

The Caper



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to my fellow Cape residents. I am very honored and excited to have been nominated and elected to serve as the President by the Board of Governors. I would personally like to thank Scott Dembowski for his service as President in 2013. I want to also thank our outgoing Board Members, Kathleen Mooneyhan and Bruce Campbell for all their service over the years.

We have a great group of volunteers in place on the Board of Governors for 2014 and we look forward to improving upon last year's accomplishments and continue to make Cape a great place to live! I would also like to welcome our returning elected board members, Scott Dembowski and Josephine Gardner and our newly elected members, Jennifer Klug Vaccaro and Susan Hazen.

We will be continuing some projects that are in place such as Lake Claire Restoration Project, but we also hope to embark on new discussions and planning to tackle other capital improvements needed within the our community, especially erosion at our treasured beaches and parks. As always if you have an interest in improving our community, we can always use volunteers to help us along the way.

Lastly, I would like to bring to everyone's attention to an important meeting on Thursday, February 20th at the Clubhouse. The County will be presenting the finalized plans for the long awaited Cape St. Claire Road expansion that include sidewalks and county water coming to the shopping center. The County intends to break ground on this project this spring with an anticipated finish date later in 2014. We will publish more information as we find out, but please try and join us for this presentation.

Best wishes in 2014,
Beau Breeden

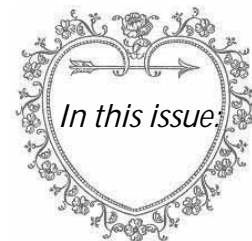
BOARD IN BRIEF

President Dembowski called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. Regarding the Annual Meeting and elections, he said that he has the protocol for the validating committee. The Membership Committee is tasked with organizing people to go over the mail-in and election night ballots. Contacting Barbara Morgan will be helpful as she has done this many times.

Minutes and Profit and Loss Statements (P&Ls):

November 11, 2013 Monthly BOG meeting minutes: Governor Campbell made a motion that these minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Governor Veno and passed.

October 31, 2013 Profit and Loss Statements: Governor Veno made a motion to approve these P&Ls. The motion was seconded by Governor Lamb and passed unanimously.



- ♦ *President's Message*
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- ♦ *New Covenant Church*
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- ♦ *Goshen Farm*
- ♦ *Friends of Lake Claire*
- ♦ *Youth Sailing*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Roads: Governor Veno reported that he has made repeated attempts to contact Kathy Sharp regarding Cape St. Claire Road. There was some discussion of the safety issues where the new trail crosses Cape St. Road at the stop-lights. Governor Lamb will look into options for signage. Governor Dembowski will mention the trail in the next Caper, asking drivers and pedestrians to be observant of each other.

Covenants: Governor Breeden said that things are quiet. He is still dealing with POD removal and the same two problem houses.

Security: Governor Breeden reported that all is quiet in Cape St. Claire.

Membership: Governor Norris said that Councilman Dick Ladd will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. We should all make an effort to get a big turnout.

Buildings: Governor Gardner is dealing with a homeowner who wants to tear down a house and rebuild, and who wanted to see the building code regarding setbacks.

There was some discussion of the history and current activity regarding a property where the owner encroached and built on CSCIA property. The owner is anxious to sell but the encroachment issue needs to be settled before the house can be listed. We are waiting for response from the owner and his agents.

Website: Governor Newman reminded all to put items on the page or contact him to do it.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said that the toilets will be replaced soon. Governor Dembowski mentioned a 2008 Long Range Plan that he had seen, and noted that the Clubhouse has met almost all of the goals.

Caper: The Caper will be in mailboxes this week. Governor Breeden asked if "cscia.org" could go prominently on the front page instead of in small type on the last page. Governor Lamb said she will make the change.

Budget: Committee chairman Buchet said that he would defer to Governor Breeden.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Dembowski said that things are quiet, with much less use in the winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Governor Breeden presented the latest on insurance policies. He has filed with the State Insurance Commission questioning a 50% rate increase from State Farm that was presented too late. He discussed an umbrella policy, a new carrier for workman's comp, and marina operator's liability, and made recommendations as to what the Board should do. He also recommended that the Piers Committee look into the underwriting process for covering any or all piers. Coverage could come from SCBD or Piers and, in time, perhaps the insurance cost could be passed on to the slip renters.

He noted that a \$2,000,000 umbrella policy would cover general liability and directors and officers, with a low cost rider to cover the Strawberry Festival.

