



CHESAPEAKE BEACH Newsletter

Spring 2012

FROM THE MAYOR

"Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, I wonder where the birdies is?" Lousy English, but a great sentiment for this time of year. Although I enjoy every season in Chesapeake Beach, it's hard to escape the excitement of the coming spring and summer, where we can enjoy all of our outdoor activities, the greening of the Town and our spectacular scenery. This issue of the newsletter contains details of many activities for you and your family to enjoy. Be sure to take advantage of all that Chesapeake Beach has to offer!

EASTER FESTIVAL

The annual Easter Festival on Saturday, March 31 was once again a huge success. Hundreds of kids and their parents showed up to see the Easter Bunny at Kellam's Field and were treated to candy, gifts and even pizza from Papa John's. The Chesapeake Beach Green Team and the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society were on hand to discuss the many environmental programs that we are bringing on-line in the Town. The Stars and Stripes Festival Committee had a table to encourage interest and participation in all the activities planned for this May. See the other articles in this edition of the newsletter for details. Thanks go out to Connie O'Dell and all the volunteers and town staff that made the Easter Festival a big hit!

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ROBERT TINARI

Kids will not only enjoy the fun activities planned for Memorial Day weekend, but will also learn so much about those who served to protect our country.

Join us May 26-28, 2012 for the First Annual Stars and Stripes Festival as we pay respect to our fallen heroes and educate our youth in the true meaning of Memorial Day. Activities will abound throughout the Chesapeake Beach and North Beach communities. The Chesapeake Beach

Stars and Stripes Festival Planning Committee has been working very hard to get everything in place. We have a tentative schedule of events set, but continue to look for more ways to make this an extraordinary and memorable event for all!

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Caring for Our Military Heroes and Their Families

DON'T MISS SEEING AND HELPING THE SOLDIERS' ANGELS

Story by Kirsten O'Neil

Can you imagine being thousands of miles from home, living under harsh conditions in a combat zone? Imagine watching your buddies joyously open mail and share packages while you are left to sit alone, without a word of support from back home. For thousands of our men and women in service, this is not fiction, but fact.

Soldiers' Angels is there to support the service members who are often either young or single. They provide support, care packages and adoption for service members who would not otherwise receive any mail or support. Visit the Northeast Community Center this Memorial Day weekend and help Soldiers' Angels fill care packages to send to deployed service members! After you have assisted Soldiers' Angels, check out the amazing displays and visit with our special guests. Learn how these organizations support military members, their loved ones and our community. Before you leave, be sure to see the amazing World War II display—a collection of paraphernalia and toys sure to delight the young and old. The Northeast Community Center is one place you are not going to want to miss!



The Stars and Stripes Festival is in need of donated items for the creation of the care packages.

If you have a loved one currently deployed and you would like us to send him/her a care package, or if you would like to donate items or make a monetary donation for purchasing items for the care packages, please email Kirsten O'Neil at silentranksisterhood@live.com. Provide the mailing address for your loved one or information on how to contact you if you would like to donate. All addresses are confidential and will not be shared, published or redistributed.

WHAT TO DONATE

The following is a list of items needed for the packages that will be assembled during the Stars and Stripes Festival:

- Sweatpants (grey, black, dark blue)
- Lounge pants, sleep pants, PJ bottoms (any color or pattern)
- Zippered, hooded sweatshirts (grey, black, dark blue)
- T-shirts (crew neck, any color)
- Men's boxer-briefs or boxers. Please do not send "briefs."
- Flip flops/shower shoes to wear while showering (men's large sizes)
- White crew socks
- Knit stocking caps (black, grey, navy)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (any size)
- Bar of soap or body wash (any size)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (any size)
- Dental floss
- Body powder
- Body lotion (any size)
- Lip balm/chapstick
- Nail clippers (large or small)
- Disposable razor
- Shaving cream (travel-sized aerosol cans or tubes of shaving gel)
- Blankets of HOPE - Twin size (not throw size) fleece blankets (any color) or hand-made, such as the tied fleece blankets

All clothing must be new and unwashed, hospital regulations.

All items should be for men sizes in medium, large and extra large. (We have separate supplies for female patients.)

If you wish to donate, please contact Kirsten O'Neil at 850-398-1128 or email silentranksisterhood@live.com. You can also drop off items at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall.

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Our Celebration Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Join us at Veteran's Memorial Park for our Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m. with guest speaker, General James A. Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., you can check out the Non-Profit Organization Fair at the Northeast Community Center (NECC), the military, fire and rescue displays and demonstrations at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department (NBVFD), a World War I and World War II exhibit of veterans at the Railway Museum and family activities (including carnival games, bowling and performances) at Kellam's Field. Keep an eye out for the Nam Knights' 20th Anniversary Mini Rolling Thunder ride through the beaches in the early afternoon. Their route will come down Rt. 260 to Boyds Turn Road to 5th Street, up Chesapeake Avenue to Rt. 260 where they will continue onto their yearly celebration at the American Legion Post 206. At 2 p.m., join retired Lt. Col. Phil Pfanschmidt at NECC as he presents a video highlighting the "Secret War" in Laos and a typical rescue mission. The first day's events will close out at the NBVFD with a USO show at 7 p.m., presented by Twin Beach Players, followed by a dance with music by *The Boys and Me*.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Start the day with an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet at the American Legion Post 206 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Then visit the NECC, NBVFD, the Railway Museum and Kellam's Field for activities as noted for Saturday. Do not forget to check out *The Country Current Band* concert at Kellam's Field with a Parade of War Veterans (6-8 p.m.), then head over to North Beach for a Movie on the Beach, *Operation Petticoat*, to end the day.

