

# The Caper



Our 52<sup>nd</sup> Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

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**Annual ballot, budget and candidate bios included in this issue. Deadline for mail-in ballots is Friday, Jan. 4, 2007. Please mail or deliver your confidential ballot to the Clubhouse at 1223 River Bay Rd., Annapolis, MD 21409. Annual Meeting at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

## **Annual Meeting January 8 7:30 p.m. at the CSC Clubhouse**

### **Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes
- Approve Financials
- Discussion
- Long Range Vision
- FY 09 Budget
- Final Voting
- Break
- Election Results
- Discussion
- New Business
- Old Business
- Floor Comments
- Adjournment

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Over the course of this year, the LRPC and the board have drafted a long range plan for the community. All the capital improvements that you will see listed in this plan are considered suggestions or ideas at this point. A community vote should be taken on each item before its inclusion into the first Long Range Plan (LRP). This plan should be kept up-to-date on an continual basis and be a living document. The draft LRP should be available shortly after the next board meeting in December 2007. A few items currently in the plan are a list of potential projects, which include: - Closing the road between Clubhouse and Main Beach - Building a Shower, Bathroom, and Security Building at Main Beach - Upgrading Siding, Bathrooms, and Kitchen at Clubhouse - Sidewalk development in Cape St. Claire - Bulk Head Repair at Deep Creek. We welcome debate on these items at the annual meeting, and any other projects you want to suggest. Please come out to the annual meeting and let us know your opinion. If you like projects in the plan, I ask you to come out and support them. In order to move things forward and make improvements in the community we

really need residents who want improvements to support the projects on a continual basis. If we see strong support for projects in the draft plan, I am hoping we make a motion at the annual meeting to take the projects to the next step by voting on each one for inclusion into an initial LRP no later than the April 2008 quarterly meeting. Please remember that just because we choose to put this into the plan, that does not mean the projects will go forward. The projects will need a few things before we implementation: 1) a final cost estimate, 2) continued community support and 3) another vote to include them into whichever budget they are slated to begin. Basically we will be voting for the creation of the Long Range Plan and which initial projects will make up that plan.

Dan Wolin  
CSCIA LRPC

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## Board in Brief

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on November 12, 2007 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox Meeting Room. President Josephine Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

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

**President's Remarks:** President Josephine Gardner

- We just had another incident of vandalism at Broadneck High School. Vandals damaged a portion of the new playing field

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Long Range Planning  
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Nominating

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Kari Maltz  
Mary Lamb  
Joe Daly  
Dan Wolin  
Barbara Morgan  
Josephine Gardner  
Sam Gallagher  
Bruce Campbell  
Frank Newman  
Mary Lamb

**Budget Committee:**

John Berley, Wayne Morrison,  
Jack Savage

by burning it.

- Residents have expressed concerns about development along RT 50, including the large number of car dealerships. It was pointed out that car dealerships are preferable to many other types of businesses that generate a constant flow of traffic. Obviously, traffic over the Bay Bridge is ever increasing. President Gardner asked that ideas for reducing this traffic be forwarded to her via email.

## Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve the October 15, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes and the September 30, 2007 Financials. Both of these motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

## Committee Reports:

Piers Committee – Governor Gallagher reported:

- The bubbler system will be installed on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The water will be cut off during the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>. All of the requests for winter slips were accommodated.

**History:** Governor Morgan stated that the Goshen Farm Preservation Society is working on getting a long-term lease with the Board of Education. She also stated that they have a large number of plastic gardening pots of various sizes available for free. (History2007@cscia.org)

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb reported she is taking steps to have the interior of the clubhouse painted. She also stated that the

Cape Cleanup effort went very well, which included a recycling area.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Newman reported that a volunteering eagle scout constructed a kayak rack at the Little Magothy Beach area.

