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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another great Cape summer comes to an end, it's time to gear up for a fantastic fall, and allegedly, a terrible winter. I recently read that the Farmers' Almanac is predicting a bitterly cold winter. I suppose we've been fortunate for the past couple of years; we've barely had much of a winter at all since the winter of 2009/2010.

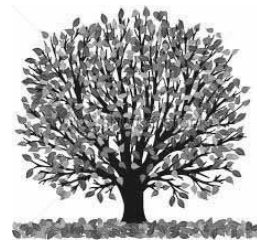
The summer sure was fun though. This year's Strawberry Festival was one of the best I've ever attended, and the Independence Day Parade and celebrations were fantastic new additions to Cape traditions. The Lake Claire goats were fun attraction for the kids, and the goats did a fantastic job of removing the invasive species taking over our park lands.

As the year works its way to the end, the community is faced with some decisions. The annual budget is being worked on and community input is crucial in deciding what to fund and how things should be funded. Now is the time to speak up about improvements that you would like to see. Send your thoughts to budget@cscia.org. Remember that items may take more than a year to get included in the budget.

There will also be seats opening up on the CSCIA Board of Governors. If you are a dedicated individual with free time, and you are interested in serving your community, consider running for election to the board.

See you next year, summer.

Scott Dembowski
President



BOARD IN BRIEF

The August 2013 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on August 12, 2013 at 7:39 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

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

Governor Biondi moved that, in the absence of both the recording secretary and the treasurer, we postpone any action on these items until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Governor Campbell and was approved unanimously.

President Dembowski thanked all for coming, noting the illnesses and absences, and entertained a motion to suspend the agenda to hear from Amy Juras and Steve Miller of the Little Magothy River Association regarding relocation of dredged sand from the Little Magothy River. Governor Veno seconded the motion and it was approved.

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Mr. Miller gave a brief history of the LMRA's dredging operations and noted the need for sand at Lake Claire. Bayland Engineering, working with the LMRA, has taken notes with the intent of starting the permitting process for transferring the sand.

Bayland has a proposal to obtain the permits, and the LMRA proposes that the CSCIA pay \$7,000 for the AA County grading permit. This will allow the CSCIA to stockpile up to 1,000 cubic yards of dredged material at Lake Claire for future beach restoration.

The dredged material will be coming from the Little Magothy bulkhead and the area just outside. The dredging has to be done this fall and early winter and can be stockpiled until the spring. In response to questions from the board, the guest noted that cost overruns have never been an issue with Bayland.

Governor Campbell noted that rock walls had been discussed to lessen future beach erosion which led to a discussion in which it was noted that the placement of new sand was merely the beginning of what had to be a long-term, multi-step solution.

Governor Biondi felt that we could hire someone to do the placement and grading for around \$3,000, which together with the \$7,000 permitting fee, was a good deal to achieve Lake Claire beach enhancement. He noted that there may have to be some dredging of the boat slips at Lake Claire but he thought the trade-off was worth it.

In response to a question, Mr. Miller noted that it would be possible to have the offloading and grading going on at the same time as the dredging, rather than stockpile sand and wait. He commented that, in any case, Bayland will take care of monitoring for AA County compliance.

Governor Campbell moved that the Board take a non-binding vote to see where it stands on the matter right now. Governor Biondi seconded the motion. A non-binding vote to accept the offer passed with two abstentions.

Mr. Miller noted that speed was of the essence, as he needs to get RFPs off to contractors. The Board needs to make a decision no later than the September BOG meeting.

He also said that he should have a definite cubic yard amount by the end of next week.

There had been discussion about whether this could be done with CSCIA crew and equipment, but it was decided that the project was beyond our scope and we would need to get in touch with grading contractors. Mr. Miller said he would like a list of the contractors we have worked with in the past.

The Board thanked Mrs. Juras and Mr. Miller for their presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported that Clubhouse re-roofing is almost complete.

Caper: Governor Lamb said that Caper is looking for articles and Board members responded by noting things they would try and write up for publication.

Piers: Governor Biondi discussed the piers budget, projects, catching up on long-deferred maintenance, and liability issues and said he would have a lengthy report for all in several days.

Roads: Governor Venio said that the final bids for Cape St. Claire Road work went out today, with work to start in the spring. He said that the work on Chestnut Tree should be done in about a month, with the general feeling that it's taking too long. There was some discussion of how County roads are rated and scheduled for work and why we aren't notified when construction is about to take place.

