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Our 52nd Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

April 2007

County Executive John Leopold, to speak at the Cape St. Claire Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse

Board in Brief

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on March 12, 2007 for its monthly meeting. President Josephine Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: *Governors Biondi, Campbell, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Knotts, Lamb, Maltz, Morgan, Newman and Wolin were in attendance. Governor Puglisi was absent. Budget Committee Chairman John Berley was also in attendance.*

President's Remarks:

President Gardner stated that:

- Correspondence was received from the Little Magothy River Association concerning their election of officers on March 13th, and, a potential increase to lot fees. The CSCIA has five lots that are subject to these fees.
- The annual Mosquito Spray Program letter for our community was received. President Gardner will submit it for 2007. County Executive, John Leopold, will be attending the April 24th CSCIA Quarterly Membership meeting.

Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve

the February 12, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes and the January 31, 2007 Financials. Both motions were approved.

Committee Reports:

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb provided the Board with samples of siding. Governor Lamb will be getting estimates on the cost of installing new siding on the clubhouse. She requested the Board's recommendations in selecting types and colors.

Webmaster: Governor Newman improved his web "drop-down" issue-tracking system. He demonstrated its use to the Board and again invited all committee chairs to also use it.

Piers: Governor Gallagher reported that completed boat slip rental contracts were due on March 12th. A \$25 late fee will be added to any late submissions.

Electric utilities are running from 300%-400% above last year.

History: Governor Gallagher commented that Governor Morgan is currently working on gathering oral history reports of the local area.

Covenants: Governor Daly reiterated that he is working on creating a CSCIA Covenants Code. He distributed a list of various covenant-related issues and requested the Board's input on those issues that should be captured in a Covenants Code. The overall effort is to improve the quality of life for all Cape residents by resolving many of these issues.

Adjournment: *The March 12, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.*

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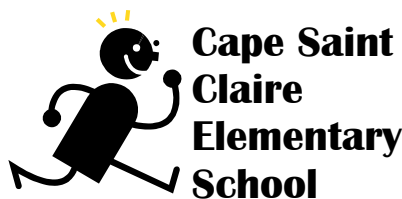
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5th Annual Dash to Discovery 5K and 1-Mile Run/Walk

It's nearly time again for the event you've all been waiting for - the 5th Annual Dash to Discovery! Get your walking or running shoes ready and join us for this popular community event.

The "Dash" is a 5K and 1-mile fun run and walk through the neighborhood to be held on Saturday, April 28th.

Proceeds will go toward valuable enrichment activities for the students at CSC Elementary,

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in addition to new fitness equipment for the school.

Each year, our field of participants has grown, and kids and adults of all ages and ability turn out for a morning of fun and fitness.

Registration forms will be sent home with all students or can be obtained in person at the school or various local businesses supporting the event.

The first 300 registrants will receive a free T-shirt designed by the students. Pre-registration fees are \$6 for children 11 years and under and \$12 for all others.

The deadline for mail-in pre-registration is Saturday, April 21st. Registration forms and payments may be returned after that date to the school or to a PTO representative.

Walk-up registration on race day will be \$15 and will be open from 7:30 a.m.– 8:15 a.m. at CSC Elementary.

The 5K race will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 1-mile race at 8:40 a.m.

Everyone is invited to participate – runners, joggers, walkers and rollers; strollers, and wheelchairs are welcomed and encouraged to join us! No bikes, skates or skateboards, please.

Participants age 11 and under completing the fun run will receive a race souvenir. Awards will be presented to the first place male and female finishers of the 5K race in designated age groups.
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We also encourage any Cape residents who are unable to race to come out and join the fun as spectators along the race course and cheer on the participants. It makes a big difference to the racers to see a show of support from the community.

WNAV, AM 1430 will be broadcasting live again before and during the race from Cape St. Claire Elementary. Music, entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community, take a moment to appreciate our terrific neighborhood and dedicate some time to fitness

while supporting the students at CSC Elementary.

For more information, please feel free to contact Laura Sebeck at 410-757-3181.

Please note: There will be road closures and detours along the race course on the morning of the event. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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Can you volunteer two hours per month or more to help an older person?

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5:00 p.m. session.

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County Council in Action

By Cathleen Vitale,
5th District County Council Representative

Money Doesn't Grow on Trees and it Isn't Printed in the Basement

Last month the Board of Education passed a record funding request to be forwarded to the County Executive and County Council this coming May. I

must confess the budget announcement did not seem to generate nearly the community discussion I thought it would. To be sure, there are various employee groups and "of interest" groups emailing and writing to the Executive and Council to "fully fund the budget", but most of those requests have to deal with employee raises. Silent however, seems to be the general population.

