

Our 54th Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

April 2009

Strawberry Festival Forms and Information in this issue!

President's Perspective

Cape St. Claire Security Club

An effort to create a CSC Security Club is underway. The purpose of the club is to support the current security efforts already established by the CSCIA, which pays a off-duty police officers to patrol the community. The establishment of this club is going to be grass-roots, which means it will only be as effective as the efforts of the members. Since one police officer can't be everywhere, all of the time, it is a numbers game - the more people safeguarding the community, the better.

So far, it looks like the club will consist of the following: Promoting Community Awareness. Here is an example: If you normally take a walk around the community for exercise, or walk your dog, simply take your cell phone with you. How does this make the community safer? If you see some crime or dangerous activity, you can dial 911 (which is encouraged by the police) and report it. Let's call this the most basic, spontaneous, and effortless way to protect your community.

Community Watch Patrol. This would be the organized effort to actively drive or walk about the community for the purpose of looking for crime or dangerous activity. This can be done two ways, where those patrolling identify themselves with signage on their vehicle or person, or they don't identify themselves. The later could be very effective - since an undercover community patrol will be invisible to those up to no good.

Just like studies have shown that a school is more productive when the parents are more involved, a community will be safer when the residents are very involved in promoting that safety. Safe neighborhoods have high property values, so get involved however you'd like. And remember to carry that cell phone with you. While the Security Club has not yet asked for recognition by the CSCIA, I would like to see it grow into a viable organization that benefits our entire community. For more information, please contact me at president2009@cscia.org and I will pass along your expression of interest to the organizers.

Easement Patrol

The CSCIA has been conduct-

ing a survey of the properties that abut community owned land, which includes miles of easements throughout the community. Some individuals have attempted to expropriate this land for their personal use by building fences, sheds, and even garages on your land. They will be receiving letters in the near future notifying them of their encroachment and the specific remedy sought by the Board of Governors. At a minimum, the Board we will remind them that any fence, shed, or other structure will have to be removed should the Board feel it's continued presence would jeopardize the rights of the community.

Dates to Remember:

April 25 Run for a Reason
April 28 Quarterly Meeting
May 30 Strawberry Festival

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BOARD IN BRIEF

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on March 9, 2009 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. in the Cox Meeting Room. President Biondi provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: Governors Berley, Biondi, Campbell, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Maltz, Mooneyhan and Newman were present. Budget Committee member Buchet was also present.

President's Remarks: President Biondi stated that there is a continuous effort to survey lots bordering CSCIA owned community properties to identify

any encroachments onto our community property, including materials, sheds, fences and other structures. Letters are sent to lot owners bordering CSCIA community properties reinforcing the CSCIA's right to enforce the removal of items, including structures, from community owned properties. If necessary, the CSCIA would take additional steps to continue to maintain all community property.

Commented that through a combined effort of the BLOA and the CSCIA, a signage issue with a business at the Cape Shopping Center was amicably resolved. Also, President Biondi will send a letter to another Cape business concerning signage and easement issues.

Stated that the County's General Development Plan was placed on the web. This plan contains several quality of life issues for our area and should be closely tracked.

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Minutes and Profit & Loss Statements:

A motion was made to approve the February 9, 2009 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention.

Motions were also made to approve the December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009 Profit & Loss Statements. Both motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks – Governor Newman reported that he received three of the four required

permits needed for the Deep Creek bulkhead repair project. Also, he is getting new signage for the park and beach areas with enhanced verbiage to better define property access restrictions in an effort to curb trespassing.

Clubhouse – Through the combined efforts of Governor Lamb and President Biondi, the committee received updated quotes to reside the clubhouse using vinyl siding. The Board reviewed the quotes and materials, and agreed to have the project completed. The Board selected a good quality siding and the colors, and agreed to accept the low bid to have the project completed.

Old Business:

The Board continued a detailed review of the CSCIA policies and procedures as they relate to “Cape Recognized Organizations.” These efforts included a review of the policies for use of the CSCIA clubhouse by “Cape Recognized Organizations.” Several enhancements and changes were approved, as these reviews continue.

Closed Session Meeting: 9:55 P.M. – 10:15 P.M.

A motion was made and approved to enter into a Closed Session meeting at 9:55 P.M. The Closed Session meeting ended at 10:15 P.M.

Adjournment: The regular March 9, 2009 CSCIA BOG Monthly meeting ended at 10:20 P.M. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2009.

Cape St. Claire Elementary

Volunteers Are Needed at Cape Elementary!

Recently retired? Looking for some “kid” time?

The CSC Elem. Media Center is in need of volunteers to help with their Chessie program.

Responsibilities included asking students preset questions on books that they read each week.

Hours can be as little as 1 hour, once a week, each week to more. For more information on this opportunity please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Geralyn Valente at 410-757-8505 or at valente94@verizon.net.

