

Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

The Town of North Beach is now well into its summer season and with it a number of events have already been successfully hosted. In addition to the weekly Friday Farmers' Market, the Eat, Drink Go Local event, sponsored by the Maryland Wineries Association, was greeted by warm weather, sunny skies and record turnout. This was the third consecutive year that our Town has been selected to be a host location.

A new and spectacular event, the End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival, was held on June 22nd and, once again, cooperative weather and large crowds made this a highly successful day. In the process of raising over \$25,000 for the Calvert County End Hunger program, Team North Beach placed 5th out of 20 teams and, most importantly, secured the Mayor's Cup Trophy by defeating the Town of Chesapeake Beach in a head-to-head race! Congratulations to all the "paddlers" who pulled so hard for the Town and to the drummer, Randy Hummel, who "took a dive" in the race with Chesapeake Beach. If you didn't get down to the boardwalk to watch this exciting event, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year on June 21, 2014. It is sure to get bigger and better!

Later in the year, the Bay Harvestfest will be held on October 5, 2013, and the highlight this year, in addition to the duck and pig races, will be a "crab soup cook-off" with many of the restaurants throughout Calvert County competing for the top prize with their own crab-soup recipes. This event will be coordinated by the Calvert County Waterman's Association with all the crab meat donated by the MD Department of Natural Resources.

Later in October, on the 26th, North Beach is planning another "first" in Town. This will be a "doggy costume parade" to raise funds for the Calvert Animal Welfare League. Watch for coming details about this parade which will be part of the B00-Bash Halloween Celebration.

The Town continues to work hard on our shore-line erosion, flood control and wetland restoration measures at the north end of Town. Coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the MD Department of the Environment and the State Highway Administration means progress comes slowly.

Planning for the new 3rd Street Park is moving ahead on schedule. The North Beach Parks Commission is meeting regularly to ensure a first-class park will result for passive use by residents and visitors.

Stay well and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Frazer, Mayor

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Upcoming Events

2013

Through October 4, Every Friday 6 to 9 pm: Farmers' Market, Classic Car Cruise-In & Art Fair

August 6 from 6 to 8 pm: National Night Out

August 10 at 6 pm: FREE Concert on the Pavilion: TRAVIS ADAMS BAND

August 17 at dusk: FREE Movie on the Beach: YOGI BEAR

September 20 at 6 pm: Campfire on the Beach

September 21 at dusk: FREE Drive-In Movie: THE AVENGERS

October 5 from 12 to 6 pm: 3rd Annual Bay Harvestfest & Crab Cook-Off

October 26 from 12 to 2 pm: Dog Parade and Photo Contest

(Rain date: October 27) October 26 from 3 to 5 pm: Boo Bash (Rain date: October 27)

December 6 at 7 pm: Light Up the Town

December 7 at 12 pm: Holiday Parade

December 7 at 1 pm: Santa & Christmas on the Beach

January I, 2014 at I pm: Polar Bear Plunge The Welcome Center is open through September 21, 2013. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 11:00 pm, daily.



NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Most residents don't know that if you live within the "incorporated" town limits of the Town of North Beach (not the zip code zone) that you have free access to the beach and the fishing pier. You and your guests are entitled to enjoy the beach areas and fishing. In order to take advantage of this amenity, you will need to bring your current identification to the Town Hall to obtain a TOWN RESIDENT PASS, or present your identification at the Welcome Center for a DAY PASS. Your guests, who will also be free, must be with you at the time of check in at the Welcome Center. Why not take advantage of this special "town perk"! The Town Attendants are waiting to serve you. This is your Town!

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a variety of rentals available at the Welcome Center. Enjoy a great pedal around town on our fun retro cruiser bikes. Or try the bay out on a kayak or paddleboard. No experience is necessary!

Rentals are available based on weather conditions. For more information, visit the Welcome Center or call 410.286.3799.

 SINGLE KAYAK

 Hourly \$15.00
 Daily \$45.00

 DOUBLE KAYAK

 Hourly \$20.00
 Daily \$60.00

 STAND UP PADDLEBOARD

 Hourly \$20.00
 Daily \$60.00

 BICYCLES

 Hourly \$10.00
 Daily \$30.00







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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) UPDATE

Summer is here and is in full swing. The Farmers' Market is open and enjoyed by many every Friday night. School is out and the beach is filling up daily. Events are great and happening most weekends. There is a great atmosphere in town.

