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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

April 2008

**Cape St. Claire Improvement Association Quarterly Meeting—Tuesday, April 22  
7:30 p.m. at the Cape Clubhouse—1223 River Bay Road**

## President's Perspective

An area of concern to the Cape has reared its ugly head with regard to school capacity guidelines. As you know, the Broadneck High school feeder system has been over capacity for some time resulting in a moratorium on new construction other than for senior subdivisions. The County Council is considering revamping the formula for judging capacity. The reasoning is bizarre. The theory is to deliberately overcrowd the schools by lifting the building moratorium, allowing construction to boom again on the Broadneck Peninsula, and assume that the state will direct more funding for school construction ect. to AA county! Do these people have any grasp of reality? There are 2 portables at Cape elementary now; how many more can we look forward to? We have a premier high school, overcrowding will make that harder to maintain. The most severe ramification for Cape will be the development of College Parkway where all of the adjacent land is already slated for subdivisions, but has been idle because of the school capacity moratorium. Lifting that building moratorium will result in a rush to construct family homes as soon as possible no matter what the condition of the housing market. Just imagine College Pkwy with hundreds of more

cars traversing it daily, overcrowded schools, more backups on RT 50, all impacting our quality of life in the worst way. Who benefits from this madness? Not your community, but a few developers with the right connections, and some politicians with dubious intentions. All County Council members will be making this decision, let them all know your opinions, not just Cathy Vitale. Visit:

[www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/index.cfm](http://www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/index.cfm)

Due to high interest in the proposed traffic signal at Cape St. Claire Rd. and Hilltop Dr., we are reprinting the following, an excerpt from last month's Caper: The backups this would generate are mind-boggling; the benefits obscure at best. The real issue is that the Dept. of Roads Engineering wants to ask for increased funding for this signal. Yet, as little as a year ago, we were told that a traffic circle at that same intersection (our suggested solution to the problem) was too expensive. We are awaiting an update from the county Dept. of Roads Engineering to explain why they believe this is the best solution, rather than just something they can do because the traffic flow is sufficient to warrant it.

Since this was printed I contacted Jim Schroll about the

community's preference for a traffic circle at this location. We had meetings about this several years ago with AA county Dept of Roads and CSCIA and the businessmen's association, the BLOA. At that time the BLOA expressed reservations about losing any parking spaces at the shopping center, and redirecting traffic flow in the parking lot. Somehow the Dept of Roads was given the impression that the parking lot belonged to the BLOA, and their opposition to the circle and refusal to grant an easement for the work scuttled the idea from making it to the planning stage. I very firmly informed Mr. Schroll that the parking lot was CSCIA property and we would give them whatever they needed to facilitate the traffic circle. I am waiting for his response to this information, and our proposal. Your opinions can be forwarded to Jim Schroll at 410-222-7331 or [jschroll@aacounty.org](mailto:jschroll@aacounty.org).

Sincerely,  
Josephine Gardner

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All submissions for *The Caper* must be received by the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. Submissions should be emailed as Microsoft Word attachments (PC only) to: [capereditor@cscia.org](mailto:capereditor@cscia.org), or dropped off (on disc or CD) at the Clubhouse. Articles must be submitted electronically. DO NOT submit as inline text of email. All articles should be clearly labeled with the 1) submitter's name, 2) phone number, 3) article file-name (s), 4) software product and 5) version used. Please keep a backup copy of each file and do not submit disks containing extraneous files. After *The Caper* processes each article, the submitter's disk can be picked up at the CSCIA office during regular hours. *The Caper* Staff and the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association reserve the right to refuse any article, letter or advertising that it deems inflammatory, in poor taste or inappropriate.

**Board In Brief**

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on March 10, 2008 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox Meeting Room. President Josephine Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

**Attendance:** Governors Biondi, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Newman, Pollock and Wolin were in attendance. Governors Campbell, Maltz and Morgan were absent.

**President's Remarks:** President Josephine Gardner will send letters to at least County Executive John Leopold, Councilman Cathleen Vitale and the Director of Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, Frank Marzucco - expressing the CSCIA's dis-

pleasure with the County's stated effort to take part of the Goshen Farm property for soccer fields; Reported that Mr. Jim Schroll, County Department of Roads Engineering, held a meeting concerning the Cape St. Claire Road Improvement Project. Mr. Schroll provided status on the project, including plans for a traffic light at the Cape St. Claire Road/Hilltop Drive intersection, and right-of-way problems with the shopping center parking lot. President Gardner commented that she would send Mr. Schroll a letter stating that a traffic circle is preferred to a traffic light, and to state that any right-of-way issues with the shopping center parking lot property should be directed to the CSCIA, as it owns this property.