Budget: Chairman Buchet asked all to take a look at the proposals and get back to him. He noted that around August 20 -22 would be a good time to get together.

Membership: Governor Norris said there has been very positive feedback about the July membership meeting and she's looking for ideas for the October meeting.

Security: Governor Breeden said that things have been relatively quiet, although 7 additional teenagers have been banned from the facilities, and one, previously banned, was arrested for trespassing. Twenty-nine people showed up at the latest neighborhood watch meeting, along with Detective Morgan and several other AA County police officers. He noted that there has been a rash of thefts from unlocked cars, particularly along River Bay. Governor Breeden also participated in a ride along with the AA Co. Police.

board in brief continued.....

Covenants: Governor Breeden commented that there are 25 open items; two of them major. One involves the boarding up of the burned out house on River Bay, while owners, tenants, and various Boards and lawyers debate who is responsible for doing so. The other involves a house on Latrobe that a family has relocated to, with no power and no water. Appropriate County agencies, including health and social services, have been contacted. Governor Breeden noted improvement in getting our calls logged and our complaints dealt with since the County Executive was here in July.

Governor Breeden noted that he and the office manager, Elaine Barnhart, had worked on insurance issues and applications for 3 hours last Saturday. He has met with some agents and notes that our insurance premiums could double or triple next year because of our liabilities associated with being a marine community. We are insured through January 1, 2014 with State Farm. There was discussion relative to risk, rates, budgeting and the need to discuss the issue with the BLOA and the swim club.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor Breeden commented that if the Neighborhood Watch Group is an "approved association" we should provide a link to it from the CSCIA web page.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Dembowski made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Governor Snow and approved unanimously. The regular August 12, 2013 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:


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

Thank You for Your Referrals



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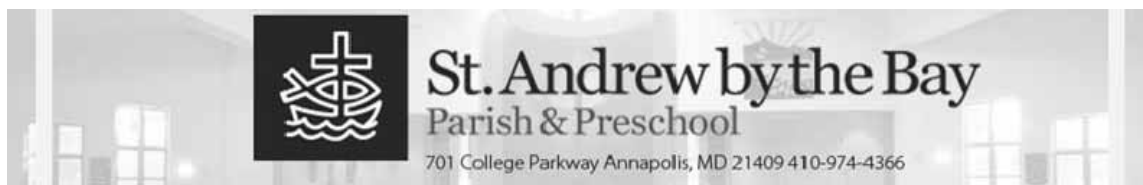


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We have several events in the works, our next Open House at the farm is Saturday, September 14 from 1-4 pm, our 2nd Harvest dinner will be Saturday 21 at Gloria Dei Church on College Parkway, and our 5th annual Halloween Fundraiser will be Saturday, October 26. We are hoping to fit a Wine Pairing in as well. More information on all of these events will be posted on our website. Please visit www.goshenfarm.org for more information on events, membership and history.

Submitted by
Barbara Morgan
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Cape St. Claire UMC is trying something new in our Sunday School! We are kicking off our Christian Education program on Sunday, September 8th and would love to see you there! We are encouraging all children in Kindergarten through 5th grade to come to our Children's Church during our Worship Service at 9. Middle School and High School students are invited to come to our Youth Activities Group on Sunday Evenings from 6:30 – 8PM.

CSCUMC Bible Studies - Sundays following Worship in the sanctuary, Mondays at 11AM in the Library, and Thursdays at 7PM in the Library. If you are interested in a particular book study or time, please contact the office. The pastor would like to respond to your requests.

Coffee at the Point resumes on the morning of August 28 and will continue throughout the school year every Wednesday morning when school is in session. DON'T FORGET -- we also serve cookies in afternoon along with water and freeze pops during the hot weather.

Ellis Island & The 9-11 Memorial Bus Trip - October 11th. The bus leaves at 6:30AM from the CSC United Methodist Church and includes a Bagel Breakfast, tour at Ellis Island, tickets to the 9-11 Memorial and all taxes & tips. Free time is scheduled at Little Italy where dinner can be enjoyed on your own at many of the fine Italian restaurants there. Cost - \$99.00 per person. If interested, please contact Dawn Wade at 410-703-5760 or dmwade4@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATES:

Pumpkin Patch Festival - Oct 12th - 10 to 3 - Crafters, vendors, pumpkins, food, and more

Traditional Oktoberfest - October 27th

Trunk or Treat Party - October 31st

COUNCILMAN DICK LADD

Anne Arundel County Council Fifth District
August Article

With July in the rear view mirror and some remote beaches before us, the Council moves into the short recess period approved as a Charter revision on the November 2012 ballot.

