

# The Caper

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

## MARCH 2014

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message we are experiencing yet another snow day and after a few winters of mild weather, I believe we have had our fair share of the cold and snow this season. First, I would like to thank those neighbors who have lent a helping hand during these storms or assisted in maintaining our community properties. Thanks should go out to Steiny and Dottie for keeping the clubhouse parking lot and sidewalks clear so events could take place as scheduled. I would also like to make mention of a few that I know have helped to clear sidewalks near the school even though it was not their responsibility, just to name a few, Rich Glass, Ryan Lester, Jon Braun, and Scott Dembowski. Secondly, thanks to all those who took time to clear their sidewalks in front of their homes this winter so there was safe walking passage for the rest of us Capers. Lastly, I would like to thank the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works (DPW), their employees and snow removal contractors for doing a great job in plowing in a timely fashion. It's been a long time since I remember our streets being plowed as the snow has come down and waking to passable streets throughout much of the Cape, kudos DPW!

Spring is approaching and as the ground thaws we will begin working in our yards and working to maintain and improve our Cape Beaches and Parks. We have projects planned with continuing the Lake Claire Restoration Project, some capital improvements to make at the Main Beach and other parks. If you are interested in volunteering or have a group that needs service hours, please touch base with us at [parks@cscia.org](mailto:parks@cscia.org) to see how you can help.

We as a Board I believe have done a good job of keeping up with the day to day items of our community, but one thing I believe we need to do is also look to the future to see what planning can be done. I have read over about 7 years of Caper publications to see what the board has done in the past and long range planning has not been a focus for some time and I believe it should be on the radar. I have asked each Board Member to come up with a wish list so to speak of three items they believe we should be focusing on over the next 3-5 years as a community with regards to improving our community and its properties. This will help with future budgeting and prioritizing how we spend money most effectively, but focusing our time, the most valued resource, as volunteers to what we deem priorities. I will report back to you next month what the list of ideas looks like and we will be asking for your ideas too in the coming months.

In closing I have one house keeping item to highlight this month, your lot maintenance fees! Make sure you get your fees into the Clubhouse in a timely manner so you can get your new stickers for your cars. Remember, if you have more than two vehicles, it's only \$5.00 extra to prevent you getting towed this summer!

I look forward to seeing you all around the community, please consider volunteering some time or attending our next quarterly meeting to see how you can help in making this a great place to live!

Best wishes, Beau Breedon



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# BOARD IN BRIEF

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. He said that our guests would speak prior to the scheduled agenda.

The first guest was Kyle Crosby of Hutton Miller Independent Film, seeking permission to film off of Lake Claire pier and in the parking lot for about 4 days in early May. He provided an information sheet briefly describing the film and his work. He is working with Peter Hutton, a Cape resident and Lake Claire slipholder. Neither Lake Claire nor Cape St. Claire would be mentioned by name in the film. The Board thanked him and said it would discuss the matter in New Business.

The second guest was Pat Lynch, of the Broadneck Council of Communities, of which the Cape is a member. She noted that Governor Biondi has stepped down as the Cape representative to the BCC and the Board needs to find a replacement. She gave a brief history of previous peninsula-wide community efforts, the formation and history of the BCC, and past and current efforts of the BCC with regard to comprehensive rezoning, current issues, and traffic issues. The focus is on zoning, the environment and stormwater, communications and transportation planning. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday evening at the Cape clubhouse with 9 speakers coming to discuss issues. The Board thanked her for all the BCC has done and Governor Gardner had high praise for Pat and working with the BCC.

Governor Breeden will fill in as the Board representative temporarily. Governor Biondi thought that we might want to include BCC reports at the quarterly meetings, as updates to the Board, and as synopses and information in the Caper. He pointed out that the Cape is the largest community in the BCC.

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

**December 9, 2013 Monthly BOG meeting minutes:** Governor Snow made a motion that these minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Governor Gardner and passed.

