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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

JULY & AUGUST 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Capers,

What a busy past month it has been in the Cape. We had a very successful Strawberry Festival at the beginning of June and just last week we celebrated Independence Day with the 3rd Annual Fourth of July Parade followed by games and competitions at the Main Beach. The weather was beautiful and that night we were treated to spectacular show of fireworks from Gibson Island and their residents. I want to thank all the volunteers that made these events happen, giving their time and talents to make sure that the Capers have fun family oriented activities in our community. To name a few, Mary Lamb, Shelby Lamb, Jimmy Lamb, Kim Pollock, Missy Morgan, Christina Nokes, Dawn Myers, Jennifer Vaccaro, Kathleen Mooneyhan, Lynda Dembowski and Melanie Norris. Also wanted to thank Scott Dembowski for his work at the beaches and parks, along with Stiney, Dottie and Eric who clean up the beaches and parks each day for everyone's enjoyment. Thanks goes out to all those other not mentioned who volunteered during the month throughout the Cape.

A few housekeeping items:

1. By this time you should have current stickers and a guest pass for parking on community property. If you do not please call or visit the clubhouse office between 7-1pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. If you have sent money and not received your stickers you may need to update vehicle information, please check with Elaine at the office regarding this issue.
2. Our Beach Attendants that work most days during the busiest times of beach use have been doing a great job of keeping out non-residents from our parks. This holiday weekend alone they turned away more than 30 cars loads from Virginia, West Virginia, DC and other locations here in Maryland. As Sandy Point becomes full each weekend, we see their overflow show up at the both Main Beach and Lake Claire. Please be respectful to them, please stop at the temporary stop sign to check in with them, in the end it is for the safety and value of our property and residents.
3. Fireworks, I know this is a sensitive subject for many, so many people enjoy them but they are mostly illegal in Maryland. We do not allow them on Community Property owned by the CSCIA. With regards to those of you who shoot them off from your homes, it is a reminder that it is illegal act and can be nuisance or violation of the noise limits. Please be considerate of your neighbors, especially those with children and health conditions that may be affected.
4. Starting July 14th, the long awaited Cape St. Claire Road Projects is expected to start. Please check our website www.cscia.org for updates or follow the Association's Facebook Page for more timely information when made available from the County.

As you may have noticed around the Cape, the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association has been working on IMPROVING properties for everyone's enjoyment. We completed phase one of the Main Beach improvements at the beginning of June and we will be working on other projects soon. Through our volunteers we keep progressing on the restoration of Lake Claire and other projects throughout the Cape. We are beginning our budget planning for 2016 here this month and we need to hear from Capers as to what they would want or need in the years to come at our properties and from the Association. Email me at President@CSCIA.org if you want to volunteer or have a project ideas or if you are looking to get involved but not sure what best suits your skills. I am sure I can find spot for you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Hopefully everyone has a fun, refreshing and relaxing remainder of their summer.

Sincerely,
Beau Breeden

CAPE ST. CLAIRE 2014 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



BOARD IN BRIEF

JUNE 9, 2014

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:32. He remarked that the Strawberry Festival had been a big success, and that the BOG booth had 6-700 visitors. He also said there has been very positive response to the new walkway at the Main Beach.

The minutes of May 12, 2014 were approved as amended.

The Profit and Loss Statement of April 30, 2014 was approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Governor Myers said that our finances for the fiscal year appear to be in pretty good shape. We were pretty close estimating our revenues, although club house rentals may just miss the mark

Events: Governor Myers reported that the Strawberry Festival was a smashing success. Mary Lamb and the Festival Committee did an amazing job! The 4th of July event is next. All the event information is located online and will be updated weekly. The BLOA has generously donated items for our raffle again this year and have volunteered to organize the raffle. We are planning a parade, bbq cook off, baking contests, as well as lots of kids' activities on the beach. If anyone would like to help, please contact events@cscia.org.

Communications: Governor Snow is working on a communication policy and should have it completed this month.

Website: Governor Newman had nothing new to report.

Budget: Committee member Toy had nothing new to report.

