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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

February 2012

Think Spring!

Presidents Remarks

It is a privilege to write this issue of The Caper's, "President's Remarks." I'm excited to serve on the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association's 2012 Board of Governors alongside a great group of dedicated community volunteers. Please join me in welcoming two new Board members, Dawn Gough Myers and Rich Venno, as well as two new members of the Budget Committee, David Toy and Scott Nogal. Along with our new members, we have a great mixture of Board of Governors "veterans" including Josephine Gardner and Lou Biondi who have spent many years serving our community, and a group of seasoned folks who have spent a year or more serving the Board.

Thank you all who cast your ballots in the recent Board election and for voting for Budget Committee members as well as the community budget. And a special "thank you" goes out to those who attended our Annual Meeting. We all have busy schedules, but it would be great to have a bigger turn out at our quarterly community meetings. I'd be eager to hear from you about speakers and topics you would like to see covered in upcoming meetings. Please feel free to share

with me your ideas at president@cscia.org.

In addition to the meetings, there are other ways to stay in touch with community activities. The Caper and our website, www.cscia.org, are the official means for disseminating community information. However, the CSC Google group is also a way to share and receive community information. Instructions for joining the group can be found on our website. Additionally, while it is not an official site, the "I Live in Cape St. Claire" Facebook page is an active site for community members to share information on a wide variety of subjects, to include everything from congressional redistricting updates, to organizing a community yard sale and bus trips, to helping lost pets get reunited with their families, to providing historical information about Goshen Farm, and other community groups, and much more.

In closing, while we often talk about the amenities and beautiful views our community has to offer, I am often reminded that the people of Cape St. Claire are what make our community such a wonderful place to live! Wishing you and your family all the best in 2012!

BOARD IN BRIEF

January 9, 2012

The January 2012 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on January 9, 2012 at 7:34 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

President's Remarks: President Gallagher noted that there was a slip and fall incident at the shopping center and that the party has contacted our insurance.

Dates to Remember

- 2/17 Yacht club wine & cheese party
- 2/21 CSCUMC Shrove pancake supper
- 3/11 Garden Club 37th Anniversary dinner
- 3/25 GFPS Java & Jazz

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

November 14, 2011 CSCIA

Monthly BOG meeting minutes:

Governor Mooneyhan made a motion to approve these minutes with a minor revision. Governor Newman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

October 31, 2011 and November 30, 2011 Profit and Loss

Statements (P&Ls):

Governor Newman made a motion to approve these P&L statements. Governor Mooneyhan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Committee: Governor

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Mary Lamb
Mary Lamb
Bruce Campbell
Bruce Campbell
Josephine Gardner
Scott Dembowski
Frank Newman

Budget Committee:

Michael Buchet
David Toy
Scott Nogal

Mooneyhan reported receiving requests from a builder to construct six identical homes on adjacent lots. These requests were denied.

Broadneck Council of Communities: Governor Mooneyhan reported that the Council has met over the past couple of months to discuss some of the projects for the next year which include;

Transportation issues regarding Ritchie Highway

The status of the eastbound span of the Bay Bridge

Stormwater management.

Congressional redistricting

Beaches and Parks:

Governor Newman stated that there were developments that needed to be discussed in closed session regarding a legal issue.

Roads:

Governor Dembowski stated that there were no new updates.

Membership:

Governor Campbell stated that he was preparing for tomorrow's annual meeting.

Piers:

Governor Gallagher mentioned that the Little Magothy pier work was completed and that CSCIA had obtained permits to rebuild one section of the big pier at Deep Creek. The permits for Lake Claire have yet to be received. The County had some questions which have been addressed. Governor Gallagher is still awaiting a response from the County. Contracts for boat slips were mailed

at the end of the year and are being returned. Governor Gallagher reported about an illegally moored boat at Deep Creek at the end of the year. When the owner failed to remove the boat, as requested, he was arrested for trespassing. The boat has since departed and not returned.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Committee Chairman Mike Buchet stated that he was going to nominate David Toy and Scott Nogal for Budget Committee membership at the annual meeting.

Adjournment: Governor Newman made a motion to adjourn

from the regular monthly meeting and enter into a closed session meeting to discuss pending legal matters. Governor Mooneyhan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The regular January 9, 2012 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Closed Session Meeting: For the purpose of addressing legal issues, a closed session meeting was convened at 7:50 P.M..

