



North Beach

MARYLAND

"The Jewel of the Chesapeake Bay"

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARK R. FRAZER

Dear North Beach Residents,

This newsletter contains a great deal of information about the many things happening in North Beach this year. Some are recurring events while others represent new initiatives by the town to attract visitors to support our business community and to provide enjoyment for North Beach residents.

By all accounts the new Bay Harvestfest was an unqualified success. The weather cooperated, the ducks and pigs ran on schedule, the crowds were family-based and a good time was had by all. Look for the Bay Harvestfest to continue annually.

Earlier in the summer North Beach was chosen by the Maryland Wineries Association as one of only three state-wide locations for their "Eat, Drink, Go Local" festivals. This, too, was a very successful event with large crowds who had come from all over the state to enjoy a day of wine-tasting and dining. Many were visiting our town for the first time and promised to return!

Another new initiative was our "Drive-In Movie" night held on the 5th and Bay parking lot on September 17th. "Some Like It Hot" was viewed by moviegoers in over 25 vehicles. A good start and the "Drive-In Movie", also, will be continued next year.

As the season winds down on another year of "Friday Night Farmers' Market", I took the opportunity on September 16th to officially express the appreciation of the town to the many vendors who work so hard to prepare for this weekly gathering. Friday night in North Beach, from May to October, has become a social scene that residents and visitors, alike, enjoy and look forward to.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the town staff, volunteers and council members who "make" these good things happen in town. Also, the individuals who serve on our citizen's advisory committees working in the areas of public safety, economic development, environmental concerns and, of course, event planning. Thank you all so much!

Respectfully,
Mark R. Frazer, Mayor



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bay Harvestfest t-shirts are available for \$13. You can purchase them at Town Hall. Get one today!



- 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.
- Have you seen the debris floating in the bay or washed up on our beach? With recent heavy rains and the associated flooding, the debris has come down from the Susquehanna River. Our Town Attendants have been working diligently to remove logs, branches, timbers, etc.
- While driving on the evening of October 31st, be on the lookout for ghosts, goblins, witches and vampires that will be out trick-or-treating.

EVENTS

October

Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fire Prevention Open House.

The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department will host a free Fire Prevention Open House. Join them for food, games, demonstrations and lots of fun!

Saturday, October 29, 2 to 6 p.m.

Halloween Boo Bash. Children and pets are invited to wear Halloween costumes and meet on the boardwalk for a parade, trick-or-treating and costume judging. Next, visit local businesses for special treats and stop by Tans Cycles & Parts to observe the Halloween train display. A free movie on the beach will be shown at dusk.

Monday, October 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

Trick or Treat throughout Town. Be on the lookout for ghosts, goblins, witches and vampires while driving.

December

Friday, December 2, 7 p.m.

Christmas Tree and Display Lighting. Gather on the pavilion as we light up the town for the holiday season. The town Christmas tree and displays will be lit.

Saturday, December 3, 12 to 3 p.m.

Holiday Parade on Chesapeake Avenue. Spectators are invited to line Chesapeake Avenue to view the parade. Santa will arrive by fire truck at Town Hall where children can visit him and Mrs. Claus until 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Boys and Girls Club. Tell the kids to bring their wish list to share with Santa! Each child will receive a special treat.

Saturday, December 10, at dark
2nd Annual Luminary Holiday Walk. Join the Town of North Beach and the North Beach Business Loop for an evening of holiday shopping, caroling and cheer. The streets will be lined with candles and businesses will be open late with specials, holiday refreshments and more. Sing along with local carolers and let the holiday spirit take over.

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



For event updates, visit www.northbeachmd.org, "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @north_beach_md.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT BEACH SEASON

The Town Attendants would like to thank everyone for a fantastic summer season. We thought last year beat all records attending to over 40,000 visitors. This year was the real kicker – attending to over 54,000 visitors. Our Town Attendant crew grew as well, totaling 45 on staff. Working 3 shifts, from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. we were able to keep up with the demands of our guests and provide them with a clean and safe public space. This year the Calvert County Sheriff's Deputies were available to assist us along the waterfront during the evenings.

We added kayaks, standup paddleboards and bikes to our rentals for the season. This turned out to be a big hit. Our many events and activities were very well received and attended and we're ready to start planning the new 2012 season.

