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Strawberry Festival Edition

BOARD IN BRIEF

CSCIA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MONTHLY MEETING MAY 9, 2011

The May 2011 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on May 9, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

***President's Remarks:** President Gallagher presented the agenda for the meeting and made brief opening remarks.*

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

April 11, 2011 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes: Governor Berley made a motion to make several modifications to these minutes. Governor Daly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Governor Daly then made a motion to accept the minutes as modified. Governor Berley seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a vote of five in favor and one against.

March 31, 2011 Profit & Loss Statements: Governor Newman made a motion to accept these P&Ls. Governor Daly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Governor Berley reported that the current budget is operating with some cushion to fund outstanding expenses.

Covenants: Governor Daly commented that our covenants require that residents seek and receive CSCIA approval before cutting down any trees, and that the Board needs to discuss enforcement of this covenant.

Building: Governor Mooneyhan reported that she is reviewing Building Permit requests as they are received. She stated she checked into a recent report of a possible Building Code violation on Pine Hill Drive, but found the construction to be in compliance with our code. ...In an effort to update our CSCIA insurance policy, she is still working with our current insurance agent and is awaiting feedback.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Newman reported:

A new vehicle-towing company has been identified to patrol our CSCIA parking lots to tow away vehicles that do not have CSCIA stickers or expired stickers.

A trial date of August 2, 2011

has been set in a "tree destruction" case. Our CSCIA lawyer is involved and is preparing for this case.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported that clubhouse rentals are steady. New chairs were just received and new tables will soon be ordered for the clubhouse. She is also preparing to have the CSCIA office repainted and re-carpeted soon.

Caper: Governor Lamb reported that the last issue of the Caper went out smoothly. The Strawberry Festival is scheduled for June 11, 2011. The Cape Clean Up is scheduled for May 13th and 14th.

Piers: President Gallagher reported that efforts to get permits

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to repair the Little Magothy pier piling are ongoing. The County and attorneys are involved in a process of proving continuous use and conforming use. Also, the boat slip *Move List* process is about finished, while the *Wait List* process containing 206 people is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Group Seeking CSCIA Support Regarding Cape St. Claire Elementary School Parking Issues

A group of several people, including the parents of several school children and teachers, attended the Board meeting to seek CSCIA support as a community in an effort to get the County and Board of Education to acknowledge and expeditiously rectify unsafe driving

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and parking issues at the Cape St. Claire Elementary School parking lot area.

A motion was made and unanimously approved by the BOG to set up a meeting to include several involved players, including County Traffic Engineering, the school board, County Parks & Recreation, Councilman Dick Ladd and Delegate Mike Busch.

Comments from the floor: Ms. Susan Bishop, who lives on River Bay Road, commented about the recent fire at the jetty and the Little Magothy River area. Luckily the wind at the time of the fire was blowing towards the water and not towards the nearby homes. Although she calls the police when problems are observed with underage kids drinking, starting fires, or other illegal activities - she is also asking that the CSCIA post signs clearly stating that no alcohol, fires or smoking is allowed in the area. The Beaches & Parks chair, Governor Newman, agreed to get some signs posted.

Attendance: *Governors Berley, Daly, Dembowski, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Mooneyham and Newman were present. Governor Campbell was absent.*

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Dates To Remember

- June 11 Strawberry Festival
- June 25 New Covenant Church Clothing Give-away
- July 9 St. Margaret's Joust
- July 31 Vacation Bible school
- August 4 Vacation Bible School

Adjournment: The regular May 9, 2011 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Closed Session Meeting: A motion was made and unanimously approved to enter into a Closed Session meeting for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel issues. The Closed Session meeting was convened at 8:35 P.M. and was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

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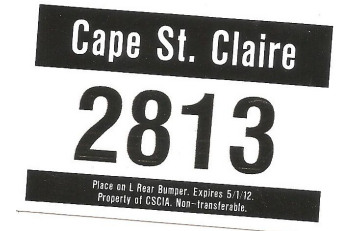
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This policy will be in effect at Deep Creek Marina as well and they will take both truck and trailer if you don't have the ap-

propriate hang tag or sticker.

