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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

July/August 2008



CSCIA QUARTERLY MEETING!!!!

July 22

7:30 p.m. at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse



Board in Brief

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on June 9, 2008 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox Meeting Room. President Josephine Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: Governors Biondi, Campbell, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Maltz, Newman, Pollock and Wolin were in attendance. Governor Morgan was absent.

Minutes and Financials:

A motion was made to approve the May 12, 2008 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Because the April 30, 2008 Financials were received late from the CSCIA accountant, the Treasurer, Governor Biondi, did not have time to review them prior to the BOG meeting.

He recommended that review and approval of the April 30, 2008 Financials be tabled until the July Monthly BOG meeting. The BOG agreed.

Committee Reports:

Beaches and Parks – Governor Newman reported:

Boy Scouts have built a new kayak rack at the Lake Claire beach area.

The damage of the Lake Claire fishing pier due to vandalism was repaired and a bench was also added.

A contract was signed with a new vehicle towing company to tow vehicles from our community properties that do not have Cape stickers or hanging tags. That supplies for the community signboard are stored in the community “guard shack.” He noted that several repairs are needed to the interior of the guard shack in order to continue safe storage and use of these supplies.

Caper – Governor Maltz estimated a year-end deficit of \$1,400 in the Caper account.

Piers – Governor Gallagher reported that he is still working on the boat slip “move” list.

Covenants – Governor Daly distributed copies of a report of zoning violations within the community that were forwarded

to the County for resolution and the status of those violations.

Building – Governor Daly commented that a complete review is needed of how the CSCIA Building Code is enforced.

New Business:

A BOG member commented that neighbors have complained that loud amplified noise has been coming from the Broadneck High School ball field area as late as 11:00 PM to 12:00 AM.

Adjournment: The regular June 9, 2008 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:25 PM. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

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**Did you
know...**

...that the

Goshen Farm Preservation Society had their second booth at the Strawberry Festival.

We were selling full color, spiral bound books on the history of the house for \$20. We were also selling herb seed packets, containers and planting directions for \$5.

These herbs were some of those that were found in May Radoff's herb garden including Basil, Lavender and Chives.

If you would be interested in purchasing either of these items or have any questions regarding our society please email us at

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If you would like to join the society please visit our website www.goshenfarm.org and go to the Membership and volunteer waiver application

We would like to thank Speaker of the House Michael Busch, Delegates Mary Ann Love and Virginia Clagett, and Senator John Astle for their sponsorship of our Grant for \$150,000.

The Goshen Farm Preservation Society will need to raise matching funds and we need your help. Donations are tax deductible and you can be as involved as you want to be.

We meet on the first Monday of every month at the clubhouse at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by
Barbara Morgan
President
Goshen Farm Preservation
Society

Goodbye and Good Luck to Dana Raymond

The Caper team is sad to say farewell to our Editor of the past 2 ½ years, Ms. Dana Raymond. Dana, a Cape resident, wife and full-time working mom of daughters, Giselle and Solenne, put in countless hours over the past two years introducing new layout design, creative graphics and articles to improve the Caper. Dana leaves us to pursue a master's degree in environmental policy at Johns Hopkins University.

Dana, we'll miss you and wish you great success in your academic pursuits!

Kari Maltz
Caper Manager

New Caper Editor

The Caper team welcomes Barbara Morgan as our new Layout Editor. Many of you know Barbara as a recent CSCIA Board Member, member of the Cape History Committee, founding President of the new Goshen Farm Preservation Society, and mother of two young boys. Barbara and her husband have been active long time residents of Cape St. Claire.

Kari Maltz
Caper Manager

Final Editor's Note

Thank you Cape St. Claire for an exciting and educational run as the Cape layout editor.

I was a brand-new resident when I took on the job and the experience has left me with new friends and a welcome knowledge of our wonderful neighborhood.

I want to thank Caper Manager Kari Maltz for dealing with me the past couple of years! It's been grand!

I wish Barbara all the fun I've had and can't wait to see what new and exciting additions she'll bring to this sweet little newsletter!

