Cape St. Claire Quarterly Membership Meeting: Join County Council Rep. Cathy Vitale and Capt. Pamela Davis at the clubhouse, Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

President's Perspective

We are off to a roaring start! Last month I an-

nounced a couple of initiatives: Clubhouse Improvement and a Long-Range Planning Committee. I would like to clarify that both of these initiatives are in the planning stages and that neither one is a done deal. Both of these ideas are vision statements on my part, setting a direction as to where I think we should go as a Board and a community.

For the clubhouse initiative, the first question on any survey will be, "Do you want a new clubhouse?" Clubhouse planning will continue under the Clubhouse chair Mike Juras, who will hold a public meeting in the near future. The meeting will concentrate on the possibility of a new clubhouse and the potential alternatives for it.

At the February Board of Governors meeting, the Board set up an ad hoc Long-Range Planning committee. This committee will include John Daly as committee chair, Craig Madden (Beaches and Parks chair), Mike Juras (Clubhouse chair), Sam Gallagher (Piers chair), and a member of the budget committee (TBD). They will start working on a 10-year plan this year and make suggestions as to how and/or if the LongRange Planning committee should continue into the future. An ad hoc committee has only a one-year term and each year, when the Board reorganizes (after elections in January), the committee would have to be re-approved. My vision is to have a standing Long-Range Planning committee, which will require by-law changes, as I described in last month's issue

Spring is upon us – a time for rejuvenation and increased activities. Many of us have children involved in baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and many other activities. Sailing season will start soon and youth sailing camp registration has already begun. See the Cape St. Claire website www.cscia.org for a link to more information on that. Toward the end of spring, we will enjoy the Strawberry Festival, as always, brought to you by Mary Lamb (who is also on the Board of Governors as the Membership Chair) and a hard-working group of volunteers. The Garden Club will soon begin taking care of several community areas and bringing us the friendly 'Yard-ofthe-Month' competition. There are many other groups and organizations that help the community as well. All these activities are brought to you via volunteers - busy people stretching their time just a little further in order

to make Cape St. Claire one of the best communities I have ever seen or heard of. I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and I hope that you keep it up. Your involvement is one of the main reasons the Cape is such a great place to live.

Our County Council Representative Cathy Vitali and Captain Pamela Davis are both on the agenda for our April Membership meeting. I hope to see you all there. It should be fun to hear what is going on – not only in our community – but in the surrounding areas as well. It will also be a good chance for you to ask questions and make suggestions to both of these county leaders. Sincerely,

Dan Wolin **CSCIA** President

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Board in Brief

he CSCIA Board of Governors met on March 13, 2006 for its monthly meeting. President Dan Wolin provided opening remarks, including:

- The CSCIA received notice of an insurance rate reduction.
- A proxy ballot was received from the Little Magothy River Association, for which we get five votes.
- A bill for various legal services was received from the CSCIA's legal representative.

Minutes and Financials:

A motion was made to approve the February 13, 2006 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended. This motion was unanimously approved. Another motion was made to approve the

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The Board of Governors

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Peter Clarke

Vice-President Josephine Gardner Secretary Joe Daly Treasurer Matt Puglisi **Committee:** Chair: Beaches & Parks Craig Madden Josephine Gardner Building Caper Kari Maltz Clubhouse Mike Juras Covenants Matt Puglisi Long Range Planning Joe Daly Membership Mary Lamb Personnel Josephine Gardner Piers Sam Gallagher Roads Bruce Campbell Web Master Frank Newman

Budget Committee:

Nominating

Office:

President

Chris Knott, Matt Scarlett and Carl Schumaker

January 31, 2006 Financials. This motion was also unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks: Governor Madden reported that one of his Beaches and Parks maintenance employees would soon be leaving.

Piers: Governor Gallagher reported that completed boat slip rental contracts are being received back from the renters.

Website: Governor Newman is exploring possible methods of facilitating the receipt and processing of various payments received into the CSCIA office. He requested suggestions and input from the board members.

Mosquito Spraying: Governor Gardner received brochures describing how communities can conduct their own mosquito spray program. Governor Gardner may explore the possibility and estimated cost for the CSCIA to do this.

Caper: Governor Hotchkiss reported that she initiated an effort to get all of the Caper advertisers on a quarterly invoice system.

