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Board in Brief

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on April 9, 2007 for its monthly meeting. President Josephine Gardner provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

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

President's Remarks: President Gardner stated that:

• She received an email from the Principal of the Cape St. Claire Elementary School requesting input on a possible conversion of the tennis courts into a parking area. President Garden said that she would seek input from the community before responding on this issue. County Executive, John Leopold, will be attending the April 24th CSCIA Quarterly Membership meeting.

Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve the March 12, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended, and the February 28, 2007 Financials. Both motions were approved.

Committee Reports:

<u>Covenants:</u> Governor Daly received some verbal input to consider when creating the CSCIA

Covenants Code. He hopes to present the initial draft of the Covenants Code to the Board at the May 2007 BOG meeting.

<u>Piers:</u> Governor Gallagher reported that electric utility usage, at particularly the Deep Creek Pier, is rising quickly, so ways of monitoring electrical usage will need to be explored. Individual meters might be considered for installation at the boat slips in the future. Also, the bubbler system will be removed over the April 14th weekend.

<u>History:</u> Governor Morgan stated that efforts to clear brush and vine areas around the Radoff House property have started.

Beaches & Parks: Governor Newman commented about the Little Magothy River Association (LMRA) effort to dredge the entrance to the Little Magothy River. If the dredge material is of a good quality, possibly the CSCIA may be able to utilize it in various beach areas.

New Business:

President Gardner reminded the Board that residents selling property in the Cape are required by State law to provide an original, certified HOA (Homeowner's Association) package to the buyers. Copies

of previously issued HOA packets and computer-generated copies are not valid. A valid HOA package contains the CSCIA corporate seal that certifies it in accordance with State law. This can not be photocopied or duplicated! The HOA packages are available from and must be obtained from the CSCIA directly, and sellers of property in the Cape, need to contact the CSCIA office staff office directly to obtain a certified HOA package and ensure there are no covenant issues with their property prior to engaging in a sale transaction.

Adjournment: The April 9, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

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Long Range Planning Committee

Cape Residents, this is just a reminder of the planning going on *in your name*. The LRPC is putting together a long range plan for Cape St. Claire. As I have mentioned in past issues, this should not be a one-person job. *You* should not want one person's perspective to hold sway over the formation of this plan.

I invite you to contribute by going out to our community properties and imagining what they could or should be. This is your community and I would love to know what you think! With the weather warming up, this would be a great time to get out there. To learn more about the LRPC, please visit the CSCIA website, www.cscia.org. You may also

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Budget Committee:

John Berley, Wayne Morrison, Jack Savage submit your suggestions online (instructions are on the Web site).

Please help me bring a comprehensive plan to the Cape this year. If you would like to take it a step further, and help work on the plan itself, please email me at LongRange2007@cscia.org. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely, Dan Wolin LRPC Chair

CSC Soccer

The Cape Soccer program is turning the corner on many issues this year. We are trying to improve the quality of the program (especially at the clinic level), by training our coaches (providing in house training) and coaching materials. At the County level we will be holding evaluations this spring for the U9, U10, and U11 players. And placing children onto teams (for the Fall season) based on overall ability and drive. Please see our website, www.capesports.com, for more information on this program. We are also starting to send our coaches out for training and licensing at the county level.

These improvements are being done in an effort to improve how and what we teach our kids. As an organization, we believe better soccer will equate to more FUN! It will also give them the skills to compete at a higher level within the AAYSA (County ages 8 to 18). The evaluations will be held the er weekend of June 23rd. The exact day and time are TBD. Another big change will be that in the fall each county age player will be given a uniform, which will need to last both for the Fall 07 and Spring 08 seasons. They are a higher quality (Cont. on page 5)



WANTED: Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Princess



Are you a Cape Resident? Are you a young lady entering 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2007? Are you active in your community? If you can answer yes to the above questions, the Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for you!!

The Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for a young lady to represent our wonderful community at this year's festival. If you are interested please submit a 500 word essay entitled, "Cape St. Claire a Wonderful Place to Live" along with this form and a picture of yourself to:

> Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival 1180 Summit Dr., Annapolis, MD 21409

The essay should summarize what you like about the Cape and what you can contribute to make it a better place for everyone in the community. All entries must be submitted by May 20, 2007.

Name	Age
Address	Phone
School you will be attending, fall/2007	
All contestants should be available to ride in the parade	(begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007, rai

n date June 3). If you should have any questions or comments please contact Mary at 410-757-0593.





By Cathleen Vitale, istrict County Council Repre

5th District County Council Representative

Budgets and Bills

First, let me say thank you to the few people who communicated with my office regarding last month's article. It is fair to say those who responded leaned toward cutting budget items from the Board of Education that did not directly affect the classroom, seeing that teachers' raises were provided for, and not to introduce any new programs without cutting programs that were either ineffective, showed little progress, or were only offered to a smaller student population. Several sought to have me write to the Superintendent and encourage him to send a new budget that offered cost cutting savings.

