

# The Caper

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

## MAY 2014

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Strawberry Festival  
Edition*



Dear Fellow Capers,

It has been a busy April and May looks to be no different. There are plenty of activities planned in and around the community. As more of us are out and about, walking, biking and skating boarding, be courteous of your neighbors. Please, when driving in the community, slow down and create a safe experience for everyone on the roads. Remember 25MPH is the Maximum Speed Limit on any street within the Community. Also parents, it's probably a good time to remind your kids of safe biking and skateboarding practices and for them to be aware of their actions on the roadways.

As the weather continues to improve more and more of us will be visiting our beaches and parks. I would first like to remind you that by now you should have your new sticker and or guest pass on your vehicle. We began towing in April, especially the boat ramp, but come May 1<sup>st</sup>, the patrols by the tow company will increase at all Cape St. Claire Beaches and Parks. I want to also remind you of some of the other rules at our Beaches and Parks, which can be found on our website: <http://www.cscia.org/d/BeachesParks/RulesAndRegs.cfm>

- Please take your trash with you, be considerate and clean up after yourself.
- They are open from 6am-10pm daily
- Consumption of alcohol is not permitted
- If you are having a party of more than 20 people, you need to apply for permission.
- Dogs are to be leashed at all times and are not permitted between Memorial Day and Labor Day in the parks between 10am and 4pm daily.
- Windsurfing should be outside the designated swimming areas.
- Our piers are not to be used for commercial purposes

Also, I would like to update you on the Cape St. Claire Road Expansion Project. There have been many questions as it seems to be off to a slow start. First with the extended winter storms the project was delayed for better weather. Then I was notified around April 21<sup>st</sup> that a significant delay due to a State Permit issue and comment period of 45 days will cause the project start date to be pushed back till at least June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. I have been in contact with the County project managers and at this time are unsure of the exact implications at this stage, but it would seem logical that the 280 day contract will have significant delays and will likely be unable to meet its end of year target, meaning a more likely completion date sometime in the Spring of 2015.

I want to thank those that continue to volunteer and help out in all over are community. We have a good group of people helping with various clean-ups around Lake Claire. We have individuals taking their time to help pick up after others at our beaches and parks and would like to thank Dave Barrett and his son, in taking the time on Easter to clean up the path behind the Swim Club and collecting 6 plus bags of trash from this past winter. It is the efforts of the collectively community members that help make this a great place to live. We each can do our part to help beautify Cape St. Claire and take pride in living a community that offers so many recreational opportunities.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you or meeting you around the community at one of our volunteer days, the Strawberry Festival on June 7<sup>th</sup>, our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and or another community meeting. Enjoy the spring weather, be aware of others out on the roads and help in doing your part to keep make the Cape great!

Best Wishes,

Beau Breeden, President CSCIA

# BOARD IN BRIEF

APRIL 14, 2014

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. He thanked everyone for showing up.

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

**March 10, 2014 Monthly BOG meeting minutes:** Governor Newman made a motion that these minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Governor Snow and passed unanimously.

**February 28, 2014 Final Profit and Loss Statement:** Governor Dembowski made a motion to approve these P&Ls. The motion was seconded by Governor Newman and passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb said that rentals are going well. There were some unexpected plumbing expenses but all is fine. She continues to work with Beaches and Parks on the sidewalk repairs.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb is still struggling with timely submissions. She is pleased with the relationship with Minuteman Press and said response to the Board pictures has been very positive.

**Signboard:** Governor Lamb said that Signs by Tomorrow has visited the site and shared ideas which she will present later.

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Dembowski said that planting of new shrubs and bushes are underway with stumps ready for removal. The Main Beach sidewalk contractor has been selected and the work should be done before the Strawberry Festival. Several warnings for illegal parking have been issued and the towing company will begin random patrols of the CSCIA parking lots. Port-a-potties have been delivered to all beaches and parks.

**Erosion Control:** Governor Vaccaro said that plans are underway for several governors to meet with Planning and Zoning representatives to discuss their and our projects. She will be meeting with the Center for Watershed Protection tomorrow to discuss projects and grant funding. She said that Joe Berg of Bio-habitats will speak about erosion at the quarterly meeting.

