

THE TOWN OF
CHESAPEAKE BEACH
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CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

Summer 2012

FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the summer issue of the Chesapeake Beach Newsletter! This issue contains a lot of useful and interesting information. I hope you enjoy it!

TOWN ELECTIONS COMING UP

On page 13, there is an article provided by the Board of Elections containing information about the Town elections that will be held on Tuesday, November 6 – the same day as the Presidential election. Key dates to note are the filing deadline of September 11th for candidates for Mayor and Town Council and the voter registration deadline of October 16th.

Please make the effort to participate in the municipal election. It is the one time every four years our citizens make the important choice of the leaders of the Town. These elected officials have a lot more to do with your day-to-day activities than anyone else for whom you cast a ballot. Snow removal, storm cleanup, trash removal, town streets, water and sewer, your property tax rate are all decided by the people you select in the Town election.

The next issue of the Newsletter will contain a "Voter's Guide," providing profiles of all of the candidates and information you will find useful to exercise your voting obligation. Please be sure to participate!

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JAX PHOTOGRAPHY

Record high temperatures? Who cares when you can cool off at the Town's own Water Park!

Story by Marilyn VanWagner
General Manager, Chesapeake Beach Water Park

We are enjoying another successful summer at the Water Park. The summer is action packed. . . we look forward to your visit!

On June 14th at 11 a.m., the Chesapeake Beach Water Park participated again this year in the **World's Largest Swim Lesson**. We broke another Guinness World Record for the largest simultaneous swim lesson! We joined over 23,000 participants, from other water parks and aquatic facilities around the world, to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning.

Continued, see Yay! Summertime!, page 2.

NEW POLICIES



POLICY ONE:

The “no water bottles or coolers allowed to be brought into the park” policy this season has caused a lot of questions. It is posted on the front of our website. However just to reemphasize, in the past we have never allowed any outside food or beverages into the park. New this year, we are also not allowing any bottled water or water coolers. This is the result of several negative incidents which involved guests filling water bottles with alcohol during the 2010 and 2011 seasons. We do however offer complimentary water upon request. On very hot days, we have employees walking around serving the water. For the protection of our guests and the residents of Chesapeake Beach, we must enforce this new policy.

POLICY TWO:

The “get out of the water every two hours” policy is also new. On July 6th, we had two “near drownings” in one day—a six year-old boy and a three year-old girl, both left unattended by their parents. We need to remind parents not to leave their children unattended. In addition to these two incidents, the lifeguards on this same day rescued nine other children that were either exhausted from being in the water for too long or were just weak swimmers and left unattended by their parents. In response to this day, we implemented a new policy where the lifeguards will clear the pool for 15 minutes every two hours, forcing the children to rest.

We are truly sorry for any inconvenience that either of these two new policies cause you or your family, but safety of our guests must be our number one priority.



WATER PARK



Swim lesson instructor, Gabbie Henwood, hands out swim lesson certificates to Audrey LaFramboise and Keria Slocum.

Lifeguards beginning their instruction during the World's Largest Swim Lesson (WLSL).



Children anxiously wait for instructions at the WLSL.

Yay! Summertime!, continued from page 1.

Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-14. Research shows if a child doesn't learn to swim by the third grade, they likely never will. Credit for organizing this event goes to our two swim lesson instructors, Gabbie Henwood and Logan Buckley. We encourage you to get your children enrolled in swim lessons now.

Our **Children's Swim Lessons** are in full motion! You can go on the website and sign your children up. We offer four, two-week sessions. During each session, four skill levels are being offered.

You have been asking, and we have been listening! We are now offering **Adult**

Swim for the next several weeks, every Tuesday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. We will do our best to continue to offer these sessions until August 17th. This program is offered at the same time as the Children's Swim Lessons so the cost for a few extra guards is minimal! But we would like to see adult participation. Adults can swim for this 1 1/2 hour session for only \$2! Please continue to check the website for updates on all programs.