Covenants: Governor Hazen said that mosquito spraying will begin Wednesday night. Information will be on our website and Facebook. She is still dealing with complaints about untagged vehicles.

Buildings: Governor Gardner said she is trying to find out what is going on with the paving job on Forest Terrace.

Piers: Governor Biondi said that the work at Lake Claire is done. There are 12 slips, mostly mud, still not rented. The piers committee will be working on a long-term capital improvement plan to repair the piers.

Goshen Farm: Governor Biondi reported that they have been certified lead and mold free, so interior renovations will start soon. The sharing garden is going well.

Security: Governor Breeden said Court Service hours were performed at Strawberry Festival to keep up with trash. Individuals caught 3 wheeling Friday night cleaned up of beaches and parks on Sunday. The Strawberry Festival was uneventful overall but parking attendants and possible shuttle service will be needed next year. Towing enforcement has continued as necessary by towing company. Slight increase in summertime mischief is being seen across the community and we are coordinating with local police regarding the issue.

BCC: Governor Breeden said the BCC and CSCIA co-sponsored a roundtable with District 33 incumbents and District 5. There was a turnout of about 30. Nothing more is planned until after the primary.

BLOA: Governor Breeden met with bankers from BBT and BLOA executive committee to discuss capital improvement on Wednesday the 4th. There was a meeting today with the BLOA and Councilman Ladd to discuss costs and the creation of a shopping center special tax district.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Dembowski said that Phase 1 of the main beach sidewalk is complete and has received overwhelmingly favorable response. We have been soliciting the community's input for additional projects. The upper grass parking lot has been somewhat repaired after the four wheeling trespassers gouged large ruts into the field. The lower grass lot has been leveled out with dirt from the sidewalk project. The remaining two swim area markers were placed offshore of the main beach just before the Strawberry Festival. DNR was contacted about getting more area markers but they have discontinued the program. Additional area

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markers will cost approximately \$170 per marker. The beaches have been incredibly busy already this season, and we've seen an increase in the number of unmarked vehicles using the boat ramp. All beach and park paved parking lots have been restriped.

Erosion Control: Governor Vaccaro reported that sixth grade science students from Magothy Middle came out to plant the ravine across from 1035 Lake Claire drive on May 28th-29th. 115 trees and 100 ferns were planted, and the path was mulched. The students also planted bay grasses down at the Lake Claire beach. The remaining ravines around Lake Claire will be sprayed with herbicide this summer in preparation for fall planting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Governor Hazen noted that many people are ignoring the notices they receive regarding untagged vehicles. The County is apparently ignoring our requests for help, as well. The Board will put an article in the Caper and it was suggested that Governor Hazen write a letter to the Capital about the County's inefficiency and lack of action,

Governor Breeden has gotten no response from a complaint sent in regarding a wall being built by a resident on one of our beaches. Governor Hazen will follow up.

Governor Dembowski mentioned a house on Southview that is in a state of disrepair with high grass and junk in the yard. He also noted the number of apartments being rented out in the Cape, in violation of the Covenants, and suggested that an article in the Caper reminding people of the Covenants might be helpful.

It was noted that the County responded to Governor Breeden's request to have two overgrown lots mowed.



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Governor Snow brought up the problem of people crossing Cape St. Claire Road from the woods by the field. He also said that he has seen "slow down" stickers to put on recycling bins. He will look into them before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:


Governor Snow moved that the Board adjourn into a closed session. The motion was seconded by Governor Dembowski and approved unanimously. The June 9, 2014 regular monthly meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION:

A Closed Session of the Board of Governors was convened at 8:19 P.M. and adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present were Governors Biondi, Breeden, Dembowski, Gardner, Myers, Newman, and Snow. Governors Lamb and Vaccaro were absent. Also present was Budget Committee member Toy.



