

# NORTH BEACH *Newsletter*

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## Message from the Mayor

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Dear Neighbors,

As we enter the Fall of 2018, we have been reminded by Florence that this is the height of the hurricane season along the East Coast. The Chesapeake Bay area was spared, fortunately, from the major impact and effects of this event. Our thoughts and prayers, however, go out to those in the Carolinas who were in the path of this storm and who have experienced the consequences of serious flooding and wind damage. North Beach has been spared the full effects of a major storm since Isabel flooded the town 15 years ago and we certainly hope our good fortune continues through the end of the remaining hurricane months.

I would like to report on several developments which have occurred since the spring newsletter six months ago. First, and most importantly, the Calvert County Board of Library Trustees have determined that a new Twin Beach Library facility will be located in the Town of North Beach. This means that our residents will have a 21st Century library, in many cases, within walking distance of their homes or businesses. The Town is currently finalizing the legal agreements with the County which will enable the planning and design work to commence.

Secondly, you should know that a decades-old business location in North Beach has been recently sold. Tans, a motorcycle and (recently) automobile repair/service facility owned by Tommy Crockett for almost 50 years has been sold to Devin and Susan Shaw. Plans include significant improvements to the

exterior and interior of the building, which will continue to operate as an upgraded auto repair and service center.

Next, the Citgo station and convenience store which has stood at the corner of Chesapeake Avenue and 2nd Street for decades, will be demolished in October as part of a project to construct a new FASTOP on the site. We are advised the new facility will include numerous new features which will make the North Beach location the most modern FASTOP in the County. (See sketch Page 4).

Lastly, Neptune's, the first business you see when you enter town at 1st Street, will soon be undergoing renovations. Their plans include remodeling and adding to the existing dining room, a new kitchen, and new restrooms. These renovations will add character to the streetscape of Chesapeake Avenue. (See sketch Page 4).

In closing, I should mention this will be the final newsletter of the current administration. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your mayor for most of the past 20 years. Thank you for your support and patience as the Town of North Beach has transitioned significantly since 1998. My very best wishes to the next Mayor and incoming Council.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Frazer, Mayor



# Thank You for a Great Beach Season



*Town Attendants, Jess and Theresa, doing end of the season cleaning.*

The Town Attendants would like to thank everyone for a fantastic summer season. The town residents were very helpful in notifying us of repair concerns, safety issues and clean-up opportunities along the boardwalk and throughout the town. Although the Welcome Center is

closed for fall and winter, the restrooms will remain open daily. For your convenience, the restroom opening and closing times are posted at the Welcome Center. Thank you in advance for helping us keep our beach, pier and boardwalk areas clean while we are gone. There are ample

trash receptacles and “mutt mitt” stations for your use. Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after. Lastly, please do not feed the wildlife as it can be detrimental to their health and well being. We’ll see you again the last weekend in April, 2019.

## Town of North Beach Election 2018

The Town of North Beach election for the position of Mayor and Town Council will be conducted on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The voting for the town election will take place at the North Beach Town Hall between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. A political forum sponsored by the Calvert County League of Woman Voters will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm at the North Beach Town Hall. This is an opportunity for you to

come out and ask questions to the two individuals running for the office of Mayor. There were six individuals who submitted their names for the six vacant council seats. The swearing in ceremony for the elected Mayor and Town Council will be Friday, November 16, 2018 at North Beach Town Hall at 8:00 pm.

If you have questions regarding the 2018 North Beach town election, please email them to [northbeach@northbeachmd.org](mailto:northbeach@northbeachmd.org).

*Stacy Wilkerson, Town Clerk*

The official ballot for the 2018 North Beach town election is as follows:

### Mayor

*Mike Benton*

*Randy Hummel*

### Town Council

*Gregory Dotson*

*Jane Hagen*

*Mickey Hummel*

*Elizabeth Lawton*

*Gwen Schiada*

*Paul Tronccone*





# Department of Public Works Update

*Donnie Bowen, DPW Superintendent*

With the record breaking rainfall and coastal flood warning events over the past several months along the East Coast, it sure has been a summer to remember (or forget)! Multiple times, our area experienced four to five inches of

the tide levels which have been as much as two feet above normal and the town had flooding in low lying areas. This is common in most of neighboring waterfront towns along the bay.

