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#### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARK R. FRAZER

Dear North Beach Residents,

One of the single largest projects ever undertaken by the Town of North Beach is finally nearing completion. This project is the transformation of the old public works yard and buildings into a modern, efficient facility surrounded by a wetlands overlook park. Located at the northern end of Dayton Avenue, the park will serve as an attraction for those interested in observing the wildlife inhabitants of the wetlands and the migratory fowl which rest there during the flights up and down the Atlantic Seaboard.

Much of the credit for the improvements to the yard goes to Donnie Bowen, the public works director, and his staff. They have coordinated contractors, moved earth, cleared dead trees and debris and generally have done whatever was asked of them. The ribbon-cutting and opening of the new facilities and park is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a short program recognizing those who have made this project a reality. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

You probably have noticed that sidewalk construction is nearing completion on portions of 7th Street and Frederick Avenue. This sidewalk addition to the streets in town represents an ongoing effort to enhance the reputation of North Beach as a "walk-around" town. This particular section will make it possible for the residents of Burnt Oaks to walk from their subdivision to the beach and boardwalk entirely on sidewalks. Additional construction will be budgeted this Spring in the NB 2013 budget.

Lastly, for several months now, very preliminary discussions have been taking place regarding the creation of a new performing arts center in town. The location will be at the corner of 7th Street and Bay Avenue on the site where Nice and Fleazy Antiques presently sits. The meetings are open to the public and, at this point, the feasibility of such a center is being actively studied.

Warm weather is right around the corner and this time every year town staff and our citizens advisory committees begin preparing for the beach traffic and events season. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated as we work to accommodate the many guests who view North Beach as a "go to" place. Get out, enjoy and have a great Spring!

Sincerely,

Mark R. Frazer, Mayor



Photo courtesy of Jacki Taylor, North Beach Resident

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pardon our mess! Improvements to the Tot Lot are underway and are expected to be completed by the beginning of May. The old playground equipment will be replaced with modern, up-to-date playground equipment.
- Don't forget to check the information bins at the Post Office for important information, especially if you do not have access to our website or email.
- Beginning April 16th, you can get your beach passes and parking stickers at Town Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Go to our website, www.northbeachmd.org and click on the Subscribe to News link to join our email list. When we post information on events, meetings, emergency information, street closures, etc. you will receive an email.

### 2012 **EVENTS**

#### April 21 Comcast Cares Day/Plant the Town, 8 am

April 28 Beach & Welcome Center Open

May 4 Friday Night Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In Season begins, every Friday, 6 to 9 pm

May 18 Campfire on the Beach, 7pm

May 25 Bike & Kayak Rentals Begin

May 26 and 27 Stars & Stripes Weekend (Chesapeake Beach), May 27 FREE Movie on the Beach: **Operation Petticoat** (at dusk)

June 3 North Beach House & Garden Tour and Art Show, 1 to 5 pm

June 9 FREE Movie on the Beach: Cars (at dusk)

June 15 Campfire on the Beach, 7 pm

June 16

Eat, Drink, Go Local – A Pairing of Local Food & Wine hosted by the MD Wineries Association, 12 to 6 pm

June 23 FREE Concert on the Pavilion: US Navy Band, Commodores, 6 pm

July 3 Fireworks

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July 7 FREE Concert on the Pavilion: Seldom Scene, 6 pm

July 14 FREE Concert on the Pavilion, Sam Grow Band, 6 pm

July 20 Campfire on the Beach, 7 pm Beginning April 16th, get your beach passes and parking stickers at Town Hall.



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*For event updates, visit www.northbeachmd.org, "like" us* on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @north beach md.

# **BEACH PASSES AND PARKING STICKERS FOR 2012**

Mark your calendars for April 16th to remind you to visit the Town Hall for your annual beach pass and vehicle parking stickers. Proof of residency is required. Beach Passes and Parking Stickers are valid from May 1st thru October 31st for each calendar year. Town residents will be issued beach passes. You must reside within the town limits to obtain a parking sticker. A copy of your lease agreement for rentals and each vehicle registration showing proof of residency must accompany request (application available at Town Hall and on website) for sticker. Property owners who reside within the town limits will be issued a permanent sticker for each vehicle. Property owners who do not reside within the town limits will not be issued a parking sticker. Renters within the town limits will be issued a parking sticker valid until April 2013. All sticker requests will be verified by the property records we have on file for the address. Vacation rentals may obtain daily beach passes at the Welcome Center, but must show their Lease Agreement each time. For more information contact Town Hall at 3410.257.9618 or 301.855.6681.