Friday Night Slides are back again this season. Every Friday from now until August 10th, the Water Park will stay open until 9:30 p.m. Families are welcome to come swim and play water games with other friends and families. There are no strangers here – only friends and neighbors you have not met.



JAX PHOTOGRAPHY



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Character Days are also back this season. Parents get your cameras ready! On August 13th, all the way from Sesame Street, Elmo will be visiting for a first time appearance. Always remember to check the website www.chesapeakebeach-waterpark.com for our most updated schedule of events.

Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Days return! For the citizens of Chesapeake Beach who reside within the town limits, admission to the Water Park is **FREE** every Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. If you would like to come all day on Tuesday, as a Chesapeake Beach resident, your admission is half-price. Also, to make it even nicer for you, we don't entertain “groups” on Mondays or Tuesdays. So come and enjoy a less crowded park. ■

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



JAX PHOTOGRAPHY

At the Water Park, we often receive questions from our guests. Perhaps some of you have pondered some of these questions yourself:

Q. How many employees do we have at the Water Park?
A. Currently, we have 149 employees at the Water Park— 49 live in Chesapeake Beach, 92 live in Calvert County just outside of the Beach and eight live outside of the county.

Q. How often do the lifeguards make rescues at the Water Park?
A. This season so far, we have made 36 rescues, which we refer to as “saves.” This means that 36 times, guests have been pulled from the water. Out of these “saves,” we have had two “near drownings.” One of these two had to be transported to the hospital. We are happy to say that we heard from the Dad the next day and his son was doing wonderfully. We are very proud of our lifeguards! It may also be interesting that our guards have performed 75 VATS to date this season. VAT stands for Vigilance Awareness Training. During any given business day, lifeguards will encounter either a live person or our “Petey” doll that needs to be “saved.” These exercises help ensure that our lifeguards stay vigilant at all times.



WATER PARK

Q. What is the maximum capacity of guests allowed at the Water Park?
A. Our documented maximum capacity is 1,363 guests allowed in the park at one time. We have reached maximum capacity a few times this season.

Q. How often is the water tested and the water temperature taken at the Water Park?
A. Every two hours.

Q. How early in the season do you start taking applications for hiring for next year?
A. January

Q. Is it possible to rent out the entire park for an evening, and if so, how much does it cost?
A. Yes, the cost is \$1,500 per hour.

If YOU have any questions that you would like answered, please email us at waterpark@chesapeake-beach.md.us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Changes to Fishing Creek's Aids to Navigation

Story by Bruce Wahl, Mayor



JACQUELINE MALINSON

The rear range marker, depicted in 2009 before the Railway Trail was built, was deemed not worth repairing and has now been removed.

The boaters among us, and those living along the shore of the Bay have by now seen the changes in the Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation for Fishing Creek. Here is a description of the changes.

The front and rear range markers in the creek have been removed. The rear marker, located right at the beginning of the Railway Trail (see photo), has not been functional for several years. The Town contacted the Coast Guard to seek to have it repaired, but they deemed it not worth repairing. The argument is that most boaters now use GPS to navigate, and that visual aids are not as necessary as they once were. Secondly, as the Town has grown, the lights on land surrounding the markers make it nearly impossible to distinguish them as you enter the creek at night.

In order to compensate for the loss of the range markers, the Coast Guard has upgraded channel marker #1, located .6 miles offshore, marking the entrance to the channel. The new marker flashes

green at the "Quick Flash" rate and is much brighter than its predecessor. The previous light flashed once every four seconds. This increase in intensity and frequency has been noticed by waterfront residents, and brought to my attention. Green marker #3 has also been upgraded, made much brighter and now flashes at the rate of every 2.5 seconds. Both green marker #3 and red #4 are homes to osprey nests, as you can see in the photos. Sadly, marker #4's nest also includes a plastic grocery bag!

Although the elimination of the range markers feels like the loss of old friends, the newly upgraded channel markers will more than adequately bring mariners into the port of Chesapeake Beach. ■



BRUCE WAHL

Green marker #3 hosts an osprey nest and family.



