

Mayor's State of the Town Message

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Plans for the Next Four Years

Governance Issues

Create a "Vision Plan" for the town to guide the Municipal Government for the next four years

Create economic development program to encourage small business growth

Develop public relations campaign for the town

Continue to develop and offer programs, events and activities that foster citizen participation and pride in the town

Keep taxes and fees as low as possible while continuing to maintain health, public safety and environmental services at a consistent high level

Establish sustainable & equitable utility rate structure

Decide what services to eliminate in the face of continuing decline in

Property and Amusement Tax revenues, or develop additional sources of revenue

Recognize that Highway User Revenues will likely never return to the levels up until 2009. The town has been denied approx. \$1 Million for road maintenance

Capital Improvement Projects

Completion of WWTP ENR Project

Sidewalk/boardwalk from Beach Elementary to Chesapeake Village

Extend Railway Trail

Upgrade HVAC at Town Hall

Install High Quality AV System in Council Chambers

Further Water Park upgrades

Digital signage at Town Hall

Landscaping improvements

Veterans' Park Improvements

Legislative Initiatives

Adopt updated Zoning Map Ordinance

Adopt campaign finance disclosure ordinance

Adopt compensation structure for elected officials

Other

Work with SHA to complete replacement of the Fishing Creek Bridge

Develop alternate funding source for Fishing Creek dredging

Accomplishments Over the Past Four Years

Utility Infrastructure Improvements

Completion of Shellfish Holding Tank at WWTP

Completion of 24" Outfall from WWTP

Chesapeake Village Water Tower and Well

SCADA System

Spare pump program

Preventative Maintenance Program

D Street Sewer Line

Mears Avenue Force Main

Cox Road Sewer Line

Purple Pipe from WWTP to Kellam's Field

WWTP ENR Design, Permit and Bid Completion

Bayside Road Water Tower 10" Feed

Completed painting of Bayside Road Water Tower

Completed rebuild of Mears Avenue Pump Station

Completed rebuild of B Street Pump Station

Other Facility Improvements

Received grant and implemented energy savings in town hall

Completion of \$5 Million State Highway Streetscape Project

Cleanup of Cox Road Entrance Sign Area

Lighting at Cox Road Entrance Sign Area

CB "Bumper Sticker" Plantings at G Street and Rt. 260

F to G Street sidewalk and street light improvement

Added electrical power and irrigation to Rt. 260 Islands

Installation of South End sign, complete with power for lighting

Town limit signs

Fishing Creek Bridge

- State Highway has budgeted for design and construction
- Completion is tentatively scheduled for the end of 2015
- Three traffic lanes, including left hand turn stacking lane into shopping center
- Two 5' wide sidewalks

- Increased height over the water
- Horizontal clearance increased from 75' to 125'
- Town is working with SHA to assist in their right of way acquisition

Salt dome and loading ramp in Public Works yard

Added Water and Sewer lines to Public Works Building

Added fire hydrant to Public Works Building

Added outside storage facilities at Public Works yard and Chesapeake

Village Water Tower site

Paved Public Works yard

Repaved some older town streets

Dredging

- Received \$75,000 State grant from DNR for Emergency Dredging in 2010
- Received \$1.6 Million Federal grant as sponsor for ongoing Fishing Creek Dredging
- Mayor testified before State Legislature regarding future funding for dredging of Federal Channels

BGE Redundant Feeder to substation

Water Park

Upgrade to Concession Stand

Replacement of Blue Slide Tower

Upgraded POS System

Upgraded Security Cameras

Purchased two new golf carts

Added Public Address System

Significant improvement in general maintenance, cleanliness and overall operation

Vastly improved financial controls and accountability

Upgraded payroll system

Added storage

New floatables

Cabanas

Dippin' Dots

Changed season pass structure to make town resident season passes very affordable

Events:

- Adult swims
- World's largest swim lesson
- Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Days
- Night Slides
- Character Days

Events

Stars and Stripes Festival

9/11 Commemoration

Trail Dedication

Annual Easter Festival

Participation at Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention "Municipal Main Street"

Moonlight Cruises

Annual Fireworks

North Beach Harvestfest

Haunted Water Park

Annual Town Light Up

Pat Carpenter Holiday Parade

Brightest Beacon Awards

Annual Chesapeake Village Luminaria event

Trolley Ride for "Polar Express" event at Railway Museum

Annual Bayfront Park and Railway Trail cleanups

Recreational Facilities

Railway Trail

- Completed construction
- Completed concept design for trail extension

Upgraded Tot Lot with the assistance of the Loveless family

- Added three street lights
- Fixed drainage
- Added new features
- Cleaned up the entire park
- New mulch and rubberized surface

Kellam's Field Upgrades

- Press Box
- Bleachers
- Scoreboard
- Filled, graded and introduced Bermuda Grass turf for football field
- 6' perimeter fence
- Completed storm drain upgrades at Kellam's
- Raised \$500,000 in State, County and Town funds for the project

Bayfront Park

- Replaced approximately 2500 feet of decking on Bayfront Boardwalk
- Improved parking lot
- Controlled overcrowding by charging admission

Public Safety

- Implemented Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)
- Added K9 unit to Beach Detachment
- Speed camera at Beach Elementary
- Traffic calming on Sansbury Drive in Richfield Station
- Added budget line item to support NBVFD
- Convinced CCPS to run school buses into Chesapeake Village

Other Stuff

Creation of the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society

Improved recycling program

Governance

Outstanding snow removal during all snow events

Maintained Town Hall operations during all natural disasters, frequently with extended hours

Close coordination with County Emergency Operations Center, BGE and State Highway during disaster events

Continuing to have periodic meetings with the CCPS Superintendent and members of the BOE regarding issues such as BES overcrowding and making available town assets for the CCPS Curriculum

Mayor's Night Out

Mayor's Open Door

Mayor has regular meetings with State Delegation and County Officials

Adopted updated Comprehensive Plan

Town Code - Recodified and put on-line, available through town web site

Audio recordings of Town Council meetings now available through web site

Implemented document imaging

Upgraded Town Web Site, including on-line Utility Bill Payment

Created "Blast Email" facility, which was very helpful during disaster events

Added security cameras to Town Hall

Resumption of operational control of WWTP resulting in lower operating costs, better maintenance and no unlawful discharges

Earned thousands of dollars by participating in Enernoc program

Created "Green Team"

Appointed Water Park Advisory Committee

Appointed Skateboard Park Advisory Committee

New Town Attorney

New Zoning Administrator

Reorganized Public Works

Banner City

Sustainable Maryland Certified

Most Council Members, many staff members, many P&Z and BOA members have completed Academy for Excellence

Mayor serving on MML Board & Executive Committee