengers, the Chesapeake Beach Trolley started its weekend run on the Friday before Memorial Day, and will continue on weekends through Labor Day.

The service will operate with no increase in last year's 25-cent fare, and has extended its stops to Beach Elementary School. The route will again begin at the Railway Museum, and provide public transit to the rural beach communities of Chesapeake Beach, North Beach, Holland Point, Rose Haven, and Friendship to Tracy's Landing and Deale, culminating at Skipper's Pier restaurant before its return trip back to the museum. The hours are also the same: Friday 3pm to 1am, Saturday 9am to 1am, Sunday 9am to 9pm, Memorial Day and Labor Day 9am to 9pm. Virginia Regional Transportation is again the transport provider.

The Beach Trolley Association, Inc. (BTA), is a partnership of citizens, elected officials, and local business members, according to association president Stewart Cumbo, a Town Council member. In addition to providing reliable weekend and holiday transportation, the Beach Trolley Association goals include promoting local businesses, shops, marinas, hotels, restaurants and other points of community interest, as well as enhancing economic growth and reducing the negative environmental impact in our critical watershed by reducing traffic congestion and the use of privately owned vehicles for back and forth traffic throughout the area.



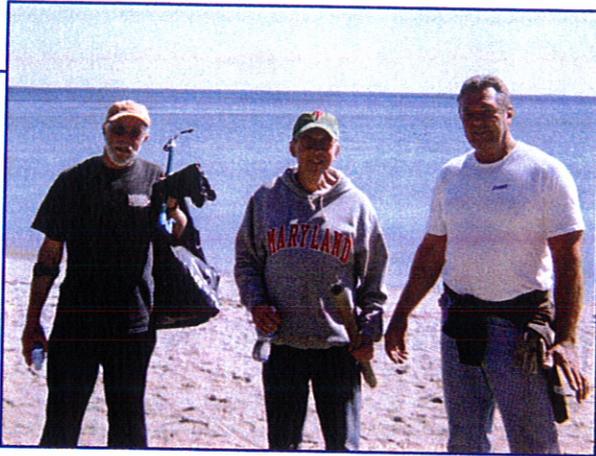
Michael Shisler, principal of Beach Elementary School, gets acquainted with kid-favorite Dora the Explorer at April's Beach Family FunFest.

Congratulations!

Dr. Shisler Receives Educational Leadership Award

It's not surprising to find Dr. Shisler at school on a Saturday, and in the company of an educational TV character. After nearly a quarter-century as vice principal and principal of our neighborhood school, Dr. Shisler was honored last month with the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award as Calvert's principal of the year. He was cited for, among other things, obtaining a \$10,000 grant to establish a school chess team, and helping organize a Kiwanis Kids Club that promotes student community service. And he has lent his support to the annual FunFest since its start five years ago as a joint effort of United Way Success by 6, the public schools, and, for the first two years, the Town.

The Saturday event for families of pre-schoolers is designed to help parents make sure their children start school ready to learn. Dr. Shisler takes it from there, working to ensure that each student is valued, encouraged and challenged. This year's event, with Dora, Mad Science, Wild Willy Woo Woo and the Town's gift of Water Park passes as top draws, attracted a record 555 children and parents, and some 60 volunteers.



Beach Clean Up
**Volunteers Ready Bayfront Park
 for Summer Season**

Easter paraders would have found a pristine Bayfront Park if the annual walk had not been rained out. Thanks to the efforts of about 20 volunteers, "the annual Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) Cleanup the Saturday before the parade was a resounding success," reports organizer and Council vice president Pat Mahoney. And even if paraders did not get the benefit, a clean beach welcomes park goers as the beach season begins.

"We had a gorgeous day," he reported. "The Beach Garden Club as well as folks from Chesapeake Station and the south end of Town (old Campgrounds) were well represented as always. This year the Jenkins, Carpenter and Coldsmith families (along with teenagers Hannah Jenkins and Patrick Mahoney) cleaned the Beachfront as if the Easter Bunny himself was watching!"

Vice-President Mahoney, pictured above with volunteers Mark Goldman and Gary Coldsmith, thanks Calvert Trash for once again donating a dumpster for the cleanup effort.

Shop Local
Need It? Want It? Get It Here

"Everything Must Go" may be a sign of the financial challenge facing our nation, but it doesn't have to be here. Mayor Wahl reminded us in his message in the last Newsletter, and again in this one, how important it is to shop locally.

Council Vice President Mahoney emailed that "I really took to heart what the Mayor said re: shopping in Town as much as possible these days..given the times! The tough economy that our country is enduring affects our little Town as well as the rest of our country. So it is important that we all support our local businesses as much as possible. Let's keep our dollars in Town."

Whether it's groceries, business and professional services, party supplies and birthday gifts, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, or even a spa-fresh face and toenails, you can find it close to home. With gas prices rising and new sidewalks beckoning, you can even do your errands on foot, or splurge on a 25-cent trolley ride. Fast food, slow food, down-home food, or gourmet food, or just an old-fashioned ice cream cone, it's all here, with free Bay Breeze concerts and Flicks on the Field for family evenings out.

Let's make this a true Hometown Summer.



Permits
**Get Town Permission
 Before County Permit**

Are you planning a building project or some home improvement? You must have a zoning permit from the Town before applying for a County building permit. Check with Town Hall to learn what your project requires before going to the County, or you may have to retrace your steps.

