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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

DECEMBER 2012 & JANUARY 2013

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 8TH—DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays Capers! Wishing you a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! Thank you all for a very productive and positive year for our community. I look forward to passing the baton to a new Board of Governors President in 2013, and welcoming new Board members. I hope all fellow Capers have the opportunity to relax and enjoy time with family and friends at this time of year, and also take a moment to think about how fortunate we all are to live in such a wonderful community and what each of us can do, in our own ways, to make it even better.

Best wishes,
Kathleen Mooneyhan

BOARD IN BRIEF

The November 2012 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on November 12, 2012 at 7:27 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

In the absence of President Mooneyhan, the meeting was chaired by Vice-President Biondi.

MINUTES:

October 15, 2012 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes: Governor Campbell made a motion to approve these minutes. Governor Veno seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENTS:

September 30 Final and October 31 Preliminary Profit and Loss Statements (P&Ls): Governor Myers made a motion to approve these P&L statements. Governor Dembowski seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beaches and Parks: Governor Dembowski reported that there was no real damage from either of the recent storms and no trees were lost. He noted that a large dumpster had been brought into Lake Claire for a short period for the community to use. He also pointed out that the dumpster has been removed from the Main Beach and will be replaced in the spring with a larger one at the Clubhouse.

Regarding The Friends of Lake Claire, Governor Dembowski commented that during the first day of phragmite clean-up, a trail was blazed through the area which can be expanded upon in future efforts, and that a number of native trees had been freed from the phragmites. He noted that there is an email group of 55 people who are interested in cleaning up Lake Claire, and that President Mooneyhan has set up a Friends of Lake Claire Facebook page. He will be setting up future meetings and work days and will start applying for permits in the spring.

There was some discussion about the CSCIA's liability with regard to Lake Claire, especially as it pertained to ice skating. Governor Dembowski agreed to check with our insurance agent regarding sign posting, liability, and premiums.

Website: Governor Newman is about 80% complete in converting the site to a content management system for the Board, with a target date of the first of next year for editable pages.

Piers: Governor Biondi said that most boats were out of harm's way before hurricane Sandy hit. The shed at Deep Creek is going to be replaced. He also noted that he has a bid to replace the underbuilt and floating shoreward end of the pier at Little Magothy. Governor Biondi commented that he is also planning major enhancements of the electrical and plumbing systems at both Lake Claire and Little Magothy.

Broadneck Council of Communities: Governor Biondi noted that there will be a late November meeting of the BCC with representatives from BG&E to discuss problems with post-storm power restoration, particularly in Amberly.

There will also be a session with local elected officials to discuss funding for a NEPA study to plan for 1) contingencies in the event that something were to happen to a span of the Bay Bridge, and 2) to consider pre-emptive work. Conditions at the Severn River Bridge will also be reviewed.

Treasurer: Governor Myers commented that the financials looked good, and that she still hadn't been able to meet with our accountant.

Roads: Governor Campbell had no new reports, other than to say that the moving of overhead wires on Cape St. Claire Road was well underway.

Membership: Governor Veno thanked Governor Biondi for notifying the slip renters email list of the recent membership meeting, and noted that it was nice to see increased attendance. He also commented that the 2014 budget has been presented with no comparison with previous budgets. Governor Biondi noted that every January Caper has a budget is available on line.

Budget Committee: Chairman Buchet said that the committee is committed to starting the budget process in February, and that he welcomes participation from any Board members. He noted the difficulty people have in understanding some aspects of the budget process.

Mosquito Control: Governor Gardner said that, according to the DNR, a ten day period of 32 degrees or lower is needed to fully kill off the future generation of mosquitoes. She also noted that the state is trying to cut spraying in older communities that have been part of the program in order to add new communities.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

board in brief continued.....

NEW BUSINESS:

In response to a question from Governor Campbell regarding the number of nominees for the Board, Governor Biondi said that he believed there were nine. He also formally nominated Ted Goodhue, and noted that all paperwork and biographical information must be into the Caper for a name to be listed on the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT:

Governor Gardner moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Governor Newman. The motion was approved unanimously. The November 12, 2012 meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Governors Biondi, Campbell, Dembowski, Gardner, Myers, Newman, and Veno were present, as was Budget Committee Chairman Buchet.



