



**INFORMATIONAL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2015**

- I.** Bruce A. Wahl, Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Dr. Valerie Beaudin, and Stewart B. Cumbo, Council Members, Richard Rose, Town Administrator, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, James Berry, Public Works Administrator, Marilyn VanWagner, Water Park General Manager, Jon Castro, WWTP Superintendent, and Connie O'Dell, Community Development/Special Events Coordinator. Absent were Robert E. Carpenter, Jeffrey J. Krahling, Patrick J. Mahoney, and Eric Reinhardt, Council Members, Elissa Levan, Town Attorney, Laurie Smith, Town Treasurer, Paul Woodburn, Town Engineer, William Watson, Code Enforcement Officer, Christopher Jakubiak, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Corporal Phelps.

The Mayor opened the meeting stating, with the presence of only two council members, an official meeting could not be conducted due to the lack of a quorum. The Mayor stated with the absence of a quorum, the majority of agenda items could not go forth and would be deferred to a special town meeting which will be scheduled within a week or two and appropriate advertising would take place.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Mr. Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Carrie Plymire- One Maryland One Book-** Ms. Plymire presented the 2015 One Maryland One Book, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown, a story of nine working-class American boys who rowed to victory in the 1936 Olympics. Ms. Plymire encouraged everyone to get the book and read. She presented the Mayor with a copy.

Mrs. O'Dell took a moment to invite everyone to come out and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Roland's of Chesapeake Station on Saturday at noon. Also, on October 3rd the Town will hold a Railway Trail event, "Happy Trails" at the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail from 4:00 - 6:30 pm and invited everyone to come out and join in the festivities.

IV. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk

Memo



CALVERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TWIN BEACHES PATROL

Date: September 9, 2015
To: Sharon Humm
From: Corporal Thomas S. Phelps
Re: Sheriff's Office Report-Chesapeake Beach

In August 2015, the Sheriff's Office handled 377 calls for service in Chesapeake Beach. This is down from 435 calls in July 2015.

Call Breakdown for August 2015:

188 calls were self-initiated (patrol checks, follow-up investigations, etc)

189 calls were received by other means (citizens, alarm companies, etc)

Of the 377 calls, we handled:

- 1 CDS Violations (1 PCP) (Closed by Arrest)
- 1 Burglary (Subject Entered Residence with Intent to Take Items) (Closed by Arrest)
- 10 Thefts
 - (Shoplifting) Ice Cream from Fastop (Closed by Arrest)
 - Theft from UNLOCKED Vehicle, Cash Taken (Under Investigation)
 - Theft from UNLOCKED Vehicle, Purse Taken (Under Investigation)
 - Theft from Locked Vehicle, Cash in Plain View, Window Broken and Cash Taken (Under Investigation)
 - Cell Phones from Water Park (Under Investigation)
 - Cash from Purse in Residence (Under Investigation)
 - (Shoplifting) CVS (Under Investigation)
 - (Shoplifting) Roland's (Closed by Arrest)
 - Cash from Residence (Under Investigation)
 - Security Camera from Exterior of Residence (Under Investigation)

- 2 Destruction of Property
 - Bikes and Bike Cover (Under Investigation)
 - Vehicle Paint Scratched (Under Investigation)
- 1 Trespassing Arrest
- 1 Disorderly Arrest
- 3 DUI Arrests

Breakdown of Dispatched/Self Initiated Calls

911 Hang Up – 2	Disorderly – 10	Search Warrant – 1
Abandoned Vehicle – 1	Domestic – 13	Special Assignments – 6
Accident – 10	Fight – 1	Summons Service – 3
Alarm – 10	Fireworks Complaint – 4	Suspicious Person – 8
Animal Complaint – 4	Follow Up – 11	Suspicious Vehicle – 7
Assault – 2	Found/Recovered Property – 3	Tampering – 1
Assist Motorist – 6	Fraud – 2	Theft – 12
Assist Other Department – 10	Harassment – 2	Traffic Complaint – 6
Assist Sick/Injured – 5	Industrial Accident – 2	Traffic Enforcement – 10
Attempt to Locate – 10	Intoxicated Person – 2	Trespassing – 5
BioChem/ Susp Package – 1	Lost Property – 2	Violation Protective Order – 1
Burglary – 2	Loud Music/ Noise Comp – 5	Warrant Service – 3
CDS Violation – 4	Parking Complaint – 6	
Check Welfare – 8	Patrol Check – 161	
Conservor of Peace – 4	Police Information – 7	
Destruction of Property – 2	Protective/ Peace Order – 2	

Note – The reportable incident totals on page 1 may differ from the dispatched totals on page 2. The breakdown on page 2 represents all calls dispatched/self initiated by the sheriff's office. The totals listed on page 1 may be less due to factors the deputy learns upon arrival to the scene



Jay Berry
Public Works Administrator

September 17, 2015

Bay Front Park – The season has ended for the staff at Bay Front Park. We will be removing the bathrooms and Benches.