Town of Chesapeake Beach Bulk Trash and Yard Debris Collection Policy

BULK TRASH

- Definition of Bulk Trash – Large items that normally would not be picked up by the household trash contractor.
- Limited to four (4) items per month, per household. Items in excess of four (4) per month will be charged \$150 per item. Payments must be made in advance of pickup.
- All bulk trash must be scheduled for pick up through Town Hall by calling (410)257-2230 or (301)855-8398 and you will be scheduled on the next available pick up day.
- Bulk trash is picked up every Thursday and is limited to those residents who have called in to schedule the service.

Items That Will Not Be Picked Up

Anything that was not included in your request to Town Hall

- Hazardous materials
- Gas motors, i.e., lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc.
- Tires
- Paint
- Oil
- Batteries
- Construction debris, i.e., drywall, wood, flooring
- When renovating, remodeling, or emptying a house, you must call a trash contractor to have a dumpster placed on your property.
- Carpeting—Area rugs up to 10' x 10' will be picked up, however when replacing carpeting in your house, have the carpet company take away the old carpeting.

If there are items that you wish to dispose of, but do not meet our policy, you may call the Calvert County Landfill at (410)326-0210 so that they may assist you in your disposal needs. The Town reserves the right not to pick up an item if it determines the Town cannot or should not dispose of the item. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Town Hall for assistance.

YARD DEBRIS

Yard debris is picked up every Tuesday from April through November. You do not have to call ahead to schedule the pick-up. Sticks, twigs, and branches must be cut into THREE-FOOT LENGTHS AND BUNDLED TOGETHER WITH TWINE OR ROPE. Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in bags.

Bags should be limited to under 25 lbs. If you have a whole tree cut down, it is the responsibility of the contractor or yourself to have the tree taken away.

Items That Will Not Be Picked Up

- Bags over 25 lbs.
- Whole trees
- Tree stumps
- Planter pots and boxes
- Planting soil

Yard debris will not be picked up if it does not comply with these requirements.

Comcast Channel 6

If you are a Comcast cable TV customer in North Beach or Chesapeake Beach, you should be receiving local announcements for the Twin Beaches on public service Channel 6.

If you are receiving only County-wide announcements, please let us know and we will update your service. The only County programming you should be receiving is the Calvert County Board of Commissioners' weekly meetings, broadcast on Tuesday evening and Wednesday at noon on Channel 6.

Meetings and activities in the Beaches are announced on Channel 6, along with events of local interest. These include happenings at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, the American Legion, the Fire Department, Bayside History Museum, the North Beach Senior Center and others.

If you are not receiving the North Beach/Chesapeake Beach news on Channel 6, please contact Rusty or Norma Jean Smith, who post local happenings, to let them know. E-mail them at twinbeachtv@comcast.net or phone the North Beach Town Hall at 301-855-6681.

If you have an announcement or activity of general interest to our communities, please send it to Channel 6 as well. Regulations prohibit commercial, for-profit announcements.

Trash Collection Schedule for 2009 Holidays

When a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday collection day, the corresponding days(s) will be a day behind. If the holiday falls on a Thursday or Friday, then the corresponding days(s) will be a day behind.

NORTH SIDE of Town is designated as North of Route 260, and also includes Bayview Hills and Windward Key. REGULAR TRASH collection is on MONDAY and RECYCLE is on THURSDAY.

Summer Schedule: There will be an additional REGULAR TRASH collection on Thursdays from June through October.

SOUTH SIDE of Town is designated as South of Route 260, and also includes Richfield Station. REGULAR TRASH collection is on TUESDAY and RECYCLE collection is on FRIDAY.

Summer Schedule: There will be an additional REGULAR TRASH collection on Fridays from June through October.



2009 Holidays

Memorial Day
 Labor Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Christmas Day
 New Years Day

Collection Days

May 25 & 26
 September 7 & 8
 November 26 & 27
 December 25 & 26
 January 1 & 2, 2010



Theft

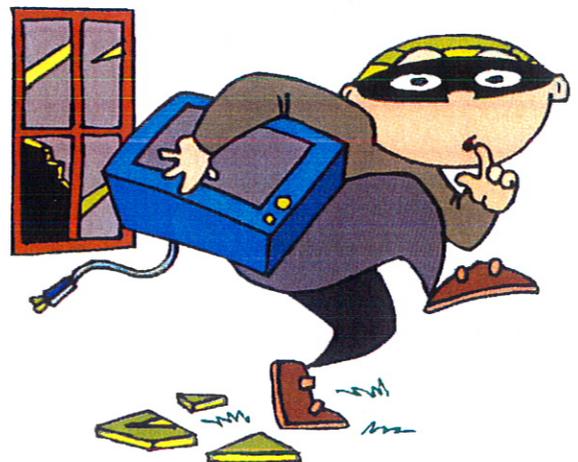
The Thieves Thank You

Some Town residents might as well be putting up signs in their yards that say "Welcome, criminals." Don't give a thief a treat.

Thieves in the Town are feasting on crimes of opportunity – unlocked houses, and unlocked cars with valuables like GPS devices and phones sitting in plain sight. When they encounter locked cars and houses, they pass them up for the easy pickings at the next open target.

When the sheriff's liaison reported this situation at a recent Council meeting, Council Vice President Mahoney blurted, "Sounds like Halloween for bad guys!" And that's exactly what it is. Leaving valuables in an unlocked car or home is not that different from having a thief knock at your door, say "trick or treat!" and have you drop your possessions into his outstretched bag, all the while admiring his clever costume.