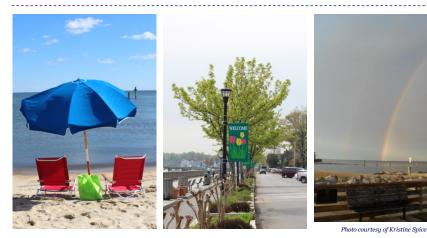
### PLANT THE TOWN

Please join us for the 5th Annual Plant the Town! Volunteers are needed to help beautify our town. Meet at the Welcome



Center at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 21st. We will plant the flower beds along Bay Avenue and clean up the beach and marsh. Once again, Comcast volunteers will be joining us, as well as, the North Beach House and Garden Club, the Red Hatters, and the Bayside Boys & Girls Club. Comcast is very excited to be a part of this community event and has designated the Boys and Girls Club as their Charity of Choice! You may pre-register at Town Hall or call 410.257.9618 or 301.855.6681. You can also register at the Welcome Center the day of the event. Free lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

*Visit the popular Friday Night Farmers' Market & Cruise-Ins, May 4 - October 26, 6 to 9 p.m.* 



#### BEACH AND WELCOME CENTER OPEN APRIL 28TH

Spring has arrived and the beach and Welcome Center officially open April 28th. The beach attendants will be around to assure residents and visitors have a pleasant experience at the waterfront area and to enforce the rules and regulations. The beach attendants are happy to make North Beach the clean, orderly and respectable recreation area that you, your family and friends can appreciate and enjoy. Please do your part in ensuring our beach and boardwalk

#### DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

Please be reminded that Article II Dogs, Section 26-3 of the code of the Town of North Beach states that no person shall own or harbor within the Town of North Beach any dog unless such dog is licensed as provided by the ordinances and regulations of Calvert County. All ordinances and regulations of Calvert County concerning dogs shall apply within the corporate limits of the Town of North Beach. In addition, this includes the provisions of the Calvert County Code which call for all dogs to be on a leash when in the company of their owner outside the confines of the owner's property. In addition, it is expressly prohibited for any dog to

area are kept clean by using the many trash receptacles along the waterfront and also don't forget to use mutt mitts to clean up after your pets. Certain conduct is prohibited, including drinking alcohol, profanity, loud/disorderly conduct, clothing with vulgar or inappropriate text or graphics, and any use of illegal substances. Please be considerate to your fellow beachgoers and residents who live in the area so that everyone may enjoy the bay front.

be on the town beach, whether said dog be at large or on a leash. It is the intention of the Council that dogs are prohibited on the sand beach under all circumstances.

Additionally, Section 26-7, Enforcement, states that the Mayor, Town Code Enforcement Officer, Deputies of the Calvert County Sheriff's Department, and Dog Wardens of Calvert County shall have jurisdiction within the corporate limits of North Beach to enforce all provisions of this article. Section 26-8, Violations and penalties states that violations of this article shall be a municipal infraction.

# 2012 EVENTS (cont.)

July 21 FREE Movie on the Beach: <u>Harry Potter and the</u> <u>Sorcerer's Stone</u> (at dusk)

August 7 National Night Out, 6 to 8 pm

August 11 FREE Concert on the Pavilion: *Justin Crenshaw Band*, 6 pm

August 18 FREE Movie on the Beach: <u>50</u> <u>First Dates</u> (at dusk)

September 15 FREE Drive-In Movie on the visitor parking lot: <u>Sherlock</u> <u>Holmes</u> (at dusk)

**September 21** Campfire on the Beach and Puppet Show, 7 pm

September 29 North Beach Triathlon, 8 am

October 6 2nd Annual Bay Harvestfest, 12 to 6 pm

#### October 26

The final Friday Night Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In for the season, 6 to 9 pm

**October 27** Boo Bash, 2 to 6 pm (rain date: October 28)

**October 27** FREE Drive-In Movie on the visitor parking lot: <u>*The Birds*</u> (at dusk)

**November 30** Light Up the Town, 7 pm

**December 1** Holiday Parade, 12 pm

**December 1** Santa and Christmas on the Beach, 1 to 3 pm

**January 1, 2013** Polar Bear Plunge, 1 pm

# HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

The 27th Annual North Beach House and Garden Tour will be held on Sunday, June 3rd from 1 to 5 p.m. The tour begins at St. Anthony's Church parking lot on Chesapeake Avenue, between 1st and 2nd Streets. On the tour this year are eight beautiful homes, a beautiful art show at Town Hall, and a "must see" this year, the new Department of Public Works Building and Wetlands Overlook Park. Parking is free and rides are available on the trolley or air conditioned bus. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person. For more information, please call Sally Donaldson at 410.286.3988.

# PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WATERFOWL

Pretty soon the beach and boardwalk will be occupied with lots of people. To prevent the

beach and boardwalk from being occupied with ducks, seagulls and geese,



we urge you to NOT toss food to them. While it may be very tempting, it is also detrimental to them and the environment in many ways.

Regular feeding of the waterfowl can cause poor nutrition, spread disease, cause them to lose their natural fear of humans and become aggressive, cause pollution on our beach and in our water, contribute to overcrowding and attract pests.

# Do you have pictures of the town or events that you'd like to share? Email them to drichardson@northbeachmd.org.



For more information on the Stars and Stripes Festival, go to www.chesapeake-beach.md.us and click on the link for the Stars and Stripes Festival.

# STARS AND STRIPES FESTIVAL

The Town of Chesapeake Beach will be holding the First Annual Three-Day Memorial Day Stars and Stripes Festival. The festival kicks off on Saturday, May 26th at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony at Veterans' Memorial Park .

The Towns of Chesapeake Beach and North Beach will be hosting a decorating contest the week prior to the festival. Home owners and business owners in the Twin Beaches are encouraged to show their pride and respect by decorating with patriotic red, white and blue! Judging will be held on May 21st.

The NAM Knights will be celebrating their Old Line Chapter's 20th anniversary with a ride into town on Saturday, May 26th around 1:30 p.m. The "Mini Rolling Thunder" route will be Boyd's Turn Road to 5th Street, right on Chesapeake Avenue and ending at the American Legion. The Northeast Community Center will be the center of activity and vendor booths for military and civilian nonprofit organizations with a focus on aide to our military families on May 26th and 27th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the evening of May 26th, the Twin Beach Players will be performing a USO-type show at the North Beach VFD Hall. After the show, The Boys and Me, a Calvert County favorite will be performing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

On May 27th at 6:30, there will be a performance by the US Navy Band, Country Current, at Kellam's Field that will pay tribute to our service members. Any currently active or retired service member that would like to participate, please contact the Town Hall at 301.855.6681 for details. After the concert, the Town of North Beach will host a free, military-themed movie on the beach, so bring your beach chair or blanket to enjoy the movie.

The weekend festival draws to an end on Monday, May 28th at 10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

If you are interested in remembering a fallen hero, thanking a service member or advertising your business in the keepsake booklet, go to www.chesapeakebeach.md.us and click on the link for the Stars and Stripes Festival.

#### Show your pride and respect by decorating your home or business by May 21st! <mark>Red</mark>, white and **blue**!!!



#### PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing on May 3rd at 7 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the proposed changes to the Trash Collection Services. The changes include:

• recycling program to increase collection days along with the

#### IN MY OPINION . . .

Hello there! Another quarter has passed and I have a lot of ground to cover! First, I want to offer condolences to the families of two very prominent and well-known citizens who recently passed; Pat Carpenter and "Chuck" Klein. They will be greatly missed.

I frequently walk our beautiful boardwalk in the early morning and yesterday was no exception. It's one of the most satisfactory and peaceful things I've found to do in North Beach; however, I noticed quite a bit of trash and dog waste along the bike path and on the boardwalk. Although our town staff does a wonderful job of keeping the town clean, everyone could help by "Pitching In" and keeping the "Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay" a beautiful place for all to enjoy. It is, after all, our very own 'back yard'.

More positively, there are so many Town activities taking place in the spring and summer season that I'm sure you'll find something of interest for everyone; and I'm inviting everyone to participate! Come out for some fun, entertainment and just plain "mixing it up". I think you'll find we have a lot to offer!

The online version of the town brochure is on our website, so take a look! Town brochures will also be available at the Town Hall soon, as will vehicle decals and beach passes, beginning on April 16th. Remember to bring your vehicle registration for your sticker and if you're a renter, you'll also need your lease agreement.