Water leak- There is currently a small leak on D Street off of First Street on the north end of Town.

Wet wells- We will be working on the ball field wet well this week to prepare for the Beach Bucs upcoming season.

Water meter/MXU- We are still working on changing out meters and MXUs as needed.

Flushing- We completed all of our flushing last month. We will be doing our 3rd flushing in early November.

Ball fields – We have moved the bleachers back onto the field and are working with the Beach Bucs to prepare for the football season.

Rail Way Trail- There will be an event on the trail this month and we are replacing hand rails and pickets as needed. We are also catching up on cutting back the weeds and vines that have grown on the trail.

Water park -The park is being drained at the time of this report and should be empty now. We have a list of repairs and maintenance that we will now start to work on.

SHA bridge- We are working with the SHA and many contractors on site daily to coordinate the relocation of Town owned utilities and other issues. There has not been much activity of late on this project though.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Richard Rose, Code Enforcement Officer
DATE: September 17, 2015
SUBJECT: Code Enforcement Status Report

Location	Vehicles	Status
3802 E. Chesapeake Beach Road 3 inoperable vehicles	Warning letter sent 5/29/15 Owner called - 2 covered. Truck to be sold as soon as estate is settled	
7533 Bayside – 2 - Boats on Trailer in R/W 3814 26 th Street – 3 inoperable vehicles, Door improperly stored	Citation Sent 9/1/2015, Delivered 9/4/15 Sent 4 citations 8/26/15 Tenant brought in note setting out abatement plan 9/8/15.	

Location	Other Violations	Status
3813 – 10 th Street – Dangerous Deck, Trash, Siding Missing	Deck under repair	
3398 Cox Road – Tall Grass, Scattered Bulk Trash 3816 27 th Street – Dangerous Shed	3 citations sent 8//15 Property Posted 9/10/15 Called Owner, House being remodeled, will either demolish shed & re-construct or repair	
390818 th Street – Siding coming off house, Dangerous Shed, Rear door needs barricade	5 Citations sent 8/11/15 Owner demolishing shed, waiting on Insurance check to repair siding	
4013 17 th Street – Tall grass, Entry deck in need of repair	Sent Warning Letter 8/10/15 8/17 – Grass, Vines & Weeds cut. Working on Deck	
4009 14 th Street – Tall grass	Sent warning letter 6/12/15 Citation sent 9/2/15	
3614 12th St - Gutters clogged, trash in yard	2 citations sent 9/2/2015 – Owner called 9/10/15 – Got citations	
3814 26 th Street – Untagged vehicles, Door not safely stored	4 - Citations sent 8/27/15 Received note from Tenant that the complaints will be addressed.	
7526 H Street – Tall Grass	Sent Warning Letter 8/3/2015, Received 8/24/15	
7356 – G Street – Yard full of Lawnmowers & Other bulk trash, vines growing up house, gutters clogged	Sent 4 Citations 8/20/15	
8315 Bayside Road –Trash, Grass & Weeds	Sent 2 citations 8/31/15	
7300 B Street – Trees planted in unopened Town Alley	Warning Letter Sent 9/8/15	

Other Violations

7356 – G Street – Yard full of Lawnmowers & Other bulk trash	In Foreclosure. Sent 4 Citations 8/20/15
4012 14th Street - Tall grass.	Cut weekend of 8/29, Not hauled away. To be hauled 9/5
7505 H Street – Vines on House, Deck Railing in disrepair	Sent Warning Letter 8/21/15
3806 28 th Street – Weeds, scattered trash, possible Inoperable Vehicles, Stair Railing Missing	Sent 4 citations 8/31/15. Owner Called 9/9/15