MONDAY, MAY 28

The Closing Ceremony, presented by the American Legion Post 206, will begin at 10 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park.

ALL WEEKEND LONG

Saturday through Monday, both the Chesapeake Beach Water Park and North Beach will be offering free admission to active military and their families.

Thank You Cruise

Luke Thatcher is the owner/captain of the head boat, *Miss Chesapeake Beach*. When Captain Luke heard about the Stars and Stripes Festival, he immediately offered a moonlight cruise to active military and their families. Here are the details:

Arrive at the Rod 'N' Reel dock on Saturday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. with your family. The first 80 military personnel and their immediate family members (couples and their children) will be invited aboard at 7:30 p.m. for a two-hour moonlight cruise along the shoreline of our beautiful community.

Please note: this cruise is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for active military. Please have proper identification.

Decorating Contest

The Town will also host a Twin Beaches decorating contest the week prior to the festival. Home, boat and business owners are encouraged to show their pride and respect with patriotic decorations. Those living along 5th Street and Chesapeake Avenue are especially encouraged to decorate to honor the veterans of the Nam Knights' Mini Rolling Thunder ride. Deadline to complete decorating is Sunday, May 20. If you would like your home, business or boat, or your neighbor or friend's home, business or boat judged, call either the Chesapeake Beach or North Beach Town Halls by May 20. Mayor Bruce Wahl will announce the winners on Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall.

Commemorative Booklet

If you would like to honor a fallen hero, veteran or active military friend or family member, consider purchasing an "In Memory Of" or "Thank a Service Member" space in our Commemorative Booklet. Prices start at \$25. If you have a business and would like to place an ad or sponsor our event, please contact Connie O'Dell at special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us or call 301-938-4061. Along with all of the memorials and ads, the Commemorative Booklet will contain the schedule of events with detailed information about each activity.

Continued, see Stars & Stripes, page 4.

Stars and Stripes Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 26

- 10 a.m. **Opening Ceremony**
Veteran's Memorial Park
Guest Speaker General James A. Adkins, the Maryland Adjutant General
- 11 a.m. **Non-Profit Organization Fair**
- 5 p.m. Northeast Community Center
- 11 a.m. **Water Park Free Admission**
- 7 p.m. Chesapeake Beach Water Park
Free admission to all active military families with proper identification
- 11 a.m. **North Beach Free Beach Passes**
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Free Beach Passes to all active military families with proper identification
\$3 Passes for Veterans with identification
- 11 a.m. **Military, Fire and Rescue Displays and Demonstrations**
- 5 p.m. North Beach Volunteer Fire Department
- 11 a.m. **Family Activities**
- 5 p.m. Kellam's Field
- 11 a.m. **WWI and WWII Military Veterans on Excursion**
- 5 p.m. Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum
- 1 p.m. **Nam Knights' 20th Anniversary Motorcycle Ride**
Route: Rt. 260 to Boyds Turn Rd. to 5th St. to Chesapeake Ave. to Rt. 260 to the American Legion Post 206
- 2 p.m. **Retired Lt. Col. Phil Pfanschmidt Presentation**
Northeast Community Center
Vietnam slideshow highlighting "Secret War" and helicopter rescue
- 7 p.m. **USO Show and Dance**
- 9 p.m. North Beach Volunteer Fire Department
Show presented by Twin Beach Players
Dance featuring *The Boys and Me*
Ticket Price: \$30 per person
- 7:30 p.m. **Free Moonlight Cruise**
- 9:30 p.m. Rod 'N' Reel dock
Free Moonlight Cruise for active military families with proper identification aboard the *Miss Chesapeake Beach*

Please note that this schedule is subject to change and that all events are free unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

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- 9 a.m. **All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast**
- 12 p.m. American Legion Post 206; \$12 per person
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- 5 p.m. Northeast Community Center
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- 6 p.m. **U.S. Navy Band Country Current and Parade of War Veterans**
- 8 p.m. Kellam's Field
- 8:30 p.m. **Movie on the Beach**
Town of North Beach

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Calling for Volunteers

We will need a number of volunteers for various events throughout the weekend. If you are interested in becoming involved now or volunteering for events that weekend, or if you have a local business and would like to participate in the Non-Profit Organization Fair, please call Stephanie Zanelotti at 301-752-0445 or email saszc_bsssf@verizon.net. ■

Check us out on Facebook at Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival or on our website at www.chesapeake-beach.md.us.

Calling All War Veterans!

If you are a veteran from any war and would like to walk in the Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival's **Parade of War Veterans** at Kellam's Field on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., please contact Kim Merrell at 240-216-6311 or merrellsrule@aol.com. And let us know if you require special need accommodations.

TOWN CONTACT NUMBERS

In case of emergency, tune to Channel 6 or WTOF Radio 103.5

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.

“Old Line Chapter” Celebrates 20 Years

NAM KNIGHTS OF AMERICA, MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Nam Knights of America, Motorcycle Club was formed in 1989 to honor and support the memory of the U.S. Military Veterans and Law Enforcement Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Old Line Chapter, consisting of mostly Southern Maryland residents, will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on Saturday, May 26 at the American Legion Post 206 at 1 p.m. Please show your support to these members as they begin their Mini Rolling Thunder ride through the Twin Beaches* in the early afternoon. *Please note the Mini Rolling Thunder route is in the Stars and Stripes Festival Schedule of Events on page 3.