I recently attended an event where the Superintendent of Schools was the featured speaker. He spoke of the many educational shortfalls he perceived in areas outside District 5, and the

need to increase funds for additional non-classroom personnel and programs.

As you may have read in the paper, the request for funding is more than \$900 million (somewhere around \$930 million, I think). Under the current funding available to the County for the entire County budget, we have approximately \$1.1 billion available for the entire County, inclusive of the Board of Education.

If we were to fund the Board of Education requests, with the budget resources available to us right now, that leaves less than \$170 million to fund all the remainder of the County services.

No matter how small a department, of the 12 or so we have, we would have to nearly dissolve the rest of the County structure in order to fund the requests. For all of those who say "fund it in its entirety," help me with the math please.

When asked where the funds should come from, or what programs or departments should be cut, the Superintendent responded, that he was not thinking of cuts, we should merely

"GROW THE PIE." That's code for raise revenues, fees and taxes.

Hence, the dilemma the County Executive and Council will soon face. I am not averse to seeing the students of our County receive the tools and programs they need for academic success, but I am averse to blindly adding numbers to a budget, just to "grow the pie."

We have been told that specific improvements for schools are needed. But, instruction and construction — shouldn't we take care of those before adding more bureaucrats? What of the MGT report and the Budget Task Force Recommendations? Are they being followed? Are we outsourcing where it makes sense to do so and combining positions to streamline and be accountable?

We should demand of the school system, that they account for every dollar that is not being spent directly on the students, the classroom, or the facilities. What for example, is the purpose of the proposed Ombudsman? Is that \$106,000 position really needed? In a time of reduced resources, should we be adding those positions?

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Council (Cont. from page 4)

The last several years, the County has financially benefited from the gains in the real estate market. Now, with those dollars slowing, it becomes critical that every dollar must be measured, counted and measured again.

As taxpayers, we must question the need for additional Board of Education administration level employees. No one would question new teaching positions to aid in reducing class-size or to handle the variety of educational program for the students, but what about 2 positions at Riva Road designed to "provide resources to create coalitions aimed at developing stronger ties between communities and schools?" The price tag is \$261,960. Is there no one at the Board who currently performs these functions?

The month of May will be here soon enough and the County Executive and Council will have the final vote.

I've never been one to beat around the bush, so here's your homework assignment:

Question #1 – Your superintendent wants more than \$930 million; non-negotiable, we are told. How do we fund this and the rest of the needs of the County, like roads, storm-water issues, dredging, police, and fire? Do we:

- Cut the rest of the County departments?
- Increase revenues, and if so, how much more are you willing to pay?
- Or c) Make the pie a manageable size.

This is a critical year for our schools. Construction money from the state will be less next year.

So, Question #2 – With all this money being requested, did the Board adequately address the maintenance issue of our schools before growing the bureaucratic pie? Just a question!

As always, please feel free to contact me at cvitale@aacounty.org or 410-222-1401. I look forward to your insight and assistance on our pending financial decision making.

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Unfortunately, the stock market crash of 1929 diminished the elite and Dr. Young had to reconsider his plan. He then set up the River Bay Company in 1938 and later the River Bay Land Company which platted Cape St. Claire as

we know it today.

•Lots were sold in Cape St. Claire beginning in 1949 out of a little house on the Main Beach. When you bought a lot, you were assigned a free boat slip.

•The Main Beach Park had a creek that ran through the beach and a bridge that crossed over this stream to the other side of the beach. This stream under the bridge was a favorite crabbing spot. Hurricane Hazel filled in the creek and destroyed the bridge in 1954.

•In the 1950's, the Main Beach was much larger and actually had a lifeguard. Between 1953 and 1960 the Main Beach lost 85 feet of beach to erosion (according to a 1960 issue of

the Caper).

•Early Cape St. Claire had a sheriff named Bud Ayers. He enforced law and order in the Cape for years. Bud had a red wooden post near his house. If there was trouble, you could push a button on that post and Bud would respond. Bud Ayers was never paid for his service as sheriff.

•The Cape St. Claire Improvement Association was first known as "The Club" and later as the Community Association. The Women's Activities Committee did much of the fundraising to help the association's work including helping to pay the clubhouse mortgage. The last mortgage payment was made in 1961. A dance was held at the clubhouse to celebrate, and fake mortgages were burned in the clubhouse fireplace.

