NEWS LETTER

TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH

Winter / Spring 2007

From The Mayor

Our Town has lost a wonderful friend and model citizen - Mildred Finlon. She has already been missed at Town meetings, which she attended for decades. Her husband, Harold Finlon, served as a Town Councilman in the 1950's and 1960's. Mildred served on the Waterpark Committee and was extremely interested in Bayfront Park and the Boardwalk, from its inception to its completion. Mildred was our town memory – she rode the train, swam in the salt-water pool, fished in the bay and canoed in Fishing Creek. She sold popcorn and "sno balls" at Chesapeake Beach Park! She influenced countless people at Beach Elementary School, Beach Jr. High, and Union Church. She lived, loved and worked here. She was one of the reasons the town started Solid Gold Service – to take good care of those who have taken such good care of others. Even if you never met Mildred, you have probably been touched in some way by her life's contributions.

Gerald W. Donovan,
Mayor

Mildred Finlon Passes Away at 97

Mildred Finlon smiles at the dedication of the Boardwalk in her honor. A persistent advocate of the walkway, she drove the ceremonial first nail when construction began.

"Every day has its magic moments of one kind or another".

That quote was a favorite saying of Mildred Finlon, Town matriarch and historian, who enjoyed those magic moments for almost a century, and created magic moments for others for almost as long. Mrs. Finlon passed away January 28 at the age of 97. And although she spent her last months at the Hermitage in Solomons, she took part in Town life almost until the end, and was a constant and invaluable resource for anyone interested in county or Town history.

Google Mildred, and you will find references to the Railway Museum, which she co-founded; the public schools, where she taught, supervised, and helped oversee the system's integration; the library system, whose trustees she chaired; the boardwalk, for which she lobbied vigorously and which is dedicated to her memory; and on and on. Hers was a familiar name in the Newsletter, the source of much of the Town history recorded in past issues.

Mrs. Finlon's father purchased lots in 1922 in the old "Campgrounds", where people summered in tents and cabins when the railway was new. The family rented a cabin that was little more than a shed, with no glass in the

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2007 Trash Schedule

The 2007 Trash Schedule is printed on page 5. Please read it and keep it in a place where you can find and refer to it when you have questions.

Prize-Winning Residents, Businesses Light up Town for "Brightest Beacon"

Congratulations to all of the winners of the annual "Brightest Beacon on the Bay" holiday lighting competition, and thanks to everyone who participated and made the community festive and inviting, and to the businesses who donated prizes.

The winners were:
Best Decorated Business: First place, Horizons on the Bay - 8501 Bayside Road – Kenneth & Donna Muller – Gift certificates donated by Rod n' Reel Restaurant and Richard's Bayside Florist. **Second place**, Shear Perfection - 7921 Bayside Road – Annie Blackwell – Gift certificate donated by Chesapeake Care Drug; **Third place**, Bayhill Market - 7544 Bayside Road – Chuck & Jan Ruttkay – Gift certificate donated by Ledo's.

Best Decorated Townhouse:
First place, 3416 Silverton Lane, Bob & Eileen Pumphrey – Gift certificate donated by the Spa at the Chesapeake Beach Hotel and a gift certificate donated by Beach Cove Restaurant; **Second place,** 8249 Silverton Court – Kevin Meyer - Gift certificates donated by Sisk Auto Body and Beach Cove Restaurant; **Third place,** 8512 F Street – Jennifer Read & Charles Jones – Gift certificate donated by Sneade's Ace Home Center and two nautical mugs donated by A-1 Antiques.

Best Decorated House: First place, 2406 Woodland Court – Sandy & Bill Edge – Gift certificate donated by the Chesapeake Beach Hotel & Spa and two lighthouses donated by A-1 Antiques; **Second place,** 2727 Oak Ridge Drive – Sandy Massari – Gift certificate donated by Smokey Joe's Grill and a fishing rod donated by Rod n' Reel Tackle Shop; **Third place,** 3908 17th Street – Roger & Connie O'Dell – Gift certificates donated by Bayhill Market and Beach Cove Restaurant.