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PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2014 CSCIA BUDGET

		SCBD						
Ordinary Income/Expense		Regular	Clubhouse	Caper	SCBD Total	Maint.	Piers	Totals
INCOME								
1	Caper Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000
2	BLOA Contribution (Security)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
3	SCBD/Maintenance Fees	\$ 232,456	\$ 20,214	\$ -	\$ 252,670	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 277,670
4	HOA Packets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
5	Interest Income	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 550
6	Late Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,100	\$ 500	\$ 3,600
7	Misc. Income	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 775	\$ 100	\$ 1,075
8	Clubhouse Rentals & Slips Fees	\$ -	\$ 34,000	\$ -	\$ 34,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 109,000
9	Fund Balance from FY12	\$ 15,853	\$ 10,533	\$ 5,500	\$ 31,886	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,886
10	Additional Parking Sticker Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200
11	Total Income	\$ 248,659	\$ 64,747	\$ 31,500	\$ 344,906	\$ 39,275	\$ 75,800	\$ 459,981
EXPENSES								
General and Administrative								
1	Accounting Fees	\$ 4,521	\$ 1,329		\$ 5,850	\$ 666	\$ 1,285	\$ 7,800
2	Audit Expenses	\$ 2,369	\$ 627		\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 1,040	\$ 4,040
3	Bank Fees & Charges	\$ 100			\$ 100			\$ 100
4	Caper Postage / Distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
5	Caper Printing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000
6	Caper - Editor Contract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
7	Collection Fees - AA Co.	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
8	Front Foot Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,170
9	Insurance	\$ 5,506	\$ 1,619	\$ -	\$ 7,125	\$ 811	\$ 1,566	\$ 9,500
10	Legal Services	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 1,366	\$ 2,634	\$ 16,000
11	Membership (Dues & Fees)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 150	\$ 500
12	Miscellaneous	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 200	\$ 1,700
13	Mowing (Contracted Services)	\$ 8,755	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,755	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,755
14	Clubhouse Custodial Svcs (Contract)	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500
15	Office Supplies/Expense	\$ 4,057	\$ 1,193	\$ -	\$ 5,250	\$ 598	\$ 1,152	\$ 7,000
16	Payroll Expenses	\$ 9,323	\$ 891	\$ -	\$ 10,215	\$ 489	\$ 1,189	\$ 11,892
17	Permits	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ 750
18	Postage	\$ 100	\$ 50		\$ 150	\$ 3,000	\$ 400	\$ 3,550
19	Printing	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 4,100	\$ 100	\$ 4,700
20	Property Taxes	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 3,600
21	Refreshments	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400		\$ 200	\$ 600
22	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 11,120	\$ 9,000		\$ 20,120	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 43,620
23	Sanitary Services	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,000
24	Sewer	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 850
25	Signage	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 700
26	Telecommunication (Telephone/DSL)	\$ 1,217	\$ 358	\$ -	\$ 1,575	\$ 179	\$ 346	\$ 2,100
27	Trash Collection	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,000		\$ 5,700	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 12,200
28	Utilities	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000		\$ 11,500	\$ 450	\$ 13,000	\$ 24,950
29	Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
30	Wages - Administrator	\$ 30,140	\$ 8,861	\$ -	\$ 39,000	\$ 4,440	\$ 8,569	\$ 52,000
31	Wages - Asst. Administrator	\$ 3,883	\$ 1,142	\$ -	\$ 5,025	\$ 572	\$ 1,104	\$ 6,700
32	Wages - Asst. Administrator (Mtg. Spt.)	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400
33	Wages - Code Enf./Permit Acquisition	\$ 4,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,080	\$ 1,020	\$ -	\$ 5,100
34	Wages - Groundskeeping	\$ 20,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,100
35	Wages - Custodial Svcs	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
36	Wages - Handyman for piers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
37	Wages - Pump-out attendant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
38	Wages - Security Patrol	\$ 38,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,500	\$ 3,000		\$ 41,500
39	Security Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
40	Wages - Beach Attendant	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000
41	Web Site	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800
42	Total General and Administrative	\$ 196,122	\$ 47,269	\$ 31,500	\$ 274,895	\$ 37,391	\$ 57,655	\$ 369,927
Capital Expenditures								
43	Beaches and Parks Improvements	\$ 31,537	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,537	\$ 1,884	\$ -	\$ 33,421
44	Clubhouse Improvements	\$ -	\$ 17,478	\$ -	\$ 17,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,478
45	Piers Improvements/Walkways	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,145	\$ 18,145
46	Debt Retirement - Bulkhead	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ -		\$ 21,000
47	Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 52,537	\$ 17,478	\$ -	\$ 70,015	\$ 1,884	\$ 18,145	\$ 90,044
Total Expenditures		\$ 248,659	\$ 64,747	\$ 31,500	\$ 344,910	\$ 39,275	\$ 75,800	\$ 459,971
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -

CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2014 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT CAP

Each year the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. (CSCIA) Budget Committee develops a consolidated budget for the community. The 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. This year the BOG assigned the Vice President and Treasurer to the Budget Committee. We are grateful for the insight provided by VP Lou Biondi and Treasurer Dawn Myers. Once drafted, the budget is given to the Board of Governors for review, comment, and presentation to CSCIA members for approval. The enclosed proposed Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) budget has been reviewed by the BOG and recommended for CSCIA member approval.

The consolidated budget includes SCBD and two non-SCBD funding sources: SCBD fees are collected and remitted to CSCIA by the County. CSCIA Maintenance fees and CSCIA pier rental fees are collected by CSCIA, itself. Each year, the community votes to approve the SCBD budget, while the Board of Governors approves the Maintenance and Piers budgets.

The SCBD budget covers three categories of expenditures. They are SCBD General Funds, Clubhouse funds, and Caper funds. These funds appear as the first three columns of the enclosed consolidated budget. An SCBD is created by members of the community, and approved by the County so that the community can provide funding for benefits approved by community members and paid for collectively by community members. These benefits are NOT available to County residents at large. Furthermore, according to law and our SCBD charter, Cape St. Claire SCBD funds may only be expended on four major purposes of our AA County approved Special Community Benefits District. The purposes are:

- Maintenance of community property (beaches and parks, playground equipment, and the fishing pier, the Deep Creek bulkhead, and many CSCIA owned parcels of land.);
- Special security for community property (Off duty police security patrols);
- Acquisition, improvement and construction of real and personal property (such as the Clubhouse, Its roof, Chairs and Tables for Clubhouse functions, CSCIA Office and Office Equipment); and
- Administrative expenses incidental to carrying out these functions.

See the enclosed proposed budget Summary Sheet for more detail.

The proposed FY 2014 budget includes an increase in the SCBD per lot assessment to \$110 made necessary by inflation and other increases incurred since our last increase years ago. They include legal expenses defending Cape covenants, debt burden and increasing costs for beach attendants, security, security patrol fuel and Clubhouse maintenance/repairs. The current membership approved cap for SCBD assessments is \$110 per lot. The Board of Governors recommends budgeting the \$110 per lot to balance the FY 2014 budget.

In addition to reviewing and proposing the SCBD FY 2014 budget, the BOG recommends increasing the SCBD assessment cap to \$125 per lot in anticipation of still increasing costs. Under the SCBD, a cap may only be raised every two years. If AA County approves the \$125 cap, it would not become effective until FY 2016. Raising the cap is central to maintaining CSCIA's flexibility to meet growing and changing financial needs and continuing to provide services to Cape residents. Raising the cap does not automatically increase the annual assessment. Cape members must approve each annual assessment figure up to the cap by ballot as we will do at the January 2013 membership meeting.

Your vote for or against the budget and your vote for or against increasing the cap are separate ballot items. **For Your Convenience the Ballot is enclosed on page 8 of this Caper.** Under the rules for SCBDs, if Cape St. Claire lot owners fail to pass the FY 2014 budget, the Cape will be stuck operating at a three year old level and risk losing the current level of services provided.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS & BUDGET COMMITTEE BIOGRAPHIES

Rich Veno

I moved to Maryland from the Boston area in 1998, and worked at Pulse Engineering - Titan Corp - L3 Communications for eight years as a Project Manager and for five years as an inside salesman for an electronics firm.