Covenants: Governor Puglisi distributed a report of various violations reported to the County and the status of these violations. He also reported that the CSCIA and the CSCIA's attorney have both sent letters to four residents reported to have illegal apartments.

Membership: Governor Lamb reported that the Cape Cleanup is (Cont. on page 3)

Board

(Cont. from page 2) scheduled for Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th. The County will also provide recycling receptacles for the cleanup this year including paper, metal, glass, plastic, wood and yard waste

Clubhouse: Governor Juras reported that one of his Clubhouse maintenance employees would soon be leaving. He also discussed wanting to get board member suggestions and input for possible future clubhouse improvements.

Closed Session: The BOG went into a Closed Session meeting from 9:20 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Two board members were absent. A motion was made

to "excuse" one of these members, as he provided prior notification of his necessary absence, and deem the other absence as "unexcused." This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: The regular meeting of the March 13, 2006 Monthly BOG Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The next Monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2006.



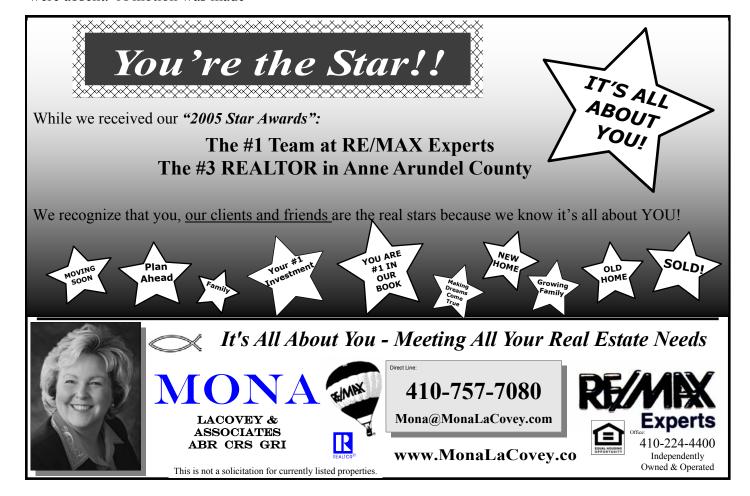
Anne Arundel County Executive Janet S. Owens announced that the Anne Arundel County Medicare Part D Assistance

Center has helped 1,250 area residents since opening January 27, 2006.

Owens opened the new Assistance Center, located at 2666 Riva Road, Suite 110; after seeing the urgent need for understanding the new Medicare prescription drug legislation.

Staff from the Department of Aging and Disabilities remain at the center, available free-of-charge to help with questions and concerns until May 15, 2006.

Transportation is available to the center, which is open Monday through Friday. For transportation requests or to make an appointment, please call 410-222-4464





County Council in Action March 2006

By Cathleen Vitale, 5th District County Council Representative **Four Chairs, Five Students** (A simple math problem)

The other night, I was pondering decimals and fourth grade math homework with my son, and preparing for a local Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. struck me as funny that, just as my parents said to me, I was telling my son, "This must be new math, because that's not how I learned to do it. How many times, I wonder, do parents all over the County utter those words to their children? I, as I suppose many of you, still believe that 2 plus 2 is four, and just like in musical chairs, when you have four chairs and five children, one gets left out. I always wonder, which one?

The Anne Arundel County Council recently passed Resolution #04-06, the new utilization charts for schools. From a practical point of view, the action by the Council was to review which schools, based on the number of students are enrolled in a school, had room for more students, and which ones did not. If there is space, the school is deemed open for development purposes and if no space, closed for development

purposes. By way of example, Broadneck High school is a closed school. Therefore there can be no development in the Broadneck area that would result in additional students being sent to the high school. Since there is no space at the high school, even where there is space at a middle or elementary school, development is stopped because of over capacity at the high school. (This does not however, as you have seen, prevent development of age restricted housing). If an elementary school is closed, say, Folger McKinsey, then new subdivisions are stopped in those areas where the children would attend Folger, but could continue in the Oak Hill Elementary school area where there is space (or so they say).

That brought me to the following: When I travel throughout the schools in our district, I pay particular attention to how a school is being used. Are there portables? Are the specials in the portables or are they in the main part of the school. In most cases, the principal utilizes the space in a way that he or she feels best meets the needs of the students. O.K., so far so good. Well then, what happens when you go to the school and count the number of children actually attending the school? I was surprised to see that those numbers are not the ones we use when developing the open/closed chart. For that, it appears, we count the children based on where they should be attending, not where they are in actual attendance. I find myself asking, what good is that?

