

# CHESAPEAKE BEACH *Newsletter*

Summer 2011

## *Coming Soon... Dedication & Ribbon Cutting* **Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail**

Plans are underway for an exciting event when we dedicate the much-anticipated Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail. The Trail, as many of you know, is open, and we plan to throw a big party to celebrate this fabulous accomplishment. Everyone will be there...VIPs, Elected Officials, Citizens of the Town, Railway Museum Officials, those who played a role in bringing this great addition to the town, and those who were critical in the design and building of the Trail. It will be an event not to be missed!

The work is completed, the signage is in place, and volunteers have cleaned up the area. Once it is officially open, plan to go down and take a look, and enjoy yourself on this remarkable Trail. As you walk the Trail you will feel the serenity of the space, shared with wildlife, herons, ducks, geese, birds of

all types and the not-to-be-missed majestic eagles. When you pause at the old railroad trestle, you can almost hear the whistle of the train pulling into town.

If you're an "old-timer" in town, take a walk on the Trail and reminisce. If you're one of the "new people," have a look at a part of the Beaches you've never seen. Either way, enjoy your time in this beautiful place and come back again and again.

When we set the date for the dedication (probably late July/early August), we will post it on the Town website, send a blast email to those who have signed up for that service (you can still do that on the website!), send the word to the press, and probably have a banner on display so you won't miss it!



Former Mayor Gerald Donovan and Mayor Bruce Wahl on a "sneak peek" of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail

## *From the Mayor*

Summer is finally here and it is a time to enjoy all the unique qualities of living on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. We are truly blessed to call Chesapeake Beach our home. Here are a few things on my mind at this great time of year in our town.

### **Water Park**

The Chesapeake Beach Water Park has opened for its 17th season, with many, many new improvements. Over the off-season, the Water Park Advisory Committee (chaired by Town Council member Stewart Cumbo) worked with the staff, architects, engineers and consultants to redesign and enlarge the Concession Stand. This work was completed just in time for the opening Memorial Day weekend, and now provides four customer serving lines, much more freezer, refrigerator and dry storage space, and new cooking options including a great new

pizza oven and an outdoor grill. My wife Becky and I sampled the new menu over Memorial Day and it is great! Be sure to try it out!

Other Water Park improvements include a new storage building, a rearranged gift shop, and a major clean-up of the exterior elements. To me, the Water Park looks the best that it has since we opened it in May, 1995. Come join in the fun!

### **Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail**

Memorial Day weekend also marked a significant milestone for the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, a portion of which opened for limited use. The section from Bayview Hills to Richfield Station

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## *We Continue to Build Our Email List...*

...So we can keep you "in the know!" This new service will provide you with the most up-to-date information regarding events and news around town. From letting you know when schedules change, to telling you about important dates coming up, to alerting you when flushing will occur, or when streets are closed...we'll keep you informed.

Please take a few moments and go to the Town of Chesapeake Beach website at [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us) and sign up on the home page! It's that easy! Thank you! We look forward to being of better service to you through this email service!

## *Think Before You Put Up That Sign!*

A new law, House Bill 289, enacted by the Legislature during the most recent session "prohibits a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing or maintaining a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway." In addition, it allows local governments to collect and destroy such signs, and the person who places or maintains a commercial sign within the right-of-way of a State highway in violation of this Act is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$25 per commercial sign.

We wanted to be sure you were aware of this new law. In most cases, the State highway right-of-way is the property from the street to the row of telephone poles. So, use that as your guideline as you place any commercial signs along the road.



## *Do You Know This Person?*

Our contest continues! There's still time to win two tickets on one of our Moonlight Cruises this summer. Cruises will run through September.

The little girl in the photo in our last newsletter was correctly identified by Nancy Perfitt. Nancy identified our own Town Clerk Sharon Humm!

Take a look at this quarter's photo, taken at what used to be Chaney's (now the Crooked I), and see if you can identify the little girl in the background behind the three women at the slot machine. Call Town Hall with the correct identity and win two tickets on the Moonlight Cruise of your choice!

## *For Your Information*

### **Project Echo**

We want to thank all of those who have participated in our project to gather blankets and coats for Project Echo! They now have a need for paper products, and we will be collecting them at Town Hall as we did the coats and blankets. Please bring any paper products you can, including napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper cups, etc. to Town Hall and drop them in the receptacles provided. Thank you!

### **End Hunger**

The need continues for canned and non-perishable food to fill the pantry shelves at End Hunger. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for this worthy cause!

### **More About Mosquitos!**

We're controlling those pesky pests so it is safe for you, your children and pets, AND so it is safe for the environment. Calvert County Mosquito Control Program is ready for the 2011 Season. The mosquito control program provides a county-wide integrated pest abatement of nuisance and vector (disease carrier) mosquitoes. Here is all you should know about this Ultra Low Volume (ULV) spray program for adult mosquitoes.

The spray program for adult mosquitoes is operated under Maryland Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Section guidelines. The local program is supervised by William Clay, a State certified Pesticide Applicator, who works in cooperation with the State entomologists.

The spray equipment is mounted on the back of small pickup trucks and is calibrated to ensure insecticide applications at rates in accordance with EPA regulations. The spray's drift is determined by wind direction.

Permethrin will be used for adult mosquito control. Information on Permethrin is available and labels will be made available upon request. In accordance with EPA regulations, spraying cannot be done when wind speeds are above 10 mph. It will be the County's policy not to spray when temperatures are below 60 degrees or when temperatures exceed 90 degrees, or at the time of an air quality alert issued by the National Weather Service.