**November 30, 2013, December 31, 2013, Finals and January 31, 2014 Preliminary Profit and Loss Statements:** Governor Myers made a motion to approve these P&Ls. The motion was seconded by Governor Norris and passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Dembowski said that things have been quiet with the cold weather. He met with South River Landscape about installing a paver-based sidewalk entering the Main Beach. He also said that on February 2<sup>nd</sup> he discovered substantial damage to the hillside between parking lots at Deep Creek, caused by ATVs. He will discuss the issue and erosion control measures with the maintenance crew.

**Treasurer:** Governor Myers noted that we are about where we should be at this time of the year. The SCBD budget has been submitted to the County, thanks to the efforts of the Budget Committee, Governor Breeden, and Elaine. She has been in touch with our accountant regarding non-profit status, who was negative to the idea. The Board will look into the issue further.

**Events:** Governor Myers said that there will be a meeting on Sunday, February 16 to begin planning the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

**Piers:** Governor Biondi reported that Piers contracts were mailed January 24. About 40 have been returned to date. The deadline is April 1, 2014. The bubbler system continues to work and is being monitored by members of the committee. As part of the new long-term planning budget, there are no major capital projects scheduled for this year. Governor Biondi will talk with the Board later in the year regarding slip fees and maintenance costs, recognizing that the piers do need to be self-sustaining.

**Erosion Control:** Governor Vaccaro spoke with Biohabitats, who is putting together a new grant proposal for Lake Claire.

**Covenants:** Governor Hazen had nothing new to report.

**Budget Committee:** Committee member Toy had nothing new to report.

**Buildings:** Governor Gardner said the only new permit was for a swimming pool, and that there is nothing new with regards to the Long Point Terrace property.

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**Communications:** Governor Snow will be meeting with the Executive Board to document a communications policy and look at future technology needs.

**Website:** Governor Newman asked members to send any information to be posted or post it themselves, and asked that they verify their assignments on the page.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb would like articles for the next issue as soon as possible.

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb said that Clubhouse rentals have been slow over the winter but are picking up now.

**Membership:** Governor Norris is trying to line up an erosion control person for a meeting, and possibly a mosquito control person for the April quarterly meeting. She has gotten more volunteers to work on events.

**Security:** Governor Breeden said that the cold weather has kept things quiet. He mentioned the ATV damage at Deep Creek, noted that community service is being performed as mandated by the court, and said that reports by our nighttime security personnel show that things are quiet. There is a Neighborhood Watch meeting planned in March with an AAPD representative.

**President's Remarks:** President Breeden thanked those who emailed early committee reports. He asked that anyone wishing to be the BCC representative let him know. He would like a 1 to 3 year plan from each committee member with the goal of involving residents, through the Caper, to get input on various ideas for improving the Cape. He also asked that members send their committee chair job descriptions to Governor Norris.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received a letter of complaint from a resident regarding an ATV racetrack at 1089 River Bay Road. The County and the Police, when contacted, have indicated there are no violations there. Letters have been sent to the resident and been replied to with counter-complaints. There was some discussion that what is going on may be a violation of some covenant. It was thought that the Board needed a good description of what was actually going

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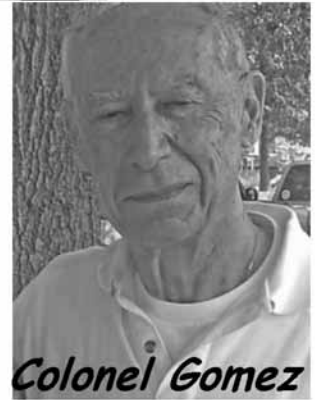
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on and perhaps complaints from more people in the neighborhood. It was suggested that we try and get responses from all the neighbors within 300 feet of the noise and that we monitor the decibel levels ourselves. A motion was made by Governor Biondi that the Board agree to purchase a decibel meter and try to document the activity as brought the complainant. The motion was seconded by Governor Myers and passed.