FROM THE MAYOR

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CHESAPEAKE BEACH RAILWAY TRAIL

I trust that many of you have had the opportunity to enjoy the Chesapeake Railway Trail. I gave a guided tour of the trail to Senate President Mike Miller last summer. As we looked beyond the bridge over Fishing Creek at the trestle site, Senator Miller's question to me was, "Why didn't you finish it?" My response was that we were required to stop there as the land on the west end of the bridge was in a "Forest Interior Dwelling Species" conservation area and that the Maryland Critical Area Commission (CAC) would not issue a permit at that time for us to continue along the right-of-way. Now here's the good news – with the support of Senator Miller and with the huge success of the trail, the Town has begun a conversation with the CAC to extend the trail to the Town limits along the abandoned right-of-way and also to add a nature trail up across the ridge into Richfield Station. A preliminary meeting with senior staff members of the CAC went very well. I'll keep you informed as to our progress.

PAT CARPENTER

In mid-February, Pat Carpenter, the former editor of this newsletter, notified me that she needed to step down as the time required producing the newsletter was more than her busy schedule would allow. She had intended to make this her last issue. Sadly, as many of you know, Pat passed away on March 2. She was an incredibly positive force in our Town and will be sorely missed. She stepped up in many ways to make this a better place to live. I feel blessed that Pat offered to help in the Town as Special Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and anything else we asked her to do. Everything Pat did was done with great taste. She will be greatly missed, and my sympathy goes out to Bob Carpenter



and the rest of the family. I am truly grateful that I had the time with her that I did.

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

With the loss of Pat Carpenter, the Town had no Special Events Coordinator. I am thankful to Connie O'Dell for stepping up to take on this important volunteer position. Connie was already leading the Stars and Stripes Festival effort, so she knew the ropes in organizing events. She has already assembled a large circle of volunteers, has the Easter Festival under her belt, has the Moonlight Cruises under control and is really organized! If you'd like to help with Special Events, please reach out to Connie at special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us. Thank you Connie!

OUR NEW EDITOR

I was particularly pleased to see the cover story about the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail in the spring issue of *Southern Maryland-This is Living* magazine. The photographs in the story are by Chesapeake Beach's own Jacqueline Malonson of JAX Photography. She has once again performed her camera magic to make our Town look its very best. This magazine is produced by Vickie Milburn and Barbara Dove Fink, the latter who has done the layout work for every Town calendar we've ever produced and who has now taken over the reigns as editor and designer of this newsletter. Thank you Barbara, for taking on the newsletter, and for stepping up much more quickly than we had anticipated.



WRAPPING UP

My family and I wish you a great spring and summer. I trust that you will take advantage of all that Chesapeake Beach has to offer. We are lucky to live in such a wonderful place. Enjoy it to the fullest!

Bruce Wahl

Mayor of the Town of Chesapeake Beach

Water Park Fun Coming Soon!

WE MAY BE "OFF SEASON" ... BUT THE WATER PARK CONTINUES IN FULL MOTION!

Story by Marilyn VanWagner, General Manager, Chesapeake Beach Water Park



Less than two months to go before the Water Park opens for the 2012 Season. We open on Saturday, May 26 and will be open until Labor Day, September 3rd. **But remember, we don't open on weekdays until the Calvert County Public Schools are out for the summer!!!**



It is no surprise that during these tough economic times we have many people interested in working at the Water Park. We have 35% more applicants this year than we had last season. We are interviewing and getting to all requests as quickly as possible. The competition is tough; we recommend that all applicants be well prepared and on time for their interviews.

The **Discounted Season Passes** for Chesapeake Beach residents are now available on our website at www.chesapeake-beachwaterpark.com. This year we have come up with an even better way to have our special Season Pass guests get into the park ahead of all other patrons. We look forward to seeing you this summer and having you feel special as you enter the park **before** all of the other guests.

On June 14, at 10 a.m., the Water Park will participate in **The World's Largest Swim Lesson!** What a grand event this will be! Come to the Water Park and be a part of this amazing, life-saving, Guinness World Record™ setting event. Last season, more than 20,000 kids and adults on five different continents helped spread the message that "Swimming Lessons Save Lives." Tragically,

drowning remains the second leading cause of injury-related deaths of children ages 1-14. Plan to attend! The admission is free for all children and families participating in the event.

This season we will continue to offer to the residents of the Town of Chesapeake Beach only, the **Chesapeake Beach Water Park Appreciation Day**. This is an idea that evolved out of a Mayor's Night Out during the 2011 season. For all Chesapeake Beach residents, you can enjoy admission to the Water Park for half-price every Tuesday. And wait ... it gets even better ... during our Twilight hours on Tuesdays, from 4 to 7 p.m., all Chesapeake Beach residents are invited to enter the park for **free admission**. On Tuesdays, we also try to take very few groups so that you can enjoy a less-crowded park. The Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day is our way to say, "Thank you, for all of your continued support over the past several years."

If you see some construction going on in the Water Park, the stairway to the Blue Slide is being replaced. This new design will offer a safer and more attractive entry way into our famous **Blue Slide**.

Please remember to think of us if you are celebrating a Birthday Party or

Special Event this year. We host many parties and would like to show you how special we can make you feel. Also, please remember that you can rent out the Water Park in the evening for a Family Reunion, Graduation Party, or even a Corporate Event.

Back again this year, by popular demand, we will again offer **Night Slides** and **Character Days**. See the schedule below for a list of these special days.