Spraying is scheduled during the hours when mosquitoes are most active: early mornings between 5:00 and 9:00 am, and evenings between 6:00 and 11:00 pm. For more information, contact the County Field Office at 410-535-6924 or visit this website: [www.mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us](http://www.mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us).

## *Easter Festival 2011*

### **New Venue a Big Hit!**

It was an overcast morning, with a smattering of rain here and there. But then...at noon...the clouds parted and the sun came out to shine on the Easter Festival at Kellam's Field! Formerly the Easter Parade on the Boardwalk, this year the event was moved to Kellam's Field and included moon bounces, pony rides, sack races, other games, and Easter Eggs and treats for all.

The Easter Bunny arrived via golf cart (see photo) and thrilled children of all ages. The Bunny was joined by several of the Town "Characters" including Rita's Mr. Ice, Papa John's Mr. Slice and Captain Bill from Smokey's! Town merchants hosted tables overflowing with candy, cookies and other exciting treats for the large crowd of attendees.

This new location proved to be a big hit with everyone and will become the new tradition for the Easter Festival in Chesapeake Beach.



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## Calendar of Events

July		
Day	Event/Location	Time
3	Chesapeake Beach Town Fireworks	Dusk
4	Town Hall Closed, Independence Day	
6	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 pm
7	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am
9	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
11	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
12	Memorial Day Festival 2012 – Planning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
13	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
14	Summer Bay Breeze Concert Series, Railway Museum "The Dixie Ramblers"	7:30 pm
16	Skateboard Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	10:00 am
16	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
16	Moonlight Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay	7:30 pm
18	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
21	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am
21	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
23	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
23 & 24	Operation Second Chance – Hope on the Chesapeake	
28	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am
30	Beach Buccaneers Sign up NECC	12:00 noon – 2:00 pm



August		
Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
4	Annual Cancer Gala, Rod 'N' Reel	7:00 pm
9	Memorial Day Festival 2012 – Planning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
10	Open Meeting -- Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP), Northeast Community Center	7:00 pm
11	Summer Bay Breeze Concert Series, Railway Museum "Two for You"	7:30 pm
13	Moonlight Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay	7:30 pm
15	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
18	Railway Museum Children's Free Summer Program	10:00 am
18	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm

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September		
Day	Event/Location	Time
5	Town Hall Closed, Labor Day	
5	Chesapeake Beach Resident Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 am – 6:00 pm
5	Final Day of Water Park	
5	Final Day of the Beach Trolley	
6	Memorial Day Festival 2012 – Planning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
7	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
8	Summer Bay Breeze Concert Series, Railway Museum “The Dixie Power Trio”	7:30 pm
12	Mayor’s Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
12	Mayor’s Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
15	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
17	Moonlight Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay	7:30 pm

October		
Day	Event/Location	Time
3	Mayor’s Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 – 9:00 pm
5	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 pm
10	Town Hall Closed, Columbus Day	
11	Memorial Day Festival 2012 - Planning Meeting, Town Hall	7:00 pm
12	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 pm
16	Railway Museum Fall Family Fun Day	1:00 – 4:00 pm
17	Mayor’s Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 – 5:30 pm
20	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 pm
23	Halloween Family Fun Night, Water Park	6:30 – 8:00 pm
30	Halloween Family Fun Night, Water Park (RAIN DATE)	6:30 – 8:00 pm

<p><i>Important Town Contact Numbers</i></p> <p>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, tune to Channel 6 or WTOP Radio 103.5</p> <p>Town Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.</p>	Animal Control	410-535-2800
	Beach Elementary	410-257-1512
	Northeast Community Center	410-257-2554
	Emergency	911
	Fire Department (non-emergency)	410-257-6564
	Library	410-257-2411
	Post Office	410-257-6180
	Railway Museum	410-257-3892
	Sheriff (non-emergency)	410-535-2800
	Town Hall	410-257-2230; 301-855-8398

*The summer is finally here  
and the Water Park is open!*

This summer, the Water Park has several new features, which we are excited to tell you about.

- For Citizens of Chesapeake Beach who reside within the town limits, admission to the Water Park is FREE every Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. And we have no camps on Tuesdays!
- The Beachcomber Grill (our newly renovated concession stand), is off to a great start, with everyone enjoying this new concept. That outdoor barbeque aroma you smell around town is coming from our new outdoor grill. In addition to hamburgers and hotdogs, The Beachcomber Grill offers veggie burgers, chicken teriyaki and tuna. The main concession stand continues to offer our popular chicken tenders, french fries, pizzas and salads. New this year, we have funnel cakes, pretzels, and churros (Mayor Wahl's favorite). And, don't forget to stop by the "Cool Zone" for ice cold beverages, shaved ice and the world famous Dippin' Dots. All of our menus are featured on our website at <http://chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com/Beachcomber-Grill>.
- The Beachcomber Grill can also cater your company or family picnic at the Town's pavilions outside the Park during normal operating hours, or why not rent the entire park for your special event. (The evening before we opened, the Park was

rented by the Arundel Bay Christian Academy for a graduation party.)