Governor Lamb is looking into getting a more up to date electronic signboard. This is a good time as the old one will need to be moved or removed with the Cape St. Claire Road work. She is looking into other locations for the signboard.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The request to film at Lake Claire was discussed. It was stipulated that their activities cannot impede normal activities of Cape residents, that any generator noise has to be kept to a minimum, and that filming activities can only take place Monday through Friday. By consensus, the Board agreed that the filming was permitted with the stipulations as noted.

Governor Dembowski is leaving sample books of pervious pavers for members to look at. He would like to the look in with whatever new sidewalk is going in at the Clubhouse.

There will be a 7:00 P.M. meeting at the Clubhouse on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, with the County explaining all the aspects of the Cape St. Claire Road work and water expansion. The meeting will be noted in the Caper, on the signboard, on the Cape Facebook page and on the Cape website.

Governor Norris will talk with the BLOA about placement and possible cost-sharing of the new signboard.

Governor Biondi said that he would like to see absences and abstentions listed in the minutes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Governor Biondi moved that the Board adjourn. The motion was seconded by Governor Newman and approved unanimously. The February 10, 2014 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Governors Biondi, Breeden, Dembowski, Gardner, Hazen, Lamb, Myers, Newman, Norris, Snow, and Vaccaro were present. Governor Veno was absent. Also present was Budget Committee member Toy.

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## **EPIPHANY COMMUNITY**

The Epiphany Community celebrates Catholic mass every Sunday at 9:30am in the Cape St. Claire Club House. We are in the process of selecting a new board of directors.

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Anne Arundel County Waste Management has graciously offered Cape Residents a weekend in June for our 2014 Clean-Up. The Clean-UP will begin as soon as the County arrives on Friday (before Noon). We will make every effort to operate the Clean-Up until 4:30 PM on Friday, space permitting. On Saturday the 28th the Clean-up will begin at 7:30 AM and continue until approximately 2:00 PM, space permitting. In an effort to protect our environment and dispose of our trash properly, Anne Arundel County will be providing the clean-up with cans for recycling and 2 on-site Anne Arundel County Employees to assist the residents with the proper disposal of their TRASH. When you arrive at the clean-up you will be asked to dispose of your TRASH in the proper cans. Please keep this in mind as you load your vehicles. Try to keep your recyclables together (Glass, Cardboard, Paper, Metals etc...).

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- ♦ Boats
- ♦ Tires
- ♦ Logs
- ♦ Paints
- ♦ Refrigerators
- ♦ Air Conditioners

If you should have any questions about the clean-up please contact **Mary Lamb at 410-757-0593.**

## NUTRITION NEWS

So hard to believe it's already the end of session 2 of our weight loss challenge! The winter is flying by! This session we lost 19 pounds and 28.5 inches in only 6 weeks!

Our next session starts on Thursday, March 13th at 10 am at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. All are welcome to join at any time.

We would like to start an evening class as well, so if you are interested in morning or evening classes, please call Laura McIntyre at (443) 569-9082 or (410) 757-1354 for more information.



## Did You Know?



**Green has historically been associated with St. Patrick's Day.**

The Irish countryside may be many shades of green, but knights in the Order of St. Patrick wore a color known as St. Patrick's blue. Why did green become so emblematic of St.

Patrick that people began drinking green beer, wearing green and, of course, dyeing the Chicago River green to mark the holiday he inspired? The association probably dates back to the 18th century, when supporters of Irish independence used the color to represent their cause.

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## ***The Easter Bunny is Coming!***

**Saturday, April 12th  
See page 12 for details**

# GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Still waiting for the weather to break and hopefully by the time this issue of The Caper is out, the snow will be gone for good. We are ready to dig in and make this a banner year for GFPS. To kick things off, please join us for our annual *Java & Jazz!* event on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Featuring the music of the Jazz Perpetrators (whose time has been graciously donated), this FREE gathering will have hot coffee, tea, and cocoa, sweet and savory appetizers to enjoy while listening and dancing to some great sounds.

