

Our 54th Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

May 2009

Annual Strawberry Festival May 30! Rain Date May 31st– Don't Miss It!

President's Perspective

Thank you to some great neighbors, I would like to extend a special thanks to Jay Kilian of Kilian Contracting and Bill Wilkinson of Advanced Home Improvements for their service to our community. At their own expense, they removed the worn out roof on the guard shack and replaced it with new architectural shingles. It should be good for another 30 years. Advanced Home Improvements also recently replaced the broken exhaust fan in the clubhouse men's room at no cost.



Google Group-

I have received several e-mails from residents who said that they were not aware of the Cape Google Group. While it is not an official CSCIA function, it is useful for keeping a portion of the community informed. I have occasionally used it in addition to this column and the

quarterly meetings to share information and issue meeting reminders. If you want to learn more the sign up sheet is available at the Cape web site, <http://www.cscia.org/>.

BGE Energy Education Workshop-

The response to the workshop announcement was underwhelming, but I have scheduled it in conjunction with the July 28, 2009 quarterly membership meeting. The workshop will provide information on low cost and no cost ways to cut energy usage in your home and will be shown how to save up to 20% on their utility bills.

Cape St. Claire Security Club

In case you are wondering, we received only one response to the announcement in the last issue of The Caper. However, we have received several complaints about reported illegal and suspicious activity.

Zoning Exception Hearing-

There was a hearing on a Special Exception request to allow an assisted living facility in a residential district located on Bellerive Drive. The Broadneck Council of Communities and the CSCIA Board of Governors have adopted a policy that calls for opposition to both up-zoning

that increases residential density and exception requests that move land from residential to commercial use. Both organizations testified at the hearing. I will provide an update in the next issue.

Dates to Remember:

May 9 Community Yard Sale
May 16 Plant Sale
May 30 Strawberry Festival
June 17 Eco-Exchange Seminar

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POLICY FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

All submissions for *The Caper* must be received by the editor by the 12th of the prior month. Submissions should be emailed as Microsoft Word attachments (PC only) to: **capereditor@cscia.org**, or dropped off (on disc or CD) at the Clubhouse. Articles must be submitted electronically. DO NOT submit as inline text of email. All articles should be clearly labeled with the 1) submitter's name, 2) phone number, 3) article file-name (s), 4) software product and 5) version used. Please keep a backup copy of each file and do not submit disks containing extraneous files. After *The Caper* processes each article, the submitter's disk can be picked up at the CSCIA office during regular hours. *The Caper* Staff and the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association reserve the right to refuse any article, letter or advertising that it deems inflammatory, in poor taste or inappropriate.

BOARD IN BRIEF

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on April 13, 2009 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. in the Cox Meeting Room. President Biondi provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

***Attendance:** Governors Berley, Biondi, Campbell, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Lamb, Mooneyhan and Newman were present. Governor Maltz was absent. Budget Committee member Buchet was also present.*

President's Remarks: President Biondi

Is trying to get a BG&E Workshop scheduled for the July 28,

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2009 Quarterly Membership meeting to discuss ways to save energy in our homes and offices.

A Request for Proposal was sent out to four area banks in an effort to the best available rates and services to provide CSCIA with all of its banking needs.

Minutes and Profit & Loss Statements:

A motion was made to approve the March 9, 2009 CSCIA Monthly BOG meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was also made to approve the February 28, 2009 Profit & Loss Statements. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks – Governor Newman reported that a new roof was put on the Cape guard-shack.

Clubhouse – Governor Lamb reported that the clubhouse is in the process of being resided with vinyl siding.

Piers – Governor Gallagher provided current status on the assignment of boat slip rentals. He also stated that this year's new requirements for additional documentation submitted with the slip rental application, resulted in identifying that 20% of the applications did not have an information match.

Old Business:

The Board completed its review

of the CSCIA policies and procedures as they relate to "Cape Recognized Organizations." Several changes to the Policy and Procedures and a new Application Form were approved.

On the subject of the County's current efforts to rezone and "up-zone" commercial and residential land, President Biondi stated that the Broadneck Council of Communities is against it. To record the CSCIA's stance against more dense housing and more commercial development in the area, a motion was made and approved stating that the CSCIA adopts the policy supporting the zoning reflected in the Small Area Plan of 1997.

***Adjournment:** The regular April 13, 2009 CSCIA BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:40 P.M. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.*

CAPE CLEAN-UP
New Date
Friday, August 28th
10:30 am— 4:30 pm &
Saturday, August 29th
7:30 am—2:00 pm
Corner of Broadview
and Cape St. Claire
Road. Look for more
information in upcoming
issues of The Caper.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Caper Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Lamb and Christy from Richards Tree Care for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt at the Main Beach. I understand that Christy stuffed more than 3,000 eggs this year! The Egg Hunt and other events are what make Cape St. Claire a wonderful community for raising children. Thank you Mary and Christy for helping to create such special childhood memories for the Cape Kids.