Brightest Beacon on the Bay: 3222 Smith's Retreat – Gary Linton – Gift certificates donated by Holiday Inn Select in Solomons and Beach Cove Restaurant.

Help Clean Bayfront Park for New Season

It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it, as the saying goes. Your beach needs its annual clean up. Pat Mahoney is ready. Are you?

Brownie's Beach, a.k.a. Bayfront Park, will receive distinguished visitors April 7, including the Easter Bunny and the Town's children. The Bunny is ready to hide away eggs for the big hunt, but he really doesn't care for the idea of tucking them away in piles of trash, or having little ones romping through an accumulation of winter debris. To get the park ready for the spring and summer season, Councilman Mahoney will again lead a community cleaning day the Saturday before the Easter Parade. Join him on March 31, beginning at 10 a.m. The Town will provide gloves, trash bags, a dumpster, and bottled water.

Come as an individual, or organize neighbors, or recruit a Scout troop or other civic organization. It's your beach and park. Help to make it safe and pleasant for the outdoor season.

Ready or Not, They're Coming – to School

Is your child ready to begin school? The third annual Beach Family Funfest (see flyer in this Newsletter) will take place March 24 at Beach Elementary School. Designed to help identify children eligible for pre-kindergarten, and to introduce skills that all children need when they begin kindergarten. It is a fun, free event for pre-school children in the Beach and Windy Hill school districts and their parents, guardians or other adult caregivers, presented by United Way's Success by 6 program and the Calvert County Public Schools.

Parents and care givers who are inspired by that event or interested in making sure they are doing everything they can to prepare their little ones for school can follow up at the fourth annual School Readiness conference presented by the Judy Center, which is part of the public schools.

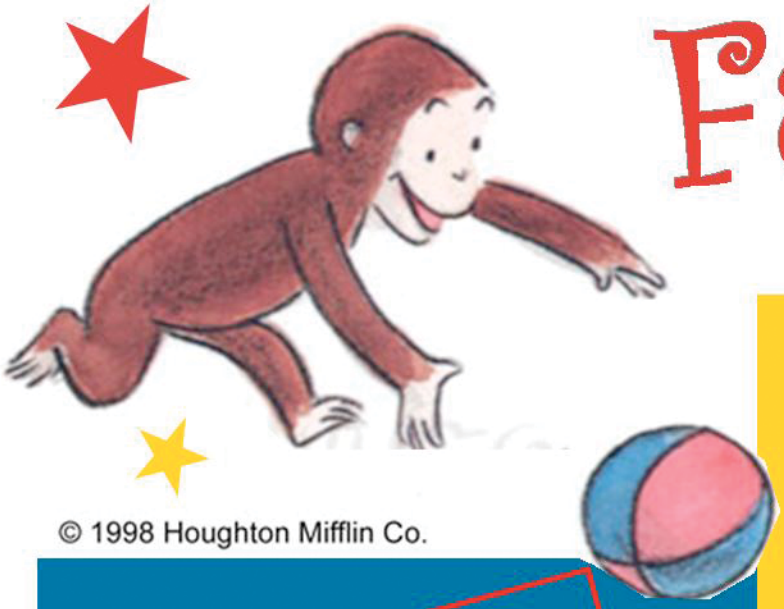
The conference is set for April 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Huntingtown High School. The conference is for childcare providers and parents of young children. The cost is $25 and includes breakfast and lunch. The keynote speakers are Dr. Bob Rockwell and his daughter, Janet Kniepkamp. Their topic is Literacy and Science Start Early: a Partnership Approach for Parents and Teachers. For more information contact the Judy Center at *(410) 535-7836 or visit our website: www.calvertnet.k12.md.us – school sites – Patuxent Elementary School – Judy Center.*

Chesapeake Beach Veterans Memorial Park
Bricks are still available for purchase.
Please call Town Hall at
410-257-2230