**Will you be starting home improvements this season?
Questions about zoning and covenants?
Please see our new monthly feature on page 12
"Covenants and Zoning Concern's".**

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE FLOATING GARDEN PROJECT OF THE MAGOTHY RIVER ASSOCIATION

The water quality in the Magothy River is so bad now that it cannot support underwater plants (submerged aquatic vegetation = SAV). The Virginia Institute of Marine Science has reported that where the Magothy once had hundreds of acres of underwater grass, now it has NONE! We cannot have a healthy river system without these plants. I am very disappointed that neither the state nor county cared to even recognize that the loss of this aquatic vegetation is a serious problem for the Magothy River. This situation has inspired the Magothy River Association (MRA) to revisit the concept of floating plant tray systems. Back in 1998, MRA began experimenting with growing plants in floating trays. The system really worked, but we had to give up the project because we could not get the SAV plants in sufficient numbers for our members to use. Recently our interest switched to growing the next best thing---emergent plants that are more available, and thus the Floating Garden Project was born!. Working with our restoration partners at Anne Arundel Community College, we have developed a system that we believe will help improve the river's health. We have created a short 2-minute video (see below) showing what a floating garden is and how it works. We are very excited about this project---It is easy and simple to do. If you interested in setting up a floating garden, please contact me at President@magothyriver.org. We are selling the three-plant float system for \$100 and the hanging basket for \$35. Working together, we can restore the Magothy River for generations to enjoy!

VIDEO: At Youtube.com, enter the Search term "Floating Gardens of the Magothy" --OR--type the following link into your browser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQMOzKG2LZI&feature=em-share_video_user

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MRA president

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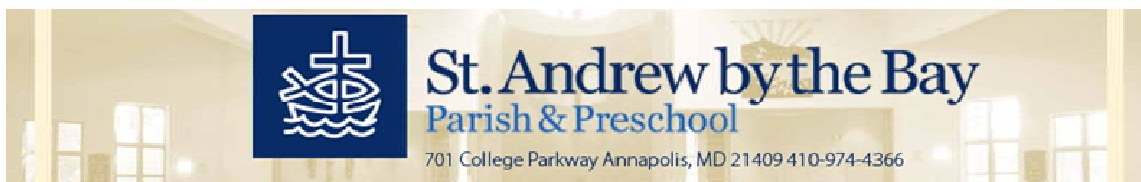
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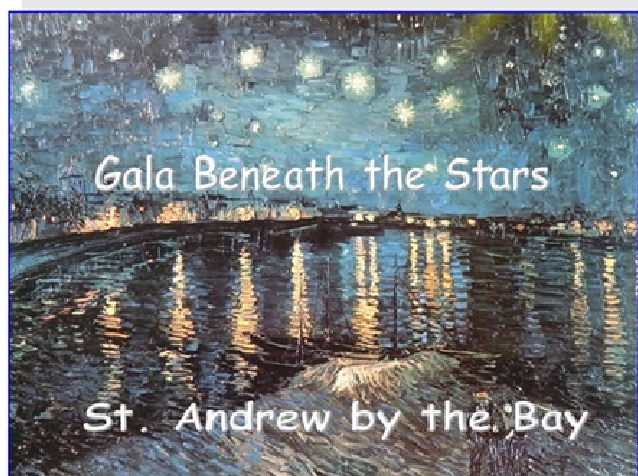
SUMMER Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM

St. Andrew by the Bay announces the 3rd biennial Annapolis by Starlight Gala event and Silent Auction "Reach for the Stars" to be held on Saturday, September 13 from 7 - 10 p.m. at the beautiful Anne Arundel Community College Student Union Building.

The event will raise funds to seed an endowment to benefit the children and youth Religious Education programs at St. Andrew by the Bay. Sponsorships are available. The planning committee is also soliciting silent auction items.

Tickets for the event are \$75.00 per person and can be purchased online at www.standrewbythebay.org or by calling the parish office at 410-974-4366. For more information, please contact Chris Figueras at 410-974-4366 or figwheat@msn.com.

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*We are called out to "Where the Wild Things Are" -
 a sermon following the trailblazer story by the late Maurice Sendak.*

Shortly after Pentecost, Peter "made mischief of one kind and another." The beginning of many such moments in the life of the church; moments when the spirit leapt over boundaries calling us to embrace the other who was on the outside, inviting them to sit at table with us and become part of the community...for Jesus it is all about loving one another. As Christ has loved us so we are to love one another. As our church community is in transition in search for a new minister, we are considering what "wild things" we may initiate to invite more in the wider community to join us.