**Website:** Governor Newman had nothing new to report.

**Buildings:** Governor Gardner said there were a lot of plans in the office as building is picking up.

**Budget:** Committee member Toy said the Budget Committee met last week.

**Communications:** Governor Snow has been researching other HOA communication policies and will send his findings to the Board.

**Piers:** Governor Biondi's submitted report said that the Piers Committee had its first meeting of 2014 on April 1. Due to the winter, there are many breaks in the water lines and both Deep Creek and Lake Claire. That, along with some electrical repairs at Deep Creek, has delayed turning the water back on. He hopes that it will all be back on within the week, depending on the weather.

The bubbler system was pulled last week. Two pilings and a finger pier at Lake Claire need to be replaced, and an estimate is being obtained. The committee is working on a multi-year budget to cover upcoming repairs and replacements.

**Covenants:** Governor Hazen's submitted report noted that a number of complaints about untagged vehicles have come in. Letters have sent to the violators and will be followed up with complaints to the Planning and Zoning Board, if necessary. She said we may want to update Cape residents on requirements for swimming pools regarding fencing and other issues. The request for mosquito spraying has been sent to the County. She also submitted a list of ongoing and closed covenant issues.

**Events:** Governor Myers submitted report said plans are underway for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

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**Treasurer:** Governor Myers submitted report said that our SCBD money has come in and that we are on track with budgeted items. She and Governor Breeden have been meeting with the bank about updating some financial procedures.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Governor Dembowski repeated that a contractor for paving the Main Beach walkway has been selected.

In response to a question from Governor Gardner, Governor Breeden said that several violators have been banned from the shopping center, and one from all CSCIA areas.

Governor Breeden said that 8 communities and Councilman Dick Ladd were at the March 20 roundtable meeting. He met with Councilman Ladd to discuss zoning, storm water management and county spending. He also said the BCC is following up on signage clutter along Route 2 and other roads, which led to a discussion of signs and County right of way in the Cape.

Governor Lamb showed some sample ideas and prices from Signs by Tomorrow for the community sign replacement. Placement of the sign is unclear until the guardhouse is moved. There was some discussion of whether or not the sign should offer advertising space for shopping center businesses with the general consensus being against the idea. It was also decided to let Governor Lamb proceed with the sign as she thought best. Governor Vaccaro asked if the guardhouse could be moved to the Main Beach. It is our understanding that the County will not pay for any move of that length, and it is unclear if the building will even withstand a short move off to the side.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Broadneck Cantina has asked again to use several parking spaces for their Cinco de Mayo fundraiser. Governor Vaccaro moved to approve the request. It was seconded by Governor Newman and approved unanimously.

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There is a meeting on April 23 at 6:30 P.M. to hear from the developer of 1073-1075 Broadview.  
There is a meeting on April 24 between the County and the BLOA regarding water coming to the shopping center. If we wanted water for our strip of grass and plantings it would cost \$9,000 a year for 30 years. It was agreed that it was not wanted.

There will be a candidates' night at the Clubhouse on April 28, hosted by the BCC. We may hold one of our own in the fall, and possibly in May before the primary.

Governor Vaccaro again mentioned that she was meeting with Brian Siepp of the Chesapeake Watershed Project tomorrow to discuss what can be done about Lake Claire and the Main Beach and what kind of funding might be available. Governor Breeden recommended that the Board sit down with Larry Thom and find out from Planning and Zoning just what we need to do in the way of permits and other regulatory issues.

Governor Breeden met with the new owner of Fairwinds Marina, who said he would like to give us back our sand that washes over into his area. He also said that the gas dock is reopening later this month.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Dembowski moved that the Board adjourn into a closed session. The motion was seconded by Governor Lamb and approved unanimously. The April 14, 2014 regular monthly meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

#### CLOSED SESSION:

A closed session of the Board of Governors was convened at 8:28 P.M. and adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Present were Governors Breeden, Dembowski, Gardner, Lamb, Newman, Snow, and Vaccaro. Also present was Budget Committee member Toy. Absent were Governors Biondi, Hazen, Myers, Norris, and Veno.