Peace,
Dana Raymond

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Council in Action

By Cathleen M Vitale
Councilwoman, District 5

May is over. I remember thinking that budget month would be less difficult this year because funds were tight and unlike other years, there would not be the race for all the extra revenue. Nothing could have been further from the truth. I guess all budget seasons, if you really put the time into them, are difficult. I can't remember a prior budget where, at the end of the month long session, we didn't say, "glad that's finished". Perhaps what was different this year was the dynamics. Revenue from home sales was down, and people spending was down. In each of the areas where the County receives resources, ours were down. We received less state dollars (except in school construction, we received more) and even federal aid and grants seemed to be less. This year's budget resulted in more fine-tuning than the Councils of recent history. It required them to decide what their commitment to the citizens of this County would be in the area of education. Perhaps more importantly, it was a budget season of creative thinking.

When the Council began to review the budget, there were a few themes that seemed to appear. First, the idea of raising taxes, specifically hotel taxes had been built into the budget presented by the County Executive. Second, the County had done an assessment on fees being charged by the County to perform certain tasks and had looked at whether the charges were in fact covering the cost of doing business. In a time when every dollar counts, covering costs was important. Third, many of the council members had toured schools, talked with educators and perhaps more importantly, had spent time with parents discussing their children's education. The overall comment, regardless of what area of the County you were visiting, school facilities, overcrowding and class instruction were the topic of conversation. The Council invited Dr. David Leaver from the State to speak to us concerning construction and facilities. We were surprised to learn that the reason the County was not receiving a greater share of school construction money was due to County not presenting or asking for enough qualified projects! In addition to the traditional fund-

ing formula, a jurisdiction should provide enough qualified projects for the committee to choose from. If they only have, for example \$200,000 and we gave them a \$2 million and a \$150,000 project, the committee could award us the \$150,000. If however, we only gave them the \$2 million project, they might give the money to another county to "finish" a smaller project.

So here's what we did. Several years ago Board of Ed had a study done. (I know, another study). They used this to establish school construction priorities and have followed it pretty closely. Five schools that sought money for feasibility and design - Annapolis Elementary, Folger McKinsey, Germantown, Phoenix Center, Point Pleasant and Belle Grove. The '09 budget did not include any feasibility studies. Since all the funding, state and local, had to be programmed into a budget, the Council was concerned we would lose our place at the State if we missed any of the appropriation cycles. We found funds to put into those schools to get them into the pipeline.

As the Council struggled with the budget, we heard from individu-



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als involved in the hotel industry. The hotel tax would affect more county residents than we were advised. A hotel tax could result in less people and conventions coming to our County because the combination of the increased tax (the Administration wanted 10%) plus sales tax (the state had made it 6%) could mean conventions, weddings and other celebrations would seek other jurisdictions and bypass our County. Although speculative, the Council was presented with examples of other jurisdictions that had increased their hotel tax. It affected the industry, but also affected the local economy. Locals fill most of the jobs in the hotel industry. When the industry saw the decline, they started to lay off people. So, when you are told it does not affect the taxpayers, only tourists, think about the student at Anne Arundel who works at the hotel in Annapolis to pay tuition and once laid off, can't finish school. Sounds harsh? I spoke to a person in the HCAT program at AACC who was newly hired by a local hotel. He was advised that he would be one of the first to go if there were layoffs. The other point that bothered the Council was that prior to the unveiling of the budget, no one had talked to the hotel and tourism industry about the tax

hike. We have encouraged the Administration and the industry along with the Chamber of Commerce to talk before next budget cycle and look for a compromise.