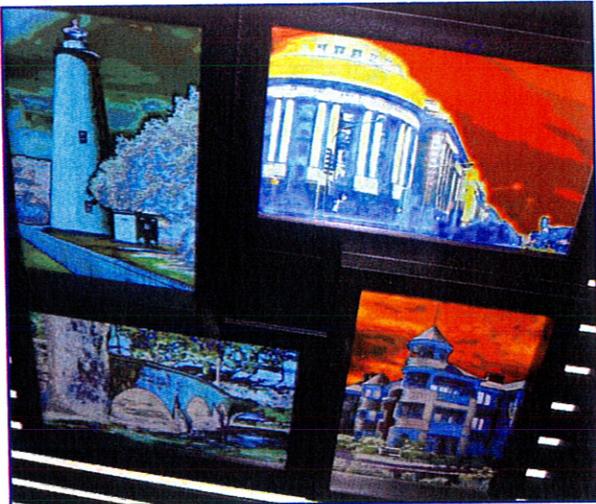
You hold the key to crime control in the Town. Use it to lock up. You may think it's an inconvenience to have to dig out your key when entering your house or car. So does the criminal, and he doesn't have one that fits your lock, so he'll just move on to a more convenient target. It takes seconds to lock up, and to get out a key. It takes minutes for a thief to relieve you of your unlocked valuables. How long will it take you to recover or replace them? If it's your ipod, just money and time. If it's your wallet, it could be your identity. And if it's great-grandma's gold locket, irreplaceable. Don't take the chance...





For a Special Dad

Looking for a different Father's Day gift? Honor Dad with a brick at Veteran's Park. His name will be a permanent part of this beautiful site by the Bay. While it would be especially appropriate if he has served in the military, police, fire or rescue, service is not a requirement. It's a great gift for anyone -- father, mother, friend or even yourself. To order, or for more information, contact Town Hall.



Gallery

Wherefore Art? Thou

The atrium space at the Town Hall entrance continues to host works by local artists in exhibits that change each month. Photographs by Linda Lee Morgan were the feature in May. If you are an artist who would like to stage an exhibition, contact Barbara Bowman at 301-855-2283. Thanks and kudos to Ms. Bowman, who continues to volunteer her time to this effort.

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I am pleased with the results to date, and look forward to continued improvements.

By the time you read this, several town streets will have been repaved. This continues the program designed to keep all town streets in good condition.

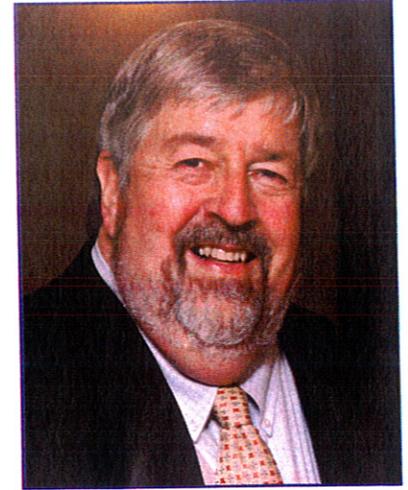
A 1997 Zoning Board of Appeals decision to allow BGE to upgrade the substation at Cox Road called for landscaping to shield the site from view, but this work was not completed until this spring. I am pleased to report to you that BGE has installed plantings to shield the substation and to assist in filtering storm water runoff from the site. I personally wish to acknowledge BGE's willingness to complete items on an agreement that was made 12 years ago!

The Water Park will have just opened as you read this. This is the 15th season for the wonderful town facility. We extend our "Welcome Mat" for about 45,000 visitors per year. Please be sure that you take advantage of the discounted in-town rates this summer.

Other seasonal attractions are here for you to enjoy. Our local watermen are harvesting the bay to provide you with those wonderful sweet Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs and other "Bounty of the Bay". And I am pleased to report that a number of the businesses that went dark over the winter have re-opened this spring. Some have new owners, others have simply reopened. As I mentioned in my last newsletter note to you, I would like to really encourage town citizens to patronize town businesses. A strong vibrant business community works to everyone's benefit, including providing shopping opportunities and jobs. Shop Chesapeake Beach!

I continue to hold the Mayor's Open Door Sessions every Monday from 4 to 5:30 pm, with the exception of the first Monday each month being limited to 5 to 5:30 pm. No appointments are needed or accepted – this is simply first come, first served. Please come visit and let me know what is on your mind.

Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor



Railway Museum

Museum Offers 'Amusement' As Its Theme for Summer

Do you have your ticket to summer fun yet? For thousands, over decades, that ticket was bought and used on the train to or at the amusement park in Chesapeake Beach. Now, in its fourth annual special summer exhibit, the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum brings that era back to life, with photos, documents and artifacts from those "good old days".

Opening June 9 for the museum Founder's Day, the exhibit will feature not only objects like brass rings from the carousel and tickets to ride, but some of the background history of amusement parks in general. "The 'pleasure garden' concept goes back centuries," says curator Harriet Stout, "and there is one in Denmark that has been operating for more than 300 years."

Perhaps the most familiar attraction at the old Seaside Park, the wooden roller coaster that extended into the Bay, had its origins in Russia, where hills of snow were piled up for sledding courses, according to Stout. These "Russian Mountains" were copied in Paris, and ultimately led to the scream-inducing thrill rides we know today. And carousels date to the Crusades, with live horses in a circular track and grabbing the brass ring as a test of equestrian skill.

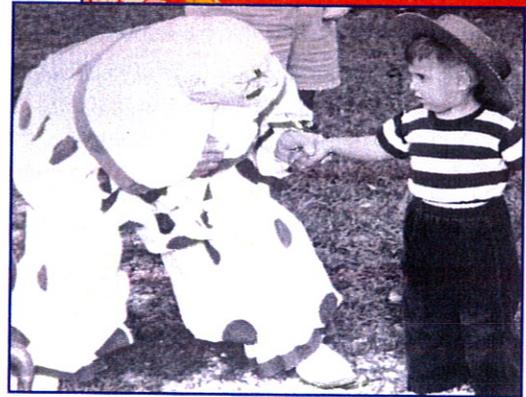
The Crusaders could hardly have conceived of riding on a gaily painted wooden kangaroo and grabbing for a ring from a dispenser to the sound of a calliope, but the actual kangaroo and the rings from the Beach carousel are there for the viewing, through the museum's fall Family Fun Day.