Please help us by keeping our beach, pier and boardwalk areas clean while we are gone. There are ample trash receptacles and "mutt mitt" stations for your convenience. There will not be a port-o-pot for public use; we have decided to leave the public restrooms open with limited hours. They will be closing at dusk and closed during inclement weather.

A few reminders while we are absent:

- keep your animals leashed and clean up after them,
- do not feed the wildlife, and
- no skateboards, bikes, etc. are allowed on the boardwalk.



Thanks again and we'll see you the last weekend in April, 2012.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas festivities in North Beach! See Page 2 for details.



CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Economic Development Committee

The North Beach Economic Development Committee has had an active year. Under the leadership of a new Chairperson, Lisa Payne, the Committee continued its ongoing efforts to promote North Beach as a "day-cation" destination.

As part of that effort, they evaluated and supported the Mayor's proposal to purchase new Christmas Light displays using economic development funds. They reviewed (from a town economics perspective) and issued opinions of proposals to develop bay-front properties. The Committee has also organized the popular "Cross The Bay For A Day" boat excursions which ran twice a month throughout the summer and saw new directional signs put up in town. The Committee recommended these signs to help lead visitors to town businesses.

Perhaps the biggest success of the Economic Development Committee this year, working with Calvert County and the North Beach Business Loop, was to help bring the Maryland Wine Association's "Eat, Drink, Go Local" wine festival to North Beach.

Economic Development Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Environmental Committee

The mission of the North Beach Environmental Committee is to foster

respect for the Chesapeake Bay by protecting our wetlands, embracing green initiatives and preserving open space. We will promote smart growth, economic opportunities, and public education. Our goal is to ensure a healthy, safe and attractive community. In alignment with its mission, the Environmental Committee is working on a number of important issues, including the clean-up of Walton Beach, which was recently purchased by the town; the flood mitigation project at the north end of town, recycling and consideration of a dog park. Meetings are open to the public and occur at Town Hall the first Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. Please join us to share your ideas and perspective!

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee organized the successful National Night Out event on August 2, 2011 and would like to thank the numerous people that volunteered for the evening.

The committee has been tasked to develop recommendations and create protocols for the utilization of Town Hall during extended weather-related emergencies. The committee is currently working on that task.

In addition, members of the Public Safety Committee have been heavily involved in discussions about how to encourage citizens to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program and National Night Out.

EVENTS (cont'd)

Sunday, December 18, after 7 p.m.
12th Annual Holiday Highlights Contest. Decorate your home or business for the holidays for your chance to win! There will be three categories: houses, townhouses and businesses. Prizes and certificates will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.

January

Sunday, January 1, 1 p.m.
Polar Bear Plunge. Take a dip, splash or swim in the frigid Chesapeake Bay with fellow plungers! All participants receive a certificate and are able to stand by the bonfire, drink hot cocoa and roast marshmallows. This event draws hundreds of brave participants and spectators.

TRAIN DISPLAYS

Tans Cycles and Parts puts together incredible Lionel model train displays. These amazing exhibits draw people from afar; we are lucky to have them right in our backyard! Tans is located at 9032 Chesapeake Avenue. For more information, call 410.257.6619

Halloween Train Display:

October 17 thru November 20, weekdays 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 12 to 5 p.m.

Holiday Train Display

November 25 thru January 14, weekdays 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 12 to 5 p.m.;
December 24 and 31, 12 to 5 p.m.;
December 27 thru 30, 12 to 8 p.m.

TWIN BEACH PLAYERS

The Twin Beach Players will present *Count Dracula* October 21 thru November 6 at NBVFD. There will be 11 performances, including a special midnight show on October 29th. Showtimes are as follows:
Oct. 21, 8 p.m.; Oct. 22, 8 p.m.; Oct. 23, 6 p.m.; Oct. 27, 8 p.m. (special \$5 show);
Oct. 28, 8 p.m.; Oct. 29, 8 p.m.; Oct. 29, midnight; Oct. 30, 6 p.m.; Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Nov. 5, 8 p.m.; and, Nov. 6, 8 p.m.
Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$12 for seniors, military, students and TBP members. Special rate for groups of 10 or more is \$10.

The all children's musical, *A Christmas Carol* will be performed November 25 thru December 11 at the NBVFD.

TOT LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Callis Park and the Tot Lot will be getting a facelift this fall.