As the papers to ensure coverage for next year need to be signed tonight, Governor Veno moved that the Board adopt all the insurance recommendations made by Governor Breeden this evening. The motion was seconded by Governor Lamb and approved unanimously.

Governor Dembowski thanked Governor Breeden for all his work on insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor Dembowski noted that the normally scheduled Board meeting falls the night before the Annual meeting, so the Board will meet right after the annual meeting instead.

Governor Norris asked if there had ever been written job descriptions for the various committee chairs. Governor Dembowski noted that some are in the by-laws, but that tasks have changed over the years. He thought it would be helpful to have more written down. He noted that incoming chairpersons should consult with the outgoing chairs and also check the committee binders for information and end of year reports. Budget chairman Buchet said that it would also be helpful if the public knew just what we all do. Governor Norris said she would collate all the information regarding committee chair duties.

Pizza Hut wants to redo its façade, making it slightly higher and with new colors. Governor Gardner said there is no problem with this.

board in brief continued.....

The Blue Rooster wants an alcohol license and there is a hearing tomorrow. Governor Gardner asked if the Board wanted to enter any opinions. She thought we should be notified further in advance of issues like this in the future, as they affect our insurance, and we need to let the BLOA know of our concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Newman moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Governor Veno and approved unanimously. The December 9, 2013 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Governors Breeden, Campbell, Dembowski, Gardner, Lamb, Newman, Norris, Snow, and Veno were present. Also present was Budget Committee chairman Buchet.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PRESENTATION ON CAPE ST. CLAIRE ROAD PROJECT

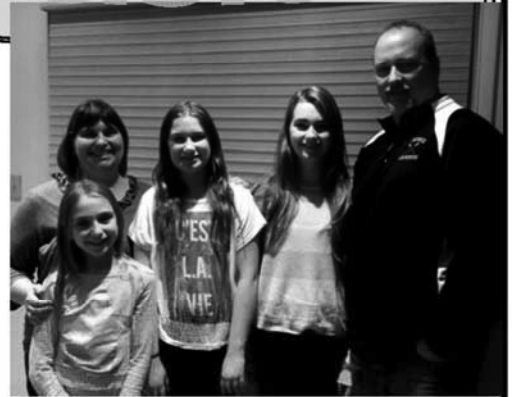
February 20, 2014 7:00 PM
CSC Clubhouse

On February 20th at 7 PM at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works will present a discussion of the upcoming road improvements and water main project. An overview of the project scope and schedule will be presented at this time. Construction is to begin in early April 2014. Please plan to attend.

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Please continue to check our website, www.cscvfc.org and our sign board for some amazing upcoming events!



Congratulations to our 2013 award winners!

- ◆ Chief's award: Bob Jones
- ◆ President's award: Ben Mills
- ◆ Career award: Mekins family
- ◆ Top fire responder: Morgan Parker
- ◆ Top EMS responder: Sarah Bartolotta
- ◆ Rookie of the year: Katie Hines
- ◆ Training award: Katie Hines

*For information on becoming a member,
please visit our website or stop in the station Thursday nights between 7 & 9.*

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club had a lively meeting in cold January, keeping dreams of the spring garden alive by starting some cold-hardy seeds. We placed the seeds and seed-starting soil into recycled plastic containers, and our members took these home to put outside in the sunshine, making mini-greenhouses. The seeds will sprout when the temperatures warm up, giving us a head start on new plants.

Our previously scheduled speaker for February, Dr. Francis Gouin, Professor emeritus of Horticulture and founder of the Master Gardeners program in Maryland, had to reschedule his much-anticipated talk on organic vegetable gardening for a bonus Garden Club meeting that will give us an excuse to get together in late March (date TBA). We hope also to be joined then by the gardeners from Goshen Farm's Sharing Garden. All are welcome! Please visit our website, capegardclub.wordpress.com to find the new date in late March for what promises to be an excellent and informative talk that many in Cape St Claire can put to good use in the spring.

Our Anniversary dinner this year will fall on Tuesday, March 4th, for a celebration of our club's founding 39 years ago. We'll gather for a bountiful potluck dinner and a raffling of some beautiful plants. Then our April meeting will fall on April 1st, at 7pm in the clubhouse meeting room.

