

2018

State of the Town



Mayor Mike Benton



# Department of Public Works / Town Engineer



- Spent a great deal of time working on stormwater-related issues. With over 70" of rain in 2018, there were several occasions where flooding was a problem. With the record rainfall, the current drainage system had a hard time keeping up, which has led the town to evaluate the current collection system and create a comprehensive plan to address issues that were observed over the past year.
- Completed the construction of the Shirt Shack.
- Worked with BGE to replace old, wooden street lights and upgraded them to new energy-saving LED street lights
- Constructed the pavilion on the boardwalk
- Started the design for well house upgrade at the DPW building.
- Prepared flood mitigation / temporary preparedness plan.
- Kicked off 5-year utility / infrastructure and drainage plan.
- Renewed partnership with Calvert County Department of Public Works & Transportation regarding infrastructure.
- Beach dredge and regrading of the beachfront to increase the usable beach area.
- Callis Park upgrade
- Performed a smoke test on the town's sewer system and found existing problems with the system. Addressed problems that were identified from the smoke test.
- Attended several meetings with SHA regarding the Rt. 261 road construction project.
- Prepared evacuation plan.



# Improvements at Callis Park



- Equipment for ages 5-12
- Bonded rubber surfacing
- “Innocence of Childhood” bronze sculpture
- Added fencing around Tot Lot
- Installed security cameras





# Improvements Around Town



- Lighting on Chesapeake Avenue
- Banners on Chesapeake Avenue
- Sculpture in the garden at 1<sup>st</sup> Street/ Boardwalk
- Trash cans on the pier, behind the Welcome Center and at Chesapeake/ Chestnut Avenue



# Improvements at the Boardwalk



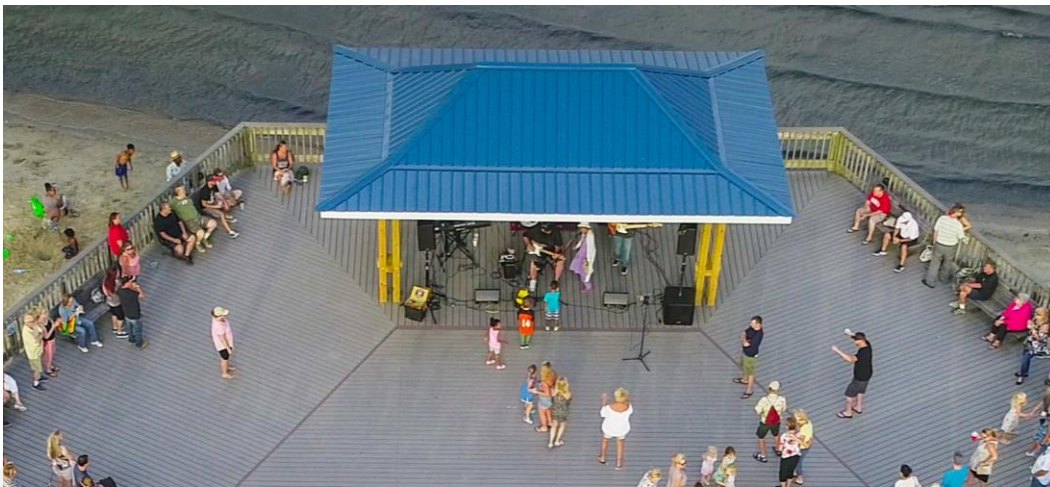
- GEM electric vehicle
- Received handicapped wheelchair donation
- Added an additional handicap access area to the beach
- Installed cameras to the t-section of the pier



# Improvements at the Boardwalk



- Completed the construction of the NB Shirt Shack and opened for the season
- Built a pavilion on the boardwalk
- Added four rocking chairs for public use under the pavilion





# Financial



- Healthy Living Grant/Maryland Energy Administration: \$25,000



- Community Legacy Grant: \$250,000 for Library
- Community Legacy Grant: \$50,000 for Lighting along Bay Ave



