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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

July/August 2009

Quarterly Meeting July 28 • 7:30 PM • CSC Clubhuse

Notice MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 28th, 7:30pm Clubhouse

At all meetings of the Association, the presence of 25 members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If there are insufficient members present to establish a quorum at the time a membership meeting is to be held, a substitute meeting may be called under the following procedure:

- A. A majority of the members present calls for the substitute meeting. Then,
- B. The presiding officer shall set a date falling within 30 days for a substitute meeting of members; and
- C. Notice of this substitute meeting shall be given 10 days or more in advance to all members of the Association, and shall include the following information;
 1. the time, place and purpose of the meeting; and
 2. a statement explaining that at the substitute meeting the members present constitute a quorum.
- D. All absentee published ballots not counted for lack of a quorum at a membership meeting shall be counted at the substitute meeting.

President's Perspective

KHI-Deep Creek Village

The special exemption hearing originally scheduled for June 11, 2009 was postponed at the request of Koch Homes, Inc. The reason for the postponement was KHI's request for a meeting with the Critical Area Commission (CAC) staff to work out the issues raised in the CAC latest review of the proposed project. A meeting was

scheduled between the CAC staff and Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) staff at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. According to P&Z staff, they will not issue additional written reports until the meeting between KHI and the CAC is held. They indicated that the outstanding environmental and critical area issues must be or should be mitigated by mutual agreement before they proceed. This may or may not be successful.

While I feel badly that many residents of Cape St. Claire and the Broadneck Peninsula spent time to attend a meeting that was not held, many took the opportunity to hold a brief strategy meeting and meet with others that share their concerns about the project.

The Broadneck Council of Communities (of which the CSCIA, Inc. is a member) is planning to send its own letter to affected homeowners and will attempt to schedule a general strategy meeting before the next hearing. We will do our best to keep you posted and we will be posting information on the CSCIA Google Group. We may also use the CSCIA web site to disseminate information, but that is not nearly as efficient

since there is no mechanism for sending automatic updates.

Strawberry Festival

For the first time in several years, the weather cooperated with the Strawberry Festival and it was a stunning success. My personal thanks to Mary Lamb and her volunteers who managed to pull together a community event of which we can all be proud...and thoroughly enjoy. The crowd was about as large as I have ever seen and the selection of vendors was wonderful. For those of you fond of saying that the Cape is a won-

Dates to Remember:

July 11 GFPS Boat Raffle
July 28 CSCIA Quarterly Mtg
August 28 & 29 Cape Cleanup
September 20 Ride for Shelter

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All submissions for *The Caper* must be received by the editor by the 12th 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 file-name (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.

derful place to live, you have people like Mary and her volunteers to thank!

New Banking Relationship

Elsewhere in this issue you will see that the CSCIA, Inc. has selected a new bank to support our financial needs. I would like to thank John Berley, Treasurer, for spearheading the effort, developing the request for proposals, and conducting the many hours of interviews. We all look forward to this new relationship.

Quarterly Meeting Presentations

The quarterly meeting of the CSCIA, Inc. will be held at the Clubhouse on July 28th at 7:30 PM. There will be presentations by BGE on how to reduce your electric bill through energy

saving measures and by BB&T, our new banking partner. Please plan to attend. There will also be a brief presentation on the CSCIA, Inc. annual budget process, which will begin the first week in July.

Election of Governors

While our elections are six months off, it is not too early to start thinking about what role you can play in managing the affairs of Cape St. Claire. Every year at least four members of the community are elected to the Board of Governors for a three-year term. I have decided that I will not stand for re-election and due to a resignation, we have at least one other position to fill. I have it on good authority that one other member of the BOG will not be running for re-election. That will leave at least three positions where there will be no incumbent, and a total for four positions to fill. While the BOG can function with fewer than 12 members, it is most efficient when all positions are filled. If you are interested in running for the BOG, please contact our Nominating Committee Chair whose e-mail address is Nominating2009@cscia.org. If you want to know more about the BOG and its operations, feel free to contact me at president2009@cscia.org.

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BOARD IN BRIEF

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on June 8, 2009 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. in the Cox Meeting Room. Vice President Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: Governors Berley, Campbell, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Maltz, Mooneyhan and Newman were present. Governors Biondi and Daly were absent.

Minutes and Profit & Loss Statements:

A motion was made to table the May 11, 2009 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes until the

July 2009 BOG meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Another motion was made to approve the April 30, 2009 Profit & Loss Statements. This motion was also seconded and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks – Governor Newman reported that:

Police will be stationed at the beach entrance gates on July 4th to confiscate fireworks. An underground water pipe broke at the boat ramp area. Some excavation may be necessary to repair the pipe. About one-half of the fishing/crabbing pier has been replanked. The rest of the re-

planking should be completed by the end of June.