Attendance: Governors Mooneyhan, Campbell, Newman, Dembowski, and Gallagher were present. Governors Daly, Gardner, and Lamb were absent. Budget Committee chairman Buchet was also present.

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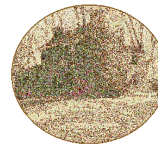
Going to a party on the peninsula? Call us for a safe ride to and from. The cost is \$5.00 each time you get into the bus.

The bus will travel to downtown Annapolis taking people from the Broadneck Peninsula to the City of Annapolis and bring people from The City of Annapolis to the Broadneck Peninsula. This would be considered special request and may cost a little more than \$5.00 per ride. Please call for pricing.

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The restaurants that the bus will service are O'Loughlin's, Deep Creek, Riverbay Road House, Broadneck Cantina, Severn Inn, Cantlers and Griffins.

Submitted by
Jackie McArdle



**Goshen Farm
Preservation
Society**

Happy New Year from Goshen Farm. We want to thank our neighbors and friends for helping us reach our fundraising goal of \$20,000 at the end of last year.

Our next fundraiser is set for Sunday, March 25th from 3 pm-5 pm at St. Margaret's church. This will be our second annual Java & Jazz. At this free event you will enjoy smooth jazz from the **Jazz Perpetrators**. Refreshments will



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The following week, March 31st will be our Garden Shower at the farm. This will be the official kick off for our Sharing Garden. We will be asking for donations of garden tools that can be shared. To rent a garden plot you **MUST** be a GFPS member. Times and other details to follow.

We have several chair positions available. We are looking for someone to chair our Oral History committee, Fundraising/event planning, and Communications. If you can help with any of these areas please contact us at goshen-farm1783@gmail.com.



Garden Club

What a strangely mild winter we're having! Winter jasmine is blooming, so is my flowering apricot and even my loropetalum. Other

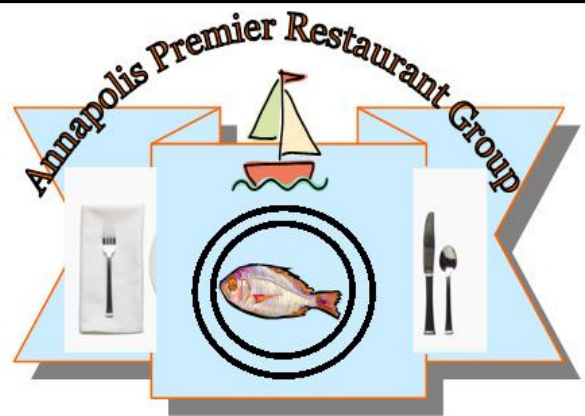
members have told me their camellias, fall-blooming and spring-blooming, are flowering now, simultaneously! While walking around River Bay I even saw dozens of daffodils blooming their little heads off, protected from the wind and against a south-facing, stone wall. Here's to hoping it's a mild winter and that the warmth continues!

The Garden Club had a lovely January meeting where we did a winter-sowing workshop. Members brought translucent containers and the club provided seed-starting medium and a variety of flower and edible seeds. We made a big mess, and all went home with little mini-greenhouses which we left outside in the sun. Members report to me that their seeds are already germinating – another sign of what seems will be a mild and short winter, we hope!

For our next meeting, we cordially invite you to join us on **Tuesday, February 7th**,

at 7pm for a speaker on **garden design**. Do you want to learn how to lay out a new bed? How to arrange a pleasing assortment of shrubs, spring bulbs, perennials, and annuals in the bed? We members would like to learn more too, so join us then!

On **Tuesday, March 6th**, at 7pm, we will have a speaker on **rain gardens** and reducing run off in the Cape. Do you have storm water problems? Does your yard turn to mushy mud when it rains, or threaten to wash away? Please join us for an informative evening with the Master Watershed Stewards in our community, who are currently working on several projects with grants and assistance from the county to improve our water runoff issues. We can learn how to make positive changes on



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our own lots to absorb more water as it falls, and also how to contribute to solving larger problems like street run off. We will also discuss rain gardens, special beds that can hold large amounts of run off while hosting native plants and butterflies and beautifying your yard to boot! You are all welcome to join us for this informative talk on a challenge that so many of us in the Cape face.