**Adjournment:** *The regular November 12, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2007 at 7:30 PM.*

## From the office

We are coming up on that time of year when we have to pay our Mandatory Maintenance Bill. Every year I get the same question (Do I really have to pay this bill?) After all I do not use the beaches and parks. I do not want


a boat slip, and I do not want stickers and guest pass so therefore I do not have to pay. This conclusion is wrong.

The covenants covering each lot in Cape St. Claire read as follows: For the purpose of creating and maintaining a fund to be known as the maintenance fund the owner of each lot subject to this Deed and Agreement, shall pay to the River Bay Company, its successor's or assigns, on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year the sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars for each lot so owned, which said sum shall be a lien on the Land until paid. The maintenance fund shall be used for construction, improvement, lighting and repair of streets, parks and beaches in the subdivision, and for expenses incident to the subdivision, and for expenses incident to the examination and approval of plans as herein pro-


vided, and to the enforcement of the restrictions, conditions, covenants, easements, charges and agreements herein contained. You can find this on page 18 under the covenants in your HOA pkg. and for old timers like myself we were given a copy of the Covenants and Bylaws when we went to settlement.

Last year for the first time we charged a \$5 late fee and were told by some people that this was high-way robbery. The bills were in the mail the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January giving everybody 2 months to pay their \$10 bill, there were notices in the Caper reminding people and the signboard was posted with a reminder to get your bill paid. For those that paid their bill on time I thank you, for those that paid their bill late and paid the \$5 late fee, I thank you, for those that paid their bill late and did not

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**Office** (from page 3)

pay the late fee you will find it on your bill this year and it will continue to be there each succeeding year. All bills when paid were dated the day they were in our Mail Box. Remember the office is not responsible for how long it takes the mail to get delivered.

Administration of the maintenance bills and guest passes each year is a huge undertaking. Please do your part and pay your bill and get them in on time.

Thanks, from the CSCIA Office

## **Budget Recommendations**

The entire community votes annually on the budget for the Cape St. Claire Special Community Benefit District (SCBD). The budget is developed by several members of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association Board of Governors and a separately elected Budget Committee.

The FY 2009 budget included in this issue of *The Caper* includes funds for capital improvements to our beaches, parks and clubhouse. These important commu-

nity assets received minimal capital funding last year, primarily due to increases in operating expenses including security patrols, utilities, garbage handling, and legal and accounting professional services. Our Beaches and parks received no capital improvement funding and the small amount of funds provided for the clubhouse was consumed by the need for a new heat pump.

In the coming year we have a major bulkhead replacement project which will require funding over several years. Initial estimates are \$80,000 but as is the case with all construction projects costs may increase due to unforeseen environmental or other issues. To spread the cost of this project, the Board of Governors recommends approval to execute a loan for up to \$100,000 for a period not to exceed seven years for bulkhead improvements.

The BOG recommends the approval of the enclosed budget.

Sincerely,

CSCIA Board of Governors and  
Budget Committee

## **CSCIA Board of Governors 2008 Election Profiles**

To follow are short biographies in alphabetical order, of four of the 2008 candidates for open seats on the CSCIA Board of Governors. Please review and make your selections on page 13.

### **Josephine Gardner**

In my 33 years as a Cape resident, I have seen the community double in size, asphalt roads replace tar and chip, College parkway open, RT 50 upgraded, Magothy Middle school, Broadneck High school and Broadneck library built, the clubhouse refurbished, the adoption of the Special Benefits District, and the price of an average house go from \$65,000 to \$365,000. Through it all the Cape maintained that small town atmosphere that makes it such a desirable place to live. The CSCIA is in no small part responsible for protecting the best interests of the community. I was elected to the BOG in 1978 and have served until now, except for a "time out" of 2 years. I've held every office, except Treasurer (one must recognize one's limits), and

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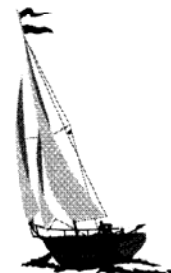
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I've been President five times. I like to think that by being an active participant in the CSCIA I have helped the Cape hold on to those attributes that make it the unique place that it is, while incorporating the best progressive initiatives enabling it to grow and prosper.

