# CSCIA Quarterly Membership Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse

#### **Board in Brief**

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on September 10, 2007 at the Cape St. Claire clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox Meeting Room 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, Lamb, Morgan and Newman were in attendance. Governors Maltz and Wolin were absent. The Budget Committee chairman, John Berley, was also present.

#### **Minutes and Financials:**

A motion was made to approve the August 13, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved with two members abstaining. The Board agreed to postpone the review and approval of the July 31, 2007 Financials until the October 2007 Monthly BOG meeting.

# Discussion of SCBD Budget for FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009)

The Treasurer, Governor Biondi, presented the proposed FY 2009 SCBD Budget for review by the

Board of Governors. The Board conducted a complete budget line-item-by-line-item review and several adjustments were made. The Board agreed to a budget that included \$282,030 of income and \$282,030 of expenditures, with approximately \$18,500 set aside for Beach and Parks capital improvements and \$20,000 for Clubhouse improvements.

The Board also approved a motion for the Beaches & Parks Committee chair to investigate securing a loan for bulkhead repairs, and possibly including a walkway, at the Deep Creek area, and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

#### **Committee Reports:**

The Building Committee chair, Governor Daly, distributed copies of proposed changes to the CSCIA Building Code. The Board conducted a complete review of these proposed changes. After much discussion and some modifications, a motion was made and approved to accept the proposed changes to the CSCIA Building Code as modified.

Piers Committee – Governor Gallagher stated that of the letters sent to several boat slip renters for non-use of their slips, only six people did not respond.

**Adjournment:** The regular September 10, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 10:30 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **October 8, 2007 at 7:30 PM.** 

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### Calling All Candidates!!!!!!!!

There are four Board seats up for grabs this year. We need a good field of candidates to assure the best outcome for the community!!

The deadline for deciding to run is November 15. If you think you can help the community be the best that Anne Arundel County has to offer, now is the time to volunteer to become a Board member.

Please send your self-nomination to Chris Knotts (Nominating Committee Chair) at:

#### Nominating2007@cscia.org

If you prefer, you may drop off your contact information at the CSCIA office located at:

#### Cape St. Claire Improvement Association

www.cscia.org **The Board of Governors** 

# Office:Officers:PresidentJosephine GardnerVice-PresidentSam GallagherSecretaryJoe DalyTreasurerLou Biondi

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Treasurer	Lou Biondi
Committee:	Chair:
Beaches & Parks	Frank Newman
	and Matt Puglisi
Building	Joe Daly
Caper	Kari Maltz
Clubhouse	Mary Lamb
Covenants	Joe Daly
Long Range Planning	Dan Wolin
Membership	Barbara Morgan
Personnel	Josephine Gardner
Piers & History	Sam Gallagher
Roads	Bruce Campbell
Website	Frank Newman
Nominating	Mary Lamb
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#### Budget Committee:

John Berley, Wayne Morrison,

1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409.

The office phone number is 410-757-1223 if you have any questions.

#### **Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

The Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails thank you for publishing or posting our six Maryland safe boating course press releases this year for our classes at the Earleigh Heights Fire Hall and Woods Memorial Church. One hundred ninety five (195) boater students registered, one hundred seventy two (172) passed the course and were certified and \$4,875 was raised from the \$25 registration fee to be spent on improvements to the County trails. Thanks again and we can use your help in 2008!

Sincerely, Edgar H. Parker Friends Boating Safety Coordinator (410) 544-8483

#### Clubhouse Rental News

Over the past year, as I have had the privilege of being responsible for the Community Clubhouse, I have had the opportunity to deal with many residents and many different situations. The majority of the time clubhouse rentals are very smooth, thanks to the organization of Elaine, the CSCIA office manager, and the courtesy of the renters. To those residents who rent the clubhouse and treat the facilities like it was their own home, I thank you!! (Cont. pg. 3)

#### **Clubhouse** (From page 2)

Unfortunately, not all residents have the same concern for this community facility. If you elect to rent the clubhouse for your special event please take the time to carefully read the contract that you sign. The expectations of the renter are clearly stated in this document. One would hope that each rental would leave the clubhouse as clean and tidy as it was when they began to set-up for their event. If we all practice this common courtesy and respect our clubhouse, like it was our own home, this facility will be available for rentals for many years to come. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Mary Lamb Clubhouse Chair 410-757-0593