Just prior to the Council striking the budget, we began to hear from library patrons. During the budget presentations, the Library Board decided they were going to close Severna Park and Crofton libraries on Sundays during the school year and all County libraries on Sundays during the summer. The cost to keep these open is about \$150,000 according to their Director. It is important to understand that the Council did not propose this cut, the Library Board made that decision even before their presentation to the Council. It is also important to know that the only two departments that saw increased budgets were the library and the Board of Education. All other County departments decreased their budgets in consideration of the funding issues facing the County. When the library made their presentation, they advised us that they hired two new people for development. The purpose is to fundraise for the library's private foundation. The

cost is about \$154,000 (yes, that's the cost of keeping the libraries open on Sundays). The Council advised that the library foundation should pay for their staff same as the community college and the Board of Education. Even when they use the college or Board Staff, the foundation reimburses them for that use. The library decided to continue funding these positions as they originally planned. The other issue with the library system is part-time employees who get full-time employee benefits. The Council believed that the library system should follow the same procedure and pro-rate benefits. The library has disagreed. They are advising patrons rather than institute these two policies, they choose to close or reduce library time. I urge you to contact the library to voice your objection.

With the budget struck, the Council will tackle adequacy of schools, impact fees and other zoning matters as part of their summer "projects". Enjoy the beginning of your summer, be careful, wear sunscreen and see you at the 4th of July! Feel free to contact me anytime at cvitale@aacounty.org.

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By Cathleen M Vitale
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July is here, and for many people, July 1 seems to be the beginning of the end of summer. For some, it is the real beginning. For the Council, it is a time for us to direct our attention to various pieces of legislation in need of attention. Looking at the Council calendar, it looks like safety issues may be on the forefront. The Council has been asked by the Administration to look into legislation regarding false alarms. At a recent work session, members of the Anne Arundel County Police Department met with the Council to discuss the number of false sounding alarms they responded to on a yearly basis. The numbers were astounding. More than 22,000 alarms were responded to by the Anne Arundel County Police Department last year. Fortunately for the property owners, only about 220 were actual crime related. The remaining calls are classified as "false alarms." As the County looks to better address their public safety resources, the question seems to be "whether or not to assess individuals for repetitive false alarms." The issue, I can assure

you, will be controversial. Should there be reimbursement to the County for officers responding to false alarms? The proposed bill from the County Executive would have a specific number of responses before the officers would not have to respond. What if that last call is a real call? Will the fines proposed prevent or deter people from getting alarms or perhaps not using the ones that they have? These issues I hope will spark some worthy debate.

Along the same lines, the County Council will soon be taking up the issue of sprinklers in new residential construction. The County currently requires sprinkler systems in multi-family and commercial buildings, but not single family homes. I have been working on legislation for several years regarding this matter, and it is finally ready for introduction. Currently, Anne Arundel County requires that you install hard-wire smoke alarms when doing reconstruction or renovation; the new legislation will look at installation requirements during the initial construction. With all the new building in Anne Arundel County, personal safety should be considered.

The legislation

is in its drafting stages and will soon be available for review and comment.

Since this is the July issue, I can't help but mention sparks, as in the ones that come from sparklers and fireworks. Anne Arundel County prohibits the use of fireworks other than sparklers and ground based sparklers (usually known as fountains) by the public and without permits. Independence Day is such an important day in our Country that you would hate to have it spoiled. Please, when using sparklers and ground based sparklers, be careful, have an open area, and take precautions in case of a problem. Enjoy your celebrations, your parties, the professional fireworks held in Annapolis and around the County, and of course, the Severna Park Parade.

Next month I will bring news of impact fees, updates on sprinklers, alarm systems and other County Council sparks. Until then, I look forward to hearing from you. Cvitale@aacounty.org

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Strawberry Festival News

The Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival was successful and disappoint-

ing this year. Our parade was the largest ever. Led by our very own Broadneck Marching Band, the parade reached the main beach as the last vehicle exited the CSC Volunteer Fire Department lot. Following the marching band were the 7 convertibles carrying our Princess and her court. Congratulations to Summerleigh Geimer, the 2008 Strawberry Festival Princess, Jacie Lynn Aorilio, the 2008 Strawberry Festival Jr. Princess and Abigail Hill the 2008 Strawberry Festival Littlest Princess. We would also like to congratulate all of the runner-ups, Kiersten Schiller, Rowan Joseph, Callie Gardella and Alison Conley.

