

Our 53rd Year

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

November 2008

Calling All CSCIA Board Candidates-See Page 4 for submission information

BOARD IN BRIEF

The CSCIA Board of Governors met for its monthly meeting on October 13, 2008 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox Meeting Room. Vice President Gallagher provided opening remarks and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Attendance: *Governors Biondi, Campbell, Daly, Gallagher, Lamb, Maltz, Newman, Pollock and Wolin were in attendance. Governor Gardner was absent. Budget Committee Chair, John Berley, was also in attendance.*

Vice President's Remarks:

Vice President Gallagher briefly mentioned the recent arson fire of our kayak racks and

the stored 20-26 canoes and kayaks at the Little Magothy Beach area.

Minutes and Financials:

A motion was made to approve the September 8, 2008 Monthly BOG meeting minutes as amended. Another motion was made to table the August 31, 2008 Financials until the November 10, 2008 Monthly BOG meeting. Both motions were seconded and approved.

Agenda Item: Girl Scout Troop 936, Presentation of "Drown-Proofing Boxes"

In an effort to earn a Bronze Award, the highest award that Girl Scout troops can earn, Troop 936 gave a presentation to the Board of Governors offering to construct and install drown-proofing boxes at the Deep Creek, Lake Claire, and Main Beach areas. Each of the wooden boxes would include a PFD (personal floatation device), a life-ring and a plastic bottle with a 50-foot rope attached. Any of the included

items could be quickly used to help a person who is drowning in the area.

Each Girl Scout had a personal part in the presentation. They were professional, convincing and answered every question posed to them. As a result, the Board approved a motion to accept the Troop's plan as set forth.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks – Governor Newman reported that the October 8th arson fire at the Little Magothy Beach area completely destroyed the kayak racks and the stored 20-26 kayaks and canoes. Eagle Scouts recently built these storage racks as one of their projects.

CSC Babysitter List to go On-Line

Effective January 1, 2009, the CSC Babysitter list will be posted on the CSC website and no longer printed in the Caper.

Please contact Kari Maltz, Caper Manager, at capermanager@cscia.org with any questions or to be added or removed from the list by December 20.

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Clubhouse – Governor Lamb reported that a broken window in the clubhouse was replaced. She also mentioned the annual Cape Clean Up scheduled for October 17th and 18th.

Roads – Governor Campbell reported that the Cape St. Claire Road improvement project, last scheduled to start this fall, has again been rescheduled by the County to possibly start in July-August 2009. The County stated the cause of the delay to be a new Purchasing Manual, which changed their requirements and timetables.

Covenants – Governor Daly again received complaints about the loud amplified music emanating from Broadneck High School at night. He may consider inviting the school principal to a BOG meeting.

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Joe Daly

Dan Wolin

Kimberly Pollock

Josephine Gardner

Sam Gallagher

Bruce Campbell

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Mary Lamb

Budget Committee:

John Berley, Wayne Morrison,

Jack Savage

Piers – Governor Gallagher stated that he finally received the last two pier permits from the County. Proposals would be sent to several companies to build the new slips, with possible completion in the winter.

Closed Session Meeting: 8:55 PM – 9:10 PM

A motion was made and approved to meet in a Closed Session. The Closed Session meeting began at 8:55 PM and ended at 9:10 PM.

Fiscal year 2010 Budget Proposal:

The Budget Committee Chairman, Mr. John Berley, presented the FY 2010 Budget Proposal to the BOG for review and comment. The Budget Committee also provided the BOG with some budget suggestions to consider and some questions to answer – as a means of guidance to help the BOG make some final decisions. After review and discussion a motion was made and approved to present this budget to the membership.

Adjournment: The regular October 13, 2008 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:45 PM. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **November 10, 2008.**

Idle Chatter

Idling can be defined as: a parked car with the engine running. This occurs all too often near our local schools during pick-up times. There are four suggested reasons why idling is a *bad* thing: it is bad for our cars; it is bad for our pocket-books; it is bad for our environment; and it is bad for our children's health.

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are; we could save a bundle by simply turning that key while we wait.

3. Every gallon of gas produces 19 pounds of carbon dioxide. As we all know, excessive emissions of this greenhouse gas cause pollution, smog, poor air quality and have been linked to global warming by most scientists.

