

Thanks to all Cape residents who voted last month! Your involvement is vital to the community.

Don't forget to pay your annual mandatory maintenance fee on time to avoid a late-fee. See page 6

### **President's Perspective**

We start 2007 with new officers and 3 new members of the Board of Governors

Chris Knotts, Barbara Morgan, and Lou Biondi were elected to serve and we welcome them.

The new officers for year 2007

are:

**President:** Josephine Gardner **Vice President:** Sam Gallagher

Treasurer: Lou Biondi Secretary: Joe Daly

The new committee chairs are:

**Beaches and Parks:** 

Frank Newman and Matt Puglisi

Clubhouse: Mary Lamb Membership: Barbara Morgan

Caper: Kari Maltz Website: Frank Newman Covenants: Matt Puglisi Roads: Bruce Campbell Building: Joe Daly Piers and Historian:

Sam Gallagher

**Long Range Planning:** 

Dan Wolin

Personnel and Mosquito:

Josephine Gardner

While we look forward to a new year with some fresh perspectives and new energy, we must take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to Craig Madden for his past service on the Board of Governors as Beaches and Parks chairman.

His vision to upgrade all our beaches and parks from the rather mediocre and sometimes downright neglected, to the professional level they are now is like a jeweler, taking a rough diamond, perfecting the cut and polishing the stone to bring out its true brilliance.

His efforts are reflected in the increased use of all the beaches and parks, and the pride the community takes in them.

Though not all of his agenda was realized, we leave it to Frank and Matt to build on the solid foundation Craig created.

At the direction of the membership at the January annual meeting, the Board of Governors was charged to create a Long Range Plan for Cape St. Claire. Dan Wolin will be chairing this committee, and we will need lots of input from the community to gauge what is most important to YOU. Feel free to submit your ideas via our respective emails, or send them to the clubhouse office.

We will be having a special membership meeting to address

your ideas and concerns later this year.

The Caper front page will also be used by committee chairs during the year to bring various projects to the attention of the membership and to solicit your help and opinions.

As president, I encourage your participation in the planning and execution of 2007's agenda.

Sincerely, Josephine Gardner CSCIA President

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## The deadline for articles and ads is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

The Caper is published monthly and sent bulk rate to all residents of Cape St. Claire, all nonresident lot owners, local government officials and advertisers. Copies are also available in CSCIA Office, Broadneck Library and local stores.

### POLICY FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

All submissions for The Caper must be received by the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. Submissions should be emailed as Microsoft Word attachments (PC only) to: capereditor@cscia.org, or dropped off (on disc or CD) at the Clubhouse. Articles must be submitted electronically. DO NOT submit as inline text of email. All articles should be clearly labeled with the 1) submitter's name, 2) phone number, 3) article filename (s), 4) software product and 5) version used. Please keep a backup copy of each file and do not submit disks containing extraneous files. After The Caper processes each article, the submitter's disk can be picked up at the CSCIA office during regular hours. The Caper Staff and the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association reserve the right to refuse any article, letter or advertising that it deems inflammatory, in poor taste or inappropriate.

## **Board in Brief** December 2006

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on December 11, 2006 for its monthly meeting. President Dan Wolin provided opening remarks and presented the meeting agenda.

### **Minutes and Financials:**

A motion was made to approve the November 13, 2006 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made to approve the October 31, 2006 Financials. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

Office:

President

Clubhouse: Governor Juras mentioned a problem with the heat pump for the CSCIA office space. The cause of the prob-

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#### The Board of Governors

**Officers:** 

Josephine Gardner

Vice-President	Sam Gallagher
Secretary	Joe Daly
Treasurer	Lou Biondi
<b>Committee:</b>	Chair:
Beaches & Parks	Frank Newman
	and Matt Puglisi
Building	Joe Daly
Caper	Kari Maltz
Clubhouse	Mary Lamb
Covenants	Matt Puglisi
Long Range Planning	Dan Wolin
Membership	Barbara Morgan
Personnel	Josephine Gardner
Piers & History	Sam Gallagher
Roads	Bruce Campbell
Website	Frank Newman
Nominating	Mary Lamb
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### **Budget Committee:**

John Berley, Wayne Morrison, Jack Savage lem will be identified and fixed. Also, the bottom of the double-doors on the Main Beach side of the clubhouse are rotted out and will be fixed at an approximate cost of \$400.