MARCH 24, 2007

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beach Family Fun Fest



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Finlon's Near-Century of Service Ends

windows, and Mildred recalled not just mosquitoes, but a donkey sticking its head into the house, prompting her father to build a more permanent cottage. The "sanitation system" was an oxcart "honey wagon" that came weekly to collect waste, but there were also the beach, the Bay and the amusement park, so summers were a pleasure. Mildred learned to swim in the Bay, and later taught others as well, a prelude to her education career. That started in D.C., but she and her husband Harold moved to Town, where he was the park superintendent, into one of two winterized cottages built by her father. Her parents lived in the other. There, Mrs. Finlon reared her two sons and she remained until her move to the Hermitage near the end of her life.

In the children's younger years, she helped establish and taught in a cooperative nursery school at the Naval Research Laboratory Bay installation, earning $5 per week. She went on to be a key supervisor in the county schools, and started a sixth-grade outdoor education program. Possibly her greatest contribution to county and Town life, however, was joining with Bernie Loveless to establish the Railway Museum and shepherd it through its first 25 years. She had a great love for the carousel, and especially for her favorite steed, a kangaroo. By good luck, that creature was out being restored when Prince Georges County bought and moved the irreplaceable amusement ride to Watkins Regional Park, and it is now a favorite permanent exhibit at the museum. Well into her 90's, Mildred's preferred way to celebrate her birthday was with a picnic at that park and a spin on the merry-go-round.

Museum "parents" Bernie Loveless and Mildred Finlon pose with proclamation from Commissioners honoring 25 years' leadership, service.

Appropriately, her last "official" appearance at the museum was for the swimsuit fashion show this summer, where other guests wondered at the bathing costumes of days gone by. For Mildred, however, they were, like the kangaroo and so much else of the Town's past that she worked hard to preserve, not history, but mementos of a life well lived, "magic moments" not just for herself but for generations yet to come.

What's with RV Zone?

Zoning Administrator Bill Watson would like to clear up any misconceptions that are cropping up about the new R-V Zoning District, which is not about recreational vehicles.

R-V stands for Residential Village - See the Zoning Map for the location. It is a new zone, introduced in the 2004 update of the Zoning Ordinance that allows limited commercial uses with some restrictions.

Use of this zone requires adequacy of parking, 20 to 30 foot separation from adjoining residential use lot line, and vegetative screening. If the business is for a professional, that professional must live in the house. There are limits on the amount or percentage of floor area in the building that can be dedicated to the use. If it is a new building, it must be architecturally compatible with the homes in the neighborhood.

Some purposes that this zone might be used for, if it meets the limiting conditions, include: home day care, professional office, business office, and government office. The zone may also be used for personal services including real estate, barbershops, travel agency, and insurance office. In addition to all other conditions, these uses MUST front on Bayside Road.

Solid Gold Service

Mail to the Town, PO Box 400, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732, or e-mail to kjohnson@chesapeake-beach.md.us, if you are eligible and need service.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2007 HOLIDAYS

When a holiday falls on a regular trash or recycle collection day, **pick-up will be made on the next business day.** Note: The entire week will run a day behind.

NORTH SIDE of Town (from North Beach to Fishing Creek Landings Marina at Fishing Creek includes Bayview Hills) **REGULAR TRASH** collection is on **MONDAY** and **RECYCLE** collection is on **THURSDAY**.

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

	Holiday	Collection Day
Memorial Day	May 28, 2007	May 29, 2007
Labor Day	September 3, 2007	September 4, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	November 22, 2007	November 23, 2007
Christmas Day	December 25, 2007	December 26, 2007
New Years Day	January 1, 2008	January 2, 2008

SOUTH SIDE of Town (from Fishing Creek Landings Marina at Fishing Creek to Randle Cliffs, including Richfield Station) **REGULAR TRASH** collection is on **TUESDAY** and **RECYCLE** collection is on **FRIDAY**.

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

	Holiday	Collection Day
Independence Day	July 4, 2007	July 5, 2007

For Your Convenience Throughout 2007!