- Critical Areas Grant: \$4,000



- Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant: \$79,534



- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Balance: \$54,000



- Net assessable real property base increased from \$242,861,766 on July 1, 2017 to \$245,941,741 on July 1, 2018



- The town's Constant Yield Rate of 0.6329 per 100 of assessed value was adopted



- Trash Rate remained the same at \$327.00 annually



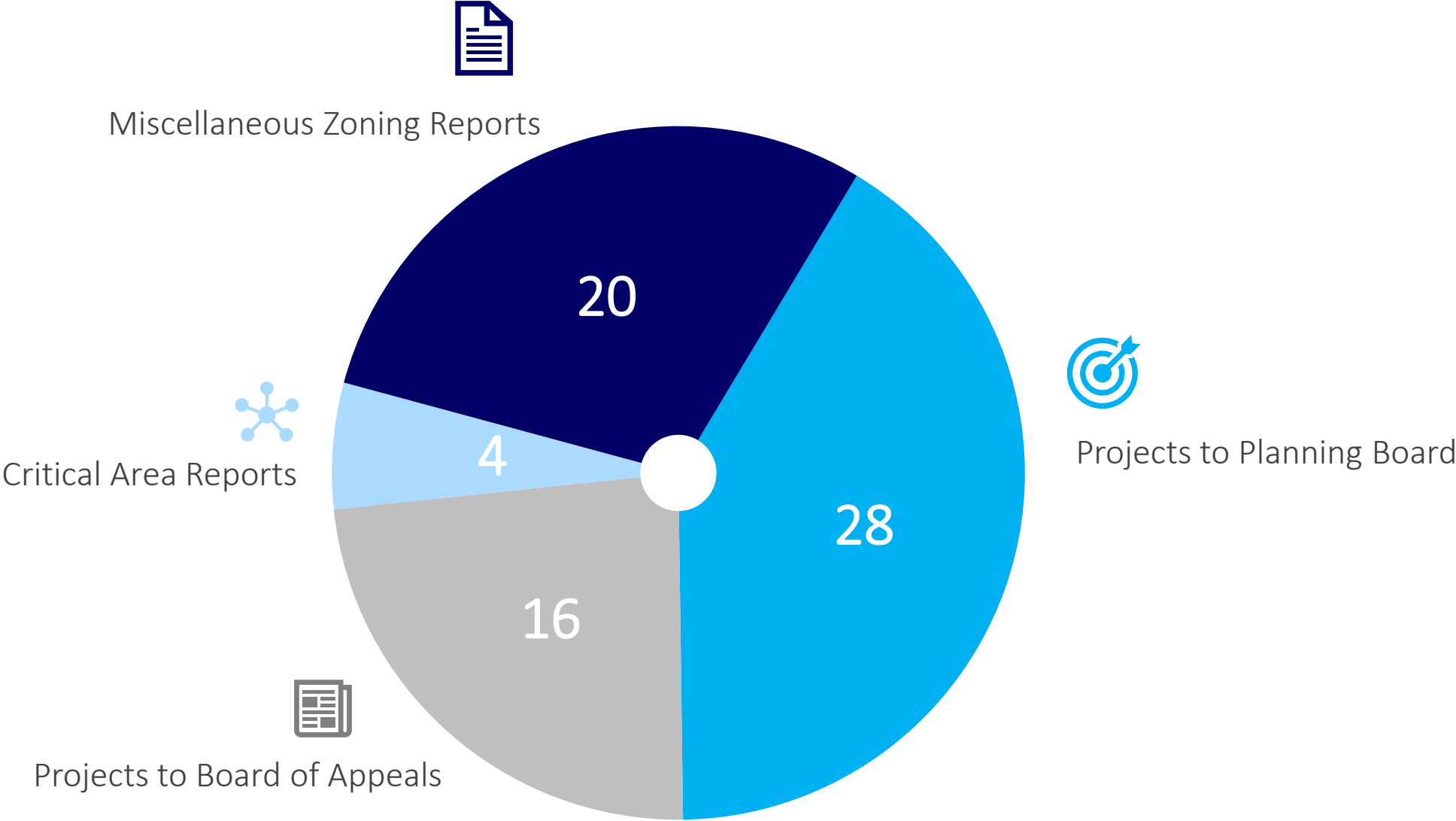
- Minimum water usage was reduced from 10,000 gallons to 8,000 gallons per quarter