#### **Touch-A-Truck**

Putting kids and trucks together

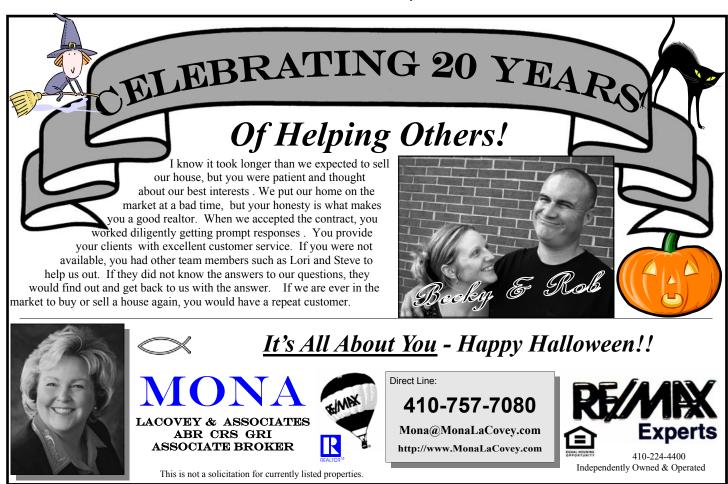
Get up close and personal with some of your favorite big rigs, construction vehicles, public safety equipment and the MEOW bus. There will be plenty of other activities including games, crafts, and food for sale.

The whole family will enjoy this great event while also supporting the Chesapeake Children's Museum.

\$15 per car... so bring the whole family!

Sunday, October 7, 2003 11am - 3pm Truxtun Park Pool Parking Lot Off Hilltop Lane Annapolis, Maryland

For more info contact the museum at 410-990-1993 or go to www.theccm.org



#### **Notice to Homeowners**

As you already know, energy prices have been increasing in a drastic manner. It's becoming more difficult to afford utilities because of this increase. One way to regulate the cost of high energy bills is to add insulation to your home.

Heating and cooling can consume as much as 50%-70% of your energy usage. It is suggested that the best place to add insulation is in the attic. A well insulated attic can save up to 20% of your heating and cooling costs. In most cases, even a small amount of added insulation will significantly reduce utility bills. Another benefit of improving the insulation in your attic is the tax credit you can receive. The tax credit is 10% of the cost of materials, up to \$500 maximum credit.

If you are unsure whether your house has enough insulation, review the following:

- You have a house constructed before 1985 and you have not added any insulation since you've lived in your house.
- Your insulation level is below 15 inches.
- You are hot in the summer

and cold in the winter. Correct insulation will provide more uniform temperatures.

You pay high utility bills to heat or cool your home.



**Cookies** Are Here!!!

Girls Scouts

are once again selling cookies in the Cape.

Each year over 150 girls sell to friends, neighbors, and family to support Girl Scouts, both local and worldwide.

Many people buy a box of Thin Mints or Trefoils, for \$3.50, without knowing where the money goes. Now you can enjoy a good cookie and support a great cause.

Here is how cookie profits are divided: thirty percent goes to the manufacturer, while seventy percent of the funds goes directly back into Girl Scouting. Girl Scouts then divide out the funds to individual troops to sponsor special events, improve and maintain camps, recruit and train volunteers, and ensure all girls may attend programs re-

gardless of financial ability. This is where your financial support goes. The cookies, however go much farther

Each Girl Scout Troop selects a Gift of Caring organization to donate boxes of cookies. With each order, we encourage you to donate to this cause.

Our troops send boxes to Iraq/ Afghanastan, take boxes to Senior Centers in Severna Park, donate to Chrysallis House in Crofton, and give to many other important organizations.

This provides a great community service and encourages girls to reach out to others. More than a quarter of all Girl Scout cookies sold are Thin Mints.

This year, Girl Scouts introduce a chocolate chip cookie and a lemon sandwhich cookie

All cookies are kosher and made with no trans-fat or preservatives. If you would like more information on Girl Scouts, cookie sales, or Gifts of Caring please contact Kristine at 410-757-1161.





#### CAPE CLEAN-UP

#### Saturday, October 20 & Sunday, October 21 Corner of Broadview and Cape St. Claire Road

Anne Arundel County Waste Management has graciously offered Cape Residents a weekend in October for our 2007 Clean-up. The Clean-up will begin as soon as the County arrives on Saturday Morning, about 9:00 AM. We will make every

effort to operate the Clean-up until 4:30 PM on Saturday, space permitting. On Sunday the 21st the Cleanup will begin at 7:30 AM and continue until approximately 4:30 PM, space permitting. In an effort to protect our environment and dispose of our trash properly, Anne Arundel County will be providing the Cleanup with cans for recycling and two 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...).