We are looking forward to a Splashin' Fun season and we want you to be a part of it! ■

Please join our Facebook page and "like" us. The easiest way to get to the page is to go to our website and click on the Facebook link. This is the best way to be kept informed of our special events as they evolve throughout the season.

WATER PARK 2012 SEASON

MAY 26 11 a.m.	Water Park Opens, weekends and holiday Mondays only!
JUNE 14 10 a.m.	The World's Largest Swim Lesson—Special Event!
JUNE 15 11 a.m.	Water park is open on weekdays too, now!
JUNE 25 11:30-2:30 p.m.	Sponge Bob Square Pants will visit—a great photo opportunity.
JULY 6 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Night Slides and Family Fun; come join in for the fun and games.
JULY 13 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Night Slides and Family Fun; come join in for the fun and games.
JULY 20 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Night Slides and Family Fun; come join in for the fun and games.
JULY 23 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Dora the Explorer will visit—a great photo opportunity.
JULY 27 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Night Slides and Family Fun; come join in for the fun and games.
AUG. 3 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Night Slides and Family Fun; come join in for the fun and games.
AUG. 10 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Night Slides and Family Fun; come join in for the fun and games.
AUG. 13 11:30-2:30 p.m.	Elmo from Sesame Street will visit—a great photo opportunity.
AUG. 17	The last weekday that we are open; we are still open on weekends.
SEPT. 3	The last day that the park is open. See you next season!

Fishing Creek Water Testing

SPRING UPDATE

Story by John Bacon, Chairman of the Water Quality Committee for Oysters



Two fast-acting citizens rescued one of the two floating oyster cages that broke free this past March.

Although we had a mild winter, the Chesapeake Beach oysters are still considered a hardy bunch. A count of the oyster spat at the test cages in early March showed that the survival rate continues to be excellent. Oyster growth will start to resume as the water temperature increases from a low of 38 degrees Fahrenheit in February to the 70s in the summer.

Extreme Low Tides

February 12 and March 10 were days of extremely low tides on the Chesapeake Bay and Fishing Creek. There was initial concern that the oyster cages would be out of the water and exposed to the cold, dry air. Inspection of the cages on both days showed that the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) had selected the proper site for placement. The water was deep enough to ensure the oysters were still covered.

Escaped Oyster Cages

On March 15 and 17, two of the floating oyster cages decided to break free. The first one headed downstream toward the bay and was captured by Bobby Abner and returned by boat to its mooring. The second one headed upstream, and with the quick action of the trail patrol and a local boater, was also returned

to its proper location. Many thanks to all parties for corralling these escaped cages!

Oyster Presentation

Keith Pardieck, chairman of the CBOCS, made an excellent presentation on February 12 at the Northeast Community Center. His power point slides are now available for viewing on the Chesapeake Beach Town website (www.chesapeake-beach.md.us). Take a look and increase your knowledge of oysters!

Digital Scrapbook

The Water Monitoring Committee has an exciting new project. We are working on a digital scrapbook that is located in Town Hall, next to Kathy Johnson's desk. This digital picture frame highlights many of the activities of the committee. Please stop by and enjoy seeing what we have been doing over the past eight months.



KATHY JOHNSON



KATHY JOHNSON

Valerie Beaudin, member of the Town Council, shows a tray of local oysters to children who stopped by an oyster monitoring station on the Railway Trail in mid-March.

Identifying Pollutants

Fishing Creek water monitoring has taken on a second important task. That is to determine the amount of pollutants flowing into the bay. Mayor Wahl wanted to get a head start on identifying the various sources of pollutants before pending regulations from EPA, Maryland and Calvert County were implemented. A detailed watershed outline for both Fishing and Brownies creeks as well as Paw Paw Gut was drawn on a USGS topographical map. Fishing Creek watershed makes up 11,200 acres, most of which lies outside town limits. Brownies Creek watershed is 850 acres, and is mostly located inside town limits. Paw Paw Gut watershed is 1,120 acres, with approximately 50 percent in town limits. Stream cross-sections and flow parameters were identified and measurements are now taken on a monthly basis or after a major rainstorm. The water samples are analyzed by personnel from the Chesapeake Beach Waste Water Treatment Plant. This project needs additional volunteers. If you are interested in taking measurements and collecting samples, please contact Town Hall. ■

Trash and Recycle

PICK-UP SCHEDULE

APRIL

Day	Event/Location
16	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC
17	South Trash- TH
18	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
19	North Trash- DS, SG, FC
23	North Trash- DS, SG, FC
24	South Trash- TH, BFP
26	North Recycle- DS, SG, FC
27	South Recycle
30	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC

MAY

Day	Event/Location
1	South Trash- WP, TH, BFP
2	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
3	North Trash- DS, SG, FC
7	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
8	South Trash- TH, BFP
10	North Recycle- DS, SG, FC
11	South Recycle
14	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC, HH
15	South Trash- TH, BFP
16	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
17	North Trash- DS, SG, FC
21	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
22	South Trash- TH, BFP
24	North Recycle- DS, SG, FC
25	South Recycle
29	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC, HH
30	South Trash- TH, BFP
30	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
31	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, WP

KEY

BFP	Bay Front Park	SG	Sea Gate
DS	D Street	WP	Water Park
FC	Fishing Creek	WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant
HH	Harbor House		
□	Trash	■	Bagged Yard Waste
■	Recycle		Waste

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!