As spring unfolds, our members will begin the fun, anticipatory preparations for our annual **May plant sale**. Mark your calendars, folks, this year it will fall on **Saturday, May 17th, 8am-2pm**, in the grassy area across from Graul's. As always, we will have a large selection of mature perennials dug from our gardens for sun and shade, colorful annuals from a local grower, and an exciting collection of native and rare perennial plants. We'll also have many varieties of tomatoes, vegetables, and herbs, as always, and there will be experienced and knowledgeable gardeners on hand to answer all your questions about what to plant and where. We love seeing all our neighbors and friends come out, and we so appreciate your support of our annual club fundraiser. So come on out again to shop, get advice, beautify your garden, and support your community, all in the same day!

If you are disposing of venetian blinds (plastic only) or plastic plant pots of any size, our club can reuse these for our plant sale. Please drop them anytime in the driveway at 1121 River Bay Road. Thank you!

If you would like to attend our meetings, come anytime - all are welcome! If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Laura at flokell@verizon.net or phone her at 410-349-3390.

Did You Receive Your 2014 Cape Calendar?

The 2014 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar was mailed to all homes the December. If you did not receive a calendar or are new to the community, you can pick up a copy at the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association office on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m (410-757-1223).

The calendar includes community organization's meeting and event dates, as well as a large directory of useful telephone numbers and a map of the Cape.

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Happy New Year to All!

As we begin 2014, the County will start a number of construction projects in Severna Park, Arnold, and the Broadneck Peninsula.

Most significant will be the 24-month construction of the new Severna Park High School, which will begin this spring with site preparation work. The level of construction will increase as the high school spring sport season is completed. The vertical construction work will begin when the school year ends. During the third year of the project, after the new high school is occupied, the existing high school will be removed and the athletic fields and parking will be restored.

Similar site preparation work for the Benfield Elementary School expansion and renovation will also begin in the spring.

One of the tougher issues to solve with the building of the new high school is the loss of badly needed ball fields during construction.

To make up for this loss, the County plans to add two new ball fields at Kinder Park. If all goes as planned, these additional fields will be ready for the start of the spring season in April.

Construction of the new Eastern District Police Station (which serves Severna Park and the Broadneck Peninsula) on Pasadena Road just off Ritchie Highway is underway and has a targeted completion date of November 2014.

Throughout the Council District, a number of storm water management upgrades will start soon. Most of these will be upgrades to existing outfalls and ponds, which do not directly connect with a river or tidal waters. In addition, projects involving riverfront work are progressing through design and the Corps of Engineers' permitting process.

On the Broadneck Peninsula, the feasibility study for a new Arnold Elementary School will be completed this spring and should answer, at least, my question whether a code-compliant and properly-sized school will fit on the current site.

Also this spring, work will begin in Cape St. Claire to substantially update Cape St. Claire Road and extend water service to the commercial area. This project is slated to be completed by the fall. This long-awaited project will enable critical modernization and code compliance of the stores in the shopping center.

A status update on the Maryland State Highway Administration's plan to add another lane to the Severn River Bridge includes recent news that the plan has overcome the last major pre-design phase hurdle by successfully passing a "critical structural capacity analysis." The new lane will significantly help alleviate the daily afternoon commuter backup on Route 50 that approaches the Bridge.

Legislatively, the County Council is in the process of passing two landmark bills dealing with pension overhaul and healthcare overhaul. Currently, the County is carrying millions of dollars in unfunded pension and healthcare liabilities - money that we will have to pay out but are not currently funded.

The Council was forced to act by recent accounting standards changes requiring County government to carry such liabilities on the books and to implicitly have a funding source.

As always, I welcome your suggestions, comments, and/or questions on any matters important to you and your family. Again, Happy New Year!

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We pray that as you read this article the year 2014 has begun with much hope for you and your family. Our prayers for all are for health and peace throughout the year. Hope is really what the Christian faith is all about – no matter what we may face, we have been given the sure hope that God will carry us through. Our community has had numerous changes since its beginning and that is true of Cape St. Claire United Methodist also. Our prayer is that we are known as a church that reaches out to the community to offer hope wherever needed. Hope comes in all kinds of shapes and sizes – just like us. It may come from the feel of family support, a helping hand from a stranger, good fellowship and food, or simply a smile and hug. We all need to be reminded of how we can offer hope to others.

Winter Relief

2/3/14 - 2/10/14

Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church (CSCUMC) is co-hosting Winter Relief with Broadneck Baptist Church the first week of February. The program which is run by Arundel House of Hope allows churches in the area the honor of housing, feeding and loving homeless guests one week at a time. Our week will take place at CSCUMC; 855 Chestnut Tree Drive, Annapolis MD 21409. Anyone desiring to help the homeless are invited to join us in this serving mission. See the link below for the various volunteer opportunities during the week which include: cooking/serving meals, preparing bagged lunches, hosting slots, laundry services, driving opportunities.