Vacation Bible School will be July 14 – 18, 2014

COME SAIL AWAY WITH COA!

Save the date, Vacation Bible School is back! It will be July 14 -18. We are looking for volunteers; please take time to consider your time and talents, as there are many opportunities to help. We are looking for help with donations, set up, running the week, and clean up at the end. Please contact Noel Wagner (nwagner@hotmail.com) or look out for sign up sheets in the narthex, if you can help in any way.

All are welcomed into our church and into our many activities!

*Schedule of services – 9:30 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)
 both with Sunday School*

***Summer schedule of services – starting June 29th until September 7th
 9:00 am and 10:15 am***


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EPIPHANY COMMUNITY

Epiphany Community holds Catholic mass every Sunday at 9:30am at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. However, due to priest shortages during the summer, we will not be meeting at the clubhouse in July. On July 13th, the Epiphany Community will venture to Catholic Intentional Eucharistic Community of Relay, 5025 Cedar Avenue at South Rolling Road, Relay, Maryland 21227 <http://www.cc-relay.org/welcome>. On July 20th, we will go to the Folk Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (515 Loch Haven Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037) where Kass will be delivering the homily. On July 27th, we will have a Prayer service and pot luck brunch at Mary Lou's house. Our new website is up and running at epiphanycommunity.org. We are starting a new photo directory and will be working on getting pictures of all Epiphany Community members in August and September. We enjoyed making bubbles and meeting many new people at the Strawberry Festival this year and are looking forward to next year. We look forward to seeing you on Sundays at 9:30am.



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Vacation Bible School

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Outdoor Movie Night

"God Isn't Dead"

Thursday, July 31st, 8:30 pm

CSCUMC's Chestnut Tree Parking Lot

Women's Bibles on the Beach Study

We meet at the Main Beach every other Wednesday at 7 pm, weather permitting.

If it is raining, we meet at Cape St. Claire UMC in the library.

We are reading Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl by Lysa TerKeurst.

Come & find out what may be missing in your life!

Please email Mia Riser (mlriser_serves@aol.com) for the current meeting dates, if you plan on attending.

Hope to see you there!

Teacher Reception

September 4th

We will begin to welcome back all Broadneck Peninsula teachers, beginning with Cape St. Claire Elementary and Broadneck High by offering a reception.

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 14th

Kindergarten through 5th grade

Families begin worship service together at 9 am in the Sanctuary. After the children's special message, the teachers take the students to their classroom, where they learn a Bible story, sing songs, and do a craft or project.

When the worship service is over, parents will meet their children in their Sunday School room.

A nursery is available for younger children.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me"

CONGRATULATIONS! CAPE ST. CLAIRE 2014 BERRIEST BABIES



COVENANTS AND ZONING CONCERNS



Summer is in full swing for all of us here in the Cape and with summer comes the inevitable urge to build, beautify and enhance our homes and properties. As you drive through the Cape it is wonderful to see the improvements and overall dedication to preserving the beauty and quality of the homes and properties in our community. With that in mind, it is important to be aware that there are a number of covenants that govern construction in the Cape including fences, additions, new homes, etc. The Cape St. Claire Improvement Association (CSCIA) also serves as conduit to resolve zoning issues such as unregistered vehicles and public health issues such as inadequate pool fencing.

Over the next few months we will provide more detail on the covenants and how to comply with them. We will also focus on some of the most commonly heard concerns expressed by Cape residents and how the CSCIA deals with those issues. We will encourage questions from our residents and will publish those that have relevance for the larger community.

More to come next edition.....

