

Our 55th Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

December 2010/January 2011

Membership Meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Notice MEMBERSHIP MEETING January 11, 2011 7:30pm Clubhouse

At all meetings of the Association, the presence of 25 members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If there are insufficient members present to establish a quorum at the time a membership meeting is to be held, a substitute meeting may be called under the following procedure:

- A. A majority of the members present calls for the substitute meeting. Then,
- B. The presiding officer shall set a date falling within 30 days for a substitute meeting of members; and
- C. Notice of this substitute meeting shall be given 10 days or more in advance to all members of the Association, and shall include the following information;
 - 1. the time, place and purpose of the meeting; and
 - 2. a statement explaining that at the substitute meeting the members present constitute a quorum.
- All absentee published ballots not counted for lack of a quorum at a membership meeting shall be counted at the substitute meeting.

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BOARD IN BRIEF

NOVEMBER 8, 2010

The November 2010 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on November 8, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

President's Remarks: President Gallagher presented the agenda for the meeting and made brief opening remarks, including:

The County Council voted 7 to 0 in support of the removal of offensive language from CSCIA covenants. Thus the County will cast its seven votes, one for each of the seven Cape lots they own - in favor of removing the offensive language from our CSCIA covenants.

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

A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes of the October 11, 2010 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting. Another motion was made and approved to accept the September 30, 2010 Profit & Loss Statements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building: Governor Mooneyhan mentioned a potential setback issue with a house being built on Woodland Circle. She notified the builder and revised plans have been received. She will review and evaluate these plans.

Piers: President Gallagher reported that the bubbler system for the Deep Creek piers would be installed on December 4th and will include some new lengths of hose.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Gallagher commented about the lack of candidates for the CSCIA Board of Governors and the Budget Committee. Five or six vacancies are anticipated for the Board of Governors, while having only three candidates. There are no new candidates for the Budget Committee. He asked the Board to consider reducing the number of members on the Board of Governors from twelve (12) members down to nine (9) members. Having nine members would require a quorum of five (5) members. After extended discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved to reduce the CSCIA Board of Governors down to nine (9) members.



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A motion was made and unanimously approved for the Board to go into a Closed Session meeting immediately after the regular meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Attendance: Governors Berley, Campbell, Cesare, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Mooneyhan and Newman were present. Governor Lamb was absent. **Budget Committee member** Biondi was also present.

Adjournment: The regular November 8, 2010 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. and a Closed Session meeting immediately followed.

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The Board of Governors

Office: **Officers:** Sam Gallagher President Josephine Gardner Vice-President

Secretary Joe Daly Treasurer John Berley **Committee:** Chair: Beaches & Parks Frank Newman

Building Kathleen Mooneyham Caper Michele Cesare Clubhouse Mary Lamb Joe Daly Covenants Chuck Ritenour Membership/

Nominating Personnel Josephine Gardner Piers & History Sam Gallagher Bruce Campbell Roads Frank Newman Website

Budget Committee:

Louis Biondi Michael Buchet

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CSCIA Board of Governors candidates

In this issue we spotlight the candidates for the CSCIA Board of Governors. Please take the time to read each candidates bio and vote on the ballot that can be found on Pg. 8.

Thank you~

Josephine Gardner

In my 35 years as a Cape resident. I have seen the community double in size, asphalt roads replace tar and chip, College Parkwy open, Rt. 50 upgraded, Magothy Middle School, Broadneck High School and the Broadneck Library built, the clubhouse refurbished, the adoption of the Special Benefits District. 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 been President 5 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 initiatives enabling it to grow and prosper. I'd like very much to have another term on the BOG because basically I believe you must give something back for what you have taken. I love this place, and I have no other motivation than to take care of it for the good life it has given me.

Mary Lamb

My name is Mary Lamb, I am a 25 year resident of Cape St. Claire. I hold a Masters Degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and I am currently employed by Anne Arundel County as the Traffic Engineering Street light Coordinator. For the past 15

years I have chaired the Strawberry Festival Committee which sponsors the Strawberry Festival, the Easter Egg Hunt, The Halloween Happenings, Breakfast with Santa and Safety Awareness Day. I have proudly served on the Board for the past 6 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 cleanup, brought bulk recycling to the Cape and initiated cosmetic repairs (Siding, Dumpster Fence) to the clubhouse. If I am reelected to the board I hope to continue as chair of the clubhouse where I would continue

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I want to thank you for all your help in selling my old house and buying a new house, It was such a surprise when my house sold so quickly. Your patience in looking at several "ugly ducklings" was truly appreciated. Finding the right house in a short period of time was a blessing. Slowly I am getting settled. Most of my boxes are unpacked and now I am waiting for some new furniture and window blinds. With your help and expertise, plus Steve's keeping me on track, buying a home was a pleasure. It really pays off to use an experienced team like yours.