"Plant the Town" is April 21st from 8

purchase of new larger recycling containers with lids;

- the reduction of bulk trash collection to one day a month with a scheduled collection appointment;
- fee structure for trash collection in town.



Marsha Stiner, Receptionist at Town Hall

a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Comcast, this annual event hosts volunteers in numbers up to 300, who set out plants along Bay Avenue for the pleasure of all. It's casual with free lunches provided by the North Beach House and Garden Club and Town Hall. You can sign up at the Town Hall now or the Welcome Center on April 21st. Come out and show your planting skills!

Farmers' Markets and the Classic Car Cruise-In starts Friday, May 4th at 6 p.m. Relax and enjoy the sweet sounds, smells and camaraderie the market offers.

Make sure you read the article in this newsletter about the Stars and Stripes Festival that will be held Memorial Day weekend and don't forget to decorate your home, business or boat for the patriotic-themed decorating contest. Remember, our Armed Forces are a volunteer service and we should be grateful for those volunteers!

With all that said, I urge you to take a deep breath, exhale, relax and enjoy the moment! We have a wonderful season ahead of us. Now, let's have some fun!

# PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

The 2012 North Beach Public Safety Survey is now available! Pick-up your survey when you get your mail at the post office or at Town Hall. You can also access the survey via the new website at www.northbeachmd.org. Click on *Applications and Forms* under the *Quick Links* section.



Once the survey is completed, please return to Town Hall by Friday, April 27. If you would like to

email your completed survey, please send it to northbeach@northbeachmd.org. Your feedback is important to us!

# ONLINE WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS

With the launch of the new, userfriendly website, the location of the online water and sewer payment link was moved. Click on the *Residents* link at the top, right side of our homepage, then go to *Town Business, Water & Sewer Payments.* You will then see the same icon as before. You

will need your full account number, including the leading zeros as



printed on the bills to access your online account. You will be able to look up consumption history, review a bill and pay your account.

### NEW FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS APPROVED

In December of 2011, the Town of North Beach adopted a new Floodplain Management Ordinance which promotes safe and appropriate buildings in the floodplain areas of the town. In order for properties in town to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), it was necessary for the town to adopt a new Floodplain Ordinance which replaces the 1991 Floodplain Ordinance. The new Floodplain Ordinance adopts new flood zone maps developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new maps replace the floodplain maps that were developed in the 1980s. There are no major changes in the location and elevation of the floodplain zones on the new maps. There are a few areas in the town where the limits of the floodplain changed to include properties that were not in the floodplain zone shown on the old maps. The new town floodplain regulations change some of the building requirements, such as requiring a higher minimum floor elevation. Structures that do not meet the new standards will not require higher flood insurance premiums as long as there was a flood insurance policy in effect at the time the town adopted the new standards in December of 2011.

Links to the new Floodplain Management Ordinance and a map of the town that shows the newly adopted flood zones are on the town's website. Go to www.northbeachmd.org, *Residents, Town Business*, and click on *Floodplain Requirements*. There also is a link for instructions on how to use the Maryland Department of the Environment Mapping Tool site on the web. This site has flood zone related information for all properties in the floodplain.



#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The sidewalk construction on 7th Street and on Frederick Avenue is nearing completion. The paving work and backfilling and grading yards has begun. Thank you to our residents for your patience and cooperation during this project. Work at the new Department of Public Works (DPW) building and the new Wetlands Overlook Park is in high gear and is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. This project has really improved the appearance of the north end of town. Come by and take a look!

To help eliminate a drainage problem in the 2nd Street area, there was 320 feet of storm drain line installed. Also, there were several new sewer cleanouts installed throughout town. DPW has been involved with removal of the old tot lot and constructing the new tot lot. It is expected to be completed the beginning of May. Lastly, a flyer was recently distributed to every resident in town about what not to flush and how to handle your household trash. These two topics are very important to all residents and the town. Items such as baby wipes and disposable towels are being flushed down the toilet, and grease is being poured down the drain. These items are detrimental to the town sewer system, can cause sewer backups in your home, and release sewer to the environment. Please be mindful of what you are flushing and what you are pouring down your drain. And lastly, all trash must be placed in trash cans with a lid and placed curbside by 6 a.m. on collection days. Make sure the empty cans are promptly put away after the trash is collected and kindly pick up stray trash around your property. Doing these things will help keep our town clean.