The 2014 property tax bills are out with the new Storm Water/WPRF excise tax. The Department of Public Works is still working on its process for allowing homeowners who have installed (or were possibly required to install) Enhanced Site Design (ESD) storm water management capability (incident to building a home) to apply for a credit. Details will be available on the DPW website, <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Stormwater/WPRF.cfm>, sometime this month. Depending on the number of applications, resolution of the applications may be slower than we all would like.

Among the routine items passed in July was a resolution calling on the County Executive to send to the Council early next year her plan for upgrading the Police Training facility – a step the Council strongly supports as does the County Executive. There are a number of options on what and/or where to build an upgraded or replacement facility, many of them studied before. The County Executive correctly stated she did not need another study to support a decision.

The County Executive continues to seek volunteers for the numerous Boards and Commissions advising County leadership. Please let us know of your interest to serve. One such new Commission is a Transportation Commission. This Commission will be very timely, helping the County present its case for Anne Arundel County's share of the increase in the State Transportation Program funded by the increased gas tax and Bay Bridge tolls. There are some early indications that study money for the Severn River Bridge may be available this year. Hopefully, this will be the initial seed money for a capital program to provide additional capacity for the Severn River Bridge.

Road and sidewalk safety cannot get enough attention. I urge all who have a sidewalk in front of their property to keep shrubs and bushes trimmed back so walkers are not forced out into the street.

With regard to the trails, if you sense you cannot see walkers or bikers while driving near the trail, or users of the trail cannot see cars when approaching a crossing because of vegetation, please notify the Trail Supervisor's Office (410-222-6244) or my office (410-222-1401). Please remember to follow all standard safety rules and STOP AT ALL STOP SIGNS AND WEAR YOUR HELMET WHILE BIKING - to name a few.

The initial phase of the Broadneck Hiker-Biker trail will be officially opened this month. It is already being well used and generating questions about what is next and when. Conceptually, the next phases will be to the west towards the Community College. Some design money is available in FY2014 with construction hoped for in 2015, perhaps as far as Bay Dale Road. I do not anticipate that the trail will be up to the College before the end of the decade based on the wide range of competing projects for funding. The biggest issue is where and how to connect the Broadneck trail to the B&A Trail – that is, how to get across Rt 2. Going east to Sandy Point State Park is the last phase with substantial right of way and access issues still to be worked out.

Have a safe and happy summer and please contact my office at 410-222-1401 with any questions, comments, or suggestions on how we can improve our community. As always, I welcome everyone's input.



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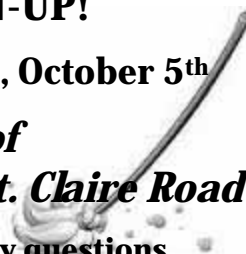
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GARDEN CLUB

Happy September, Capers!

What a lovely cool August we had; it was unbelievable! How lovely to have our windows open and cool breezes blowing in each evening.

Congratulations to our July Yard of the Month winners:

- Area 1: Mr./Mrs. Raymond Wajbels, 1057 Little Magothy View
- Area 2: Mr./Mrs. Rob Roppel, 1339 Swan Drive
- Area 3: Ms. Anne McClaren, 1040 Lake Claire Drive
- Area 4: Mr./Mrs. Bernie Quibilan, 1198 Hampton Road
- Area 5: Mr./Mrs. Elmer Farmer, 1289 Seabright Drive

And to our August winners as well:

- Area 1: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Long, 1269 Swan Drive
- Area 2: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wenrich, 1135 River Bay Road
- Area 3: Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Ewa Cebollero, 961 Highpoint Drive
- Area 4: Mr. and Mrs. Sean Sample, 942 Blue Ridge Drive
- Area 5: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McLean, 1178 Green Holly Drive

Now that the sedums and the mums will be blooming soon, the Garden Club will be reconvening for our monthly meetings. And you're invited – we'd love to see some more new faces! You don't have to be a gardening expert, you don't even have to have a garden. If you're looking for a new way to meet really lovely Cape folks and don't mind listening to us jabber on about our gardens, then come on out – we'd love to meet you! All of our meetings are in the clubhouse main meeting room, at 7pm unless otherwise noted. The dates of our fall meetings are:

Tuesday, September 3rd: Welcome back and Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st: Seed and Cutting exchange

Sunday, October 20th: Harvest Dinner Potluck at 5pm

Tuesday, November 5th: Flower arranging centerpieces

Tuesday, December 3rd: Evergreen wreath-making and gift exchange

We hope to see you there!