Court Cases

Location	Status
3914 18 th Street - Trash, Broken window in front, rear yard has large amount of trash & junk inoperable vehicle on street	All done but minor clean-up of leaves, black plastic weed barriers.
7636 Bayside Road - Shed in Disrepair	Court Date Rescheduled to October 2, 2015
3707 28 th Street – Vacant Lot – Cluttered with Construction materials, dirt piles, brush, commercial vehicles	Court Date Rescheduled to October 2, 2015 8/18 – commercial vehicles back, disarrayed appearance, again
3915 27 th Street – Storage disorderly	Letter Sent 1/20/15 Picked up 1/24/15. Citation sent 4/13/15. Not cleaned. Sent to District Court 5/29/15. Court Date 10/2/15

Abandoned/Vacant Homes

Location	Status
7515 B Street – Vines, Roof starting to sag	Called Owner – Working on plans to demolish and replace. Wil get vines cut
8220 E Street – Tall grass, fence falling down	In Foreclosure – Trying to ID local realtor

In the Works

Location	Concern
3810 16 th Street – Possible tall grass – Complaint unclear	Need to inspect

Resolved Items

Location	Status
8221 E Street – Tall Grass	Cleaned up
3062 Lawrin Court – Satellite Dish in Right-of-way	Sent letter to advise 8/5/15. Owner called 8/20/15 - Removed
7429 B Street – Kudzu Overgrowth	Sent warning Letter to Bank 5/20/15, pursuing contact at FNMA Cleaned up
2475 Harrison Court – Tall Grass	In foreclosure, call realtor, to have mowed, again Mowed
8400 G Street – Tall Grass	Spoke to Owner, Mowed 8//31/15
2615 Sansbury – Mattress in Yard	Warning Letter sent 8/10/15, delivered 8/15,

Location	Resolved Items
B Street between 16 th & 17 th Street – Parking on Street blocking Trash P/U & Mail Delivery	Citation sent 9/2/15, Removed 8/21 Called Sheriff's Deputy
G & 29 th – Parking blocking Mail & Paper Boxes 7523 B Street – Tall grass	Called Sheriff's Deputy Owner called 8/3/15 – will have mowed in a couple of days. Needs to be inspected



TOWN OF CHESAPEAKE BEACH
Engineering Report

NEW BUSINESS

'E' Street Pump Station Influent Sewer Pipe Repair – The Town DPW&T staff has located the belly by camera and will perform a test hole over the sewer pipe to determine the extent of the belly in the pipe. The test is complete and the belly has been located. The Town is currently researching land records for an easement over this existing line that would allow them to repair the line. We have performed a field survey location of the pipe and have prepared easement documents over the line to present to the land owners for review and execution. The Town Attorney has prepared the easement document which has been forwarded for execution. In addition, a quit claim deed has been prepared for the paper street portion of Freely Avenue adjacent to this property to clean up a previous quit claim deed action. An agreement has been reached and the final deed has been recorded. We have performed the exploration test pits and prepared the construction bid documents. Bid packages have been distributed to four bidders. One bidder declined. We hope to have bids in October.

Fishing Creek Bridge (MD Route 261) – The general contractor is Wagman Construction. BGE is currently installing a conduit beneath Fishing Creek to run their lines underground from Mears Avenue to Gordon Stinnett Avenue. MSHA and contractor coordination meetings continue on the existing water and sewer utilities to make sure the utility contractors understand the sequencing of the initial construction events (ongoing). Shop drawing reviews and utility conflict discussions have started and will be ongoing. The SHA construction representative (Mike Philips) came to the Mayors Night Out on July 6, 2015 and informed the group of the project status. It appears they are behind several months behind due to complications with utility relocations. The Papa John's has been shut down and should be demolished soon. Utility relocations continue.

Fishing Creek Dredging – A state matching funds grant is available to dredge the spoil site. We will be preparing plans and bid specifications to remove material from the existing spoil facility in preparation of future dredging. We also have requested MDNR perform a Fishing Creek channel bottom survey to determine how much time we may have before the channel needs to be dredged. A geotechnical engineer has performed soil borings to determine the use group and characteristics of the existing spoil material. This information will be used by bidding contractors during the future spoil removal project. We are also searching for viable offsite properties to take the spoils to. We have applied for permits to remove the spoil materials and plan to be out for bid in May. We are awaiting final plan and permit issuance. We met with an adjacent land owner to see if they would be willing to receive the material for the Town. They are very interested and we are working closely with them to determine if the opportunity can be beneficial for both the land owner and the town. We performed acidity test on the material to ensure that it will be useable as an end product. Some lime will need to be mixed in the soil to have the PH of the soil adjusted slightly. The plans were approved by the Soil Conservation District and submitted for permit update approval. The permit has been routed thru the permit center and is anticipated shortly. We have also met with several contractors to discuss possible dirt outsourcing locations.