BRUCE WAHL

Red marker #4 carries a nest made of various debris, including a plastic grocery bag.

Easter Festival

Photography by Nancy Feuerle

The Chesapeake Beach annual Easter Festival was held back in March of this year. Hundreds of kids and their parents showed up to enjoy the festivities. Here's a few photographs depicting the fun of the day.





Oysters away!



The DNR float marking "Old Rock," the new home of our oysters.



Merrilyn Bacon and Kathy Johnson welcome us back.



Chris Judy, head of the "Marylanders Grow Oysters" program at the Department of Natural Resources.



Dumping cages over the bar.

Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) volunteers place yearling oysters on "Old Rock" sanctuary bar.

THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH OYSTER CULTIVATION SOCIETY'S First Oyster Planting

Story and Photography by Bruce Wahl, Mayor

On June 9th, a beautiful sunny day in Chesapeake Beach, about 20 volunteers gathered at Fishing Creek to transport the group's very first yearling oysters to their new home in the Chesapeake Bay. The site chosen by DNR's Chris Judy, head of the "Marylanders Grow Oysters" (MGO) program, is at the oyster bar known locally as "Old Rock." This site is now a sanctuary and cannot be commercially harvested.

After loading about 30 of the MGO cages onto the boat loaned by local waterman Bobby Abner and skippered by Daryl Noyes, we set out in two boats for the bar, located about a mile northeast of Fishing Creek. The second boat was from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), skippered by Chris Judy, and afforded a great opportunity to take pictures of the event.

Each MGO cage may contain as many as 1000 oysters. So potentially, 30,000 oysters have been placed on Old Rock by these efforts. The next event for the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society is to place the yearling oysters from the 26 CBOCS cages on the bar, which may add another 130,000 to the bar's yearling population.

This has been a significant start to the CBOCS program, and I personally want to acknowledge the leadership of Chairman Keith Pardieck and Water Monitoring Chairman John Bacon, and to express my gratitude to DNR's Chris Judy. ■



The CBOCS cages under the Fishing Creek Trail boardwalk.

FROM THE MAYOR

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OYSTERS IN THE NEWS

We've had quite a population decline in Town as nearly 30,000 oysters recently left Fishing Creek to live the rest of their lives in the Chesapeake Bay. I hope you enjoy the photo essay on the opposite page that documents their departure from the Town limits.

STARS AND STRIPES FESTIVAL

I make no secret that I think it is very important for the Town to come together for events and activities that enhance community spirit. The "Stars and Stripes Festival" was, in my mind, a fantastic example of this. Over Memorial Day Weekend, there were many events and hundreds of people in attendance who were inspired and entertained. Connie O'Dell and her festival committee did a wonderful job putting this together, and starting a new tradition for Chesapeake Beach. Enjoy the story on page 14, and thanks to all who made this a rousing success!

BUDGET AND UTILITY RATES

The Town Council has approved all five budget ordinances for fiscal year 2013. These are the General Fund, Utility (water and sewer) Fund, Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund, Water Park Fund, and Critical Area Mitigation Fund. Of these, the Utility Fund generated the most debate and controversy, and in fact, was not approved as proposed. As an interim measure, the Town Council adopted the exact same budget as was approved for fiscal year 2012. This will not serve the Town for the entire fiscal year, as the revenues will not be adequate to meet the expenses this year.

Because of this, I appointed a "Blue Ribbon Committee" to create a proposal for a new structure for the Utility Rates. Headed by John Bacon, with members Eunice Lin, Melanie Loveless, Coral Hoffman, Gary Luckett and David Hendry, this committee is deeply involved in creating a new rate structure that is sustainable and equitable. It is anticipated that the citizen committee will make a presentation at the August Town Council Meeting and have a new structure for adoption at the September meeting. I am very appreciative of the hard work that this committee is performing on behalf of us all. Thank you!

