

*It's going to be a Great Year in Chesapeake City!*



Check out all our in-town restaurants for romantic Valentine's Day dining events.



**WELCOME PRIME 225!**

We are all excited to experience the ambience and cuisine of our newest restaurant, Prime 225 on Bohemia Avenue. The doors will open on this beautiful new addition to our town on **January 20**.



## Chesapeake City NEWSLETTER

*Valuable information for town residents from your Mayor and Town Council Members*



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WINTER 2016

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**Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2016!**

As I reflect on the holiday season, I am overjoyed by the number of residents that made the Town look so amazing. Winterfest was a wonderful success again this year! Thank you to the many volunteers that helped with this event and that helped throughout the year. Also, for those of you that took the time to complete and return the community survey questionnaire that I sent out, thank you very much for your input. I look forward to addressing your concerns and implementing your suggestions. As you will read below under the Councilperson's sections, we have a number of projects in the works, including a new water storage tank (yes, the old one will be removed), a new sewer plant, and more sidewalk, streetscape, and trail projects. Lastly, I would like to welcome Trudy Carter to Town Council – she's going to be a great addition! She was appointed by Council on December 21st to fill the vacant seat resulting from Rick Post's resignation in November. *Get ready folks, 2016 is going to be a busy yet great year in Chesapeake City!* **DEAN GERACIMOS, Mayor**

**TRUDY CARTER, Parks and Recreation, Ethics, Charter:**

I am privileged to have been unanimously approved by members of Town Council and appointed to become a member of the Council. For those of you who don't know me, I have resided in Chesapeake City with my husband, Norman, for 17 years. Over the years I have held the position of the Secretary of the North Chesapeake City Neighborhood Association, been a member of the Water & Sewer Committee, a long-time volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt and Ghost Walk, and a Winterfest Sponsor. My career for over 25 years has been in real estate sales and property management in PA, DE & MD. I feel my experience in this field is an asset to my position on Town Council. Together with my husband who is a member of the Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Department and, until recently, a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission,

we have been actively involved in the town since our move to Chesapeake City. I am impressed with the direction that the town has taken over the past several years with the boosting of tourism, the canal trail, and the water extension just to name a few accomplishments. I am looking forward to serving the residents of Chesapeake City and working with Mayor Dean Geracimos and the council on the continuation of the town's revitalization plans.

**HARRY SAMPSON, Water & Sewer, Parking, Historic Commission**

**Water & Sewer:** We continue moving forward with our plans to construct a new waste Water Treatment Facility to replace our two outdated facilities. We are in the engineering stage for the new water storage tank. Our valve inspection program is complete. We now are identifying



## PLAN AHEAD:

### St. Patrick's Day PARADE and PUB CRAWL

**MARCH 12** - From noon on  
Looking for SPONSORSHIPS  
FOR BAND PARTICIPANTS - Call  
Natalie Gentry at 410-920-7018  
for information on the Parade etc.  
and [www.ChesapeakeCity.com](http://www.ChesapeakeCity.com)



**FIREWORKS CELEBRATION DATE:**  
Friday Night - July 1, 2016

**SAVE THE DATE**

and planning to replace any valves that do not operate correctly, to assure that we can isolate leaks without shutting off large areas of the town.

*I thank everyone who has sent me their well-wishes during my convalescence.*

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#### **FRANK VARI, Planning & Zoning, Recycling, Races:**

Hope all had a happy Christmas and may Your New Year be a prosperous one. We will be starting more CPR classes in the near future, if interested contact Town Hall so you can be put on the list. You will be certified in CPR/AED, Cost will be \$5.00. This is for all residents and businesses to take advantage of. Be prepared to save a life.

**Starting January 1, 2016, NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY SORT MAY BE PLACED IN SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING. Now is the time to start bringing your reusable bags on your shopping trips!**

**Recycling:** Yard Waste: Monday--Trash: Tuesday -- Wednesday: Single Stream Recycling. Special pick up contact Junk Bee Gone directly.

