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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

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### IN LIKE A LION OUT LIKE A LAMB

When asked to describe living in Cape St. Claire one might speak about the beaches, the schools, the local shopping center, the Strawberry Festival or the many sports activities available for the community children. Personally, I like to describe Cape St. Claire as a “community with a small town feel”. In the aftermath of the June 29<sup>th</sup> storm which brought power outages and fallen trees to our community I was reminded of just how wonderful it is to live in our community with its small town feel. Although many of us suffered property damage, to my knowledge there were no serious personal injuries reported. For my family the days following the storm were filled with extreme temperatures, generators and an outpouring of generous neighbors offering to

help in any way they could. The property damage suffered by my family was minimal compared to that suffered by the family on Cape St. Claire Road, and others. Having only heard rumor of their misfortune, we were all thankful for their safe escape and willing to offer assistance where needed.

With storm clean-up still in progress and much of the Cape still without power, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July arrived with extreme temperatures. Neighbors fortunate enough to have restored power were opening their homes to others in need as Cape St. Claire prepared for the inaugural Independence Day Parade. Like a lot of community groups, the Strawberry Festival Volunteers gathered to decorate the float for the day’s event. Despite rumors that the parade would be cancelled, as planned, the parade commenced from the Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department at 10:00 am. Residents of all ages lined Cape St. Claire Road prepared to show their patriotism and to cheer on the parade participants. Riding in a Patriotic Float of our own, the Strawberry Festival Volunteers proudly threw candy and waved flags as we paraded to the Main Beach. Smiling and displaying our patriotism we all knew the parade had once again brought the community together to celebrate in a small town way. As the parade passed Mountain Top Drive all eyes became

focused on the plywood which covered the home destroyed by an uprooted tree during the June 29<sup>th</sup> storm. As I watched the Young family wave from the yard I wondered if this in fact was their home. Focusing on the plywood which covered the damaged house I was truly touched by the message it displayed. In fact the plywood was only the background for the orange painted heart and the words which tell the true story about the kind, caring, generous people who live in the small town known as Cape St. Claire. “Thank You Cape!”

Submitted By Mary Lamb

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Johns Hopkins Crab Feast 8/18
- Goshen Farm Open House 9/15
- Goshen Farm Harvest Dinner 9/22
- Cape Photo deadline 10/4

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## **President's Perspective**

Summer fun has come to Cape St. Claire! The Strawberry Festival was a resounding success on an absolutely gorgeous day! It is truly one of the most remarkable annual events that makes Cape St. Claire such a special place to live. I salute the many volunteers who spent months organizing and staffing the Strawberry Festival.

This year, we also hosted a Fourth of July parade. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and it seems a great time was had by all who both marched in the parade as well as those who watched it from the Shopping Center and along Cape St. Claire Road. Thank you to all who participated! It was a pleasure working with Mary

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Lamb and her Strawberry Festival team to put this together. Many people have indicated that there is a lot of interest in the parade and possibly expanding the event in future years. I'm looking forward to this patriotic event being even bigger and better next year - right here in our community!

We also had very successful Cape Community Yard Sale and Clean-Up Days this summer. These are great opportunities to get out and meet neighbors, as well as do a little house cleaning.

Speaking of cleaning up, as you can imagine, we receive MANY calls, emails, letters, etc., about the condition of the property located at 849 Chestnut Tree Drive. The Board of Governors believes that it is an appalling example of egregious Covenants violations. It is an eyesore that reflects poorly on our beautiful community, and is not representative of the well-kept properties we have here in the Cape, not to mention the potential impact it could have on our property values.

For several months, we have spent countless volunteer hours addressing these issues in our multi-pronged approach in dealing with the county and state offices, elected officials, federal departments, police department, legal avenues, and others to address the various concerns. It is frustrating that these processes take WAY TOO LONG. Further, it is disappointing that we have had to use valuable community resources to address the Covenants violations litigation at this property. We hope to have additional updates as these processes move forward. We also encour-

## **CAPE ST. CLAIRE'S FIRST FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**



## **POWER OUTAGE AND GENERATOR USAGE**

Due to the recent power outages in our community an article in the Broadneck Patch dated July 1, 2012 reviewed generator usage and I thought would be helpful to those in our Cape St. Claire Community.