**Minutes and Financials:**

Motions were made to approve the February 11, 2008 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes and the January 31, 2008 Financials. These motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item:**

A Cape resident was provided an opportunity to address the Board concerning potential uses of the community signboard beyond the norm. After listening to the resident's recommendations and discussing their pros and cons, the Board generally disagreed with the recommendations, but agreed to give them additional consideration.

**Committee Reports:**

**Piers** – Governor Gallagher reported that of the 205 boat slip rental contracts recently mailed out, only 21 contracts have not been received back.

**Membership** – Governor Pollock noted that the next Quarterly Membership meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2008.

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Clubhouse – Governor Lamb stated that the double-doors on the water side of the clubhouse need to be replaced because the current doors are rotting out.

Beaches and Parks – Governor Newman reported that the dinghy racks at Lake Claire would be moved in order to improve the water view; that an erosion problem at the Little Magothy area was completed using a rock swale. He is working on a plan to possibly install parking gates with card sensors at the Deep Creek and Lake Claire areas. Physical placement, administrative questions and other issues related to such a project are still being evaluated as part of the plan.

**Agenda Item:**

Residents owning a home in the vicinity of the Southview Drive

and Chestnut Tree Drive intersection were provided an opportunity to address the Board concerning problems they are experiencing with Broadneck High School students near their home. Discussion included:

- Large numbers of students congregate on or near their property before, during and after school causing problems, which have gotten worse with time.
- 40-50 students standing around, smoking, dropping large amounts of debris including prescription drug bottles, destroying property, fighting, intimidating the crossing guard and harassing other students having to go around in an effort to get to the school.
- Over an extended period of time these residents have placed trashcans in the area, posted

“No Trespassing” signs and called police – all to no avail.

- They have requested meetings with the high school principal, but received no response. After another request, the assistant principal agreed to try to meet with them soon.

- The residents wanted the CSCIA to be aware of these problems and asked for CSCIA assistance and support in trying to get some resolution.

President Gardner agreed to provide the resident with a letter of CSCIA support to present at their upcoming meeting with the assistant principal.

**Adjournment:** The regular March 10, 2008 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:10 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **April 14, 2008 at 7:30 PM.**

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## **Cape Saint Claire Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26th. Proceeds will go toward valuable enrichment activities for the students at CSC Elementary 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.

This year we are going GREEN. The first 400 registrants will receive a reusable tote bag. The bag will sport original artwork designed by the students. Its possible uses are endless, anything from groceries, to library books, beach toys, soccer equipment to knitting yarn. A registration form

can be found in this issue of the Caper. They will also be sent home with all students or can be obtained in person at the school or various local businesses supporting the event. 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 11th. 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 – 8:15 AM 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, but 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. 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.

We send out a very big thank you to our early sponsors who make this event possible Richard's Tree Care, Independent Construction Co., Inc., Annapolis Renovators, Inc., Water to Go, and Annapolis Volvo. We are fortunate to once again have WNAV, AM 1430 broadcasting live before and during the race from Cape St. Claire Elementary. Music, entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you rain or shine on April 26th, whether you run, jog, walk, roll, or cheer on others. 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 visit [www.cscpto.org](http://www.cscpto.org)

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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# 6th Annual CSC Elementary 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk



## Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

Check-In & Registration 7:30-8:15 a.m.

5K 8:30 a.m.

1-Mile 8:40 a.m.

Entry: Mail-in deadline 4/18/08

Awards:

All children under 12 will receive an award, as well as the first two male and female finishers in various age categories.

\$12 adults & children (12 & over)

\$6 ages 11 and under

\$15 Race Day Registrants

Amenities:

Tote bags for the first 400 registrants, post race ceremony, refreshments, miles marked, restrooms available at the school.

*Entry fee is non-refundable*

*No entry confirmation*

*Event held rain or shine!*

\* Pre-registered participants may pick up packets at the school on Friday, 4/25/08 from 2:45-3:30 pm or 5:30-6:30 pm or on race day.