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CAPE ST. CLAIRE 2014 4TH OF JULY PARADE



CAPE ST. CLAIRE OYSTER NURSERY NEWS

This past year was a mixed blessing. We did have an outstanding crop of baby oysters, and we had no catastrophes occur to reduce their number. Some years you get scary "blow out" low tides and subzero winds coinciding, which can be deadly. Other years we've suffered an onslaught of some parasite or crazy growth to interfere in our little oyster farm. We dodged those bullets this year, but on the other hand, our old faithful pump of so many seasons finally kicked the bucket. Fortunately, our benevolent and wise Board of Governors saw fit to finance a new one! But then, just as we thought all was well, (cue the scary music) our beloved master plumber/volunteer Greg Young of GY Plumbing suffered a debilitating knee injury, requiring surgery! With time, patience and healing, and the help of his pal Billy Pedone of Absolute Plumbing, the pump and filters got installed in the nick of time. Now the team could clean up the young oysters and move them from the river to the nursery at 1258 River Bay Rd, just in time for the beautiful spring weather. You really should visit, and bring the kids! They always get a kick out of seeing the bubbling gurgling tank of oyster spat. Plus, it's great to visit the shore of the Little Magothy where we're located. Many times, you'll find volunteers Doug & Madan there cleaning the oysters, or maybe Rene and Michael scrubbing the cages, or Rick and Brad on a Saturday morning taking their cleaning shift. If you find one of us there, the kids can actually hold or touch the oyster babies. By the way, if anyone is interested we can always use help. Offers to volunteer are always appreciated. Also, there's a program we participate in called Maryland Grows Oysters. Together with the Magothy River Association, over one hundred local families care for a few small cages full of baby oysters hung from their piers. It's easy and rewarding, so if that appeals to you email Brad Knopf at bdknopf@gmail.com. Adult oysters filter about 50 gallons of water a day, and their food source is algae. Clearly, we need more oysters! We're about to plant the past years generation of oysters on a sanctuary reef in the Magothy River, and then we'll start a new batch around September, so stay tuned!

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COUNCILMAN DICK LADD

Anne Arundel County Council Fifth District

The County Executive's FY2015 budget request is now being considered by the County Council. The Council is scheduled to strike the budget and enact all necessary revenue legislation on June 6th.

The \$1.35 billion proposed FY15 budget is \$29.9 million, or 2.3%, more than the FY14 budget and proposes to use \$36.4 million in "one-time" fund balances. ("Fund balances" are generated from savings achieved during execution of the budget.) The \$1.35 billion operating budget proposal is 2% less than actual spending in Fiscal Year 2008 adjusted for inflation.

The proposed operating budget provides for the following increases over current year spending:

- \$7 million for increased enrollment (but no substantial "qualitative" programmatic improvements) in AACPS at the prescribed \$7,713 per student "Maintenance of Efforts" funding rate;
- 20 additional "badged" police officers to staff a "sub-station" at Arundel Mills Mall;
- 8 additional EMS personnel to provide additional, peak-time ambulance/EMS service;
- additional operating hours for County libraries;
- reductions in vehicle maintenance backlog and average age of the County vehicle fleet; and
- initiation of the Retiree Health Insurance Funding Plan.

Pay accounts were provided a 3% increase over FY14 funding levels and \$3.3 million to fully restore the Revenue Reserve ("Rainy Day") Fund.

Collectively these increases in MOE, out-year Retiree Healthcare Reserve, increased public safety staffing and pay increases account for the projected increase in FY15 tax revenue.

With increasing property tax assessments, the Charter's Property Tax Revenue Cap will limit the average property tax increase to \$11. This rate amounts to a tax avoidance of \$16.50 for the average property owner, what it is otherwise permitted to be: the rate of inflation or 4.5%, whichever is lower. The income tax rate remains at 2.56%. There will be no increase in County utility rates for water, sewer/wastewater, or storm water management.

In the \$244 million capital budget, Severna Park and the Broadneck area schools are treated very well. Funding is provided to start construction (within a matter of weeks) of the new Severna Park High School and the renovation and expansion of Benfield Elementary School. Funding to replace the Arnold Elementary School is programmed for FY17. With the fall completion of the new Eastern District Police Station, much of our community infrastructure will soon be brought up to date. The upgrade of our storm water management infrastructure will continue to slowly improve our community waterways.

Importantly, the FY15 capital budget provides \$2.7 million for construction of Phase II of the Broadneck Peninsula Trail between Bay Dale Drive and Green Holly Drive; \$17 million for County road resurfacing/reconstruction, and \$2 million for two dredging projects after several years of anemic funding.