The damaged tables will be repaired or replaced and recycling containers will be added to the park area. The Tot Lot will soon be under construction. The old playground equipment will be removed and replaced with more modern, up-to-date playground equipment. The Department of Public Works will complete this overhaul when usage is minimal. The entire park will be closed November 1, 2011 through April 13, 2012.

THE WALTON BEACH NATURE PRESERVE

In June 2011, the town acquired property on the town's northeast corner, which is known as The Walton Beach Nature Preserve. This property will be kept as natural and pristine as possible. There are security gates up and there will be no trespassing on the property. The town plans to maintain the area as a nature preserve and will be used in flood control and wetlands restoration efforts.

NATURE PARK AND OVERLOOK PIER

The construction of a small nature park and overlook pier has begun on town property at the end of Dayton Avenue. This overlook pier extends into the marsh area and provides a great place to take in beautiful views of wetlands and wildlife in our area. The nature park and overlook pier will be open to the public in the spring of 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

With Hurricane Irene dumping ten inches of rain and Tropical Storm Lee adding five more inches of rain, the Department of Public Works (DPW) was pleased with the performance of the new storm water pump. The pump, located on the beach at 5th Street, ran over 30 hours during the Hurricane and the town only experienced minor flooding compared to the days without the pump in place. Bay Avenue, Chesapeake Avenue, and 5th street had to be closed for a few hours during the peak of the storm, but when the rain tapered off early Sunday morning the pump caught up and streets were dry by 5 a.m.

In spite of all the rain, the construction of the new DPW building is progressing as scheduled. The building shell, including roof and shingles, is complete. The floor slab has been poured and the interior framing has been started. All other trades will begin work in the next week.

A new cross walk has been added on Bay Avenue in the area where the boardwalk runs east and west (just north of 5th street). This will allow pedestrians to safely cross the street and access the businesses located on the west side of Bay Avenue.

The DPW has installed new directional signs in key places around town. These signs will help in guiding visitors and residents to town businesses.

The dumpsters that are located at the town yard will be removed November 7th. These dumpsters were used for bulk trash and yard debris. After November 7th, all bulk trash and yard debris must be placed curbside to be removed by the trash contractor.

Fall is here and now is the time to take steps to prepare your home for colder weather. Make sure water lines are protected from freezing, re-caulk all windows and doors, keep gutters free from falling leaves and debris and think about a safe alternate heat source if needed for power outages.



Footers being poured.



Utility groundwork.



Side and back view.



Side and back view. Block work complete.



Roof trusses being set.

OCTOBER 2011

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
						: Beach & Welcome Center Close for the season 1
2	: Trash Pickup : Special Events Mtg., 7 pm 3	: Environmental Committee Mtg., 7 pm 4	: Recycling Pickup 5	: Council Work Session, 7 pm 6	: Trash Pickup : Last Farmers' Market of the season, 6 to 9 pm 7	8
9	: Trash Pick Up : Town Hall Closed, Columbus Day 10	11	: Bulk Pickup 12	: Town Council Meeting, 7 pm 13	: Trash Pickup 14	: NBVFD Open House, 10 am 15
16	: Trash Pickup : Historic Pres. Com., 7 pm : Public Safety Com., 7 pm 17	18	: Recycling Pickup 19	20	: Trash Pickup 21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	: Boo Bash, 2 to 6 pm : Movie on the Beach at dusk 29
30	: Trash : Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 pm 31					

NOVEMBER 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	: Trash Pickup : Special Events Mtg., 7 pm 7	: Environmental Committee Mtg., 7 pm 8	: Recycling Pickup : Bulk Pickup : Neighborhood Watch Training, 7 pm 9	: Town Council Meeting, 7 pm 10	: Trash Pickup : No Trash Pickup : Town Hall Closed 11	12
13	: Trash Pickup 14	15	: Recycling Pickup 16	17	: Trash Pickup 18	19
20	: Trash Pickup : Historic Pres. Com., 7 pm : Public Safety Com., 7 pm 21	22	: Bulk Pickup 23	: Thanksgiving Holiday Town Hall Closed 24	: Trash Pickup : Town Hall Closed 25	26
27	: Trash Pickup 28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	: Trash Pickup : Christmas Tree & Display Lighting on the pavilion, 7 pm 2	: Parade on Chesapeake Avenue & Santa at Town Hall, 12 to 3 pm 3
4	: Trash Pickup : Special Events Mtg., 7 pm 5	: Environmental Committee Mtg., 7 pm 6	: Bulk Pickup 7	: Town Council Meeting, 7 pm 8	: Trash Pickup 9	: Luminary Holiday Walk at dark 10
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25	: Trash Pickup : Town Hall Closed 26	27	28	29	30	: January 1st, 1 pm: Polar Bear Plunge 31