The Festival committee had a full day of family fun planned for our community. With the cost of living constantly rising, our committee makes a special effort to bring in free amusements for everyone to enjoy. This year the festival was very pleased to offer the Moon Bounce, sponsored by Mona LaCovey, the Obstucle Course sponsored by Richard's Tree Care, the Slide/Moon Bounce / Soccer Kick sponsored by Millenium Digital Cable, Free Strawberry Ice sponsored by Ritas Italian Ice, and the Balloon Animals sponsored by Amy Juras the House Huntress. As we continue to gain support from our local commercial residents the festival remains an affordable community event for all of our

families. Every year the festival seeks the involvement of our children by offering Contest Sponsored by our local commercial residents. The Princess Contest sponsored by Graul's Market, Bank of Annapolis Cape St. Claire, PNC Bank Cape St. Claire, Severn Savings and Amerimaids provides savings bonds and savings accounts for all of the winners. The Berriest Baby Contest sponsored by Brown's Day Care allows our youngest residents to compete for trophies. Quality Automotive has sponsored our Decorated Bike Contest for over 5 years. In an effort to make all of our young riders happy, trophies are provided to all who enter. This year Advanced Home Improvements brought back the coloring contest. Children who placed in this contest were awarded gift certificates for their efforts. The adults were also included in the generosity of the commercial residents. Bella's Liquors and Bella's Seafood once again sponsored their usual crab feast.

The festival started off great with Sunny Skies.....then the rains came. Unable to call a rain date since the festival had begun at least 3 hours before the rain came, the committee looked towards the Silent Auction to carry us through. Thanks to commercial residents such as Spa Nails, Main Street Hair Care, Artist Flat, Bergman Cleaners, Broadneck Grill, Subway, Ski Haus, Cape True Value Hardware, Fairwinds Marina, Pizza Hut, Vizzinis Pizza, Cheep Cheep Chicken, Annapolis Auto Spa, Cape Hair Scene/ Cape Barber, Annapolis Dance

Factory, Water to Go, Whimsicality, Lavender Blue, TNT Hair Salon and Barber Shop, Ameripaca, Jing Ying, Pit Boys, Cantlers Riverside Inn, OutBack SteakHouse, O'Loughlins, It's My Party, WoodFire, Garry's Grill, Shoreline Fence, The Cape Exchange, Canton Gourmet, Jiffy Lube, Big Vanilla Athletic Club, Tropical Tanning, Curves, Pizza Boli, De Palo, Shore Shine, Fran O'Briens, Economy Pest Control, Rick Brady Photography, Best Of Broadneck Magazine, Middleton's Tavern, Island imports and Fanci-Stitch for their generous donations of items and services which allowed us the opportunity to raise enough seed money to host the festival again next year.

The festival would like to publish some pictures from this year's event. If you have any pictures you would like to share please send them to shelbylamb@aol.com along with info such as names and ages of those pictured.

Thanks for your support and as always please thank your Strawberry Festival Committee Members and the Local Merchants who make your festival possible!!!!



Cape Cuisine

**By Ben & Kathleen
Mooneyhan**

Greetings Fellow Capers!

This month, we enjoyed appetizers in the lounge area at the Chart House. 300 2nd St Annapolis, MD 21403, (410) 268-7166.

Some of the best features are the view and atmosphere. As you walk to the front door, you get the feeling that you are on a dock, or even on a boat; the water is beneath you! Another fun feature is that you can take the water taxi directly to the Chart House's front door.

As you enter the restaurant, to the right is one of the most delightful lounge settings in Annapolis. Huge floor to ceiling windows provide probably the best restaurant view in Annapolis. You can see "Ego Alley" and the Naval Academy directly across. There is comfortable seating and in the winter, a warm, cozy fire in the fireplace. Great place to meet

someone for drinks or enjoy lighter fare.

We prefer the view and atmosphere in the lounge side rather than the restaurant. The high ceiling of the restaurant makes it seem larger than the building is. Every time we've been to the Annapolis Chart House, the service has been fantastic. Each server is friendly, knowledgeable, attentive and seems to enjoy his or her job.