As is the case with many residents of the Cape, I work in a government related field. I own my own defense contracting business in partnership with my two oldest sons. It has been a family affair since my husband and father founded it in 1962. This has helped me see the "big picture" and appreciate the valuable contributions of the individual, and translate that into community activism. I would like to continue to work for the Cape, to give back for what I have received, and preserve this way of life we all cherish.

## **Mary Lamb**

My name is Mary Lamb, I am a 20 year resident of Cape St. Claire. My husband Jimmy and I have one daughter, Shelby who is in her Jr. Year at St. Mary's High School. I earned my B.S. degree in Social Science from the University of Maryland, and I am currently employed by Anne Arundel County as the Traffic Engineering Street Light Coordinator. For the past 11 years I have chaired the Strawberry Festival Committee which sponsors The Strawberry Festival, The Easter Egg Hunt, The Halloween Happenings and Breakfast with Santa. I have proudly served on the board for the past 3 years where I chaired the membership committee and now act as chair of the clubhouse. During my time on the board I have successfully reorganized the community clean-up

and brought bulk recycling to the Cape. Currently as chair of the clubhouse I am trying to maintain our community facility by initiating cosmetic repairs. If I am re-elected to the board I hope to continue as chair of the clubhouse where I would continue to improve our community asset. Thank you for considering me as your representative on the board.

## **Kimberly Ann Pollock**

I have lived in Cape St. Claire for the past 20 years and have been a volunteer in many of the activities and events the community has sponsored. You may have seen me as the trail guide for the Halloween Haunted trail, the Fortune Teller and the Cat-In-The-Hat for the Halloween Parties, the Easter Bunny for the Easter Egg Hunts, helping with Breakfast with Santa, and a committee member and active volunteer for the annual Strawberry Festival. I moved to the Cape in 1987. My son, Billy, is fourteen and is in his last year of middle school. My older son, Brandon, is twenty two years old and is a student at the Anne Arundel Community College majoring in electrical engineering; transferring to The University of West Virginia in January. I attended St. Mary's High School in Annapolis for 11 years, graduated from Annapolis Senior High and Anne Arundel Community College, then continued education at the Fleet Business School, graduating dean's list with honors, in Micro Computer Programming.

In 1990, I was employed by Bio

Gro, a waste management company, as a supervisor of the Monitoring and Compliance Division who reported to the Environmental Protection Agency. As team leader, I traveled to many states for management training and our unit won multiple regional and corporate awards in management based activities. In 1997 the company sold and the president started the Ameripaca Alpaca Breeding Company, where I presently serve as Office Manager. This position requires traveling to shows in multiple states, monitoring the 400+ alpacas, managing computer networks and databases, marketing alpaca activities, overseeing payroll, maintaining DNA offspring analysis, supporting a licensed on-site veterinary hospital, maintaining equipment, and much more.

My role as a volunteer in Cape St. Claire has afforded me the opportunity to witness what has happened and what should be happening in our neighborhood for the betterment of the Cape's children, families and businesses. My employment skills have allowed me to be a responsible, capable manager, to make management decisions, to work well under pressure, and to see what needs to be done and "make it happen." I am very involved in my children's daily activities and schooling and I want to play an active role in our community as a board member. It would be a pleasure to serve the Cape St. Claire community and I hope you give me that opportunity to represent you, the community, as we move forward with our mutual goal to improve the Cape community.



## Jack Savage

Pursuant to the GUIDELINES contained on Page 3 of the November 2007 issue of "The Caper", Mr. Jack Savage, of 846 Harbor View Terrace, is hereby nominated and is fully qualified to be elected and perform as a member of the Cape Saint Claire Board of Governors, for the following reasons and **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**, pursuant to the Covenants and By-Laws of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association. In addition, Mr. Savage is and has been:

1. An active community resident in Cape Saint Claire since 2003.
2. Fully qualified and experienced by meeting all requirements to be an elected member of the Board of Governors under the Covenants and By-Laws of the Cape Saint Claire Improvement Association (CSCIA).
3. A person with prior, specific Association management experience as an elected Director of the rather large Kingston Chase Homeowners Association Board of Directors from 1998 to 2003 in Herndon, Virginia.
4. An association member with

additional specific Association Management experience as an elected Board member of the Reston Citizens Association (in a 60,000 person community) from 1994 to 1996.

