

Our 54th Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

June 2009

Remember to put your stickers on your cars so you don't get towed!

President's Perspective

Update on KHI-Deep Creek Villas

Last month I reported that there would be a Special Exception Hearing for a 46 acre parcel of land off Bellerive Drive in Arnold that backs onto approximately 40 homes in Cape St. Claire. The developer has changed the plans radically from 37 single family homes to 10 or more condominium buildings and an assisted living facility (to be run by a contractor), which more than doubles the number of planned residences to over 300. Through a quirk in state law, assisted living facilities and nursing homes, along with commercial development related to the operations of either, can be built with significant disregard to critical area regulations. We can thank our legislators for this poorly drafted law that could have severe unintended consequences for our quality of life before we have to move to a nursing home or assisted living facility. KHI's last minute addition of the assisted living facility to its plans is an obvious ploy to avoid critical area building restrictions.

As it turns out, the hearing has

been postponed until June 11, 2009. Both the Broadneck Council of Communities and the CSCIA plan to testify in opposition to the project for many important reasons, but most importantly its size and its proximity to the headwaters of Deep Creek. Letters have been sent to the residents affected by the development encouraging them to write the hearing officer to express their concerns and opposition. In addition to the Board of Governors resolution to oppose the development, a motion of the membership at the last quarterly meeting has directed me to testify in opposition on their behalf. More to come next month.

Properties at Lake Claire Drive and Poplar Tree Dr.

In a stunning decision, the Board of Zoning Appeals has granted a special exception to U.S. Capital Development Corporation to build on two lots at the above-cited intersection, with less setbacks and buffers than required by critical area legislation. These are not building lots! They are part of a ravine that dumps directly into Lake Claire...soon to be a bog from the silting in from the construction that has been allowed in disregard of critical area

regulations. It has become increasingly clear to me that developers have long known what we are just finding out. So-called critical area laws and regulations have no teeth. They are so badly written that state and county agencies can ignore them whenever it is convenient.

Changes in Community Clean Up

Please note that the dates and hours for the community clean up have changed. Look for the information box in this issue

Dates to Remember:

July 11 GFPS Boat Raffle
June 17 Eco-Exchange Seminar
June 27 Blood Drive
August 28 & 29 Cape Cleanup

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and put the dates on your calendar. It is a great way to clean up your house and yard and conveniently dispose of unwanted or no longer needed items.

You gotta love kids...but not when they trespass on private property to get to the beach or jump off the bulkhead at the Little Magothy River Inlet into the path of oncoming boats. Access to the water is available at all CSCIA owned properties, of which there are a least a half dozen. Please ask your kids to honor property owners' rights and use only public access areas to get to the water. The CSCIA will support any trespass complaints against individuals who do not get this basic concept. Also, jumping off the bulkhead at the Little Magothy Inlet is

dangerous. Boats cannot stop on a dime like a car. Asking a boat owner to risk damaging his boat to avoid a child playing there is unfair and unreasonable. It is not a choice our residents with boats on the Little Magothy should ever have to make.

BOARD IN BRIEF

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on May 10, 2009 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. in the Cox Meeting Room. President Biondi provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: *Governors Berley, Biondi, Campbell, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Maltz and Newman were present. Governor Mooneyhan was absent. Budget Committee member Buchet was also present.*

President's Remarks: President Biondi

KHI Deep Creek Villas, Inc. - A Special Exception Hearing is scheduled for June 11, 2009. CSCIA sent a letter to all effected residents along Poplar Hill Drive asking that they provide the CSCIA information on: Did they get a letter from County Planning & Zoning; Do they plan on attending the hearing; and if they are not going to attend the hearing...do they plan to send a letter to Planning & Zoning stating their position on the development? Of approximately 40 letters sent out, only four responses have been

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received to date.

Four local banks were asked to submit bids to provide the CSCIA with the best overall banking relationship including services and rates. The Board will evaluate all of the proposals and select the best one. Governor Berley is spearheading this effort.

Minutes and Profit & Loss Statements:

A motion was made to approve the April 13, 2009 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion was also made to approve the March 31, 2009 Profit & Loss Statements. This motion was seconded and approved.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks – Governor Newman reported that three beach attendants have been hired. Also, all of the bulkhead repair permits have been completed. Getting a loan and selecting a contractor are the next steps in getting the Deep Creek bulkhead repaired.

Piers – Governor Gallagher commented that:

Most of the boat slip contract actions are completed. An upcoming project is a plan to replace rotting pilings at the Little Magothy piers and getting the necessary permits. The Lake Claire boat slip area is currently being re-planked, and then the Deep Creek slip area

would follow.