- We also have music produced by our very own radio station. "Splash Radio" provides Water Park guests with upbeat music and allows us to communicate to our guests what is going on in the park that day, as well as on future days. Several of our local businesses have purchased "airtime", so be sure to listen for their special announcements.
- Also new this summer are "Character Days." On June 27, Sponge Bob will be visiting the Park. On July 25, we will welcome Bob the Builder and on August 15, come out to see Dora the Explorer. Our last special visitor of the summer will visit us on September 15. But, you will have to come to the Park to find out who our surprise guest is. These special days are in addition to our Tuesday Grandparents Day Special and our Fathers Day Special.
- And, plan to join us on Friday nights, for "Friday Night Slides". Our Friday Night Slides will begin on Friday June 17 and will continue through Friday August 19. On these nights we will be open until 10:30 PM. A guest can stay at the park all day long and into the evening for an additional \$2. Season Pass holders can enjoy the Character Days and the Friday Night Slides for no additional charge. All of our prices can be found on our website.
- Finally, in addition to our very



popular Swim Lessons, a new class this year is Mommy and Me/Daddy and Me. This class gives your baby or young child the opportunity to be introduced to the water with a parent in a comfortable setting – but with a professionally trained Red Cross Swim Instructor. Six different levels are offered at four different sessions. Please visit our website at [www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com/Swim-Lessons.html](http://www.chesapeakebeachwaterpark.com/Swim-Lessons.html) for more information.

We are proud of how the park looks this year. Both of the larger slides (the blue and the white slide) were recently painted, the ropes were power washed, and the nets around the smaller children's slides and the carpets on each of our two bridges have been replaced.

Don't forget to book your birthday parties early...we have all kinds of special upgrades this year.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the Water Park this season!

Until we see you at the Park,

*Marilyn VanWagner*

General Manager

Chesapeake Beach Water Park

## *A Cleaner Bay*

The Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society is moving forward with growing oysters in Fishing Creek. This will help greatly with the water quality in the creek and the bay. You may be saying to yourself “I want to help too but I can’t afford the oyster cage, or I don’t have the spare time to tend a cage. What can I do?”

Did you know that over 60% of water pollution comes from cars leaking oil, fertilizers from lawns and gardens, and failing septic tanks? You can help stop the pollution before it ever gets to the water. Keep your vehicle well maintained and in good working condition. If you have a septic tank have it serviced and checked at regular intervals, usually two to five years depending on use. When using fertilizer, use it sparingly. Many plants don’t need as much or as often as you think. Never fertilize before a rain storm. It washes away and you have wasted your money and polluted the water. Consider using organic fertilizer. Use compost instead. You can make it yourself or buy it at the store, and mixing it with the soil greatly reduces the need for fertilizer. Always follow the directions on the bag, using more than recommended doesn’t help more and it wastes your money. Fertilizer in the water promotes algae growth which robs the water of oxygen causing the red tides and fish death.

We all want a beautiful bay to enjoy for generations to come and we can have it if we all do some little things to help. For more information go to [http://www.epa.gov/owow\\_keep/NPS/toolbox/](http://www.epa.gov/owow_keep/NPS/toolbox/)

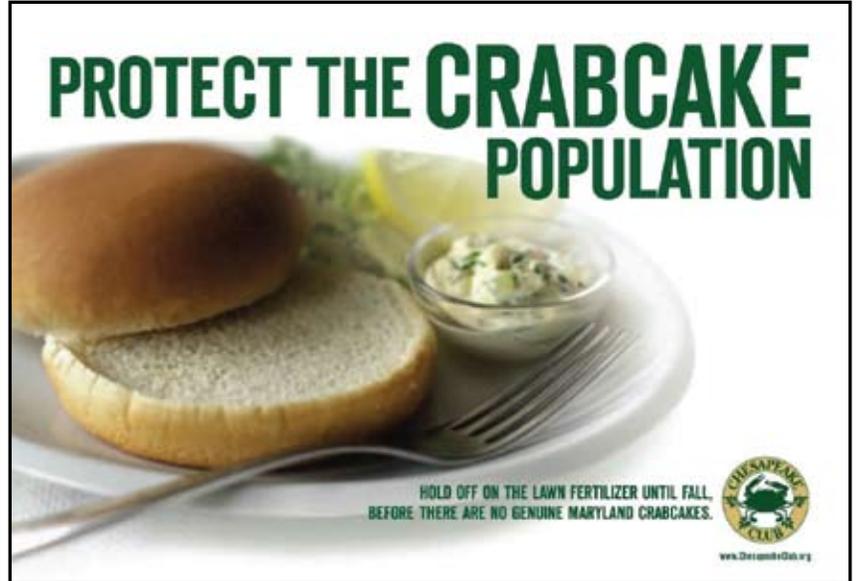


Photo Credit: Pat Mahoney

## *Bayfront Park Clean-Up*

Town Council Vice President Pat “Irish” Mahoney reports that the annual Bayfront Park (Brownie’s Beach) Cleanup went very well this year. Although it was a misty, wet day, it didn’t keep away some of the Old Campground crew as the Brownie’s Beach neighbors are known. Nancy & Peter Feuerle, Terry Klazer, Karen Schumaker and Beach Patrol Superintendent Allan Brown were among the “wet” crew that made this year’s event another successful beach and boardwalk cleanup!

*An Important Meeting*  
**Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)**  
**Total Daily Maximum Load (TDML)**



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So, you're scratching your head and asking, why would I want to give up an evening for this? If you haven't heard about the subject, you will want to hear...because it is coming, and this is your opportunity to learn about WHAT is coming!

On Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 pm, Richard A. Eskin, Director, Science Services Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment will be meeting at the Northeast Community Center in an open meeting with the Citizens of both Chesapeake Beach and North Beach, as well as the elected officials and planning officials of both towns. The public is encouraged to attend and learn more about the program. Dr. Eskin will address the group, and will then hold a Q&A session, so that you will have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered!

The goal of the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) is to develop acceptable levels of pollutants in each watershed in the Chesapeake Bay. The work of this program will affect every property owner in Maryland. You ask how? When WIP completes its work and sets the levels to be attained, it will impact every property improvement in the future...from erecting a deck on your property, to putting a new shed in your yard, to paving your driveway...etc...you will have to comply with the WIP. All the more reason to learn about this now, and to have your questions answered.