According to a recent poll taken by Anne Arundel Community College's Center for Local Issues, a plurality of citizens who responded to the poll want the County to partially fund the School budget without raising taxes or cutting other services. Since the article appeared, I have heard from members of the Budget task force, who indicated a desire to have the County fund only those items, which were supported by the Budget Task Force. I have suggested that to the administration, so we will see what happens.

April is, of course, tax month. During this month, the County will begin evaluating tax packages that come to us from State legislators seeking new ways to handle our spending without tax increases. As for the Council, the next several months will be devoted to the regular legislative agenda, as well as preparing for budget month. Pending before the County Council are several legislative initiatives that focus on better protection of the environment, cracking down on illegal building and lack of permitting. I have introduced Bill 24-07, which focuses on preventing additional permits from being issued on a building site or structure when the site or structure is subject to existing violations that have not been resolved.

By way of example, a property owner gets a grading permit that allows him to remove a certain amount of trees and do a certain amount of excavating, but instead of doing what the permit entails, he clear cuts the property and cre-

ates "burms" that were not authorized in the permit. Now water is running off his property and into his neighbor's basement. The county issues a grading permit violation, but in the meantime he obtains his building permit and just continues the project. Prior to this legislation, the County had no way to prevent or revoke the next level permit; you could build an entire house without ever correcting the grading permit, because the County had no authority to deny the rest of the permits. If Bill 24-07 passes, enforcement will have another tool for their toolboxes.

The Council will also consider the County Executive's request to pass legislation that will prohibit individuals from residing in property without an occupancy permit. There will be, if it is passed, a \$500 fine each day a person is found living in property without an occupancy permit. The goal will be to crack down on illegal builds by making it impossible to live in such a home, and require the application for the required permits. At \$3,500 a week in fines, the incentive to build the correct way is enormous. Other legislation specific to our district are: Bill 11-07, pertaining to the Cape St. Claire Fire Station re-





quest to purchase equipment; Bill 14-07, Pines on the Severn's request to establish a special taxing district; and Bill 22-07, Critical Area Map changes in Broadneck specifically affecting Amberley. I urge readers to visit www.aacounty.org/

CountyCouncil to review pending legislation. As always, feel free to contact me at 410-222-1401 or cvitale@aacounty.org. I look forward to more of your opinions and suggestions.

Soccer (Cont. from page 2) uniform than in the past and should have no problem lasting 20 games instead of just 10. An added bonus, is that County uniforms will be personalized with the owner's last name on the back of the jersey. I will be putting more details of the programs policies and procedures on the website in the coming month. It might seem too soon, but running a program for 600 kids' takes a

lot of administration time. To bring you both the evaluations and new personalized uniforms, we need to move up the beginning of registration, for the fall, from mid June to mid May. If you are already in the program you will start receiving emails on these topics soon.

Sincerely, Dan Wolin Soccer Commissioner

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I hereby give my child bility for my child's sa	permission to participate in the parade and the festi fety.	val activities. I will accept full responsi-
Parent's Signature	Date	
	Crafters Needed For the CSC Strawb SATURDAY JUNE 2nd, 2007 RAIN DATE JUNE 3rd 11:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM 1223 RIVERBAY ROAD	
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Address		Phone
Craft		
Product to be Display	yed	

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Strawberry Festival

1180 Summit Drive Annapolis, MD 21401 For more information call Mary Lamb at 410-757-0593



Vendor Registration for the 2007 Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival

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PARADE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

Vendor Name	Contact Person
Address	N/
Events, Games, Foods, Etc. to be Offe	red, including prices
Please Indicate Below Quantities a ICE (LBS)_(Max 50lbs)	and Services to be provided by the Strawberry Festival Committee:
TABLES NEEDED (\$10.00 EACH)	
CHAIRS NEEDED (\$1.50 EACH)	
110 VOLT HOOKUPS	
220 VOLT HOOKUPSYES WE WOULD LIKE TO	O PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE
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- County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: March October
- Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: South County; May September: North County; July September

Operating Procedures for Spraying of Adulticides/Lavicides

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

Criteria for Spraying: Nuisance Abatement Virus Suppression

Landing Counts 5 mosquitoes landing in 2 minutes 1 mosquito landing in 1 minute

Light Trap Collections: Minimum of 20 female mosquitoes Minimum of 10 female mosquitoes

Light trap collections must be female mosquitoes of species known to bite man per night in un-baited traps.

Spray Schedule for Larvicides/Adulticides: Larvioides (Treatment for mosquito larvae): Monday – Friday; Adulticide (Treament for adult mosquitoes): Sunday – Thursday. Spraying conducted after 7:30 p.m. Spraying will not be conducted if it is raining, winds exceed 12 MPH, or if temperatures are > 89F

Larvicides/Adulticides to be Used:

Larvicide Formultations

Bacillus thuringlensis var israelensis Granular VectoBac and Aquabac Liquid

Bacillus sphaericus

Vectal ex

Insect growth regulator Liquid

Altoisid (Methoprene) Charcoal Briquette or Pellets

Adulticide Formulaitons

Perrnethrin mixed with Piperonyl butoxide 0.0036 lbs/acre (Ultra Low Volume application)

and Mineral Oil

The Mosquito Control Program does not spray for Midges that swarm on homes, boats, trees, and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County Rivers. These non-biting insects that develop in mud bottoms of slow moving, oxygen poor creeks and rivers show a decline in their populations a few weeks after emergence.