#### A MESSAGE FROM PAUL GOINS, CODE ENFORCEMENT

As you know, making the town a great place to live, work and visit is not only important to me but is also important to you, as citizens and property owners. I'm sure most of you have noticed a number of fences under repair throughout the town. Some have been painted, some have been removed and some have been replaced. I would like to thank those of you who have satisfied the request to bring your fences into compliance with the code. There are a number of fences that are still not in compliance with the code used within the town. It is important that those of you who have not made an effort to comply do so. It is not the intent to write violations or civil citations, but it is important that the codes be enforced; enforcing the codes benefits all of us citizens, employees, and visitors to our town.

# APRIL 2012

Trash must be bagged, placed in a trash can with a lid and curbside before 6 a.m. on Monday and Friday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 : Trash Pickup	3 : Environmental Committee Mtg., 7 pm	4 : Recycling Pickup	5 : Council Work Session, 7 pm	: Trash Pickup	7 : Councilman Greg McNeill Office Hours, 9 am - 12 pm
8	9 : Trash Pickup : Special Events Mtg., 7 pm	10	: Bulk Pickup	12 : Town Council Meeting, 7 pm	: Trash Pickup	14
15	16 : Trash Pickup : Historic Pres. Com., 7 pm : Public Safety Com., 7 pm	17	: Recycling Pickup	19	20 : Trash Pickup	21 : Comcast Cares/Plant the Town, 8 am
22	23 : Trash Pickup	24	25 : Bulk Pickup : Eco. Dev. Com., 7 pm	26 : Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm	: Trash Pickup	28 : Beach & Welcome Center Open for the Season
29	30 : Trash Pickup					

# MAY 2012

Trash must be bagged, placed in a trash can with a lid and curbside before 6 a.m. on Monday and Friday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		: Environmental Committee Mtg., 7 pm	2 : Recycling Pickup	3 : Council Work Session, 7 pm : Public Hearing on Trash Collection, 7 pm : Public Hearing on FY 13, 7 pm	: Trash Pickup 4 : Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In, 6 pm	5 : Councilman Greg McNeill Office Hours, 9 am - 12 pm
6	7 : Trash Pickup : Special Events Mtg., 7 pm	8	9 : Bulk Pickup	10 : Town Council Meeting, 7 pm	11 : Trash Pickup : Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In, 6 pm	12
13	: Trash Pickup	15	: Recycling Pickup	17	: Trash Pickup 18 : Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In, 6 pm : Campfire, 7 pm	19
20	21 : Trash Pickup : Historic Pres. Com., 7 pm : Public Safety Com., 7 pm		23 : Bulk Pickup : Eco. Dev. Com., 7 pm	24 : Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm	: Trash Pickup 25 : Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In, 6 pm : Bike & Kayak Rentals begin	26 : Chesapeake Beach Stars & Stripes Festival Weekend
: Chesapeake Beach Stars & Stripes Festival Weekend: : FREE Movie on the Beach at dusk	28 : Holiday: No Trash Pickup : Town Hall Closed	: Trash Pickup	30 : Recycling Pickup	31		

# JUNE 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 : Trash Pickup : Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In, 6 pm	2 : Councilman Greg McNeill Office Hours, 9 am - 12 pm
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1	2 : Trash Pickup : Special Events Mtg., 7 pm	3 : Environmental Committee Mtg., 7 pm : Fireworks at dusk	4 : Holiday, Town Hall Closed : No Bulk Pickup	5 : Council Work Session, 7 pm	6 : Trash Pickup : Farmers' Market & Classic Car Cruise-In, 6 pm	Councilman Greg McNeill Office Hours, 9 am - 12 pm : FREE Concert on the Pavilion, Seldom Scene, 6 pm

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### MAYOR VISITS BOY SCOUTS

On March 13, 2012, Mayor Frazer attended the meeting of Boy Scout Troop 789 in Dunkirk. He discussed with the scouts his role as Mayor of the Town of North Beach and the organization of local government. Mayor Frazer enjoyed answering all the questions the scouts asked him.



March 20, 2012

#### Dear Mayor Frazer,

Thank you for your March 13, 2012 visit to the Boy Scout Troop 789 Meeting. We appreciated how you explained how Maryland government is organized, what a mayor does and how tax money is spent. Your time and efforts satisfied several community leadership and citizenship requirements for scouting rank advancements for the 26 Boy Scouts present. We appreciated all the time you spent answering the many questions we had. Again, thank you for your visit and your service to our community.

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