5. Member Reston, Virginia, Homeowners Association, Budget Committee, from 1992 to 1994.

6. A member of the Chestnut Grove Condominium, Budget Committee, 1983 to 1986.

7. A person with a total of 33 Years of full-time management and administrative experience deeply involved in managing US Government., State, and Local government funded projects.

## Ty Grossman Wins 2008 CSC Community Calendar Photo Contest

Congratulations to Ty Grossman for winning the grand prize in the 2008 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar Photo Contest with his photograph titled "Cape Winter". You'll find Ty's photo printed on the front of the 2008 Cape calendar. He received a \$100.00 cash prize.

Honorable mentions go to Nyleen Hall, Prudence Holoski, Bob McCarthy, Ella Duffy, Dale Pumphrey, Lisa Motel and Cheryl Briggs.

Many thanks to Bruce Jordan from Cape Graphix who graciously offered his store as the photo contest collection and pickup point.

Expect copies of the 2008 Community Calendar to arrive in mailboxes in December. Extra copies will be available at the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association office. Take special note of the last two inside calendar pages that contain important telephone numbers for community organizations, government agencies, schools, Cape St. Claire Shopping Center merchants, The Caper, calendar advertisers, and more.

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We are two cape residents who are also . . . pilots currently deployed to Al Asad Airbase in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are part of the 104th "Ravens" Fighter Squadron Maryland Air National Guard located in Martin State Airport Middleriver, Baltimore.

Both of our families include youth who attend the cape schools and participate in cape sports.

While most pilots will greet each other in the squadron using their "callsigns" (nicknames)... we tend to greet each other with the familiar 'hey caper.'"

On behalf of the Caper; we wish you and your families a happy holiday season and we wish you a safe return home soon.

If you'd like to send a message to Lt. Col. Draper or Johnson, please email the Caper editor at [capereditor@cscia.org](mailto:capereditor@cscia.org).



Lt Colonel Dave "Leather" Draper (right) and Lt Colonel Paul "1-Eye" Johnson



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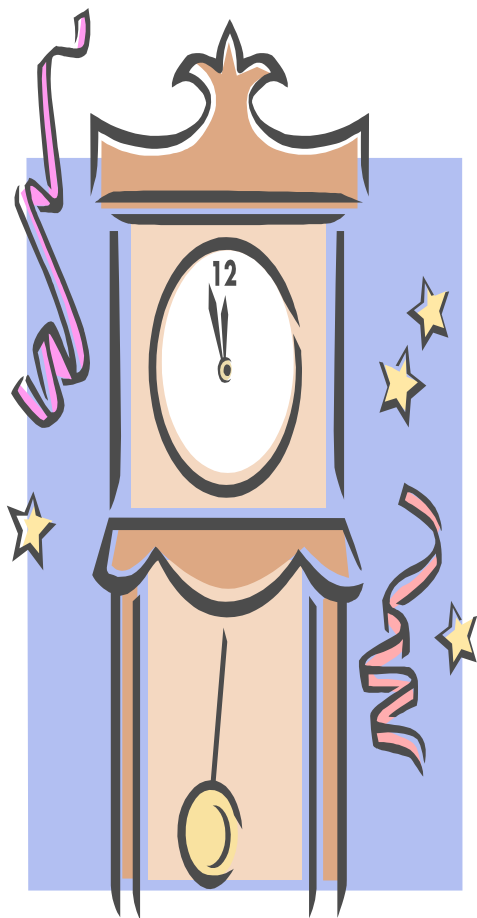
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## History Committee – Memory Lane