Submitted by
Geralyn Valente

Cape St. Claire Elementary—Run For A Reason

Yes, it’s that time again. Time for what, you ask. Time for the Cape St. Claire Elementary School’s annual Fun Run/Walk. This will not just be the same old 5k run and 1 mile walk. For our 7th year of the Dash to Discovery, we have added a twist. You and your friends will be Running for a Reason. We will be collecting donations for two local charities; My Brother’s Pantry, and the Emergency Baby Pantry.

For more information, to download registration forms, and a list of needed Fun Run donations, please see the PTO website www.cscpto.org.

So dig those sneakers out of the closet and join us on April 25.

Cape Homeschoolers

If you're homeschooling in the Cape or thinking about homeschooling, please get in touch and join a growing community of homeschooling families in Cape St. Claire.

We are a diverse group of families with many differing approaches and methods, and we'd love to meet you and your children.

Please phone Audrey Lengbeyer at 410-757-5175, or email audreymarmot@yahoo.com, or Carol Schenker at 410-349-9854, email caloucar@verizon.net, for more information about playgroups and meetings.

Thanks!

Submitted by
Audrey Lengbeyer

CAPE CLEAN-UP
Friday, August 28th &
Saturday, August 29th
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and Cape St. Claire Road



Garden Club News

Spring is here! As I write this, daffodils are poking up all over the Cape, and we just had the most lusciously warm weekend. How wonderful to see so many in the Cape out walking, biking, cleaning up their yards, and otherwise enjoying our first warm days. It's time to cut back those fountain grasses and sedums and spread some mulch!

The Garden Club celebrated its 34th anniversary in March with a lovely potluck dinner and plant raffle. We all had a wonderful evening chatting together, and sharing our garden- ing plans for the new season.

Our shipment of native plants just arrived, and we are so excited to be sharing them with you again this year at our plant sale. Orange leaves, lime-green leaves, pink-headed grasses, red groundcovers – it is all so exciting! We hope you will come and visit us at our annual plant sale the Saturday after Mother's Day:

We are seeking for our sale any

plastic plant pots you no longer need. Plastic pots can be dropped at 1308 Cape St. Claire Road. Also, this year we are seeking decorative terra cotta and ceramic planters. If you have a box of these cluttering up your garage or basement, and don't need them anymore, please consider donating them to our plant sale! Clay pots can be dropped at 1121 River Bay Road (near the intersection with Hampton Road). Thanks so much for your support!

Don't forget as the weather warms to remove any standing water in tarps, toys, old tires, planters, and the like, to keep mosquitoes from breeding. Yes, it's that time of year again... It's also the time of year that the Garden Club will restart our Yard of the Month judging. So spruce up those yards, and we'll be coming through to admire our favorites, each month from April to October.

Hope to see many of you shopping at our sale!

Submitted by
Audrey Lengbeyer

The Cape St. Claire Garden Club

presents our annual
PLANT SALE
**Saturday, May 16th, 8am
– 2pm**

(Rain date Sunday, May 17th)

Bargain perennials from our gardens, gorgeous annuals at competitive prices, and beautiful native plants
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(across from Graul's)



Easter Services

Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to join in any of our services and this Easter season we welcome you to join us April 12th as Christ Our Anchor, along with other area churches, participates in Easter Sunrise service at the Cape Beach.

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Submitted by
Helen Kelley

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!! The
Cape St. Claire Strawberry Fes-
tival is scheduled for Saturday,
May 30, 2009 with a rain date
of Sunday, May 31st. Plans are
under way for another Spec-
tacular Festival.

Enclosed in this edition of the
Caper you will find the neces-
sary forms to register for this
year's Strawberry Festival Con-
tests. As always we are in need
of **VOLUNTEERS!!**

If you are interested in being a
part of the festival please call
Mary Lamb at 410-757-0593



The Strawberry Festival

A Cape St. Claire Tradition

Cape St. Claire residents young
and old look forward to that
Saturday in Spring when they
gather along Cape St. Claire
Road with sunshine to watch as
the Cape St. Claire Strawberry
Festival Princess and her court
lead the community parade to
the festivities on the main
beach. This age old festival of-
fers community fun for every-
one in the family. This year's
festival is scheduled for Satur-
day, May 30, with a rain date of
Sunday, May 31st.


Inside the festival gates resi-
dents will find live music on
stage all day. In addition to a
free moon bounce for the chil-
dren, rock climbing, a beer gar-
den and a variety of games and
food booths on the main beach.

If you are looking to get your
strawberry fix do not forget to
visit the Strawberry Kitchen
where volunteers are busy mak-
ing shortcakes and sundaes. If
you are of age and looking for a

stronger strawberry you will
find strawberry daiquiris and
Beer in the beer garden.