More information about the club and lots of fun gardening links are available anytime at our blog, capegardenclub.wordpress.com, where you can click the tab "What's in the Garden," for example, and see pictures of local summer-flowering weeds you ought to pull before they drop their seeds this fall, if you want to avoid the thousands of baby weeds germinating next year. Each month also has an entry, so you know when to start your seeds for fall greens like kale and chard, and when to reseed a lawn with cool-season grasses if you intend to do so (both are now). The cooler temperatures of fall also make it a great time to transplant spring-blooming perennials, like iris and peonies, among many others, and a great time to get late-season bargains from local nurseries. In our mild climate, you can plant well into November and even December without any problem. Check our blog out, and happy gardening!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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- Ambulance and Fire Engine tours
- Arts and Crafts
- Firefighter putting on his/ her gear (so children won't be afraid)
- Free hot dogs, chips, and soda/water

It's that time of year again! School is back in session and in an effort to keep the children of Cape St. Claire safe, here are some safety tips from the National Safety Council.

Sharing the road safely with school buses

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road today. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers. Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For this reason, it is necessary to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses:

- All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
- All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- While state laws vary on what is required on a divided roadway, in all cases, traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.

Sharing the road safely with child pedestrians

- All drivers need to recognize the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially those that are children. Young, elderly, disabled and intoxicated pedestrians are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian collisions. Generally, pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections; however, regardless of the rules of the road or right-of-way, you as a driver are obligated to exercise great care and extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians.
- Drivers should not block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn. Do not stop with a portion of your vehicle over the crosswalk. Blocking the crosswalk forces pedestrians to go around your vehicle and puts them in a dangerous situation.
- In a school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are blinking, you must stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk.
- Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign, school patrol officer or designated crossing guard.
- Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see. Take extra care to look out for children not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds and parks.
- Don't honk your horn, rev your engine or do anything to rush or scare a pedestrian in front of your car, even if you have the legal right-of-way.

Questions, Concerns, Interested in Joining? Email questions@cscvfc.org or visit www.cscvfc.org



Friends of Lake Claire has lots to report this month! We enjoyed meeting and speaking with many of our neighbors at the Strawberry Festival in June, where we raffled off a rain barrel to lucky winner James Bourne, and a bat house to lucky winner Robert Corletta.

The rain barrel drive was a success - we sold 19 rain barrels at the rock bottom price of \$60 each! A special thank you to the drivers of our "Rain Barrel Convoy" from Arlington Echo to Cape St. Claire: Kathleen Mooneyhan, Brad Knopf, Melanie Norris and George Shipp! We will offer the rain barrels for sale again next spring.

The Eco-Goats made another appearance down at the Lake Claire beach at the end of June. A herd of 30 hungry goats took up residence for three days and chewed their way through the brambles and weeds down at the beach. They were a delight to watch and we are excited to announce that they will be back sometime near the end of August - beginning of September to graze any re-growth in that same area.

Our crew of two-legged volunteers mowed, trimmed, chopped and cut two trails through the phragmites on our monthly work day in June. We were rained out in July, but our dedicated Governor Dembowski mowed one of the paths once it cleared up, and will mow the other path when the water recedes enough to gain access. The remaining phragmites



has been allowed to grow, and is scheduled to be sprayed with glyphosate in late August/ early September. Allowing it to grow creates more leaf surface to take up the herbicide for a more effective eradication. Once it has died back we will cut it down and burn it over the winter.

They say "save the best for last", so here is the last - and most exciting - piece of news! Friends of Lake Claire, in partnership with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, is the recipient of a \$98,414 DNR Stream Restoration Challenge grant! The grant money will be used to eradicate invasive plants and vines in the four ravines that feed Lake Claire, and replant those ravines with more trees, shrubs and perennials. Invasive plant removal will be accomplished using Eco-Goats and other sustainable methods. Re-planting will be an all-volunteer effort: many Cape groups stepped forward and eagerly offered their assistance, including: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cape St. Claire Home School Kids, Cape St. Claire Elementary School, Magothy River Middle School, Broadneck High School Environmental Literacy and AP Environmental Science classes, the Cape St. Claire Garden Club, and our local Master Watershed Stewards.