FISHING CREEK BRIDGE

The State Highway Administration has presented preliminary plans for a new Rt. 261 bridge over Fishing Creek. This long-anticipated project will solve many problems, including adding a third lane to stack cars making the left turn onto Mears Avenue (thus freeing up south-bound traffic), increasing the vertical and horizontal clearance for boat traffic in the creek, adding much improved sidewalks to both sides of the road, and improved power and telephone lines crossing the creek. While there is no

firm timetable yet, I hope that we can see this project completed within five years or so. I'll keep you informed of the progress.

ON-LINE UTILITY PAYMENTS

This is late breaking news! At the last minute as this newsletter was being put to bed, I learned that our multi-year effort to allow on-line payments for your utility bills is now up and running. Check the Town's website for details at www.chesapeake-beach.md.us.

BGE POWER IMPROVEMENTS

When I moved to Chesapeake Beach in 1985, it seemed as if every time the wind blew, the power would go out. Over the past several years, BGE has made two significant investments in improving the power reliability in our Town. First, in 2009, BGE added a second feeder from Marriott Hill (on Rt. 2) to the Town's substation at Rt. 260 and Cox Road. This has made a huge difference because, prior to this upgrade, any failure to the single path feeders to the Town would interrupt power to the substation and everyone fed by it. Now, if one of the feeders is interrupted, the other one is capable of carrying the entire load of the Town. There is no more single point of failure in this part of the system, and, to the best of my knowledge, there has never been a complete substation failure since this went into service.

The second improvement was a major tree trimming effort along the power lines. While this has helped, there are still many places where trees have caused significant outages, but these have not been "whole town" outages; instead, they are isolated to certain areas where the trees proliferate, especially south of the incorporated Town on Rt. 261. Both Hurricane Irene in 2011 and the recent "derecho" storm caused significant damage there that kept BGE busy making repairs for days. Although it seems to be a popular activity in local government to criticize their power companies, I think it is equally important to recognize good work when it is performed on our behalf as customers. I will encourage BGE to continue to make improvements in our area, offer whatever assistance the Town can provide, and express my appreciation for their efforts when I think they deserve it.

THE END IS NEAR (NO - IT'S HERE!)

That's about it for this issue. Please send your comments, suggestions and ideas to Barbara Dove Fink, our editor at editor@chesapeake-beach.md.us or contact me at bwahl@chesapeake-beach.md.us with your thoughts. Have a great remainder of the summer!

Bruce Wahl
Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach



Unloading the "Marylanders Grow Oyster" cages.

Bayfront Park Spring Cleanup

Photos by Nancy Feuerle

Town Council Vice-President Pat "Irish" Mahoney reports that the annual Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) Cleanup went very well. We had a gorgeous day. The Old Campgrounds crew (what the Brownie's Beach neighborhood was called back in the day) was joined by many newcomers and their children. Mahoney reports that our dedicated volunteers made this year's event another successful beach and boardwalk cleanup!!! Thanks to all.



Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST		
Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Cancer Gala Cancelled	
3	Moonlight Cruise Aboard <i>Miss Chesapeake Beach</i> , R 'N' R Dock	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
3	Night Slides, Chesapeake Beach Water Park	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
4	Moonlight Cruise Aboard <i>Miss Chesapeake Beach</i> , Sold Out	
6	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
7	Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 a.m.
8	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
9	Children's Summer Fun Program, Railway Museum	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
9	Summer Bay Breeze Concert, Railway Museum	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
10	Night Slides, Chesapeake Beach Water Park	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
13	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
13	Sesame Street's Elmo visits Chesapeake Beach Water Park	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
14	Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 a.m.
14	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
16	Children's Summer Fun Program, Railway Museum	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
16	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
17	Last Weekday Open, Water Park	11:00 a.m.
31	Moonlight Cruise Aboard <i>Miss Chesapeake Beach</i> , Sold Out	

SEPTEMBER		
Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Moonlight Cruise Aboard <i>Miss Chesapeake Beach</i> , R 'N' R Dock	7:30 - 9:30 p.m. (Last)
3	Chesapeake Beach Town Hall Closed, Labor Day	
3	Last Day of the Season, Chesapeake Beach Water Park	11:00 a.m.
3	Last Day to Ride the Beach Trolley	
10	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
11	Filing Deadline to Run for Local Office, Town Hall	
12	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
13	Summer Bay Breeze Concert, Railway Museum	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
18	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
20	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.