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## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



The first board member is the President of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Beau Breedon.

Well I am not sure what people want to know about me, but I will be 37 this year. I moved into the Cape in 1978, when my Father was stationed at the Naval Academy as a Professor and I at the tender age of 10 months. I met many of my friends that I have today in the Cape St. Claire Baby Sitter Co-op. It is my understanding that our Mother's traded poker chips for hours of watching each other

children. I am told it was a pre-computer method of keeping track of how many hours they owed each other for babysitting. I am convinced it was much like book clubs today, where wine is consumed around a book discussion.

We left after 3 years, for a few more Navy duty tours that took me to Pascagoula, Miss., for 11 months then off to Virginia Beach, VA for another year. After that we moved to Pinner England which is located outside of London while my father was stationed there. I attended Harlyn Primary School (British Elementary School) for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. We traveled extensively during our summer breaks which was a great learning experience. I can't tell you how many castles I went to, but as a 5-8 year old, there is not much better a thing to run through a castle that is 500 years old or even more!

We returned to the Cape in the 1986, I attended Naval Academy Primary School, mainly because I was going to repeat 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I had an English Accent, had worn school uniforms and need to basically learn American English all over again at 8. I mean, I spelled everything incorrectly, for example Colour vs. Color or said Chips vs. French Fries and I wore Plimsols, which in 1986 the Annapolis JC Penny Shoe Salesman had no clue what I was asking for. I acclimated over time, my English Accent faded and I began to sound like an American kid again.

I had a great childhood growing up in Cape, swimming in the Bay, sailing during the summer at Lake Claire, fishing and crabbing with friends, participating in Cape Sports, going from Cub Scouts in Pack 707 to Boy Scouts and eventually getting my Eagle Scout in 1995. I also threw Shot Put for Broadneck for my Junior and Senior years of inside and outside track. I worked the Produce Department at Graul's for almost 5 years in High School and College, back when we weighed your produce in the aisle and I could print a sticker off for that screaming child that said, "Behind this sticker is neat kid!" It usually worked.

I graduated UMBC in 2000 getting a degree in Economics and Finance with minor in Accounting. I have been a Financial Advisor for 14 plus years and have owned my firm since 2003. I have been to 32 Countries and 46 States, I like to travel, but love to come home to the Cape. I like volunteering and giving back to the Cape, which is why I joined the Board of Governors and since I told my parents at 12, I would live in Cape for the rest of my life and one day be President of Cape, I even documented it in my Senior Yearbook in my future plans. I figured I better fulfill my childhood dreams of helping make this a great place and I can think of no better way than working with my fellow Board Members to help improve the amenities we have.

Other points of interest: I have Golden Retriever named Murdock, a Cat named Mr. T and I really enjoy BBQ's during the summer, especially perfecting Briskets and Pork Shoulders. My parents still live here in the Cape as does one Uncle and Aunt. My Sister took off to teach in Florida at a Private School so her and her husband can spend almost every day on the beach or at the pool, but she still lists her hometown as Cape St. Claire.



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### ***Vacation Bible School will be July 14 – 18, 2014*** **COME SAIL AWAY WITH COA!**

Save the date, Vacation Bible School is back! It will be July 14 -18. We are looking for volunteers; please take time to consider your time and talents, as there are many opportunities to help. We are looking for help with donations, set up, running the week, and clean up at the end. Please contact Noel Wagner (nwagner@hotmail.com) or look out for sign up sheets in the narthex, if you can help in any way.

**As always, all are welcomed into our church and into our many activities!**

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## **NUTRITION NEWS**

Spring is here! Are you ready for bathing suit season? If not, come by and join us for our weight loss challenge and be ready for summer! We are meeting at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse every Thursday morning at 10am. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time. Cash prizes for losing weight! For more information, call Laura McIntyre at (443) 569-9082 or (410) 757-1354.