Sincerely,
Jody Hedeman Couser

CSC Elementary School Recycles

Spring Cleaning? Bring those stacks of newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office and school papers to the big yellow recycling bin at Cape St. Claire Elementary school. This program helps to earn money for the school. The bin is located on the side of the school by the soccer fields.



The Goshen Farm Preservation Society

Win This Boat!



The Goshen Farm Preservation Society is raffling off this 20 ft. Com-Pac Sailboat. The boat will be on display around the Cape. Tickets are for sale through GFPS members and local merchants including Bel-las Liquors and TNT. We will also be selling tickets at the Strawberry Festival- look for our booth.

The drawing will be held at the St. Margaret's Joust in July. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For more information please contact us through our website www.goshenfarm.org. We are in need of a loaner boat trailer- if you can help please let us know.

We are still looking for members- \$20 annual individual or \$35 annual household. We are also still accepting donations for our Capital Campaign. Both memberships and donations are tax deductible. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the clubhouse.



Garden Club

Happy May, fellow Cape residents! What a wonderful April we've had so far, with daffodils, cherry blossoms, and magnolias bursting into bloom. The Cape looks so beautiful, and we're proud to congratulate our Yard of the Month winners of this season:

Area 1:

Mr. Steve Bavis,
1144 Riverview Drive

Area 2:

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Zdun, Jr.,
1123 Crestview Drive

Area 3:

Ms. Elizabeth Wnorowska, 961
Highpoint Drive

Area 4:

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phelan,
1196 Latrobe Drive

Area 5:

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Benner, 1206
Green Holly Drive

Thank you, winners, and everyone else, too, for making our community beautiful. Our judges will continue each month through October to pick their favorite yards. Who knows? you could be next!

The Garden Club met in April to discuss our annual plant sale, and to hear Catherine Salam, speak about growing edibles in the landscape. Catherine showed lots of great photos of beautiful plants that also produce edible fruits and vegetables. She brought in different innovative planters that make growing tomatoes possible on decks or patios and we enjoyed her talk thoroughly. Please come support us and bring back some beautiful perennials, annuals, and native plants to beautify your gardens.

Our monthly meetings will pause for the summer and resume in September. However, we will have our 2nd Annual Cape Garden Tours on Saturday, June 6th. If you're interested in joining us please phone Laura at 410-349-3390 for information, or email flokell@verizon.net.

The Garden Club will also likely band together in June to ogle yet another lovely private garden: Fay's Bloomers in Davidsonville. The garden is chock-full of the most gorgeous daylily varieties, some of them very rare, and all available for sale on the spot. If you'd like to

join us, contact Laura (info above).

Happy planting, all, and enjoy your gardens this beautiful time of year!

The Cape St. Claire Garden Club

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Women's Softball in the Cape

Do you like to play softball just for the fun of it? The women's league is for those of us over 21 ladies looking for some non-competitive softball to play. We are currently trying to revive the women's softball league here in the Cape. It is a great way to get some exercise and do something just for you and just for fun. It used to be quite strong, with about seven teams, and we are looking to restart it and build it up again.

In order to register a team with the County and the Rec. Council, we want to gauge the interest level. We need enough people to field at least four teams, or about 60 ladies willing to commit to playing. If we have a league in 2009, games will most likely be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Gaul's fields. The season would start in mid-June and run through July. There are fees involved to cover County fees, umpires, insurance, and Rec. Council fees, so sponsors are welcome.

If you are interested in playing, please send a quick email to capessoftball@verizon.net to let us know. Got friends who want to play? Pass the email on to them. Don't worry about needing a whole team, we can group ladies together to make teams complete. You do not need to live in the Cape to play. Let us know as soon as you can so we can keep the ball rolling (no pun intended). Thanks, and hope to see you on the fields!

Submitted by
Dottie Ballard

Eco Exchange (Going Green Seminar)

A group of home improvement businesses dedicated to the environment, is hosting a FREE panel discussion on Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Cape St Claire Clubhouse; 1223 River Bay Rd Annapolis MD 21409 (410-757-1223). These local specialists are available to answer your questions and share their knowledge regarding their various areas of expertise. Topics of discussion will include energy efficiency, green home living, eco friendly kitchen & bath remodels, solar energy, healthy paints and colors, and more. For more about Eco Exchange visit www.ecoexchangemd.com or for more about June 17th contact Terri Rafiq 443-454-0732.



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COUNCIL IN ACTION

by Councilwoman
Cathleen M. Vitale
Anne Arundel County Council,
District 5

It's that time again. April of each year is when I begin to dust off my budget books and look at the e-mails and letters in my "budget file" of citizen funding requests. You guessed it! It's time to gear up again for budget month which begins on Friday, May 1st. The County Executive's Budget Message will be at 10:00 a.m. that morning and the Council will get to work that afternoon.