Broadneck Baptist Church www7.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A8AF2EA13-bbccscumc1

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If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact

Mia Riser (CSCUMC Winter Relief Coordinator @ mlriser@aol.com or 410/693-5120)

Women's Retreat

2/28/14 - 3/2/14

West River Retreat Center

We would like to extend an invitation to any community women who might be interested in joining our ladies in their annual weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth. The program this year is "Cozy Mountain Lodge: Where Women Find Shelter in God". The total cost is \$140.00/person and includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. T-shirts are optional and available for \$14.00. Reservations are due by 2/16. Please contact Mia Riser if interested mlriser@aol.com or 410-693-5120.

Cape Kids Corner

In support of families throughout the Cape, we invite you to call the school (410-757-2271) or email us (cscumc.org) for a tour of the school so we may be of assistance. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year begins in March. Also, we invite you to join us for our **Annual Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser**. On **March 29 from 8 to 10** we will be at the Applebee's Restaurant on Generals Highway serving up flapjacks for all who enter.



*Our church has a little over 200 members and families.
We offer many worship, fellowship, mission and learning opportunities throughout the year.*

Anchors-A-Wee Preschool
Registration is on-line on Feb 4th at 10:00 am.

As always, all are welcomed into our church and into our many activities! *Schedule of services – 9:30 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary) – both with Sunday School*

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– where if you are in the pits, you could stop in for a nice concert in a Christian setting to recharge and refill for the rest of the week.

Location: Christ our Anchor Sanctuary, enter through the Narthex

Time: 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm

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Mardi Gras

MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday, March 1, 2014
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§ 9-1-709. Snow and ice on walkways.

(a) Prohibition. The owner, user, or occupant of property situated on a street along which there is a paved sidewalk shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk fronting the property within six hours after the fall of snow except that, if it snows between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the owner, user, or occupant shall remove the snow and ice before 11:00 a.m.

(b) Removal by County; costs. Whenever a person fails to comply with subsection (a), the Department of Public Works may cause the snow or ice to be removed and shall certify the cost of removal to the Controller. The costs of removal shall be paid to the County by the person who failed to remove snow or ice and the costs may be recovered by the County in an action at law.

(c) Sanction for violation. A person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10.

GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

We had a nice turn out for our 2014 Annual meeting. Please welcome our new Board members and committee chairs; Terry Brandon-Garden Chair, Joe Poist-Treasurer and Rose Mary Stocker –Vice President. We are pleased to announce our new President Lou Biondi! We would like to thank our outgoing Board members: Karen Bailey, Rhonda Titus and Nicole Neboshynsky for all of their hard work. We were fortunate to have you all and your talents.

Mark your calendars..... Our next event is the Annual Java & Jazz! This FREE event is on Sunday, March 9th from 3pm to 5pm at the CSC Clubhouse. We invite you to enjoy hot coffee, tea & cocoa and sweet and savory appetizers while listening to smooth Jazz. Goshen items will be for sale and there will be displays on the history of the property as well as our progress. Be a part of local history!! Also, we are looking for business to sponsor the event. For \$25 your business can be displayed and it's tax deductible! Contact Barb Morgan at events@goshenfarm.org for more information.

FAIRWINDS MARINA BARGAIN DOCK CLEARANCE SALE

Love your boat? Then celebrate February FIFTEENTH with Fairwinds Marina! Save 50% on everything in our "Bargain Dock Warehouse" during our ONE-DAY ONLY annual marine flea market sale. This treasure trove is our extensive inventory of already deeply discounted new and used boating parts and accessories. Don't miss the boat on the unbeatable deals!

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NUTRITION NEWS

Our first weight loss challenge at the Cape St. Claire Club House began on October 31st. Our final weigh-in for this session was held on December 12th and on December 19th, we concluded with a celebration of over 29 pounds lost and 35 inches lost. This session met on Thursday mornings at 10am. We will begin a new session in the New Year. All are welcome to join in at any time. We would like to start evening classes as well, so if you are interested in morning or evening classes, please call Laura McIntyre at (443) 569-9082 or (410) 757-1354.



EPIPHANY COMMUNITY

The Epiphany Community celebrates Catholic mass every Sunday at 9:30am in the Cape St. Claire Club House. Our Christmas Eve mass was wonderful! The music was absolutely inspiring!