4. Our children are more vulnerable to air pollution than we are because they breathe faster and inhale more air per pound of their body weight. Some experts link exposure to idling cars and trucks to asthma, allergies, heart &

lung disease, and cancer.

So please consider turning off your engine while waiting to pick up your child or children. You may have to bundle up in the colder days ahead but it will be worth it knowing that you are doing your part – for the sake of your wallet, the environment and our children.

Submitted by
Nancy McCamish

Cape Saint Claire Improvement Association

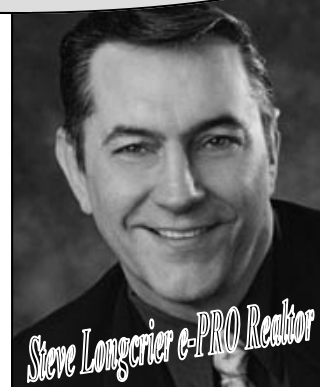
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Nominating2008@cscia.org

You may also drop off your contact information at the CSCIA office:

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Kayak Racks Set Ablaze

On October 11, at 3:30 a.m., the kayak racks at Little Magothy Beach were intentionally set on fire. If you have any information that might help us catch the arsonist, or if you lost property in the fire and need an incident report for your insurance company, please email:

Parks2008@cscia.org.
See <http://cscia.org> for further Details.

Frank Newman
CSCIA Beaches and Parks Chair



Did You Know.....

100th Anniversary of the Baltimore Harbor Light

Have you ever wondered about the octagonal red and white lighthouse seen in the bay from the Cape St. Claire Main Beach? It is the Baltimore Harbor Light, which has marked the entry of the Baltimore Channel since October 1, 1908.

A kitchen and parlor are on the first floor of the brick section, with two bedrooms upstairs. Plumbing consisted of a kitchen hand pump drawing water from a cistern housed in the top of the caisson and a cast iron out-house perched outside the lighthouse railing (imagine that in

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the winter). A watch room was tucked under the roof. Boat davits lifted the keepers' boats out of the water and access ladders led to the living quarters (they have been pulled up to protect the property from further vandalism).

Building the light presented a profound engineering challenge because of wintry fields of moving ice on the bay and a 55 foot layer of thin mud resting on top of firm sand under the shoal. The only design that could hold up was a caisson foundation capable of resisting 100 mph winds, 30,000 pounds of ice pressure per square foot, and a 3 mph current.

Congress approved increased construction funding of \$180,000 in 1902. Two years

later, the contractor floated the 30-foot diameter iron-plated caisson to the site and sank the bottom 8 feet of it into the mud. After two days, heavy seas filled the caisson, which listed by 7 feet and fell over completely in a bad storm the next month. The contractor gave up and walked off the job (or swam?). It took 3 years to get construction restarted and to get the caisson upright again. It rests on 91 pilings driven into the bottom of the shoal, and stands 82 feet below sea level, the tallest caisson in the world at the time.

The original light was magnified through a fourth-order (i.e., medium size) Fresnel lens.

A light keeper manned the light until 1923, when it became

tor was installed. It was removed after 2 years, however, because of environmental and cost concerns. The light is still active (with solar power now operating the flashing white light). Sold at auction by the State of Maryland to private citizens in 2006, efforts are underway to restore it. However, the Coast Guard still retains access for maintenance of the light itself.

To learn more, see:

www.baltimorelight.org,
www.lighthousefriends.com.

submitted by
Patty Feldt,
Cape History Committee



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electrified. A foghorn also replaced the old bell that year. Interestingly, in 1964, it became the world's first atomic-powered lighthouse, when an experimental 60-watt genera-

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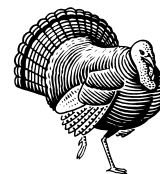


St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church, 701 College Parkway, Annapolis, will hold its 17th Annual Christmas Craft Show, November 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The show features crafters and artists, a bake sale, and a used book sale. Lunch and snacks are available for purchase. Three raffle items this year include: an evening out for two, to see The Irish Tenors Christmas Gala at Maryland Hall on Dec. 7th along with

Dinner at Deep Creek Restaurant; Lionel Moving/Sounding Train Lamp; and Hannah Montana Guitar shaped Lamp with iPod hook up. For additional information, contact Clare Marie Rodgers, Craft Show Chairperson at 410 757-4874.