With all the activity, sometimes parking can be a challenge for visitors and residents on these busy days. Thankfully for the town, we have a proactive Mayor and Council that has started to address the problem. In April, DPW began work on the property the town recently purchased at 9125 Chesapeake Avenue to create a public parking area. The lot was cleared, graded and all utility work was done in-house by DPW. The town also used our unit price contracts for the concrete curb and asphalt work. The parking lot light fixtures were donated by K&H Electric. This resulted in a cost savings of approximately \$40,000 to the town. A nice paver walkway and retaining wall was



project and has given the town added protection from possible Nor'easters. The breakwater wall looks great and is built to stay. With all the rain the area experienced in June (9+ inches), flooding has reappeared in the usual areas. All the storm water pumps have been checked and are operating correctly. The 5th Street area is a collection spot of storm water when we have heavy downpours. During those downpours, it is impossible to keep up with the amount of water draining to this area. DPW appreciates your patience during these events and asks that you use caution when driving near these areas, and follow detours if necessary.

added to allow foot traffic and easy access to the businesses, post office and waterfront area. The lot was landscaped and opened for parking June 1st. This public parking area is for easy access to the businesses and post office near 7th Street, and also for event parking. This lot is NOT for overnight parking. Dissen and Juhn is the contractor hired to build the new breakwater wall on the north side of the town pier. The contractor completed the

Special Assessments FY2014

Did you know that

Calvert County tax bills include your special assessment for North Beach? Look at your Calvert County Property Tax Bill and you will see a line item labeled Refuse/ WTR/SEW BENE. Listed below are the fees included in your Special Assessment for FY 2014.

> Water Benefit \$110.10 Sewer Benefit \$221.20 Trash Service \$306.36 TOTAL \$637.66

The only exceptions are apartment buildings and condominiums that have private trash service.

Beach Tips &

REMINDERS

JELLYFISH STINGS: Use baking soda, meat tenderizer, rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. These home remedies may not work for everyone, but they will reduce the irritation.

SUNSCREEN: If you forget your sunscreen, ask a Welcome Center attendant where you can purchase some locally.

SHOWERS: The showers are for rinsing only. Make sure all children are fully clothed when using the showers. Also, no soaps, shampoos or bathing products while in the showers - these are rinsed directly into the Bay. Please help us protect our Bay.

SANDTHROWING: Discourage your children from throwing sand while enjoying the beach.

FEEDING THE DUCKS OR BIRDS: Do not feed the ducks or birds. Any food left behind creates a rodent problem. 3

Drinking Water

REPORT

The 2013 Annual Drinking water Quality Report is available for review on the town website at www.northbeachmd.org. You may also obtain a printed copy of the report at Town Hall. Please call 301.855.6681 in advance to request a copy.

Mosquito

SPRAYING

Mosquito control spraying for North Beach takes place on Mondays and Thursdays, depending upon the mosquito count. According to Barbara Carlough, Mosquito Control for Calvert County, the mosquito populations are



currently high, especially in the marsh areas due to

all of the recent rains. The time that our area is sprayed this season is after 10:00 pm, which is much later than previous years.

Please dump any standing water in your yard to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. If you hear the spray truck coming, please go inside for a few minutes. The more residents that are off the streets, the more the spray trucks can spray.

If you have any concerns about mosquito control, please email mosquitocontrol@co.cal.md.us. Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Bay Harvestfest. It will be on Saturday, October 5th from 12 to 6 pm. NEW THIS YEAR: crab soup cook off!

CALVERT'S BEST

The Calvert's Best People's Choice Awards were recently published and North Beach was voted to have the BEST BEACH. The North Beach Pier was mentioned as another favorite for the BEST PLACE TO FISH and for the BEST VIEW OF THE BAY. The North Beach Farmers' Market was mentioned as another favorite for the



BEST CALVERT COUNTY EVENT. Pick up a copy of the Calvert's Best publication at Town Hall to see what businesses in North Beach were voted Calvert's Best.



A GOOD NIGHT TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS



The 30th Annual National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 6th from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is a unique crime and drug prevention event that involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials. It is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate

support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and promote police-community partnerships; and, send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. We hope you'll join us on August 6th at 5th Street and the boardwalk for this FREE community event.

STORY TIME AT WETLANDS OVERLOOK PARK

Recently, Calvert Library's Twin Beaches branch held story time at Wetlands Overlook Park. The topic of story time was "Birds," which is the perfect subject to learn about since there are so many different species of birds at the park. The Twin



Beaches Library will have family story time at the Bayside History Museum on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

IN MY OPINION ...

Hello all! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

We've all been very busy here and with the kids at home for summer break, I'd like to take a minute to remind you of a few items that frequently get "lost in the shuffle".

One of the biggest concerns is the bulk trash collection. The only way to have bulk picked up is to CALL TOWN HALL and request to be placed on the list for the next bulk pick up date. There is only one pick-up per month and if you don't call us, we don't know about it and it WILL NOT be picked up. This month, the date is July 31st. You MUST call for scheduling. Also, the items should not be placed outside for pick-up until the evening before; this would be Tuesday, July 30th. If the items are NOT listed, the contractor will NOT take them! Items that are left outside all month are possibly unsafe, unsightly, and they make all of us look bad. So please, CALL AND SCHEDULE A BULK PICK-UP. The number to Town Hall is 301.855.6681 or 410.257.9618. See the calendar on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter for the dates for monthly bulk pickup.