The intent of the program stems from the President's directive to the EPA, via a 2009 Executive Order, to "protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay." The program is focused on reducing surface water pollutants in order to improve the water quality of the Bay.

We hope to see you at this important meeting!

*Fishing Creek and*  
*Railway Trail Clean-up*



The First Annual Clean-up of Fishing Creek and the new Railway Trail took place in March (see photos). More than sixty-five volunteers of all ages came from far and wide and collected over a ton of glass, 500 pounds of recyclable metal and 1,500 pounds of non-recyclable debris. The event was such a great success it will become an annual event, and volunteers plan to clean up the trail in the Spring of every year. Watch your Town Newsletter and Website for future dates!



## *Calvert County Sheriff, Mike Evans* **Combines Modern Technology and Old Fashioned Police Work To Reduce Crime and Improve Traffic Safety**

Always looking forward, Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans re-affirmed his commitment to provide the highest quality law enforcement service possible in mid-February 2011. Sheriff Evans sent three members of his senior command staff to a three-day training program in Ocean City to learn about the, Data Driven Approaches to Traffic and Crime Safety (DDACTS). Lieutenants, Bobby Jones, Administrative and Judicial Services Bureau Commander, Steve Jones, Criminal Investigations Bureau Commander, and Dave McDowell, Patrol Bureau Commander, participated in the intensive three-day course of instruction.

The workshop conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was funded through the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs' Associations by the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) and hosted by the Ocean City Police Department.

DDACTS was introduced to the Maryland Chiefs and Sheriffs in November 2010 at their inaugural combined conference. The February workshop was the follow-up to that introduction. Approximately forty participants from police departments and sheriff's offices, large and small, from Maryland, Delaware, and as far away as Montana attended.

Day one brought introductions and open discussion about the seven guiding principles of DDACTS. They are: Partners and Stakeholders participation, Data Collection, Data Analysis, Strategic Operations, Information Sharing and Outreach, Monitoring Evaluation and Adjustment, and Outcomes. To solidify the discussion and exemplify the seven guiding principles, three guest speakers addressed the attendees.

Captain Howard Hall from the Baltimore County Police Department, Captain Mike Alexander from the Metro Nashville Police department, and Lieutenant Mike Beck from the La Fourche Parish, Louisiana Sheriff's Department each spoke of the challenges, achievements, and setbacks their respective agencies experienced in implementing DDACTS. All three presenters provided candid accounts of what their agencies did to achieve success through DDACTS.

Day one left the attendees with the knowledge that DDACTS is not a program, as programs end, but rather a philosophy that must be adopted by the agency, community, and every other stakeholder involved as a partner. That philosophy is, that when an agency captures statistics on traffic crashes, DUI's, and specific criminal activity over an extended period of time, and analyze that data, a clear overlap will be evident in specific geographic locations. Those overlap areas are where the agency must concentrate its resources to conduct high frequency maximum visibility traffic enforcement combined with focused crime abatement efforts in a manner designed to reduce or eliminate the frequency of those social harms. And that a solid relationship with the community on every level is critical to its success.

On day two, attendees broke up into three focus groups. Group one consisted of command level officers, Group two, mid-level supervisors, and Group three, civilian analysts. Each group worked through the seven guiding principles to develop an action plan from their perspective and area of responsibility. Members from each attending agency discussed their current

resources, anticipated challenges, and ideas for moving forward. It should come as no surprise that the primary challenge transcending every agency was budgetary constraints. Many agencies expressed anticipated struggles with antiquated or shared records management systems, and others identified staffing challenges by way of not having a full time analyst or available personnel to perform that most critical component of DDACTS.

Conversely, there was a shared enthusiasm among all, that the DDACTS approach is a worthwhile investment in resources to reduce crime and other social harms in their respective jurisdictions. Not only was this enthusiasm evident in large group discussions, but present as well outside of the formal setting during breaks, meals, and other social gatherings. At the conclusion of day two, each agency came away with a working draft action plan to implement DDACTS.

The final day of the workshop provided each agency the opportunity to present their action plan to the entire group. Each agency brought unique perspectives to the discussion and many shared similar plans with subtle differences specific to their needs and demands. But, every agency walked away with something they did not have on day one. And that is a clear understanding of DDACTS and how it is a proven way to identify, address, and reduce traffic, crime, and other quality of life concerns in the community. And unlike other workshops, attendees left with an action plan tailored to their agencies by the most qualified subject matter experts possible, the

*The Charter Fishing Capital of Maryland Since 1946!*  
**Chesapeake Beach...**

And here it is the middle of Summer...have you gone fishing yet? If not, or even if you have, you should consider a charter fishing trip with family and friends...or with business colleagues or organization associates!  
 We citizens of Chesapeake Beach are very fortunate to live in an area where fishing is literally at our fingertips.

*"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home." -- Roderick Haig-Brown*

The fish have been plentiful in our area since the late 1800s and early 1900s when Chesapeake Beach was a bee hive of activity on many fronts. Various types of fish, from croakers to rockfish, to blue fish to bottom fish such as spot, perch, trout and flounder find their way to the Chesapeake Beach area all summer long. The type of fish in the waters of the Bay come and go in cycles, so what you are fishing for may vary from year to year.

Charter Fishing has become a major business, because of the great fishing in our area, with two primary booking services in Chesapeake Beach – Chesapeake Beach Fishing Charters and Rod 'N' Reel Charter Fishing.

Begun by Jimmy Gasch, Chesapeake Beach Fishing Charters has been operating for about 16 years. The 15 boats, individually owned but operating under the Chesapeake Beach Fishing Charters umbrella, can be booked by contacting Janet at the number below or by contacting the boat's captain. These Charters leave from the west side of Fishing Creek Bridge, as well as from Abner's and the Rod 'N' Reel Marinas.