DPW spent a great amount of time dealing with all of the weather-related issues brought on by all of

this rainfall. We have aggressively monitored conditions and storm water pump station activity, performed maintenance on all related equipment, and closed roads when necessary. Once each rainfall event ceased, a good deal of time was spent on the required clean up. Measures have been put in place and

efforts are ongoing to minimize the flooding, but with that amount of rainfall and rise in sea level (high tides), preventing flooding is a challenge. Most of the eastern half of the country has experienced some type of flooding over the last several months.

This just proves the power of Mother Nature and how we can be at her mercy when we receive abnormal weather conditions and the problems that come with them. DPW staff will continue to do what is possible to minimize flooding with the resources that are in place.

With the leaves soon to fall, keep your gutters and downspouts clear to protect from possible water damage around your home. Clearing your yard of leaves and debris goes a long way in helping keep the storm drain collection system clear and free flowing, which is much appreciated by DPW staff.

We are hoping for a mild winter without many issues. In the next month or two, take advantage of the nicer temperatures and make sure you and your homes are prepared for winter. A few examples of how you can prepare are as follows:

- get your heating system checked out and perform preventative maintenance;
- protect water lines and crawl spaces from freezing temperatures;
- ensure your vehicle is in good running condition; and,
- test run your back-up generators if you are fortunate enough to have one available.

These are just a few examples of items things that can be addressed before winter really sets in. Please be safe and enjoy the upcoming season.



*Top: July 22, 2018 during flooding event on Bay Avenue.*

*Bottom: July 23, 2018, 11 am: Dry streets the day after.*

rain in a short period of time. As most residents know, this causes issues for the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff and town residents alike. All of the water from the surrounding drainage area tries to drain to the bay. Add this drainage water to

# Callis Park Revitalization



We hope you've had a chance to stop by Callis Park to see the upgrades that were made in the spring. The final phase to the park revitalization will soon begin. In this phase, the new equipment will tie into the existing playground

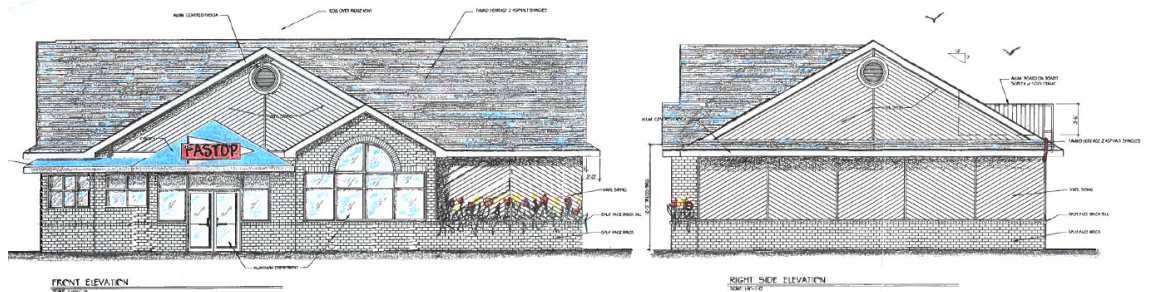
equipment area. The new playground equipment will focus on age groups from 2 to 12 and will include play cubes, stationary buttons, moon rock climber and a unity spinner. A handicap ramp will also be installed.

In addition to the new playground equipment, security cameras will be installed for safety and monitoring park activity at night. Funding for this project was secured by the Department of Natural Resources.