THIS JUST IN!

Here's a special **"THANK YOU"** to all who donated food this past spring. Cathy Ring of Chesapeake Church reported that the food donations she collected from Town Hall weighed a whopping **121.5 lbs!** Much appreciation to all who participated! ■

OCTOBER

Day	Event/Location	Time
1	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
3	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
8	Town Hall Closed, Columbus Day	
10	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
14	Annual Fall Family Fun Day, Railway Museum	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
15	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
16	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
18	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
21	Halloween Family Fun Night, Water Park	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
28	Halloween Family Fun Night, Water Park, Rain Date	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

TRASH & RECYCLE

Location	Weekday	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
North Trash	Mondays	6, 13, 20, 27	*4, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
North Trash	Thursdays	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6, 13, 20, 27	4, 11, 18, 25
South Trash	Tuesdays	7, 14, 21, 28	*5, 11, 18, 25	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
South Trash	Fridays	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	*Returns Memorial Day 2013	
North Recycle	Every Other Thursday	2, 16, 30	13, 27	11, 25
South Recycle	Every Other Friday	3, 17, 31	14, 28	12, 26
Bagged Yard Waste	Every Other Wednesday	8, 22	5, 19	3, 17, 31

Special Note: Please put your trash and recycling out the night before your pick-up day, as the routes sometimes begin as early as 6 a.m. Thank you! *Change in schedule due to Holiday.

SUMMER MOONLIGHT CRUISES



BRUCE WAHL

The Town of Chesapeake Beach invites you to enjoy the Bay by moonlight aboard *Miss Chesapeake Beach*. The boat is owned and operated by Captain Luke Thatcher and sails out of the Rod 'N' Reel Marina. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall, cash or check only, please. Tickets are also available online on the Town website via the following link: chesapeake-beach.md.us/events_cruises.htm where you can pay by credit card. (Note: You will be leaving the Town web page.) The boat departs at 7:30 p.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres are served and soft drinks are available for purchase. Guests are invited to bring their own beer and wine aboard.

Remaining dates with availability for the 2012 cruising season are **August 3rd** and **September 1st**. For more information, call Connie O'Dell at 301-938-4061. ■

THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH GARDEN CLUB

Sharing Summer's Beauty

Story by Barbara Dove Fink and Photos by Nancy Feuerle

When you head to the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum for one of this summer's concert series, not only can you enjoy the wonderful sounds of the musicians, but also the beauty from some of our local gardens.

The Chesapeake Beach Garden Club provides handmade arrangements, which include local flowers from their member's gardens, to spruce up the refreshment table at each of the summer concerts.

See the schedule of events listed on the opposite page or on the Town calendar to find out when more concerts are being held at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum. ■



Enjoy the beautiful colors of summer in the lovely arrangements displayed on concert days at the Railway Museum.



Guess Where It's Cool!

At the Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch!

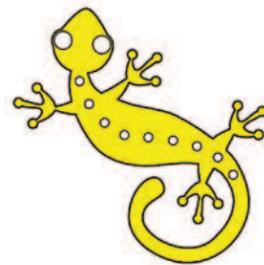
There's always something fun and interesting going on for all ages at the Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch! And with the heat of the summer, what better way to cool off than a visit to the library? Here's a review of some of the programs offered this summer and fall. Call 410-257-2411 or stop by anytime to get updates on all that's available at the library. Or visit our website at www.calvert.lib.md.us. Happy learning!