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CSC United Methodist Church would like to reach out to the community with an invitation to visit our church family and join with us in Christian fellowship at Sunday Worship, Bible studies, Outreach Programs and Fun Activities.

### **Annual Spring Bazaar**

**CSC United Methodist Church** • Saturday May 3rd, 9 am to 2 pm • Rain or Shine  
Vendors, music, food, hot/cold beverages, bake sale, children's activities, balloon animals, rummage sale, popcorn and more!

### **Mother & Daughter Luncheon**

May 10th, 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall

**Adult menu** - Ham and Cheese Quiche with Cranberry salad or Chicken Salad with Cranberry salad - \$10.00.

**Child's menu** - Mac and Cheese and Carrots - 4 to 11years \$4.00. Under 4 - free.

Advance tickets only.

Please contact the church office at 410-757-4896, if interested.

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### **Strawberry Festival**

Saturday, June 7, 2014

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#### **United Methodist Men**

*Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Sodas*

#### **United Methodist Women**

*Baked Goods, Refreshing tea/lemonade*

#### **Cape Kids Corner**

*French Fries*

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### **Growing in our Faith:**

- ◆ Monday Morning Bible Study, 11 a.m. - Library
- ◆ Monday Night Men's Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Men's Bible Study-Fellowship Hall-monthly on 2nd Saturday of every month
- ◆ Women's Bible Breakfast- Fellowship Hall-the 3rd Saturday of every month

**Coffee at the Point** - Every Wednesday reaching out to our Broadneck High School walkers at 6:30 in the morning with refreshments and caring conversation.

**Save the date:** Vacation Bible School - July 27th -July 31st.

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### BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR RUSTY

Rusty Hofner is a young man in the Cape with leukemia. He is undergoing experiment treatment in Texas that will possibly take up to 18 months. On Friday, May 2, a Bingo Fundraiser will be held for him. This will be held at the Glen Burnie Elks Club. The doors open at 6p.m. and the games begin at 7p.m. The family hopes to raise money to assist with the treatment and accommodations. You can also contribute to this effort by going online at this site: <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/help-rusty-stay-in-houston-for-treatment/143525/update/130982>.

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# GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## "Work Day on the Farm"

On March 23, 2014 twenty-one members of the Midshipmen Action Group (MAG) assisted the Goshen Farm Preservation Society and the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on three projects at Goshen Farm. "Work Day on the Farm" involved a blend of educational workshops and just plain hard work, something those young men and women are used to and do well.

James Doolittle, Research Soil Scientist, and Michele Gluck, GIS Specialist, both with NRCS, conducted the first workshop. They explained the use of the Ground Penetrating Radar & Geographic Information System and the Middies then had an opportunity to actually use the equipment to map the ground at the site of the barn, which burned down years ago. Mapping the old barn foundation and searching for possible artifacts was key first step in the Society's plan to eventually rebuild the barn.

Dean Cowherd and Jim Brewer, Soil Scientists conducted the second workshop on Soil Health and they evoked a great deal of interest and many questions, especially from those Middies who were raised on farms or in agricultural areas.

Prior to the second workshop, the Soil Health Pit, which is designed to show the various soil layers that have built up over the last several centuries, was cleaned up and a safety fence was partially erected by the Midshipmen. The Midshipmen also cleared the area of the recently chain-sawed trees and vines for the future erection of the High Tunnel greenhouse. They also began the relocation of the Sharing Garden fence to allow four new Sharing Garden Plots.

The Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District hosted the mid-day lunch break providing pizza and soda for the entire group of workers from the Academy, the Society, and the Conservation Service.

Since the "Work Day on the Farm," the Society has completed the fence around the Soil Pit and has expanded the Sharing Garden and fence.

### Spring Open House and Garden Party

On April 12, 2014 over 150 people gathered at Goshen Farm to see what the Society had accomplished since the last open house. The general reaction was one of surprise and amazement. Guests had the opportunity to tour part of the first floor of the house and observe an archeological dig conducted during the open house by C. Jane Cox with the Cultural Resources Division of the Planning and Zoning Department. The Lost Towns Project Team assisted in the dig and displayed their findings from other significant historical and cultural sites.

