

The Caper

Our 56th Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

March 2012

Think Spring!

President's Perspective

As I write this, it seems we dodged one of the few chances of snow we have had so far this year. The mild weather this winter has been a real treat for outdoor activities. But I know a few kids (and adults) who are still hoping for a "snow day."

The Board continues with our efforts to remove the illegal racially restrictive language found in our Covenants. I am pleased to report that we are very close to reaching the required 85% of community resident votes! The most recent count shows that we need fewer than 50 more votes. So, if you haven't yet voted, please take a moment to complete the ballot contained in this issue of The Caper. I also want to recognize the efforts and the volunteer work that Sam Gallagher, Amy Juras, and many others have put into this initiative. I hope to report to you in one of the next issues of The Caper, that our community succeeded in revising the Covenants.

Another potential addition to the community you may be interested in is that the county has received an application for "telecommunications facility" (cell phone tower) which

would potentially be placed in the area behind the Fire Department. At a recent community meeting, there were some questions about the tower. By a large margin, most of the feedback I have heard from community members is positive, and residents have stated that there is a need for enhanced cell phone coverage, and that the need will only continue to grow. We will keep you posted.

Here are a few key community dates to keep in mind: Cape Youth Sailing registration opens on March 1st, Goshen Farm's 2nd Annual Java and Jazz fundraiser will be held on March 25th, CSCIA Quarterly Meeting will be held on April 24th, "Escape in the Cape" 5K run to support the elementary school will be held on April 28th, and Cape Clean-Up days will be June 29th and 30th this year.

In closing, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for the long-standing partnership the Board has had with the Cape shopping center business owners. Their continued service and contributions to the community are examples of what make Cape St. Claire a great place to live!

BOARD IN BRIEF

February 13, 2012

The February 2012 CSCIA Monthly Board of Governors meeting was convened on February 13, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, Cox Meeting Room.

President's Remarks: President Mooneyhan noted that, in addition to the regular monthly meetings, there has been a lot of email and telephone communication

Dates to Remember

- 3/1 Youth Sailing registration
- 3/11 Garden Club 37th Anniversary dinner
- 3/25 GFPS Java & Jazz
- 3/31 Easter Egg Hunt
- 3/31 GFPS Garden Shower
- 4/8 Easter Sunrise Service at the Main Beach

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among the Board members discussing appointments.

President Mooneyhan noted the following appointments to Committee chairmanships:

Governor Mooneyhan: President, Buildings, Covenants, and representative to the Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC) and Cape Business Owners and Lot Association committee.

Governor Biondi: Vice President and Piers, and representative to the BCC and Goshen Farm Preservation Society.

Governor Campbell: Roads.

Governor Dembowski: Beaches and Parks.

Governor Gardner: Personnel, Mosquito Control, Co-Chair Covenants.

Governor Lamb: Secretary, Clubhouse, Caper

Governor Myers: Treasurer.

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Mary Lamb

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Richard Veno

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Bruce Campbell

Frank Newman

Budget Committee:

Michael Buchet

David Toy

Scott Nogal

Governor Newman: Website.

Governor Veno: Membership,

Nominating Committee

President Mooneyhan stated that she and Governor Biondi had met with Speaker of the House Mike Busch with the BCC to discuss Cape concerns, particularly transportation, stormwater management, and Goshen Farm. Governor Biondi volunteered to be the BOG liaison for the Goshen Farm Preservation Society.

President Mooneyhan remarked that there was a good turnout for last week's community meeting to discuss concerns at the intersection of Southview and Chestnut Tree Drive near the high school.

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

January 9, 2012 CSCIA

Monthly BOG meeting minutes:

Governor Newman

made a motion to approve these minutes. Governor Myers seconded the motion and it was approved.

December 31, 2011 and January 31, 2012 Profit and Loss Statements (P&Ls):

Governor Biondi made a motion to table these P&L statements until the next meeting when all have had chance to look them over. Governor Newman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Covenants: President Mooneyhan briefed the BOG on the status of a violation AA Co. and a resident cited for maintaining a "junkyard" on his lot. She also informed the board

that she is working with a developer who is trying to build in the critical area to get acceptable plans.