By: Jane Witherite Barss

### The 50's in the Fall

Autumn in Cape St. Claire in the 50s was a different world for a child than today. There were less than 100 year round families at the beginning of the decade. Most people were on multiple party lines and had to remember their "ring". One school bus picked up everyone at the guard house, elementary and secondary students, including those who went to St. Mary's. When Belvedere Elementary opened in the fall of 1954 younger students rode on a bus with all of the elementary school children from the Bridge (which was being built) to the windmill, including St. Margaret's, and the Cape. The bus driver for the elementary school,

Bud, would stop for the honking horns of mothers chasing the bus. A second bus taking secondary school students to Annapolis was driven by a Nazarene minister, Babby, who collected at the same spot, but those who missed the bus had the option of going out to the highway and flagging the Trailways Bus from the Eastern Shore to Annapolis. Because of the consequences, students rarely missed the bus. After school, most kids, even those from Deep Creek, walked from the guard house, stopping at the Variety Store, which had a fountain counter, a cooler with Popsicles and soft drinks, and a slot machine which was watched closely by the proprietor when students were in the store.

Weekends meant Friday night Teen Club and PreTeen Club, and, on Saturday morning, the only organized sport, duckpin bowling,

thanks to resident Bob Davidson who owned the Annapolis lanes. TV was limited to a frequently fuzzy 2, 11, and 13, unless the wind shifted and then the channels were 4,7,and 9.

The rest of the leisure time was left to learning dances while watching Buddy Dean, walking back and forth between friends' houses, and . . . imagination.

### Yule Tide of Yesteryear

Christmas in the 50s was different for children in Cape St. Claire. No matter what sophistication level we assumed, we were always set back by Santa Claus- not the Santas at Hochschilds or Hutzlers or Woodward Lothrop, but the real deal who came to the children's Christmas party the weekend before Christmas. This Santa knew some personal details: "What was that song you played for school all by yourself?" (If he knew about my clarinet solo he also knew about getting in trouble for talking.) "You girls have to stop that fussing in the morning", except he said "gaels" and had an accent, but we knew Santa had to speak in many languages. He didn't ask what we wanted, but gave us something we'd asked for. Always, we were praised before we were reminded to work on something. William Jordan, Sr., was Santa Claus, from Scotland. Parents were asked to send a gift with their child's name on it to the clubhouse. He must have not only observed, but talked to our parents. Even his own grandchildren didn't recognize him with the very real white beard. Ice skating was good on Lake Claire, but probably best if the Little Magothy froze, since crack-the-whip could send the end people flying towards the inlet. A bonfire on the ice was a miracle not understood by the children, but appreciated. In the 50s also came some major snowstorms, and Cape St. Claire was clearly not at the top of the list for utility repairs. After one storm, word spread that Graul's opened for a few hours, so we pulled sleds and got the essentials. Hampton was blocked for sleigh riding. How cars were handled was not a concern, but getting back up the hill after that fantastic long ride was.



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## JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

### SUMMARY SHEET

#### Expenses – Purpose and Item

*Maintenance of community property (including lighting, lawn care, and trash removal)*

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE (groundskeeper, supplies, trash signage, and sanitation)	58,585.89
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UTILITIES (electric and telephone)	15,071.32
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*Special security for community property*

SECURITY PATROLS AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT	34,300.00
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BEACH ATTENDANT	11,000.00
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*Acquisition, improvement, and construction of real and personal property*

CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS	19,500.46
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BEACHES AND PARKS IMPROVEMENTS	14,708.17
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*Administrative expenses incidental to carrying out these*

ADMINISTRATIVE (postage, office supplies and equipment, web site)	9,944.86
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CAPER (newsletter)	25,887.93
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FEES AND TAXES	13,863.53
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PERSONNEL	55,354.42
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (auditing, accounting, legal, and insurance)	22,112.92
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<i>Subtotal</i>	280,330.00
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County collection fee	2,000.00
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<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 282,330.00</b>
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#### Revenue and Income