Purple Pipe – We are developing layouts for installation of the pipe to serve the Route 260 landscaping areas and Kellams Field. Operation of the system will commence with later stages of the ENR project. We have outlined the 4” pipe connection location to tie into the discharge pipe. This pipe will go in after completion of the denitrification filters (no new updates). I attended an MDE meeting regarding installation and use. The new guidelines are issued and the permit is being finalized. A meeting with MDE has been set this month to go over scope and permitting.

MD Route 261 Sidewalk – Design plans are underway to extend a pedestrian walkway from Beach Elementary School to Chesapeake Village and Bayfront Park. The site survey and environmental plans are complete. Preliminary discussions with the Critical Area Commission and the State Highway Administration have commenced to gain their support of the project and the alignment. A plan has been presented to SHA proposing a crossing from west side of 261 to east side of 261 at brownies beach. We are coordinating with the State “Safe Routes to School” committee on Monday April 14th, 2014 to review our proposal. The Town did not receive the grant. A meeting was held with Traffic Systems and Technology to review a crosswalk light system that could work for Bayfront Park. A proposal for the system has been obtained and will be included in the next years budget for your consideration. A meeting was held with SHA to discuss a matching grant program to install the sidewalk. The meeting revealed that the SHA funding is available but is based on very conservative layouts and design parameters. We suggested that a more refined layout be done to allow SHA to enter into a funding agreement with the Town that is closer to actual construction cost. SHA agreed to reconsider a refined plan to price out before presenting the agreement back to the Town. Documents are now back to SHA for review and approval. We have been in dialogue with SHA and they are pricing out the most current layout. The plans have also been uploaded to the Town website. A meeting was held with the State Design Review Team to go over the plans and our pricing. We expect a letter of their review soon. Additional information was requested, soil/stormwater, to support our findings. We hope to have a new commitment later this fall.

Richfield Station – A request has been made to BGE to relocate two existing poles at the entrance of Harrison and MD Route 260. A follow up inquiry has been made and BGE and a field meeting was held October 13, 2014. Councilman Combo, Krahling and I met with BGE. BGE provided follow up cost of \$101,000 to relocate poles. We have requested SHA right-of-way information, BG&E pole location plans and topographic maps to prepare a sight distance plan to begin discussions with SHA and BG&E over the possibility of moving the poles. We are awaiting the BG&E pole installation plan. The SHA plats are now available and BGE has reached out to us and has provided dates to meet in March. A meeting was held in March to discuss the BG&E proposal further. An updated cost estimate was prepared by BG&E at a cost of \$108,500 (see attached). This does not include Verizon and Comcast relocation. These additional cost have been requested but have not been received yet. A letter has been drafted to go to SHA, BG&E, Verizon and Comcast putting them on notice that the Town does not believe that should be responsible to carry this cost. A letter was sent to the SHA on July 10, 2015, Douglas H. Simmons requesting the State fix this problem. SHA is currently investigating the situation (see attached letter).

WWTP – Bearing Const. has been installing process pipe at the Headworks building for the sludge pumps, the Mudwell tank, the Denite Filter pump station, the existing Aerobic Digester tanks. They are also grinding and rubbing walls at Denite Filter. Bilbrough Electric is installing

conduits, pulling wire etc. at the existing Headworks building for the sludge pumps. Tilt-Construction continue demo of existing Clarifiers 1&2 and removing debris from site. Innovative Cutting finished cutting walls and coring walls at the existing Aerobic Digesters. We are currently out to three bidders for installation of the two new blowers the Town purchase in June.