Rod 'N' Reel Charter Fishing has been in the business for many, many years. Twenty-four boats, each individually owned, operate in this fleet. Owners Gerald and Fred Donovan purchased the Rod 'N' Reel in 1978. Through the Tackle Shop



at the Rod 'N' Reel, you can book a multiple-boat fishing trip for your company or organization, a single boat for a smaller group or book an individual place on the Miss Chesapeake Beach, a new head boat just docked at the Rod 'N' Reel Marina. Open from 5:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week, their booking system was automated in 1989 and is state-of-the art.

Fred Donovan put it well when he said, "the advantage we enjoy here in Chesapeake Beach is we are close to where the fish are, AND where the people are...only a half hour away from the DC Beltway!"

*"The solution to any problem – work, love, money, whatever – is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be."  
 -- John Gierach*

To book a trip, or get your questions answered about bookings, call:

<b>Chesapeake Beach Fishing Charters 301-855-4665</b>	<b>Rod 'N' Reel Tackle Shop 800-233-2080</b>
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## Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch

### 2011 Summer Storytime!

Storytimes will be repeated at the Twin Beaches Branch on Saturdays  
All storytimes begin at 10:00 am

- July 6 Down by the Bay  
North Beach Boardwalk  
At the northernmost end  
of the beach
- July 13 Community Helpers  
North Beach Town Hall
- July 20 Dance  
Miss Abigail's School of  
Classical Ballet  
3rd Street in North Beach
- July 27 Sports  
Northeast Community Center  
Small gym
- August 3 Rescue Heroes Theme  
North Beach Volunteer  
Fire Department

### Summer Fun Programs

- Held at Northeast Community Center  
10:00 am on Tuesdays
- July 12 InterAct ~ Reader's Theater
- July 19 Digeridoo Down Under ~ Music
- July 26 Reptile World
- August 2 The Magic of Mike Rose

### Tween Book Fest

- Interactive, literature-based  
discussions for 5th to 7th graders  
7:00 – 8:00 pm at the  
Twin Beaches Library  
Registration required
- July 19
- August 9



### Wednesday Afternoon Program for Elementary Age Children: Stories and Crafts

- Theme: One World, Many Stories  
2:00 pm at the Twin Beaches Library
- July 6
- July 13
- July 20
- July 27
- August 3

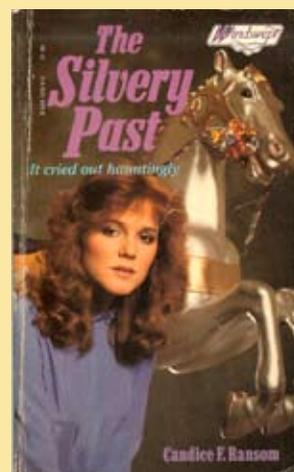
## What am I Reading?

By Bruce Wahl, Mayor

In the second installment of this feature, I will share with you a book that I purchased at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum when I first moved to Chesapeake Beach in 1985. It is a novel called "The Silvery Past" by Candice E. Ransom, and published by Scholastic Books. Unfortunately, it is long out of print, and the library's copies have fallen apart. However, in searching through amazon.com, I was able to locate many used copies of this book.

The story centers on a young high school student, Tyler James, and her mother who move to "Shark's Tooth Beach" from New York City in order for her mother to take a teaching position at a local junior high school. Although she finds it difficult to adjust to life in a small Maryland town instead of New York City, Tyler becomes fascinated with the old Dentzel Carousel in the town (actually Chesapeake Beach), and with her new-found friend Craig Wesley engages in a campaign to keep the carousel instead of having it dismantled and sold in pieces. Much mystery and intrigue ensues, culminating in threats and attacks on Tyler by a mysterious assailant. At the last moment, Craig and Tyler find a way to save the day, but you'll have to read the book to find out how.

Many of you may recall that there was a Dentzel Carousel here at the amusement park in Chesapeake Beach from the time of the town's formation in 1900 until the early 1980's, when the carousel was sold to Prince Georges County and moved to Watkins Regional Park, where it still operates today. Chesapeake Station now stands on the site of the former amusement park. This novel weaves facts about our town and its heritage into the story line to make a most interesting read. I hope you can find a copy to enjoy!



## *A Day to Pause and Remember...*

Memorial Day 2011 brought many local and surrounding area citizens to the Chesapeake Beach Veterans Park...a place of solemn remembrance. American Legion Stallings Williams Post 206 conducted the annual Memorial Day Service which was moderated by Southern Maryland Vice Commander Pat McCoy and Jack Custis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander of Post 206.

Mayor Bruce Wahl, a Vietnam Veteran, welcomed those in attendance and reminded everyone of the purpose of the day: "To honor veterans and those who have fallen in defense of our country." The "Nam Knights" presented their national "Eternal

Rider" plaque to Legion Post 206 for safe-keeping during the next year. The plaque will be displayed prominently at the Legion Post throughout the year.

Once known as "Decoration Day"...a day to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes, the ceremony kept that tradition alive by placing wreaths at the memorials for each of the military branches of service, as well as the memorial to fallen law enforcement officers and fire fighters. The program closed with the playing of "Taps" and the singing of "God Bless America."



Southern Maryland Vice Commander Pat McCoy looks on as Mayor Bruce Wahl addresses those assembled.



Placing a wreath in memory of fallen law enforcement officers and fire fighters.



Colors were presented by the Knights of Columbus Lord Baltimore Assembly.



The "Nam Knights" with the "Eternal Rider" plaque.