Roads: Governor Campbell stated that the County is still in the process of developing the "90% plans" for the Cape St. Claire Road improvement project. The CSCIA will receive a copy of these "90% plans" upon finalization.

Covenants: Governor Puglisi distributed copies of two reports to the board for review. The first report summarized the various Zoning and other County violations regarding Cape properties that were reported to the County, and the County status on these violations. The second report summarized covenant violations by Cape property owners that are being handled through the CSCIA's lawyer, and the status of actions being taken on these violations.

Caper: Governor Maltz reported that a combined December 2006/ January 2007 Caper would be going out soon. It consists of 16 pages, including a ballot and the budget.

Piers: Governor Gallagher reported that a website request for assistance to install the bubbler system at the piers was successful. With about 20 helpers, the bubbler system was installed during the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, anybody who requested a winter boat slip at Deep Creek did get one. He indicated there were still more available.

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### **Board** (Cont. from page 2)

History: Governor Gallagher stated that efforts by the CSCIA History Committee and other involved citizens appear to have saved the historic Radoff House from destruction and the property from being declared excess by the County. Separate from the CSCIA, a new association named the "Goshen Farm Preservation Society" was started. This association will be dedicated to preserving the Radoff House, also known as the Goshen Farm, and its property - and to use these facilities to teach local history. A motion was made and approved, that the CSCIA recognize the Goshen Farm Preservation Society as a CSCIA "Recognized Organization" and appoints the **CSCIA History Committee** Chairperson as the board representative to this new organization.

Currently designated as a "special" CSCIA committee, President Wolin made a motion to put forth for a vote by the membership - the establishment of a "permanent" CSCIA History Committee. The motion was approved, and the bylaws change ballot should appear in the April 2007 Caper.

Nominating: Governor Lamb reported that she had forwarded the biographies of the Board of Governors and Budget Committee nominees to the Caper to be published with the ballots. She is also trying to find people to help with the counting of the ballots.

Website: Governor Newman

stated that his is taking steps to better maintain a current calendar of events on the website.

#### **New Business:**

President Wolin asked the committee chairpersons to expeditiously submit their Annual Reports.

Governor Campbell will be writing a Caper article on the subject of "potholes."

### **Roll Call:**

A roll call was taken. One board member was absent and his absence deemed as "excused."

### **Adjournment:**

The December 11, 2006 BOG was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **January 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Clubhouse.



### **Board in Brief** January 2007

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on January 8, 2007 for its monthly meeting. President Dan Wolin provided opening remarks and presented the meeting agenda.

### **Minutes and Financials:**

A motion was made to approve the December 11, 2006 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made to approve the November 30, 2006 financials. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

Beaches and Parks (B&P): Governor Madden reported that a B&P/clubhouse staff member would soon be leaving, and that another staff member has been hired.

As a result of their arrest for trespassing and alcohol infractions, the court ordered that two individuals be banned from Cape community property for three years, perform 80 hours of community service, and submit a written letter of apology to the CSCIA. A letter of apology was received from one individual.

Governor Madden recommended that the County law office be contacted to inquire about the apology letter from the second individual; or prosecute the individual again.

Covenants: Governor Puglisi distributed a report showing the status of Cape properties reported to the County for zoning and other violations. He also briefed the Board on the status of three Cape properties being handled through the CSCIA's lawyer for covenants violations.

Piers: Governor Gallagher reported that boat slip contracts would be mailed out by the end of January and they will reflect a small rent increase to cover the increased cost of electricity.

History: Governor Gallagher stated the new "Goshen Farm Preservation Society" elected officers (Barbara Morgan is the President), got their bylaws done, and will soon file papers.

Nominating: Governor Lamb reported that she is prepared for the counting of the ballots at January 9, 2007 Annual Membership meeting.

**New Business:** 

President Wolin initiated discussion on possibly formalizing a Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC). He presented reasons for establishing a LRPC and included a LRPC mission statement for review and discussion. The Board generally agreed that any long-range plans should include the input of the membership. President Wolin stated that he would present this issue to the membership at the January 9, 2007 Annual Membership meeting for discussion and input.

**Roll Call:** A roll call was taken. All of the Board members were present.

### **Adjournment:**

The January 8, 2007 BOG meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **February 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Clubhouse.

## **Long Range Planning Committee**

By Dan Wolin

At the Annual Meeting, the Board of Governors was charged with developing a Long Range Vision for Cape St. Claire, conducting an open meeting to allow

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for community input in 2007, and presenting this vision at the next annual meeting in January 2008.