JUNE

Day	Event/Location
1	South Trash- WP
4	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
5	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
7	North Trash/Recycle- DS, SG, FC, WP
8	South Trash/Recycle- WP
11	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC, HH
12	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
13	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
14	North Trash- DS, SG, FC
15	South Trash- WP
18	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
19	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
21	North Trash/Recycle- DS, SG, FC, WP
22	South Trash/Recycle- WP
25	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC, HH
26	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
27	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
28	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, WP
29	South Trash- WP

JULY

Day	Event/Location
2	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
3	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
5	North Trash/Recycle- DS, SG, FC, WP
6	South Trash/Recycle- WP
9	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC, HH
10	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
11	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
12	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, WP
13	South Trash- WP
16	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
17	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
19	North Trash/Recycle- DS, SG, FC, WP
20	South Trash/Recycle- WP
23	North Trash- WWTP, DS, SG, FC, HH
24	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP
25	North/South- Bagged Yard Waste
26	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, WP
27	South Trash- WP
30	North Trash- DS, SG, FC, HH
31	South Trash- TH, BFP, WP

Even with the extreme low tide, the oysters were still covered by water and safe from the cold, dry air of the winter.

JOHN BACON

Lots to Do, See and Read

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!. Here's a review of some of the programs offered this spring and summer for kids. And the adult Book Discussion and Calvert Conversations schedules are included as well. Stop by anytime to get updates on all that's available at the library. Or visit their website at www.calvert.lib.md.us. Happy learning!

Spring Programs

Storytime

Meets in the Children's Area of the library, ongoing through May 12; 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.

THEMES

- April 18 and 21 – Farms**
April 25 and 28 – Good Morning
May 2 and 5 – Butterflies
May 9 and 12 – Storytime Celebration



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Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program

Theme for Children
Dream Big, READ!

Theme for Teens
Own the Night

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 4th Thursday of every month through May. Suggested age for attendance is kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is ongoing.

- April 26 – Titanic**
May 24 – Olympics



Shenanigans

4th to 6th grade students are invited to this event which uses activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new topic and introduce a great chapter book on the subject. No advanced preparation is needed, but registration is required.

- April 12 – Harry Houdini**
May 10 – Chart the World

Evening Storytime

Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Kickoff to Summer Reading



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Summer Storytime

Conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. from June 20 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.



Dream Big

An event series for kindergarten through 5th graders held Wednesdays, June 19 through August 7 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.

Summer Fun Programs

Beginning June 20 through August 8, free performances will be held in the gym at the Northeast Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

- June 19** Mad Science
June 26 Chesapeake Youth Players
July 10 Cantare: Music of Latin America
July 17 InterAct Reader's Theater
- July 24** Women of Color presents Mae Jamison
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.

- June 28** 31 Ways to Change the World: We Are What We Do by Tanis Taylor
July 19 Stoneheart by Charlie Fletcher
August 9 Tango: Tale of an Island Dog by Eileen Beha



Adult Book Discussions

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

- May 14** *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson
July 9 *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery



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Adult Calvert Conversations

Calvert Conversations meets the second Thursday of the month, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., September through May. Join us for an informal discussion of local history, while enjoying complimentary coffee and tea.

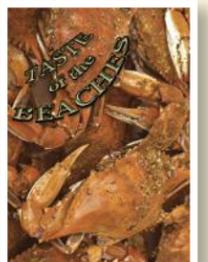
WHAT AM I READING?



Ever Wonder What's Cookin' at Town Hall?

Book Review by Joanie Kilmon
Branch Manager, Calvert Library Twin Beaches Branch

The BBG, currently known as the Bay Business Group, wondered what was cooking all over town and environs in 2009 when they decided to compile a fundraising cookbook, *Taste of the Beaches*. The book contains 350+ recipes contributed by friends and neighbors, local chefs and elected officials. It is full of beautiful pictures by familiar town photographers. Each chapter separator is either historical in nature or gives you a taste of life in the Twin Beaches — from how to pick steamed crabs to what to do in town on the weekends.



The mouth watering chapters include Starters, Lighter Fare, On the Side, Quick 'N Easy, The Main Event, Bay Treasures, Warm and Crusty, Finishing Flourishes and Kids in the Kitchen. Besides an Index of Recipes, there is also an Index of Contributors — a fun way to choose what to cook! I have been to many special potluck dinners where some people have identified their dish with just a page number! For example, page 68 is one of my favorite "Quick 'N Easy" accompaniments, and that is all Sharon Munro needs to say!

Linda Woods chaired the energetic committee that collected the recipes, organized the sections and saw this project to fruition, including a tasting party for its debut! This is a gift that keeps on giving; a keepsake for years to come.

Taste of the Beaches is available at the library for checkout or for purchase for just \$20.

If I have piqued your interest for what's cookin' at Town Hall, may I suggest you try Bruce's Beef Barbecue on page 78, Bob's Taco Salad on page 24 or Marilyn's Tasty Roast Pork Loin with Rosemary on page 87. ■



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SECOND ANNUAL
**Chesapeake Beach
Railway Trail
Cleanup**

Story and Photos by Nancy Feuerle

Saturday, March 17 was a pretty day in Chesapeake Beach as about 35 to 40 residents, of all ages, pitched in to help beautify this lovely new addition to our Town—the Railway Trail. People split into informal, small groups and got into all areas along the trail.

One group concentrated on Kellam's Field and was very surprised to find a couple of deer cavorting on the playing field. The deer must have been surprised too and quickly found an exit across the fence.



One very muscular group focused attention near the new walkway from Richfield Station, unearthing the remains of what was probably a long-abandoned Oldsmobile. They amassed a six-foot high mountain of rusty parts. Others focused on old bottles and general refuse from the past.