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

The following is a list of unacceptable materials:

Junk Automobiles

Trailers

Gas and Propone Tanks

Tree Trunks

Oil Drums or Tanks

Liquids

Hazardous Waste

**Boats** 

Tires Logs

**Paints** 

Refrigerators

Div. of PG Awning

Air Conditioners

#### **Need Help with the Cape Clean-up?**

Troop 783 will pick-up and transport item to clean-up

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MHIC #66781

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Contact: Tony Miller at 410-349-8681

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### CSC Halloween Happenings

Tuesday, October 30, 2007, from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Trick-or-Treat at the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center. Look for the fliers in the windows of the participating merchants.

At 6:30 pm join your friends and neighbors at the CSC Club House for the annual Halloween Party. Tickets are required for admission. Beginning October 1, 2007 they will be available at Lavender Blue (previously known as **Babes-N-Toyland**) during regular business hours.

The price is 1 bag of individually wrapped candy per child's ticket. Adults are admitted free. Please thank the kind folks at Lavender

Blue for continuing to be our ticket exchange!!

The Strawberry Festival Committee continues to try and improve this event. This year we are welcoming your suggestions for entertainment.

We are in search of a very vocal entertainer with a microphone. If you can help with a suggestion please call Mary Lamb @ (410) 757-0593.

#### **A+ Bonus Bucks**

Do you shop at Giant? You could help earn money for Cape St. Claire Elementary school simply by registering your Bonus card using our school identification number.

It's easy! Simply do one of the following:

- 1)Log on to www.giantfood.com/ aplus
- 2) Dial 1-877-366-2668 and designate over the phone
- 3) Stop by the customer service counter at a Giant store and fill out a brief form

You will be asked for the school's ID which is **01670**.

A moment of your time could make a big difference to our community's children so please help.

Submitted by:

Debbie Dernetz Chairperson A+ Bonus Buck Program Cape St. Claire Elementary



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#### **Cape Babysitters**

To follow is a list of willing sitters. It is up to you to evaluate the qualifications of those listed below. To have your name added or removed from the list, please email the editor at: capereditor@cscia.org.

<u>NAME</u>	PHONE	NAME	PHONE
Meggan Armiger Robyn Arp Corinne Bailey Lara Baronti Alicija Bulota Samantha Carr Melody Clore Sabrina Coelho Heather Cook Ashley Donatelli Samantha Farrell Hillary Fisher Morgan Fowler Britani Fox Molly Friedland Montana Geimer Phoenix Geimer	PHONE  410-349-0439 410-626-7906 410-626-8984 410-757-6911 410-757-6324 410-626-8712 410-757-3971 443-370-4526 410-315-7955 410-757-4792 410-757-8934 410-757-0304 410-349-9311 410-626-7481 410-757-6517 410-349-0945 410-349-0945	Amy Laking Hailey Llinas Katie Logan Kirstin Lynch Michelle Maurer Mary Beth McAndrews Chelsea Miller Courtney Miller Monique Morgan Sara Naeseth Madeleine Schroeher Samantha Stern Sydney Stultz Lauren Tucker Lauren Velasco Madison Welder Liza Wambugu	PHONE  410-349-8320 410-757-2304 410-757-0032 410-757-0693 410-626-7079 410-349-3728 410-757-6663 410-626-7037 410-757-9255 410-626-7576 410-626-7812 410-757-3014 410-757-6841 410-757-4350 410-757-1359 410-757-4551
Molly Friedland	410-757-6517	Lauren Velasco	410-757-4350
		Liza Wambugu Lyndi Whitis	410-757-4551 410-757-3651
Margie Harper Stephanie Herrmann	410-626-8218 410-757-9130	Maureen Whitis Christina Yargus	410-757-3651 443-949-0204