The second event to put on your calendar is the Goshen Farm Open House on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Both events are a great opportunity to find out what we have done and what we are doing to preserve this cultural and historical treasure in the midst of our community and to educate all Broadneck residents, including our children, about our rich agrarian history. We'll have more on this event in the next issue of The Caper.

If you have been thinking about becoming a member, now is the time to take action. We have grown to over 100 members and we hope to have at least 200 by the end of the year. You can get all of the information you need at <http://goshenfarm.org/gfps-members/become-a-member/> or you can sign up at one of our events. Take advantage of our walking trail, complete with a guide to interesting things to see along your way. Both were developed as a special project by one of our local Girl Scouts. The guide is available at our web site. It is a great way to unwind and get a little exercise, too.

The Sharing Garden is off to another great start under new Garden Committee Chair, Terry Brandon. There may still be a few plots left if you want to "Get Dirty/ Eat Fresh." More information on the garden is also available at our web site, graciously managed by our Communications Director, John Maggio.

This year, we will be focusing on Preservation and Education. We hope to build grass-roots individual and community support from Ritchie Highway to Sandy Point. It is only through this support that we will preserve 22 acres of land for residents to enjoy, renovate a historic treasure, and educate people about how typical middle-class farm families have lived on the Broadneck Peninsula for over 200 years.

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One of the most meaningful opportunities we have at Cape. St. Claire UMC is to host a week of Winter Relief. This is our second year to house and feed the homeless with our co-host, Broadneck Baptist. It was such a powerful ministry for our members last year that we made the decision to host a second week by ourselves. Shown below is a poem written by one of our guest. Perhaps this will touch you in the way it has moved us. At Cape UMC we are always asking, "O loving God, What would you have us to do?"

## **He Pursued Me**

*I once was a child, so pure in my heart  
Not realizing it was just the start.  
Learning to walk, to live so free  
I had no idea what was ahead of me.  
The years became grey, stormy and dark  
To include no hope, not even a spark.  
Shedding tear after tear, my hope had died  
So far from the child, I once was inside.  
I tell you this, because someone was near  
Despite my shame, guilt and fear.  
I pushed you away, only to say  
That I'll figure this out, in my own time and way.  
You smiled at me and made so clear  
That I was your child, you loved so dear.  
Hint after hint, tug after tug  
It was He the whole time, the man from above.  
You continued to pursue, again and again  
Still it was I who chose not to let you in.  
The picture started to become clear, that I cannot deny  
It is I you have chosen, to begin to fly.  
O thank you, Almighty Lord from above  
Now it's time to praise you with my internal love.*

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***We warmly invite you to join us for our Lent activities:***

**Every Sunday in Lent** at our 9 a.m. service, we will be preparing for Easter with our worship series "Christ is calling Us through Our Brokenness"

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - March 4, 5p.m. to 7p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets available at the door.