The Cape St. Claire Elementary PTO sponsors this event to promote fitness and community involvement.

For more information visit [www.cscpto.org](http://www.cscpto.org)

### Dash To Discovery 5K Fun Run/Walk Registration

Each Entrant MUST complete a registration form – copies accepted – PLEASE PRINT

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) M ( ) F Check: \_\_\_\_\_ 5K run \_\_\_\_\_ 1 mile

Waiver and Release: I recognize that participation in this activity may involve certain hazards. I understand that I should not participate unless medically able. I assume the risks associated with involvement in this activity, including but not limited to falls, contact with participants, effects of weather and road traffic conditions, these risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this Waiver Release and considering the acceptance of my application, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf waive and release the Cape St. Claire Elementary PTO, Cape St. Claire Elementary School, all race directors and committee members, school administrators and faculty members, volunteers, all sponsors and hosts and their representatives and successors, from any claim of liability arising from my involvement in this activity. I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Participant Signature (Parent/Guardian if participant is under 18)

Date

If CSC student, please enter teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete all information above and return with check payable to CSC PTO, 931 Blue Ridge Dr. Annapolis, MD 21409



## Council In Action

### By Cathleen M. Vitale Councilwoman, District 5

#### Spring Rains Bring the Need for Storm Drains

Anne Arundel County continues its efforts to address the effect of stormwater run-off, retrofitting and replacement of failing culvert and drain systems. With spring quickly approaching (although as I write this, they are calling for storms and snow showers), it seemed appropriate to give you an update on Bill 85-07, the property tax credit available for retrofitting existing properties with stormwater best management practices.

After the unanimous passage of the bill (many thanks to my colleagues for supporting my legislation), the Planning and Zoning Office got to work analyzing the types of property enhancements which would qualify a property owner for a tax credit. The preliminary list is a short one, while Planning and Zoning evaluates

the more detailed techniques that might require professional engineering. Immediate qualifying benefits include: (1) the removal of twenty percent of existing impervious surface on your property. This could be anything from converting an existing sidewalk or driveway made of concrete or asphalt to one made of pervious material such as "crush and run" or oyster shells, rock or gravel; (2) rain barrels. Perhaps the easiest and least expensive to install, rain barrels have an enormous positive impact. As roof run-off is captured by barrels attached to the end of down spouts, water can be stored for later use; (3) any other pre-manufactured best management practices that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) approves. Techniques such as underground piping, cisterns and bay saver devices, where practical, can be installed as qualifying for the credit.

The goal of Bill 85-07 was to have financially affordable products and improvements that residents as well as businesses could install. Over the coming months, Planning and Zoning officials will evaluate other techniques such as rain gardens, green roofs,

permeable pavers and synthetic turf. I anticipate being able to add to the list, bioswales between curbs and streets and parking lots developed in conjunction with permeable pavers.

Recently, I had an opportunity to participate in a seminar with the Environmental Protection Agency and representatives from Pennsylvania and Virginia who are also looking at ways to address aging stormwater problems. It appears there is national interest in our hometown solution to stormwater management. I look forward to sharing our successes of our program with the rest of the county.

If you are working on your property and interested in applying for the credit, I urge you to contact the Office of Finance, Tax Billing Manager, for an application.

I urge our community to be among the first to implement property retrofits and reduce stormwater runoff.

As always, please feel free to contact my office with any suggestions or comments. Until next time!

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To the Cape we'll always be the faithful.

To the Cape we'll always be the true.

To the Cape we'll always be the grateful.

Holding dear the memories of you.

Loyalty, honor, and devotion, are words that we hold dear. Living up to these is our endeavor, every day of every year.

To the Cape we'll always be the faithful.

To the Cape we'll always be the true.

In our actions just, and true, and fair, shout hooray for Cape St. Claire.

As remembered by Ginny Ritter Nayden, circa 1974. Thank you Mrs. Ginny Nayden for sharing Cape history with us.

Please do not forget that Goshen Farm Preservation Society is actively seeking members and donations for 2008. Visit our website [www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org) or contact us at [goshen-farm@cscia.org](mailto:goshen-farm@cscia.org).