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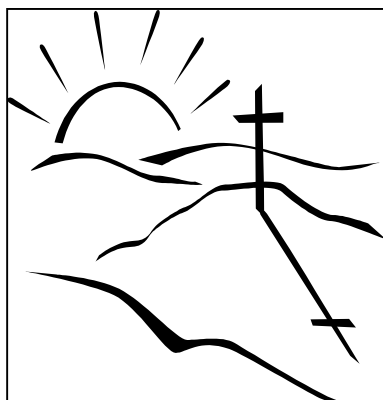
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The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

We will be recycling again this year. More details in the September Caper.



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N-TOYLAND during regular business hours. The cost of the tickets is 1 dozen plastic eggs and 1 bag of individually wrapped candies small enough to fit inside of the eggs. If you should have any questions about the egg hunt please call Mary at (410)757-0593.



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Garden Club

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The plant catalogs our speaker brought along were so mouth-watering that our club decided to order some flats of native groundcovers for sale at our annual plant sale, which will take place on **Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Mark your calendars! No early birds, please. (Rain date Sunday, May 20, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Come feast on the wide selection

of perennials dug at bargain prices from our own gardens, colorful annuals from Country Gardens at competitive prices, and, for the first time this year, native perennial groundcovers.

We'll have the aforementioned *Tiarella cordifolia* (foamflower) and *Meehania cordata* (Meehan's mint), *Heuchera* 'Caramel' (alumroot) with gorgeous orange foliage, *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed), and several others. Natives plants provide food and shelter for native wildlife, including butterflies, beneficial insects, and birds, and contribute to the health of the Chesapeake Bay. So please come and check out our ever-widening selection of healthy, beautiful plants!

As in prior years, the Garden

Club could use your recycled plant pots! If you have any extra plastic plant pots lying around, the Garden Club can use them to pot up plants from our gardens for the sale. Please drop them off with Doris Clair (or leave them in her driveway) at 1308 Cape St. Claire Road.

On March 6, the Garden Club met for its annual Anniversary Dinner, celebrating the club's founding. As usual, club members contributed to a potluck dinner along with a turkey and a ham, and we all had a festive time, especially when we raffled off the centerpieces and some choice perennials. Colorful primroses and hyacinths, a variety of gorgeous foliage plants – what a lovely reminder for us all that spring is just around the corner. We've had a few surprise late-



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season ice storms, but surely the daffodils will be blooming by the time this goes to print!

Our next meetings will take place on Tuesday, April 3 and Tuesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

In April, Gene Sumi will speak on Growing Edible Fruits and Berries. Ever wondered what kinds of fruit trees are easiest to grow? Ever wanted a blueberry bush or a few strawberry plants right on your deck? Come find out all about it at our April meeting. We have quite a few new members since last year, and it's always a pleasure to meet and get to know more gardeners. So please join us for a meeting – all are welcome!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

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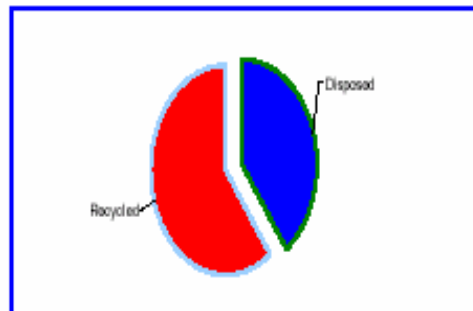
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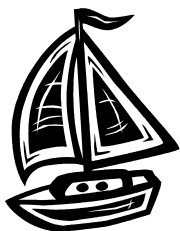
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Youth Sailing News

It's not too early to think about what you'll be doing at the beach this summer. Youth Sailing is busy gearing up for our 34th season, and registration forms are flying out the door.

We have nine 420s, as well as three Vanguard prams and five 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 the Broadneck library branch (look for the bright blue registration packets), the community home page, www.cscia.org (thanks to

Frank Newman), the Yacht Club web site (www.yccsc.org, thanks to Ralph Reitan), or from one of our co-registrars, the Alferas, 410-974-1631. 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).

The half-day pram and full-day Opti sessions are nearing capacity for all three sessions, so if you know of anyone who is looking for one of these classes, tell them to check with one of the registrars to see what sessions might still have opening. There are still openings for 420s all three sessions. Thanks to our fundraising efforts, we were able to replace two of our aged 420s with two newer boats. These boats should

make participation in local regattas exciting for our student sailors. And, we added two more Optimist sailing dinghies to our program to accommodate the growing interest in this class.

Youth Sailing has those wonderful hoodie sweatshirts with the YCCSC burgee for sale. We're also selling oval black and white stickers with CSC on them. Contact Shelley Greenhouse via email 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. Claire
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