Generator Usage Guidelines and Recommendations:

A generator should be 10 to 15 feet from your house and not placed near open windows as winds or air can cause the odorless fumes to enter the house and those fumes can be deadly to humans.

The AA County Fire official specifically stated the he recommended to "NEVER store a running generator in your garage." The official also advised home-

owners to purchase carbon monoxide detectors, which are available with battery backup systems that can run for days. The symptoms of CO poisoning include massive headaches, nausea, and increased pulse rate and irritability.

Submitted By  
Jackie Scruggs





## Garden Club

A warm thank you from the Garden Club to everyone who came out to support us at our annual plant sale – we had a great sale because of you! The donations we received for compost from our loyal shoppers raised \$192 for Friends of Broadneck Park, and this total was matched dollar for dollar by the generosity of **The Cape Gardener**, a landscaping team right here in Cape that has served our community for 17 years. Please give Bridgette and Vince Presti a shout out for their generous matching donation that doubles the value for Friends of Broadneck Park. The Garden Club topped it up with funds we raised in our pre-sale plant auctions, so in total we and The Cape Gardener donated over \$700 to this wonderful cause. Thanks again to everyone who came out to make our sale a success! The Garden Club is also thrilled to report that we have sold 38 rain barrels for our fundraiser, which raises nearly \$800 for Goshen Farm Preservation Society. We are still seeking local businesses that are willing make a matching donation for a portion or all of this princely sum. This is particularly important because the State of Maryland has given Goshen Farm a matching bond that doubles our entire donation yet again. All that matching means more funding to further their preservation efforts! If you know someone who could support our community and contribute to our fundraising efforts in this way, please contact Audrey at 410-757-5175 or [audreymar-mot@yahoo.com](mailto:audreymar-mot@yahoo.com). And thank you

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to all our neighbors and friends who have lent their support by purchasing a rain barrel (or 2 or 3)!

The Garden Club had a very successful Nosy Gardener Tour on a lovely cool day in June. Members visited 3 gardens and ended with a lovely garden party at the home of one of our members. Thank you to our gracious hosts who shared their gardens and expertise with us!

We've had such a marvelously cool spring, but now that summer's upon us, remember to **check your yard after rains** for mosquito-breeding pools of water in your tarps, sand box toys, and especially your gutters. If we're diligent about removing standing water, we can keep those mosquitoes at bay!

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners for June:

Area 1: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bebee, 1314 Cape St. Claire Road

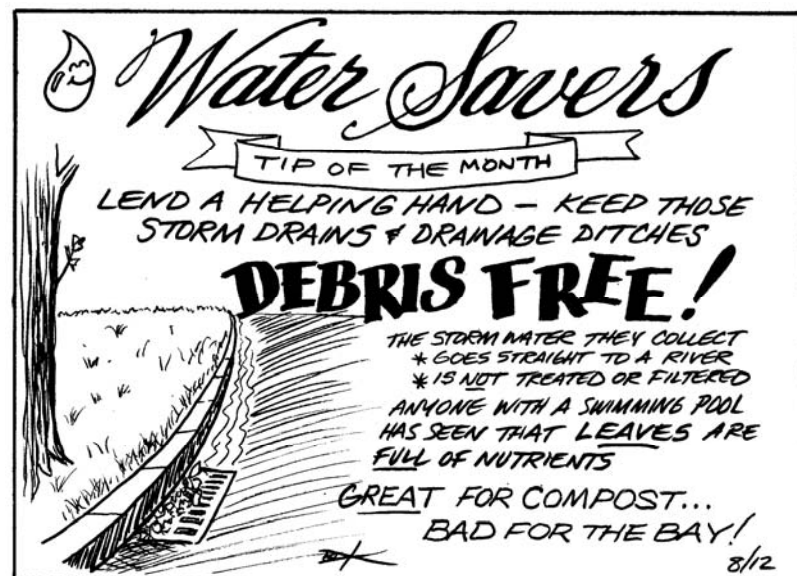
Area 2: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Potts, 1043 Oak Tree Lane