CAPER, CLUBHOUSE, INTEREST, AND MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	282,330.00
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SCBD ASSESMENT	170,175.00
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CARRY OVER FY05/06	40,555.00
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<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 282,330.00</b>
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Number of tax accounts      2,269

**Assessment per account    \$75.00**

Assessment per account cap   \$75.00



# Mail Ballot

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Please check one box below each question:

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For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Transplanted: A Caper Overseas**

**By Audrey Lengbeyer**

Well, here it is, fellow Capers, my first pangs of homesickness. I have to confess that as I imagined all the kids (and adults) getting dressed up for Halloween, I really had it bad. I miss the cooler weather, the falling leaves, and believe it or not, raking them up! I miss mulching my beds with great big bags of leaves, getting dirty, putting my plants to bed, the harvest, the changing seasons.

Haifa has been cooling down too, though it hardly feels like a change in seasons. It's more like a break from the heat: we are now in the 70s instead of the 90s. The plants all look exactly the same, not a leaf is falling anywhere. We are still waiting for the first big rain. The cars are filthy, the plants' leaves are covered in a film of dirt, and everyone is hoping for rain soon. The coolest days of winter will see our lows in the 40s.

Now that Larry has begun teaching at Haifa University, our normal lives here have begun, and we are all enjoying having a sense of rhythm. We visit our neighborhood playground several times a week, and occasionally drive to the fancy big ones up the hill toward the University. Until the heat broke, we were going to the beach 2-3 times a week, so Larry could run (the beach is one of the few level stretches available in Haifa), and so the kids could splash a bit and play in the sand before dusk, which comes ever earlier for us,

as it must be for Cape St. Claire as well. Even more important to our lives has been establishing some social connections, both for us and for the kids. At first we really felt quite resigned about finding English-speaking children for our older daughter, who is five and a half. (Our younger, who is nearly two, easily meets her social needs without using any language, by accepting edible handouts and borrowing toys and even shoes, flip flops being her favorite.) Most Israeli children aren't taught English in school until they are 8 or 9, so though most adults here speak English to some degree, children do not. Even more of an obstacle, most children are in some kind of preschool (they call it gan) starting at 3 or 6 months of age, as soon as women's maternity leave lapses. Here, staying home with one's kids beyond that is nearly unheard of, and the few women I've met who do it say that they are constantly pressured from relatives, neighbors, and friends to return to work. (Israelis have no qualms about telling you what they think, though their hearts are in the right place.) Not having other stay-at-home moms around means that playgrounds big and small are virtual ghost towns all day (aside from early morning nanny-baby-group get-togethers) until about 4 p.m., when they burst to life

with dozens of children running to and fro, climbing up and sliding down.

Homeschooling is also quite rare in Israel, though there are families doing it, whom I've met electronically on a yahoo group. Unfortunately, their gatherings take place in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, too far for us to drive regularly. The number of families in Haifa is so small that the few that have considered it have been unable to establish any kind of community here.

As we've made efforts though, telling people what we were looking for, we've had some successes. Israelis are notorious for being brusque and prickly on the outside, and warm and giving once you get past that first layer. (In fact, native-born Israelis are referred to as sabras, after the fruit of the prickly-pear cactus that grows here: it is covered with spines, but sweet and juicy on the inside.) So many people have gone so far out of their way to introduce us to anyone they know whose children speak English. We're aided, too, by our particular propensity for starting up with perfect strangers in public places. Colleagues of Larry's from the University, friends of friends, and near strangers have

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all invited us to dinner, to visit them at their kibbutz, and to join their monthly (English-language) Scrabble group. We knew we were in Israel when we were invited to join in a stranger's family reunion beach-side barbeque, with people pushing food into our hands and insisting that we try a kebab of chicken hearts! (Our older daughter loved them and had me buy some at the supermarket the very next day.) Cassia has made quite a few English-speaking friends, whom we meet with regularly. We find that we are getting to be quite busy, between playdates, dinner invites, and our own travels. Larry despairs now of getting any writing done!