But the exhibit is not the only "ticket to summer" at the museum. The popular Bay Breeze Summer Concerts return on the second Thursday of June, July, August and September. Concert Coordinator Betty MacDonald has arranged a variety of old and new favorites, beginning June 11 with local favorite Clare O'Shea of Chesapeake Beach. The U.S. Navy Band's nationally acclaimed premier country ensemble, "Country Current", will appear for the second time on July 9.

Summer favorite "Dixie Ramblers" bluegrass band, led by Mike Phipps, will return once again in their regular time spot on August 13. This group never fails to attract a large crowd of enthusiastic fans. The series concludes on September 10 with "Stardust Memories". The concerts are free to the public and start at 7:30 pm on the Museum porch.

The annual Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum meeting will take place on Founder's Day, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. The agenda includes nominating board members and voting for officers, a short presentation on the history of amusement parks, pizza and other refreshments.

"The Museum is very lucky to have such a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers", says Kristen Scott, president of the Friends. "This year, we are going to show our appreciation by having a Volunteer Appreciation Day in the early fall. If you would like to be a volunteer, call us at 410-257-3892 and let us know of your interest. We will give you a personal orientation to the Museum and our program needs. Volunteering is fun, so come and join us!" There will be Summer Children's Programs on the Museum porch on Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am. These fun programs explore history using games and stories and are free of charge to the public. The programs start June 18 and run through August 13. (Note: The July 2nd and August 6th programs will not occur due to other events.)



Chesapeake Bay

How Much Is The Bay Worth To You?

By Ken Rasmussen

If someone asked you to rank the three things you value most about the town you live in, where would you place the Chesapeake Bay itself? Is it fair to suggest that the Bay is at or near the top? For the daily quality of life, aesthetic, commercial, and spiritual value it supplies, how could the Chesapeake Bay not dominate our list? It's our home, our refuge, and, for many, a source of income. And yet, how do our individual actions reflect our appreciation of that? The Bay is part of our town's identity; can our Bayside community step up and model good "Bay behavior" for all in our region to see? If we in Chesapeake Beach don't take a visible lead in promoting an ethic of Bay stewardship, how can we expect a Chesapeake-watershed community far from its shores – say, Cooperstown, NY, for example – to care?

A Chesapeake Bay footprint and ecosystem similar to today's has existed for several thousand years. The Bay was created as post-glacial sea levels rose worldwide, and flooded into river valleys that for thousands of years before had incised the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Estuaries like the Chesapeake Bay are nature's "collecting zones." Roads, parking lots, and rooftops decrease the possibility of natural seepage into the landscape, and storm-water has no recourse but to flow fast and furious over it. In doing so, all kinds of unfiltered waste is routed into our streams, or down storm drains and on to the Bay. And with it, a toxic cocktail of pesticides, fertilizers, sediments, and plastics – to name just a few – flushes directly into the Bay. Chesapeake Bay waters are about a 50:50 mix of fresh-water derived from the land, and saltwater derived from the sea – in a sense, a fragile and restricted "mixing bowl" that receives all that we throw into it. 17 million of us are watershed contributors – and that number is only expected to rise. Bay tributaries stretch as far as upstate New York – making Bay issues, both in terms of problems and solutions, not just local but regional.

The deteriorating quality of the Bay environment is no mystery, and it's well documented: simply read the paper, listen to the news, or watch the latest on public television. The good

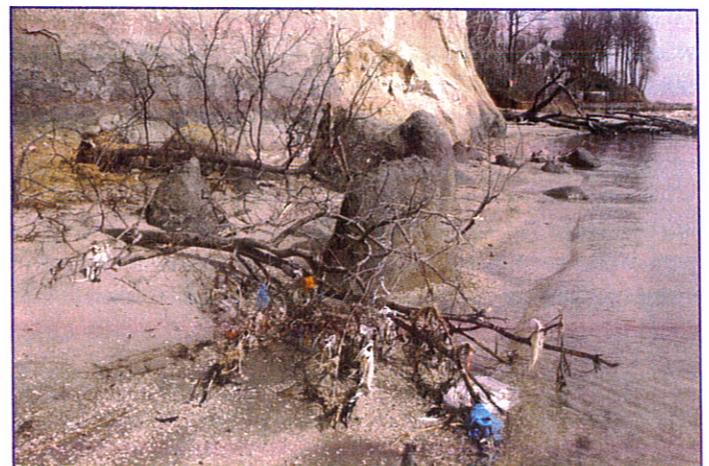
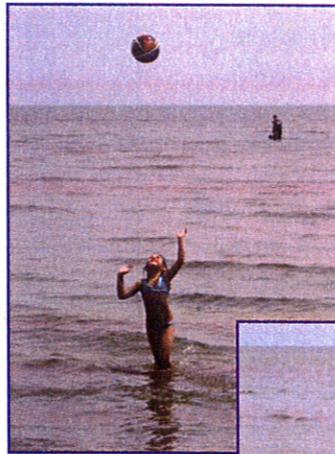
news is that scientists know how to restore the Bay and believe that if we give it a break, it can rebound over time. Earth is historically persistent that way, but we must give it a chance to survive our enormous and ever-growing impact.

What can WE as citizens of Chesapeake Beach do?