Please remember that when you call Town Hall with a comment or complaint, it does not fall on deaf ears. Comments and complaints are received and recorded in our Civicall system and sent to the appropriate department. Some things may take longer than others to get corrected, but they are all addressed by the department to which they are sent.

Water bills may be paid several ways.



Marsha Stiner, Receptionist at Town Hall

You can mail them in the enclosed envelope, pay online, by credit card over the phone, in person, OR we have a DROP BOX outside Town Hall for your convenience, as well.

On a lighter note, I hope everyone is taking the opportunity to visit the Bayside History Museum at its new location at 4025 4th Street. There's a wealth of beach history to enjoy!

The End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival proved to be a wonderful success and North Beach won the "Mayor's Cup"! Yeah! The event raised money to help feed the hungry in Calvert County. No one should be hungry.

In closing, I'd like to add that, in my opinion, we can all do better to help one another meet their needs; even if it's cutting someone's grass without compensation or picking up a piece of trash along the roadside or the boardwalk, helping someone with groceries, or just calling someone to say hello. We ALL need to help! We are a prosperous and giving community that cares.

We have immeasurable assets to offer and reaching out to help one another may be the most lucrative of all.



Perborming Arts Center UPDATE

In the fall of 2012, the North Beach Performing Arts Center (NBPAC) steering committee developed and approved a business plan and legal incorporation documents for a non profit foundation for the NBPAC. The Foundation will be responsible for operating the theater. A package was submitted to the IRS, which then approved the non profit status for the Foundation in March. The non profit status allows for tax deductible donations to be made to the Foundation.

Over the past few months, the University of Maryland School of Architecture students have developed innovative concepts for the NBPAC. The steering committee for the NBPAC wanted the students to think "out of the box," so no restrictions were put on the designs as to site, cost, or size. As a result, none of the design entries are the final design for the NBPAC, but the design ideas will be provided to an architectural firm. Awards for the winning designs were awarded at a meeting at Town Hall in June.

The steering committee meets again in July to work on next steps for the NBPAC. The final site needs to be determined; it will be selected from several sites that have a bay view, since this will draw more visitors. Financing arrangements to design and construct the NBPAC facility need to be decided. Once financing is in place, an architectural firm needs to be solicited. Check the town website for the link that has all of the NBPAC information, past and current, in one place.

PREVENT THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

The Calvert County Sheriff's Office would like to again remind citizens to lock your car doors and remove any valuables whenever you park your vehicle. It takes very little time for a thief to enter an unlocked vehicle and relieve the owner of their hard earned property. If it isn't practical to remove the valuables, please ensure that they are locked in the trunk or hidden from view. Electronics, medications, cash or any type of expensive property should never be left unattended inside your vehicle. A vast majority of the theft from vehicle complaints the sheriff's office receives are from unlocked vehicles. Don't make yourself an easy target.

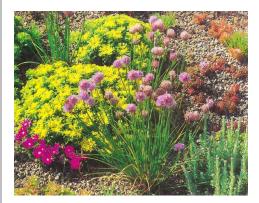
The Sheriff's Office also requests that any time you observe any suspicious activity, that you report it immediately. For emergencies, please



call 911. Non emergencies can be reported to the sheriff's office at 410-535-2800.

WHAT IS THAT GROWING ON THE ROOF?

Many of you drive by Town Hall each and every day, but did you know that this building has a green roof? That's right, a vegetated roof is one of the



energy saving devices employed by the Town Hall. The green roof slows the run-off of water, which reduces the potential for local erosion and lessens pollutants to be carried to the Chesapeake Bay. The vegetated roof also adds a thermal benefit to the building by being

inherently low heat gain (as compared to normal roofs which heat up and increase localized temperatures).

This low heat gain attribute and the natural aspiration of moisture by the plants lowers the air temperatures over the

roof thus reducing the air conditioning cooling needs for fresh air coming into the building.

The green roof of Town Hall captures the first one inch (+-) of rain. The



plants on the roof are succulent varieties, meaning they store water within. When it rains, the plants absorb water thus reducing rain runoff from the roof. The plants are also drought resistant which means they do not need to be watered in the summer. Now you know what's growing on the roof!

VISIT THE NEW BAYSIDE HISTORY MUSEUM AT 4025 4TH STREET WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 1 TO 4 PM.