- Minimum quarterly water and sewer bill remained at a rate of \$148.20



# Zoning



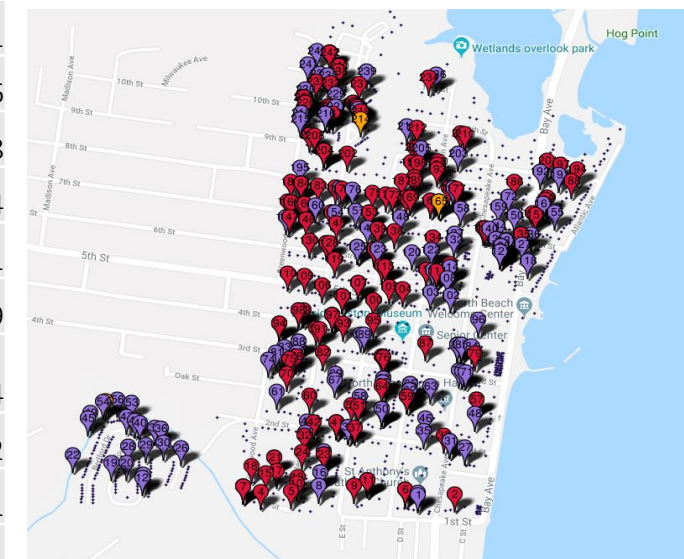
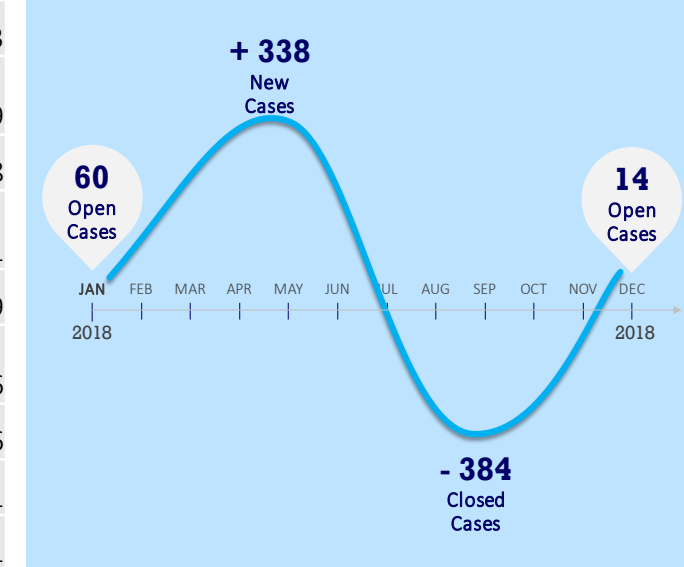


# Code Enforcement



## Violations / Inspections

Abandoned Dwelling	3
Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles	19
Accessory Structure	8
Animals Running at Large	1
Business Inspections	29
Dangerous Tree or Limbs	6
Exterior Structure	6
Fence	1
Motor Vehicles	1
Numbering of Building	1
Parking Restrictions	16
Protective Treatment	8
Rental Inspections	104
Roofing/Siding	1
Sanitation	9
Parking Prohibited in Specified Places	4
Trash/Rubbish	112
Tree Removal	1
Unregistered Vehicles, Parking Prohibited	34
Weeds	3
Weeds/Grass/Plants	61





# New Businesses in Town



- Hook & Vine opened May 2, 2018
- Long-time town business, Tan's Cycles and Parts, closed its doors and Triton's Garage opened in its spot
- Bay Arts Center (non-profit) located inside Chesapeake's Bounty offers a variety of art and music classes to all ages.