Submitted by Renee Rutledge  
(Recording Secretary)



At Partners In Care Gail Blackwell is adding another senior friendly

activity. Warm Houses is not about heat. Come hear how we help bring neighbors Together to share everyday tasks and enjoy socializing together. ~ Ask Gail about Warm Houses! ~ 410-544-4800

## Vintage & Antique Sale - Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 10am -4pm



The Partners In Care Boutique has received outstanding donations from grandmothers' attics across Anne Arundel County. Vintage items and treasures have been stockpiled and will be offered for sale for the first time at the Vintage & Antique Sale. Featured items include silver, clothing, jewelry and collections. Tables are available for vendors to showcase their wares. A limited number of premium indoor tables will be rented as well as outdoor spaces for a tax-deductible donation to Partners In Care. Contact Maureen Cavaola at the Boutique 410-544-0568 for details. Join us for this fun, festive day when home and community treasures are recycled to new owners. Refreshments will be available. The Boutique, 6 S. Ritchie Highway at East-West Blvd., Pasadena, 21122. Visit: [partnersincare.org](http://partnersincare.org).

This fundraising event will benefit Partners In Care, a 501c3 non-profit, helping older and disabled adults remain independent in their own homes and community.

## Cape Pool

Dear Neighbors: My name is Beth Lash and I am the new Membership Co-Chair of the Cape St. Claire Swim Club (CSCSC) Board. I have been a member of the CSCSC Board for a few years now, and recently I agreed to take over the Membership duties. CSCSC is the private pool behind the Cape shopping center, for those who aren't familiar with the pool.

I wanted to make sure that the Cape residents are aware that the Swim Club currently has a limited number of 2008 leases, as well as a limited number of full memberships available. The Club bylaws call for preference to be given to Cape residents when selling memberships. If you are interested in learning more about the pool, memberships, and leasing, please feel free to call me at 410-349-0384, or visit the pool website at [www.capepool.com](http://www.capepool.com)

Personally, our family loves the Cape Pool and what membership brings. There's a swim team, swim lessons, volleyball and horseshoes, picnic tables, swings, a large baby pool, and an active social calendar. We even do things like sponsor an outdoor movie night while members float in the pool!

Contact me if you have an interest in the pool. When it's 95 degrees outside, you'll regret it if you don't!

Best regards,  
Beth Lash  
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## Cape Cuisine By Ben and Kathleen Mooneyhan

Hello Fellow Capers! Happy Spring!

On a recent Friday night, we thought we would try Greystone Grill, which opened last October, located in the Severn Savings Bank on Westgate Circle (across from the new Westin, on the traffic circle). 200 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 349-5052, [www.greystonegrill.com](http://www.greystonegrill.com). The first thing we learned is that despite the fact that they have free on-site parking, it isn't suited for large or even medium sized vehicles. In fact, we observed the parking attendants getting a good laugh at customers' expense, as they watched many attempts of people trying to negotiate the tight corners and parking spaces in the garage. If you go, we recommend traveling by burro. Once we got inside the building, we found that the atmosphere really felt like what it is, a bank, not a restaurant. A little nervous about what we were getting into, we decided to try a drink and appetizer at the bar before committing to a full blown meal at Greystone. The bar had all the appeal

of Ramada Inn lounge bar serving half priced after-church cocktails. The bartender was a huge man who was difficult to understand. Kathleen asked for a glass of Zinfandel wine and he replied, "Which one?" But there was only one on the menu. Ben ordered a Budweiser. Nope, they don't carry those. Bud Light for him. We ordered the "Cracked Lobster and Seafood Cocktail," advertised as; "Lobster, shrimp and jumbo lump crab, chilled, with a gazpacho sauce, avocado and lime (Great to share!)" We found it over-cooked, over-priced and underflavored. We had to look under a ton of leafy green things to find anything resembling seafood. The "gazpacho" sauce was blander than play-doh. Ben described the whole Greystone Grill bar atmosphere as a true death row experience; much like Tony Soprano having his out of body Kevin Infinity experience, we kept thinking it was all a bad dream and we would eventually wake up. In short, our recommendation is don't waste your time or money here. We vacated the Greystone Grill like a couple of hungry refu-

gees wondering what replacement restaurants we could find available in Annapolis on a busy Friday night.

