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CSCIA TREE REMOVAL

Need Help?

The Cape St. Claire owns a network of easements originally envisioned as walking paths and short-cuts designed for pedestrians. The Cape St. Claire owns these easements along with many acres of community property.

Over the last few years, storms and hurricanes have weakened or damaged many trees throughout the Cape, including trees on community property and on the easements. The Board of Governors has been trying to stay on top of taking down those trees that pose a danger of falling. It has been an expensive, but necessary effort.

While the trees in danger of falling in certain locations (around piers and in our parks) are easily identified and brought the Board's attention, the damaged trees on easements are, for the most part, hidden. If your property borders one of the many easements, and there is a tree that is damaged or in danger of falling, please call the Improvement Association office at 410-757-1223 and notify the office manager. The Board needs your help in identifying these trees so it can include their removal in the upcoming budget. Your assistance is appreciated.

Lou Biondi,
Treasurer

Long Range Planning

I have started the long range plan for the CSCIA. It is a long way from finished. It contains a list of about two dozen different projects for Beaches and Parks, Clubhouse, and General Improvements.

All these projects are listed as "For Consideration," which simply means they are un-vetted ideas. I received some from the website, some from people on the street (parks, fields, and beaches), and some are just ideas I have had.

Some estimates have been done, but many more are going to be needed before the end of the year and we can consider this plan a final draft. The board will discuss the list over the next two month and present the initial list at the CSCIA July Quarterly Meeting (That is the near term goal). So that you may comment and make suggestions.

I would like to get more community input, so please visit the CSCIA web site at:

<http://www.cscia.org/>

There you can see why a long range planning committee is so essential if we are going to con-

tinue to move this community forward in a positive direction. You can also make suggestions directly through the website.

In addition to all this I would like a few brave souls from the community to join me this year on the long range planning committee. I could use your help in sorting through the ideas as they come in, writing them up, estimating the costs, and presenting them to the community.

If you are interested please email me at LongRange2007@cscia.org. Together we can make the long range plan even better. Remember, the future for the Community can not be left up to one persons' perspective.

*Sincerely,
Dan Wolin
CSCIA LRPC*

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POLICY FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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BOARD IN BRIEF

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on May 14, 2007 for its monthly meeting. President Josephine Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

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

President's Remarks: President Gardner stated that she received a petition from neighbors on Mountain Top Drive requesting CSCIA support for the County to conduct a survey in the area for speeding vehicles and the need for "Children at Play" signs. The CSCIA will send correspondence to the County requesting the survey.

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The Board of Governors

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Dan Wolin
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Frank Newman
Mary Lamb

Budget Committee:

John Berley, Wayne Morrison,
Jack Savage

Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve the April 9, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes and the March 31, 2007 Financials. Both motions were unanimously approved.

Variance Request: A resident submitted a variance request to build a house on a lot with a lesser setback than required by the CSCIA Building Code. The resident addressed the Board and presented his case. After many questions and much discussion with the resident, the Board went into a Closed Session to discuss and decide on the issue.

After the Closed Session, the Board announced it had to respectfully decline this variance request.

Committee Reports:

Covenants: Governor Daly will contact the County and the CSCIA's lawyer to get updated status on certain Cape properties reported for zoning or covenant violations.

Caper: Governor Maltz reported:

She would be sending letters out to all Caper advertisers notifying them of a 5% increase to advertising rates. The price for Caper inserts will not be increased.

That to ease the administrative burden, the advertisers receiving a 5%-10% discount for long-term advertising commitments would continue to receive the discounts, however they must now pre-pay the agreed upon rates.

She is limiting Caper inserts to no more than three inserts per issue.

Beaches & Parks: *Governor Newman reported:*

- He met with a contractor at the Little Magothy Beach area to determine requirements to enhance

the current swale in an effort to control soil erosion at the site. He is also working on getting permits to do the work.

- The presence of a beach attendant at the Main Beach has started for the season on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb stated that an initial quote to remodel the clubhouse bathrooms, including becoming ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliant, came in at \$28K.

Adjournment: The regular May 14, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:25 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **June 11, 2007 at 7:30 PM** at the Clubhouse.

Big Finish for the CSC Elementary PTO

The school year is nearly over, and the Cape St. Claire Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is winding down along with the students and teachers from a busy year of fun and fund-raising. The two last blowout events of the school year included the 5th Annual Dash to Discovery Fun Run/Walk and the 2007 True Value Golf Classic. These two popular events were wildly successful in bringing our community together for some great exercise, a great cause, and a GREAT time.

The PTO would like to thank everyone who participated in these events and showed their support for the kids and teachers at Cape St. Claire Elementary. We appreciate everyone – participants and patrons alike – who came out to take part in and celebrate this remarkable neighborhood. We would like to especially thank our valued and loyal sponsors

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Session E: July 2 – July 5

Ability Evaluation II: Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Session C: June 18 – June 21

Session D: June 25 – June 28

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- 2) **UK elite** in July at Cape Park, July 9 – 13, and
- 3) **The Baltimore Blast** in August at CSC Elementary School!! August 13-17



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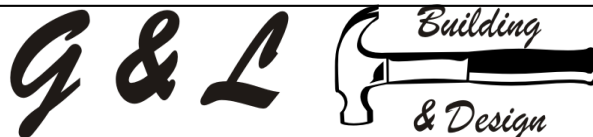


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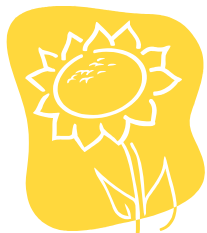
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GARDEN CLUB

What a beautiful
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Our community was blanketed with pink, red, and white blooms. Azaleas everywhere! Summer is upon us, and already we are experiencing days in the 80s. Time to get the hose out again! One way to cut down on watering is to mulch your flowerbeds. Got bare soil showing? Head to a nursery or hardware store and pick up a few bags of mulch. Mulch on top of the soil helps keep the soil beneath moist and cool for the plants' roots, and means they need a lot less watering from us to stay healthy and bloom prolifically.