Area 3: Ms. Anne McClaren, 1040 Lake Claire

Drive  
Area 4: Ms. Kari Banares, 1196 Summit Drive  
Area 5: Mr. and Mrs. Tyron Lewandowski, 722 Fairway Drive

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm** in the Clubhouse meeting room. Please join us then for another year of seed-starting, plant-swapping, informative speakers, and all-purpose gardening fun. Mark your calendars now, because that's before the next Caper comes out and you won't hear it announced again! Until then, please visit our blog at [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com) for photos of the Yard of the Month winners, month-to-month gardening tips, and neat links to gardening information, including how to prevent your summer berry harvest from molding in the fridge and how to build your own earthbox on the cheap. And enjoy the crepe myrtles!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer



age each of you to contact the applicable county offices, and your elected officials about your concerns about this property.

Unfortunately, this is not the only property where we have received many complaints. We have also received many complaints about properties on Greenway and Southview. We are working closely with residents, county, state, police, and elected officials to address the concerns here as well, and are enforcing our Building Code.

Although these properties represent only a very, very small sample of the more than 2,300 single family homes in our community, the CSCIA will vigorously pursue these Covenants infractions, and other violations. In doing so, we also need your help. Photographs, timelines, and details about viola-

tions you see help significantly as we address solutions to these concerns. As you can imagine, generic complaints are not helpful in this process. Thank you to those community members who send photos, talk to county representatives, attend meetings and hearings and provide details about violations and observations. That makes all the difference!

I also want to express my appreciation for the involvement of many of the retirees we have living in Cape St. Claire. Many of us on the Board work long and crazy hours. But these retirees are helpful by providing extra "eyes and ears." In a recent example, I was approached by a very upset Cape resident. He expressed concern that the community association was planning to develop a strip of property next to

his home. He further explained that several people who indicated they were with "The Cape" had been doing inspections and such on community property. As I looked into this concern, I was able to confirm that the CSCIA has NO plans to build or do anything on that property and shared this information with the concerned resident. However, this retiree's keen observation brought to light that there may be some persons trespassing on community property and we are further investigating that. We would love to have more retirees volunteer to serve for the Board too! Any takers?

If you see something that doesn't look right in our community, please let us know. Don't hesitate to contact any member of the Board with your questions. We

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would rather that you get correct information first hand. All of us on the Board volunteer our time to serve because we sincerely care about our community and those who live here. If you don't know who your Board members are, or think you know, but aren't sure, come on out and meet us at the next Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there!

## BOARD IN BRIEF

July 9, 2012

The July 2012 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on July 9, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

**President's Remarks:** President

Mooneyhan thanked the Board members for volunteering to do the job, attend extra meetings, and work for the community even outside of their regular Board duties. She also thanked the CSCIA staff for the work they do.

President Mooneyhan noted that the civil suit regarding covenant violations at 849 Chestnut Tree had been filed and served.

President Mooneyhan commented on the attendance at the recent community meeting regarding covenant and zoning violations at 1390 Greenway.

President Mooneyhan noted that the Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC) has been very actively involved in comprehensive rezoning. Currently President

Mooneyhan and Vice President Biondi serve on the BCC. She asked if other members of the BOG might be interested in volunteering to serve in representing Cape St. Claire, the largest community in the BCC.

President Mooneyhan advised that we are very close to having the required number of votes to remove the racially restrictive article from the covenants, a process that was started over a year ago. She asked if any Board member would be willing to take on the matter and make a final push to get the job done. Governor Lamb agreed to help with this task.

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

be treated, Tim and Donna believe in offering quality work at fair prices. Active members of the Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church, the Millers enjoy kayaking on the bay and just spending time together.