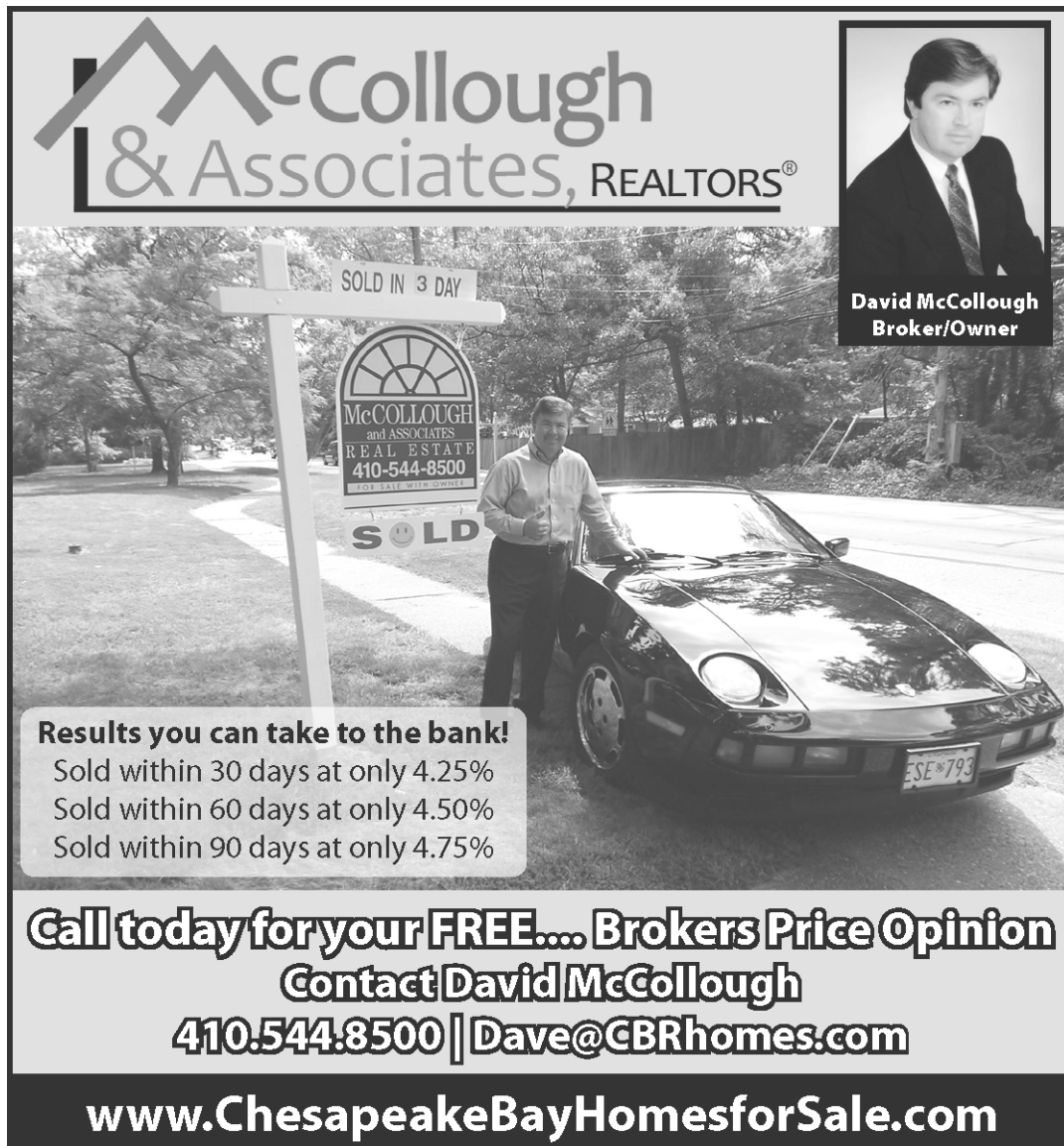
**Ash Wednesday Services** - March 5, 6:30a.m. and 7:30p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Annual Coffeehouse** - March 22th - Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. 6:30 p.m. seating and refreshments, 7 p.m. "curtain rises". \$4/adult -\$1/child. Join us for an evening of entertainment, laughter, and fellowship.

**Cape Kids Corner** - Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year begins in March. We invite you to call the school (410-757-2271) or email us (cscumc.org) for a tour of our school so we may be of assistance. Also we invite you to join us for our **Annual Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser**. On March 29, from 8-10pm, we will be at the Applebee's Restaurant on Generals Highway serving up flapjacks for all who enter.

**Coffee at the Point** - Each Wednesday when weather allows. Reaching out to our Broadneck High School morning and afternoon walkers with refreshments and caring conversation at Blue Ridge Drive and Chestnut Tree Drive.