In May the Garden Club met for one last meeting before our plant sale. We had a wonderful talk by our very own Linda Droneburg, who talked to us about propagation, the making of new plants from existing plants. Most

plants in our gardens spread, either by seed or by root. Hostas, planted in a tiny clump, will soon spread into an enormous mound, and can be spread by digging up the mound, cutting the roots into smaller pieces, and replanting. This is best done in early spring, just as the leaves emerge from the ground. Linda brought many examples of various plants to show us how to divide their roots, and also the tools for doing it.

Linda also taught us about taking cuttings from shrubs, such as azaleas. Does your neighbor have a prized azalea you can never find while shopping? Are you patient and willing to put in some effort? Taken at the right time of year, a snip off your neighbor's shrub will root in soil, and in a few years, you will have a new baby azalea bush in your yard! Linda has generously invited the members of the Garden Club to take cuttings from her many and varied azaleas in July. Linda and her husband have nurtured the

cuttings they took 13 years ago into enormous full-grown azaleas of many varieties, and they continue adding to their impressive collection. Interested? Please join us! (Please phone 410-757-5175 or email aud-reymarmot@yahoo.com for dates and times.) We all learned a lot from Linda's excellent talk, and look forward to visiting her garden in July!

Congratulations to our May Yard of the Month winners:

Area 1: The Riesetts, 1009 Magothy Park Lane

Area 2: The Roppels, 1339 Swan Drive

Area 3: The Joneses, 1172 Latrobe Drive

Area 4: The Meads, 1232 Mt. Pleasant Drive

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tall is ideal. Taller grass is healthier, more resistant to disease and pests, and won't need as much water. Also, for those of us who are buying a new mower, try to find one with a mulching option. Grass clippings mulched into the lawn add valuable nutrients and organic matter back into the soil, helping to keep our lawns healthy and maintenance-free. And hold back on the fertilizer – the best time to feed our lawns is in the fall, when they are building their root structure. If you employ people to mow or fertilize your lawn, you can ask them to mow higher and also to fertilize only in the fall. In addition to reducing unnecessary nutrient runoff into our precious Chesapeake Bay, you'll be saving a heap of your hard-earned money.

Thanks to all of you who came out for our annual plant sale. Your support enables us to continue our mission to beautify the Cape, educate our members and other interested

gardeners, and contribute to the wonderful sense of community in our neighborhood. (This year your support also helped two of our long-time members become Master Gardeners, through a county program. They received training in many gardening topics and will provide many volunteer hours to the county. In addition to joining a valuable program that educates the public about gardening topics like composting and soil-testing, our two newly minted graduates also bring valuable knowledge back to our club and the Cape, helping us all to grow as gardeners.) Each year we have our plant sale, we enjoy the opportunity to meet fellow Cape residents and to provide perennials from our gardens to yours. We hope our plants give you many days (or even years!) of pleasure!

Enjoy your gardens!

*Submitted by
Audrey Lengbeyer*

Soccer Fun

This is a thank you to all the parents and players of the Boys U8 soccer team, not to mention my Assistant Coach Brad Hill. We had a rough season, we were randomly thrown into Division 1 soccer this spring by the AAYSA.

But the parents hung in there loss after loss (one tie), and were impressed to see their kids get better and better.

I have never seen such a fast improvement in so many kids all at once. And despite our on field defeats they came to the practices and games happy. And most importantly, they:

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Thank You, Dan Wolin, Boys U8 Coach

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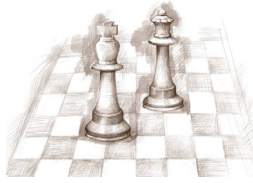
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Hello from the Cape Oyster Nursery. Please welcome Larry Fox to our Oyster Project. We are rapidly approaching the oyster growing season but not ready for our Spat. We are rebuilding parts of the nursery, leveling, and stabilizing the structure that was damaged by Isabel.

Anyone interested in helping please contact us ASAP. Also we are still in search of a group (Scouts – boys or girls, schools etc.) to work on a display board for the Little Magothy location. This would display facts on the Oyster Life Cycle and current events affecting our native bay filters, along with information on current Chesapeake Bay and Magothy River restoration activities.

Thank you again to all those supporting our project, with a special thanks to the CSCIA, Greg Young, Brad Hill, Magothy River Association, and Leslie's Pool Supply.

Please EMAIL Rene at reneeart@msn.com or Rick at r.danforth7389@att.net, or Bridgette at miss-bridge01@msn.com

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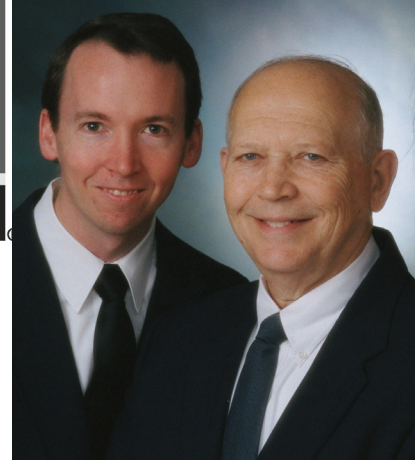
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