Two groups from North Beach took the Buy Local Challenge, where they

pledged to eat at least one thing from a local farm every day during the last week of July. These groups went one step further and planned parties and served dishes prepared with produce and wine purchased at our Friday Night Farmers' Market.

Each member of *The Spirit of the Bay Book Club* took the pledge and ended the week of the challenge with their book club discussion while they drank wine from local wineries and sampled appetizers prepared with local ingredients.

The ladies of *The Round Table Red Hat She-Gulls* also took the pledge. They ended the week of the challenge with a dinner party where they served wine from local wineries and a huge meal, including squash, tomatoes, corn pudding, green beans, ham, potatoes, shortcakes with a topping of blueberries and zucchini cake.

Stay tuned for the dates for next year's Buy Local Challenge!

MOST FAVORITE FARMERS' MARKET

The North Beach Friday Night Farmers' Market was one of the contestants in the 2011 America's Favorite Farmers Markets contest hosted each year by American Farmland Trust. The online contest is a nationwide challenge to see which of America's farmers markets can rally the most support from their communities. At the end of the contest on August 31st, one market from each category (large, medium, small, and boutique sized farmers market) won the title of "America's Favorite Farmers Market" for 2011.

We are proud to announce our very own Friday Night Farmers' Market was voted the **5th most favorite market in the state of Maryland!** Many thanks to our market patrons for taking the time to go online and vote for us! We are setting our sights even higher for next year!

For more information on American Farmland Trust or to donate, go to www.farmland.org.

The Spirit of the Bay Book Club and The Round Table Red Hat She-Gulls entered the Buy Local Challenge.



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR COLD WEATHER

by Paul Goins, Code Enforcement Officer

Once again the seasons are changing so that means we need to prepare our homes for the upcoming winter months. Nature itself is a natural enemy of our homes: sun, rain, wind, moss, snow, ice and even time affect the wear of our properties.

This time of year we worry about the wind, as well as, the snow and ice that we know will visit us in the near future. Caulking can affect our homes on the inside as well as the outside. Air leaks and moisture are big concerns if we let deterioration continue. Without proper maintenance, bigger issues will surely occur. There are many brands and types of caulk in the industry that you could use. The most important issue is not cost or brand, but that we protect our homes and provide the maintenance it deserves. Check your exterior caulk. Caulk all windows, doors, soffits, fascia, and any voids that catch your eye as you visually and physically walk around your home.

Weather-stripping on windows and doors is another area that should concern us this time of year. Check it; it only takes a minute. If it looks bad, address it. It could appear to be in good condition but you could hear or feel the wind penetrate the door. Adjusting the strike plate is a minor repair, but cost effective.

Filters, filters and more filters: replace your furnace filters monthly. Doing so will surely help save on utility cost. Consider removing the front panel (door) of your furnace and give it a good vacuum. If nothing else it will improve its efficiency.

Areaways: don't they have drains? Clean the leaves from the bottom landing. Make sure they drain before we get to nasty weather. You could also take a hose and let the water run through the drain to make sure there are no issues. All drains are not equal. Depending on the age of your home and the habits of your builder the drain could be 1-1/2 inches up to 4 inches. The bigger the drain the faster the flow.

Gutters: the leaves are falling from the trees so now is the time to remove any debris that might create a weather-related problem. Ice damming comes to mind and if we can prevent it we should. Make sure you check your downspouts; we need to maintain positive drainage, especially this time of year. Wet basement and mildew are not what we want.

Roof shingles, fascia, and soffits should be checked for damage that might have happened during the earlier part of the year. If you see issues take care of them.

Exterior hose bibs are not used during the winter months; turn them off. Broken pipes are no fun especially during the colder months. Never leave a hose connected to the exterior hose bib during cooler months; the hose freezes and the water will continue to freeze and works its way back to your pipes. These are just a few of the things we should think about. Walk, look, find, and repair deficiencies. Remember your home is an investment.