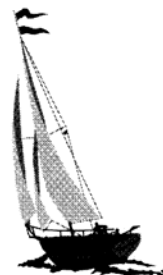
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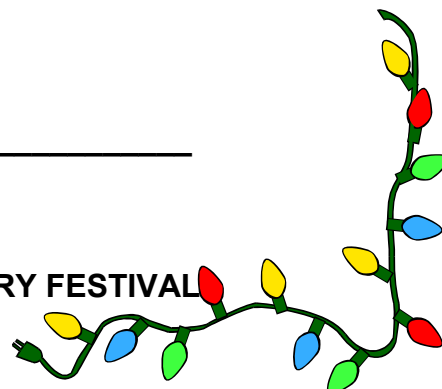
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experiment with new plants without spending a penny!

Also in October, the Garden Club will host its annual Harvest Dinner, on Sunday, October 26th, at 6 p.m. The harvest is a time to celebrate all the bounty our gardens have brought, not just in flowers and fruits, but in spirit. As the soil comes to slumber, we gardeners will gather in appreciation of just what working the earth adds to our lives, all year long: physical fitness, a connection with the earth and other gardeners, a sense of accomplishment and pride in the results of our labors, and hope for the future as we look toward the next season's growth.

The Garden Club will not be meeting in November, due to the elections. (Everyone: make

sure you get out and vote so your voice is heard in our great democratic nation!) Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m. We will decorate the clubhouse meeting room and have a fun gift exchange, all while enjoying delicious refreshments, of course! Also, as we do each year, we'll band together to create 2 beautiful evergreen wreaths made from cuttings of our own garden evergreens, such as yews, spruces, cypresses, and junipers. The wreaths are hung, along with many others, near the statehouse in downtown Annapolis. If you'd like to join us for the fun, and to learn how to make your own live-evergreen wreaths and decorations, please do! Please phone Laura at 410-349-3390 if you have any ques-

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Submitted by
Audrey Lengbeyer

2009 Calendar Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to Kathleen Mooneyhan for winning the grand prize in the 2009 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar Photo Contest with her photograph titled “Ducks Like Utz”. You'll find Kathleen's photo printed on the front of the 2009 Cape calendar. She received a \$100.00 cash prize.

Honorable mentions go to Richard Birely, Kim Oka, Kathryn Banusiewicz, Deborah Miller, Theresa Holtzclaw, Merriel Charisse Corpus, Marley Llinas, Mary Gent, Theresa Todd, Kelly Slosky, Robin Fillmori, Laura McCauley, Kristin Draper, Dan Shattuck and Dale Pumphrey.

Many thanks to Cape Hardware who graciously offered their store as the photo contest collection and pickup point.

Expect copies of the 2009 Community Calendar to arrive in mailboxes in December. Extra copies will be available at the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association office. Take special note of the last two inside calendar pages that contain important telephone numbers for community organizations, government agencies, schools, Cape St. Claire Shopping Center merchants, *The Caper*, calendar advertisers, and more!

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Since we moved to Maryland, we've been on a quest to find

great pizza. We are happy to report, after many trials, we found it! Not only is it great, but we both agree it's the best pizza we've had in ages! Mangia Italian Grill, 81 Main Street, Annapolis, 410.268.1350. Their motto is, "And you thought you had high standards." We thoroughly enjoyed the "Rustica" pizza with roasted red peppers, tasty pepperoni, fresh seasonal tomato slices, delicious homemade sauce and topped with fresh, quality mozzarella. The crust was superb; crispy on the bottom, not at all doughy, excellent texture. Ben liked that the pizza crust wasn't too thick, or a paper thin charred thing. Instead the crust was just right. We felt that the pizza was reasonably priced at \$20 for a large 14" gourmet pizza that will easily feed two

people with leftovers to spare. We didn't even order the largest size pizza they offer, and we were both stuffed. Mangia is located right on the traffic circle on Main street, great for people watching! Very casual, come-as-you-are atmosphere; sports themed bar upstairs. Offers pizza by the slice on the first floor and is family friendly.