*A Tradition Continues...*  
**July 3 Fireworks at Chesapeake Beach!**

There's always great anticipation around the fireworks display sponsored by the Town of Chesapeake Beach... and this year did not disappoint! Record crowds gathered throughout the day as the excitement grew. Those fortunate enough to make their way to Fishing Creek during the day were able to watch the Fireworks Extravaganza crew as they prepared for the big show! And then, just before dusk, the Big C Too escorted the two loaded barges down Fishing Creek to the Bay to the applause of the masses of people gathered at the Rod 'N' Reel and Windward Key...and the fun began! Ooohs and ahhs were heard from North Beach to Breezy Point as the unique display from the two barges went on and on. Following the grand finale, honking horns and cheers of approval could be heard across the town.

A special thanks to the Calvert County Sheriff's Department for their pre-planning and on-site guidance that enabled the overabundance of cars to find their way home safely and without great delay.



Photo Credit: Robert Tinari Photography

*Operation Second Chance Returns to Chesapeake Beach*  
**July 23 and 24**

Operation Hope on the Chesapeake 2011 is under way. This year's event will take place the weekend of July 23rd instead of the second weekend of August due to the closing of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Activities are already starting to wind down at Walter Reed and this year's event will do more for morale than ever before. Volunteers are needed for planning and for weekend activities. If you think you might like to volunteer please contact Mary Mathis by cell at 410-610-2710 or by email at marymathis502@comcast.net.

Tax deductible donations may be mailed to Operation Hope on the Chesapeake, c/o Janie Hanko, 3305 Meadow Lane, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. Checks should be made payable to Operation Second Chance.

As always, our honored guests appreciate your warm welcome on Saturday morning, so be sure to come out and join us in making them feel welcome in our town. This event takes place every year because of the big hearts and generous support given by your kindness and generosity. On behalf of our guests, thank you!

*Beach Trolley Schedule*

The Trolley is back for the summer, making its debut on Memorial Day weekend and running through Labor Day weekend. The three trolleys (Beach Route, Dunkirk Route and Anne Arundel Route) will operate on the following schedule:

- Friday:** 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- Saturday:** 10:00 am to 11:00 pm
- Sunday & Holiday Mondays:** 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

During hours of operation, Chesapeake Beach citizens may catch the trolley at Beach Elementary at ten minutes before the hour, at the Richfield Station circle at ten minutes before the hour, or at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum on the hour. Consult your 2011 Ride Guide for more information on schedules. And remember, you can hail down the Trolley anywhere along the route!

## *Have You Met the New Girl in Town?* **Miss Chesapeake Beach makes her debut!**



It's time once again for Moonlight Cruises on the Bay, and this year's cruises will be aboard the new head boat in town, the Miss Chesapeake Beach! She's a beauty, decked out in red, white and blue. Captain Luke Thatcher promises a memorable evening for all who venture out on our cruises on the Bay each month on the night of the full moon. The first cruise was held on June 18, and three more are scheduled:

- **Saturday, July 16**
- **Saturday, August 13**
- **Saturday, September 17**

Cruises leave from the Rod 'N' Reel dock at 7:30 pm and return by moonlight about 9:30 pm. Appetizers will be provided, and beverages are available for purchase onboard. Tickets are just \$25 per person. Call Town Hall to reserve a space (301-855-8398 or 410-257-2230). We look forward to seeing you onboard!

## *Celebrate Summer at the Railway Museum!*

There is a lot going on at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum this summer. In addition to their Summer Fun Programs and popular Bay Breeze Concert Series (see calendar section for dates) their summer exhibit is "Splash into Summer with the Beach Kids." The exhibit features the story of children at the Beach. Toys, children's clothing and fishing gear are on display at the museum. Stop by and check out these treasures from days gone by, and while there, children may pick up a fun activity book!

The Museum continues to restore the parlor car "Dolores," located just behind the station. The project includes restoration and conservation of the exterior of the car, and refurbishment of the interior. Once completed, Dolores will serve as a place to hold educational programs throughout the year. It will be named the Loveless and Finlon Education Center...named for Bernie Loveless and Mildred Finlon who served as co-presidents of the Museum for 25 years.

Contributions to the restoration project are welcome and may be sent to: Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, P.O. Box 1227, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. Indicate Restoration Project or Dolores on your check. Thank you!





## There's a New Trash Collector in Town And Some Positive Changes are on the Way

Some exciting, cost-effective changes are being put into place with the awarding of the Town trash collection contract to Southern Maryland Recycling, Inc. Please read on, as these are critical changes to our recycling program and you'll want to know all about them!

Southern Maryland Recycling, Inc. is a locally owned company. James W. Graner, Jr. and his company have been serving Southern Maryland since 1997. The new plan is to provide Town residents with large 95 gallon recycling bins (on wheels) in order to encourage recycling and, at the same time, cut our recycling collection fees in half. We all know that recycling is good for our environment and we hope you will join us in this positive effort.

Here's how we can accomplish this together: In addition to providing each household with a much larger recycling container, we will collect recycling every other week instead of weekly (that's how we cut our costs). If you recycle only a small amount, you may still use the smaller containers for now, but the larger containers will not only save time and trouble, they are very mobile and have lids so debris is not spread across the neighborhood on windy days.

In addition to the "every other week" schedule for recycling,

bagged yard waste will also be collected every other week.

We want to make this transition as smooth and easy as possible. If you would like to begin using the new 95 gallon receptacle for your recycling material, please do ONE of the following:

- Go to the Town's website at [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us) and click on the forms tab, then click on "Recycling Receptacle." Complete the simple form on that page, click "submit" and you're done!
- Complete the form below and mail it to Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.
- Complete the form below and drop it by Town Hall, in either the payment box outside, or at the front desk.