Water & Sewer Manual – We have assembled W & S manual information from several local jurisdictions and will be meeting over the next month to start to assemble and integrate changes and comments into a draft manual. Staff has met and is working through the first several chapters of the new code. Chapters, one, two and the definitions section has a first draft and has been vetted and comments added. Chapter two and three reviews and final clean up are underway. A final draft version has been distributed for review. We have completed a draft of Appendix ‘A’ thru ‘D’ and will distribute soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Kellams Field – We have received design parameters from American Irrigation to determine the connection needs (pressure & volumes) for the purple pipe. This work can be performed in conjunction with the WWTP upgrades. We hope to install most of the improvements this fall. Materials have been ordered. (no new update)

Trail – Concept site plans for a Trail extension from the Trestle and thru the Richfield Station Rail bed have been developed and provided to the Critical Area Commission and the State Highway Administration (SHA). We are currently researching critical area woodland mitigation possibilities and property title issues (we spoke to the Title Abstractor Terry Erder on 1/9/13 and more research has been completed – an extensive report has been compiled from Terry which she believes gives title to the town). We are currently seeking guidance from title attorneys and the town attorney to gain title insurance. Preliminary Environmental studies are complete to move forward with the Trail extension plans and the Critical Area Commission has requested a meeting to help move us through the process. The meeting was held and they presented several mitigation programs. We also marked in the filed the trail alignment for a field review by the C.A.C. The C.A.C. approved the concept plan. A final title report has been delivered which outlines that the Town does have title to the trail bed through Richfield Station. There are a few old development bank liens that need to be cleaned up and the attorney is moving forward getting this done. The attorney has presented closure documents for signature by the lien holders. A meeting with the RSHOA will be scheduled in the coming months. (No new update)



Water Park Report

Marilyn VanWagner,
General Manager
September 10, 2015

Season Highlights

We continued to work on improving the overall "Guest Experience". We believe it improved again this season. Some of the highlights that we believe helped to improve it were:

- a designated dressing area in the ladies room with a privacy curtain.
- better signage with arrows directing our guests to the places and features.
- camps were instructed to use the facilities near Kellam's Field, which freed up the park facilities.
- all employees were required to wear nametags.
- the supervisors were better equipped to train because their own training was more in depth.
- Training was modified in each department to offer more role playing in dealing with our guests and a little bit more detail when training for the tasks involved in each department.

The New Group Hours Continued to be a Huge Hit! This season we again opened an hour early on Wednesdays and Thursdays and all groups were invited to come during those days and stay only until 2 PM. We also offered a discount to all of our guests who visited us after 3 pm and wanted to avoid the groups. Many took advantage of these Twilight Rates and the feedback was they really liked knowing when they could avoid the groups.

Our New Ice Princesses were so much fun! On Character Days they paraded around the park, took pics with our guests and played many games with the children.

Our New Store Design and New Inventory turned out to be a big success. We focused on the Store this season and we were able to double our sales in The Store. Some of our new products this season included long sleeved tees, hoodies, caps and lot of children's toys. We hope to offer some of these products in the lobby at Town Hall in the near future.

Park Clean-Up-

Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 19 are our two major clean up days. We will deep clean the entire park. A good amount of time will be spent on cleaning the grill, fryers, pizza oven and lots of other kitchen equipment. All outside equipment will be stored so it is safe and free from the elements until next season.

Marketing -

This Season we continued to boost our online sales by offering more products and services electronically. This year we again offered discounted Season Passes as early as December for holiday gifts and we will continue to do so next season. We also continued to offer our Daily Passes on line and this continued to boost our sales.

Splash Radio, our private water park radio station, continues to boost sales on some of our merchandise and food. This service also allows us to get community service messages and safety messages out to our guests.

Maintenance -

The Water Park Advisory Committee plans to do a walk about soon so that we can make a list of all items that need attention. Some of the major items that need to be on the list are:

- White Coating the Pool
- Line-x on the Slide Tower
- the Octagon Decking



Chesapeake Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant Report
Jon Castro, Superintendent
September 17, 2015

The ENR Upgrade Project is on schedule for its completion date of June 10, 2016. Bearing Construction completed the pipe work to the new Clarifier on 7-30-15 and it was put on line. We are now running the new Clarifier along with the new pumps to operate it. The Digester work is completed along with the new Press Pumps. These will be tested on 9-10-15 and if all is well, we will be able to run the new press in a week or two. Work will begin on the number 2 Clarifier in a week. The filters and Plant Reclamation Pump Station are still being worked on.

The new VFD Blowers have been ordered and should be here in October to replace the aging existing blowers that were not included in this current ENR Project. A meeting at the plant on 9-3-15 with several contractors was held for an installation bid. These bids are due two weeks from 9-3-15. These blowers will be tied into the new computer control system to give the operating staff more effective tools to control the plant's process control system to meet the new stricter Effluent Limits in the MDE permit regulations.