The total collection from this effort was reported to be about 400 pounds of general trash, 900 pounds of recyclable material and 1,500 pounds of steel. We are very proud of this most successful event! ■



Chesapeake Beach Town Calendar

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

Day	Event/Location	Time
16	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
17	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
19	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
21	Bayfront Park Cleanup (No Rain Date)	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MAY

Day	Event/Location	Time
5	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
7	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
9	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
12	National Train Day, Railway Museum	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
12	C.B. Garden Club Plant/Yard Sale, Railway Museum	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
14	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
15	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
17	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
20	Spring Family Fun Day, Railway Museum	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
25	Trolley Starts Operating	Check Trolley Schedule
26	Stars and Stripes Festival, Opening Ceremony, Veteran's Park	10:00 a.m.
26	Stars and Stripes Festival, Community Wide Events	11:00 a.m.
26	Water Park Opens Weekends and Holiday Mondays Only	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
27	Stars and Stripes Festival, Community Wide Events	9:00 a.m.
28	Chesapeake Beach Town Hall Closed	
28	Stars and Stripes Festival, Closing Ceremony, Veteran's Park	10:00 a.m.

JUNE

Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
3	Railway Museum Friends Meeting	
4	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
9	Railway Museum Founder's Day Recognition/Opening Day	
13	Planning and Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
14	Summer Bay Breeze Concert, Railway Museum	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
14	Children's Summer Fun Program, Railway Museum	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
14	World's Largest Swim Lesson, Water Park	10:00 a.m.
15	Water Park is Open On Weekdays!	11:00 a.m.
16	Beach Buccaneers Sign Up, NECC	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
18	Mayor's Open Door, Town Hall	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
19	Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 a.m.
19	Water Park Advisory Committee, Town Hall	5:00 p.m.
21	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall	8:00 p.m.
25	Visit From Sponge Bob Square Pants, Water Park	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
26	Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 a.m.

JULY

Day	Event/Location	Time
2	Mayor's Night Out, Town Hall	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
3	Chesapeake Beach Fire Works	
4	Chesapeake Beach Town Hall Closed	
6	Night Slides, Chesapeake Beach Water Park	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
7	Beach Buccaneer's Sign Up, NECC	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
10	Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 a.m.
11	Cable TV Advisory Committee, Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
11	Planning & Zoning, Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
12	Children's Summer Fun Program, Railway Museum	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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20	Night Slides, Chesapeake Beach Water Park	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
21	Beach Buccaneer's Sign Up, NECC	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
23	Dora the Explorer Photo Opportunity, Water Park	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
24	Chesapeake Beach Appreciation Day, Water Park	11:00 a.m.
26	Children's Summer Fun Program, Railway Museum	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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KEY

 Bayfront Park	 NECC- Northeast	 Railway Museum	 Veteran's Park
 Community Wide	 Community Center	 Town Hall	 Water Park

CHESAPEAKE BEACH

Garden Club Plant/Yard Sale

Story by Ingrid Lamb, Town Council

Don't miss this spring's Chesapeake Beach Garden Club Plant/Yard Sale held on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will have wonderful items appropriate for Mother's Day, which is the next day. There will be lots of good finds at the Yard Sale table, too!

So meet us at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum and enjoy all we have to offer! ■



SATURDAY
MAY 12
9 a.m.-12 p.m.



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OUR ANNUAL

Bayfront Park Spring Cleanup

Story by Pat "Irish" Mahoney, Town Council Vice-President

Please join us for our annual Spring Bayfront Park (Brownies Beach) Cleanup on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Now that the Easter Festival is held at Kellam's Field, we have scheduled this on a hopefully warmer date! As always, the Town will provide trash bags, gloves and a dumpster. Bring a friend of any age.

Looking forward to this year being another successful beach cleanup!!! ■

SATURDAY
APRIL 21
10 a.m.-1 p.m.



Allan Brown helps out at last year's Bayfront Park Spring Cleanup.

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Chesapeake Beach Green Team

SUSTAINABLE MARYLAND CERTIFIED

Story by Wilson Cochran, Project Manager, Town of Chesapeake Beach

Over the past couple of newsletters we have been telling you about our Green Team. The Green Team has been hard at work developing its Mission, Vision, and Action Plan (included in this newsletter). They have also started work on some educational outreach programs and energy efficiency initiatives. The Green Team suggested that the Town purchase some inexpensive Thermal Leak Detectors that citizens could use to assist in checking their houses for drafts and poor insulation. The Town has purchased three such units that can be signed out at Town Hall with a \$30 refundable deposit. There is so much more to come as the Green Team really gets rolling.

Chesapeake Beach Green Team Three Year Action Plan

START DATE: MARCH 2012 – END DATE: FEBRUARY 2015

Green Team Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Chesapeake Beach Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team is to review and evaluate sustainable initiatives and make recommendations as needed to the Mayor and Council regarding the feasibility of implementing these initiatives with the goal of creating a “greener,” more sustainable community that meets the present needs of its citizens, fosters stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay and enhances quality of life without compromising the ability to provide for future generations.