The restoration will serve as a living classroom for many of these groups, and we are excited about all of the positive opportunities and partnerships that will arise from this amazing project! Work will begin in September - stay tuned for more information.

Friends of Lake Claire would like to extend a special "thank you" to Cape resident Al Todd, Executive Director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. Al graciously agreed to the Alliance's partnership with FOLC as the fiscal agent for our grant. Without this partnership we would not have been able to realize such an amazing resource for our community. THANK YOU AL!!!

Friends of Lake Claire would also like to express our gratitude to the CSC Board of Governors for their continued support of our efforts! Without the Board's help, we would not be able to accomplish all that we have in such a short period of time.

If you would like to join our efforts please send an email to LakeClaire@comcast.net or join our Facebook group: Friends of Lake Claire.

Submitted by Jennifer Vaccaro on behalf of the Friends of Lake Claire

SPOTLIGHT ON DAVID BLECMAN AND POSITIVE NEGATIVES

David Blecman started his photographic career fresh out of high school in 1978, and before turning twenty, he was named Photo Editor of the local county newspaper. After many years of shooting weddings and other family events, he started Positive Negatives in 1997, and concentrated more into the commercial photography arena. He is now an internationally respected photographer and instructor.

David has since photographed projects for such clientele as Sears, Color Me Beautiful, JCPenney, Bath & Body Works, Foot Action, Kaybee Toys, Littman Jewelers, Seagrams Americas, Holiday Inn, Wyndham Hotels, Days Inn, Hilton Hotels, The White House, Black Market, Water Water Everywhere, etc.



David has also been hired to photograph such celebrities as President George W. Bush, Christina Aguilera, Jimmy Buffett, Steely Dan, Moody Blues, Beyonce and Destiny's Child, Celine Dion, Gene Simmons and KISS, and numerous others.

David currently shoots for magazines, clothiers, fashion designers, and numerous other print and commercial accounts, as well as for models, actors, and their agencies. He has been published hundreds of times, and his specialties include, but are not limited to; child and adult models, architectural, food, fashion, swimwear location and studio work, products, headshots, and now scenic and nature imagery.

The Photographer's Market, an international publication which advises photographers on how to market their photography as well as business practices, did a feature write-up on David and Positive Negatives in the 2001 edition.

David continues to speak at modeling and photography venues, teach at modeling agencies, and he continues to teach and mentor photographers, models, and makeup artists internationally. His 2010 training course in the Caribbean was filmed to eventually become a 13-episode television series.

David continues to plan exotic training events in the Caribbean and Bahamas aboard luxury cruise liners with on-board and location shooting and training, and is an advocate of helping artists grow and protect their business and careers world-wide.

David also helped in the planning and teaching of a photography training course for cancer patients at The St. Agnes Cancer Institute in Baltimore, MD and had a dozen camera systems donated by his friends and clients.

David now also extensively teaches workshop on basic digital camera instruction, composition, wildlife photography, nature and landscape photography, and an incredible upcoming Fall Foliage Workshop in the West Virginia Mountains this October. His workshops are open to all skill levels.

David will also be instructing on a cruise in the Bahamas in September, 2014 to benefit The American Cancer Society and cancer patients, with some cancer patients getting a fully funded cruise.

David's website is www.posneg.com, and his email address and phone number are listed at the bottom of every page. He has the highest rating awarded to a business by The Better Business Bureau.

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BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE RIDE-A-LONG

On Friday, August 9th, 2013 I had the opportunity to participate in a ride along program conducted by the Anne Arundel Police Department Eastern District Division. The Annual Ride-a-Long was conducted August 5th-August 9th to coincide with National Night Out event, a National Crime Awareness and Prevention campaign.

I reported to the Eastern District Headquarters at 1430 for some paperwork and the beginning of Role Call. During Role Call the officer in charge, a Lieutenant, checked off attendance at the meeting, which is required at most of the six shifts per week by the patrol officers. During this time about 20 minutes, the Lieutenant explained the rules of the program, what we should be looking for and how to get the most of the program. He then read of the "hot sheet" a list of locations, names, and events that were primary areas of concerns that included shoplifting schemes, car thefts and drug related activity within Eastern District.