Thanks,

Frank P. Newman
CSCIA Chair for Beaches and Parks



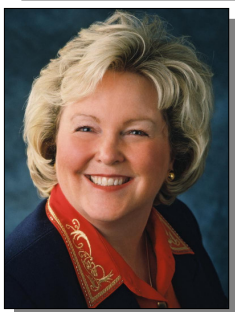
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Sunday Worship Service - 9:00 a.m. If you are looking for a church home, we'd love to have you visit with us for worship.

We would like to extend an invitation to join us at the CSC Main

Beach during the summer for Bibles on the Beach on Thursdays from 7:00pm - 8:15pm. This is a new kind of Bible study based on the book Made to Crave by Lysa TerKeurst that will start on June 16th. Please contact Rev. Lys Cockrell ([410-757-4896](tel:410-757-4896)) or Mia Riser(mlriser@aol.com), if you would like to participate and/or need a book. We look forward to studying with you. Don't forget to bring a chair!

Save the dates for our evening Vacation Bible School. Sunday, July 31st - Thursday, August 4th.

It's That Time Again CSC Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 11th, 2011, on the Main Beach -(1223 River Bay Rd.) 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Parade begins at 10 am at the CSC Volunteer Fire Department and will follow CSC Rd to River Bay Rd to the Main Beach. If you are not in the parade, be sure to get a good spot along the parade route. (Rain date, Sunday, June 12th).

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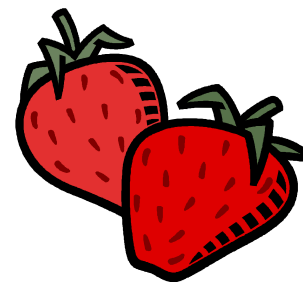
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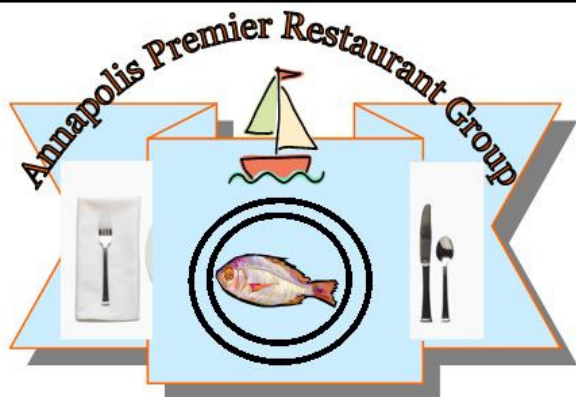
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The Goshen Farm Preservation Society needs members and would love to be able to count YOU as a member! GFPS membership affords you discounts to all GFPS programs, events and merchandise, keeps you up-to-date and in the “inner circle” with regard to all activities surrounding the Goshen

Farm restoration activities, and allows you to freely roam the 22 acres of Goshen Farm that we are working hard to preserve – right in the heart of YOUR community. Membership also protects you – as a GFPS member, you are covered by the Society’s insurance while you are on the property. This is an important fact that not too many people realize – now that the Society holds a lease to the farm, it is no longer public property.

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neighbors by volunteering at the GFPS Strawberry Festival booth. You can learn more about local history. You can attend the social events and simply have fun. Or, you can be a “silent” contributing member by sitting back and watching the restorations unfold, knowing that you played a part in preserving this community treasure.

Please consider becoming a member of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your family membership fee of \$35 (less than \$3 a month) or individual membership fee of \$20 (less than \$2 a month) is tax-deductible. Join your neighbors who volunteer their time and donate their energy and expertise to protect and restore this landmark property for our children and

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Stop by to see us at the Strawberry Festival or at the St. Margarets Joust on July 9th.

“As a member of the GFPS, you have the opportunity to choose how you participate”

Councilman Dick Ladd

Anne Arundel County Council
Fifth District

May 1, 2011

It's May already and budget time here in the County Council. County Executive Leopold has submitted his \$1.192 Billion FY12 General Fund operating budget and his \$169 Million capital budget.

Budgeted operating expenses are up only 1.5% or \$17.9M over this year – nearly a budget freeze. This budget provides for a number of real world increases but the single largest increase is an additional \$14.3M for debt service, including Board of Education (BoE) debt service.