The Garden Club will celebrate our 37th anniversary on **Sunday, March 11th, at 6pm.** Please join our 2 founding members, Doris Clair and Kitty Donovan, and the rest of our club members as we celebrate so many years of festive fun with friends in the happiness of our gardens. We look forward to welcoming spring with a plant raffle and a delicious potluck dinner. We hope you'll join us!

To RSVP for any of these events, or if you have any questions or comments: please **phone Laura at 349-3390 or email flokell@verizon.net.** You can always find updated information at our blog, **www.capegardenclub.wordpress.com**.

Stay warm, fellow Capers, winter

will pass before you know it!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire

Annual Wine & Cheese Party Open to all (Members and Non-Members)

Friday, Feb 17, 7pm – 10pm
Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. The Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire (YCCSC) <http://www.yccsc.org/> was founded in 1974 and is a social, recreational club for residents and property owners in Cape St. Claire who share an interest in boating activities. The club welcomes members young and old and you don't have to have a boat to join in on the fun. Membership is just \$45 a year per family!

The Yacht Club sponsors numerous events throughout the year, both land based and on the water. Club membership also includes

discounts for Boat US dues.

The club hosts Friday Night Races on the Magothy River; a low key racing series for our members. Friday Night Races are an opportunity to work out the navigation, tactics, and communications necessary to sail a given course and learn the rules of racing sailboats. Couples and parents, friends and anyone interested can come out to try their hands at rounding the buoys in some semblance of order. Participating in the races is a wonderful way to get out on your or someone else's boat, enjoy a sunset, shake the work week out of your system and earn some bragging rights along the way. Trophies are awarded at the end of the year at our November Awards banquet. Racing participants are asked to volunteer to be racing committee

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boat at least once per season. Training is available! The Yacht Club also sponsors monthly cruises to various locations around the Bay. Last year's raft up locations included Swan Creek, Queenstown, Baltimore, Fairlee Creek, Mill Creek and Eagle Cove. Both power and sailboats participate, sharing swimming, kayaking, good food and great conversations. Land based activities include a Sock Burning party to welcome Spring; Annual Club Picnic in August, a Fall Chili Cook-off and as boating season comes to an end, our Awards Banquet.

This year's commodore, Ron McKie, extends an invitation to all residents in the Cape to the YCCSC Annual Wine & Cheese Party to be held on Friday, February 17, from 7-10 p.m. at the Cape St. Claire clubhouse. This event is a great opportunity to meet Yacht Club members and learn more about our activities. The member fee for this event is \$5.00 per person. The non-member fee is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple to be applied to the annual membership fee if the application is submitted at the party. There will be music, pictures from previous club events, wine tasting (a big thanks to Giolitti's Deli!) and general good times! Specialty cheeses and

Yacht Club members' favorite cruising appetizers will also be provided.

For more information about membership check out our website at <http://www.yccsc.org/>

Youth Sailing News

It's not too early to think about what you'll be doing at the beach this summer. Youth Sailing is busy gearing up for our 39th season. We have eight 420s, as well as three Vanguard prams and nine Optimist sailing dinghies in our program, so there are lots of opportunities to learn new sailing skills or polish old ones. If you'd like to see what the program is about or to register, information will soon be available online on the community home page at

(www.cscia.org) and the Yacht Club web site (www.yccsc.org). Hard copies of information will be available after March 1st at the Broadneck library branch. Registration opens **March 1st**. Preference is given in the order that applications are received, with special consideration to last year's participants and Cape residents through April 1st or until a session is full (whichever comes first). The half-day pram and full-day Opti sessions fill quickly for all three sessions, so if you know of anyone who is interested in these classes, tell them to return their registration forms right away.

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Happy New Year – may it be prosperous and fulfilling.

2011 was a remarkably full and productive year for the County Council; 2012 has the potential to be no less so.

In addition to the regular budget issues this year, we will consider the Charter Review Commission's recommendations, which are due no later than April 16, 2012. Any of the recommendations deemed appropriate, and any others proposed by any Council Member, will be considered for placement on the November 2012 ballot for a county-

wide referendum. A five-vote majority is required for an issue to be placed on the ballot.

Three issues are frequently mentioned: binding arbitration, the criteria for disqualifying an elected member of the Council, and term limits for Board of Appeal members. (As the County Council district realignment recognizing 2010 census data does not require a ballot vote, it will be handled separately, most likely before our budget period.)