- Limit impervious surfaces (asphalt and most pavement)
- Limit unfiltered runoff (storm water and sewage),
- Limit the fertilizer, pesticide, and soil leaving our lawns
- Choose alternatives to plastic – which too often appear on the water or Brownies Beach

We can no longer trust that "nature" will take it all away. The sad reality is that it cannot – at least not at the rates we supply it. Let us do our share, and lead Maryland by example: act individually, and collectively, as if the Bay depended on it. What we do to sustain our Bay as local stewards can serve as a model for good "Bay behavior" regionally. It's a calling worthy of our town, and ourselves. Can we afford to do otherwise? How much is the Bay worth to you?

Dr. Kenneth Rasmussen teaches Geology and Oceanography at Northern Virginia Community College and George Washington University, and lives in Chesapeake Beach.



Rockfish

Town Catches Business As Anglers Catch Striped Bass

It is Tuesday morning, the sun is just rising over the Bay, and the parking lots at the Rod n Reel, Abners, and Half Time Sports Bar are full. A huge all-night party on Monday night? A large conference at the hotel? No – it's rockfish time!

It may be just a delicious meal to most of us, but that fish is one of the key fuels of the Town's economic engines, and a foundation of the Town character that we all prize. Rockfish season launches the local fishing season, bringing business not just to the boat captains and bait-and-tackle businesses in the Town, but to most of the Town's other commercial enterprises, from restaurants to gas stations to souvenirs and sundries, to say nothing of the boats and watermen who give the Town its distinct local color. "Striped bass, [the fish's proper name] support one of the most important commercial and recreational fisheries on the Atlantic seaboard," declares the Chesapeake Bay Program website.

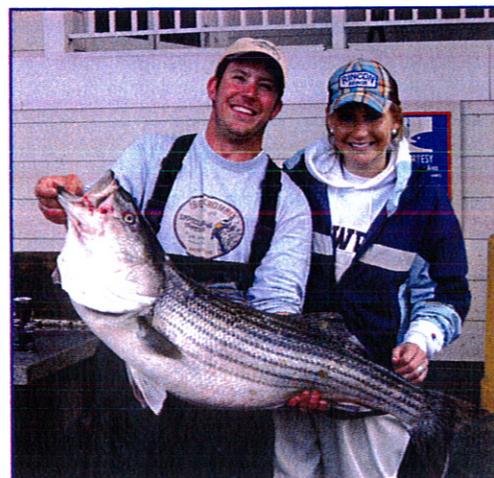
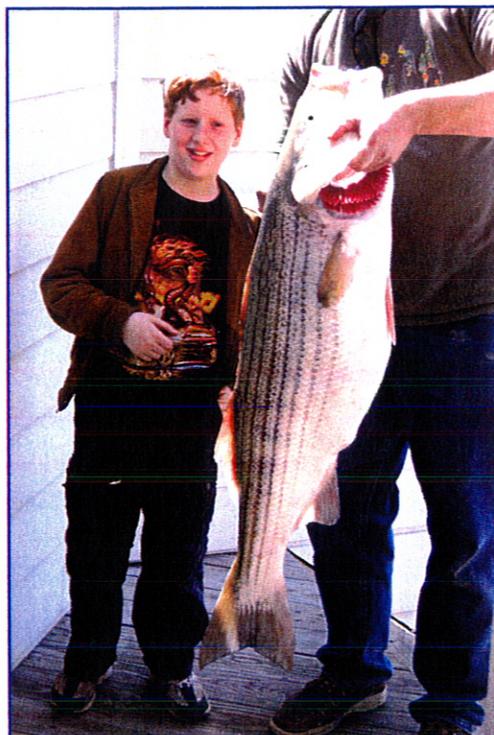
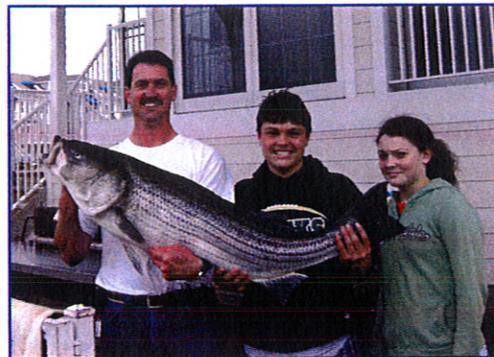
The season began with Trophy Season April 18 through May 15, when the fish are migrating to spawn. During that early period individuals may take only one fish a day, and it must be no smaller than 28 inches long. According to Fred Donovan, who oversees fishing and boating operations at the Rod n Reel, it was a successful season, with pretty much everyone who tried able to be successful in landing his or her prize. But it wasn't always thus.

"Over-harvesting during the 1970s and 1980s contributed to the decline of the striped bass in Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic Coast. Maryland and Delaware instituted a moratorium on all striped bass fishing in 1985, following the collapse of the fishery during the early 1980s...Since the moratorium was lifted in 1990, the stock has been rebuilt and maintained through an adaptive management approach, based upon constant monitoring and the use of catch quotas and seasonal closings."

"Kudos to DNR" for that effort, Donovan says. "It was a bold move, but it worked, and they do a good job of monitoring the supply. You have to balance conservation with big fish."

There are about 40 charter-fishing boats that operate out of the Town, and about eight more that come down from Baltimore and lease slips in the opening season. "That early season brings new traffic to Town early in the year," Donovan observes. "Some weekdays during trophy season are as busy as mid-summer weekends, and everybody that stops here [on the docks] shops everywhere in between."