To help offset these increases, such as energy and health care costs, all County employees will again take furloughs and take-home pay reductions of about 4.6%; 48 County positions will be eliminated; 14 employees are slated to be let go; and departmental operating budgets will be trimmed by as

much as 12% in some cases. Total authorized County employment will decline to FY01 levels.

This spending plan is based on having \$31.4M (+2.9%) more recurring revenue than this fiscal year. This includes a \$.03 increase in the property tax rate plus higher income tax revenues, State-shared revenues, and Rec ordation and Transfer tax revenues. However, these increases are offset by reductions in one-time funding available to balance the budget.

The \$169M FY12 “General County” Capital Budget is down slightly from \$172.3M projected in last year's budget and shows slight increases in FY13-14.

Importantly, \$3.6M is requested in FY12 for the next phase (planning and design) with FY13-15 construction funding budgeted for the new Severna Park High School. FY12 feasibility study funding for Benfield Elementary is requested with FY15-17 construction funding programmed. No funding is programmed through FY17 for the next block of schools, which includes Arnold Elementary.

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The County budget does not fund two items in the BoE request: continuation of the FY2011 1% bonus (\$3.4M) and a requested 5 1/2% average pay increase. The County budget notes: "The unrestricted budget retains every FY2011 School system employee, at their same salary, and would not require furloughs or layoffs as are being exercised in

general county government." With no new classroom teachers requested, the coming budget discussions will focus on the BoE's ability to cover its increased costs.

It is noteworthy that the County currently has a \$9.5B Charter imposed debt limitation. As a matter of policy, the County employs a debt affordability model that substantially limits the amount of "revenue supported debt" the County may issue. The FY12 budget shows that the County's capacity to borrow is maxed out for the foreseeable future. If we have not covered our long-term capital infrastructure responsibilities within this budget, we have no capacity to do so unless we raise revenues, cut other projects, or increase our debt affordability ceiling policy model

(or accept lower bond ratings).

This is a bare bones budget. The County is still operating with a structural deficit. We are not preparing for a number of things such as our health care obligations for retirees, expected growth in health and retirement benefit costs for current employees, keeping up with school modernization, equipment replacement, road repairs and Bay preservation.

In my opinion, this bare bones budget is balanced fairly. All stakeholders are sharing in the pain. Taxpayers will get a small tax increase and the employees will carry a bit of the load through furloughs, reduced take home pay and pay freezes. We will all see some of our favorite county services and facilities again pushed close to their limits.

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I would welcome your comments on this year's budget so contact me at 410-222-1401 or at dladd@aacounty.org.

"Budgeted operating expenses are up only 1.5% or \$17.9M over this year – nearly a budget freeze."

Enjoy our beautiful community, parks and beaches but remember; drivers, watch your speed and look out for pedestrians, joggers and children. And parent's remember to remind your children to be respectful of drivers, stay on the sidewalk and look out for cars.

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Richard, Jr. moved with his family to the Cape in the early 1970's.

Christy was born and raised in Cape St. Claire. Her family are long time residents of the community starting back in the 1950's. She remembers a time when she could ride her bike from her house to Graul's and not

even encounter one car or when fellow neighbors would always beep and wave in passing. She has seen the Cape develop and become the active, diverse community that it is today. Some of the things they love about Cape St. Claire, personally and as business owners, are the community feel and how everyone watches out and takes care of each other. That is what community is all about!



Richard, Jr. and Christy enjoy growing the business and focusing on specialty services such as cabling, lightning protection, and fertilization, as well as traditional services such as pruning, trimming, and removals. They credit their staff by stating how fortunate they are to have the employees they have who care and love what they do.

Richard's Tree Care is also a generous donator and supporter of community events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast with Santa, the upcoming Strawberry Festival, Halloween Happenings, and the Goshen Farm Preservation Society as well as local school events. We are proud to have Richard's Tree Care as a part of our community. Come and visit them at the shopping center or online at:

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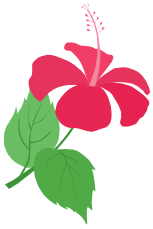
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Garden Club

The Garden Club is happy to report a smashingly successful Plant Sale this year despite the doom and gloom forecast of rain. Braving the drizzle, our loyal customers showed up in droves and took our plants back to new homes. Thank you to our members for all their hard work potting, schlepping, and preparing, and to all of you who came out to shop. We so appreciate your support!