Program Supervisor

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Garden Club

Happy May, all! This month the Garden Club is busy preparing for

its annual plant sale. As always, it will fall on the Saturday after Mother's Day: Saturday, May 19th, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. No early birds please! We know you're all eager, but as usual, we request that you wait until 8 a.m.

As always, we will have a wide variety of healthy and interesting perennials from our own gardens, at bargain prices, as well as a variety of colorful annuals at competitive prices: impatiens, marigolds, begonias, petunias, and many others. Also we will have many flats of vegetables and herbs for those who want an edible garden as well as a pretty

one! And also this year, for the first time, we will be selling several varieties of native groundcovers. Have a bare patch? These plants are not only colorful and interesting, they provide native wildlife with food and habitat, and contribute to the health of our precious Chesapeake Bay. Come see what we have!

Anyone who is planting this month, the Garden Club can always use your recycled plastic pots for our plant sale. Please drop them off at Doris Clair's house, in the driveway: 1308 Cape St. Claire Road, at the corner of Mountain Top. Thanks!

At our April meeting, we heard Gene Sumi, horticulturalist, speak on Growing Fruits and Sweet Edibles. Most people know you can grow apples,

cherries, and peaches easily in our climate, but did you know that we can also grow apricots, kiwi, and figs? We can also grow many berries, including blueberries (a native shrub in Maryland), raspberries, blackberries, and strawberries. Gene talked about how to choose trees that fit in our gardens – some grow to a full size of a mere 12 feet tall, and are self-polinating, for those of us with tiny gardens. He also discussed protecting the fruit from birds and disease. We all learned a great deal and had a very fun time. We even had several new faces in our audience. Thanks for coming out – it was nice to meet some new Cape residents!

Last but not least, congratulations to all our Yard of the Month winners for April:

(Cont. on page 11)



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Area 3: The Backs at 1142

Hampton Road

Area 4: The Barnharts at 847

Chestnut Tree Drive

Area 5: The Kirkpatricks at 1245

Ramblewood Drive

The Garden Club judges Yard of the Month from April through October, with each team of judges picking their favorite yard in one of five zones in the Cape. Photos of these beautiful gardens can be seen at the Cape St. Claire website, www.cscia.org – take a peek!

Thanks to all our judges, and to

Catherine Salam for taking and submitting the photos each month.

And that's all the news this month. See you at the plant sale!

Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

Boating Safety Course

The Friends of the Anne Arundel Trails will present a three-part Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall at 181 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, on Monday May 7th, Friday May 11th, and Monday May 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each night. This course pro-

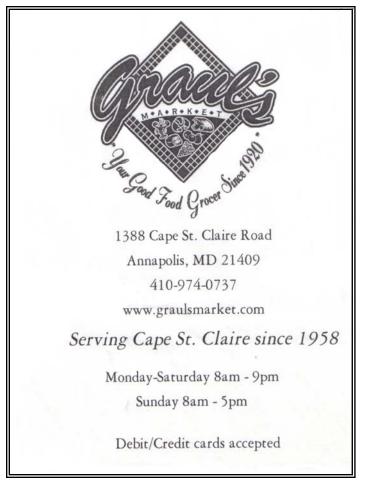
vides an overview of the rules and fundamentals of safe boating and will familiarize students with required safety equipment, as well as rules on who has the right-of-way and other helpful information.

Registration can be made in person at the B & A Trail Park office at 51 West Earleigh Heights Road, Severna Park, or by mail.

A non-refundable and non-transferable \$25 program fee includes the book, certification card and instructional services. Registration forms may be found at www.friendsofaatrails.org. Participants must attend all three evenings to receive certification.

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Child's Name	Age
Parent's Name	_
Address	<u> </u>
Phone	
We the Parents/Guardians agree to our child participating in the Cape St. their decorated bike entry. We understand judging is based upon the Then CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM on Saturday, June 2, 2007 for the Parade and Ging at the Festival on the main beach. Rain date June 3, 2007. I hereby githe parade and the festival activities. I will accept full responsibility for must wear a bike helmet.	ne Decorations. We agree to meet at the Contest Presentation immediately follow- ve my child permission to participate in
Parent's Signature	Date





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books – to honor these requests.

Most of these requests come from locations in South America and Africa, where computers are not as prevalent so access to our digital library is limited.

As an individual, I have decided to collect books for the Firm Foundation Elementary School and Care Home in Zambia. The school has 168 children, ranging in age from 1-12 years old.

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