I met my wife Carol in Bowie, MD in 1998, and we moved to Ellicott City in late 2000. In May of 2001, My daughter Rita was born here in Annapolis, and we began our two year search for a home, finally closing on our Cape St. Claire Split Foyer in October, 2003, just in time for Halloween! Carol and I have raised our daughter here and have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the beach access and amenities that the Cape has to offer. We love the school system here, and love the convenience of our 'secret' shopping center, where we can shop for food at Grauls, get home supplies at True Value, a haircut at the local barber, or dine at any of the eateries that are minutes away from our home.

We love the community atmosphere, the springtime Easter Egg hunt, the Strawberry Festival, our new fourth of July parade and fireworks on the Magothy, Halloween at the shopping center, and Christmas with Santa in the clubhouse.

Last year I volunteered to fill a vacant slot on the CSCIA board of Governors, where I have served as the Membership Committee chairperson. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve our community and ask that you vote for me to continue serving on the Board of Governors for a full term.

Melanie Norris

Originally from the Richmond VA area, my husband and I moved to Maryland and the Cape over five years ago. We wanted to get to know the area and were very pleased to find that we had found a community that we could call home right away. We were quickly impressed with the Community's welcoming and friendly personality and the carefully preserved common areas that are shared by the entire neighborhood. This is not the standard for waterfront communities in any place we have been before. Along with our four children, we have come to love the Cape and view this as our forever home.

When I learned there was a need for more volunteers, I quickly offered to pitch in any way that I can. Running for the BOG was suggested and here I am. I am currently the church secretary at Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church. Before moving to Maryland, I was a Realtor in Virginia and served on the Government Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and several committees within the Association of Realtors. Prior to that, I was the Zone Sales Assistant with Frito-Lay for Richmond and parts of Northern Virginia. I volunteer regularly within the community in a variety of ways. I would welcome the opportunity to serve Cape St. Claire in this way.

Mary Elizabeth Lamb

My name is Mary Elizabeth Lamb, my family and I are 27 year resident of Cape St. Claire. I hold an MBA, a MSHCAD and a BSS from the University of Maryland. I have been employed by Anne Arundel County Traffic Engineering for 28 years in various positions and now hold the title of Traffic Engineering Street Light Coordinator. With the support of my husband Jimmy and my daughter Shelby I have chaired the Strawberry Festival Committee for the past 17 years. In addition to the Strawberry Festival my devoted committee and I organize the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Happenings, Breakfast with Santa and Safety Awareness Day. I have proudly served on the Board for the past 8 years chairing Membership, Clubhouse and The Caper. For the past 2 years I have served as secretary for the CSCIA. During my time on the Board I have successfully reorganized the community cleanup, brought bulk recycling to the Cape, initiated cosmetic and essential repairs to the clubhouse (Siding, Dumpster Fence and HVAC system) and reorganized the Caper. If I am re-elected to the board I hope to remain as chair of the clubhouse and the Caper in order to continue to improve our community assets. Thank you for considering me as your representative on the board.

Kipp Snow

Hello, my name is Kipp Snow and I am a new resident and homeowner in Cape St. Claire, but have been a resident of the Broadneck Peninsula for more than 10 years. I work for Anne Arundel Community College where I teach in the Business Management and Entrepreneurial Studies Departments. I hold an MBA from the University of Maryland University College. Cape St. Claire is a great community that my wife and I sought out to raise our family. We enjoy the amenities, events, and the neighborly atmosphere that makes up the Cape. I am seeking an opportunity to become more involved in my community and make it the most desirable place to live. I have experience as president of a neighborhood association in a previous neighborhood I lived in and I hope to use that experience in this opportunity. I also have management and leadership experience in various career positions and associations I have been involved with. If I am provided with this opportunity to serve, I look forward to working with you in the community.