The Society recently completed the complicated task of completely cleaning the interior of the house of all hazardous materials and received certification from the Environmental Protection Agency. Internal renovations will begin soon.

## Cape St Claire Garden Club PLANT SALE

**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am-2pm**

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## COUNCILMAN DICK LADD

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March has been busy. The uncertainty about the new Severna Park High School (SPHS) has receded. Most importantly, County Executive Newman announced at opening night of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SPHS Rock and Roll Revival that the County would forward fund construction of the new high school. This, along with the additional \$2.8 million in State FY15 funding, the Planning Advisory Committee's continuing support for full funding, and the Board of Education's recent approval of numerous SPHS construction-related contracts for award have momentum heading in the right direction. With luck, groundbreaking will have occurred before you read next month's column.

Of equal significance is the Board of Education's vote supporting the recently completed feasibility study recommending the building of a new Arnold Elementary School. This vote followed a vote disapproving the Superintendent's recommendation to revitalize the existing building. Design funding should be requested and should be approved in the FY15 budget as part of a package being prepared for other elementary schools for out-year construction as funding becomes available. For Arnold, the wait could be at least another three years for the start of the two-year construction period.

Incident to the permitting process for a large day care center on College Parkway, plans have been approved to add a center turn lane between the lights at College Manor and Jones Station Road. This will help with the numerous subdivision access roads, single residences, and the new childcare center intersecting with College Parkway without stoplight assistance between these two intersections. This is the traffic model used on Benfield Road with good success and should help reduce accident risks in that section of the road.

The issue of unremoved temporary signs along College Parkway (following the authorized weekend use) has come up again and again over the last several years. We previously met with representatives of the County Executive's Office and selected Departmental representatives who agreed to take a look at this issue. Since there has been no follow-up meeting and no improvements in this area, I have sent a letter asking the County Executive to establish a focused, limited duration enforcement of the County sign code along College Parkway as soon as possible. I am also looking into the merits of increasing the size of the fines associated with sign placement violations and other code violations.

Legislatively, the Council considered and rejected the initial version of legislation implementing a State law requiring owners of mobile home parks with more than 38 mobile homes to pay relocation assistance to residents if the owner plans to cease operation. Only one of the County's mobile home parks is located in District 5 and it has less than 38 units. Elsewhere, the displacement impact could be substantial and will be vigorously discussed when revised legislation is introduced.

Councilman Benoit has proposed establishing a Reserve Fund for Permanent Public Improvements as authorized by Section 718(h) of the County Charter. The purpose as proposed is to fund the Board of Education's lengthy backlog of K-12 construction to include the, yet to be authorized, 13<sup>th</sup> high school. The proposal calls for the fund to receive annually a small allocation of income tax receipts. His plan is to later offset this allocation by an income tax rate increase to avoid cutting expenditures elsewhere.

While I do not agree with the income tax rate increase, I do agree more K-12 school funding would be a very good investment but not to the exclusion of necessary investments in Anne Arundel Community College (AACC). Both are integral parts of the County education infrastructure. I will offer an amendment to allow the AACC to also use this new funding source if it is eventually established. Notable among AACC's needs are a new health science building and a new science building.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues or any other issues important to you. Just give me a call at 410-222-1401.

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#### BGE Project Reminder:

In early June we will begin a project near you to install underground power lines along St. Margarets Rd. between Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. and Whitehall Rd. near Rt. 50.

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Mark your calendars for upcoming volunteer opportunities:

**Saturday, May 10th: 10am - noon**

**Saturday, June 14th: 10am - noon**

Meet in the ravine across from 1037 Lake Claire Drive. Be sure to wear gloves, long pants, long sleeves and sturdy shoes/boots. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

### **War on Weeds Continues**

We had a great time on April 12th working in the reforestation area across from 1037 Lake Claire Drive! The following Friends of Lake Claire donated their time pulling English Ivy and Multiflora Rose, picking up trash, hauling debris and cutting down vines: Marita Roos, Brad Knopf, Charlie Vaccaro, Beau Breedon, Scott Dembowski, Karen Poffel, Linc Minor, and Bill Rappoport. Thank you for your service to our neighborhood! I couldn't think of a finer group of individuals to spend a Saturday morning with. We would love to have YOUR company next time!