Piers: Governor Biondi said that he had met with someone to review the Piers computer system. In addition, he thought it was important to have a functional, proactive Piers Committee to deal with problems as they arise, keeping the piers safe and the slip renters happy. Governor Campbell noted that he knew of a few people who have volunteered to help monitor conditions at the piers.

Budget: Governor Biondi noted that he has been appointed as the BOG representative to the Budget Committee. He has met with the committee and feels that there are people on the Budget Committee

with good financial backgrounds.

Clubhouse: President Mooneyhan thanked Governor Lamb for the repairs to the sidewalk outside of the office door. Governor Lamb stated that Clubhouse rentals have been doing well and that she will soon have three estimates for the Clubhouse re-roofing job.

Caper: Governor Lamb said that The Caper is doing well.

Mosquito Control: Governor Gardner will be getting in touch with the Department of Agriculture about mosquito control to insure that the Cape does not get dropped from the program.

Roads: Governor Dembowski said that a request for a speed hump on Southview arose as a result of last week's community

meeting. He plans to contact the county relative to this issue. There was discussion relative to the number of accidents at Green Holly and Chestnut Tree.

Website: Governor Newman urged the BOG members to take a look at the BOG page on the CSCIA website to make sure their information is correct and that they are receiving emails.

Membership: Governor Veno said that he would be willing to help the BOG in any way he can.

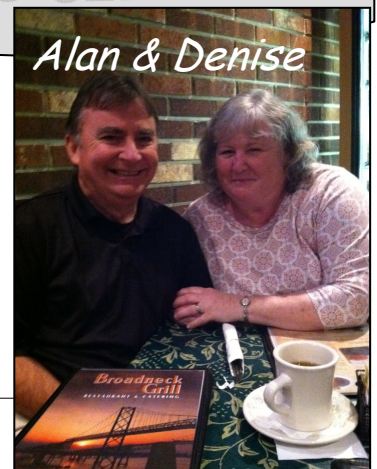
Treasurer: Governor Myers said that she will be looking over the Financials and commenting on the format. She is looking forward to working with the Budget Committee.

Roads: Governor Campbell re-

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requested an updated list of AA Co. contacts for road improvement issues. Governor Dembowski stated that Kathy Sharp was the project manager for the Cape St. Claire Road project.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee met to discuss the by-laws, the County code, and how the Budget Committee software works for tracking the budget and expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was some discussion of the ongoing effort to have the illegal race-restrictive clause removed from the Covenants, and how we might improve the response to requests for community votes on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding the by-laws as they relate to the removal of Governors for absence from meetings.

Governor Dembowski expressed his concerns about taking over legal issues that Governor Newman was working on regarding Beaches and Parks. Governor Newman stated that he would continue to deal with the current issues.

Governor Veno was named Chairman of the Nominating Committee, along with Membership. Governor Veno expressed an interest in helping with the weekly monitoring of pier conditions.

Governor Biondi stated that he was very appreciative of all the volunteers willing to help look after the piers.

Governor Lamb noted that Cape Clean-up will take place on June 29 and 30 of this year.

Adjournment: Governor Newman made a motion to adjourn from the regular monthly meeting and enter into a Closed Session meeting to discuss legal matters. Governor Dembowski seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The regular February 13, 2012 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Closed Session Meeting: A Closed Session meeting was convened at 8:35 P.M. and adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Attendance: Governors Biondi, Campbell, Dembowski, Gardner, Lamb, Mooneyhan, Myers, Newman, Veno were in attendance. Also present were Budget Committee Chairman Mike Buchet and member David Toy.



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Women's Breakfast in the Fellow-
ship Hall: Parables of Jesus

March 10th -
8:00 AM Cape Kids Cor-

ner Pancake breakfast Fundraiser
at Applebee's.

7:00 PM Annual Coffeehouse -
an evening of entertainment,
laughter, and fellowship in the
Fellowship Hall.