**No Yard Waste in January and February.** Will start back up March 1. Christmas Tree pickup-January only.

**The 7th Annual Chesapeake City New Years Day 5K R/W** was a great success (56) Sponsors - (294) Participants. All proceeds go to help fund our award-winning Recycling Program. Totals are in for 2015 Recycling efforts, **The 8th Annual Chesapeake City Canal 5k R/W** takes place on

the Ben Cardin Trail, June 25. Races2Run and Nova Timing Systems will manage our start and finish line. **facebook.com/chesapeake.city.races.**

Questions, suggestions or concerns? Contact me at [f.vari@chesapeakecity-md.gov](mailto:f.vari@chesapeakecity-md.gov) or Phone 410-885-2161.

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#### **BILL MINERS, Public Docks, Finance, Special Projects Cecil County Rep. to WILMAPCO:**

**Docks:** Last year's significant ice floes took out the North Dock. Our insurance enabled us to replace the dock and we designed the replacement with the ability to remove the floating section, thereby eliminating the danger of winter damage. The dock has been removed for the winter season and will be set back in place in early spring.

**Winterfest:** Winterfest was very successful this year. Much of this success was made possible by volunteers that pitched in throughout the entire season. To all those that helped this year we say a hearty "THANK YOU".

**Financial:** Fortunately the General Fund continues to operate on budget. Our Water & Sewer Fund is also in a very strong position.

**Canal Trail:** The trail has been a great addition to our town. Residents as well as people from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland have come to enjoy the outdoor activities supported by the trail.

**FYI: Pet Waste Stations are a recent addition on the trail. Please use them!**

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**The time it takes for a plastic bag to decompose in the environment: 10-20 years!**



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#### **CARLA MINERS, Tourism, Economic Development, Newsletter:**

**WINTERFEST and More:** What a fantastic holiday season we had! Besides Mother Nature bestowing unseasonably warm weather on us, town enjoyed an influx of new customers/visitors thanks to both outstanding editorial coverage from our media friends and full page advertisements in *Chester County Press* and their satellite publications: *Kennett Square Life*; *Hockessin Life*, *Newark Life*, *Chester County Life*, *Middletown Life* and *Cecil County Life* magazines. These quarterly magazines are all mailed free to specific zip codes and available for free pick-up at advertiser drops. We had reports from several merchants, the Candlelight Tour volunteers, the Ice Rink volunteers, and even from the Trail users that people were responding to those publications—many coming here for the first time. We also advertised and had great publicity in *Tidewater Trader* in Kent County, in the *Cecil Whig* and their *360 Magazine*, *The Cecil Guardian*, *WXCY Radio*, *55 Hours* in the *News Journal*, and on event websites for *Delaware Online* and the *Baltimore Sun*.

We had record attendance for the **Candlelight Tour** (around 500!) and for the **Lions' Club Tree Lighting** (about 600!). Most popular happenings were: **Blue Max Victorian Teas** (sold out early!), **Santa's Workshop** (record attendance), and the **Carriage Rides** (sold out). We plan to have more Santa hours next year and more carriage rides as they are immensely popular.

**WINNERS OF THE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST:** North Side - **Jennifer Alexander**, 544 Biddle St.; South Side - **The Watson Family**, 209 Charles St., and Business Winner: **Blue Max**. *Congratulations to all, and thank you to everyone who competed and helped make Chesapeake City a holiday sightseeing destination.*

**SHOPS:** We especially want to thank the merchants who kept longer than usual hours and who were open during nighttime events. We understand they were rewarded nicely for their extended open times.



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## **HOT TRAIL NEWS**

**WOOHOO!** We are now ON THE MAP so to speak! **TrailLink**, the top app and website for Bike Trails, Walking Trails & Offline Trail Maps for outdoor enthusiasts has added our location to their information. The Ben Cardin C&D Canal Recreational Trail has now been approved and accepted for a page on their website: <http://www.trailink.com/trail/ben-cardin-cd-canal-recreational-trail.aspx>. **Please do submit your photos of our trail and/or post a review of your experiences along the trail on the website.** If you want the app for your phone - it's available through itunes. Our printed trail maps are available in a covered brochure holder at the trailhead located at the base of Lock Street and at Town Hall.