Judging from the photos of successful anglers who happily posed with their catches for pictures to be displayed in the Rod n Reel tackle shop, it is a sport that knows no boundaries of age or gender, as a beaming young woman, a 16-year-old boy, and a 10 year-old with a catch almost as big as he is illustrate. And three annual champion catches from boats out of the Rod n Reel are listed in the shop, including 1975 champ Wayne Dillon, then 16, who worked in the shop and now is a charter captain in Florida, the 1992 champ, 64.7 pounds, and the 1995 champ, at 67.5 pounds, taken by a 12-year-old.



Top image: A family from Jarrettsville, MD that was fishing on their 22' Grady White and on May 22, Austin Hamel age 16 caught the fish which was 47" long;
 Middle image: His name may be Hunter, but Fisher might be a more apt moniker for 10-year-old Hunter Hodgson, after landing a rockfish big enough to look him in the eye;
 Bottom image: The mate from the "Working Girl", Rod N Reel charter boat and the angler is Brittany Johnson with her 42" Rockfish.

Blues Fest 2009

Air Guitar Winner Steals the Show

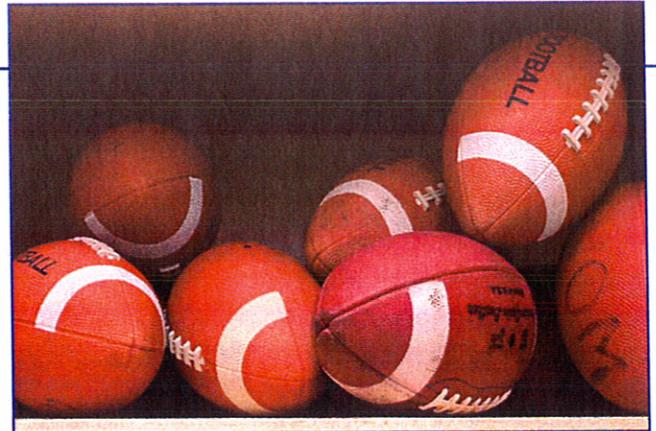
At the annual Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival at Sandy Point State Park, Chesapeake Beach was well represented by five-year old Sam Rodliosso. Sam entered the "Air Guitar" competition sponsored by Garrett Park Guitars of Annapolis. He was by far the youngest entry in the contest. His version of Pete Townsend's "windmill" must have clinched the win. Sam said that he might let his father Tom try the guitar! Congratulations to Sam!



Five-year old Sam Rodliosso of Chesapeake Beach demonstrates his winning air-guitar style to beat eleven other competitors at the Chesapeake Bay Blues Festival on Sunday, May 17



Sam proudly tries out his new Paul Reid Smith SE1 guitar.



Bucs

Sign Up Now for Bucs' Fall Season

Are you ready for some football? Yes, more likely you're thinking baseball, beach or backstroke in this weather, but it's football time for Beach kids who want to be on the gridiron come fall.

The 2009 Beach Buccaneers football, cheerleading and poms season is gearing up. The Beach Buccaneers are a non-profit organization offering football, cheerleading, poms, select basketball and lacrosse programs. Registration will be held for football, cheerleaders and poms at the Northeast Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: June 13, 20 and 27; July 11, 18 and 25, and August 1. You can also register online at www.beachbuccaneers.com. If you register on or before June 13, online or in person, you will receive a discount.

Football programs are open for ages 4 (Flag) through 14. The cheerleaders, ages 4 through 16, lead cheers for the teams within their own age category. Poms range from 4 through 15, in one group, and entertain during half-time for all age teams.

"I am looking forward to seeing a lot of new faces this year, as well as ones who have played for the Beach Bucs in the past!" Bucs president Jimmy Niland said. "Remember, if the kids are having fun, it's a success!"

Mr. Niland reminds that a youth program like the Bucs requires the efforts of a legion of volunteers. If you would like to help out, visit the website, www.beachbuccaneers.com. For further information on Bucs teams and activities, visit the website, or you direct specific questions and comments to jimmysherri@gmail.com.

Special Events

Pat Carpenter Tapped to Put 'Special' into Town Events

Seeking to punch up community activities – and fun! – in the Town, Mayor Wahl apparently leaned on that old adage, if you want to get something done, ask a busy person. He called on Pat Carpenter to take on the volunteer post of Special Events Coordinator, and she said yes.

Now Mrs. Carpenter has drawn together a group of likeminded, and similarly busy, volunteers to ensure that events both fun and serious will be available to bring together the whole community throughout the year. Pat offers a list of nearly a dozen special occasions that will enliven the Town over the next 12 months. Some are one-time only, some are already old favorites that may get new twists, but all require an experienced hand at events planning, and that is something she can offer in abundance.

In her paid work life, Carpenter is the President of The WISH List, a political action committee that works to elect moderate Republican women candidates. She is also the owner of Celebrate! – a floral design and event planning company located in the Town. She has 40 years experience as a florist and has worked for more than 30 years in state and national politics and event planning.



The current list of projects for the group includes:

- Summer 2009: "Flicks on the Field". The movie nights will return to Kellams Field on a schedule to be announced, after the necessary equipment has been acquired.
- July 3, 2009 Town Fireworks.
- July 4, 2009 "Celebration of the Town's New Sidewalks", a Community Walk and Concert at Veterans Park –a Walk from Cox Road to the Veteran's Park to celebrate the completion of the new sidewalks and the streetscape, culminating in a concert at the Park.
- Date TBD Re-Dedication of the Tot Lot (when completed).
- October 24, 2009 Haunted Waterpark.
- November 2009 Fall Festival & Craft Sale , now in the planning stages.
- December 5, 2009 Beach Business Group Holiday Parade , design and production of a Town float to enter in the parade.
- December 2009 Holiday Parties & Events, including: "Brightest Beacon"
- Lighting Ceremony (possibly with a king and queen this year) and Judging Lights & Lighting Awards.
- April 2010 Easter Parade.
- Date TBD Groundbreaking of Fishing Creek Trail.
- Date TBD Drug-Free Jamboree An event for kids and teenagers, now in the planning stages.