We recently had an experience with one of our customers who currently lives in Baltimore but will soon be moving to Cape St. Claire. During the storm a few weeks ago a tree fell on a home on Cape St. Claire Road. Our customer, who had not yet relocated to their home on Swan Drive, with the help of a local realtor, offered their waterfront home to the family whose house was damaged. We were so moved by the kindness of those folks that we offered our services by completing pool repairs for the family who would be residing in the house. We know that the new family from Baltimore will fit right in to the community of Cape St. Claire. Their kindness is an example of what we do for each other in the Cape. We believe that the kind gestures and help that we have given to others was then given to another family and was now returned to us. We believe that is called "Pay it Forward."

Tim and Donna Miller

Submitted by Mary Lamb

## Thank you!

We want to thank Jennifer Crews-Carey for organizing the community yard sale. It was perfect timing being the weekend before the Cape clean up. She made it easy for everyone to find their spots, made sure it was well advertised, and even cut the cost of the spot from \$1.00 to .50 cents. It was a lot of fun for us, and we really appreciated her pulling it together. We're in for next year!

Gary & Trisha Martin

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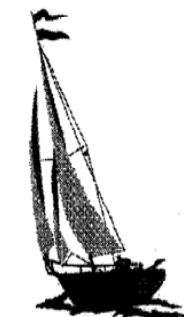
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**June 11, 2012 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes:** Governor Campbell made a motion to approve these minutes. Governor Gardner seconded the motion and it was approved with one abstention.

**May 31, 2011 Profit and Loss Statements (P&Ls):** Governor Myers made a motion to approve these P&L statements. Governor Biondi seconded the motion. After a question from Governor Newman regarding the Community Defense Fund, the May 31 P&Ls were approved with one abstention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Roads:** Governor Campbell commented that there were no changes to his report of last

month regarding the widening of Cape St. Claire Road. The process is moving glacially slow and dealing with the poles and wires is expected to take another 7 months.

**Piers:** Governor Biondi commented that he has a very active Piers Committee. The group is going over improvements and has accepted a bid to add new pilings and finger piers at Deep Creek. Governor Biondi thanked Governor Newman for setting up the ability to send broadcast emails to slip renters. He is very grateful for the new charts which can easily be updated. In response to a question from Governor Veno, Governor Biondi commented that the lights and fixtures at the Lake Claire boat ramp are going to be replaced. He noted that there is a

downed light pole at the crabbing pier. The light fixtures that slated for Lake Claire will be able to be upgraded with mesh screens to protect the globes.

Governor Biondi noted that he has also established routine written monthly maintenance reports of all the piers by the committee members. Escape ladders have been replaced and the worst of the planking will be replaced as needed.

**Budget Committee:** Mike Buchet expressed the need to start preparing the next budget. He has asked for requests and information from the Board members by July 24.

**Mosquito Control:** Governor Gardner commented that there



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has been very little spraying due to the dryness, but that could change with upcoming rain.

**Covenants and Buildings:** Governor Gardner noted that she has 2 fence permits which she needs to get to the Office Manager.

**Membership:** Governor Veno commented that a few neighbors have asked him for updates regarding the situation at 849 Chestnut Tree. President Mooneyhan mentioned again that the civil and criminal actions are underway, that she sent copies of the document to all Board members, and that she hoped he shared that information with the neighbors who asked.

**Web Page:** Governor Newman asked Board members to let him know if there was any incorrect or outdated information on the page. He also mentioned that he needed

to get electronic copies of the minutes to post.

Governor Newman commented that there was a need for a closed session to discuss legal matters.

**Clubhouse and Caper:** Governor Lamb reported that the Clubhouse did very well on rentals this year. She is going to refund the rental for a wedding reception that was held during the power outage.

Governor Lamb noted that there will be a special edition of the Caper this month featuring Capers helping their neighbors after the recent storm.

**Treasurer:** Governor Myers reported that she has spoken with the accountant about reworking the statements and preparing excel spreadsheets which she can

edit. Governor Myers will be meeting with the accountant soon.

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Dembowski was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We received a thank you note for our donation to the Cape St. Claire Fun Run.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Governor Myers noted that the Office Manager has requested changes to 2 of the bank accounts, the Defense Fund and an old payroll account. Governor Newman made a motion to leave the decision to the Treasurer and Office Manager to make changes to these 2 accounts as necessary. Governor Gardner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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sense of multiple complaints and systemic issues, and that he would address that issue with the County Executive. President Mooneyhan thanked the resident and his neighbors for the turnout and concern at the recent community meeting.