Anne Arundel County permits transfers between schools and school feeder systems. The best example these days would be a transfer for day care. Your child is attending Cape St. Claire Elementary for day care purposes rather than Arnold Elementary, his home school. The County, for purposes of the development chart, counts the child as if he were attending Arnold Elementary, even though he is not there. He is not counted at Cape St. Claire, where he is attending. Four chairs, five students. If the placement of that one student changes the capacity figures for the school, it could mean allowing development in an area where there is no space and disallowing it where there is. And they said fourth grade math was tough.

For those who watched the County Council meetings last month, be advised that as promised, I will be introducing legislation that clarifies those streets and highways which have been designated as scenic or historic roads in order that we may be insured that the protection we intended for these roads and the characteristics that make them scenic or historic are preserved. The hearing dates should be posted on our website

Remember, May is quickly approaching. Please let me know of budgetary concerns in and around your area. Feel free to email me at cvitale@aacountv.org.

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Date: Tuesday, April 11

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Cape St. Claire

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Presenter: Diana Lendle **Topic:** How to Get a Captain's

License

Captain Diana Lendle is a current resident of Annapolis who holds a 50-ton professional USCG captain's license. A retired naval officer, she has over 35 years of experience both in power and sail.

She teaches the USCG captain's class for the Community College of Baltimore County at both the

Essex and Dundalk campuses. She also owns her own company, Lendle Nautical Services, where she offers individualized instruction to current and perspective boat owners.

You may have seen Diana working as a water taxi captain, both in Baltimore and Annapolis. She currently works part time for West Marine on Hillsmere Drive.

Diana's presentation will cover all steps in the process of acquiring the USCG license and what experiences are required to qualify. Brief explanations of the licenses that will be covered are as follows:

Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessel (OUPV) or "6-Pack" License: This license is most appropriate for uninspected passenger vessels which, by law are limited to six or fewer passengers

for hire. These are usually smaller vessels and normally engage in charter fishing, whale watching, SCUBA diving, and tour cruises.

Master, 100 Tons License (less than 100 gross register tons and only for 25, 50, or 100 gross register tons): This license is most appropriate for operating small passenger vessels carrying more than six passengers that are inspected for and carry a USCG Certificate of Inspection (COI).

Typical vessels include charter boats (head boats), small ferries, dinner boats, water taxis, sightseeing and whale watch vessels.

Date: Tuesday, May 9 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Location: Cape St. Claire Club-

house

Presenter: Joanne Daum **Topic:** Marine Wood Finishing

Joanne has been in the marine industry for 25 years. She started working in marinas and then established a custom yacht carpentry business.

Joanne and husband Wayne's current boat is a wood Samurai sloop (Eldredge McGinnis design - a company that was mostly known for powerboats) built in Yokohama Harbor, Japan in 1959. She is 28'6", double planked mahogany, teak deck.

They've been restoring her for 8 years. The interior has ash beams, Spanish cedar bulkheads, and is quite lovely.

They lived aboard 13 years before moving into an apartment to restore the sailboat.

For more information about the Yacht Club, please call Karen Whitaker, Commodore at 410-757-2975.

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Greetings from the Cape Oyster Nursery

The Cape Oyster Nursery is about to kick off a new year and would like your help, but first here is a review

of last year: We were able to restart the nursery with a new pump donated by the CSCIA and funds from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The season started with a new experimental source of spat (baby oysters) which was unsuccessful. Luckily, we were able to acquire additional spat that were processed using the old technique - on shells. Attaching spat to a small grain of sand and using a plastic mesh bag, a new technique, proved successful. The spat then grew without the use of a recycled shell. We had average growth of approximately 1.5" by the end of the season.

Our nursery seems to be especially successful with young spat due to good circulation and its location near the mouth of the Magothy River. Dick Cary, coordinator for the MRA Oyster Nurseries, expressed an interest in expanding the use of the Cape Nursery because of these advantages and past successes.

We invite anyone who would like to be an oyster project team member to email Rene Burgan at reneeart@msn.com or Rick Danforth at r.danforth7389@att.net. Again thanks to Greg Young (G.Y. Plumbing, Ltd.), Mike and Anna Montgomery, Dave Sltosky (Electracon, Ltd.), the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc., and the Magothy River Association for their ongoing assistance and support.