The festival offers local chil-
dren the opportunity to enter
one of many contests. As in
years past, the most popular
contest is the bike-decorating
contest. This contest gives boys
and girls the opportunity to
decorate their bikes in one of
three themes. The decorated
bikes gather at the fire depart-
ment and ride together in the
parade. Once they reach the fes-
tival grounds, the bikes are
judged and everyone receives
an award. In years past this
contest only awarded prizes to
the "best" decorated bike in
each theme category. However,
as the children became more
creative the decisions became
more difficult and the disap-
pointed faces were heart break-
ing. After much discussion the
Festival Committee decided that
all children who took the time
to decorate their bike would re-
ceive a prize.

Our youngest residents, ages 24
months and younger, have the
opportunity to enter a contest of
their own. Babies, with the help
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opportunity to decorate them-



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selves and their ride in the Strawberry Theme. The "Berriest Baby" contest allows families the opportunity to show off their youngest members and their decorating creativity. This contest offers prizes for all of the pre-registered applicants and a special award for the "Berriest Baby"

Probably the most prestigious contest is that of the "Strawberry Festival Princess." The Strawberry Festival Princess contest gives the young women in the community the opportunity to tell their audience about their life in Cape St. Claire. The contestants are asked to submit an essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court.

Returning to the Festival

This year is the STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL's JUNIOR PRINCESS Contest. If you are a Cape Resident entering the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the Fall of 2009 this is your opportunity to shine. Contestants are asked to submit an essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court.

Returning to the Festival

This year is the STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL's LITTIEST PRINCESS Contest. If you are a Cape Resident entering the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade in the

Fall of 2009 this is your opportunity to shine. The contestants are asked to submit a 200 word essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court.

This year's festival will also bring back the community watermelon-eating contest. Residents of all ages may find their place at the watermelon table various times through out the day. Contest will be run and prizes will be awarded to those who can eat their piece of watermelon the fastest, without using their hands.

If competition is what you are looking for and you feel as though you and your partner are on the move, try your luck at the sac races. Two Person teams are welcome to sign up as often as you like. Each race will determine a winning team who will defend their title against other teams. Before the sunsets there will be an elimination run to determine the fastest team in Cape St. Claire.

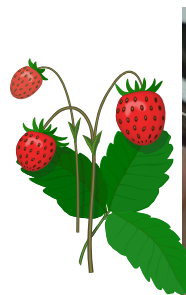
Next to the Bay you will find the Big Vanilla rock climbing wall. This amazing attraction allows climbers of all ages to reach the top. Make sure you bring proper shoes!

Local church, scout and community groups sponsor the food and game booths in an effort to raise funds for their organization. Many of the games created and foods prepared are a result of the hard work of the

youth in Cape St. Claire.

Your local businessmen and women sponsor all of our contest and free attractions. Please take the time on Festival Day to read the schedule of events and thank the sponsors for their support.

2008 Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival



WANTED: Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Princess



*Are you a Cape Resident? Are you a young lady entering 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2009?
Are you active in your community?*

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 10, 2009.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

School you will be attending, fall/2009 _____

All contestants should be available to ride in the parade (begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2009, rain date May 31). If you should have any questions or comments please contact Mary at 410-757-0593.

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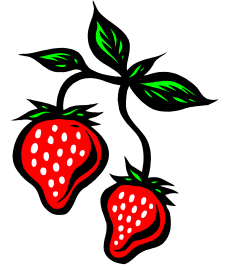
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Would you like to be Cape St. Claire's Berriest Baby?
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Brown's Day Care
723 Mount Alban Drive
Annapolis, MD 21409**

Baby's Name _____ Birth Date _____
Parent's Name _____
Address _____ Phone _____

We The Parents/Guardians agree to participate in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with our Berriest Baby. We understand judging is based upon the Strawberry Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM ON Saturday, May 30, 2009 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain Date May 31, 2009. Contest Entry DEADLINE.... May 23, 2009

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WANTED: Cape St. Claire 2009 Strawberry Festival Littlest Princess



Are you a part of the Cape St. Claire Community?
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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 200 word essay entitled, "Cape St. Claire a Fun Place To Live" along with this form and a picture of yourself to:

Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival
1180 Summit Dr.,
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The essay should summarize what you like about the Cape St. Claire.
All entries must be submitted by May 10, 2009.

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____ Phone _____
School you will be attending, fall/2009 _____

All contestants should be available to ride in the parade on Saturday, May 30, 2009 (rain date June May 31st). If you should have any questions or comments please contact Mary at 410-757-0593.



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Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival
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Address _____ Phone _____

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Have your parents fill out this form and return it to Mary Lamb, 1180 Summit Dr. Annapolis MD 21401

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

We the Parents/Guardians agree to our child participating in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with their decorated bike entry. We understand judging is based upon the Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM on Saturday, May 30, 2009 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain date May 31, 2009. I hereby give my child permission to participate in the parade and the festival activities. I will accept full responsibility for my child's safety. I understand my child must wear a bike helmet.

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