Summer Programs

Summer Fun Programs

Now through August 7, FREE performances will be held in the gym at the Northeast Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

- July 31** Reptile World
August 7 Magic by Mike Rose



TWEEN Summer Bookfest

5th to 7th grade students are invited to a great evening of fun activities! Registration is required. Stop by any Calvert library to register; the first ten registrants receive a free copy of the book. Refreshments provided. Space is limited. Thursday evenings in the Children's Area from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



- August 9** *Tango: Tale of an Island Dog*
by Eileen Beha

Summer Storytime

Conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. from now through August 8. Wednesday storytimes are on the road at various locations in the Chesapeake/North Beach area. Schedule to be announced. Saturday storytimes are in the Children's Area of the library. No registration is required.

- August 1** Abigail Francisco's School of Classical Ballet in North Beach
August 8 North Beach Fire Department

Summer Reading Program

Theme for Children
Dream Big, READ!
Theme for Teens
Own the Night

Register for summer reading and win prizes like tickets to the Bowie Baysox and Southern Maryland Blue Crabs and food coupons from Rita's, Papa John's Pizza and Chick-Fil-A!



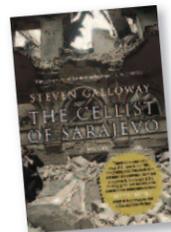
Dream Big

An event series for kindergarten through 5th graders held Wednesdays, now through August 8 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Program will focus on the work of dreamers such as explorers, musicians, artists and more and will include stories, crafts, games and a snack. No registration is required.

Fall Programs

ADULT Book Discussions

Book discussions begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Twin Beaches Library.



September 10th

This month we will be discussing the One Maryland, One Book title:
The Cellist of Sarajevo
by Steven Galloway.

ADULT Calvert Conversations

Calvert Conversations meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Twin Beaches Library.

September 13th

Talk about local history. You bring your questions, we will provide the coffee and some answers.



Fall Programs

Kids Just Want to Have Fun

An exciting hour filled with reading, discussion and projects. Themes change every session. Kids Just Want to Have Fun will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month from September through May. Suggested age for attendance is kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is required. Please contact the library to register.

**BEGINS ON
SEPTEMBER 12TH!**

Storytime

Meets in the Children's Area of the library Wednesdays and Saturdays.

WEDNESDAYS

- 9:15 – 9:35 a.m.** **Cuddle Up and Read to Me Storytime**
Designed for children birth to 24 months. Children are introduced to books and language through short stories, songs and more.
- 10 – 10:45 a.m.** **Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.
- 11 – 11:30 a.m.** **2-3 Year-Old Storytime**
Uniquely designed with 2 and 3 year-olds in mind. Children practice their listening skills, participate in group activities, and create a craft weekly.
- 1 – 1:45 p.m.** **Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

SATURDAYS

- 10 – 10:45 a.m.** **Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

**NEW
THIS FALL!**

MONTHLY EVENING STORYTIME SESSIONS

**STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 13TH
2ND THURSDAY**
of every month

- 6:30 p.m.** **Family Storytime**
For children birth through 5 years old and for families with children of multiple ages. Enjoy stories, songs and flannel boards. Children will make a craft weekly.

WHAT AM I READING?

Just Passing Through

Poems by Mick Blackstone
Photographs by Marion E. Warren

Book Review by Bruce Wahl, Mayor

If you have read any of my previous reviews, you know that I am a keen student of the Chesapeake Bay and that my personal library contains many titles about this fantastic natural resource. Decades ago, when I first moved to this area, I would purchase any title I could find on the Bay. I first encountered Mick Blackstone around 1990 at the North Beach Bayfest, where he had a booth with his many titles. He had just published *The Day They Left the Bay*, a children's story with the familiar theme of protecting the Bay.

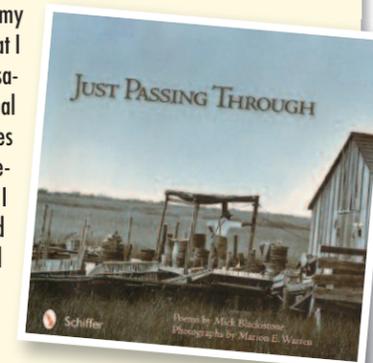
I recently saw Mick at a local restaurant, and he told me that he was about to publish a book of his poetry, which accompany images by the renowned photographer, the late Marion E. Warren. Of course I asked him to send me a copy as soon as it was available—which he graciously did.