Elsewhere in the County, funding is provided for a new Police Training Academy; upgrades to the County information technology backbone network; and \$3.8 million for Phase 1 of the South Shore Trail, a new, paved multi-use trail utilizing the abandoned railroad bed between Annapolis and Odenton.

The proposed FY15 County budget can be viewed at: <http://www.aacounty.org/Budget/FY2015.cfm>

I will be seeking additional funding to improve the effectiveness of our mosquito spraying program, to possibly eliminate the "wait list" for communities seeking to participate in the program, and to improve the public information program on treating breeding sites and conditions for mosquitoes.

After considerable testimony and interest from the public on community grants, I would like to see the amount of grant funding in FY2015 increased. I believe there is wide support on the Council to revisit this issue and potentially increase the amount of funding this year.

Finally, I strongly urge everyone to vote in the June 24th primary election. There is nothing more important that you can do that day than vote if you have not done so during the June 12-19 early voting period at Severna Park Library.

GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Society would like to thank all of you Capers who stopped by our booth at the Strawberry Festival and the festival organizers who gave us the opportunity to meet so many great people. We sold a whole bunch of raffle tickets for the two Spitfire kayaks, some of our books on the history of Goshen Farm, and many t-shirts. We are down to about 150 tickets left and would like to sell those so we can hold the raffle and give the winners some time this summer to use them. Tickets are available on line at <http://goshenfarm.org/>.

We do not mean to harp on this, but we are a 501.c.3 with no steady revenue stream other than our fund raisers. While not all of those on the Broadneck may not be history buffs like us and our members, everyone should be supportive of any effort to save 22 acres of open space as a recreational and educational resource.

SAVE THE DATES! - The Society has set the dates for its next three events. On September 20, 2014 we will hold our next Open House. We were very pleased to be able to offer those who attended our spring Open House a look inside at the work we have accomplished. Come on over and see the inside of the house and walk around the grounds. You will be amazed at this historical site right next to the Cape. At the Open House we will also be recognizing some of the outstanding individuals who have helped us get this far.

On October 4, 2014 we will hold our annual Harvest Dinner. The dinner will feature homemade spaghetti sauce made from the organically grown tomatoes donated by our Sharing Garden participants.

On October 11, 2014 we will hold a special event at the home of Valerie Sullivan of Bella's Liquors. We send a special thank you to Val and C.G. who have held this event for the Society for three years running. In the past it has been a wine tasting, but we are looking at other formats for this year. Move to come next month or check our events page at our web site.



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A Forest is Born!

120 energetic 6th graders from Magothy Middle School planted over 115 trees and 100 ferns in the reforestation area across from 1037 Lake Claire Drive. They also spread MANY yards of mulch, creating a path down through the property toward the lake. What a difference! It is looking wonderful, and we are excited to see the trees take root and grow. We will plant more trees and plants in the fall once the weather cools.

The student efforts were followed up by our magnificent volunteer crew on June 14th. We continued mulching the path and removed some debris from the site. Eventually, once all of the invasive species are removed, we hope to extend the path all the way to the lake!

Phragmites Update

The area of phragmites that was sprayed last summer continues to be phrag-free! We are exploring options to plant native wetland species in the area.

Linc Minor and Karen Poffel continue their march around the lake, cutting down the old phragmites canes in preparation for fall spraying. We hope to spray the entire perimeter of the lake this fall!

If you would like more information about any of our projects, or have a question/suggestion, please contact Jennifer Vaccaro: LakeClaire@comcast.net

Join our group on Facebook: Friends of Lake Claire

CAPE NUTRITION & FITNESS



We continue to meet at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse every Thursday at 10am. Weight loss has been apparent as we are seeing "less" of our participants at every class. They are also looking more energetic! All are invited to join in at any time. Our new session will begin July 10th. We enjoyed meeting many

of you at the Strawberry Festival and enjoyed handing out stickers to the children. We are still looking into starting evening classes as well, so if you are interested in morning or evening classes, please call Laura McIntyre at (443) 569-9082 or (410) 757-1354.