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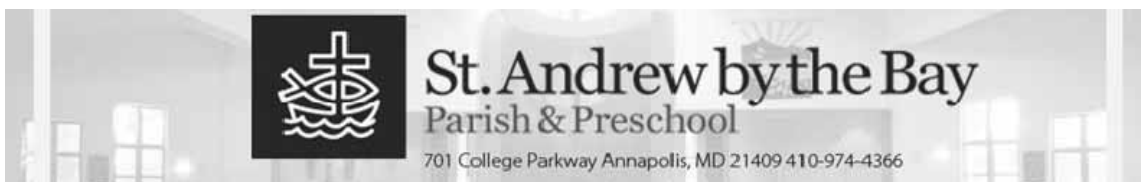
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*As you make your own Lent journey from Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup> to Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup> and are reminded in this time of our broken humanity, we pray that as the days grow brighter you will experience greater abundance and recognition of God's redeeming grace. Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' death and resurrection.*

***Please join us:***

*March 4<sup>th</sup> – Shrove Tuesday for our Pancake Supper – 5:30 to 7:00 pm*

*March 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday for our evening service – 7:00 pm*

*April 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday – 9:30 am and 11:00 am  
(with Easter Egg Hunt between the services)*

*April 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm*

*April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – sanctuary open  
from noon until 1:00 pm for guided individual prayers*

*April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter – 9:30 am and 11:00 am*

**There will be a New Members exploration class on March 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Please call to find out more.**

**Have you always wanted to read the Bible? Doing it with others can seem less daunting. Come read the Bible with us, the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Information is on our website.**

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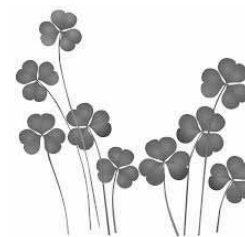
## **Easter Sunrise Service Cape St. Claire Main Beach**

**Easter Sunday  
6:15 am**

**CSC United Methodist Men Breakfast  
Immediately following Sunrise Service.**

### ***Did you Know?***

- ◆ The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States on March 17, 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City.



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## **THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO CAPE ST. CLAIRE**

**SATURDAY, April 12, 2014**

**MAIN BEACH - 11:00 AM**

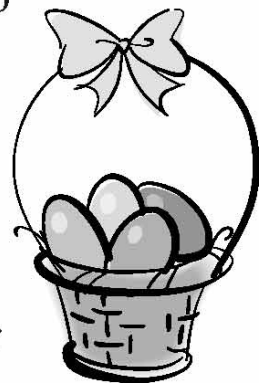
**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WHIMSICALITY**

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 AM on Saturday April 12th. 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 WHIMSICALITY in the CSC Shopping Center during regular business hours (10:00 AM until 6:00 PM) Monday thru Saturday and Sunday (12-4pm). 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). *If you should have any questions about the egg hunt please call Mary at (410)757-0593.* And as always remember to thank the kind folks at

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Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming volunteer opportunities:

Saturday, March 8th: 10am - noon

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We can use your help as we continue to eradicate phragmites, plant new plants in its place and remove vines from our reforestation areas. Stay tuned for more plans and information as the weather warms up!

If you would like more information about any of our projects, or have a question/suggestion, please contact Jennifer Vaccaro: [Lake-Claire@comcast.net](mailto:Lake-Claire@comcast.net)

Join our group on Facebook: Friends of Lake Claire

## CAPE CLEAN-UP!

Fri, June 27<sup>th</sup> & Sat, June 28<sup>th</sup>

*Corner of  
Broadview & Cape St. Claire Road*

If you should have any questions  
contact Mary Lamb at 410-757-0593

*See Page 6 for more details*



Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. Although North America is home to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many other locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore and Russia.

In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day was traditionally been a religious occasion. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, however, the Irish government began a national campaign to use interest in St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland and Irish culture to the rest of the world. Today, approximately 1 million people annually take part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theater productions and fireworks shows.