Green Team Vision Statement:

Chesapeake Beach is one of only two Maryland municipalities located directly on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Thus, the wellbeing of our community is intimately related to that of the Bay itself; therefore, the vision of our Town over the next decade includes:

- To promote stewardship and understanding of the Chesapeake Bay's natural environment by reducing storm water runoff, providing educational opportunities and expanding programs like the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society and the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail.
- To increase recycling inside the Town.
- To reduce the amount of waste impacting our local environment.
- To reduce the number of septic systems and promote connection of homes to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- To promote education of Green practices such as energy conservation, smart gardening, water conservation, recycling and Buy Local initiatives.
- To promote Smart Growth within the Town of Chesapeake Beach.
- To promote meaningful community participation and consultation to encourage open and responsible decision making. Support environmentally responsible economic opportunities and encourage healthy living by embracing sports, recreation and the arts.
- To enact and follow Buy Local and Green Purchasing practices by the local government.
- To support and promote local businesses, local business opportunities and local jobs.

Green Team Three-Year Goals:

- Achieve certification under Sustainable Maryland Certified.
- Improve stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay by:

1. Reducing storm water runoff and debris.
2. Reducing the nutrient load from the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
3. Improving citizen education and raise awareness of the history and fragility of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and its sensitivity to human impact.

- Improve local government sustainability by initiating Green practices and reducing our carbon footprint.
- Continue to develop, expand and improve programs already in place, like the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society, Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, Bayfront Park Cleanup and Fishing Creek Cleanup.

Summary of Action Plan:

Year One:

1. Develop a Storm Water Management Program
2. Appoint a Storm Water manager/coordinator
3. Perform a Municipal Energy Audit
4. Perform Septic System Assessment and Inventory
5. Become a “Tree City USA” town
6. Promote reusable shopping bags
7. Promote the Green Team in our community through educational outreach

Year Two:

1. Measure and reduce Municipal Carbon Footprint
2. Create a Watershed Plan
3. Develop and implement a Septic System Management Plan
4. Develop a Water Conservation Plan
5. Evaluate current purchasing practices

Year Three:

1. Implement Watershed Stewardship/Pollution Prevention Outreach Program
2. Develop a Water Conservation Outreach Program
3. Institute a Green Purchasing Policy
4. Establish community gardens ■

Beach Elementary Benefits

From the New Fishing Creek Railway Trail

Story and Photos by Dr. Mike Shisler, Principal of Beach Elementary School



John Bacon introduces the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) project to Beach's 5th graders.



Beach 5th graders at an observation activity to list natural features and man-made features seen at the end of the Railway Trail.



Beach students compare aerial photos of the Town and the creek to identify natural and man-made features along Fishing Creek.

In October 2011, Beach's 5th graders spent a morning exploring the Town's new Fishing Creek Railway Trail. With planning done by John Bacon and Kathy Johnson and 5th grade teacher, Mary Butz, the 5th graders participated in four activities during a two-hour stretch on the trail. Students went to an oyster station, a tidal flow station, a water turbidity station and an aerial photo station. Mrs. Butz led the oyster activity at one of the new oyster flotation cages. Mr. Bacon led the tidal flow measurements from the top of the crossover trail bridge. Two other town volunteers, Amenda Brown and Terry Klazer, led the water turbidity measurements. Dr. Mike Shisler had students look over a series of aerial photos of the Town and of Fishing Creek to compare man-made and natural elements along Fishing Creek. Beach plans to do a follow-up series with the 5th graders on the boardwalk trail this spring. ■



Bobby Abner sits down with customer Scott Wahl and shows him the fine art of shucking an oyster.

Abner's Crab House

STILL AN ORIGINAL

Story by Barbara Dove Fink

Just down off of Harbor Road, right along Fishing Creek, sits an unassuming building hosting a big sign that says, "Bobby's Back." If you don't know to which Bobby that is referring, you must not be from around here. Bobby Abner has been a local to Chesapeake Beach – well, since the day he was born. And Abner's Crab House has been serving fresh seafood since it opened on Labor Day in 1966.

Bobby Abner figured out long ago that people loved crabs and he could make money from selling them. At age 11, Abner would go down to the pier at Randle Cliff Beach and catch close to a bushel of crabs. His mother would steam them and his father would sell them in Washington, D.C. Abner made enough money to buy his own school clothes.

"I could buy white t-shirts, Levi jeans and Engineer boots," recalls Bobby with a smile.

In 1960, Abner went off to college at the University of Maryland where he played football. After a couple of years, he decided to move back to Chesapeake Beach, got married and began raising a family while working for the Federal Government. But his heart belonged to crabbing. Abner decided to start his own crabbing business in 1964, with the

restaurant opening shortly thereafter.

Tammy Abner, Bobby's third child, fondly recalls how Abner's Crab House was her "playground and home" for many years.

"Mom ran the shop and Dad crabbed," Tammy says looking back. She smiles as she remembers playing all day on the docks, boats and in the restaurant. Often she would put two chairs together and fall asleep until mom or dad carried her home. "I wouldn't change it for the world," she adds.

You still will see Tammy's friendly smile and easy wave as you enter Abner's Crab House today. She, along with other family members who work there, are continually striving to make sure all who enter feel warmly welcomed and enjoy their dining experience.

Bobby says, "The Abner family is a watermen family." Working along side



Bobby Abner and his daughter-in-law Jaime Abner on the left and daughter Tammy Abner on the right, all pause for a moment on the back deck of Abner's Crab House.



The new steamer can cook 27-28 bushels of hard crabs in one hour.

him at Abner's Crab House are four sons, two daughters, one brother, one nephew, one grandson and two granddaughters. "This is family-owned and operated. I am very proud of that."

Abner also feels very lucky to have had so much support from the community as well as from state and local government officials. "Some people have been coming here for over 30 years," Abner muses. He also recalls having served some of his fresh seafood to the likes of President Jimmy Carter, Walter Cronkite and Louis Goldstein, Maryland's former Comptroller of the Treasury for close to 50 years.