Holy Week Services

- Palm Sunday - April 1st -
9:00 a.m. Remembering Je-
sus' entry into Jerusalem
- Holy Thursday -7:30
p.m. Remembrance of Jesus'
Last Supper
- Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. - Re-
membrance of the Sacrifice
- Easter Celebration Service -
Sanctuary -9:00 a.m. - He Is
Risen! Hallelujah!

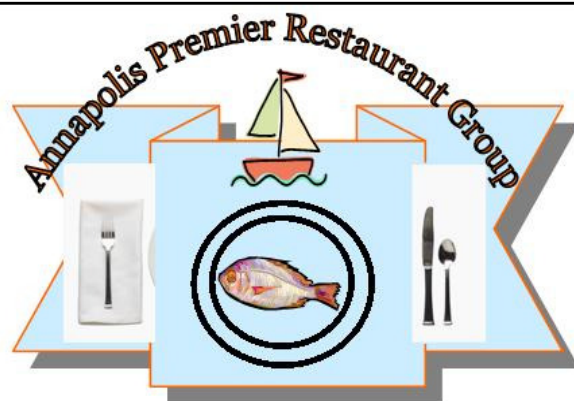
Easter Sunrise Service - April 8th
6 am at the Main Beach
Following the service, there will
be a breakfast in the clubhouse
hosted by the Cape St. Claire
United Methodist Men.



Garden Club

Ah, I can smell that
spring is here, and all around the
birds are chirping in confirma-
tion. Snowdrops and dwarf iris
are in full bloom, the daffodils
are up, some are even blooming!
If you haven't already, it's time
to cut back your sedums and
fountain grasses, and to prune
your butterfly bushes to the
ground to encourage the bushi-
est new growth from the base.
Lime that lawn and get some
Bulb Tone for the daffodils!
(See our blog at
www.capegardenclub.wordpress.com
for more month-to-
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The Garden Club met in Febru-
ary and enjoyed a very interest-



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ing and detailed presentation by Heike Nolker, a local landscape designer. She told us about the importance of hardscape (stone, wood, paths), especially a nice, wide front walk. Then she showed us lots of photos of her work, before and after. From a gorgeous front walk planting with terraced walls to a dry river bed stone installation for reducing flooding in a yard, from retaining walls to decks to ponds, she loves to solve problems and then create new planting beds in which her clients can garden. We all enjoyed her slides and discussion very much!

Please join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 6th, at 7pm**, when Zora Lanthan, along with the Watershed Stewards, will be speaking about **rain gardens** and reducing run off in the Cape. Do you have storm water problems? Does your yard turn to mushy mud when it rains, or threaten to wash away? Please join us to learn specific remedies you can use, and to learn about current projects underway in the Cape to improve our water runoff issues. We will learn about laying out and planting rain gardens, special beds that can hold large amounts

of run off while hosting native plants and butterflies and beautifying your yard to boot! Please bring a friend and join us for this informative talk on a challenge that so many of us in the Cape face.

Another way to reduce rain runoff is to use rain barrels under our gutter downspouts. The Garden Club will be selling **rain barrels** made by a family-owned company (see <http://www.rainbarrelsintl.com/products.asp>) to benefit Goshen Farm Preservation Trust. If you want to harvest rain water for your parched plants all summer long, reduce runoff to the Chesapeake, and help Goshen Farm preserve a historic site and open space (it's a win-win-win!), then stay tuned for more information in future Capers and on our blog, or email

audreymarmot@yahoo.com to reserve your barrels now.

On **Sunday, March 11th, at 6pm**, the Garden Club will celebrate our 37th anniversary with our annual potluck dinner. With our 2 founding members, Doris Clair & Kitty Donovan, we'll kick off another season of gardening fun. We look forward to welcoming spring with a plant raffle and a delicious potluck dinner.

To RSVP for any of these events, or if you have any questions or comments: please **contact Laura at 349-3390 or flokell@verizon.net**. You can always find updated information and month-specific gardening tips at our blog, www.capegardenclub.wordpress.com.

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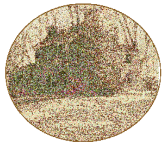
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Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer



Goshen Farm Preservation Society

The Goshen Farm Preservation Society is proud to announce that the Grand Opening of the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden, and plot rental will be March 31, 2012 from 10:00-2:00 at the Goshen Farm 1420 Cape Saint Claire Road.