A progress meeting was held on 9-14-15 at Town Hall to go over any issues on the ENR construction and give updates on future construction schedules. Bearing Construction, Bilbrough Electric, W & R Engineers, plant staff, the Mayor of Chesapeake Beach Bruce Wahl, Town Administrator Richard Rose and Town engineer Paul Woodburn were all in attendants.

Three bids were submitted for the repair to the plant's Influent Pump. A phone poll was set up to contact the council members and an approval was given. The repair bid went to Hills Electric for a price of \$5957.19.

The WWTP was inspected by MDE on 7-22-15. The inspection passed with just a few minor changes in the monthly reports.

There were no incidents to report in the plant's Solids and Handling Operation or the Lab Sampling Operation with Duffield Hauling and Chesapeake Labs.

Plant operations for this monthly report did not use the Shell Fish Tank. The last time it was put into operation was on 7-15-15. All steps are being taken to drain back the SPT to get it ready for its next use.

The plant had 0 emergency alarms for this report period.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant had no spills to report for this September report.

Future Projects:

To complete the ENR Upgrade Construction by the completion date of June 10, 2016. The projects noted in the Capital Projects request are also in progress to be completed within the completion date or within two years after the ENR Upgrade. The plant records and SOP will be put into Shore Scan System with the help of Town Employee Fran Addicott to ensure a better system of storing plant data.



Connie S. O'Dell
Community Development Director

September 17, 2015
codell@chesapeakebeachmd.gov

Community Development/Special Events/Water & Sewer

Railway Trail Event – “Happy Trails”

October 3, 2015 – Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail – 4:00 – 6:30 pm – “Happy Trails” – Join us for a stroll along the Trail and welcome the Fall season. We aren't excluding children, the Trail is open to everyone, but this event is being organized as an adult evening out. There will be stations along the way, with docents available to answer questions about such things as the Fire Department equipment used for emergencies on the Trail, The Oysterquarim, Aqua Culture, Water Monitoring, painting instruction with local artist Lyn Striegel, our Town Boat Bay Retriever, Chesapeake Beach History, Photo Opportunities at Sunset, etc. There will be a hospitality station where one can sample beer from Scorpion Brewing and wine from Perigeaux Winery as well as music from local talent Deanna Dove. Free Event!! Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail – Not Just for Exercise! Afterwards, walk to one of our restaurants and have dinner, completing a spectacular Saturday evening right in the center of Town!

Request for Proposals – Barge Rental for 2016 Fireworks Display

The RFP for barge rental was released on September 1, 2015 and advertising began in the local paper on September 4, 2015. There is a mandatory site visit scheduled for either September 15 or September 23, 2015. September 29, 2015, 4:00 PM is the last date for submittal of questions for clarification and interpretation. Sealed bids are due no later than 3:00 PM on October 6, 2015.

Request for Proposals – Pyrotechnics 2016 Fireworks Display

The RFP for pyrotechnics services for the 2016 fireworks display was released on September 1, 2015 and advertising began in the local paper on September 4, 2015. There is a mandatory site visit scheduled for either September 15 or September 23, 2015. September 29, 2015, 4:00 PM is the last date for submittal of questions for clarification and interpretation. Sealed bids are due no later than 3:00 PM on October 6, 2015.

Request for Proposals – Service Contract for Holiday Decoration Labor

The RFP for Labor Only, to set up, install, maintain and take down all Christmas holiday lighting décor was released on September 8, 2015 and advertising will be in the local paper on September 10, 2015. Sealed bids are due no later than 3:00 PM on September 15, 2015.

Request for Proposals – Service Contract for Electrical Labor for Holiday Decorations

The RFP for a Maryland and Calvert County licensed electrical contractor to provide labor to install, maintain and disconnect all holiday lighting connections was released on September 8, 2015 and advertised in the paper on September 10, 2015. Sealed bids are due no later than 3:00 PM on September 15, 2015.

Request for Proposal – Town of Chesapeake Beach 2016 Calendar

Request for proposals for printing and mailing the 2016 calendar were emailed to all FSC Certified printing companies in the southern Maryland area. All proposals must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM on October 6, 2015. The cost for this job is not large enough to require newspaper advertising.