Once we receive your form, Southern Maryland Recycling will deliver a container to your home. Again, we encourage everyone to recycle and join us in the program. Please check the Town' website for specific guidelines and instructions regarding what materials may be recycled, preparation for recycling and what items are unacceptable. Thank you in advance for participating in this very worthwhile program!

Yes! I would like one of the new 95 gallon containers for recycling.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Chesapeake Beach Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732.

## *Twin Beach Players Alive and Thriving in the Beaches!*

The Twin Beach Players (TBP) just wrapped up a successful run of Neil Simon's classic comedy *Plaza Suite* – part of their exciting 2011 season. Their next production will be the rock musical *Return to the Forbidden Planet* (an update of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, with over 20 classic rock songs from the 50s!) The production will be staged June 17 thru July 2 at North Beach Volunteer Fire Department (NBVFD).

In August, TBP will be hosting their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Playwriting Festival, which includes the performance of all six winning one-act plays written and performed by Maryland children. This is the highlight of their year, as they reach out to mentor talented Maryland children in the arts of writing and performing live theatre.

As of early June 2011, they find themselves without a venue to perform the Kids' Playwriting Festival and are

seeking a vacant building to use August 1 thru 14 for the kids. Performances will be August 5 thru 14 on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 pm, and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm.

Twin Beach Players wraps up their 2011 season with Bram Stoker's *Dracula* October 21 thru November 6 at NBVFD, and another all kids musical production of *A Christmas Carol* November 25 thru December 11...also at NBVFD.

TBP President Sid Curl and Vice President Robin Cashman are doing a great service to our Beach communities through their leadership in TBP – especially through their work with children. They are always ready to be involved in community activities and add a special pizzazz to any event in which they participate!

## *Chesapeake Beach's Skateboard Park is Moving Forward*

The Skateboard Park to be built at Kellam's Field is one step closer to completion. At the deadline on May 2, five Skateboard Park designer firms submitted bids to design and build our skateboard park. As the result of several meetings with skateboarders and their parents, the Town asked each firm to provide a preliminary design and a cost estimate to design and construct a skateboard park. Each firm was asked to include the following obstacles in their proposal: Small Fun Box; Euro Gap Box; Half Pipe with Spine Transfer; Flat Rail; Round Rail; 6-Stair Set and 3-Stair Set.

The Town of Chesapeake Beach plans to incorporate the Skateboard Park into the existing Kellam's Field Recreation Complex, which already includes a lighted field for football, lacrosse and baseball; a tot lot; a water park;

and a community center with a basketball gym and meeting rooms. The Skateboard Park will be approximately 10,000 square feet, constructed out of concrete and provide seating in the shade for parents and other visitors.

To see the various designs submitted, please stop by Town Hall during normal office hours or plan to attend **the next meeting of the Skateboard Park Advisory Committee on Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 am at Town Hall**. At this meeting we will ask the Skateboarders and their parents to help us select the design firm and tell us which aspects of the various designs they like and want

included in the final design.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 16th. Please pass the word and bring your skateboarding friends.



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commanders, supervisors, and analysts that know what challenges they face and what resources they have or will need to overcome them.

The presenters and facilitators of the workshop left us with one final message. The success of DDACTS is not based on outputs, but rather outcomes. It is not about quantity (number of tickets written, DUI arrests, etc). It is about reducing any



DDACTS workshop attendees from left, Lieutenant Dave McDowell, Calvert County Sheriff's Office, Barry Marsh, Maryland Highway Safety Office, Vernon Betkey, Chief, Maryland Highway Safety Office, Captain Michael Alexander, Commander-Nashville PD, Debra Piehl, Project Manager-International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training and Lieutenants Steve Jones and Bobby Jones, Calvert County Sheriff's Office.

activity that has an adverse affect on any community.

Almost immediately upon return from the workshop, Calvert commanders began to implement their DDACTS action plan. Sheriff Mike Evans and Assistant Sheriff, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Hejl received a full briefing from Lieutenants Jones, Jones, and McDowell. At the conclusion of the briefing, Sheriff Evans said the following, " I believe DDACTS has the potential to enable us to make a significant impact on crime and improve

traffic safety in our county." And with that, planning commenced with the goal of starting DDACTS activities on June 1, 2011.

The action plan begins with the capture and analysis of data on Part 1 crimes to include robbery, burglary, motor vehicle theft, theft, and illegal drug violations, along with DUI arrests and reportable motor vehicle crashes (to include fatalities) over a one-year period of time.

The captured data will be mapped and analyzed for overlap of Part 1 crimes and the specified traffic data, and used to identify, "Focused Enforcement Areas" (FEA's). Once FEA's are identified, Patrol Bureau personnel will conduct maximum visibility traffic enforcement in these areas daily as operational demands permit. Patrol Bureau supervisors will be responsible for coordinating and directing these enforcement activities and ensure that all associated output data is collected for future analysis.

Patrol Bureau personnel will be supported by specialized units such as Canine, Special Operations, and Community Action Teams to maximize efforts and effect. Additionally, pre-planned events such as DUI check points, saturation patrols, and mountain bike patrols will be conducted at specified times and locations identified through strategic planning.

Raw data will be collected from the Sheriff's Office records management system (New World Systems), converted to a spread sheet, and sent

to Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland for mapping. Patrol Bureau supervisors will be provided with the maps and direct their personnel from there. At monthly COMPSTAT meetings, Patrol Bureau supervisors will share what actions their respective personnel took in the preceding month, discuss the outcomes, and plan continuing strategies.