“Beau” George B. Breeden II

I have lived most of my 35 years in Cape St. Claire. As the son of a retired Navy Commander, we moved often in my youth, living in Cape the first time from 1978-81 and settling here a second time in 1986. I attended the Naval Academy Primary School, Magothy Middle, Severn River Junior High and Broadneck Senior High. Growing up here, I was active in youth activities including Cape Sports, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and Boy Scout Troop 783, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in 1995. I played sports at Broadneck and also worked at Graul's during high school and college. After high school, I graduated from UMBC, earning a bachelor's degree in Economics and Finance. I returned to the Broadneck Peninsula, where I have lived since 2000 and have been a resident of Cape St. Claire since 2007. I began a career as a Financial Advisor and currently am the owner of several small businesses, the primary business being Delmarva Financial Group.

Aside from running my own business and assisting clients in planning their futures for the last 12 years, I have chaired or co-chaired a youth group at St. Margaret's from 1998-2006, served on mission trips to Honduras 1998-2003, planned, organized, and conducted a high school-aged youth trip to England 2004, served and elected term on the Vestry 1994-1996 (lay board of governors). I served on the Board of Directors of the former Broadneck FamilyYouth Center 2005-2007 and participate today in several of other civic and charitable organizations.

I love living in Cape and I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Board of Governors. I believe my volunteer, work, and life experiences help make me well-qualified to serve on the Board of Governors. This would provide me an opportunity to give back to the community and to help keep and make Cape a great place to live!

Michael Buchet - Budget Committee

Hello neighbors:

My name is Michael Buchet. We have lived in the Cape since February of 2001 and have been involved in the schools, Girl Scouts, Goshen Farm Preservation Society and CSCIA. Our daughters played rec sports, and enjoy walks on the beaches. The older one and her husband are raising two grandkids here. The younger one is at Broadneck. For the last three years I have been your representative on the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association (CSCIA) budget committee and am running for another term.

Before moving to Cape St. Claire I managed two divisions for the National Safety Council. I budgeted \$500,000 annually for the two and then operated them on those funds. Like CSCIA the National Safety Council is a nonprofit organization. Budgeting and operating within budget while protecting membership interests is my central goal. I am 65, a Viet Nam Veteran, a retired Marine Corps Sergeant Major and a lawyer currently working for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. I pledge to continue to be accessible to you and your budget concerns as we move our community forward. Please vote at the January 2013 membership meeting and grant me another term on the CSCIA budget committee. My family and I wish you happy and safe holidays.

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 4, 2013** in the CSCIA Office, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Unsigned ballots will be disqualified

<p><u>Board Of Governors</u> Please Vote For Up To 4 See Biographies Pg 6-7 (* Incumbent)</p> <p>Mary Lamb * _____</p> <p>Rich Veno * _____</p> <p>“Beau” Breeden _____</p> <p>Melanie Norris _____</p> <p>Kipp Snow _____</p> <p><u>SCBD Budget Committee –</u> Please Vote/ write in up to 3 people at this time:</p> <p>1). Michael Buchet* _____</p> <p>2). _____</p> <p>3). _____</p> <p><i>Please check one box below each question</i> <u>FY 2014 Budget (see page 4)</u></p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p> <p>Initiative to increase SCBD Tax Cap by \$15.00 to \$125.00 (See article Page 5)</p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p>	<p><u>Board Of Governors</u> Please Vote For Up To 4 See Biographies Pg 6-7 (* Incumbent)</p> <p>Mary Lamb * _____</p> <p>Rich Veno * _____</p> <p>“Beau” Breeden _____</p> <p>Melanie Norris _____</p> <p>Kipp Snow _____</p> <p><u>SCBD Budget Committee –</u> Please Vote/ write in up to 3 people at this time:</p> <p>1). Michael Buchet* _____</p> <p>2). _____</p> <p>3). _____</p> <p><i>Please check one box below each question</i> <u>FY 2014 Budget (see page 4)</u></p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p> <p>Initiative to increase SCBD Tax Cap by \$15.00 to \$125.00 (See article Page 5)</p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p>
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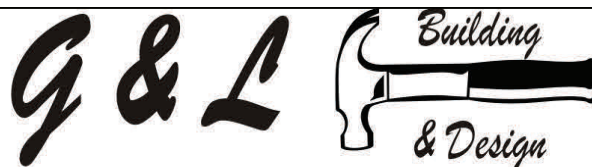
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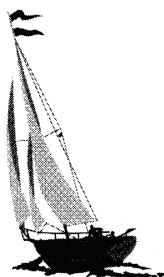
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Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 23rd

