



Our 52nd Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

March 2007

County Executive John Leopold, to speak at the Cape St. Claire Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Board in Brief

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on February 12, 2007 for its monthly meeting. Vice President Sam Gallagher provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: Governors Biondi, Daly, Gallagher, Lamb, Morgan, Newman, Puglisi and Wolin were in attendance. Governors Campbell, Gardner, Maltz and Knotts were absent. Budget Committee Chairman John Berley was also in attendance.

Vice President's Remarks:

Vice President Gallagher stated that a petition submitted to the County to provide water service in the Pine Hill Drive area failed, with 81 of 103 residents against the petition. He also stated the need for the Board to meet in a Closed Session near the end of the regular meeting.

Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve the January 8, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes and the December 31, 2006 Financials. Both motions were approved.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee: Governor Daly stated that as the new Building Committee Chairman, it would be business as usual with Building-

Permit/Variance Requests being handled in accordance with the CSCIA Building Code.

Long Range Planning (LRP):

Governor Wolin reported that he put an article about LRP in the February Caper, and plans to place another article in the March Caper.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported that after last weekend's rental, the clubhouse was left in a deplorable condition. As a result, the complete deposit will be retained and a future rental request by the same resident will be denied. Governor Lamb also mentioned that the **2007 Cape Cleanup is scheduled for the 3rd weekend in October.**

Beaches and Parks (B&P): Governor Newman mentioned that he received an excellent brief from the previous B&P chairman about pending and potential B&P issues.

Webmaster: Governor Newman created a "drop-down" tracking list on the Web to track B&P long-range plans, and offered the same to all of the other committee chairs.

Covenants: Governor Puglisi provided status on the three lawsuits being processed through the CSCIA's lawyer for covenants violations. Governor Daly reported that he started formulating a Cove-

nants Code and is synchronizing it with the Building Code, as many of the issues are interrelated.

Piers: Governor Gallagher reported: boat slip rental contracts were mailed out on February 9th; due to the cold weather the bubbler system was turned on at Deep Creek; and that the bubble system hoses are about 30-years old and in need of replacement.

History: Governor Gallagher and Governor Morgan, who is also the President of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society, reported that offers of assistance have been received by the Society to help preserve the Radoff House, including a financial donation from Mr. Radoff's nephew.

New Business: Vice President Gallagher reported that the cur
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rent contractor for the Cape Calendar is leaving, however an offer was received from another contractor to continue doing the Cape Calendar under the same conditions as the current contract. A motion was made to accept the new contractor. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed Session Meeting: The Board met on a legal issue in a Closed Session from 8:25 PM until 8:35 PM.

Adjournment:

The regular February 12, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the

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Letter to the Editor

By Marie Hendrickson

Treating a well for Bacteria

It's common for wells to be contaminated with coliform bacteria. Usually, it's from ants, spiders, insects falling down into the well. Also, if the well gets kicked or knocked (lawnmowers) it can crack the pipe and soil can leach into the well when it rains and the bacteria in the soil will contaminate the well. Healthy adults will be fine but the young, old or those with compromised immune systems can become ill.

My water guy said it's not a bad idea to send the water out once a year for testing. Find a reputable lab that does not sell water treatment systems or have the county do it. Because it's a test for bacteria, it has to be cultured in a lab so buying a water kit yourself will not tell you if there is bacteria in the water. If it comes back positive you can treat it yourself. I just paid my water guy \$210 to treat mine. But I needed a certified person and a piece of paper to give the buyers. So the lesson learned, if you are selling your house, do this before all the inspections start. Save yourself the 200 bucks.

You will be without water for about 24 hours. You can flush a toilet every once in awhile but really keep it to a minimum. You want the chlorinated water sitting in the well. Some people stay in a hotel, stay with family or friends, or do it before they are going away for a night or two. Some people say the smell bothers them. I did not find it was strong at all and stayed home. It's winter so I felt I could go without a shower for

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24 hours. I used bottled water to drink and brush my teeth. Use pool shock not bottled household bleach. Check that the active ingredient is calcium hyperchloride. It's 70% higher in chlorine than household bleach. Plus the liquid bleach will mix at the top only and you want it to go all the way to the bottom of the well.

Remove the well cap. Look down the well to check for cracks. You should see smooth sides as far down as you can see. Mix the pool shock in a 5 gallon bucket with water. Don't mix so well that all the granules dissolve so some will drop to the bottom of the well. Move the wiring out of the way and pour the chlorine down the well. Run a cold water faucet or

outdoor faucet until you smell the chlorine. Then flush the toilets and run all the cold water faucets in the house except for appliances (washer, refrigerator) until you smell the chlorine. Let it sit for at least 10-12 hours.