A resident of Lake Claire Drive inquired about people being allowed on community and private property. Governor Newman responded that a group had been allowed on CSCIA property to survey and make plans for a possible rain garden. He further stated that it's a good thing to have accurate surveys of CSCIA property to stop encroachment. The resident stated that he wanted the records to reflect that consultants and surveyors have no right to trespass on CSCIA or private

property, to which it was noted that the CSCIA can allow people on its property for those purposes. President Mooneyhan noted that there are no plans at present for a rain garden or anything else on the property in question.

A resident of Pine Hill Drive and his contractor were present to submit a request for a setback variance for a building addition. The resident commented that the County had granted him a variance and that he now needs a variance from the Cape. Governor Gardner commented that she would look over the plans and get back to him within the week.

**Adjournment:** Governor Newman made a motion to adjourn from the regular monthly meeting and enter into a Closed Session meeting. Governor Veno sec-

onded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The regular July 9, 2012 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

**Closed Session Meeting:** A closed session meeting was convened at 8:40 P.M and adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

**Attendance:** Governors Biondi, Campbell, Gardner, Lamb, Mooneyhan, Myers, Newman, and Veno. Also present were Budget Committee members Buchet and Toy.

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In the 2013 capital budget, \$3.7M was provided to complete all necessary design and bid package preparation for construction of the new Severna Park High School. This was a reduction of \$2M which was for initial site preparation work in June 2013 if the first year of construction funding was provided in the 2014 capital budget.

The Council, this year, agreed to support initial construction in the FY 2015 budget rather than FY 2016, which was budgeted in last year's Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) or in the FY 2014 budget proposed by the County Executive's CIP. This approach anticipates initial site preparation in June/July 2014 (upon passage of the 2015 budget), initial construction in January 2015 and occupancy of

The Council also approved funding for the construction of new kindergarten rooms for Severna Park Elementary and Oak Hill starting this year. Funding for Severna Park also included some driveway and parking improvements.

Funding for some modifications to Broadneck High School, which include the renovation of science labs and open space conversion, was approved in this year's budget.

Perhaps the most satisfying outcome of the budget is the addition of 100 classroom teachers, the first increase in many years, plus additional support staff. This will provide qualitative improvements (smaller classes) countywide and should be most visible at the elementary school level. While the final allocation of these additional teachers has not been made, I believe most of the more pressing concerns for District 5 will be recognized although not solved to everyone's satisfaction.

The Council also approved funding for the new Eastern District Police Station which provides police coverage for Severna Park and the Broadneck peninsula. The new \$8M facility will be located more centrally in the Eastern District on Pasadena Road, just west of the Pasadena Elementary School. Dredging of the Severn River “headwaters” was also approved, which is a very important project.

In the last Voice article, I listed potential revisions to the County Charter recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

During the July Council sessions, public comments and concerns will be heard on specific proposed charter changes and the wording of the ballot questions which must be approved by early August. The proposed resolutions will be posted on the Council's website.

There will also be two Charter issues pertaining to retiree health care benefits. The first will establish an interim reserve fund which will be succeeded by a permanent trust fund that will be established by the second Charter amendment.

This enabling provision was developed by a Committee I pushed for and served on with Councilman Jamie Benoit, Councilman Jerry Walker, members of the County Executive's staff and union/employee representatives. The Committee recommended a series of steps (many of which will occur via union contract negotiations) to enable the County to reduced and otherwise address the associated \$1.2B unfunded liability largely within current budget levels.

Finally, as we head into the 2012 election, I would like to take note of and recommend a book that pulls together a lot of factors I see running through all local, state and national issues: ***“That Used To Be Us”*** – How America fell behind in the world it invented and how we can come back – by Thomas Friedman (wrote the “The World is Flat”) and Michael Mandelbaum. It pertains to Severna Park, District 5 and all of us – serious stuff.

Congratulations and best wishes to all 2012 graduates as they continue their education or overture in to their chosen field of endeavor.