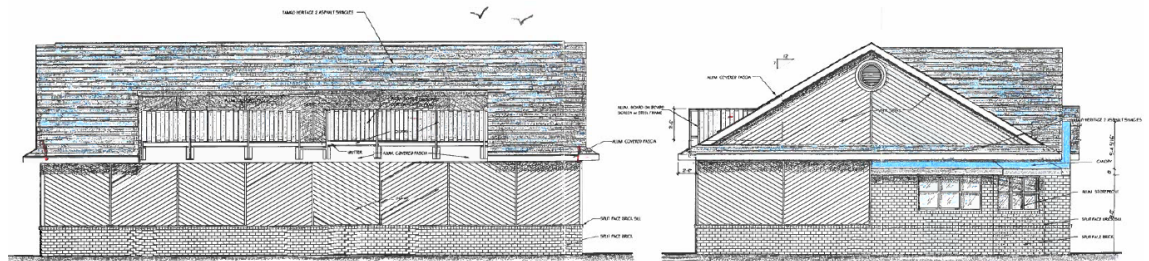
## Town Business Renovations

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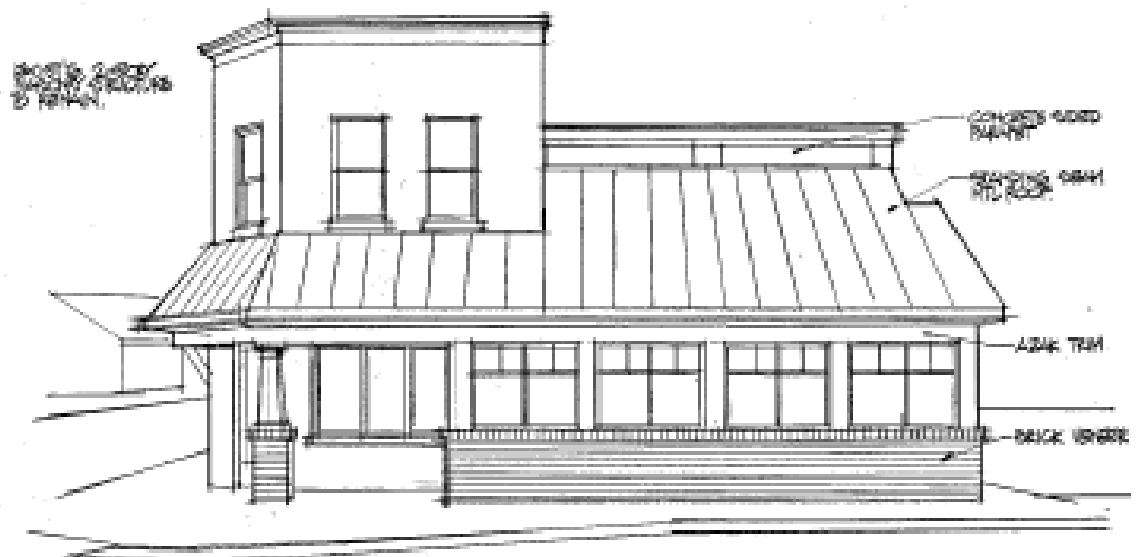
*Top: Rendering of the new FASTOP that will be at the corner of Chesapeake Avenue and 2nd Street.*



*Bottom : Rendering of Neptune's Seafood Pub located at the corner of Chesapeake Avenue and 1st Street.*



*These renovations and upgrades will add character to the streetscape of Chesapeake Avenue.*





## In My Opinion ...

Hello, my friends!

You'd never believe this, but this time around I've had somewhat of a hard time deciding about what to voice my opinion...and the verdict's in. It's about goodbyes.

Saying goodbye is never easy; especially when you've been in such admiration of an individual. This is the case with a former boss of mine; Delegate Sheila Hixson.

Without a doubt Sheila, as she insisted we call her, was and still is one of the most respected delegates and public servants in the State of Maryland.

Affectionately called the "Grand Dame" of the House by those such as Speaker of the House, Mike Busch and the President of the Senate, Mike Miller, she is truly one of the most humble, respectable and loved representatives ever to hold "court" of the Ways and Means Committee. Within the last few years, she has stepped down or up (whichever way you choose to interpret) from the Committee Chair position to hold the esteemed title of Chair Emeritus and act in an advisory capacity; so as you may well understand, it was a great honor that I was invited to her staff reunion this month.

The event was small, yet personal and reminiscent of our Sessions spent together.....a few tears were shed and many, many smiles and laughter were shared! I tell you I

am in awe of Delegate Hixson and she will forever be one of my most loved and favorite people.

With that said, it will soon be time to bid goodbye to another public servant...Mayor Mark R. Frazer. Whether it be as an employee of the Town or as a resident, I have the utmost admiration and respect



for his tenure in the public service forum; personally, privately and professionally. His compassion and generosity abound and I have seen it from both sides. He's shown me

fair, considerate, helpful and most importantly, compassionate, yet firm.

Without a doubt, his love for the Town of North Beach has proven unfailing over the years as he has enabled many evolving projects to be accomplished. He is truly a man of intuitive thought and thought-provoking standards. The Town has only benefitted from Mayor Frazer's insight and determination to put North Beach "on the map". He has been an asset to the Town, Calvert County and the State of Maryland who will be greatly missed and whomever the next Mayor may happen to be, they will have some huge shoes to fill.

Albeit far from me, I think I speak for the majority of us when I say it is with great love and affection that we say "adieu" to this wonderful man...Mayor Mark R. Frazer.