# Marketing / Public Relations



- North Beach made the “10 Places to Swim to Avoid Bridge Traffic” on nbc.com



- North Beach made the cover of the Old Town Crier again June 2018



- North Beach was in Arlington Magazine June 2018: “Discover Maryland’s Twin Beaches”



- WGTS919 did a live broadcast on the boardwalk July 13, 2018. Music, games, prizes and free ice cream.



- North Beach was featured in Only in Your State December 2018: “The 8 Coziest Towns in Maryland to Snuggle Up In This Season”



- NB Shirt Shack: All Things North Beach opened for the season. Sold promotional items such as shirts, hats, sunglasses, bags, mugs, etc.



- Text notification system went live; 371 subscribers at 12/31/2018



- Social Media followers:
  - Twitter: 1,232
  - Instagram: 1,906
  - Facebook: 10,093



- North Beach was featured in Bethesda Magazine July 2018: “Beach Bumming-MD’s family-friendly Twin Beaches serve up gentle reminders to relax and take it easy”



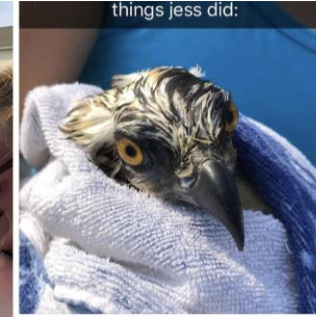
- Callis Park Acknowledgement Ceremony May 11, 2018



# Community Involvement



- This young Roseate Spoonbill was an immediate sensation for birders in June 2018. Birders from near and far, equipped with cameras, binoculars and spotting scopes, descended to see for themselves. The bird hung around for three weeks.



- Town Attendants saved an osprey, nicknamed Edgard, Jr.
- Turn the Beach Pink on October 24, 2018. Teamed with Twin Beaches Deputies, Chesapeake Beach and town businesses to raise money for breast cancer research.





# Special Events



Polar Bear Plunge



# Special Events



Comcast Cares / Plant the Town / Town Clean-up



# Special Events



Farmers' Market / Classic Car Cruise-In / Art Fair



# Special Events



Movies on the Beach / Drive-In Movies



# Special Events



Concerts on the Pavilion





# Special Events

**NORTH BEACH**  
2018 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

11  
BOB and HEATHER HALL  
3833 6th Street  
North Beach

10  
JEFF and DEBORAH NOYES  
4033 5th Street  
North Beach

9  
THE WESTLAWN INN  
Lee and Jan Travers  
9200 Chesapeake Avenue  
North Beach

8  
HEATHER WILLIAMSON  
4100 9th Street  
North Beach

7  
LAUREN KABLER  
HANNAH SARN  
9230 Atlantic Avenue  
North Beach

6  
KIRK and DEBBIE BETTS  
"Skipjack Cottage"  
9200 Atlantic Avenue  
North Beach

5  
RON and GINGER ARMSTRONG  
9137 Atlantic Avenue  
North Beach

4  
Siobhan Hensley  
9125 Atlantic Avenue  
North Beach

3  
CHESAPEAKE'S BOUNTY  
9124 Bay Avenue  
North Beach

2  
SUNRISE GARDEN  
8930 Bay Avenue  
North Beach

1  
BAYSIDE HISTORY MUSEUM  
4025 4th Street  
North Beach

START AT CHURCH PARKING LOT

LEGEND:  
★ REST STOP  
◇ WELCOME CENTER  
◇ BAYSIDE HISTORY MUSEUM  
◇ CHESAPEAKE'S BOUNTY

STREET NAMES: FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, FOURTH STREET, FIFTH STREET, SIXTH STREET, SEVENTH STREET, EIGHTH STREET, NINTH STREET, TENTH STREET, ELEVENTH STREET. CHESAPEAKE BAY, BOARDWALK, PARKING ROUTE, SUNRISE PARK, WELLS CENTER, MARSH, NATURE PARK.