Sunday brunch here is awesome! What a wonderful selection of entrees, free-flowing champagne and a fantastic salad/buffet bar to include fresh Caesar salad, pastries, lox, homemade specialty salads, even caviar!

Most of the dinner entrée prices are very high. Our recommendation is to go for appetizers, or the wonderful Mud Pie, and enjoy! We've been to several Chart House restaurants including Alexandria, VA, Dana Point, CA, Mammoth Lakes, CA, Jacksonville, FL and Savannah, GA. Each one seems to have its own special feel and strives to incorporate local special-

ties. Outstanding crab dip! Free parking, but not a lot of it.

Now that's it's summer, eating outside seems to be something we do regularly and what can be more fun than picking crabs! One of our favorite places to eat crabs is at Magothy Seafood. 700 Mill Creek Road, Arnold, MD, 21012, in back of Mago Vista, (410) 647-5793. What a fun place! It's more of a crab deck and Tiki Bar.

Lots of seating in a very casual and fun atmosphere, all outdoors. Friendly service, great location, right on the water and plenty of parking.

The hush puppies are a must have! The steamed crabs are big and heavy and the chicken sandwich got rave reviews too. They also run an all-you-can-eat crab special. A fun place that not everyone knows about! Good place to go with friends.

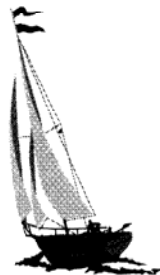
Ben's Pick For

Beer of the Month

Anyone that has read my recent beer reviews knows that I tend to prefer full-bodied American craft brewed Ales for their strong fla-

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vors and complexity. Admittedly, I am not a huge fan of Belgian Ales, but I recently tried a Leffe Blonde. With its hint of almond, and generous spice and cinnamon flavors, I found it to be a pleasing beer. I was both pleased and surprised to find the Leffe didn't have the sour flavor that I find typical in so many Belgian beers. I'm not giving up my American brewed Ales anytime soon, but if Belgian beer is your bag of nuts, give the Leffe Blonde a try! It's available at Bella's

This month's Recipes

Spicy BBQ Grilled Shrimp:

2 pounds large raw shrimp

6 cloves of garlic

3 tablespoons minced fresh ginger (try using a grater)

4 serrano chilies, minced, includ-

ing seeds

2 whole green onions, finely chopped

1/3 cup cilantro leaves, chopped

1 tablespoon lime zest

1/3 cup freshly squeezed lime juice

1/4 cup hoisin sauce

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

1/4 cup fish sauce or thin soy sauce

1/4 cup honey

2 tablespoons dark soy sauce

2 tablespoons cooking or olive oil

This is a very tasty recipe and easy to make. All of the ingredients can be found at Graul's. Great flavor and fun to eat with your hands! Trim the shrimp to devein, but leave shells on; they keep the flavor in and prevent shrimp from burning on the grill. Combine all other ingredients for the marinade in a

small bowl. The marinade can be made up to a day ahead of time. Place shrimp in a bowl or plastic zipper bag. 30 minutes before grilling combine shrimp and marinade. Be careful not to marinate longer than that as it can make the shrimp mealy in texture. Grill at a medium temperature (350 degrees) until each shrimp is evenly pink throughout, about 4 minutes. Serves four as an entrée. We like serving it as an appetizer while we grill other items. Very flavorful! Bon appetite!

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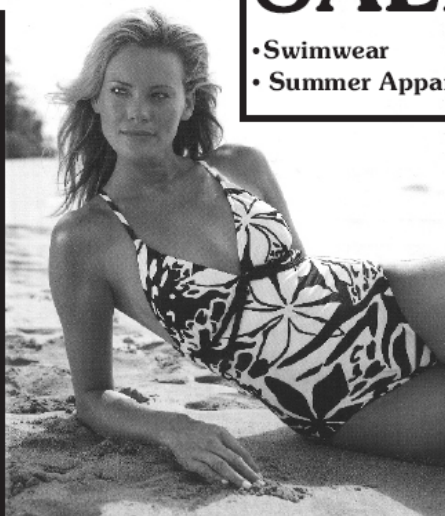
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