Sheriff's Office personnel will be briefed on DDACTS and who will play what role in its success. Feedback from all levels of the agency will be considered in the action plan. Stakeholders will be identified and invited to attend a meeting to discuss their role, solicit their feedback, and develop a method to continue providing that feedback moving forward.

Sheriff Evans and his command staff will host several town hall meetings throughout the county to educate citizens about DDACTS, solicit their buy in, and hear their concerns about their respective communities. At the same time, a method for gathering short and long term feedback will be discussed.

An aggressive media campaign will serve as an additional layer of public awareness. Members of the media will receive regular press releases capturing the efforts and outcomes of DDACTS.

As feedback is one of the guiding principles of DDACTS, it will be weighted very heavily in Calvert County's plan. As such, all stakeholders will have a means to provide feedback daily if needed, and quarterly by design. This feedback will be directed to one collection point and matters requiring immediate attention will be given priority over those that do not pose an immediate threat or social harm to the affected area.

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and along the old right-of-way to the railway trestle was opened for the holiday weekend. This was not publicly announced, because there is no public parking available at the entry point. However, by the time you read this, the entire trail will be open, with plenty of parking available at Kellam's Field, the actual "Trail Head". I hope that you will take the opportunity to walk or bike along the trail and see for yourself what a marvelous resource it is for the citizens of our Town and for our visitors. After nearly 22 years of effort, I am pleased to be able to call this "Done!" My sincere appreciation goes out to all involved, especially Gradient Construction, the Chesapeake Beach-based builder.

Former Mayor Gerald Donovan and I recently took a "sneak peek" at the trail, and stopped at the trestle site bridge for quite a while. As you can see in the front page photo, we had a beautiful day, made even more special by the three soaring Bald Eagles we observed. Two of them landed on top of the Richfield Station Water Tower and seemed to enjoy watching us as much as we enjoyed watching them!

Look to the frequently updated Town web site [www.chesapeake-beach.md.us](http://www.chesapeake-beach.md.us) for an announcement of a Trail Dedication ceremony in July or August. I hope to see many of you there!

### **Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society**

We are also ramping up the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) with a kick-off meeting on June 18th. I know that you will agree that this is an important and valuable contribution to our community, and will support it as well. Check the town's web site for up to date information on CBOCS.

### **Budget**

One of the most important tasks that the Mayor and Town Council face each year is to prepare the budget for the coming fiscal year. I am pleased to report to you that four of the five necessary budgets for FY2012 are complete as of this writing, and that the last one (Water and Sewer Utility Fund) will be complete by the time you read this.

While I am sure that all town property owners are pleased to see reductions in their property taxes this year, this poses a challenge for the town. The town property tax revenues are projected by the State to be \$450,000 less than in FY2011. I am pleased to report that the Town Council supported my proposal to hold property tax rates, and to use a portion of our General Fund reserve and spending cuts to balance the budget. No one wants to see a reduction of services, yet these services cost money. We do our absolute best to be as frugal as possible, but working with dramatically reduced revenues presents a challenge. This is the first time in my 22 years in town government that the State has projected a decrease in revenues from year-to-year.

The town staff, Town Council and I have been working hard to develop a new billing model for the Water and Sewer Utility Fund. The current rate structure was adopted in 1982, and other than across-the-board percentage increases, has not been revised since introduced. I have proposed a new billing structure that ties directly to the costs of producing water and processing waste water. The rates will be broken into two parts, a fixed portion and a variable portion. The variable portion is based upon your meter reading. For water, it represents the cost of

electricity to pump the water out of the ground and the chemicals to treat the water. For sewer, it represents the electricity, chemicals to treat, and the costs to dispose of the solid waste (sludge). Based upon the amount of water produced annually or the amount of waste processed annually, a rate per thousand gallons is calculated, and then your meter reading is used to determine the variable portion of your bill.

The fixed portion of both water and sewer is all other costs associated with operation of these two utilities, such as staff wages and benefits, repayment of bonds and loans, repairs to the system, and all other items that do not vary based upon the amount of water pumped or sewer processed. My proposal (not adopted as of this writing) is that these "fixed costs" be shared equally by all users. The sharing of these costs has become the subject of a great deal of debate among Town Council members and Town citizens. We have already had three Council Work Sessions and a public hearing on this topic, and are scheduled for one more public hearing prior to the June Town Council Meeting. Stay tuned for details...

### **Wrapping It Up**

That's about it as we start the summer of 2011 in beautiful Chesapeake Beach. I hope that you have a wonderful summer, and that you get to enjoy the bounty of the bay. Let me know what you think of the Water Park upgrades, the Railway Trail, or anything else you would like to share. I continue to hold the monthly "Mayor's Night Out" sessions the first Monday of each month, except on holidays. You can either come to these sessions or send me email at [bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us](mailto:bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us)

# Chesapeake Beach Water Park FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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Friday Night Slides!**

June 17th - August 19th  
7:30p.m. - 10:30p.m.

**WE ARE OPEN!**



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**ChesapeakeBeachWaterPark.com**



Resident  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732



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Outcomes will be assessed annually to measure success. FEA's will be identified and changed based on what the data indicates. No community will be neglected as a result of DDACTS, and Sheriff's Office personnel will continue to strive to provide the highest quality law enforcement service possible to the entire county.

***"I believe DDACTS has the potential to enable us to make a significant impact on crime and improve traffic safety in our county."***

**-Sheriff Mike Evans**

Written by: Lieutenant Dave McDowell  
Patrol Bureau Commander Calvert County Sheriff's Office



Sheriff Mike Evans and Assistant Sheriff Hejl receive a briefing from command staff on DDACTS.