(NOT DRAWN TO SCALE)



# Special Events



6<sup>th</sup> Annual End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival



# Special Events



North Beach American Film Festival



# Special Events



8<sup>th</sup> Annual DrinkMaryland



# Special Events



Sunrise: A Celebration of the Arts



# Special Events



Taste the Beaches in Chesapeake Beach



# Special Events



Hound of the Town





# Special Events



Boo Bash



# Special Events



Light Up the Town



# Special Events



Holiday Parade / Santa & Christmas on the Beach





**Mayor  
Mike Benton**



**Gregg  
Dotson**



**Paul  
Troncone**



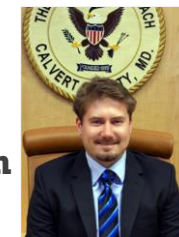
**Jane  
Hagen**



**Gwen  
Schiada**



**Elizabeth  
Lawton**



**Mickey  
Hummel**

# Swearing in of Mayor and Town Council


November 16, 2018





# Twin Beaches Library: Back in North Beach

Students partake in Smithsonian's exhibit at library



Northern High's calendar altered for relocation

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Newcomers Welcome Guide 2019  
Publishing January 23rd  
Contact Brook Ash for more information  
240-561-1390

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**North Beach gets nod for new library**

Commissioners concur with locale for replacement branch for towns

By TAMARA WARD  
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Calvert Library Board of Trustees recommended the town of North Beach as its choice for the site of the replacement Twin Beaches branch, and the county commissioners concurred with its selection for the new locale of the \$7.9 million replacement library on Tuesday.

The trustees presented a scoring matrix of four sites during the commissioners' meeting and scored each proposal on the categories of demographics, site size and configuration, general suitability, accessibility, neighborhood compatibility, cultural issues, ownership of

LIBRARY  
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**County schools make the grade**

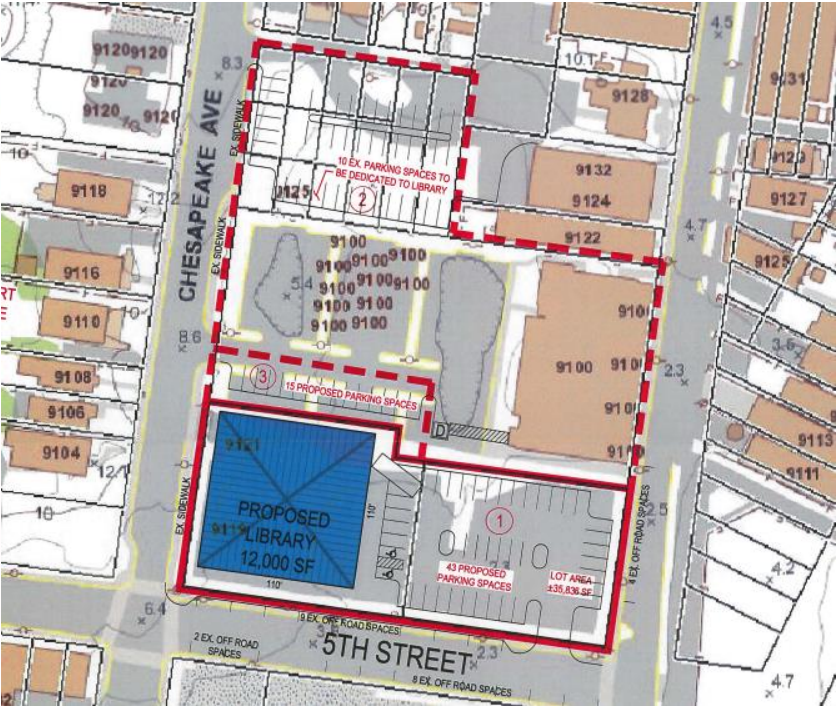
Nine earn five-star rating, while two lowest get three stars from the state

By MICHAEL ROSS  
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While Calvert County Public Schools recently re-

rating. The Pictorial Appeal program and St. Leonard Elementary received three stars.

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**Thank you for  
a great year!**

**NB**  
*The Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay*  
**North Beach, Maryland**