I then met up with the officer I would be spending the next about 7 hours with riding around the Broadneck Peninsula. During the ride from Pasadena to the Broadneck Peninsula, learned about the tools of trade within the patrol vehicle. The communications network, the computer system some along with other features of the Patrol Car that are unique to police cars and not our every day vehicles. I was able to speak freely and had a great Q&A about the rigors of being a patrol officer in a county that is underfunded and overworked where a six shift per week is required in order to have enough officers on duty to meet minimum requirements. The Eastern District has 13 officers on duty at each of the 3 shifts per day. There are a total of 4 shift teams, thus everyone gets a day off each week and many work overtime, especially when officers are out on vacation this time a year.

The Broadneck Peninsula has 3 officers on duty each shift. Section 1, covers from basically from Manhattan Beach Road at Rt2. to Arnold Station with everything East up College Parkway to roughly the community of Rain Tree. Section 2, which is where my officer typically patrols, has everything South of College Parkway as you head East from Rain Tree to the Bay Bridge, including all of St. Margaret's, Winchester on the Severn, back to Arnold Station.



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As we approached the Peninsula we discussed the routine, which was to start by rolling through all the hot spots for crimes in the area. We visited each gas station, petty theft and drug deals typically occur in places like this. We spent time checking on the usual spots, like Village Inn of Rt. 50 at Bay Dale Rd, and other areas to see what might be happening on a Friday night on the Peninsula. We then experienced some quick but severe thunderstorms roll through, which caused a flurry of activity to check on alarm systems that were set off. We visited White Hall Road, some businesses in St. Margaret's, a church, and the Navy Station. We responded to what amounted to our longest call of the evening, the light at Cape St. Claire Road and College Parkway was malfunctioning. The traffic light headed west bound on College Parkway was not cycling through thus leaving an extensive back up down the access road. The officers conducted traffic duty for an hour and 45 minutes until the county traffic division made it on site to reset the system. During this time, I stood in the median, chatted with officers about areas of concern within the community, but most importantly was able to spend time with the officer that directly patrols Cape St. Claire and find out more about what is happening behind the scenes and how we can help him do his job better. You may have seen me, I recognized a lot of faces and was amazed at how much traffic comes in and out of Cape St. Claire in a two hour period.

After the traffic light was fixed we moved on to responding to calls that were incoming. The officers checked on a domestic event, a custody exchange, a resident who was making irrational comments and was a potential threat to themselves. We moved on to a few more spot checks of the area, grabbed a bite to eat and all of a sudden it was 2200 and I had to report back to head quarters to fill out additional paperwork. The officer dropped me off and returned to his shift which was until 2330, but he was doing 4 hours of overtime until 0330 due to the staffing shortage mentioned earlier.

In all interactions with the public, the officers were very professional, calm and attentive to the situation at hand. I valued the time spent with the officer as he provided me a glimpse to a Friday on on the Peninsula. I got a slower night, I guess I missed the hectic Thursday shift of accidents, car break-ins and multiple domestic events that required attention. That was OK by me, because I got to learn some the good and the bad of what happens on the Peninsula, how we can help the the police do their jobs more effectively and be better citizens by watching out for each other. As the Security Chair for the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc, a better working relationship with our officers should only benefit us as a community as we try to keep the Cape a safe place to live. We can all do our part by keeping an eye out for what happens in our community.

Beau Breedon
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CSC WATCH/SECURITY MEETING JULY 25TH, 2013

Hello Cape Residents:

First, I would like to apologize for the delay in this message, I thought it was sent out last Wednesday, July 31st when I was working out of state, but I just realized the email was still in my draft folder and was never sent, so I apologize for the delay.

I wanted to thank you all for taking time out of your schedules on the Thursday 25th to come to the CSC Watch/Security Meeting. I hope you took away something new from the meeting and learned a little about how the police work here in the Eastern District. Here is a brief recap of our meeting and some of the resources that we went over during the meeting:

Summary of Meeting: July 25th, 2013 730pm-845pm (Unofficial Meeting Minutes)

The meeting was attended by 29 residents and 3 Police Officers from Eastern District. An introduction of the officers started the meeting and an overview of the basics of the Eastern District and what the officers working per shift experience was given. In basics, 13-14 officers & detectives work an 86 square mile area, stretching from the Baltimore City Line to all areas east of I-97 stretching south to the Severn River Bridges and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, thus resources and time of the officers can be stretched thin at times.