A resident commented briefly on the history of Pennington Farm and Goshen Farm.

A resident from Greenway Drive commented on the conditions and status of the problems at 1390 Greenway Drive. Governor Gardner stated that she will have the Office Manager research building permits for the last 5 years to check the status of any possible illegal structures on the property. Governor Biondi commented that he would be seeing County Executive Leopold and would like a list of case numbers and actions that have been taken to discuss with him. He commented that part of the problem is a lack of County interdepartmental communication whereby the County can get a

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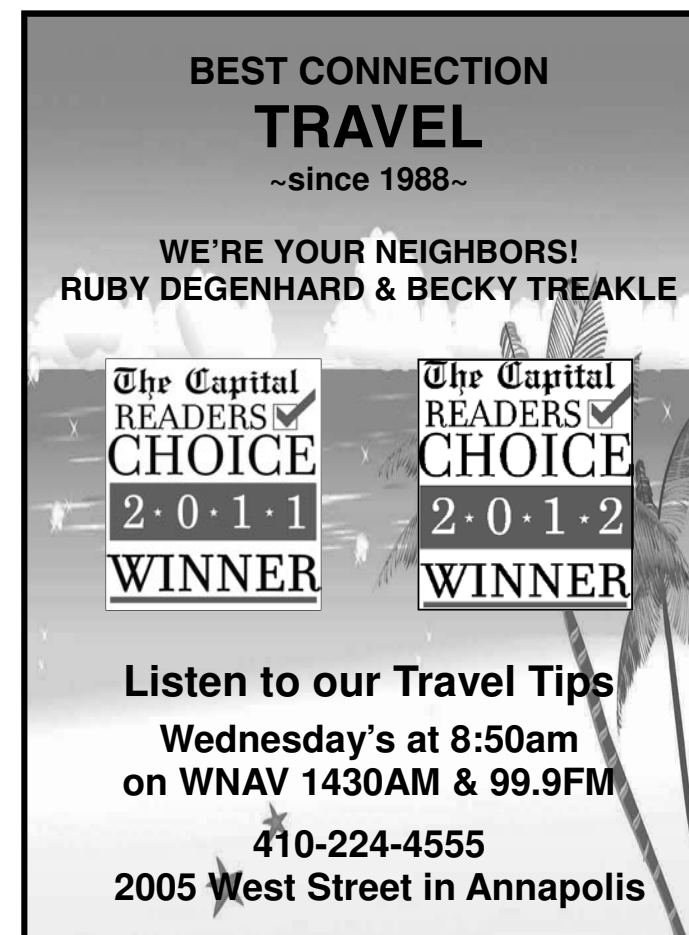
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## News from Goshen Farm

The State of Maryland has extended our Capital Grant for the renovation of the farm house until 2013. Right now we have until February 1, 2013 to raise the remaining match which is approximately \$80,000. If you would like to help us with this match please send in your donation by check to the Clubhouse. We also have Corporate Sponsorships available; those parameters are listed <http://goshenfarm.org/our-sponsors/>. Upcoming events include our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House to be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, Our first Harvest Dinner on 9/22nd and our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Ball/Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. More information on all of these events can be found out our website in

the near future.

The Goshen Farm Preservation Society has an Eagle Scout preparing to build us a garden shed. Our scout, Alden Bogley is seeking donations for this project. If you would like to contribute you can send a check, made payable to GFPS to our mailing address 1223 River Bay Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409. Please note in the memo section that it is for the garden shed.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Barb Morgan  
President  
Goshen Farm  
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This huge tree falls on the Young's house during super storm of June 29th



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The Young's put this message out for the 4th of July parade