We also returned to the Sly Fox Pub, 7 Church Circle 443-482-9000. This is a fun spot in downtown Annapolis to stop for a drink and an appetizer or sandwich; and it's dog friendly! Bring the family pooch, and enjoy dining outdoors. The Pub is mostly outdoors, in a courtyard-like atmosphere; lots of umbrellas to keep the tables shady. But there is also seating available inside, actually in the base-

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ment of Reynold's Tavern. The menu is limited to a few standard items, and features traditional pub fare and a few English type menu items. It's mostly sandwiches, so don't expect anything fancy. They have live entertainment most evenings and some great Happy Hour deals on drinks and appetizers. Very friendly service. And it's fun to see many patrons enjoying themselves along with their four-footed companions! We've given you the good, now here is the bad and the ugly..... We went there on a Sunday with three other family members. Our niece was served a hamburger with a bun that had a mold spot nearly the size of a dime. Something this obvious should have been noticed by the kitchen and/or wait staff. When we called the waitress over and showed her the

problem, she was very apologetic and looked appalled. She took the offending burger away, brought out a new burger, and the manager comped the entire table a round of drinks (beer and wine) and took the burger off the bill. You can't ask for much more than that. We realize that no restaurant is perfect, and sometimes things do slip by that shouldn't. But what really matters is how the staff reacts to a problem, and in this case Sly Fox took care of us. We'll be back!

Beer of the month: This month's pick for the beer of the month is a surprise! It's not a beer at all, rather we wanted to highlight the Hawaiian Martini at Broadneck Grill. We're not sure what's in it, but one sip will make you feel like you are

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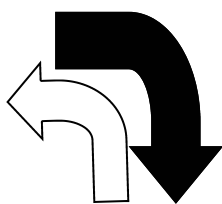
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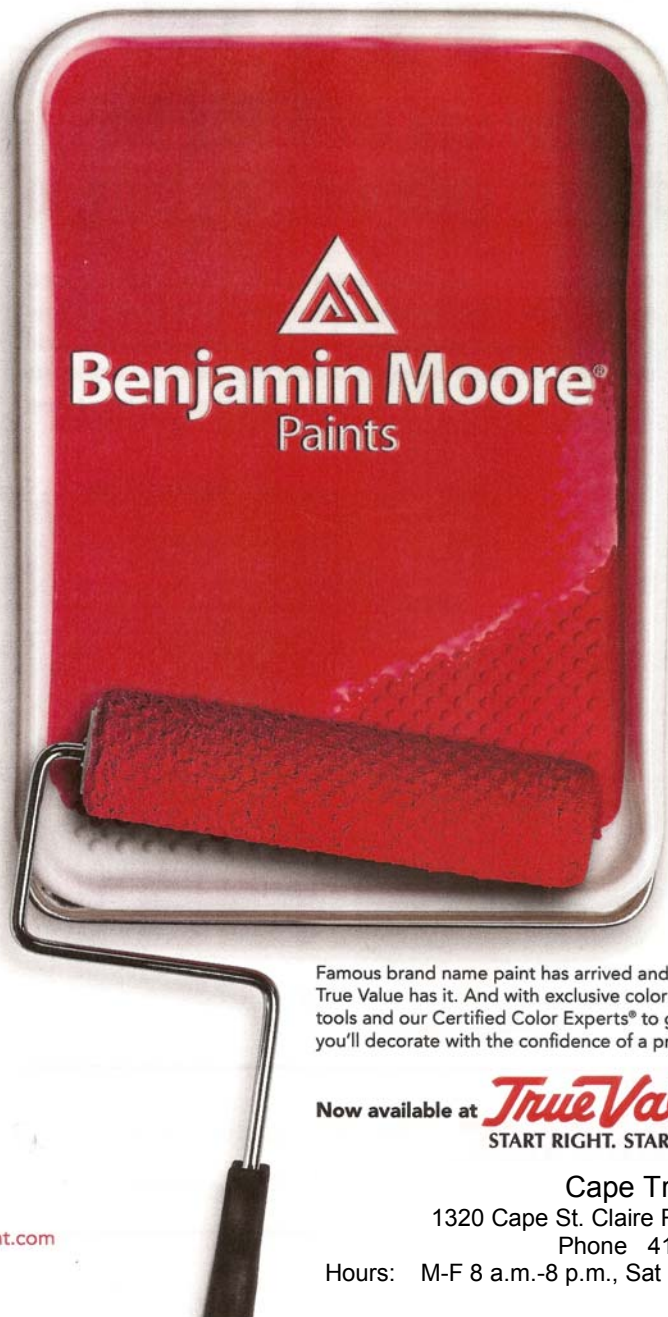
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