All are welcome to attend weekly mass as well as our annual meeting and potluck. We look forward to seeing you soon. We are still in need of a piano player for our choir, so anyone interested, please stop by.

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All is quiet and sleeping under the blankets of snow we have enjoyed recently. Before we know it, signs of life will return to the natural areas of the Cape! Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming volunteer opportunities:

Saturday, March 8th: 10am - noon

Saturday, April 12th: 10am - noon

Burn by the Beach!

Our Beaches and Parks Chair, Scott Dembowski has applied for a burn permit for the phragmites we cut down over the fall and winter. Burning the dead vegetation will help to reduce seed sprouting. Once the burn permit has been secured and arrangements are made with the Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department, the burn date will be announced on our Facebook page as well as by our email list-serve.

Free Trees!

The Watershed Stewards Academy is offering free tree and shrub seedlings through the Backyard Buffers program. If you would like to reserve a bundle of seedlings, visit their website: www.aawsa.org

If at first you don't succeed...

Sadly, we were not approved for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation technical assistance grant for the 2013 cycle. But we are not discouraged! With the help of our friends at Biohabitats, we will apply for a technical assistance grant for the upcoming grant cycle. If awarded, this grant will fund a professional study of the issues surrounding the Lake Claire Beach and Lake Claire, and a master plan for resolving the erosion, sedimentation and water quality problems. Having a master plan will help the community to secure funding for projects to resolve those issues.

Stay Tuned

More updates on our reforestation efforts and other exciting happenings coming soon!

If you would like more information about any of our projects, or have a question/suggestion, please contact Jennifer Vaccaro: LakeClaire@comcast.net

Join our group on Facebook: Friends of Lake Claire

YOUTH SAILING NEWS

The Youth Sailing program of the Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire is designed to teach the fundamentals of sailing, whether you are a beginner or an experienced sailor. Sailing is a recreational as well as a competitive sport that students will enjoy for a lifetime. The purpose of the summer youth program is to provide a safe instructional environment for an enjoyable summer of learning how to sail. At the end of the summer, each sailor will receive a certificate of completion and a lifetime of friends and memories.

Cape Youth Sailing signups are right around the corner. We have changed our registration this year to make it easier for applicants. We have established a new website: www.capeyouthsailing.com.

On **March 1st, 2014 @ 8am** online registration for Cape Youth Sailing will be available on our website www.capeyouthsailing.com. Once registration is confirmed, a required registration packet will be emailed to selected program applicants with request for payment. All information about packet return will be contained in the packet.

Preference is given in the order that applications are received, with special consideration to last year's participants and Cape residents through April 1st or until a session is full (whichever comes first). Class sizes are limited and fill very quickly.

For more information about age requirements, program information, frequently asked questions, and the program calendar please visit www.capeyouthsailing.com.



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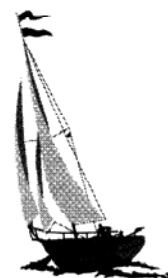
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Annapolis, MD (January 27, 2014) - Anne Arundel County Executive Laura Neuman is accepting applications from citizens to serve on a Stormwater Fee Advisory Committee. The Committee will study, review and gather information to make recommendations regarding all aspects of the Stormwater Remediation Fee and the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP).

"It is important for citizens to have a seat at the table on issues that affect them," said County Executive Neuman. "This is an important issue to our community. I encourage any citizen willing and interested in this issue to apply."

The Stormwater Fee Committee members will attend quarterly public meetings to gain an understanding of the extraordinary annual cost to comply with state and federal government stormwater management permit obligations and environmental goals. The Committee will also provide near and long-term recommendations to the County Executive regarding the Stormwater Fee and WPRP.

Applicants must be residents of Anne Arundel County and possess a strong interest in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Committee members should also be knowledgeable about stormwater issues, experienced with budgets and performance metrics and familiar with environmental regulations.

The Stormwater Fee Committee will consist of 15 members with at least one representative from each of the County's watersheds and Council Districts. Those interested in being considered should submit a resume and brief statement indicating why they would like to serve to Sarah Francisco, Coordinator of Boards and Commissions at sarah.francisco@aacounty.org.

Applications should be submitted no later than February 28, 2014.



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VALENTINE'S DAY



The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and--most importantly--romantic figure. By the [Middle Ages](#), perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France

Typical Valentine's Day Greetings

In addition to the [United States](#), Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, [Mexico](#), the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for [Christmas](#).) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

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