All are welcome to see what it's all about.

The Goshen Farm Sharing Garden provides a place for you and your neighbors to garden, in a special place. Garden Committee Chair Nicole Neboshynsky understands the mature trees of the Cape St. Claire community contribute to the charm and uniqueness of the area, but they also make it difficult for many residents to grow their own vegeta-

bles and flowers. Nicole's desire to revive the working history of Goshen Farm while making a positive impact on the community are key to the establishment of the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden, where beginning and expert gardeners are encouraged to "Get Dirty and Eat Fresh!"

Benefits of a Community Garden

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 - Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
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 - Encourages Self-Reliance
 - Beautifies Neighborhoods
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 - Reduces Family Food Budgets
 - Conserves Resources
 - Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
 - Reduces Crime
 - Preserves Green Space
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Meetings are held at the Broad-neck library from 7-9 the first Thursday of the month. We will move the day, time and location in the late spring to be held at the garden until the weather forces us inside again. All are welcome.

Garden plots sized at 10'x10' will be available for rent to Goshen Farm Preservation Society members in the spring of 2012. If you are a member interested in helping to develop the garden or want to rent a plot in 2012, send us an email at getdirtyeatfresh@gmail.com.

Visit our blog: getdirtyeatfresh.blogspot.com/

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"HAPPY VALENTINES DAY ALLI"

"WILL YOU GO TO PROM WITH ME"

I was deeply touched by the message. My thoughts immediately went to how important this young lady must be to this young man. Having a daughter of my own I had firsthand experience on Prom Invitations for her and many of her friends. I must say they were creative, but none as touching as this one.

I have word from a source close

to Alli and her date that she said "Yes"!!!!

Alli you are a very lucky girl and I sincerely hope you and Bradley enjoy the prom.

Submitted by Mary Lamb

What's Going On In the Cape

Want to be in the "know"? Join the "I Live In Cape St. Claire" Facebook page. Discussions vary from furniture sales to missing yard items to referrals for services and great places to eat. You can find out about events in the community as well. Currently the site has over 600 members. It's a great place to discuss topics relevant to the Cape and surrounding area. Hope to see you there!

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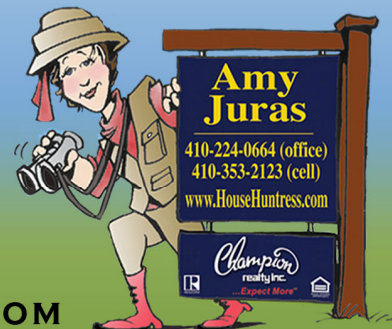


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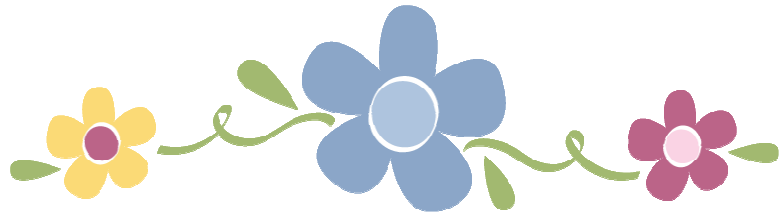


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ERODING BANKS, MANY WITH TREES FALLING
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GFPS, the 22 acres of Goshen Farm property would be the site of 300 townhomes or 100 private homes with the accompanying streets, noise, and traffic.

If you would like to see Goshen Farm remain as open space, please consider becoming a member of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society. Among other things, membership allows you to wander the property at your leisure and enjoy the peace and tranquility that this historic property has to offer. As with other historic sites around the county, the public is invited to visit during planned events, but non-members who frequent the property when it is not open to the public are doing so AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Visit our website for more information on joining and how you can help in the

many facets of this worthy cause. www.goshenfarm.org— goshenfarm1783@gmail.com

Sincerely,
GFPS Board of Directors

CSC Babysitters List

Looking for a babysitter in the Cape? Check out the list on www.CSCIA.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Neighbors,

Thanks to those of you who have widened driveways or carved out parking areas on your property. I would like to invite those of you who constantly park cars, boats and trucks on the narrow Cape roads to consider doing the same, especially those of you on curves, tops of hills and at intersections. The obstructions and blind spots make trips through the Cape worrisome.