### **Phragmites Update**

After cutting phragmites down throughout the fall and winter months, we had a successful burn under the supervision of the CSC Volunteer Fire Department. The burn helps to prevent any remaining phragmites seed from germinating.

We are excited to see what kinds of wetland plants will emerge this spring now that the phragmites has been brought under control. Measures to keep the phragmites from returning, as well as continued eradication efforts will be on going through the summer and fall. We have won the battle, but the war rages on!

### **Join the No-Ivy League!**

We are hard at work eradicating the invasive English Ivy from our reforestation areas, and you can help by eliminating it from your property too! The common perception is that Ivy makes a "great ground-cover", but the opposite is actually true! Ivy does not support beneficial wildlife, and it's shallow root system is not capable of holding soil in place. When ivy begins to grow up trees it smothers their leaves, starving them of sunlight and the weight of the ivy will eventually bring a mature tree down in a windstorm. Additionally, once ivy begins to grow up a tree, it transitions to its "mature" form and begins to form seed, allowing it to spread to other areas.

The good news: ivy is easy to remove!! It pulls up very easily by hand. Do not attempt to use herbicides such as Roundup on it: the leaves have a very waxy coating, making it very difficult to absorb chemicals. If you have ivy growing up your trees, cut it at the ground and then make a second cut about 12-24" higher, preventing it from growing back together. The ivy hanging in the tree will eventually die, and you can pull the dead vines from the tree.

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#### **For Shade**

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Cornus canadensis  
Mitchella repens  
Gaultheria procumbens  
Asarum canadense  
Phlox divaricata  
Pachysandra procumbens  
Chrysogonum virginianum  
Adiantum pedatum  
Polystichum acrostichoides  
Carex pensylvanica  
Carex texensis

#### **For Sun**

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi  
Cornus canadensis  
Carex pensylvanica  
Carex texensis  
Chasmanthium latifolium  
Sporobolus heterolepis  
Panicum virgatum  
Schizachyrium scoparium

For more information on any of these plants, or to look for other alternatives, please visit [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)

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

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## GARDEN CLUB

Ah, the daffodils bloom at long last, and the Cape bursts into bloom for spring. How wonderful to see the forsythia and flowering cherries, plums, and redbuds blooming everywhere. Be gone, winter! Visit our blog at [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com) and click "What's in the Garden" to learn more about caring for your garden in spring: planting vegetables, pruning, and dividing perennials are some of the many topics we discuss.

The Garden Club had a wonderful April meeting, where we wrapped up details for our plant sale. Members decorated red visors with colorful silk flowers so that you'll be able to spot members easily at the sale. We've been potting each weekend in April in our members' yards. Our plant sale this year will fall on **Saturday, May 17th, 8am-2pm**, and be held **in the grassy field by the clubhouse, where Cape Cleanup is held (CSC Rd and Broadview is the nearest intersection)**. As always, we'll have mature clumps of perennials for planting in sun or shade dug from our very own gardens, a wide variety of colorful annuals and tomatoes, herbs, and vegetables from a Maryland grower, and from a Pennsylvania grower, an exciting collection of native perennials that we've nurtured all spring for your garden. Please join us as you do each year for plant bargains and expert gardening advice – we so appreciate your support!

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm** in the Clubhouse meeting room. If you would like to attend our meetings, come anytime – all are welcome! We'll also plan to have our annual Nosy Gardener Tour in late May, where we walk through various beautiful Cape gardens. If you would like to attend either event, or have any questions or suggestions, please email Laura at [flokell@verizon.net](mailto:flokell@verizon.net) or phone her at 410-349-3390, we'd love to hear from you!