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to improve our community asset. Thank you for considering me as your representative on the board.

Bruce Campbell

I graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1977 (started visiting the Cape in 1973!) and now work for NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center. I have lived in the Cape since 1985, and have been on the CSC board since 2004. For the past few years I have served as the Roads Committee chair and have been keeping tabs on the plans to widen Cape St. Claire road. This is finally looking like it might actually happen, and if re-elected I would work with the County to see the project through.

Scott Dembowski

My name is Scott Dembowski and my family and I have lived in the Cape for more than 5 years. Having spent 8 years in northern Anne Arundel County and being involved in our previous community association, I am very familiar with the challenges that a community association faces and I understand the partnership that must exist between the association and the community's members.

I have served as an officer in several non profit groups, and my career in commercial sales and management has given me valuable insight to managing money and assets, and an appreciation for getting the most out of every dollar.

Many of you have seen me over the years cleaning graffiti from the signs and playgrounds in our neighborhood, and I've enjoyed talking with you about the various problems arising in the area. I've worked with the office staff at the CSCIA to make sure our kids don't have to play on equipment covered in the slogans du jour of the kids that continually put them there. I am an avid boater and fisherman, and I'm proud to host friends on our beaches, at our clubhouse and out on the river. Since 1992 I have been involved with many volunteer groups cleaning up polluted tributaries of the Chesapeake



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I grew up in Anne Arundel County and my wife, daughter and son are proud to call Cape St Claire home. We are looking forward to giving more back to the community that gives so much to us.

Respectfully, Scott Dembowski Merry Christmas,
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PROPOSED FY2012 SCBD BUDGET

Each year the Budget Committee develops a consolidated budget for the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. (CSCIA). The Budget Committee is composed of up to three committee members elected by the community and two members appointed by CSCIA Board of Governors (BOG), usually the President and Treasurer. Once completed, the budget is presented to the Board of Governors for review, comment, and approval. The proposed SCBD budget included in this issue of The Caper has been reviewed by the BOG and recommended for approval by the CSCIA membership.

The consolidated budget developed by the Budget Committee covers three funding sources: our Special Community Benefit District (SCBD), our maintenance fees (the ten-dollar maintenance fee billed annually), and our piers. Each year, the community votes on the SCBD budget, while the Board of Governors approves the Maintenance and Piers budgets. The Maintenance and Piers budgets are presented in The Caper for information purposes.

The SCBD budget covers three categories of expenditures, SCBD General, Clubhouse funds, and Caper funds (the first three columns of the consolidated budget page in this issue). In accordance with our charter as a Special Community Benefit District, SCBD funds may only be expended to meet the four major purposes for which the SCBD was created:

Maintenance of community property (beaches and parks, playground equipment, and the fishing pier);

Special security for community property;

Acquisition, improvement and construction of real and personal property (such as the Clubhouse); and

Administrative expenses incidental to carrying out these functions.

These functions and the associated budget totals are listed on the proposed budget Summary Sheet in this issue.

The proposed FY 2012 budget includes an increase in the SCBD assessment from \$89 to \$95 per tax lot per year to meet the ever increasing costs of energy, security, and maintenance and to cover the debt retirement cost of the Deep Creek bulkhead completed last year. The current member approved cap for the SCBD assessment is \$95.

In addition to approving the proposed SCBD FY 2012 budget, the BOG approved recommending an increase in the SCBD cap, raising it to \$110 from the present \$95. The cap sets the limit for the per lot assessment, which may be imposed under the SCBD. Under the terms of the SCBD, the cap may only be raised every two years. Raising the cap gives the Budget Committee the flexibility to meet the growing needs of the Cape St. Claire community, while meeting its ongoing financial obligations such as debt reduction of capital projects.