*history.com*

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## GARDEN CLUB

Spring is coming, I can feel it! This gardener has snowdrops already blooming and new leaves on her native honeysuckle. Other gardeners report their hellebores are blooming, and daffodil noses emerge everywhere. It's time to prune back your sedums and fountain grasses, and crepe myrtles too. Visit our blog at [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com) and click "What's in the Garden" to learn more about caring for your garden in early spring.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the clubhouse meeting room, to hear the renowned Dr. Francis Gouin, founder of the Master Gardeners program in Maryland and Professor emeritus of Horticulture, speak to our members. His talk will cover **Organic Gardening, Controlling Bugs, and Composting**, and should be useful to many of us in the Cape who grow our own edibles and/or maintain our gardens without pesticides or chemical fertilizers. We invite you all to join us, and especially the members of the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden. Bring a friend and join the fun – you're all more than welcome!

Then our next meetings will fall on Tuesday, April 1st and Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, both at 7pm in the clubhouse meeting room. At those meetings, our members will continue the preparations for our annual May plant sale. Please mark your calendars, everyone: this year our sale will be on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am-2pm**, location TBA, depending on the road construction schedule – stay tuned! We will again feature a large selection of mature perennials dug from our gardens for sun and shade, colorful annuals from a local grower, an exciting collection of native and rare perennial plants, in addition to many varieties of tomatoes, vegetables, and herbs. Best of all, there will be experienced and knowledgeable gardeners on hand to answer all your questions about what to plant and where. We love seeing all our neighbors and friends come out, and we so appreciate your support of our annual club fundraiser. So come on out again to shop, get advice, beautify your garden, and support your community, all in the same day!

If you have any old venetian blinds (plastic only) or old plastic plant pots of any size that you no longer need, our club would be happy to reuse these for our plant sale. Please drop them anytime in the driveway at 1121 River Bay Road. Thank you!

If you would like to attend our meetings, come anytime – all are welcome! If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Laura at [flokell@verizon.net](mailto:flokell@verizon.net) or phone her at 410-349-3390.

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# CAPE ST. CLAIRE ROAD EXPANSION MEETING RECAP

On Thursday, February 20th, 2014 at 7pm, the CSCIA hosted an Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works meeting regarding the upcoming road widening of Cape St. Claire Road. In attendance that night was the Honorable Dick Ladd, 7 County employees from multiple departments, and 60 plus residents of Cape St. Claire. The highlights of the project are listed below:

- Expected to start on March 24th, 2014 and end December 29th, 2014, at total of 280 days.
- The project will widened Cape St. Claire Road between Woodland Circle/ St Claire Court and Little Magothy View/ Hilltop Drive, which will also include the following: sidewalks on both sides of Cape St. Claire Road, shoulders, curbs, gutters and drainage upgrades.
- A turn lane will be added on Cape St. Claire Road at Hilltop to better facilitate traffic. This will mean the Community Guard House and Sign Board will be moved further back toward the tree line.
- There will be extensive storm water management improvements, including a step pool conveyance system near the firehouse, root pruning of existing trees and reforestation along the affected areas.
- Installation of a 12-inch diameter Water Main connection between Forrest Terrace and Hilltop Drive along Cape St. Claire Road, with possible connections available to residents in this area and connections available to the side streets included in scope of the project.
- It should be expected that throughout of the duration of the 9 month project, lane closures will occur Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm, with provisions being made to have a minimal impact on Emergency Services, mail delivery, trash collection, school bus services and traffic.
- During the course of the project, the County will keep the community updated on the construction schedule via social media, including Twitter, Facebook and their website. We will be adding an additional page to our website at [www.cscia.org](http://www.cscia.org) to include information provided by the County Department of Public Works, which will include PDF's, Facebook, & Twitter links regarding the expansion project as we receive them. We will also attempt to forward information via our Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Facebook page in order to provide timely information where possible.
- If additional meetings are needed, we will coordinate where possible.



This will be the largest project by the County in Cape St. Claire in recent history. I ask all Capers to prepare for the next 9 months by reviewing county information, planning ahead, staying connected and exercising patience during the course of the project. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email at [president@cscia.org](mailto:president@cscia.org) and I will do my best to connect you to the county resources and personnel regarding your questions.

Thanks in advance for you patience,

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