Caper – Governor Maltz stated that she anticipates the Caper's income goal to fall short by about \$2,800 resulting in an overall deficit of \$4K net. She will work with the Treasurer to evaluate the future number of Caper issues and rates.

Old Business:

The Board approved a motion giving the President authority to testify on the CSCIA's behalf at the June 11, 2009 KHI Deep Creek Villas, Inc. zoning hearing.

New Business:

Governor Gardner commented that there was a letter on the "Google Group" from a boater complaining about the difficulty of passing through the channel

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Linda



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to the Little Magothy River due to irresponsible kids jumping into the water very close to on-coming boats while also making rude gestures at the boaters.

Closed Session Meeting: 9:40 P.M. – 9:50 P.M.

The Board entered into a Closed Session meeting at 9:40 p.m. to discuss a variance issue. The Closed Session meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Adjournment: *The regular May 10, 2009 CSCIA BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:55 P.M. The next monthly CSCIA Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.*

Goshen Farm Preservation Society

Support our efforts to preserve and restore a Significant piece of Cape St. Claire History
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The Goshen Farm Preservation Society is raffling off this 20 ft. Com-Pac Sailboat. The boat

will be on display around the Cape. Tickets are for sale through GFPS members and local merchants including Bel-las Liquors and TNT Hair Salon in the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center.

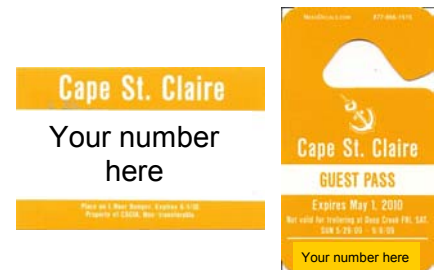
The drawing will be held at the St. Margaret's Joust on July 11. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For more information please contact us through our website www.goshenfarm.org. We are in need of a loaner boat trailer- if you can help please let us know.

We are still looking for members- \$20 annual individual or \$35 annual household. We are also still accepting donations for our Capital Campaign. Both memberships and donations are tax deductible. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the clubhouse.



Beaches and Parks

If you've ever had your car towed before (I have) it is an unpleasant and disorienting experience that you certainly don't want to repeat. I don't want any resident to have their car towed when parked at CSC beaches, but that is what will happen if you don't make sure you have your 2009 CSC bumper sticker or guest hang tag on your vehicle. This is the only way our towing company (which will soon be randomly patrolling) will know that your vehicle is allowed to be parked in these communal spaces.



Also, the beach attendants will once again be stopping individuals that aren't displaying these tags and they have been instructed to call the towing company when they see cars without the proper identification affixed. Please be cordial and cooperative when dealing with them since they are doing their

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Any questions can be directed to Parks2009@cscia.org.

Thanks,
Frank P. Newman
CSCIA Beaches and Parks
Chair

Blood Drive

Saturday
June 27th 10 am– 3 pm

Anne Arundel Medical Center
is planning a community blood
mobile drive in Cape St. Claire.

The location of the mobile is the
Graul's ball field parking lot.

Garden Club

Dear Cape Neighbors,

Thank you very much for your bighearted support of the Garden Club's annual plant sale. As in years past, we have received a generous supply of flower pots and plant holders for our sale. The plant sale took place on Saturday, May 16th, and was a huge success. We hope that you found a plant or two for your own garden. Until next year, we respectfully ask that no more flower pots be delivered to 1308 Cape St. Claire Road.

Sincerely,
The Garden Club

CAPE CLEAN-UP

New Date

Friday, August 28th

10:30 am— 4:30 pm &

Saturday, August 29th

7:30 am—2:00 pm

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Council In Action By Councilwoman Cathleen M Vitale Anne Arundel County Council District 5

May 1st, the day in local government when hopes and dreams of projects, grants and school construction are either made or broken. I am sorry to tell many of you, it appears that in our area, the release of the County Executive's FY2010, left many of us wondering what happened in Severna Park. While I have only had the budget in my hands for less than twenty-four hours, and the deadline having drawn to a close for the paper, there are some projects that jump right off the pages and at least one that jumped right out

of the budget books all together.

School Construction - A major cause of concern and confusion. Recently I had the opportunity to review projects being done in Northern Virginia. In many cases, schools, brand-new high schools for 1600 students, are being built for 50% of what we are spending to renovate North East High School. Why is that? When I spoke to government officials in other areas regarding the cost of building schools, the answer was simple. In this downed economy, those writing the checks are simply not spending as much per square foot as Maryland. In one case, the school board of a Northern Virginia school system put an ad in the local paper stating \$140 a square foot compared to our \$250-280/sq. ft. Although

there was concern that reputable contractors would not bid, there were several reputable contractors who did bid. The selected contractors total price for the new school (furniture included) was somewhere around \$50 million. The photos of the school look like something out of High School Musical! With construction dollars scarce due to County and State revenue reductions, we should be taking the same lean, hard line on costs. If we did, maybe my next comments would not be necessary.