People keep asking me whether I like Israel, as if they expect me to pass some kind of judgment as I compare it with my home. I hardly let myself think in these terms, lest I make myself miserable. What could compare with my own little house in the Cape? There are things I miss, certainly: friends, my favorite shopping haunts, sitting out on our deck, and the freedom to make as much noise as we want inside our home (here we have neighbors downstairs and up, and are constantly worrying that the kids are making too much noise). And oh how I miss the pumpkins and the harvest festivals, amidst those falling leaves. But while I'm here, I am very much trying to make the best of each day, enjoying what there is to enjoy, and keeping an adventurous spirit. After all, I didn't come here to have what I have at home – I came to experience something entirely different. And different it is! We just returned from a long weekend in

the northernmost part of Israel, the Golan Heights, jutting 40 kilometers into Syria, from which it was seized in 1967 after Israel successfully defended itself from massing troops and threats from all sides. The high elevations in the Golan make it militarily critical to Israel's defense should Syria ever threaten again. But for now, it is a land of vineyards and fresh mountain air, a popular retreat for Israelis all year round. We spent a day biking around a lake amidst enormous flocks of birds, on their way from summering in Europe and Russia to their winter homes in Africa. To my delight, up in these chillier hills, the leaves are yellowing and falling. I spent a few moments stomping around in the crunchy brown leaves, enjoying the aroma and the sound. I brought home a big handful to enjoy for the rest of autumn!

It's hard to believe that as you read this the Christmas lights will already be twinkling all around the Cape. Today was the first cold, rainy day here in Haifa – our beach plans were beached, so to speak. We spent the day inside, drinking hot tea and curling

up under blankets to read and snuggle. Winter will be wet here, and might be chillier inside our flat than in our house at home in the Cape. Since most of the year is hot and humid, Israeli homes are built with stone floors and concrete walls – hardly the stuff of coziness. Carpet is rare and never wall-to-wall. And because the cold season is so short, few Israelis invest seriously in insulating their homes or in central heating. We were warned to bring lots of flannel and fleece to wear while we're inside!

As I do in home when the weather turns chilly, I find myself making lots of hearty stews in my newly bought slow-cooker. Each bite makes me miss home anew. I think I'll go sniff my handful of autumn leaves, and dream of pumpkins...

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## Cape Cuisine

By:

**Ben and  
Kathleen Mooneyhan**



Happy Holidays everyone! This month, we focused on three different restaurants for our "reviews" and added a few extra recipes which may be good possibilities for holiday festivities.

We visited Brian Boru's at 485 Ritchie Highway in Severna Park for a Sunday brunch. The brunch menu contained a variety of traditional Irish fare, brunch favorites and some Maryland seafood specialties. The crab cake Kathleen had was to die for! And Ben thoroughly enjoyed the corned beef which he said was some of the best he's ever tasted. It was served with a nice variety of spicy mustards. The regular menu contains Irish foods as well as comfort food favorites. The music is a fun combination of American standard (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin) and lively Irish tunes. We had outstanding service from Corky, the manager, and look forward to going back.

For our wedding anniversary, we splurged and went to the recently

opened Morton's steak house located in Park Place on West Street in Annapolis. The food and service were up to par for Morton's, that is outstanding! However, we were a little let down by the atmosphere. We enjoy the dark traditional steak house interior that most Morton's has. But the one in Annapolis, is very open and bright with huge windows. We prefer the more traditional Morton's atmosphere at the Baltimore Morton's for a fine dining experience. But it is nice to have a Morton's in our town and the steaks and service are exceptional.