We ended up at one of our favorite places, The Rockfish, in Eastport at 400 Sixth Street Annapolis, MD 21403, (410) 267-1800, [www.rockfishmd.com](http://www.rockfishmd.com). What a gem! The bar area was very busy, and is pleasantly decorated. We were seated quickly in a comfortable large booth in the dining room. We had wonderful service from Nikki. We've eaten here many times and have always enjoyed the experience. Coming to Rockfish feels like seeing an old friend with whom you still have something in common; comfortable, enjoyable, relaxing. Quiet, well decorated dining room, attentive service from informed and professional wait staff. We recommend the Flat Iron Steak. The steak was tender with a spicy southwest seasoning. Possibly a touch salty, but still excellent. We also recommend the crab cakes, salmon, burgers and seafood Cobb salad. Be sure to try the delicious corn pudding and potatoes au gratin side dishes; good size to share. Dinner entrée prices range from \$19 - \$30. They also have a Sunday live jazz brunch. On another trip to Rockfish, a group of twelve

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ladies had a fun night out during Restaurant Week. The salmon and Rockfish salad got lots of praise. We had great service, which can sometimes be hard to pull off with such a large group. The Rockfish isn't flawless, but is consistently good, particularly for its price range. And with free on site parking (which accommodates all manner of vehicle types and sizes, as well as burros), it's a good pick.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, we worked up quite an appetite after walking our dogs all over beautiful Quiet Waters Park and headed over to the Mexican Café for a late lunch/early dinner. 975 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis, (410) 626.1520. The menu has so many great sounding options, we had a hard time deciding what we wanted to order! Definitely come hungry, because the servings are large enough for breakfast, lunch and dinner combined! And the margaritas are quite stout and reasonably priced. We started with the Texas chile con queso dip which was very good, served with their homemade corn tortilla chips. The salsa is also very good, flavorful, but not too spicy. Kathleen was pleased to see so many vegetarian options on the menu. They also serve Mexican breakfast all day long, if that's

what you are in to. Ben ordered the "My Favorite Combo," which was a four item combination plate including one of Ben's favorites, cheese enchiladas. Kathleen ordered the Southwest grilled veggie quesadilla, which came with black beans and very yummy guacamole. The atmosphere is casual, cozy and friendly. Consider eating outside on the front porch. Service was attentive and speedy. Prices are very reasonable; selections range from \$7.50 for salads and starters to \$15 for entrees for hearty appetites. The atmosphere is family friendly, and fun. As one reviewer from Trip Advisor wrote; "It looks like an off the wall back alley place to eat, but it is well worth stopping in and enjoying the food." This is as good as Mexican food gets in Annapolis!

Ben's pick for beer of the month: DuClaw Hop Devil Ale. 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover MD. [www.duclaw.com](http://www.duclaw.com). This beer is a pleasant accompaniment of hops, with the faintest hint of smokiness and even trace of grapefruit. Sadly, DuClaw has stopped brewing their Venom Ale, but the Hop Devil is a pretty good sub-

stitute. DuClaw also serves great burgers!

Recipe: Mean Kathleen's Crab Dip

1 c. shredded cheddar cheese  
1 lb. back fin crab meat (picked through)  
12 oz. softened cream cheese  
1 1/2 c. sour cream  
1 T Worcestershire sauce  
1 T Creole mustard  
Juice from 1/2 a lemon  
Couple shakes of garlic pepper  
Couple shakes of Old Bay seasoning

Combine all ingredients except crab meat and 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Gently add crab and combine. Put mixture into a baking dish and top with remaining cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until; cheese looks bubbly. Serve with crackers and toasted baguettes. Enjoy!



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A non-refundable and non-transferable \$25 program fee includes the book, certification card and instructional services. Checks should be made out to the Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails. For further information, contact the B & A Trail Park office at 410-222-6244.

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## **Transplanted: A Caper Overseas**

**By Audrey Lengbeyer**

Ah, is it April already? Surely the daffodils are blooming in the Cape, and how I miss my garden! When spring comes, I am usually dying to get outside, to push seeds into the earth, to pull dead leaves away from the new shoots, to start the composter spinning again. It's an outlet, I think, for the same energy in me that pushes those shoots up from the earth – spring is a season when everything feels fresh and new and full of possibility.

Here spring has sprung, and the air is full of the delightful sound of birds chirping. The sun shines, the sky is blue, plants are bursting out with buds and new shoots, blanketed with flowers. We've taken the girls many times to the beach already, and they've even gone wading and splashing into the water. One day it was in the 80s already, a fluke, but lovely nonetheless! In five days, my parents arrive for a 2-week visit. The kids are unbelievably excited – the older one has a chart on the wall counting down the days until their arrival. We are excited but also a bit anxious – it's always a challenge to have one's parents around

for such a long period, even if they are staying in a bed and breakfast nearby.