## Town Contacts

### MAYOR

Mark R. Frazer

### TOWN COUNCIL

Mike Benton

Jane Hagen, *VP of Council*

Mickey Hummel

Randy Hummel

Gwen Schiada

Paul Troncone

### TOWN OFFICE STAFF

Stacy Wilkerson, *Town Clerk*

Joanne Hunt, *Treasurer*

Dawn Richardson, *Marketing & PR*

Marsha Stiner, *Receptionist*

Kelley Osbourn, *Administrative Asst.*

Veronica Owens, *Development*

*Specialist*

Rick Crump, *Code Enforcement &*

*Zoning Administrator*

Donald Croteau, *Code Enforcement*

### WATERFRONT STAFF

Richard Ball, *Manager*

Bud Hunt, *Assistant Manager*

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Donnic Bowen, *Supervisor*

Mark Dougherty

Isaac Harris, III

Scott Maulden

Drew Stafford

### TOWN ENGINEER

Paul Woodburn

### BOARD OF APPEALS

Kirk Betts

James Bradshaw

Elizabeth Lawton

Larry Russo

Teresa Zanelotti-Whitten

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Michael Hartman

Patricia Haddon

Karen Ankerbrandt

Jerome Hansen

William Heiner

### VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

The town has multiple volunteer committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Town Hall.



# MARK R. FRAZER

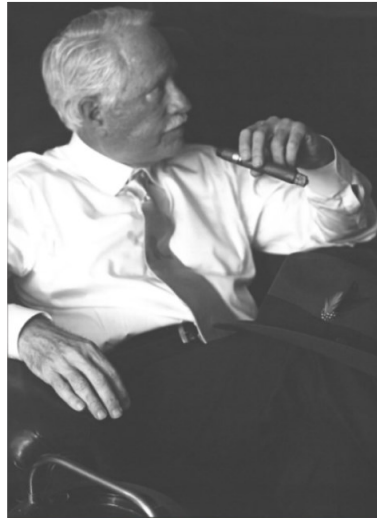
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1986—1990 / 1994-1998

Mayor

1998—2006 / 2010—2018

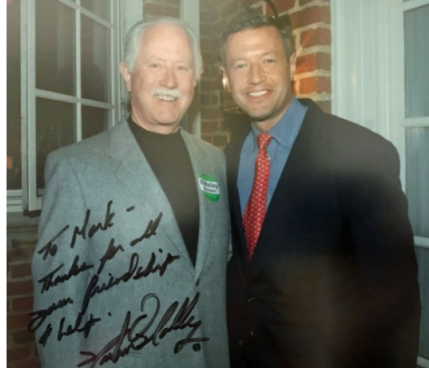
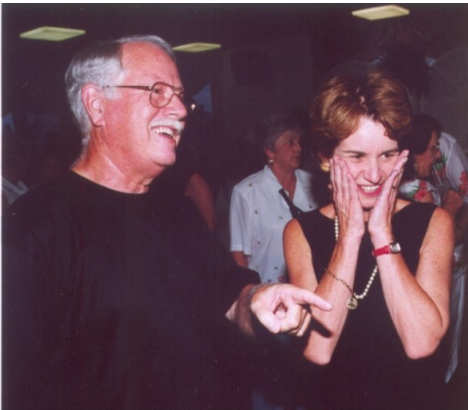
*Thank you for a job well done!*



*to Mayor Mark  
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North Beach Mayor*



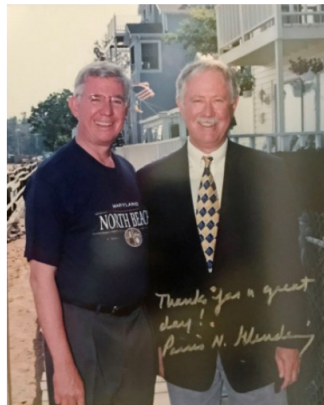
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# Town Attendants Saved Local Osprey

Town Attendants, Jessica and Lauren, were called upon by some walkers along the boardwalk back in August who noticed a bird stranded under the pier drowning. A fisherman was keeping an eye on him while everyone went to get help. Jess and Lauren quickly realized it was a local osprey nicknamed Edgar, Jr (EJ)! He was quite distressed sitting in the water. His wing was messed up and he was exhausted. The waves prevented him from swimming away from the



pier. After a long hour, he was able to get closer, and the girls scooped him up with a pool net. That is when they realized he was tangled in fishing line. They were able to lift him high enough and set him free. EJ was sent to Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary in Gaithersburg, MD for evaluation. While at the Wildlife Sanctuary, it



was confirmed that EJ did not have a broken wing and that she was a female rather than a male! After about a week, EJ was brought back to North Beach where she was released!