I have never been a big fan of poetry, but I think this book may change my mind. I would call this "poetry with an attitude!" For example, opening to a random page, I came across this:

**Sunday
we gather together
as we always have
brothers
in communion
offering confession
cleansing our spirits
by
swapping lies
telling tales
bluffing our way through
another Sunday**

The photograph on the opposite page is of seven men, who all appear to be Eastern Shore watermen, sitting around a table in a country store, playing cards and smoking. I would guess the picture was taken around the 1950 time frame.

The photographs are from another era, the poems are interesting, and the author is local. What more could you want? Highly recommended, this book is available from Amazon.com or in local bookstores. ■





FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH GREEN TEAM

BGE's Smart Energy Savers Program®

HELPING YOU CUT YOUR HOME'S ENERGY USE AND SAVE MONEY

Story by Chris Walls, Manager, BGE Smart Energy Savers Program

Did you know that you can reduce your home's energy use by as much as 20 percent? BGE's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program can help you cut your home's energy consumption, while also improving its comfort, durability and safety. Rather than focusing on a single problem, such as an outdated heating and cooling system, inadequate insulation, or drafty rooms, Home Performance with ENERGY STAR's whole-house approach employs a home energy audit with diagnostic tests to pinpoint efficiency problems and recommend specific solutions.

The program starts with a comprehensive Home Performance Energy Audit conducted by one of BGE's participating contractors. The audit may include several advanced diagnostic tests, such as a blower door test to measure air leakage and a thermographic camera test to assess your home's insulation levels. BGE customers, regardless of their energy supplier, pay just \$100* (a \$400 value) for the audit, which helps identify and prioritize opportunities to improve energy efficiency throughout your home. And, if you have a specific issue that's bothering you, like a bedroom that's always too hot or too cold, your contractor will find out why and suggest possible solutions.

During the audit, the contractor will also install simple, energy-saving items in your home at no additional cost. These items may include compact fluorescent light bulbs, faucet aerators, efficient-flow showerheads, pipe insulation (installed on hot and cold pipes from your electric water heater), and an electric water heater tank wrap.

Once the audit is completed, your

contractor will present a list of solutions for the problems identified. Solutions could include increasing insulation levels in a specific part of your home, or sealing air leaks to end drafts and uneven room temperatures. The contractor also might recommend replacing outdated or malfunctioning equipment, such as your heating and air conditioning system or water heater. When you decide which items make sense for your home and budget, your contractor will make the improvements and test your home to make sure it meets all of the energy performance goals. The result is a more comfortable home that uses up to 20 percent less energy and saves you money.

In addition to the money saved from reduced energy use, BGE customers who make improvements through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program can receive rebates up to \$3,150 for approved measures.

Contact a participating contractor to schedule your Home Performance Energy Audit and get started. For more information on this and other great programs that

help you save energy and money and to find a list of participating contractors, visit BGESmartEnergy.com or call 877-685-7377. ■

**Restrictions may apply. Please visit BGESmartEnergy.com for details.*

TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY

Here are some other helpful tips for saving energy this summer:

- Have a professional perform routine maintenance on your heat pump or central air conditioning unit and have any problems repaired right away.
- Change or replace air filters monthly.
- If you have central air conditioning, set your thermostat at 78° or higher. For every degree you raise your thermostat setting above 72° F, you can save 5-7% on your cooling costs.
- Close blinds on the sunny side of the house during the day to block heat.
- Consider using fans, which use much less power, as an alternative to an air conditioner.



2012 Elections

Story by the Board of Elections of Chesapeake Beach

Town elections for Mayor and Town Council Members will be conducted from 7:00am – 8:00pm, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The Town elections are conducted every four years and correspond with the United States Presidential election. This election is completely separate from the elections conducted by the Calvert County Board of Elections. It is under the authority of the Town of Chesapeake Beach and the responsibility of the Board of Elections of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland.