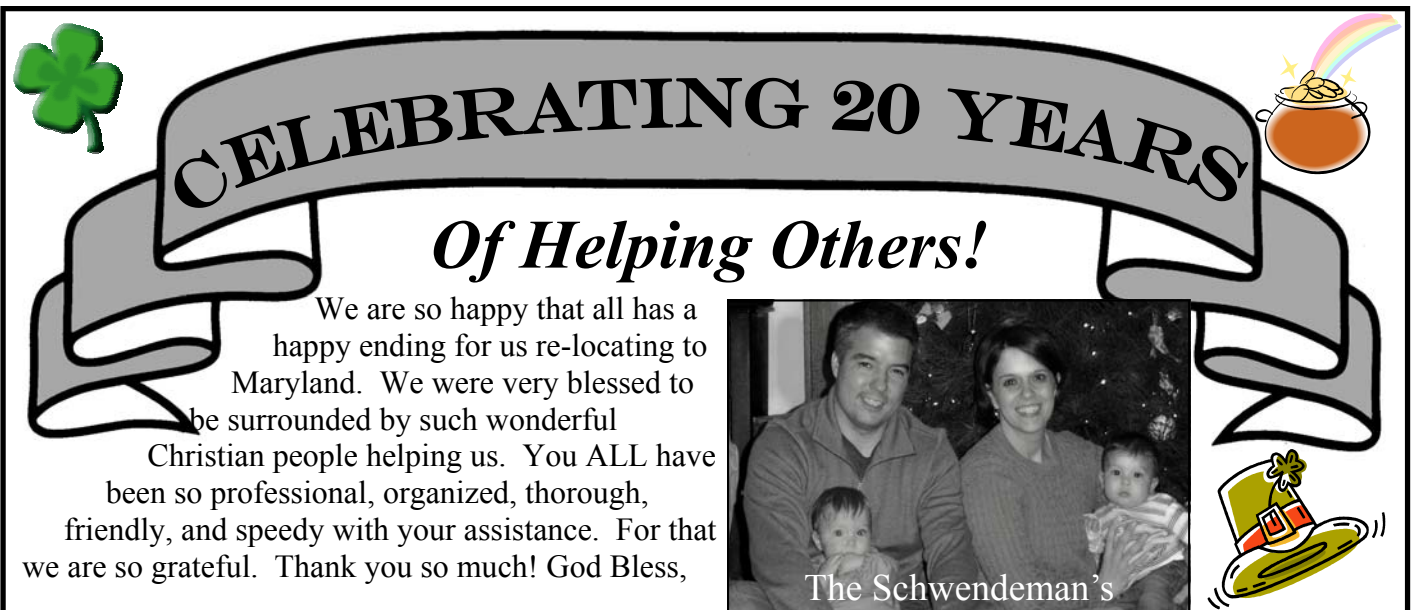
Then run an outdoor hose, full strength if you have a deep well. If you have a shallow well or a well that would be taxed, turn the hose on enough so that you hear the well pump turn on and then off for a few mintues before turning on again. (Stand by the well and listen). This is so it doesn't run dry and burn up the well pump. That would be a \$700 mistake. Well pumps aren't cheap.

Tip: Remove the cap to a sewer clean out and let the hose run into that instead of flooding your yard.

Let the hose run at least 12 hours. After 12 hours run all the cold water faucets and flush out the chlorine. Run until the chlorine smell is gone. Then you can use water in the house again but leave the outside hose running for another day or two to completely clear the chlorine out of the well. Retest the water.

Word to the Wise: Unless you really know what you are doing don't ever pull the tube and pump up out of the well. If the pump comes off the tube and falls to the bottom of the well, it's almost impossible to retrieve and a new well will have to be drilled. Leave that to the professionals.


P.S. I'm relocating out of state. I am really going to miss the Cape. This is a great place to live!




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County Council in Action

By Cathleen Vitale, 5th District
County Council Representative

TRENDS AND TRANSITIONS

Just the other day, someone pointed out to me that the County Executive has been in office a mere eight weeks. It certainly seems longer, as the transition went smoothly, and as all expected, County Executive Leopold hit the ground running. Unlike many private sector offices, there is no time to "get used" to the position. Government must continue on, and in most cases, those around you are just as new as you.

The County Council has had the advantage of returning veterans with the added freshness of

newly elected officials, together keen on making this County better than ever. Over the last month or so, we have appointed a new attorney to assist us with drafting legislation, re-appointed our Auditor, Administrative Officer and Assistant Administrative Officer and named the new members of the Board of Appeals. It has internally, been quite a busy few months.

During the first week of January, I along with new council member, Daryl Jones, attended the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Conference. I was honored to be sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors. MACO affords local legislatures the opportunity to meet with council members and commissioners from around the

state and discuss issues common to us all. To no one's surprise, housing, education and budgets seemed to take a front seat to all other discussions. While knowing that you are not "in it alone" is somewhat comforting, I continued to be bothered by the inability to solve some of the most basic of issues. Of importance to many, was developing priority lists for capital projects, and then sticking to the list.