Written and submitted by Rick Danforth and Rene Burgan



Strawberry News

tinues to get a little warmer and the days grow longer, your Strawberry Festival Committee is hard at work planning this year's festival. The festival is scheduled for Saturday June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

As the weather con-

The festival begins with the annual parade at the Cape St. Claire Fire Department. Everyone is welcome to join our parade.

The Decorated Bikes and Berriest Baby(s) are sure to bring a smile to everyone's face. (Look for the registration forms for the Berriest Baby and the Decorated Bike Contest on the Community Board at Graul's Market.)

In order to make our parade complete; we need a queen and/ or king and a princess. If you wish to nominate some one from the CSC community to be the 2006 Strawberry Festival king and/or queen, please contact Mary at 410-757-0593 for details

If you are a CSC resident entering 9th, 10th 11th or 12th grade and wish to be considered for the 2006 Strawberry Festival Princess; please see the entry form in this edition of the Caper for details or contact Mary at 410-757-0593.

The festival is sure to be a wonderful time for all. This year we are blessed with local bands to provide entertainment for the day. In addition there will be a moon bounce, the rock climbing wall, lots of food and many

creative games. The Strawberry Kitchen will be open, featuring strawberry short cakes, strawberry sundaes, and strawberry short cake sundaes. For those of you looking for something a little stronger, strawberry daiguiris will be served in the BEER GAR-DEN

Inside of the clubhouse, next to the Strawberry Kitchen, you can find wonderful bargains at the silent auction. Outside of the clubhouse you will be amazed at the wonderful craft items for sale. This year's festival has invited 40+ crafters to join in the festivities.

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the Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for you!! The Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for a young lady to represent our wonderful community at this year's festival. If you are interested, please submit a 500-word essay entitled, "Cape St. Claire a Wonderful Place to Live" along with this form and a picture of yourself to: Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival 1180 Summit Dr. Annapolis, MD 21409. The essay should summarize what you like about the Cape and what you can contribute to make it a better place for everyone in the community. All entries must be submitted by May 23, 2006.

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All contestants should be available to ride in the 2006 (rain date June 4 th).	parade on Saturday, June 3rd

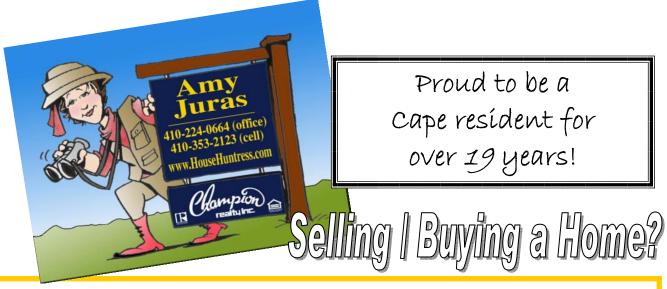
If you should have any questions or comments please contact Mary at 410-757-0593.

County Fair Spring Craft Festival & Tractor Pulls

The Anne Arundel County Fair at Rte. 178 General's Hwy, Crownsville, MD will hold its

Spring Craft Show at the fair grounds on April 29 and 30, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission and parking for the craft show is free. The festival will include plant and bake sales, hay rides, pony rides, children's activities, food booths, a wide variety of crafts and more. Indoor and outdoor craft spaces are available.

A garden tractor pull will begin at 9:00 a.m. Antique tractor pulls will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, with a rain date on April 30. There is a \$5.00 admission fee for the tractor pulls/ children 6 and younger will be admitted at no cost. Parking for the tractor pulls is Free. For further information call 410-923-3400, email: craftshow@toadmail.com or visit the fair website at



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CATE FOLK

As poet immortal Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote, "In the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Perhaps television's "Prime Suspect" DCI Jane Tennyson would suggest a background check and recommend looking before you leap, but here in Cape St. Claire our Jane (not Tennyson but Elkin) suggests you consult Graphology Compatibility Analysis and Personality Profiling before making any critical life decisions

Cape Folk did a feature on Jane's musical endeavors a year or so ago and, like many of our subjects, she keeps coming up with innovations meriting another mention in our column. We contacted Jane after hearing about ABC Graphology, another Cape St. Claire first, and learned that her company offers handwriting analysis tailored to your personal needs. No New Age art form, graphology, from the time of the ancient Roman and Chinese philosophers, has been used to determine personality through analyzing written script. Even

the Greek philosopher Aristotle is quoted resent various character types, behavas saying, "Spoken words are the symbol of mental experience, written words are the symbol of spoken words. Just as men have not the same speech sounds so all men have not the same writing."