In order to vote for the Mayor and Town Council Members, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States,
- At least eighteen (18) years of age,
- A resident of the Town, and
- Registered to vote in Chesapeake Beach.

Registration for Town elections may occur at the same time and place as State registration because of the Maryland universal registration system. Individuals whose primary residence is within Chesapeake Beach corporate limits may choose to register only for Town elections at the Town Hall. Registration for voting closes on the 21st day preceding the election (October 16, 2012) and reopens the 11th day after the election (November 19, 2012).

Questions regarding the Town elections and voter registration for the Town elections may be referred to the Board of Elections of Chesapeake Beach by contacting Sharon Humm, Town Clerk, at 410-257-2230.

In order to run for the Mayor or the Town Council positions, you must meet the same requirements as those registering to vote. Please file the election form at Town Hall by September 11, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Humm, Town Clerk, at 410-257-2230. ■



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WANTED ELECTION JUDGES

The Town of Chesapeake Beach is looking for individuals to serve as election judges at the upcoming Town elections, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. If you enjoy working with and meeting people and serving others, then this one-day opportunity may be for you. Your day will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. Yes, it will be a long, but beneficial day.

Qualifications for appointment are:

- Currently registered to vote in Town elections;
- Not currently a candidate for office in any election contest;
- Not currently serving in public office;
- Able to spend the entire day at the polls.

If you are interested please contact: Sharon Humm, Town Clerk, at 410-257-2230, no later than Wednesday, September 5, 2012.





THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH
Stars and Stripes Festival

Story by Connie O'Dell and Photos by Jax Photography

On behalf of the Stars and Stripes Festival Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their help and support in making this first ever Memorial Day Weekend Festival a smashing success.

We, the Community, came together and gave from our hearts. Folks gave their time, lent their talents and opened their wallets with tremendous generosity. Mentioning everyone personally would be an impossible task, but we would especially like to recognize our corporate sponsors – those folks who donated \$1,000 or more to make this event-filled weekend possible. They are Abner's Crab House, Bultrite Homes, Crooked I, Howlin, Inc. and Trader's Seafood, Steak and Ale. Their contributions, along with the countless other donations received, show the love and respect we have for those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and the support we have for our active military and their families. Give yourself a big hug and a "Thank You" for a job well done.

If you were out of town during Memorial Day Weekend, you can still pick up a commemorative booklet from the Festival.

They are available at Town Hall and are free of charge. We also have tee shirts (\$7.00), spirit wrist bands (\$1.00) and limited edition commemorative coins (\$10.00) available for sale at Town Hall. There were only 100 coins produced so they will be a Chesapeake Beach collectible someday. They are also great gifts for the collector, especially those who specialize in military coin collections. Please pay by cash or check, as we cannot accept credit cards. ■



Our Chesapeake Beach Stars & Stripes Festival Committee.



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TOWN CONTACT NUMBERS

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Animal Control	410-535-2800
Beach Elementary	410-257-1512
Northeast Community Center	410-257-2554
Emergency	911
Fire Dept. (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
Town Hall	301-855-8398

Town Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

www.chesapeake-beach.md.us
info@chesapeake-beach.md.us

GUESS WHO

Do You Know Any of These “Beach” Boys?

In each issue, we are sharing a photograph from another era of one or more of our citizens or sites from around the Town of Chesapeake Beach. We want to know if you can identify who that person is or where that place is located in Chesapeake Beach. The first person to call Town Hall with the correct information will win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise this summer!

In the last issue, spring of 2011, we showed a photograph of four lovely ladies kicking up their heels. The woman on the left was correctly identified by Sara Kidwell of B Street. Sara wins two free tickets for any Moonlight Cruise of her choosing. Who was our beach beauty? **Clara Mae Buckmaster!**

Now it's time to identify this summer's Mystery Person. Do you know any of these Beach Boys? Be the first person to call Town Hall with any of the correct names, and you will be the winner! See if you can name them all! ■

Do you know who any of these young men are? Be the first one to call Town Hall at 410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398 with the correct name of any or all, and win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise!