I have been charged with chairing the ad hoc Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) for 2007.

Prior to this motion, we discussed the formation of a permanent Long Range Planning Committee, and also the reasons for the formation of such a committee, and its mission.

I believe that almost everyone in the room agreed that a community organization such as ours needs this type of forward looking committee. From this discussion, a motion was passed that the Board will develop a Long Range Vision and present it to the community at the annual meeting in January of 2008. As Chair of the 2007 Long Range Planning Committee, I will hold an open community meeting in April or May (exact date is TBD) to discuss the vision for Cape St. Claire, solicit community input, and define the scope of the vision statement for 2007. I have, with the help of Frank Newman, set up an online suggestion box at the Cape St. Claire website.

In addition, I will submit monthly articles to the Caper to keep you abreast of LRPC activities

Please go to <a href="www.cscia.org">www.cscia.org</a> and submit any and all ideas you have for development and improvement in our community. You may also submit your vision of what Cape St. Claire should be. I would like to point out that a future

for the Community cannot be

left up to one person's perspective. Your involvement is vital to the success of this undertaking!

If you have questions, feel free to email me at LongRange2007@cscia.org. If you don't have email or access to the Internet, you can drop off or mail your questions, suggestions, and recommendations at the CSCIA office located at 1223 River Bay Road.

Dan Wolin LRPC Chair



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Residents are advised to pay the lot fee(s) ON TIME -- no later than March 1, 2007 -- or there will be a \$5.00 Administrative Fee also due on all lot accounts that are paid after March 2, **2007.** Bills received after March 2, 2007, must include the \$5.00 Administrative Fee PER LOT or stickers will not be provided until it is paid. Residents are also asked to please mail in their dues, along with the yellow postcard, since parking stickers and guest passes are not mailed or available until the beginning of April.

Be CERTAIN to fill out the area on the postcard with your vehicle's make, license plate number, and state. If this area is not completely filled out, you will NOT receive your stickers until the information is provided (even if the information has not changed since the pre-

vious year. If extra parking stickers are needed (up to three extra), they are \$5.00 each.

If extra stickers are requested, photocopies of ALL the vehicle's registration certificates (including photocopies of the two that you normally would receive stickers for) are required. The photocopies can be mailed in with your maintenance fees, along with the additional \$5.00 per sticker for extra vehicles.

Cape lot owners who did not receive their yellow maintenance bill postcard should call the CSCIA office at 410-757-1223.



### The Garden Club

The Garden
Club met in late November for
its annual wreath-making. A
good time was had by all, including our kids, who helped
with the wreaths, set up the
Christmas tree, and ran around
making mayhem. Two wreaths
were sent along to Lawyers
Mall in Annapolis, where it
joined other evergreen wreaths

made by other area garden clubs to make an elegant, festive scene for our city.

Members of the club also met in December and drove to Homestead Gardens to enjoy their light show, train set, and poinsettia extravaganza. Poinsettias were available in all kinds of colors, and some even had ruffled petals! Such novelty!

We will next meet on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for a talk on native groundcovers. Do you have a lot of English ivy in your yard? How about periwinkle? Did you know that these plants have been designated as invasive by the US government? Invasive plants spread into our national forests to the tune billions of dollars a year in increased maintenance and removal costs.

If you're looking for alternatives or planning to do some landscaping, come to this meeting. You'll hear all about different options for groundcovers, both shade and sun. Many wonderful native and non-invasive plants are available, and you can learn all about them at our next meeting.

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer



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I already know several Cape home-schooling families, but I know there are more. Let's find out who we all are and start pooling our resources and abilities!



We are still looking for long time residents of Cape St. Claire.

- We want to know when you moved to the Cape St. Claire.
- Were you a summer resident at first?
- What brought you to this area?
- What were your first impressions?
- How have things changed?
- Would you be willing to share your stories with us?

The Cape History Committee has included a flyer in this month's newsletter.

Please fill out the form (see page 12) and either mail or drop it off at the Clubhouse.

We would like to interview some of our longtime neighbors and you might be one of those people. Mail to:

History Committee 1223 River Bay Road Cape St. Claire, MD 21409

Submitted by Vicky Jenkins, Renee Rutledge and Barbara Morgan

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Now it is on the side of the house and the chain is rusting. Since we are on the walking route to and from the high school, I believe the owner is not far away. If anyone knows of somebody who's missing their mountain bike, please tell them to contact the Titus family at 410-793-4429. Thanks for your help.