A concerned neighbor,
Jane Wingard

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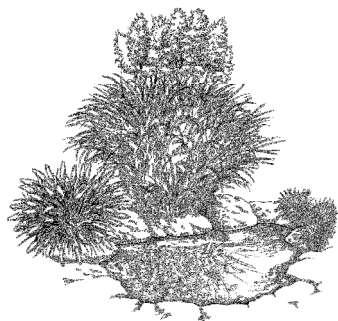
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Who Am I?

We didn't have any winners from the last issue of "Who Am I" contest.

Picture 1



March Who Am I?

If you think you know the identity of the subjects in these pictures email your guess to Caper@cscia.org. The first correct email will win a \$10.00 Gift Card. Check your April Caper for the identity of the March photos, the winner of the \$10.00 gift card and another chance to test your community knowledge. Many thanks to our local business men and women for their community support!



Picture 2



THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO CAPE ST. CLAIRE SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012 MAIN BEACH - 11:00 AM

Hop on over and join your friends and neighbors for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival.

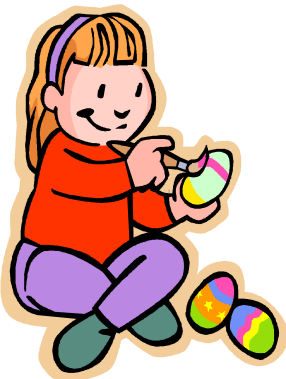
The hunt will begin promptly at 11:15. The Easter Bunny will be available on the overlook for pictures. Please bring your own cameras.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Sodas will be available for purchase during this event.

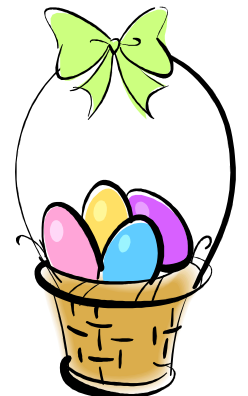
ADMISSION TO THE EGG HUNT IS BY TICKET ONLY.

Tickets may be obtained from RICHARDS TREE CARE during regular business hours (8:30 AM until 2:30 PM) Monday thru Friday.

The cost of the tickets is 1 dozen plastic eggs and 1 bag of individually wrapped candies small enough to fit inside of the eggs (No Hard Candies Please). *During off hours tickets may also be obtained from Cape Hair Scene and Barber just a few doors away.*



If you should have any questions about the egg hunt please call Mary at (410)757-0593. And as always remember to thank Christy and everyone at Richards Tree Care for volunteering to be our ticket center. richardstree-care@aol.com



February 1, 2012

Dear Fellow Caper:

As you may have heard, our community has been trying to remove a racially restrictive clause from our Covenants which dates back to 1949. The language of the clause is as follows:

“At no time shall any lot or any part thereof be sold leased, transferred to or permitted to be occupied by any Negro, Chinaman, Japanese, or person of Negro, Chinese, or Japanese descent. This restriction is not intended to include servants or employees of the owner or occupant of said lot.”

The Fair Housing Act of 1968, and other provisions, rendered this paragraph unconstitutional. However, the original developer of Cape St. Claire, did not provide us a way to modify the original covenants, so it remains on everyone’s Home Owners Association packets. To the best of our knowledge, the community never actually enforced this covenant. However, the Maryland Homeowners Association Act (MD code, under real estate, Title 11B, Sec. 113.3) provides a provision to allow communities, such as ours, to amend the covenants. All that we need is to get approval of 85% of Cape lot owners. We are currently very close to reaching the 85%, but need your help.

Would you please take a moment to mark your choice below and hand it to a volunteer, or drop it off at the CSCIA office as soon as possible? Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Mooneyhan
President CSCIA

_____ I agree to remove the racially restrictive paragraph from our Covenants.
_____ I do not agree to remove the racially restrictive paragraph from our Covenants.

Lot number and street address: -----

Signature:

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