As our time here draws to a close (only 3 more months before we depart for a month in Europe, and then home), we find ourselves starting to think about reentry to Annapolis. Our sabbatical year is nearly over, and I've had many thoughts about what this year has meant to us. Of course for Larry, it's been a break from the grind, of teaching at the Naval Academy, of his administrative responsibilities serving on various committees and in his own department. He hasn't worn a tie all year long, and has gone to work in shorts – he loves that part. It's been a time where he's been free to do more reading and writing, and to rediscover the ideas that stimulated him to begin teaching philosophy in the first place, though he feels as if he's barely gotten to do these, having spent all of his time instead finding playgrounds and English-speaking friends for the girls, finding a rental car and Internet ser-

vice, figuring out the heating system and setting up the DVD player, and all the other nonsense that comes with a big move. He's also spent a lot of time getting to know his colleagues, and traveling the country with us.

For the rest of us, it's been less clear what this year might be. It was when speaking with the husband of one of Larry's fellow Fulbright scholars here in Israel that I began to see that sabbaticals might serve deeper purposes. This couple, we'll call them Dana and Michael, are both doctors. Dana is the Fulbright scholar, working with local Palestinian and Israeli doctors on reducing domestic abuse in Israel and the West Bank. Michael was an overworked ER doctor, and told us openly about his wanting to use this year to contemplate his career options. Instead of practicing here, he's been attending ul-

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pan, or Hebrew immersion school, and volunteering at a local homeless shelter. His mind, he told us, was finally away from his work, and thinking about it, he really didn't want to go back to his old workaholic life upon his return to New York. Talking with him made me realize what a unique and special opportunity a sabbatical is – not just a chance to experience a different life for a year, but a chance to use that time to reflect upon one's life, and to change that life. What do we miss about our normal life? What are we glad to be away from? What would we rather be doing when we go back?

I've also found myself several times telling myself, "oh well, it's only temporary." So we only have four towels, so we don't have enough area rugs. So we only have one cookie pan and no muffin tin. If we were home, I would deal with these problems, mostly by going to Bed Bath and Beyond. Here, I think, why bother, we can live without those things for a year. I've even found that I've been much more flexible as we've made friends, knowing it was nothing permanent, just enjoying the moment or the day, without much thought of compatibility. Why bother? We're leaving anyway. But as I've thought more about it, I've realized that everything in life is temporary, just to different degrees. Ultimately, life itself is a temporary state of affairs, and we really have no way of knowing just how temporary. How liberating to focus on enjoying a new friend in the moment, without evaluating, without predicting. Perhaps I can bring back that sense of living in the present to my more permanent life in Cape St. Claire. Because we have only a year here

to enjoy Israel, we've been making a lot of effort to see the country and enjoy its treasures. This made me realize that we often experience more richly the places we travel than the place we live. What if we only had one year to spend in Maryland? How much more often we would make the drive to see the free museums and monuments in DC, or go crabbing off a pier, or walk through the woods for an outdoor concert at Quiet Waters? How much more would we have ice cream down at City Dock, go canoeing in the Chesapeake watershed, take a picnic under the cherry blossoms at the Jefferson Memorial? Having a sabbatical has not just been a year off; it's helped me to reframe what it is to savor a day when one only has 365 of them – and I hope to remember that as we reenter life in our cherished Cape St. Claire.

So I've tried to take a sabbatical too. I've spent a day a week hiding away in a café, away from my mothering responsibilities. I spend the time reading, writing, and knitting. One day I even drove down to the beach boardwalk and went running for the first time in years in a brand new pair of running shoes. (Boy was I sore

the next couple of days, and for my next run!) It's been delightful to have these moments to myself, and I hope also to remember to carve out this time for myself when we get home. In our normal lives, it's so easy to put things off, to say I can wait for another time to pamper myself, go see the sights, do something special. Here, it's been much easier to have those higher on the priority list. My hopes for our post-sabbatical life is that we can retain the sense of living more for today, the sense that each day is precious because it'll soon be our last.

Ultimately, our sabbatical has reminded me that one day our gig is up. And we can never really know when. Carpe diem!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

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