Caps, Tee Shirts, Tumblers and Tote Bags for Sale

Be sure to pick up our new “boatloads of fun logo” merchandise. Purchase items right here in Town Hall. Tumblers are \$8.00 each; caps and tee shirts are \$15.00 and the totes are \$20.00. The items are displayed in a new showcase in the Town Hall Atrium. If we don't have your size or color, we will special order for you. Payment must be made by check or cash; no credit cards accepted. Christmas is just around the corner!!

Utilities

Late penalties have been assessed and shut off notices began being delivered on September 10, 2015 for shut off on September 18 if payment is not received by September 17, 2015.

Mayor's Night Out **Note September Date Change due to Labor Day Monday

- **September 14, 2015** – Meet your Calvert County Sheriff's Department personnel assigned to the Beach Patrol; introductions by Sgt. Ronnie Naughton. Questions are welcome. Donuts and coffee will be served!
- **October 5, 2015** – Meet the officers of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. October is Fire Prevention Month. Come out and meet the men and women of NBVFD, learn of their training and what life is like as a volunteer fire fighter.
- **November 2, 2015** – Tentative schedule – Rescue Division of the NBVFD and an AED Demonstration

Newsletter – Fall/Winter Issue

The fall/winter newsletter is scheduled to be in your hands by October 15, 2015. There will be 3 newsletters published in the 2016 fiscal year. All articles, photos, etc. are due by September 21, 2015.

Please send all submissions to Barbara Dove Fink at somdtil@gmail.com and copy to codell@chesapeakebeachmd.gov.

Halloween Family Fun Day – October 18 from 6:30 – 8 PM.

Water Park Manager, Marilyn VanWagner will be hosting the event this year. I will defer to her for reporting.

Photo Calendar 2016

We have received some photos for consideration in the 2016 calendar, but more is better! Please begin sending your photos in via high quality .jpg attachment to an email. Please be sure to identify the photographer and include contact information. All entries must be received by mid-November.

Stars and Stripes Festival – 2016

Preparation is underway for the 5th Annual Stars and Stripes Festival scheduled for May 28, 29 & 30, 2016. The 5th anniversary festival will focus on the "Civil War." We need your help! If you are a Civil War buff or just want to get involved in promoting the true meaning of Memorial Day, we welcome your input. If you can donate even one hour of your time, we need you! To volunteer and to be added to the meeting notification list, please contact Stephanie Zanelotti at 301-752-0445 (cell) or by email at sasz_cbssf@comcast.net.



**Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society Report
September 17, 2015
Chesapeake Beach Town Council Meeting**

On August 22 39 CBOCS members, with help from the town public works staff moved oysters from under the Fishing Creek trail to the Old Rock Reef. We found that an amazing 76% of the oysters put in the creek last September had survived. This is the highest rate we have had in 4 years and far surpasses the state average of 62%.

A similar number of CBOCS members, also with help from the town public works staff, on September 11 & 12 received from the Oyster Recovery Partnership the next batch of 110,000 oysters. They were planted under Fishing Creek for their first year of growth. We also dispatched 26 small MGO cages to our oyster growers along the creek and the Chesapeake Bay.

Starting September 25 and lasting until mid-November, CBOCS will be hosting Calvert County 5th grade students for their annual field trips to Fishing Creek. During this time they will interact with our oysters, oyster critters, measure water quality and stream depth. This trip is the culmination of several classroom SMART Board sessions on oysters that were prepared by CHESPAX. Come to the trail and view this great educational program.

Members of the SMART Board program received their first power point module from Karen Anderson (Calvert County Master Naturalist) entitled “Grasses of a Tidal Marsh”. The next step is to convert it to a SMART Board program. Other modules are in preparation.

CBOCS resident teaching expert Terry Klazer conducted a 2 day seminar at Bowie High School entitled “Filtering Fishing Creek”. He was able to demonstrate, using oysters from the Oysterquarium, the effect that oysters have on cleaning up the water in the creek. Science Educator Robert Lehman wrote, saying that his students had a much greater appreciation of the value of oysters.

Mark October 3 from 4-6 PM on your calendar and come to the “Happy Trails” event along the Fishing Creek Trail. CBOCS docents will be there demonstrating the oyster cycle, aquatic life, water quality and stream flow.

For complete CBOCS information and schedule, go to the Town of Chesapeake Beach web site and click on Oyster Cultivation.