Last year, the County Council was able to shift money allocated by the County Executive for a jail renovation and expansion to schools. That enabled five schools to be considered for feasibility studies, renova-

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tions, rehabilitation or rebuilds. Last year's budget anticipated providing five million this year to Germantown Elementary School, eight million to Belle Grove (North County), one million to Folger McKinsey (design and beginning construction) and no funds to North East High school (their construction was scheduled to begin in 2011). This schedule would have had Folger McKinsey and North East both finished by 2014. This year, the Board of Education, after receiving feasibility studies for the elementary schools, recommended that Folger McKinsey move forward and that Benfield Elementary and Severna Park High School both be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (the six year, long range plans). Even the Executive's Planning Advisory Board included Severna Park High School in the six-year CIP plan. Parents in our community wrote letters and spoke to the County Executive. Unfortunately, recommendations on school construction for Severna Park fell upon deaf ears.

Although Folger received design money, there is no construction money in this year's

budget. Essentially what that means is although the design will be completed by this fall (I am told December) and we are "shovel ready" this spring, there is no money proposed in the County Executive's budget to move forward, until and unless he chooses **NEXT** year to include construction money. I don't know how you feel, but to me, that is unacceptable. Instead of funding design and construction at 1.06 million, the reduction of more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars from that item will result in insufficient funds with which to put the project to bid. If construction dollars are "cheap" today, shouldn't we be trying to get contractors under contract at today's prices? Benfield Elementary School, with its portable school behind the school is scheduled for its feasibility study in 2011. With no funding in the CIP for design or construction until 2015, it is likely that a new school will not be realized until 2018! By then, we might have two schools in the back yard! The Board, utilizing the priorities established in the MGT report, asked for a feasibility study in 2010 followed by immediate design and construction money over the

following three years with completion in 2014, four years earlier than proposed by the County Executive.

It has taken almost ten years for the Board of Education to understand that Severna Park High School succeeds **IN SPITE** of the facility conditions. Many of you stood by my side as we told the board time and again of the accolades of our children and the embarrassments of our school facilities. Finally, when we get the Board, on board, we don't get support from the County Administration. We came close to losing our accreditation because of facility conditions. What will it take, losing it before the school becomes a priority? I recognize the financial times, but without the school being placed in the CIP, it will be 2016 before a feasibility study and 2020 before a new school is in place. By that time, our beloved Falcons will have occupied that school for sixty years. **ENOUGH!** Some have told me to be patient (I am tired of being patient). Some have suggested that the school will miraculously appear in the budget next year in time for election "crowing." I would hope that our students are not being used for that purpose. If the intention is to show it next year, then show it now. Budget hearings are May 11 and May 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The location of the hearing on May 11 is Old Mill High School. Come see us on the 13th in the Council chambers.

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weeks until mid October. Registration fee is \$190/team and umpire fee is \$170/team. Either start your own team with a list of 15-20 committed players or join one of the teams ready to play. Either way, email your team roster to acmesser14@hotmail.com or contact Adrienne @ 443-223-1840, if you'd like to join a

team. No experience necessary. Just looking to have some adult fun in The Cape!

MOSQUITO CONTROL CAPE RESIDENTS

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The following services will be conducted in the indicated time frames:

County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: March - October

Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: Starting June 1, 2009-September

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF ADULTICIDES/LARVICIDES

- Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Inspector determines it is necessary.

Nuisance Abatement Thresholds for Ground Based ULV Treatments:

Landing Counts: 3 mosquitoes in a 2 minute count
Light Trap Collections: 12 female mosquitoes in an unbaited light trap
24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap

- **SPRAY/APPLICATION SCHEDULE FOR LARVICIDES/ADULTICIDES:**

Larvicides (Treatment for mosquito larvae)
Monday - Friday

Adulticide (Treatment for adult mosquitoes)
Sunday-Thursday (A night of the week will be assigned to your community)
After 7:30 p.m.
Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.