Over the next several months you will see a common theme in the challenges of representing our area. As an aging community, we don't have the luxury of a pot full of impact fees or anyone offering to build a new wing (or renovate the ones we have) on our schools. The financial focus seems to be in west county where there is land to build on, and

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growth and development seems to be a sure thing. The reality is that we must continue to push for the needs of our community, by reminding state and local officials that we are one county, and that there are needs in all areas, not just one. This means taking time out of our already busy schedules to testify at state and local hearings, communicating to the Board of Education, the County Council and the County Executive regarding those projects that need a higher priority. Perhaps most of all, it means communication on a regular, on-going basis. Not just one letter, but multiple. Not just one email, but many well thought, (not form letters) pointing out issues important to your area. It also means, however, voicing your opinion as to how you would support funding our needs.

I have always been an advocate for a fiscally prudent government. As part of the County Executive's transition team, one of the charges from the Executive was to identify areas where the County can run more efficiently, thus identifying resources that can be used to fund these priorities. I am asking for your help. In order to assist in see a budget that reflects the needs of our community, please consider providing input. I would ask that you let me know what the specific priorities are in your area, and as the discussions have already begun regarding the revenue to pay for these needs, where do you believe the revenue (if additional revenue is needed), should come from. As your advocate, it is important to me not only to have your "wish list" but your "wish not" list

as well. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

By the way, in closing, anyone traveled Benfield Road lately? This is NOT a widening project. This is the replacement of the forced main, which runs underneath Benfield Road. When the County undertook to evaluate the conditions of our infrastructure, this line was identified as one that needed replacement before there was a problem. Please be patient, and bare with us. Otherwise it will be a long fourteen months.

As always, please feel free to contact me at cvitale@aacounty.org or 410-222-1401. I look forward to your insight and assistance on our pending financial decision making.

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History Committee Did you know?

That the Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS) has been established to safeguard and restore the Goshen Farm and its surrounding property? The Society is a non-profit organization developed exclusively for the preservation of this 18th century home and its remaining land, which is owned by the County Board Of Education. Starting as a subset of the CSCIA History Committee, it soon became apparent that it was necessary to branch out from the committee in order to pursue monetary grants and donations from various public and private organizations as a non-profit entity. While the GFPS is a separate organization from the CSCIA, it maintains a close relationship

with the Cape Improvement Association by having a member of its Board of Directors also serve as a History Committee officer.

The GFPS is currently working toward its official not-for-profit status (i.e. 501c3), but in the mean time has begun accepting memberships from interested individuals, as well as sponsorships from local businesses. Individual membership is \$20 dollars, which entitles the member to our quarterly newsletter, access to our email alias, and the opportunity to learn more about the fascinating details of this historic property and assist in the evolution of the Society. Additional membership benefits are being planned, as are other activities, including an information and membership booth at the Strawberry Festival, additional clean up days
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at the house and fund raising events. Members (as well as non-members) are also welcome to attend the monthly joint CSCIA History Committee/GFPS meetings held on the first Monday of each month. Our membership currently includes individuals with experience in historical architecture, archeology, historical building restoration, marketing, fine art, project management and planning, and

many other skills and interests. If you would like to learn more about Goshen Farm and the efforts to protect and restore this marvelous piece of Cape St. Claire history, please email us at: Goshenfarm2007@cscia.org for more information. We look forward to meeting you in the future!

Submitted by Stuart Bailey

Cape Clean-Up—Save the Dates The clean-up will be held in the fenced area near the old mulch pile at the corner of Broadview and Cape St. Claire Road. The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. We will be recycling again this year. More details in the September Caper.

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Cape St. Claire's Olympic Goal

Farrah Hall, a former resident since birth, of Cape St. Claire, has been actively training to participate in the '08 Beijing Olympics in the sport of windsurfing.

Farrah is a graduate of Broadneck H.S., and St. Mary's College in southern Maryland. She is presently in St. Petersburg, Florida, training for placement in the Olympic Team.

As with all Olympic athletes, she is actively seeking sponsorships and contributions to help with expenses incurred in training, coaching, obtaining athletic equipment for windsurfing, and traveling to and participating in required regattas. Her success in

very much contingent upon the support of sponsors or donors.

If your business or family might be able to help support this Olympic Campaign for Farrah, donations can be sent two ways:

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By visiting Farrah's website, you can find many more details about her activities.

Web Site:
www.farrah-hall.com

Thank you!

Submitted by Linda Hall



CONTEST RULES

- 1.) You can only win once per year.
- 2.) Snowmen, igloos and other creatures made of snow are permitted!
- 3.) There must be *some* wild animal print within your snow creation.
- 4.) A photo of the snowsculpture must be submitted within 7 days of the snow by emailing the photo to: amy@househuntress.com or by requesting that a photo be taken by dialing: 410-353-2123.

All entries may be posted on the *House Huntress* website!

The *House Huntress*, Amy Juras, will be judging all entries and *she loves all things jungle!* Keep this in mind when designing your snowsculptures!

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