Roads – Governor Campbell provided updated status on the Cape St. Claire Road (CSCR) improvement project, including: The County needs about two more months to secure the additional required pieces of land along Cape St. Claire Road. (CSCR)

The County is in the process of completing a new survey along this portion of CSCR. The County will soon be starting on a bike path along College Parkway that would end at Sandy Point State Park. The CSCR improvement project includes linking up with the bike path.

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Old Business:

Governor Berley, the Treasurer, briefed the Board on the progress of selecting a bank to best service the CSCIA and community's overall banking needs. Of the offers received from the four local banks, one bank in particular seemed to provide the best rates and services to the CSCIA. This same bank also offered to extend many of these same benefits to the residents of Cape St. Claire, including reduced fees and some free services. Prior to the Board meeting, the CSCIA Executive Committee did an initial review of the offers. Their recommendation to the full Board was to select the BB&T Bank. Governor Berley described each offer to the full Board. After reviewing all of the offers, the Board made a motion to select BB&T Bank as the CSCIA's primary bank. The motion was unanimously approved.

The County offered the CSCIA \$9,000 to use a piece of property at the south east corner of the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center for the purpose of installing various utilities. After giving full consideration to the offer, the Board made a motion to accept the County's proposal for the property usage, and to deposit the funds received into the CSCIA's Community Defense Fund. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Adjournment: *The June 8, 2009 CSCIA BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:40 P.M. The next monthly CSCIA Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.*

Do You Remember...?

50 Years ago

The year is 1959 and it's the Fourth of July. Two young families have been invited by friends to celebrate the holiday with a picnic at one of the community beaches where they live in Cape St. Claire.

Early on the big day, the car packed and the aluminum row-boat secured to the rooftop carrier, they find their way to Cape St. Claire. They stop at the charming brick guard house and the guard asks who they're visiting and, when told, says their hosts are expecting them and to enjoy their visit.

They drive slowly along Cape St. Claire Road past a grocery store, hardware store, barber shop, bar/liquor store and gas station and soon find their friends' home, a lovely sprawling rancher nestled among tall trees and surrounded by ever-green shrubs.

They follow the friends' car through a bewildering maze of narrow roads, only a few of which are paved, until they ar-

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The boat is easily carried the short distance to the water and launched, then filled with all the picnic gear and guided the length of the beach, past the Lake Claire inlet, to the spot they've selected, where they spread out blankets and a playpen for the babies. The men gather fishing poles and bait and walk the short distance through tall beach grasses to the lake while the women set out the picnic fare and tend to the little ones.

They discover that the water is very shallow and thick with seaweed all the way out to the channel marker so it's not a good beach for swimming. Besides there are those pesky little jellyfish called sea nettles that they soon learn pack a nasty sting. They watch small wooden cabin cruisers and sail boats passing by on the Magothy River and the unique watermen's workboats heading into Deep Creek, heavily loaded with bushels of freshly caught blue crabs.

As the pleasant afternoon draws to a close the families pack the car and return home. They negotiate the mystifying labyrinth of narrow roads, passing occasional summer cottages and modest ranchers. One person comments, "Wouldn't this be a

perfect community to live in and raise our children?"

Submitted by
Joann B. Machinchick
Cape St. Claire
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The Clean-Up will begin as soon as the County arrives on Friday, (before 11:00 AM).

We will make every effort to operate the Clean-Up until 4:30 PM on Friday the 28th space permitting. On Saturday the 29th the Clean-up will begin at

7:30 AM and continue until approximately 2:00 PM, space permitting. *Due to the closing of the landfill on Sundays, all dumpster cans will be removed on Saturday beginning at 2:00 PM.*

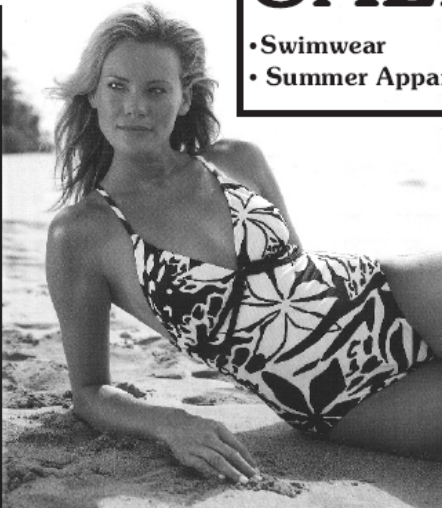
In an effort to protect our environment and dispose of our trash properly, Anne Arundel County will be providing the clean-up with cans for recycling and 2 on-site Anne Arundel County Employees to assist the residents with the proper disposal of their TRASH. When you arrive at the clean-up you will be asked to dispose of your TRASH in the proper cans. Please keep this in mind as you load your vehicles. Try to keep your recyclables together (Glass, Cardboard, Paper, Metals etc...).