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### Manager's Message

By Kari Maltz

As a 5-year resident of this wonderful community, I am surprised and delighted to still be learning about the many amenities available to me and my family, and the advantages to living here.

With my husband and I both working full time the first few years, we had little time to make new friends, much less to seek out community clubs and organizations.

Now, through my Board participation and managing *The Caper*, I continue to learn about Cape St. Claire and the people who volunteer countless hours to make things happen.

Below is a list of websites for

clubs and organizations in Cape St. Claire.

I strongly encourage you to go to the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association's website "Links" page where you will find more detailed, up-to-date information on community resources including clubs, churches, schools and scouts.

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association – http://www.cscia.org

Cape Sports – http://www.capesports.com

Cape St. Claire Swim Club – <a href="http://www.capepool.com">http://www.capepool.com</a>

Cape St. Claire Community
Portal – <a href="http://www.capestclaireonline.com">http://www.capestclaireonline.com</a>

The Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire – http://www.yccsc.org

Cape Youth Sailing – <a href="http://www.yccsc.org">http://www.yccsc.org</a>

Cape Garden Club – Email Audrey Lengbeyer audreymarmot@yahoo.com

Cape St. Claire Crop Club-Email <u>CSCCrops@yahoo.com</u> or call Lee Wolff-Silver at 410-757-8239

Cape Culture Club – Email Amy Juras amy@househuntress.com

Cape Tots -Email Christy Hindman cfhindman@verizon.net

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Cape Homeschoolers – Email Audrey Lengbeyer audreymarmot@yahoo.com

Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company - http://www.cscvfc.org

Each year, exciting events occur in our community which provide opportunities for young and old to volunteer and get involved, meet your neighbors and have fun. A few of these include:

The Cape Easter Egg Hunt – March/April

The Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival – June

Cape Clean Up – October

Breakfast with Santa -December

Cape Fun Run – sponsored by CSC Elementary School – Fall

Cape/Broadneck Fun Run – Sponsored by BHS - Fall

This year Dana and I hope to make *The Caper* more community-focused with articles about life and living in Cape St. Claire. We appeal to the many club members and leaders to submit articles about your programs and participants. Caper readers want to know!

Kari Maltz Caper Manager

### Join Cape St. Claire Public

CSC\_Public is an email group that allows neighbors to get breaking community news and information as well as a forum for neighbors to share information with one another.

Anyone can join, ask and answer questions, make suggestions or comment on community issues. Sign up and get involved! Or, just read what your neighbors have to say.

Your email will not be shared with any third party. Visit <a href="https://www.cscia.org">www.cscia.org</a> and click on "The Cape Email List" to join.

### CONTEST RULES

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- 2.) Snowmen, igloos and other creatures made of snow are permitted!
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  amy@househuntress.com
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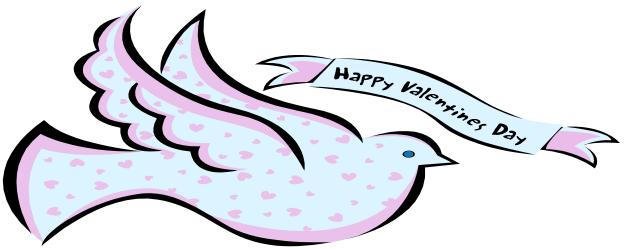


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We would like to begin to preserve our community history through questionnaires and video interviews. Please answer the following questions (use separate sheet if necessary) and drop off at the Clubhouse.

We appreciate you sharing your memories.

1.	How long have you lived in Cape St. Claire and have you lived in the same house? Were/Are you a seasonal resident or full time?
2.	What was the price of your house when you purchased it?
3.	What brought you to the Cape?
4.	Tell of some activity you and your family shared in Cape St. Claire.
5.	What has changed most significantly about the Cape since you first moved here?
6.	Tell a story about a tradition that happened in the Cape but no longer does.
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### **Editor's Note**

By Dana Raymond

Thanks to all who submit articles and advertisements. A reminder to advertisers: please review guidelines at www.cscia.org for ad submission and payment information. Ads received after the 12th of the month (preceding the issue of placement) will be held until the following month.

We will return for revision ads that are not received in the proper format. We will accept .tif, .jpeg, .gif, .bmp., and Publisher files. Please send your ad via email (preferred) or CD rather than on a disc (as we have received non-formatted discs in the past). We cannot accept ads submitted as inline

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