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GARDEN CLUB

July and August bring the crepe myrtles into bloom, coloring the Cape with vivid pinks, purples, and whites. Most of us have long stopped digging in the garden in favor of sitting bayside or poolside with a cool lemonade in hand. We've narrowed it down to the absolute basics: watering the tomatoes, weeding when absolutely necessary, and keeping the sand toys, bird baths, planter trays, and gutters free of standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. That last item may be the #1 priority: this gardener has made a concerted effort this spring to check the yard carefully, and what a difference compared to years past!

The Garden Club learned a lot about mosquitoes at our June meeting from our speaker. Mosquito larvae need at least 5 days in water to mature into biting adults. The adults only live 7-14 days whether they breed or not, and aren't able to fly that far, so if you check your yard each time after it rains, you can really reduce their presence. You can read more about mosquito prevention at our blog, capegardenclub.wordpress.com, which has lots of fun gardening links and planting instructions, as well as a month-by-month guide to gardening in the Cape. Enjoy!

The Garden Club met in June for our Secret Garden Tour, where we visited a handful of Cape gardens to ooh and ah. We all enjoyed seeing plants and ornaments used in different spaces and different ways, and learned lots of new ideas to try in our own yards. Thank you to our gracious host gardeners for having us over!

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners for June:

Area 1: The Peddicords, 1152 St Catherines Road

Area 2: Susanne & Raymond Allen, 1045 Skyview Drive

Area 3: Rob & Laurie Lester, 1139 Latrobe Drive

Area 4: Pamela Layman, 1239 Hampton Road

Area 5: The Lewandowskis, 722 Fairway Drive

We're now taking a break until our first fall meeting, on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 7pm in the clubhouse meeting room. (Our meeting dates are also listed and continually updated at our blog.) Please join us for another year of informative speakers, cutting and seed exchanges, winter seed-sowing, and perennial-swapping! New attendees are always welcome at our meetings – just show up! Or if you have any questions or feedback, please contact Laura at 410-349-3390 or flokell@verizon.net and we'll be happy to hear from you.

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer



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To enter, drop off your photos at *Cape Ace Hardware* in the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center.

Photo submission deadline is Thursday, October 2, 2014.

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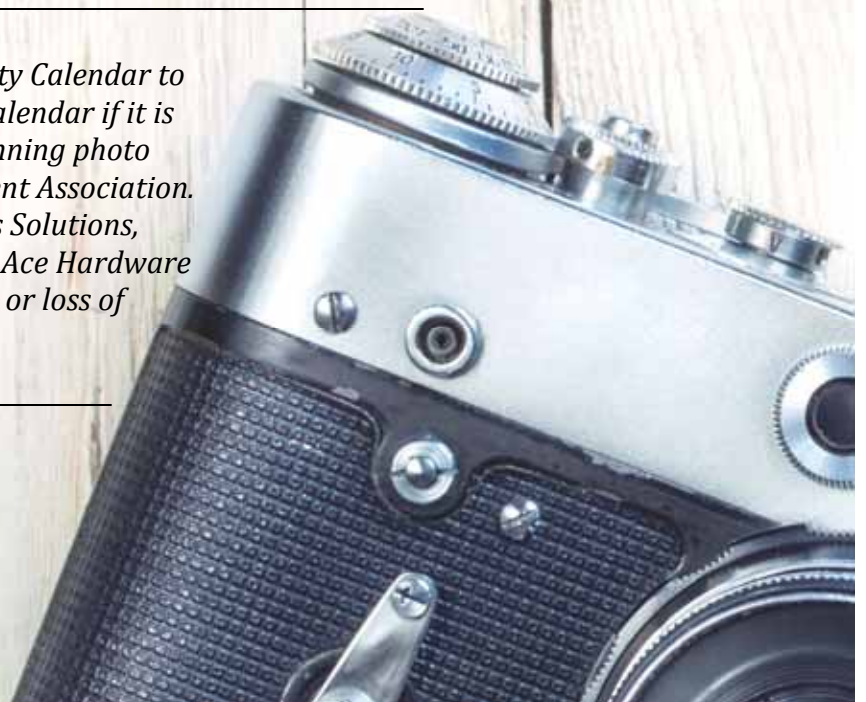
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