Town Hall Reminds:

Things to Remember As Spring Tasks Start

The arrival of spring stirs all sorts of ambitious plans, and many of them involve things that Town Hall needs you to know.

Planning to **remodel**? Adding a deck or garage, putting in a new bathroom? Before beginning construction, you must first contact Town Hall for a **zoning permit.**

Landscaping? If you are clearing out old plants, or doing significant pruning, keep in mind that pick-up of **yard waste and debris** was suspended during the winter. It will resume every Tuesday beginning on April 10, 2007. If you do have yard debris to be picked up after that date, it must comply with Town trash rules. Sticks, twigs, and branches must be cut into three-foot lengths and bundled together. Leaves and grass clippings must be bagged. Yard debris will not be picked up if it does not comply with the above requirements.

After you do your clearing out, you can spruce things up with **new plants** for house and garden from the Garden Club **plant sale,** at the Railway Museum, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You might even be able to find some unique Mother's Day gifts, and you will be supporting the club's projects to beautify the Town's surroundings.

"The Protector", our Zoning Administrator, suggests that your **outdoor spring cleaning** include the following:

Keep yards neat, mowed to less than 12 inches, pick up all trash, and trim bushes, especially those hanging across lot lines. Make outside repairs - replace roofs, repair siding, and install gutters.

And, if you are going to be **pruning or cutting trees**, keep in mind the rules that were in the Holiday issue of the Newsletter, especially regarding trees in the Critical Area.

If you are doing major spring household cleaning, you might be generating some **Bulk Trash**. The policy defines Bulk Trash as appliances, furniture and outdoor equipment. Each household is entitled to pick-up of **four** items a month, ***by advance arrangement***. Additional items will be picked up by arrangement, *with payment in advance of $150 per item.* When renovating, remodeling, or emptying a house, you must call a trash contractor to have a dumpster placed on your property.

Finally, spring is a great time to go walking with your pets. **Dogs** must be on a leash and under your control when you take them or let them out of your yard. Please control your animals and clean up after them, so your neighbors will love them as much as you do.

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Have something to say?
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Calendar Team Creates Beautiful 2007

January brought spring. February brought winter. March brings us Daylight Savings Time a month early. Without a calendar, you can't tell what month or season it is. Fortunately, we do not have just a calendar, but a best-ever calendar.

Yes, we say that every year, because every year it is true. The Town calendar just keeps getting better, both because the dedicated and creative Calendar Committee has more experience, and also because you submit more good photos to choose from. And the calendar is "not just a pretty face." It is full of useful information and dates, on businesses, events, holidays, volunteer opportunities, and even the tides, brought to you by chairman Bruce Wahl and committee members Hilary Dailey, Nancy Feuerle, Sherry Smith, and Becky Wahl, with design by Barbara Dove Fink, BDF Design.

The 2007 calendar also includes photo credits for 19 different individuals in order of appearance, Dennis Young, Susan Collier, Jacqueline Roggenbrodt-Malonson, Sherry Smith, R&P Dayhoff, John J. Young, Nancy Feuerle, Monica Mitchell, Ed Mann, Ellen Sowry, Bowie Downs, Nancy Pretto Simmons, Susie Morris, Anne Koslosky, Robert Tinari, Ron Luzier, Frank Santora, Deana Parker, and Amy Worthington.

Will your name be on the list for the 2008 calendar? Submit photos of Town people, places and events to Town Hall, early and often.

The Town of Chesapeake Beach

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Easter Parade

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Saturday, April 7, 2007

GAMES
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12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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At the Boardwalk then
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EASTER TREATS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON THE BEACH BY CHESAPEAKE BEACH LOCAL MERCHANTS!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24 – Beach Family Funfest

March 31 – Bayfront Park Clean-up

April 7 – Easter Parade

April 7 – Railway Trail Hike

May 12 – Garden Club Plant Sale

May 19 – Beach Buccaneers Sign-up, NECC

May 20 – Railway Museum Family Fun Day

May 26 – Waterpark Opens

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