PHRAGMITES: WHAT ARE THEY ANYWAY?

Phragmites are the tall invasive plants that exist near the wetland areas. They grow in large dense clumps that are of little or no wildlife value and inhibit plant and wildlife diversity from occurring.

The town has begun a program to control phragmites in the area along the shoreline of the tidal wetlands from the area of the town garage at Dayton Avenue to the area along the wetland pond behind the houses on Atlantic Avenue north of 9th Street. The town will be using a chemical spray that is approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for this purpose. The chemical application is being done by a state-licensed applicator.



The removal of the phragmites will help improve the vitality of the wetlands. The spraying will continue with future applications to further control the phragmites from re-establishing. Precautions are being taken to not let any of the sprayed chemicals reach beneficial plants and private property outside the areas where the phragmites are located. Further information on phragmites control can be found on the DNR web page at: http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/plants_wildlife/phrag.asp. Please contact Town Hall if you have any questions about the town's efforts for phragmites control.

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOT FEED THE WATERFOWL

People have always enjoyed feeding ducks, seagulls and geese at the beach. They feel they are doing the birds a big favor, helping them out. What they might not realize is that feeding these birds is detrimental to them and the environment in many ways.

Regular feeding can cause:

Poor nutrition: When ducks are regularly fed bread, ducklings will not receive adequate nutrition for proper growth and development. Because ducks will naturally seek out an easy food source such as human handouts, ducklings will not learn to forage for natural foods as easily.

Spread of disease: Feeding ducks can increase the spread of diseases in two ways. First, a carbohydrate-rich diet leads to greater defecation, and bird feces easily harbor bacteria responsible for numerous diseases, including avian botulism. Second, moldy bread can cause aspergillosis, a fatal lung infection that can decimate entire duck and waterfowl flocks.

Unnatural behavior: When birds become accustomed to handouts, they lose their natural fear of humans and may become aggressive in order to get more food.

Pollution: When too much bread is offered to ducks, not all of it will be eaten. The soggy, uneaten bread is unsightly and rotting bread can create noxious odors as



well as lead to greater algae growth that can clog natural waterways. This concentrates the pollution and can eventually eradicate fish and other life in the vicinity.

Overcrowding: Where an easy food source is abundant, ducks and other waterfowl will lay more eggs and the bay will become overcrowded. This makes it more difficult for the birds to seek out healthier food sources and increases the likelihood of territorial aggression.

Delayed migration: Feeding alters normal migration patterns of waterfowl by shortening or even eliminating them. Ducks, reluctant to leave in the winter, may not survive sudden cold.

Pest attraction: Rotting supplies of food leftover from satisfied ducks will attract other unwelcome pests such as rats, mice and insects. These pests can also harbor additional diseases that can be dangerous to humans.

TIPS TO PREVENT THEFT FROM AUTOMOBILES

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. Medications and cash 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.

SAVE THE DATES



- May 4, 2012, 6 to 9 p.m., the Friday Night Farmers' Market season begins.
- Memorial Day Weekend, May 26 thru May 28, 2012, Stars and Stripes Forever Festival: The Town of Chesapeake Beach invites you to attend this First Annual event to gather, celebrate, honor and remember our fallen heroes and their families. Stay tuned for more information.
- June 3, 2012, House and Garden Tour and Art Show, 1 to 5 p.m.

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NORTH BEACH'S MOST BEAUTIFUL



Volunteering is priceless! That's what the bumper sticker says on that back of Sally Donaldson's car and that's why she was a nominee for the 2011 Calvert You Are Beautiful contest. Nominated by Mayor Mark R. Frazer on behalf of the Town of North Beach, Sally was one of 22 deserving nominees.

Sally spends the majority of her time volunteering around town, including working the Friday Night Farmers' Market; coordinating children's games, campfires and story-telling on the beach; working at Town Hall preparing water bills and newsletters for mailing; walking with the Red Hatters group; and assisting at the Senior Center. Sally is also a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Special Events Committee and the President of the North Beach House and Garden Club.

When something needs to be done, Sally is the first one to volunteer! She gives of herself for the betterment of others. She donates her time, effort and services without compensation and enjoys every minute of it. Although another deserving volunteer won the Calvert You Are Beautiful contest, we consider Sally to be North Beach's Most Beautiful!