You might think that Budget month this year will be quick and easy. After all, there is not much money (certainly not enough) to go around. After the County addresses the personnel

costs of its employees, departments will have little extra, right? Maybe so; however, don't subscribe to those thoughts. Although I am proud of the work of prior Councils regarding budgeting, I know that this year our responsibility will require diligence, careful scrutiny and an understanding of what the 2010 budget means on future years. As I write this column, we are still awaiting the final State budget. I am very concerned about plans to shift spending and State funding responsibilities onto the County government. Plans to withhold income taxes collected from our citizens are threatened to be withheld from the County in order to permit the State to have a cushion in case there is excess spending at the State level. I have read estimates between \$32 and \$39 million worth of

cuts to the County being proposed by the State legislature. The loss of this revenue, along with decreases in recordation, transfer, and other revenue due to the economy will create significant financial issues.

Currently, approximately 50 percent of our County's revenue will go to the school system with the balance to the remaining departments. With projected shortfalls reported in excess of \$130 million, the 2010 budget will have to be mean and lean. It is expected that services may need to be drawn back, positions reduced or eliminated and projects delayed a year or so. Until the State and County revenues are back on track, the County either must reduce spending and services, or increase taxes. In hard economic times, increasing taxes when people are losing jobs and homes seems to be a last resort. I expect you will see and hear a lot from the council in the next month about reducing spending to accommodate only those departments and projects that are core to the mission of the County. Tough decisions are ahead, and I will continue to look for your input as we together try to get through these difficult times.

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On a separate topic, the County Council has begun the long arduous process of addressing County Executive Leopold's zoning bill that will pave the way for slots at Arundel Mills. As you know, the issue has drawn quite a bit of attention from those communities directly affected by geographical proximity as well as County residents who support the site for education or other reasons. I expect that this issue will be heard over the next several months before a decision is rendered. At the first hearing, more than 4 hours of testimony was taken and more than 55 people spoke. Issues of traffic, crime, education, entertainment, and quality of life were among the repeated themes of those who addressed the council. I encourage you to partake in the discussion. For good or bad, the face of Anne Arundel County will change with the approval or failure of this piece of legislation. As always, thank you for your continued support and communication. I look hearing to comments and emails on the pressing issues of the County. In my 10 years of service, this has certainly been the toughest 18 months of service. Your help, advice, comments

and even criticism has been welcomed and constructive. Keep it up. cvitale@aacounty.org. 410-222-1401

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You make a choice with every item you throw away, a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go. Please visit our website at

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Claire Road to watch the Broad-

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Strawberry Festival Princess
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their place at the watermelon
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the day. And, if competition is
what you are looking for, try
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Pre-registration is required and

is to be made in person at the B & A Trail Park office located at 51 West Earleigh Heights Road in Severna Park. A non-refundable and non-transferable \$25 program fee includes the book, certification card and instructional services. Children 10 years and older are welcomed to attend. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a paying adult. Checks should be made out to the Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails. Participants must attend all three evenings to receive certification. For further information, contact the B & A Trail Park office at 410-222-6244.

Cape St. Claire And Greater Broadneck Organizations

Find links to all of the following organizations at:

<http://www.cscia.org/clubs/clubs.cfm>

Youth Sailing Club

Yacht Club of Capt St. Claire
www.yccsc.org

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[Cape St. Claire Parent-Teacher Organization](http://www.cscpto.org/)

<http://www.cscpto.org/>

[Cape St. Claire Swim Club](http://www.capepool.com/)

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[Junior Girl Scout Troop 1566](http://www.troop783.org/)

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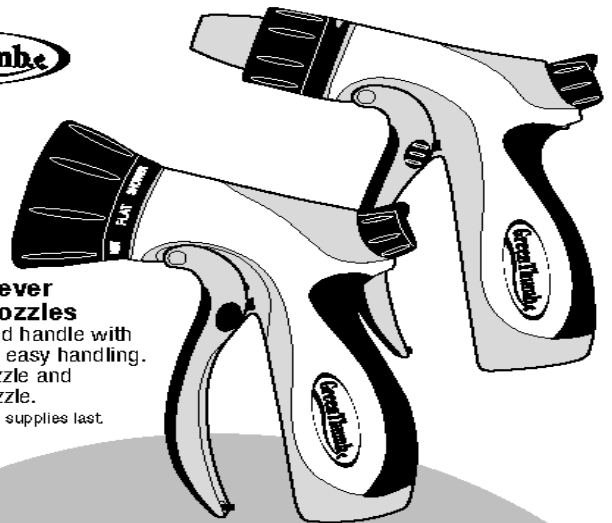


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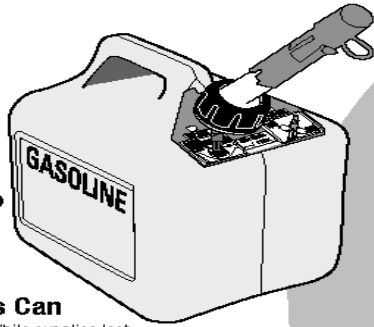


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