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Michele. “I mean, you think maybe a tree could fall and damage your house” Michele added, “but not totally destroy it.” George agreed, as he said he had “instant mortality issues” once they got into Terry and Pam’s house as he fully considered his close call with death. Despite all of the chaos, though, Michele and George both acknowledged their overall good fortune and commented on how they quickly began to accept the fact that they were lucky to finally fall asleep that night knowing that everyone was okay – including their two Weimaraners, Diesel and Napoleon – and that they could begin to rebuild soon enough. After daybreak on Saturday, the family was able to see the extent of the damage, and it was only then that they realized it was not just one tree, but three connected trees, that had hit their house, which explained the widespread damage. They also realized how a steady stream of neighbors began passing by, as well, and they noticed the general response of shock from the passersby at what had happened to their home overnight, with many even stopping to take pictures or video with cell phones. But, the Young’s said, they weren’t at all offended by the interest in their personal disaster because they understood that people “just couldn’t believe what they were seeing.” In fact, it wasn’t long before the Young’s started receiving an overwhelming outpouring of generosity and support from residents and businesses of our community, which they say they will never forget. One of the first Cape businesses to offer their assistance was Richard’s Tree Service. George and

Michele said that they had done business with Richard’s in the past and that the company told them that because they were customers already and because of the severity of the damage, they would move them “to the top of the list.” And so they did, quickly removing the trees from their home before 10am. Also early that morning they met local real estate agent Amy Juras, who stopped by to offer her assistance for finding temporary housing. The Young’s said Amy’s knowledge of the real estate business combined with her personal and professional connections is what landed their family – including Diesel and Napoleon – in a fully-furnished, long-term rental house less than a half-mile away in the Cape in just five short days, which, they said, “was nothing short of a miracle considering what we were looking at on Saturday morning.” And the show of support continued throughout the day, as many other Cape residents and businesses helped them pull together in the storm’s aftermath. There was Bruce Dowling of Broadneck Carpentry Service, who gave them insight into the rebuilding process from first daylight. There was also Heather and Scott Kilpatrick, owners of The Chimney Guy, who helped the family by not only driving George to get a rental car but also obtaining some emergency supplies at Home Depot; they even brought dinner to them once they got into their rental home. And later that day, there was Cape resident Deb Dower McCleary, who approached the Young family as they stood in their driveway with their dogs in the back of their broken family van, and offered “her

own version of a doggy daycare,” which gave Diesel and Napoleon a place to play for a few days before the Young’s could move into their temporary quarters (a big thanks to Greg McCleary, too, who had just returned home from a 70-day tour in Afghanistan). And, to be sure, there were countless others. In the end, while Michele said the whole ordeal was “a pretty traumatic experience that they’d never want to have to go through again,” they were proud of their community and glad they were all able to return to the Cape to watch the Fourth of July parade from their front yard despite the fact that it was “in front of a house we knew we wouldn’t be in for a long time.” And she and George want to “thank our wonderful community for coming together and really caring.” George added that “we always knew it was a great community” but also said that “events like this often bring out personal connections you might not have gotten otherwise, so it’s a bit of a blessing in disguise.” Speaking of blessings in disguise, looks like that early weather connection finally paid off!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Mooneyhan,

with credit to the entire Young family for sharing their story, edits and photos.

## A Cape Storm Story

All his life, George Young had wanted to be closely connected to the weather. He pursued a degree in it in college and always considered himself a bona fide “unofficial meteorologist” despite getting a degree in business. So on the night of Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, it was no surprise to him that a powerful storm system with intense straight line winds – the now-infamous “Derecho” – was headed toward Cape St. Claire. As George described it, “while the mainstream news outlets did not provide much information in advance of the storm, those in the weather community started following it mid-morning; and as a ‘weather fanatic,’ I wanted to see it.” And see it, he would – but it in a way he never imagined. As the first gusts of the storm

blew through the Cape, George realized instantly that it was “the real deal” and might be wise to get everyone down to the basement immediately. So he went upstairs and woke his wife, Michele, to tell her what was happening. But after a brief conversation, they decided to give it another minute or two to better determine what was going on before they woke up their little girls (daughter Madison, 15, was at a friend’s house down on College Parkway, but Josephine, 3, and Helana - “Lainey” - 2, were asleep upstairs). So George headed back downstairs with a plan to take one last look at both the radar on TV and the conditions outside. But by the time he reached the bottom of the steps, that plan quickly changed as the power went out. After less than a minute at the

window, George saw a tremendous flash of lightning that lit up the sky for several seconds, which revealed a never-before-seen image to him and he realized what he saw in that time was unlike anything he’d seen before. “When the lightning flashed for what seemed like at least five seconds, I literally saw and heard the air draw straight up into the sky” and because of his knowledge of weather, he knew “that meant a big downburst was about to come.” He also knew immediately that the storm had reached a point of intensity where it was definitely time to alert his family to move to the basement immediately for safety. So George took one step away from the front window and yelled up the steps to his wife, Michele, to “get the kids now!” And in that very moment, which George