The following is a list of unacceptable materials:

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All loads must be easily accessible or curbside. Please let us know if you need assistance to prepare for your pick-up. No junk automobiles, trailers, gas and propane tanks, tree trunks, oil drums or tanks, liquids, haz-

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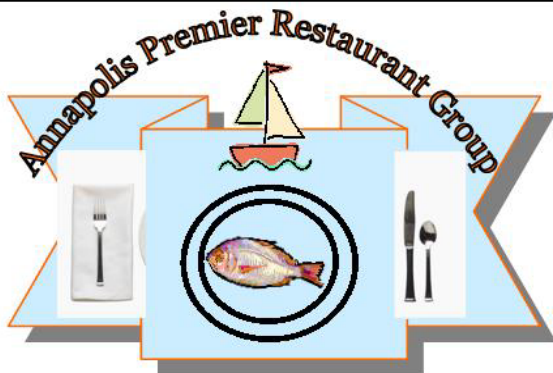
Friends of the Little Magothy River Watershed

We have started a nonprofit conservancy group. Anyone may join, there are no fees. We are very new and organizing.

The Watershed is the Little Magothy River, it's streams, and all the land around it that drain into the river. Water sources include natural springs, storm drains, natural land masses like ravines, storm water run off, ground water and the tidal water of the

Bay. The Chesapeake Bay enters the river with the tides and winds. The Little Magothy River's health relies on how we treat the land and every drop of water that runs into it. The Little Magothy is a sub watershed of the Magothy River. and we will work with the Magothy River Association.

The LMR's main body of water is less than a mile long and lies outside of the mouth of the Magothy River. It has many feeder springs that are low flow. You may drive by them everyday and not know they are there, or how far they travel. Cat Branch is actually longer than the Little Magothy River, it is over a mile in length and is the only named stream. The low flow streams are all fresh water. Cat Branch runs under Cape St. Claire Rd.



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Please join us at www.littlemagothyriver.com, include any suggestions, pictures, ideas, corrections, or areas of interest. Check out our photos of the creatures that live on the land and water of the our Watershed. We will have some pictures of the life under the water coming soon.

We must all make a difference if we hope to have living rivers, good for all species.

Submitted by
Nancy Curran

Enter the Cape St. Claire CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Recently taken a great photo of Cape St. Claire or the Chesapeake Bay? The 2010 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar is sponsoring a photo contest. The winning photo will be published on the front page of the 2010 calendar. A \$100.00 cash prize will also be awarded.

The photo contest is limited to Cape St. Claire residents, lot owners, and Cape St. Claire

Shopping Center business employees or owners. There is no age limitation. Previous calendar contest winners may also enter photographs. Photos submitted for the previous contest may also be reentered.

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

Photo submission deadline is Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Photos must be submitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" (or larger) format in either color or black and white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. The winning photo will be selected by the CSCIA board of governors. The winner will be announced in a following issue of *The Caper*. Photos that were not selected can be picked up at Cape True Value Hardware three weeks after the contest deadline. For questions, call Amy Podd at 410-757-7295.

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Bank Selection

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The first two factors that we considered were:

- Which banks had a strong presence on the Broadneck Peninsula; and, once identified –
- How did they rate on safety and soundness (a very important point given the current troubles in the industry)?

This initial review turned-up four banks. At this point, we developed a request for proposal (RFP) that outlined who we, on the Cape, are and the four major objectives that we hoped to achieve through a new banking relationship, which are the:

Extension of credit to the Cape to reinforce part of our bulkheads and as part of this we considered whether the bank had experience working with a SCBD;

Establishment of deposit relationships for our operating accounts at best cost, as well as, optimizing the return on our longer held funds;

Provision of premium banking services to residents of the Cape and access to branches and ATMs throughout the Annapolis-Washington-Baltimore area; Offering of additional products and services that would benefit the Cape – such as, financial seminars for us and a range of insurance offerings, among other things.

There were two indirect yet overriding objectives under consideration with the RFP and these were how responsive and thorough the Banks were in addressing our requirements. While the decision was not an

easy one, BB&T (Branch Bank and Trust) was chosen. Included in this addition of *The Caper* is a short article from the bank describing their service offerings to the Cape.

Submitted by
John Berley
Treasurer
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service throughout the area – so we're close to where you work and play.

We are proud to be active participants in the communities in which we serve and look forward to participating in your community meetings. BB&T financial services experts will be providing educational seminars addressing relevant financial topics including: personal and small business financial management, wealth management, estate and retirement planning, investing, insurance, mortgages and home ownership. In addition to serving your association, we are proud to have made arrangements to offer a wide variety of premium banking and financial services to residents of the Cape - designed to meet your individual needs and those of small businesses. Please look for details at upcoming meetings, in future issues of the *Caper* and at our branch locations.