Your vote for or against the budget and your vote for or against raising the cap are separate line items on the ballot contained in this issue of The Caper. *Under the rules of the SCBD*, should the membership fail to pass the recommended budget, the FY 2011 budget will remain in place for fiscal year 2012. Respectfully submitted, Louis G. Biondi

Chairman, Budget Committee

Happy Holidays from the Cape St. Claire **Oyster Nursery Team**

Our latest generation of algae eating, water filtering Oyster babies are getting to be almost the size of a quarter! 2010 has been a good year for our oyster spat, with mild conditions, and many new Oyster Growers at home with their cages full and hung from their piers. In mid-November, the team shut down the shore-side nursery for the winter, transferring our little friends into cages in the river, just like their local brethren. The circulating water of the nursery gets too cold in the dead of winter, and would likely freeze and ruin the pump. (More about that pump in a minute!) This year, on the South shore of the Magothy River (which includes Cape St. Claire) we have 85 homes with oyster spat, totaling 339 cages!

If you haven't visited our Oyster Nursery yet, be sure to come by in the spring and have a look. It's at the slips pier lot at the end of Skyway, not far from Main Beach. We've had a lot of help again this year, and we couldn't

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FY 2012 SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT BUDGET REQUEST

A. District	Name	Cape	St. Claire						
B. Comm	unity Asso	ciation	Name	Cape St. Claire	Improveme	ent Assoc	iation		
_				Road, Annapolis, M	ID 21409				
	Phone Number Elaine Barnhart, Office Manager 410-757-1223								
E-Mail	Address	office@cscia.org							
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care, and trash removal)								\$93,951	
Special security for community property							\$44,800		
Acquisition, improvement, and construction of real							400 = 40		
and personal property							\$32,546		
Administrative expenses incidental to carrying out these							\$94,645		
	F. Budget Subtotal							\$265,942	
	G. Administrative Fee (See Instructions						′ -	\$2,000	
	H. BUDGET TOTAL				(Sum of	Item F &	\$267,943		
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J.	Fund Ba	lance as	s of 6/30/08	3		\$17,328			
K.	Investment Income/Other Revenue \$32,400								
		L.	Estmate	ed Funds Available	Subtotal				\$49,728
		M.	Tax Re	venues Needed fo	r FY2010				\$218,215
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Ballot

All property owners may vote, up to two per household. Ballots cast by mail must be signed and legible, or you must cast a ballot in person at the Clubhouse. In order to be counted, the ballot must be received no later than **Friday**, **January 7**, **2011** in the CSCIA Office, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Unsigned ballots will be disqualified.

Board of Governors - Please vote for up to 3	Board of Governors - Please vote for up to 3					
See page 3-6 for biographies. * Incumbent	See page 3-6 for biographies. * Incumbent					
Josephine Gardner*	Josephine Gardner*					
Mary Lamb *	Mary Lamb *					
Bruce Campbell *	Bruce Campbell *					
Scott Dembowski	Scott Dembowski					
<u>SCBD Budget Committee</u> - Please vote/write in up to three people at this time:	SCBD Budget Committee - Please vote/write in up to three people at this time:					
1). Michael Buchet *). Michael Buchet *					
2). Mike Dameron	2). Mike Dameron					
3)	3)					
Please check one box below each question:	Please check one box below each question:					
FY 2010 Budget? (see pages 6-7)	FY 2010 Budget? (see pages 6-7)					
For Against	For Against					
Initiative to Increase SCBD Tax Cap by \$15.00 to \$110.00 (See article on pg 6)	Initiative to Increase SCBD Tax Cap by \$15.00 to \$110.00 (See article on pg 6)					
For Against	For Against					
Signature	Signature					
Print Name	Print Name					
Print Address	Print Address					

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have kept it going without good people like Greg Young of GY Plumbing. He always saves the day when a pipe breaks or the pressure fails. And the folks at Leslie Pools have been great about keeping the pump in working condition too. Luckily, the slip owners and Beaches and Parks Governor Frank Newman have not had us evicted!

Thanks and Best Wishes to all, Rick, Rene, Doug, Madan, Ken, Brad and Tyler



Stuff a Bus

The staff of Chesapeake Charter will be collecting gifts for Toys for Tots on Sunday, December 5th. They will be starting at Graul's in Cape St. Claire from 10 am-12 pm, at Super Fresh parking lot from 12-2 pm and at Safeway, Arnold from 2-4 pm.



Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company News

Our annual Christmas Tree sale starts Sunday November 28th. Hours are 9 am-9 pm weekends and 6-9 pm weekdays.

We will also be offering professional portraits at the station on Friday 11/26 and Saturday 11/27. See http://www.cscvfc.org/portraits.html or call Ryan 443-603-8507 for details.

We are also a part of the Annapolis Santa Run this year, helping gather gifts for needy children. The run will stop at Cape St. Claire Elementary School on the afternoon of December 12th. See http://www.annapolissantarun.com/ for details.

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