The Garden Club will break during the hot summer months and resume regular meetings in the fall, on the first Tuesday of each month. Our meeting dates are also listed on our blog, [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com). We hope to see you all at our plant sale!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

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## PLANNED MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), is responsible for administering and implementing mosquito control within the State of Maryland. Typical projects undertaken for mosquito control include Public Health arboreal surveillance and testing, mosquito population surveillance activities, source reduction, biological control initiatives, ground and aerial application of insecticides and public education. In 2011, MDA entered into cooperative agreements with 16 counties for mosquito control services and Cape St. Claire has been an active participant for the past number of years.

Mosquito control in Maryland is conducted according to the concept of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM is based on ecological, economic and social criteria and integrates these multidisciplinary methodologies to develop pest management strategies that are practical and effective to protect public health and the environment and improve the quality of life for Maryland residents and visitors. An IPM program consists of surveillance for larvae and adult mosquitoes; establishment of action thresholds; and selection of appropriate control strategies, using the best available technology. A practitioner of IPM must be knowledgeable of the biology and ecology of mosquitoes, monitoring techniques and best management practices.

When MDA advises us of the planned schedule for our community we will publish the schedule in the Caper as well as on our website ([www.cscia.org](http://www.cscia.org)). If you wish to have your property excluded from mosquito spraying you must complete the Request for Exemption From Adult Mosquito Control Services application. You can find copies of this form in the CSCIA office or at: <http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/mcsprayexemption.pdf>. The application should be completed by the individual requesting the exemption and mailed to the Program Supervisor of the Mosquito Control Section.



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# 2014 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday June 7th • 10am - 7pm • Main Beach

*Parade Kicks off the Day's events at 10:00 AM from the Cape St Claire Volunteer Fire Department!!!!*

As a Cape St. Claire resident you quickly realize that summer begins with the Strawberry Festival. This age old event seems to become more and more popular each year. A day filled with a Parade, Music (7 Bands), Food, Games, Crafters, Contest, Pony Rides, K9 demos, a Silent Auction and Strawberries in many forms, is on tap for this year's festivities.

We are so excited to bring back our newest features to the festival this year. We will have the traditional Moon Bounces, an Obstacle Course, Pony Rides in the Corral, Face Painting, a Coloring Contest, Dunk Booth, Soak –a – Scout, Sand Art, Bike Demo, K-9 Demo, Martial Arts Demo, Dance Demo, Games, Pizza, Pit Beef, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snow Balls, Smoothies, Strawberry Baked Goods Contest, Strawberry Jam/Jelly Contest, THE BEER GARDEN, Decorated Bikes, Berriest Baby, and the Princess Contest. Details and Contest Forms for all of these events are located in this publication of the Caper or online at [www.cscia.org](http://www.cscia.org).

If you would like more information about this event please contact Mary at 410-757-0593.

Pray for SUN!!!!

We hope to see you there!!

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## 2014 CSC Strawberry Festival

### "Strawberries from the Kitchen Contest"

*Enter your favorite Strawberry Dessert and /or Jelly/Jam*

Do you have a Special Recipe, a Family Favorite? The Strawberry Festival Committee would like to invite you to enter your HOMEMADE Strawberry Themed Baked or Non-Baked Dessert or Jelly/Jam. All entries must be accompanied by the baker's information and an ingredient card for display. Entries should be dropped off at the clubhouse on June 6, 2014 between the hours of 5pm and 7 pm. Homemade goods will be displayed in the clubhouse on Strawberry Festival Day. Prizes will be awarded for the following;

- Desserts will be Judged as follows:  
**2 categories:** Baked & Non Baked  
**2 groups:** Adults & Children (14 and under)
- Jelly/Jams will be Judged as follows:  
**2 groups:** Adults & Children (14 and Under)

*All entries must be accompanied by the baker's information and an ingredient card for display. Entries should be dropped off at the clubhouse on June 6, 2014 between the hours of 5pm and 7 pm. Please call Mary at 410-757-0593 for further information.*

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## Strawberry Festival Parade Challenge

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Gather your neighbors, your church group, your scout troop, and your friends. The Strawberry Festival would like to increase parade participation. We challenge your "group" to create a parade float entry for judging. Let's bring the community together for another great event and make this the best parade ever. The parade begins at 10:00 am at the Cape St. Claire Fire Department. If you are interested in entering a float for judging please email Mary at [capermanager@cscia.org](mailto:capermanager@cscia.org) with your details!!!!