DONNIE BOWEN: WATER OPERATIONS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR

The town staff recently had the pleasure of meeting Charlie Bowman, a Circuit Rider from Maryland Rural Water Association (MRWA). Circuit Riders are specialists that visit water and wastewater systems across the state. They provide training and onsite assistance on property operations, maintenance, management, health and environmental compliance for drinking water and wastewater systems.

The reason for Mr. Bowman's visit was to present the town's Department of Public Works (DPW) Supervisor, Donnie Bowen, with the **2013 Water Operations Specialist of the Year** award.

Since 2007 when Donnie started his tenure at North Beach, he says the town has given him all the tools for the job and also the budget. His work experience has allowed the town to do many projects in house without the use of outside contractors and has given other employees within the town opportunities along the way.

The town now has a web based monitoring system which allows the operators to see what's going on throughout the water and wastewater



Town of North Beach DPW Supervisor, Donnie Bowen and MRWA Circuit Rider, Charlie Bowman

system from any location via cell phone or internet. This allows faster response time for Donnie's entire staff. In 2008, the town was able to purchase a sewer jetting machine that has greatly reduced sewerage spills by performing routine jetting in problem areas. In 2011, the town built a new DPW building, and in 2014, North Beach hopes to upgrade the meter reading system. Donnie credits working for a great Mayor and Town Council and having a great staff. He says they have been instrumental at helping him achieve his goals in this stage of his career.

Great job Donnie! You are an asset to our community. Your hard work in North Beach is very much appreciated!

NBVFD CARNIVAL

The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual carnival from August 6th through August 10th. The carnival will be on the visitor parking lot at the corner of 5th Street and Chesapeake Avenue. You can enjoy rides, games and food at the carnival. We hope to see you there!











FLUSH THIS...BUT NOT THAT

This is a re-post of a topic that is discussed pretty regularly around Town Hall and at the DPW building. It may be repetitive to some, but it's worth reading, re-reading, posting on the refrigerator or taping to the bathroom mirror! Please be mindful of what you are flushing and what you are pouring down the drain. When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, waste water leaves your home through pipes that connect to the town sewer system. Many materials frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to the town sewer system. Every property owner connected to

the town sewer system can be a potential contributor to sewer problems, and a potential victim of those problems. Putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in your home, and sewer releases to the environment. The only thing you should EVER flush down a toilet is human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. Please keep in mind, products that are labeled as "flushable" are NOT sewer friendly and should NOT be flushed. Here is a list of some of things to keep OUT of the toilet:

- . disposable diapers
- . baby wipes

Tampons

- . cotton balls & swabs
- . mini or maxi pads
- . unused medications
- . Condoms
- cleaning wipes of any kind
- . facial tissue
- bandages and bandage wrappings
- disposable hand towels and mechanic's shop rags
- . makeup removal wipes

To prevent sewer backups and blockages, please be mindful of what items you are flushing down your toilets and pouring into your sink drains!



DON'T POUR THAT DOWN THE DRAIN

Just as important as watching what is flushed down the toilet, is being mindful of what you pour down the drain. Here is a list of things that should NEVER be poured down the drain:

 Cooking grease quickly turns solid within sewer pipes and can cause blockages that lead to backups and sewer overflows. Let it cool and solidify and dispose into the garbage.

- Food, no matter how small, will clog your pipes and be the source of a backup. Coffee grounds are a big no-no also.
- . Toxic chemicals, if poured down the drain, will get into the sewer system and is environmentally unsafe. Read the manufacturer's label about the safest way to dispose of chemicals, including

paints, turpentine, furniture and metal polishes, motor oil, and hazardous household cleaning products. Some of these products need to be disposed of in a proper facility.

Avoid pouring any of these items down the kitchen sink to help you be clog-free and environmentally safe. It will save you (and the town) time and energy in the long run.



IST INAUGURAL END HUNGER DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

The End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival that was held in our charming town on June 22nd was a complete success! There were close to 2,500 people who were part of this inaugural event that raised more than \$25,000 (after expenses). The money raised goes directly to help end hunger in Calvert County. The festival was a competitive community fundraiser that featured two boats of sixteen paddlers and one drummer racing to cross the finish line with the fastest time. With twenty teams competing, sometimes multiples times throughout the day, it sure was a fun-filled event! Mark your calendars for June 21, 2014 for the 2nd Annual Dragon Boat Festival! GO TEAM NORTH BEACH!









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TROOP 4345

Current Resident North Beach, MD 20714



A few months ago, Mayor Frazer met with Girl Scout Troop 4345 at Town Hall. They discussed municipal government and the duties of the Mayor, among other things. The girls were preparing to write essays for the "If I Were Mayor" contest, sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League (MML). Each year, MML and the Maryland Mayor's Association invite 4th grade students throughout Maryland to participate in this statewide essay contest.