"This is family-owned and operated. I am very proud of that," says Bobby Abner.

After a fire destroyed part of the restaurant back in October of 2011, Abner's Crab House has finally re-opened. As Tammy states, "We're back to what everyone fell in love with in the first place."

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Bobby Abner, Jr., pictured to the left with his dad, proudly runs the steam room at Abner's Crab House.

The main dining room, with its signature brown paper tablecloths, seats 220 diners. On fair weather days, seating is also available outside on the deck. New to the view is the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, which runs parallel to the restaurant on the opposite side of Fishing Creek. The local wildlife is wonderful entertainment that will add to your dining pleasure.

Abner is in the process of building a second story onto the restaurant. Diners will have a view as far as the eye can see of Fishing Creek and the Railway Trail running west as well as east towards the Chesapeake Bay and the Town of Chesapeake Beach. He is hoping that will be completed by September of 2013.

But in the meantime, Bobby Abner is very excited about the upcoming year. His legendary "Wednesday Night Crab Feasts" will start again mid-April. Many of the local residents gather to enjoy some really good-eating, freshly-steamed hard crabs.

"There are great people in this Town. I couldn't be happier," says Bobby. "I go out and crab every day, then come back to greet my patrons. I just want to continue to work here."

We are all very glad Bobby is back! ■

Abner's Crab House
3748 Harbor Rd., Chesapeake Beach
www.abnerscrabhouse.com
301-855-6705 or 410-257-3689
Hours: Mon.-Fri.: Noon- 9 p.m.
Sat.-Sun.: Noon- 9 p.m.

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GOOD ADVICE

Save the Crabs... Then Eat Them!

Story by Wilson Cochran, Project Manager, Town of Chesapeake Beach

I grew up in Kent County, Maryland on the Eastern Shore and have been enjoying Blue Crabs as long as I can remember. That is one of the things that drew me to Calvert County when I left the United States Air Force Active Duty ranks. The Blue Crab needs your help to make the full comeback we all want to see.

First and foremost, **hold off on fertilizing your lawn until the fall.** Fertilizing in the spring causes a shallow, weaker root system that will only hurt your lawn in the long run. Plus, the excess fertilizer runs off into the Chesapeake Bay causing algae growth that robs the water of oxygen, thus threatening crabs and fish. Try using compost or an organic fertilizer instead.

Plant more trees and shrubs to add color and shade to your yard.

Install a rain garden to help collect excess water. Rain barrels are a great way to collect the water from downspouts for later usage in watering lawns. They can also help lower your water bill by about 1,300 gallons over the peak summer season.

Use a mulching mower or leave the grass clippings on the lawn. Nitrogen from the clippings will naturally nourish the soil – meaning, you use less fertilizer and save money.

If you have to fertilize, **get your soil tested** to ensure you're using the right fertilizer. And only

use the amount you're instructed to use. **DON'T OVER FERTILIZE!** Follow the directions on the bag and fertilize in the fall when it does the most good for your lawn. Keep fertilizer off any paved surfaces and never apply before it rains or you're just washing money down the drain.

Finally, take the time and money you save by not fertilizing and **go buy a bushel of crabs** and a six-pack, melt some butter, celebrate the Chesapeake Bay and have a fun "non-labor" day.

For more information, go to: www.ChesapeakeClub.org. ■



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THIS JUST IN!

Steward B. Cumbo Appointed to Public Safety and Crime Prevention and Advocacy Committee

The Town of Chesapeake Beach is very proud to announce the appointment of Stewart B. Cumbo, Town Councilman, to the 2012 Public Safety and Crime Prevention and Advocacy Committee by the National League of Cities (NLC). This Committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fire policy, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems and gun control.

"This is a great opportunity to advocate on public safety concerns and crime prevention policy, representing my hometown and Maryland's municipalities," stated Stewart Cumbo.

As a member of the committee, Councilman Stewart Cumbo will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions, while advocating on behalf of America's cities and towns on Capitol Hill, with the Administration, and at home. ■

Resident
 Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

SUMMER MOONLIGHT CRUISES



The Town is proud to once again host **Moonlight Cruises** on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay on the summer weekends with a full moon! Last year's cruises were so successful, we have doubled the number to eight! The dates are:

June 1, 2 **August 3, 4**
July 6, 7 **Aug. 31, Sept. 1**

The Headboat, *Miss Chesapeake Beach*, with Captain Luke Thatcher at the helm, will leave the Rod 'N' Reel dock promptly at 7:30 p.m. The cruise will run for two hours with the cost being \$25 per person. Light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Purchase non-alcoholic beverages or bring your own wine or beer.

Reserve your spot on a Moonlight Cruise beginning May 1. Please call Town Hall for more information at 410-257-2230 or email special-events@chesapeake-beach.md.us. ■

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GUESS WHO

Do You Know this Person?

In each issue, we are sharing a photograph from another era of one 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, winter of 2011, we showed a photograph of a gentleman walking between two Easter bunnies. He was correctly identified by Greg Morris of Richfield Station. Greg wins two free tickets for any Moonlight Cruise of his choosing. Who was the man in the middle? **Chuck Ruttkay!**

Now it's time to identify this spring's Mystery Person. Do you know who is the woman pictured on the far left of this photograph? (She is actually standing on the right of the other three ladies.)

The first person to call Town Hall with the correct name will be the winner! ■



Do you know who this is? Be the first one to call Town Hall at 410-257-2230 or 301-855-8398 with the correct name and win two free tickets on a Moonlight Cruise!