## 2014 Strawberry Festival *Vendor Registration Form*

## 2014 Strawberry Festival *Crafter Registration Form*

Vendor Name

Name

Contact Person

Address

Address

Phone #

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Events/Games/Foods/etc to be offered including prices:

Product to be displayed:

Please indicate below the quantities and services to be provided by the Strawberry Festival Committee:

Space Requested:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd

Ice (lbs) (Max 50lbs)\_\_\_\_\_

Tables Needed (\$15 each)\_\_\_\_\_

Chairs Needed (\$3 each)\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_Yes we would like to participate in the Parade

Parade Entry\_\_\_\_\_

All craft spaces will be set-up adjacent to the clubhouse. There will be a \$40 space fee for each 10 x 10 space requested. This fee should accompany your registration. Crafters are required to provide their own tables. A table may be rented for an additional \$15. All checks should be made payable to the Strawberry Festival.

Registrations are limited and are assigned on a first come first serve basis.

**Send form and payment to:**

Strawberry Festival  
1180 Summit Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21409

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***For more information call Mary Lamb at (410) 757-0593***





2014 Strawberry Festival  
**Berriest Baby Contest**  
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- ~ Are you 24 months or younger?
- ~ Do you live in Cape St. Claire?
- ~ Would you like to be in a Parade?
- ~ Would you like to be Cape St. Claire's Berriest Baby?

Baby's Name & Date of Birth

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Parent's Name

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Address

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Phone #

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Email

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, June 7, 2014 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain Date June 8, 2014. **Contest Entry DEAD-LINE is May25, 2014**

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.

Parent's Signature & Date

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**Return this completed form to:**  
"Peanut"  
Brown's Day Care  
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2014 Strawberry Festival  
**Decorated Bike Contest**  
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*Would you like to be in a Parade?*

*Decorate your bike in one of the 3 themes*  
"Strawberries"  
"Star Wars"  
"Disney Theme"



Child's Name & Age

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Parent's Name

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Address

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Phone #

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Email

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, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain date June 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.

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.

Parent's Signature & Date

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**Return this completed form to:**  
Mary Lamb  
1180 Summit Drive  
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# WANTED

## CAPE ST. CLAIRE 2014 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PRINCESSES *Littlest Princess / Junior Princess / Princess*

- ❖ Are you a Cape Resident?
- ❖ Are you active in your community?
- ❖ Are you a young lady entering ☐ 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014 *or*  
☐ 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014 *or*  
☐ 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014

If you can answer yes to the above questions, the Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for you!! The Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for young ladies to represent our wonderful community at this year's festival. If you are interested please submit this form, along with a picture of yourself and your essay (see below for details) to:

Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival  
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- ☐ **Littlest Princess** (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014)
  - ❖ Submit a 200 Word Essay entitled **"Why I Love Cape St. Claire"**
- ☐ **Junior Princess** (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014)
  - ❖ Submit a 500 Word Essay entitled **"Why I Love Cape St. Claire"**
- ☐ **Princess** (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2014)
  - ❖ Submit a 500 Word Essay entitled **"Cape St. Claire a Wonderful Place to Live. As Strawberry Festival Princess I Plan to....."**

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 25, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending in the fall of 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

All contestants should be available to ride in the parade on Saturday, June 7, 2014 (rain date June 8th)

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

# 2014 Cape St Claire Strawberry Festival Coloring Contest

*Sponsored by Rita's Italian Ice Cape St. Claire*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

All entries will be displayed in the Clubhouse the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups. **Please return Colored Entries to Rita's Italian Ice Cape St. Claire Location by May 31<sup>st</sup>.**



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