## News from the Code Enforcement Office

*Donnie Croteau and Rick Crump, Code Enforcement Officers*

Attention! The Code Enforcement Officers have begun parking enforcement in the commercial parking areas. Anyone that parks in the areas with a green-painted curb must have a hang tag that is issued by the town. If the hang tag is not clearly displayed, you will be ticketed. Please pay close attention to the parking signs.

As the fall and winter approach, I would like to remind everyone to rake and dispose of their leaves. Doing this helps keep our storm drains clear and helps reduce flooding.

As always, please be mindful of the following items:

- keeping trash cans screened from public view

- keeping grass and shrubs cut and trimmed properly
- avoiding an overaccumulation of trash, debris, or equipment
- Keeping your vehicle tags up to date
- properly maintaining the paint and roofing on your homes
- keeping the maintenance up on fences and sheds

If you have questions about the Town Code or related items, please refer to the town website where you can usually find answers to most questions. The Town Code is easily found using the "Find It Fast" button at the top right corner of the homepage.

To leave a message for the Code

Enforcement Office from the website, click on the Government tab, then go to Code Enforcement. On this page, you can click on the name of the person you would like to message.



### Calvert County Prescription Medication "Take-Back" Day

**Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Keep prescription medications from being abused. Remove unused and expired medications from your home.

**No questions asked!**

#### LOCATIONS:

Calvert County Sheriff's Office  
Prince Frederick

Maryland State Police, Barrack "U"  
Prince Frederick

Mt. Hope Community Center  
Sunderland

Northeast Community Center  
Chesapeake Beach

Southern Community Center  
Lusby



Sponsored by the Calvert Alliance Against Substance Abuse, Inc.  
For more information, Call 410-535-3733



# Museum Receives Generous Donations

Visitors always remark about the unusual artifacts that are showcased in the Museum. We would not have these items if it were not for the generosity of families who love the history of the Beaches and support us by gifting significant treasures for the public to enjoy.



*Left to right: Lauren Brandenburg, Craig Brandenburg, Mike Snyder, Rosalie Russell and Megan Snyder.*

Three weeks ago, Gracie, Vincent and Olivia made a trip to York Springs, Pennsylvania to pick up our newest treasure. This 1946 Bally LIDO nickel pin ball machine was originally in Ewald's Restaurant and Bar, which used to be located on the corner of Bay & 7th Street in the same building where the Post Office & Sweet Sue's exists today. When Ewald's closed in the 1960s Sammy Brandenburg purchased the pin ball machine and it's been in the Brandenburg family all these years. The Brandenburg's lived on 7th street and actually owned the site of Hook & Vine House at one time. Special 'hats off' to the Department of Public Works for getting the pinball machine safely off the truck and inside the museum.

Craig Brandenburg, pictured above, donated this pinball machine in memory and recognition of his family lovingly referred to as "COUSINS BY THE DOZENS".



This is the original Seeburg Juke Box from Uncle Billie's which was donated to the Bayside History Museum by the Sisk Family of SISK AUTO BODY, and dedicated to the memory of Ed and Ruby Lohmar. We still have visitors who remember dancing to the Juke Box when it was in Uncle Billie's. This Juke Box houses the original records that were still in it when it was taken out of Uncle Billie's.

Thank you so much Sisk Auto Body and Family.



This complete set of running gear including leather helmet and boots was donated by Joseph Fowler in memory of his grand-father, Captain Oscar Marshall, who was one of the original founders of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Leather helmets first appeared in the U. S. between 1821 and 1836 and were made by a New York City luggage maker, Henry

Gratacap. The aluminum helmets were introduced in the early 1900s as an alternative to the heavier leather helmet. Metal helmets were lighter in weight and less expensive to make than leather, but they had some real shortcomings. They readily conducted heat and electricity and were much more prone to bending and denting.



Thank you, Joseph Fowler and family, for all the NBVFD treasures that you gifted us. Thank you John B. Tippet Jr. Director of Fire Programs for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, for all the historical research on helmets, boots, and running gear. Stop by to learn the history of Firefighter Gear Details.



We are looking for any information that you may have on Bea's Inn, which was located in West Beach (between North & Chesapeake Beach). Please e-mail [baysidehistorymuseum@hotmail.com](mailto:baysidehistorymuseum@hotmail.com) or call Gracie at 410-610-5970.