We thank you for the opportunity to work together, and look forward to helping you reach your financial goals.

Sincerely,
BB&T Chesapeake Region

Anne Arundel County Recycles. More. Often. and You Can Too!

What happens to my trash?

Curbside collection of recyclables, trash and yard waste is provided by private companies under contract to Anne Arundel County. Once collected, residential trash goes to regulatory compliant landfills that meet stringent requirements designed to protect the environment.

In Anne Arundel County we are focused on reducing waste and increasing recycling. Recycling is an important component of the County's integrated solid waste management plan because of the long-term environmental and economic benefits it offers. Additionally, it is a more resourceful choice to the dead-end alternative of burying waste. Landfills require large tracts of land and since undeveloped land has become scarce in our County, the Millersville landfill is a highly valuable resource. One way to protect that resource is through recycling. A landfill's life ends once all of the capacity is consumed. A



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The County earns revenue for the recyclables we market for processing. If we had to treat the thousands of tons of material we recycled, as trash, it would cost us over a million dollars a year for disposal. Recycling minimizes the reliance on landfills and is vital to sustaining our quality of life for years to come.

Recycling also lowers energy consumption, reduces greenhouse gases and other air and water pollutants and provides jobs in the County and the State. Materials collected for recycling are manufactured into many useful products.

As you know recycling is easy to do when you live in Anne Arundel County. With recent enhancements to our program you can recycle more items than ever before. You can put all your recyclable materials in the same container and there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can put out every week

You make a choice with every item you throw away - a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go. Please visit our new website at www.RecycleMoreOften.com for tips to boost your recycling and to take the 50/50 Challenge.



Fifth Annual Ride for Shelter

Supports the Light House Shelter of Annapolis!

On Sunday, September 20th, the Fifth Annual Ride for Shelter will be held to raise money and awareness for the Light House Shelter in Annapolis. The Light House is the only homeless shelter in Anne Arundel County that serves families. Not only does the Shelter provide relief for families from the stress and dangers of living on the street, the staff also provides job training, counseling, and referral services.

The Ride for Shelter is a fun bike ride for riders of all ages and abilities. It is not a race!

The Ride will be held at the Park-n-Ride at Jones Station Rd., and routes of 5, 10, 15, and 25 miles are planned along the B&A Trail. Registration is at 12:00 pm, with rides starting at 1:00.

Free activities for kids, refreshments, prizes and raffles!

New this year is a Neighborhood Challenge to see which neighborhood in the Annapolis area can raise the most money for the Light House Shelter. A prize

will be awarded.

Volunteer opportunities abound, and all are welcome to come out and ride. Please contact Betsy Jackson at betsy.jackson@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering. To register, go to our web site at www.rideforshelter.com.

Don't miss a great event that supports an important need right here in our community.

Submitted by
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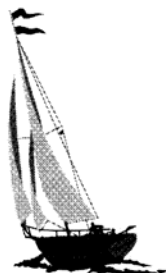
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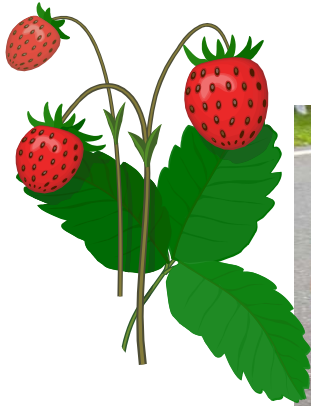
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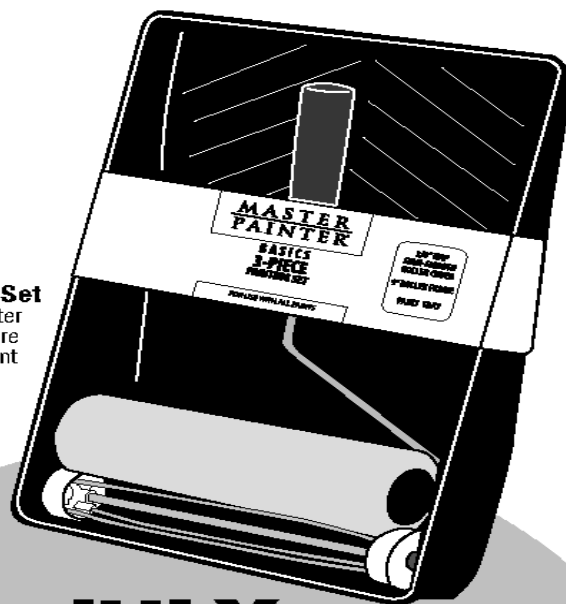
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