In addition to all of these activities, Mrs. Carpenter manages to find time to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Beach Trolley Association (BTA), serving as Chair of the Fundraising Committee and the 2008 Trolley Launch Event Committee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Calvert Marine Museum, on the Calvert County Commission for Women, and is Special Events Chair for the Beach Business Group (BBG), and, incidentally, hosts Sunday potlucks for the community with her husband, Councilman Bob Carpenter.

If you would like to lend a hand to the planning or staging of any of these events, or share ideas for others, you can contact her through Town Hall.

Library

Story at Library Is Summer Fun for Everyone

School may close for the summer, but the joy of stories knows no season or age, especially at Twin Beaches Library. Stories told in printed words, in pictures, in sound or in performance, in fantasy or in fact, for infants, senior citizens, and all in between, within library walls or around the Town, by day or by night, for you and for free.

Register for the Summer Reading program at the library, then log your summer reading online. The library will provide prizes and incentives for reaching reading milestones. For Early Readers the theme is : Be Creative. For Chapter Book Readers, Express Yourself @ Your Library. The program, for babies through teens, begins June 8 and continues through Saturday, August 15.

The ever-popular Summer Fun Programs present free performances for kids at the Northeast Community Center, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays:

June 23	Mad Science
June 30	Uncle Pete with Kids
July 7	Shadow Puppet Workshop
July 14	InterACTion
July 21	Tracey Eldridge
July 28	Reptile World
August 4	Magic of Mike Rose

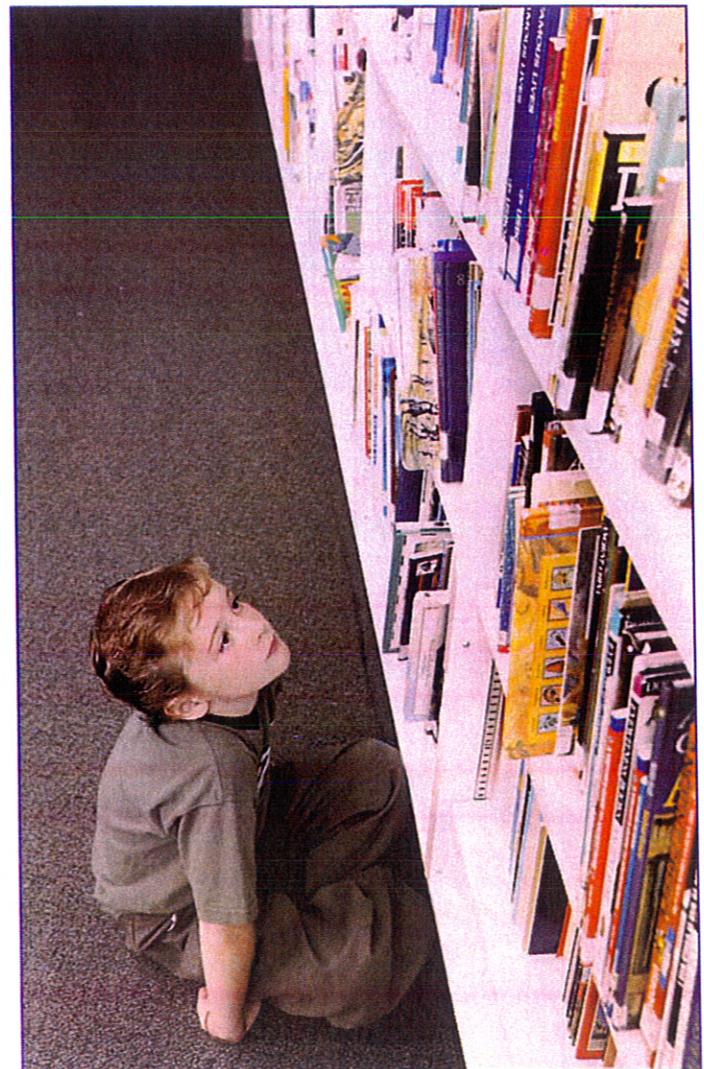
Imagine That! is the theme for the evening Storytime kickoff, June 11 from 7 to 7:45 P.M. in the children's area of the library. This program is designed for ages 1 through 5. Daytime Summer Storytimes, with various themes, will happen on Wednesdays and Saturdays from June 24 through August 8, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday events will take place at offsite locations around the Town and North Beach. Saturday programs will be in the library.

For the elementary school crowd, Imagination Station will provide various creative activities including crafts, music, puppets and more, Wednesdays between June 24 and August 5.

For TWEENS and parents, Book Discussions are on tap of Tuesdays once a month. Registration is required for this 7 – 8 p.m. program for the 5th-to-7th grade set, for the discussions of the following books: June 16, Eggs, by Jerry Spinelli; July 14, The Name of This Book is Secret; by PseudonymousBosch; August 11, Inkheart, by Cornelia Funke. Programs take place at the library.

And, finally, what have you read lately? The adult discussion group will share good books they have read recently, July 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Center Apartments, 8933 Chesapeake Ave., North Beach.

And if none of these options appeal, just drop by the library and let the staff help you to find a book to your taste. You can find a cool and quiet spot to read it on site, or take it home. Or if you're hitting the road to drive to a vacation spot, pick out a recorded book to make those car miles both pleasant and worthwhile.



Get in the Swim!