Christmas Eve Services

11:30 am - Blue Christmas Service of Healing

5:30 pm - Family Christmas Service

8:00 pm - Traditional Candlelight Service

Coffee at the Point Wednesdays - December 5th and January 2nd. At the corner of Blue Ridge and Chestnut Tree Drives, we will be continuing to reach out to our high school youth on their way to school with morning coffee, hot chocolate, water, breakfast snacks, goodies, and caring conversations. In the afternoon, we greet them again to offer hot chocolate and water. We would greatly appreciate any donations of small bottles of water, hot chocolate, and cookies or treats to continue this ministry to the students. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



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GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Goshen Farm Preservation Society. First, I would like to thank the remaining businesses that stepped up to donated items or services to our Halloween Fundraiser. Due to the generosity of all of the businesses that supported us we raised just over \$4,000, our most successful year yet: Words by Design, Turning Point Hypnotherapy Strategies & Acupuncture, North Sails, Christy Grube Interiors, Chesapeake Lawn Maintenance, Michael Buchet & Linda Beck. Thank you also to all of our members, neighbors and friends who attended and/or made cakes. We appreciate your support!

2012 Memberships will expire this month and renewal letters have been sent out. Please be sure to send in your renewal form and check, or pay using Pay Pal on the website. You must be a GFPS member to secure a garden plot. Corporate Sponsorships are available at many different levels as well.

We are looking for members to step into more active rolls on the Board and as committee chairs. Please consider becoming more involved.

The GFPS will be at the CSCIA Annual meeting on January 8th at 7:30 pm. One of our members, Scott Powers, will be sharing Goshen Farm and Cape St. Claire history.

Our next event is our FREE Java & Jazz more info on this event to follow.

For more information on the Society, membership forms and contact information please visit www.goshenfarm.org

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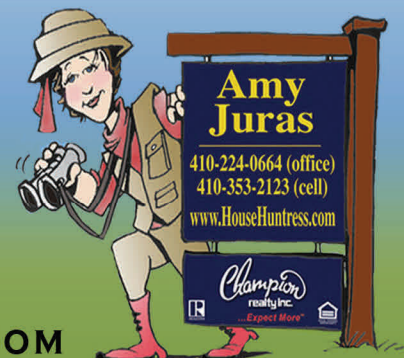


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December 9th: Santa Run

The Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company is again participating in the Annual Annapolis Santa Run. The Annapolis Santa Run is an all volunteer event that strives to provide at least one gift to all needy children in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Come out with your family to see Santa delivered to your neighborhood, not by his reindeer, but by local fire engines that light his way. Bring along an unwrapped gift to donate to area children that would otherwise be without gifts this holiday season. This year's run will follow the schedule below:

4pm	4:15pm	4:45pm	5pm	5:15pm	5:45pm	6pm	6:30pm	6:45pm
St. Margarets Church	White Hall Beach	Amberlee (Holly Dr)	St. Margarets Landing	Yorktown & Congress	Revell Downs	CSC Elementary	Atlantis	Stone Hurst (Baystone)

More information can be found at annapolissantarun.com. Also, search "santa run" at capitalgazette.com to see a news article regarding the Santa Run.

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Many injuries, burns and deaths during this time of year can be attributed to holiday decorations. Pine oil and dry needles can make a Christmas tree highly combustible when placed too close to a heat source. Decorative lights and candles near combustible objects also have the potential to ignite a fire. Please take care when using these items to ensure that we all have a safe holiday season.

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Pictured: CSCVFC concluding their annual Shrink Wrap fundraiser.

GARDEN CLUB

Happy holiday season, fellow Capers!

The Garden Club had a lovely evening together at our annual Harvest Dinner. Even with Hurricane Sandy threatening, we enjoyed the calm before the storm, gathering together to enjoy beautiful candle centerpieces, a scrumptious and varied buffet, beautiful plants for our raffle, and a bounty of desserts. What fun company, what good eating, and what a pleasure for everyone to go home with a new plant – what more could we ask as we celebrate another full year of working the soil with good friends? We are so thankful not just for the joy we get from our gardens, but for this marvelous Cape community that supports our efforts at our annual spring plant sale and thereby enables us to pass along gifts to other wonderful community organizations like Goshen Farm and Friends of Broadneck Park. Our gratitude goes to all of you as you yourselves celebrate the fruits of a year's harvest with your loved ones.