The benefits of a coordinated program such as a neighborhood watch were explained with general idea being: each resident can be a watch out for suspicious activities on their block. Hopefully there is a captain to each block and each section of the community should have a captain. You can find information on CSC Watch Group here: <https://sites.google.com/site/cscwatch/home>

We reviewed the 4 sections of Cape St. Claire, in which we are still looking for 2 section captains for section 2&3. Sections can be seen here: <https://sites.google.com/site/cscwatch/organization>



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There was an extended Q&A period with interaction from residents and officers with regard to issues in the community: vandalism, car break-ins, potential home break-ins, potential drug activity within the community and other general safety questions. The officers made note of some new areas of concern within the community and others which are long standing. The "Pit" the area located behind the back parking lot to the high school was touched upon along with programs the police use to target areas of concern. Also questions regarding on-going patrols by residence (non-armed) were addressed by the police that if you follow the rules laid out by the watch group or coordinate as watch group a patrol schedule that there can be benefits of a known presence which can help to be a deterrent. The buddy system was encouraged for the safety of all involved.

Questions were also directed to me as the chair of the Security Committee for the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc (the association) about the patrols of our community properties, in which we have 4 off-duty officers we pay to check, clear and lock-up the Associations property most nights of the week along with periodic patrols of known problematic properties or street during the night. It was asked informally about a full-time police officer(s) for the community or security detail. It can be looked into, but would need to be a concern of a enough of residents to undertake the process. If there are more questions about the Security Committee emails can be sent to security@cscia.org.

Though most had not yet signed up for the CSC Watch, most were interested: We encouraged people to follow the instructions on the site

"When residents join CSC Watch you will receive periodic **CSC Watch emails** and **meeting invitations**. There are no fees or obligations, and you can "unsubscribe" at any time. Please send your name, your Cape St. Claire address, phone and the email you want to use to receive news to cscwatch@gmail.com. Your contact information is kept confidential."

Lastly, other than Emergency Calls, in which you should always call 911, other ways to call or to reach the Anne Arundel Police Department are 410-222-8610 for non-emergencies or other contact information can be found on their website: <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/easternDist.cfm>

Please feel free to email me with additional questions, hopefully I covered the overall spirit of meeting and look forward to working with you all to help keep and make Cape St. Claire a safe place to live.

Sincerely,

Beau Breeden

Security Committee Chair for CSCIA

Security@cscia.org

Need Help With Cape Cleanup?

Cape Cleanup is a fundraising opportunity for Boy Scout Troop 783 of Cape St. Claire. The troop supports a number of Cape St. Claire community activities throughout the year. The proceeds of this fundraiser help the boys with camping and other scouting activities. For a donation of \$40 per truck load, the boys will take your junk to the dumpsters for you. All loads must be easily accessible or curbside. No junk automobiles, trailers, gas and propane tanks, tree trunks, old drums or tanks, liquids, hazardous waste, boats, tires, logs, paints, refrigerators or air conditioners. Please let them know if you need assistance to prepare your pickup.

To schedule a pickup, please email cape-clean@troop783.org or call 757-375-7948. For more information about the troop, please visit their website at www.troop783.org. Thank you for supporting the troop.





Open House

Anne Arundel County Executive
Laura Neuman

Date of Event: Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Time of Event: 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Address of Event: The Arundel Center
44 Calvert Street
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County Executive Neuman wants to give Anne Arundel County residents an up-close look at the inner workings of County government. The open house will also give residents a chance to voice their comments and concerns to the County Executive in her office.
Hope to see you all there!

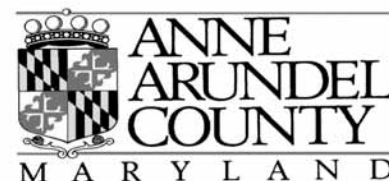
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- Light refreshments will be provided
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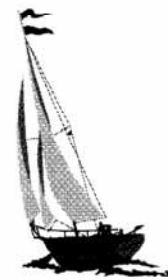
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Photo submission deadline is Thursday, October 3, 2013. Photos must be submitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" format in either color or black and white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. The winning photo will be selected by the CSCIA board of governors and will become property of the CSC Improvement Association. The winner will be announced in a following issue of *The Caper*. Photos that were not selected can be picked up at *Cape True Value Hardware* two weeks after the contest deadline. For questions, call Amy Podd at 410-757-7295.

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| ♦ County Executive Neuman | |
| <i>Open House</i> | <i>10/18</i> |
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