And so in modern times throughout the world, this method of interpreting a person's character is utilized in a myriad of ways, ranging from legal defense and prosecution, to high finance and problem resolution. Graphology principles are applied because handwriting, like DNA is unique.

The Library of Congress categorizes handwriting analysis and graphology under psychology and cites it specifically alongside documentary evidence, personnel selection and diagnostic graphology. Handwriting analysis is based, Jane explained to Cape Folk, on scientific observation of the script using two methods each of which were developed independently of the other. Overall layout and appearance of the script is studied in the German "Gestalt" method, while reoccurring patterns that have been found to rep-

iors and talents are examined in the French 'Trait' method. Some analysts remain loval to one method and application but Jane believes much more information may be garnered by examining handwriting using both perspectives.

Reaching popularity in seventeenth century Europe, where it was seriously studied, graphology has captured the imagination of classical writers like Edgar Allen Poe, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Charles Dickens and has been used by other such famous literary and scientific personages as Robert Browning, George Sand, Anton Chekhov, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Honore de Balzac and Albert Einstein. America began taking this combination of art and science seriously after the First World War. Today, according to Jane, handwriting analysis offers powerful insight into self-evaluation by analyzing your strengths and weaknesses, heightening personal awareness and enabling growth. Compatibility

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Analysis, she maintains, previews how well relationships endure once the novelty of first attraction wears off. Romantic Interest analysis is designed for Internet daters, to help you learn more about that potentially "special someone" you don't know personally but are thinking of meeting. Screening analysis saves both time and money when hiring and is, she pointed out, standard recruitment practice in Europe and Israel.

Her Career Counseling Analysis enables clients to determine how their talents can best be put to use. ABC Graphology also offers analysis for criminal investigations. Dishonesty, Jane believes, leaves its 'fingerprint' all over handwriting. To prove the point, she's presenting workshops covering the basics of graphology for those in the teaching, counseling, law enforcement, forensic and medical professions. For further information contact her at elkin@comcast.net. Jane Elkin received her handwriting analysis certification from The Center for Applied Forensic and Graphological Studies where she is currently working toward her advanced certifi-

cation. She also holds an M.L.S. from Southern Connecticut State University, a B.A. in English from Bates College and is a graduate of the French Basic Course at the Defense Language Institute. A former reference librarian, she has taught both music and French as well as being a classically trained soprano and frequent soloist at the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Clearly Jane loves living in Cape St. Claire and we know she can be found most mornings taking long walks on the beach. (Cape Folk is now wondering if she analyzes the graffiti that appears all too frequently on the benches?)

All of this proves once again that living in Cape St. Claire not only helps generate new ideas but also that, if you put pen to paper, there's a neighbor who can analyze your results. If you want to know more about ABC Graphology, give Jane a call at 419-757-1008.

For all of the Cape Folk who have inquired about our Cape goose, Herman: We have it on very good authority that after spending a few days at his waterfront love nest with

Hermione his partner

- they have now flown the coop for cooler temperatures in the North. We are confident that our wacky wingeds will be back in the fall and we'll be ready with flashing cameras, marking little stars next to the goose prints at the beach and beyond. The mind boggles at the endless possibilities fame could bring these two.

If you have a neighbor you would like featured in "Cape Folk" please let us know and we'll be happy to give them a call. We at Cape Folk sincerely believe that we live in the best community on the Broadneck Peninsula, and while our surroundings are idyllic, the interesting people who live here are also a key factor in why this is such a great place to live. It's spring! Surfs up! Get to the beach and let the good times roll!

Submitted by Mandy Johnson

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year for gardeners, who are usually poring over all kinds of seed and plant catalogs, licking our chops waiting for the warm weather. The most ambitious gardeners are already germinating seeds in their basements or garages, getting a head start on vegetables and annuals. The lengthening days make all of us eager for the earth to thaw and plants to come alive again.