- **LARVICIDES/ADULTICIDES TO BE USED:**

Larvicide

Formulations

Bacterial Larvicides:

VectoBac and Aquabac:
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VectoLex:
Bacillus sphaericus

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Insect growth regulator:

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Adulticide

Formulation

Biomist 30+30:
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and Mineral Oil

Aerosol
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- The Mosquito Control Program does not spray for Midges that swarm on homes, boats, trees and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County creeks and rivers. These non-biting insects develop in mud bottoms of slow moving water ways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.
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Boating Safety Course

The Friends of the Anne Arundel Trails, Inc. will present a three-part Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course at the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, top floor meeting room at 161 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, on Monday June 1st, Friday June 5th, and Monday June 8th 2009 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM each night. This course provides an overview of the rules and fundamentals of safe boating and will familiarize students with required safety equipment, as well as rules on who has the right-of-way and other helpful information required for certification.

Pre-registration is required and

is to be made in person at the B & A Trail Park office located at 51 West Earleigh Heights Road in Severna Park. A non-refundable and non-transferable \$25 program fee includes the book, certification card and instructional services. Children 10 years and older are welcomed to attend. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a paying adult. Checks should be made out to the Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails. Participants must attend all three evenings to receive certification. For further information, contact the B & A Trail Park office at 410-222-6244.

What's Happening at Beaches and Parks

Some of you may have noticed that, over the past two years, we have been clearing vines, brambles, poison ivy, and phragmites from the wooded area and shoreline at Little Magothy Beach. Richards Tree Service has been dumping truckloads of woodchips for us to spread around as mulch, and to help smother the unwanted growth. We've finally reached the point where we're ready to start replanting the woods with native species and turn the area into a nice little park once again.

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trees and shrubs. Most of them were planted over the weekend of May 16-17. We still have a few more trees and bushes on the way, as well as a large number of native ground cover plants. Almost everything we're planting is chock full of berries for the wildlife, and a lot of it will feature really nice Fall color. We're hoping that by the time you read this, all the plants will be in the ground. We've had a nice group of volunteers, people who walk the beach and park and live nearby, help us with the planting. Another nice neighbor, on her own, has planted dozens of plants along the driveway down to the beach. Sometime in the near future, the park should once again be a nice area to stroll through.

We also have another neighbor

who, on his own, has gotten a grant to plan and install a rain garden up near the road. This area will be planted with vegetation that likes occasional inundation and will soak up excess water like a sponge. This is an effort to prevent the continuing beach erosion caused by the County's inability or unwillingness to deal with the runoff during big storms that comes from the roads and ball fields. We're going to be installing another drainage area down below the picnic tables to add additional erosion control, and plant native beach grasses to help choke out the phragmites.

As those of you have planted trees and shrubs and dealt with vines and ivy know, this will be an ongoing project. There will be lots of watering to do until

the plants get established, and there will always be brush that needs to be kept in check. If any of you want to get involved in the process, feel free to call me at 410-757-0675 to find out how you can help.

On other fronts, we are ordering a new spring ride-on toy to replace the one that was stolen at the Main Beach playground, and we've replaced three of the four rusting grills at the Main Beach. Of course, now that summer is here there is the continual trash pick-up and the ever-present litter and vandalism to deal with. We now have aluminum recycling bins placed strategically on the Main Beach and Lake Claire and we hope everyone will remember to put aluminum cans in the correct container.



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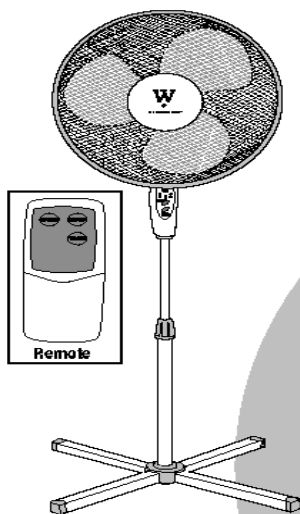
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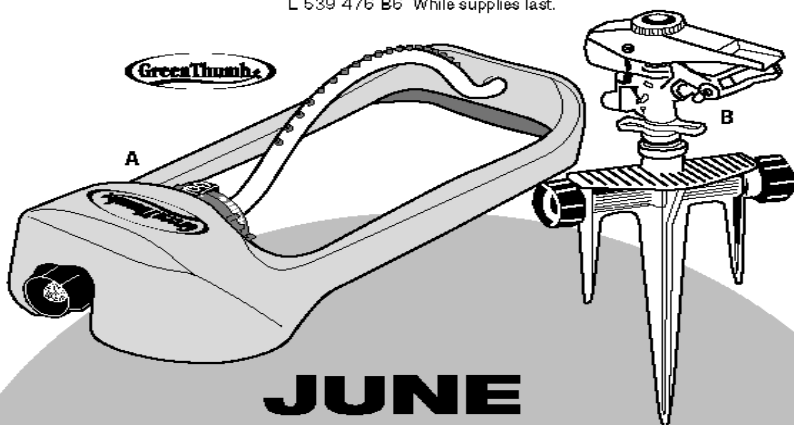
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