**Through October 31: Open Wed thru Sun from 1 to 4 pm. November thru April: Open Sat and Sun 1 to 4 pm. Delighted to open other times. Visit us at [baysidehistorymuseum.org](http://baysidehistorymuseum.org).**



*Note: All trash/bulk/recyclables must be curbside by 6 a.m. Trash must be bagged, placed in a trash can with a lid.  
Recyclables must be in a container clearly marked recycling container. Bulk trash pickup is on a ONCE-A-MONTH BASIS, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.  
Call Town Hall by the Friday prior to the monthly pickup date to schedule an appointment for your bulk trash pickup.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER 2018				1 • Town Council Meeting, 7 pm	2 • Trash Pickup	3
	4 • Trash Pickup • Special Events Meeting, 7 pm	5 • Election Day at Town Hall, 7 am to 8 pm	6 • Recycle Pickup	7	8	9 • Trash Pickup
	11 • Trash Pickup • Holiday, Town Hall Closed	12	13 • Recycle Pickup	14	15	16 • Trash Pickup • Swearing in of New Mayor & Council at Town Hall, 8 pm
	18 • Trash Pickup	19	20	21 • Recycle Pickup • Bulk Pickup (Appointment Only)	22 • Holiday, Town Hall Closed	23 • Trash Pickup • Holiday, Town Hall Closed
	25 • Trash Pickup	26	27	28 • Recycle Pickup • Economic Development Committee Meeting, 7 pm	29	30 • Trash Pickup • Light Up The Town, 7 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DECEMBER 2018						1 • Holiday Parade/Santa & Christmas on the Beach, 12pm
	2 • Trash Pickup • Special Events Meeting, 7 pm	3 • Environmental Committee Meeting, 7 pm	4 • Recycle Pickup	5 • Work Session, 7 pm	6 • Trash Pickup	7
	9 • Trash Pickup	10	11	12 • Recycle Pickup	13 • Town Council Meeting, 7 pm	14 • Trash Pickup
	16 • Holiday Lights Contest Judging, 6 pm	17 • Trash Pickup	18	19 • Recycle Pickup • Bulk Pickup (Appointment Only)	20	21 • Trash Pickup
	23/30 • Trash Pickup	24/31 • Holiday, Town Hall Closed	25	26 • Recycle Pickup • Economic Development Committee Meeting, 7 pm	27 • Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm	28 • Trash Pickup

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JANUARY 2019		1 • Polar Bear Plunge, 1 pm • Holiday, Town Hall Closed	2 • Recycle Pickup	3 • Recycle Pickup • Work Session, 7 pm	4 • Trash Pickup	5
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## *Twin Beaches Branch Schedule*

### > **ALL AGES STORYTIME**

Saturdays, 10 am

### > **PRESCHOOLERS' STORYTIME**

Tuesdays, 10 am

### > **MIDDLES' STORYTIME**

Tuesdays, 11 am & Wednesdays 10 am

### > **LITTLES' STORYTIME**

Wednesdays, 11 am

### > **MAKEPLAYLEARN**

11/8, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11 at 6:30 pm  
Take building & creativity to a new level. We provide the space, Legos® & other building materials. You provide the imagination.

### > **JOB SOURCE MOBILE CAREER CENTER**

11/2, 12/7 at 1 pm  
Stop by to get job counseling & resume help, search for jobs & get , smart board instructional

technology, satellite internet access, exterior audio visual & broadcasting capabilities; state of the art workforce applications & connectivity for wireless mobile device access.

### > **MANGA CREATOR'S NIGHT**

3rd Monday of Each Month 7pm  
Comics and manga fans ages 10 to 17 gather to learn the techniques of drawing for comics.

### > **CALVERT CONVERSATIONS**

Second Thursday of each month 10 am  
Some of the who, what, where, why and when of local history! We sometimes "meet up" at local places. Call 410-257-2411 for up-to-date information. .

### > **CODE NAME 3.6**

First Thursday of each month (except December) 6:30 pm. For 3rd-6th grade eyes only! 3rd-6th grade students are invited to this series of events which uses plenty of

hands-on activities to have fun with reading! Each month we will explore a new theme and introduce a great chapter book on the topic. No advanced preparation is needed and a snack will be provided. Registration is required.

### > **KIDS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN**

Third Thursday of each month (except December) 6:30 pm  
Kids in kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to this series of exciting events exploring topics from art to history to science. Each month will include fun activities, crafts and a snack! Registration is required.

### > **BOOK DISCUSSION**

Second Monday of each month 7 pm Check website for topics.

### > **GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP**

12/8 10 am and 2 pm at Northeast Community Center. See website for details.