At our November meeting, the Garden Club welcomed our newest member – we're so pleased you've joined us, Karen! The club unanimously approved our new board for the year 2013 and made plans for our next meeting. Each December, we harvest evergreen boughs from our gardens and come together to make 2 large wreaths that, along with those made by other area garden clubs, adorn Lawyers Mall in Annapolis for the holiday season. Please join us on **Tuesday, December 4th at 7pm** in the clubhouse if you'd like to join in the fun.

Our January meeting will fall on **Wednesday, January 9th, at 7pm** in the Clubhouse meeting room. Yes, on a Wednesday – it's an anomaly because of scheduling challenges. We will be holding our popular **seed-starting workshop**. Participants bring translucent containers like milk jugs, spinach and lettuce boxes, soda bottles, or take out boxes. The club will provide soil and seeds, and each participant goes home with a box to put outside in the sunshine. By late February, you'll have seeds germinating with a welcome burst of vivid green in their mini-greenhouse. It's lots of fun – join us!

The Garden Club also made plans to visit Homestead Gardens together in mid-December to see the trains, colorful lights, and gorgeous poinsettias. And we are also planning a bus trip to see the Philadelphia Flower Show, on a weekday in early March. If either of these fun activities appeals to you, or if you have any questions about joining the Garden Club, please contact Laura at flokell@verizon.net for more details. More information is also available on our blog at capegardenclub.wordpress.com.

Happy Holidays, Capers!

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November Article

Thanks to everyone who voted recently, especially for working your way through all 22 ballot questions. Referendums are an increasingly important tool for our democratic process to ensure fidelity in action on contentious issues.

In recent weeks, the County Council has focused on adjustments to current policy: considering situations requiring mandatory reimbursement for legal support provided and for settlements paid by the County for legal actions against County employees; limiting the number of unions available for County employees to join; and providing an additional \$5 million payment to the Board of Education. The latter has been taken from the County Contingency Fund with the hope that the Fund can be replenished if tax receipts meet current forecasts.

Several small but worthy community items of note:

The American flag is again proudly flying at the Severna Park Library. With the installation of a new, solar-powered spotlight, our flag will be properly displayed 24 hours a day. We owe a special thanks to our Librarian, Karen Mansbridge.

We recently celebrated the 160th birthday of Severna Park Elementary School. What a joy to celebrate and see the continuing renewal and pursuit of Severna Park's heritage of academic excellence at its longest serving "root stock". The tradition of excellence is alive, well, and in good hands.

I would also like to note the recent opening of Arundel Pediatric Dental Care (on Veterans Highway next to Ledo's Pizza). Arundel Pediatric Dental Care has a "welcomed" sub-specialty of working with special needs patients of all ages.

Coincidentally, contractors for the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works will soon be establishing an exclusive left turn lane on Northbound Veterans Highway just north of Benfield Road to improve traffic flow in that area.

Congratulations go out to Barbara Morgan of Cape St. Claire. She was recently recognized by the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation for her hard work to preserve the Goshen Farm (located behind Cape St. Claire Elementary School). Barbara was recognized as the Preservation Volunteer of the Year for her leadership in raising funds for restoration of the Goshen Farm (or the "old Radoff house") which dates back to 1788 on land actively farmed starting in the mid-1600's. To learn more about Goshen Farm, visit the website, www.goshenfarm.org.

Finally, a reminder for all homeowners: Make sure that you and your family are signed up for the Homestead Tax Credit Program before the December 31, 2012, deadline. This credit protects homeowners from increases in property tax bills due to regularly scheduled reassessments. For eligible homeowners, property tax can increase by no more than 2% in any year. For more information on the credit, visit the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation website, <http://www.dat.state.md.us>. To see if you have applied for the credit, visit http://sdatcert3.resiusa.org/rp_rewrite. Type in Anne Arundel County and your street number and name (no Drive, Lane, Avenue, etc.). Press "Search" and scroll to the bottom of the page and check "Homestead Application Status."

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