WATER PARK OPENED FOR WEEKENDS BEGINNING MAY 23, 2009.
DAILY, BEGINNING JUNE 13, 2009.

BEGINNING AUGUST 22, 2009, THE PARK WILL BE OPEN FOR
WEEKENDS ONLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2009.

Park Hours: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. weather permitting

www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com

Every Tuesday is Grandparents' Day - Free admission with paid admission of grandchild.

Father's Day – June 21, 2009 – Fathers get in free with paid admission of child.

July 3, 2009 – The water park will be open until 10 p.m. so that our guests may enjoy the spectacular fireworks show sponsored by the Town of Chesapeake Beach.

Swim Schedule and Fees
2009 Chesapeake Beach Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lesson Fee: \$75.00* to be paid when signing up. The sessions are Tuesday through Friday. No classes are held on Mondays. Until the park opens full time, you may sign up at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sessions

- June 16 – June 26
- June 30 – July 10
- July 14 – July 24
- July 28 – August 7



Lamb

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taught us the value of a dollar, always reminding us 'it's not what you make, but what you save' that's important." She is trying to bring that attitude now to her new role. "I want to make sure that our tax dollars are spent wisely, with good stewardship," she says. "It's an exciting time to be involved, and I am trying my best to live up to my campaign commitments."

"It's a good group of people with sensible heads," the rookie politician says of her Council colleagues, "and we have good prospects for a successful term. We're just learning about each other, how to work with each other and become a team, and how and when to pick your battles."

The frugal approach to life that she talks about may not be so apparent from the vehicle in her driveway, "the Rocket", but she cites the sporty blue convertible as an example of her sensible side, albeit one that makes possible one of her prime joys – "to put the top down and head to the beach."

Her Chrysler Crossfire is the successor to a Chevy Cavalier

convertible that she drove for 11 years and 217,000 miles, and she expects to get that much wear out of its replacement, a used car that she found on line. Built in Germany by the Mercedes company during its Chrysler partnership, the car was in a Detroit dealership, a five-year-old lease vehicle with only 20,000 miles, and she managed to work a price less than a third of its original cost.

"They were eager to move it," she says. "Who wants a convertible in Detroit in the middle of winter?" So she bought a one-way ticket to Detroit, arrived in a snowstorm, and drove it straight home through the storm. "The closer I got to home, the warmer it got, and the better the driving conditions, and I knew it was just meant to be here," she says as she shows off its immaculate interior, a



head-turning luxury full-steam-ahead look-at-me car that appears an unlikely choice for a self-described frugal politician. But then how frugal is one who will unhesitatingly adopt an old stray off the street and take on its formidable medical bills, and treat herself to something like "the Rocket"? One who lives carefully enough to be able to take on both such things when the opportunity arises, she would probably argue, just as, when associates urged her to run, she took on the challenge of a first foray into politics, and now answers to "Councilwoman".

Dogs

Same Old Doggone Problem Continues

Is your dog poo-luting the Town and the Bay? Killing oysters, hurting fishing, costing tax dollars to clean up the boardwalk? Scaring neighbors? Making it unpleasant to stroll the boardwalk, the sidewalk, the beach? Destroying grass and bushes? Being a health hazard? If you let him run loose, he probably is. If you walk him on a leash but don't clean up his droppings, he probably is. Breaking the law? No, he doesn't know any better. But you do, and you are.

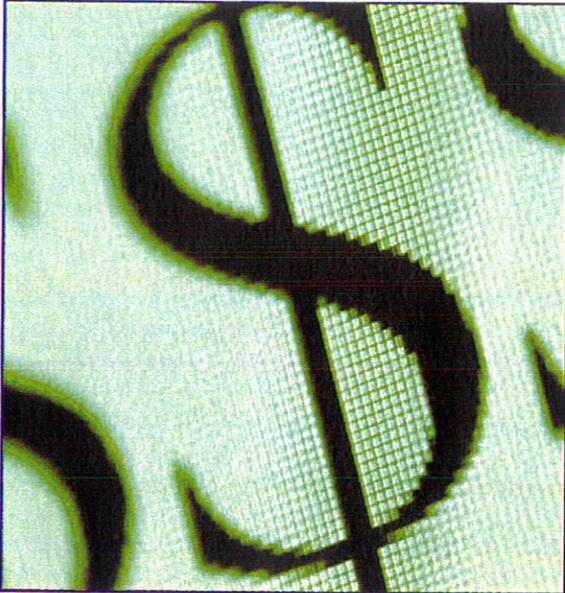
Be fair to your dog and your neighbors. Do not let him run loose. Properly dispose of his waste, even if it is in your own yard. Even if it is not harming public property or other people's

yards, rain or sprinklers can turn dog waste into Bay-polluting run-off.

And before it washes into the Bay, it can be a breeding place for flies and other undesirables. And there is no lovelier fragrance than eau de dog droppings wafting on the spring air.

We love pets, and they are a welcome part of Town life, when their owners behave responsibly. Please do.





Budget

Be Heard on the Budget

It's your Town, and your taxes. Voice your opinions of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010, or just learn more about the details, at a public hearing on June 11 before the Council meeting. The Council meeting is a week earlier than usual, second Thursday rather than third, to accommodate the budget adoption schedule requirements.

The draft budget maintains the same real property tax rate as this year, but proposes a 10% increase in water and sewer user rates, and one new Town position, dedicated to recreation operations and grounds maintenance.

Capital projects in the budget include the Fishing Creek Railway Trail; D Street Sewer Improvements Project, thanks to stimulus funds in the form of a low interest loan; Chesapeake Village Well and Water Tower, and design of the ENR (enhanced nutrient removal) project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to continue the Town's stewardship of the Bay.