Our club was so fortunate to receive a tremendously generous donation from our very own Cape Monogram, on St Margarets Drive. Cindy designed a

beautiful daisy motif and embroidered it for us on forest green aprons. She made enough for every member of our club, and we wore them proudly for the very first time at the Sale. In addition to providing pockets for all the markers, tags, and various things we all used to stuff into our hands or pants pockets, the aprons made it easier for our shoppers to find someone to help them with questions and with checking out. A great big thanks from all of our members and shoppers to Cindy at Cape Monogram! If you see Cindy around, please take a minute to recognize this generous Cape businesswoman!

Because of the funds we saved from this generous donation, we are able to pass on Cindy's gift

to another Cape organization that is working hard to raise much-needed funds. It's a cause dear to everyone in the Cape: the preservation of open space and a historical site right in our backyards. We are so happy to give a gift of \$200 from our club and from Cape Monogram to Goshen Farm Preservation Society. This gift will be matched 100% from the state of Maryland, as will all funds donated to Goshen Farm up until June of 2012. If you are thinking of donating, now is a wonderful time because of this matching grant. Please join us in supporting this important work of improving and maintaining a wonderful site in the Cape!

With the Plant Sale now in the books, what's coming up for the Garden Club? We will have our

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Strawberry Festival 2011 Entertainment Schedule On Stage

10:30-11:30 Opening Ceremonies and Awards

11:45-12:30 Dirk Schwenk
Acoustic Solo



1:00-1:45 The Jesters
Classic/Southern Rock/ Jam Band



2:15-3:00 Bootleg Voodoo
Classic & Country Rock



3:30-4:30 24 Karat
80's & Classic Rock



5:00-5:45 Generation Gap
Classic "Generation" Rock



6:00-7:00 Rick & Karen Pumphrey
Acoustic Duet



The Strawberry Festival A Cape St. Claire Tradition

Cape St. Claire residents young and old look forward to that Saturday in Spring when they gather along Cape St. Claire Road to watch as the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Princess and her court lead the community parade to the festivities on the main beach. This age old festival offers community fun for everyone in the family. This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th with a rain date of Sunday, June 12th.

This year's festival offers local children the opportunity to enter one of many contests. As in years past, the most popular contest the festival has to offer is the bike-decorating contest. This contest gives Boys and Girls the opportunity to decorate their bikes in one of three themes. The decorated bikes gather at the fire department and ride together in the parade. Once they reach the festival grounds the bikes are judged and everyone receives an award. In years past this contest only awarded prizes to the "Best" decorated bike in each theme category. As the children became more creative, the decisions became more difficult and the disappointed faces were heart breaking. After much discussion the Festival Committee came to the conclusion that the festival was not about disappointment and children who took the time to decorate their bike would receive a prize.

Our youngest residents, ages 24

months and younger, have the opportunity to enter a contest of their own. Babies, with the help of their parents are given the opportunity to decorate themselves and their ride in the Strawberry Theme. The "Berriest Baby" contest allows families the opportunity to show off their youngest members and their decorating creativity. This contest offers prizes for all of the pre-registered applicants and a special award for the "Berriest Baby"

Probably the most prestigious contest is that of the "Strawberry Festival Princess." The Strawberry Festival Princess contest gives the young women in the community the opportunity to tell their audience about their life in Cape St. Claire. The contestants are asked to submit an essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court. Again this year the Strawberry Festival will offer 3 categories for young women to enter;

The STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PRINCESS. If you are a Cape Resident entering the 9th thru 12th grade in the Fall of 2011 this is your opportunity to shine. The contestants are asked to submit an essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court.

The STRAWBERRY FESTI-

VAL's JUNIOR PRINCESS Contest. If you are a Cape Resident entering the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the Fall of 2011 this is your opportunity to shine. The contestants are asked to submit an essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court.

The STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL's LITTLEST PRINCESS Contest. If you are a Cape Resident entering the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade in the Fall of 2011 this is your opportunity to shine. The contestants are asked to submit a 200 word essay which talks about their contributions to the community, along with their ideas for the future. This contest offers a savings bond to the princess along with a trophy for her and her court.