The Garden Club met in February to hear Jo Ann Kuhn, one of our very own members, speak on new plant introductions. She highlighted several new annuals, perennials, shrubs, and roses that breeders have introduced, along with growing information for each new plant: sun and soil requirements, cold hardiness, and plant height and width. She also told us where we could purchase these new plants through mail order.

At our February meeting we also chatted briefly about all that is beginning to bloom in our gardens, especially in protected, south-facing sites. Many of us

have pansies that have bloomed right through the snow and cold. Snowdrops, crocus, hardy cyclamen, dwarf iris, witch hazel, forsythia, and even jonquils are blooming, with many other daffodils and tulips beginning to poke through the earth. How lovely it is to anticipate spring with these early bloomers!

At our meeting we also began work on our annual plant sale, which will fall this year on Saturday, May 20th, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (rain date Sunday, May 21st). Those familiar with it know that it's a great place to get some healthy perennials for your yard, at bargain prices, while supporting the Garden Club. We also carry a large variety of herbs, colorful annuals, and even hanging baskets at competitive prices. Please come shop, meet some of your neighbors, and support our fundraising efforts. The funds we raise each year allow us to bring speakers to our meetings, pay our miscellaneous expenses, and also to support gardening projects in the community.

This past year we purchased tools for Cape St. Claire Elementary students to use on their new garden projects and also 10 crepe myrtle trees that the local Boy Scout troupe planted adjacent to

the clubhouse parking lot. It's marvelous for our club to be a part of introducing kids to the pleasure of gardening, and also to contribute to beautifying our community. And you can be a part of it when you shop at our sale!

The Garden Club will meet next on Tuesday, March 21st, at 6:00 p.m., for our annual potluck anniversary dinner. We'll meet again with a new speaker (to be announced – keep your eyes peeled in future Capers) on Tuesday, April 18th.

As you begin plantings this spring, please save all your plastic pots so the Garden Club can reuse them for our plant sale! We need them, and the landfill certainly doesn't! Please gather them all up and drop them by 1138 Little Magothy View.

Any questions can be directed to Lori Ann, at 410-757-8331, or Audrey, at 410-757-5175. Thanks very much for your help!

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The friends of the Anne Arundel Trails will present a three-part Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, top-floor meeting room at 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, on Monday April 3rd, Friday April 7th, and Monday April 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each night.

This course provides an overview of the rules and fundamentals of safe boating and will familiarize students with required safety equipment, as well as rules on who has the rightof-way and other helpful information.

Registration can be made in person at the B & A Trail Park office at 51 West Earleigh Heights Road, Severna Park, or by mail.

A non-refundable and non-transferable \$25 program fee includes the book, certification card and instructional services.

Registration forms may be found at www.friendsofaatrails.org. For further information, contact the B & A Trail Park office at 410-222-6244.

YCCSC Sailing News

We have nine 420s, as well as three Vanguard and three Optimist sailing dinghies in our program, so there are lots of opportunities to learn new sailing skills or polish old ones.

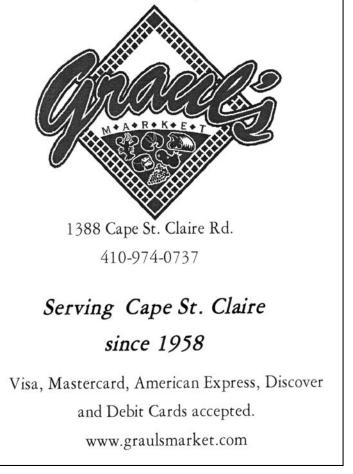
If you'd like to see what the program is about or to register; information is available at Graul's, the

Broadneck library branch (look for the bright blue registration packets), the community website, www.cscia.org (thanks to Frank Newman), or from our registrar, Brenda Lee Norman, 410-757-0926. Registration preference is given in the order that applications are received, with special consideration to last year's participants and Cape residents through April 15th or until a session is full (whichever comes first).

This year, Youth Sailing is selling hoodie sweatshirts with the YCCSC burgee. Contact Shelley Greenhouse at capeyouthsailing@yahoo.com to find out how to order one for yourself. Stop by and say hello at our Strawberry Festival booth or at our organizational meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cox meeting room of the community clubhouse.

Shelley Greenhouse Yacht Club of Cape St. Clair, Youth Sailing Program, Committee Chair





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