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described as a “moment where total darkness allowed for nothing else to exist,” he heard the loudest sound he has ever heard as the word “now” left his mouth and he felt the house “literally shake all around.”

Shortly after this point, things went completely off the charts. As George turned back to face the front of the house, he realized a very large tree was laying right next to him – across the very spot he had just moved from. And then, as more lightning lit up the scene around him, George also realized that not only had a tree landed in their house, but that the entire roof system of the whole left side of their home was dangling precariously close above him as he was literally stared up at the sky above.

After several seconds of staring in disbelief, George snapped out of

his daze when he heard Michele screaming “Oh my God...Oh my God!” over and over from the upstairs bedroom. George somehow managed to push his way through a pile of debris that he couldn’t even see and quickly made his way up the stairs towards Michele’s voice. There, they found themselves having a bizarre conversation in total darkness with no frame of reference for anything around them.

“I can’t find Lainey!” Michele said. Confused, George replied, “What do you mean you can’t find Lainey, she was asleep in her bed, right?” It was then that they both looked into their two little girls’ shared bedroom and quickly saw why Lainey was “missing” – a huge hole was in the front wall of the house facing Cape St. Claire Road and there was an

equally large hole in the roof. Fortunately, Josephine, whose bed was right next to the hole in the front wall, had been sleeping with Michele, so she was safe; but there was still no Lainey, who went to sleep in her bed in that room sometime after 8PM.

With no other option but to literally try to dig down into Lainey’s bed to see if she was still there, Michele and George did just that – they dug and they dug and they dug. And with only flashes of lighting providing them with some kind of light, they frantically dug through “mounds of fluffy stuff” as they pulled other debris from around the bed until they finally found their youngest daughter at the bottom. Scared, and equally incredulous at what had happened, they pulled little Helana out and held her up, only

to find her totally unresponsive. “She just didn’t move,” said Michele. “She was like a rag doll.”

On the verge of panic, yet not quite able take in the enormity of the circumstances, George and Michele tried to get Lainey to respond by calling her name, blowing on her face and sweeping her mouth clear with a finger. As they recall, it took 15-20 seconds until they saw any sign of life from Lainey, which was a huge relief as they started to experience a reality in which they “had almost lost our kid.” With Helana revived, they turned their attention to getting to the only safe place they could think of to ride out the rest of the still-angry storm – the basement.

Once there, with the storm still raging, George went to the back of the house to try to find a flash-

light and there he saw “a strange zigzagging light” through a window facing the back yard. As he investigated, he realized it was their neighbor, Terry Williams, a retired fire fighter who had lived in the house on the corner for several decades, was searching their house in an attempt to help. George quickly opened the basement door to let in his visibly worried, but extremely focused neighbor who wanted to know only one thing: “Is everyone okay?” From that point, Michele and George used Terry’s flashlight to check everyone over for visible injuries, with relief, finding that no one had any apparent injuries.

Terry later told George and Michele that as he looked out of his back door, he saw a large flash of lightning light up the entire sky and saw the tree falling. He

stated he feared the worst for them because “it was just too quiet” as he walked around the outside looking for a way in. Finally, once they were all accounted for, Terry asked the Youngs’ to follow him through their yards in an effort to take refuge inside of his home next door. Once inside the Williams’s house, Terry and his wife, Pam, got the Young family situated on the couch and tried to make them as comfortable as possible, offering them not only shelter, but also some juice for the kids and a few beers for George and Michele for “medicinal purposes.” And as the drinks kicked in and the storm finally passed around 2-3am, the totality of what had happened to their home started to sink in.

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