On another Sunday lunch excursion, we went to Maria's Sicilian Ristorante at Market Space in Annapolis. What a fantastic location! While Maria's does not serve brunch, their lunch menu is extensive and contains most of the traditional southern Italian dishes you would expect to find. Ben ordered a calzone, which was delicious and not at all greasy, like you'd find from pizza delivery establishments. Kathleen had the salmon piccata which was done just right and had a light white-wine, lemon and caper sauce (maybe a little salty). We shared a bowl of the

pasta e fagoli soup which was a daily special. We're sorry to say we found it disappointing. The soup was thin and bland. But we've included a fantastic recipe for the best pasta e fagoli soup ever in this month's Cape Cuisine. Although we had spotty service, we enjoyed the atmosphere during our visit to Marisa's, found the prices to be reasonable for what you get, and the location is right at the harbor.

Ben's pick for beer of the month: Sierra Nevada Porter. He describes it as a "hoppy" beer which is a good accompaniment to turkey and chicken and other traditional holiday foods.

Recipes of the month: This month, we selected several recipes. This time of year makes us crave good soups, so we've included two. Also, we included a super easy to make cheese ball which is great for holiday parties.

### **Best Ever Pasta E Fagoli Soup**

(Pasta and bean soup) This recipe is adapted from recipes from Rachael Ray and Giada De Laurentis, Food TV.

2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 slices of pancetta, chopped  
2 sprigs of rosemary  
2 sprigs of thyme

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2 dried bay leaves  
 1 medium onion, finely chopped  
 1 small carrot, chopped  
 1 rib celery, chopped  
 4 large garlic cloves, chopped  
 Salt and pepper  
 2 15 oz. cans of cannellini (white) beans (or you can use red kidney beans, if you prefer those)  
 1 ½ cup crushed tomatoes (we love San Marzano; you can find this at Graul's)  
 2 cups water  
 1 quart reduced sodium chicken broth  
 ¾ to 1 cup of dilatini pasta (elbow macaroni or any small pasta, vary amount depending on how hearty you want your soup)  
 Grated parmigiana reggiano cheese

Heat a deep pot over medium high heat and add oil and pancetta. Brown the pancetta bits lightly, and add herb stems, bay leaf, chopped vegetables, and garlic. Season vegetables with salt and pepper. Add beans, tomatoes, water and broth and raise the heat to high. Bring the soup to a rapid boil and add pasta. Reduce the heat to medium and cook soup, stirring occasionally, 6 to 8 minutes or until pasta is cooked. The herb leaves will begin to separate from the stems as the soup cooks, so you can pull the stems out. Remove bay leaves. This soup is hearty and delicious. It's wonderful served with good crusty bread.

### **Ben's Potato Soup**

This soup recipe is great for cold evenings and keeps and reheats well. When reheating, add a little bit of milk to get the right consistency. Talk about comfort food! Easy and delicious! Kathleen likes to add a little corn or crab-

meat to hers.

6 medium or large russet potatoes, peeled and sliced  
 1 small white onion  
 Dash of garlic powder  
 1 stick of butter  
 12 oz. can of evaporated milk  
 Salt and pepper  
 Crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

Cover potatoes and onion mixture with just enough water to cover. Add a couple dashed of garlic powder. Boil until tender. Use a potato masher to "smash up" the mixture. Leave some potato chunks for texture. Add one stick of butter and a 12 oz. can of evaporated milk. Salt and paper to taste. If you like a little "heat", add 1 teaspoon of crushed red pepper flakes. Reduce heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes.

Serves 4 hungry people.

### **Pineapple Cheese "Grenade"**

This cheese ball is always a hit at parties. It keeps well and is better if it's made a day or two ahead of time.

16 oz. cream cheese, softened  
 1/3 green pepper, finely chopped  
 ¼ finely chopped white onion  
 One small can of crushed pine-

apple, drained thoroughly  
 Splash of hot sauce  
 Splash of Worcestershire sauce  
 Couple shakes of season salt  
 1 cup of chopped pecans

Mix all ingredients except pecans. Shape into a ball. Roll the cheese ball in the chopped pecans to coat. Wrap in aluminum foil to store. The cheese ball can also be frozen to be served at a later time.



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