This year's festival will also bring back the community watermelon-eating contest. Residents of all ages may find their place at the watermelon table various times through out the day. Contest will be run and prizes will be awarded to those who can eat their piece of watermelon the fastest, without using their hands.

If competition is what you are looking for and you feel as though you and your partner are on the move, try your luck at the sac races. 2 Person teams are welcome to sign up as often as you like. Each race will determine a winning team who will defend their title against other teams. Before the sun sets there

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will be an elimination run to determine the fastest team in Cape St. Claire.

Inside of the festival gates residents will find live music on stage all day. In addition, the annual Moon Bounce will be available to the children all day, free of charge.

Your local businessmen and women sponsor all of our contest and free attractions. Please take the time on Festival Day to read the schedule of events and thank the sponsors for their support.

In addition, to the many contest and activities mentioned the Strawberry Festival offers a variety of games and food booth on the main beach. Local church, scout and community groups sponsor the food and game booths in an effort to raise funds for their organization. Many of the games created and foods prepared are a result of the hard work of the youth in Cape St. Claire.

If you are looking to get you strawberry fix do not forget to visit the Strawberry Kitchen where volunteers are busy making shortcakes and sundaes. If you are of age and looking for a stronger strawberry you will find strawberry daiquiris and Beer in the beer garden.

REMEMBER SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY JUNE 11th!!!



Music For the Strawberry Festival Parade.

Call Mary
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Festival Set-up and Clean-up Volunteers

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Nosy Gardener Tour later in May, where we visit some of the hidden garden treasures of the Cape. Then we will rest for the summer months, and resume meeting in September on the first Tuesday evenings of each month, at 7pm. If you'd like to join us or have any questions, please contact Laura at 410-349-3390. We'd be so happy to have you!

And finally, we'd like to warmly congratulate our May 2011 Yard of the Month winners. Thank you for making our community beautiful!

Area 1 – Jim & Dale Pumphrey – 999 Hillendale Drive
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Berriest Doggie Contest

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Please Fill Out This Form and Return it To:

Girl Scout Troop 936 c/o Erin McElwee 1218 Green Holly Dr. Annapolis, MD 21409

Dog's Name _____ *Age* _____ *Your Dog's Breed* _____

Your Full Name _____ *Address* _____

Phone Number _____

We the Owners agree to participate in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with our Berriest Doggie. We understand that our dog must be on a leash AT ALL TIMES. We also understand that we must clean up after our dog. We understand judging is based upon the Strawberry Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM ON Saturday, June 11, 2011 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain Date June 12, 2011 Contest Entry DEADLINE ASAP

I hereby give my dog permission to participate in the parade and the festival activities. I will accept full responsibility for my dog's safety and my dog's actions towards others.

Parent's Signature

Date

DECORATED BIKE CONTEST

Sponsored by Quality Care Automotive

Would you like to be in a Parade? Decorate your bike in one of three themes: Strawberry, Star Wars or Disney.

Have Your Parents Fill out This Form and Return It To:

Mary Lamb 1180 Summit Drive Annapolis, MD 21409

Child's Name _____ *Age* _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

We the Parents/Guardians agree to our child participating in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with their decorated bike entry. We understand judging is based upon the Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM on Saturday, June 11, 2011 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain date June 12, 2011.

I hereby give my child permission to participate in the parade and the festival activities. I will accept full responsibility for my child's safety. I understand my child must wear a bike helmet.

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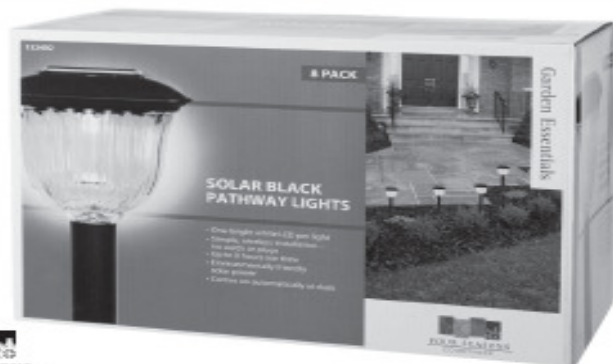
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