County Council member disqualification is an interesting and challenging issue, especially for a part-time legislative body. The County Charter, Sec. 202(c), provides for disqualification if an elected member no longer resides in the district represented. It also provides that a military reservist

who is called to active duty for more than 180 days is deemed to have "vacated" his position under Sec. 205(h).

In today's "virtual" world, a Councilman's full-time employment could cause one to be temporarily working away from home – either nearby or far away – for an extended period of time. From my experience, one would or could return for family or other professional requirements with careful planning. One such requirement would be attending Council meetings, particularly when votes important to one's district are pending.

While missing some important votes may be unavoidable, repeatedly missing votes provides, in my opinion, a basis for disqualification. The question is, "How

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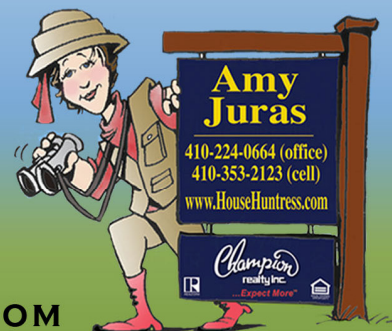


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many absences over what period of time would be considered disqualifying?" Further, would a similar number of absences for health or medical reasons also be disqualifying or otherwise deemed as having vacated ones position? In other words, what constitutes failure to perform one's councilmanic duties and responsibilities of office?

In contrast, Sec. 404 of the County Charter states "*if a County Executive shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, of misfeasance or malfeasance in office, or fails to perform the daily duties and responsibilities of his office as set forth in Section 405 for a continuous period of six months, his office may be declared vacant by the affirmative vote of not less than five members of the County Council*".

The specifics and resolution of the current situation in District 1 will clearly shape the Council's deliberations on any proposed Charter amendment.

During the budget cycle, taxes will again be a hot topic. With real estate taxes being a major piece of the County's revenue stream (43%), the continuing decline in real estate values portends several years of stagnant or declining assessments. To maintain current yields, some tax rate increases will probably be up for consideration, notwithstanding that 2013 will be the first year with slot revenues available.

Storm water runoff is an important issue on our peninsula, one that generates many calls to our office for assistance. Equally noteworthy is the strong support

for the storm water management bill that Councilman Chris Trumbauer and I sponsored.

Within the Council, resistance to raising any fees is strong and probably dominant given the concurrent proposals to increase flush fees at the State level. Consequently, we will withdraw the bill with plans of maybe reintroducing it at a later date.

The size of the problem with storm water runoff is huge. The Department of Public Works estimates the cost of the Watershed Improvement Plan to be \$968M, of which 5% is needed just to catch up on deferred maintenance and repairs on existing drainage networks. This backlog continues to grow faster than the current repair program.

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Fortunately, construction on a \$5.4 million storm water runoff repair project to replace the Shipley's Choice Dam will be started later this summer. The dam will be removed and a stable stream system will be constructed along Bear Branch. Unfortunately and unavoidably, West Benfield Road will be closed for about four months during the project.

The Board of Education Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests construction funding for both Benfield ES and Rolling Knolls ES in 2013 -- ahead of Severna Park High School. The CIP seeks \$5.7M for SPHS to complete the design and bid packages to support a 2014-2015 build program.

The proposed school CIP exceeds anticipated funding support from

the County Executive. It is my intent to seek and support construction funding for the "priority 1" high school before the two "priority 2" elementary schools.

In closing, I would like to hear from you on ways we can improve our already wonderful district. Call me to schedule an appointment or send me an invitation to your community meeting. Together we can make a difference. Happy New Year to All!

CSC Babysitters List

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Picture 2

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Who Am I?

We didn't have any winners from the last issue of "Who Am I" contest. So we are going to run these pictures again for this issue— see page 10

February Who Am I?

Are you a long time Caper? Can you identify the people in picture 1 and 2? If you think you know the identity of the subjects in these pictures email your guess to Caper@cscia.org The first correct email will win a \$10.00 Gift Card. Each month a local business will sponsor this contest by providing a prize for the correct answer. Check your March Caper for the identity of the February photos, the winner of the \$10.00 gift card and another chance to test your community knowledge. Many thanks to our local business men and women for their community support!



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