#### CSCIA Budget Fiscal Year 2009

July 2008-June 2009

#### DRAFT

	FY 2009				SCBD							
		Regular Clubhouse Caper		SCBD Total Maint, Piers Totals								
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	2 BLOA Contribution	\$	-	\$		\$	,	\$		\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
	3 SCBD/Maintenance Fees	\$	156,285	\$	8,494	\$	5,096	\$	169,875	\$ 25,219	\$ -	\$ 195,094
	4 HOA Packets	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 7,780	\$ -	\$ 7,780
	5 Interest Income	\$	600	\$	-	\$	-	\$	600	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 1,200
	6 Late Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,000	\$ 400	\$ 1,400
	7 Mis. Income	\$	800	\$	200	\$	-	\$	1,000	\$ 800	\$ 100	\$ 1,900
	8 Rentals / Slips	\$	24.025	\$	42,000 16,530	\$	-	\$	42,000 40,555	\$ - \$ -	\$ 56,000 \$ -	\$ 98,000 \$ 40,555
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3	3 Caper Postage / Distribution	\$	- ,204	\$	-	\$	7.098	\$	7,098	S -	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,098
	4 Caper Printing	\$	-	\$	-	-	16,962	\$	16,962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,962
	5 Caper - Editor Contract	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,815	\$	1,815			\$ 1,815
AÀ	6 Collection Fees - AA Co.	\$	2,000	\$	15	\$	10	\$	2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
	7 Assessments	\$	3,000	\$	500	\$	1-	\$	3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500
S	8 Insurance	\$	6,503	\$	2,406	\$	1,184	\$	10,093	\$ 1,374	\$ 2,033	\$ 13,500
	9 Legal Services	\$	4,000	\$	-	\$	18	\$	4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 8,000
	10 Membership (Dues & Fees)	\$	1.000	SS	200	\$	-	\$	1 200	\$ 350	\$ 150 \$ 500	\$ 500 \$ 2,200
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	13 Groundskeeping Expenses (Wages)	\$	16,000	φ	-	Φ		\$	16,000	φ -	φ -	\$ 16,000
S	14 Office Supplies/Expense	\$	3,372	\$	1,247	\$	614	\$	5,233	\$ 713	\$ 1,054	\$ 7,000
S	15 Payroll Expenses	\$	6,773	\$	664	\$	327	\$	7,764	\$ 582	\$ 1,007	\$ 9,353
	16 Permits	\$	200	\$	50	\$	-	\$	250	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 700
	17 Postage	\$	500	\$	125	\$	-	\$	625	\$ 1,500	\$ 400	\$ 2,525
	18 Printing	\$	2,500	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 6,000
	19 Property Taxes	\$	2,350	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,350	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 2,850
	20 Refreshments	\$	400	\$		\$	-	\$	400	\$ 525	\$ 250	\$ 1,175
	21 Repairs/Maintenance	\$	12,000	\$	7,656	\$	-	\$	19,656	\$ 11,399	\$ 10,000	\$ 41,055
	22 Sanitary Services	\$	4,500	\$	550	\$		\$	4,500 550	\$ - \$ -	\$ - \$ 250	\$ 4,500 \$ 800
	23 Sewer 24 Signage	\$	1,800	\$	550	\$		\$	1,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800
s	25 Telecommunication (Telephone/DSL)	\$	819	\$	303	\$	149	\$	1,271	\$ 173	\$ 256	\$ 1,700
Ü	26 Trash Collection	\$	5,720	\$	2,500	\$	-	\$	8,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,220
	27 Utilities	\$	7,750	\$	5,500	\$	-	\$	13,250	\$ 500	\$ 17,500	\$ 31,250
	28 Volunteer Appreciation	\$	250	\$	-	\$		\$	250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
S	29 Wages - Administrator	\$	19,287	\$	7,135	\$	3,513	\$	29,935	\$ 4,076	\$ 6,029	\$ 40,040
S	30 Wages - Asst. Administrator	\$	2,906	\$	1,075	\$	529	\$	4,510	\$ 614	\$ 908	\$ 6,032
	31 Wages - Asst. Administrator (Mtg. Spt.)	\$	2,400		44000	•		\$	2,400		•	\$ 2,400
	32 Clubhouse Custodial Svcs (Contract)			\$	14,000	\$	-	\$	14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000
	33 Clubhouse Custodial Svcs (Wages)	\$		\$	2,000	\$		\$	2,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000 \$ 3,000
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	36 Security Patrol - Wages	\$	32,500	\$		\$	.	\$	32,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 35,000
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	38 Code Enforcer/Permit Acquistion - Wages	\$	2,500	\$	-	\$	- 1	\$	2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 5,000
	39 Beach Attendant - Wages	\$	11,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	11,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000
	40 Web Site	\$	1,500	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
	41 Total General and Administrative	\$	167,250	\$	47,746	\$ :	33,096	\$	248,093	\$ 35,000	\$ 49,562	\$ 333,286
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	43 Clubhouse Improvements	\$	14,400	\$	19,477	\$	.	\$	19,477	\$ -	s -	\$ 19,477
	44 Piers Repair/Walkways	\$		\$	-	\$	- 1	-	10,411	š -	\$ 7,238	\$ 7,238
	45 Total Capital Expenditures	\$	14,460	\$	19,477	\$	-	\$	33,937	\$ 3,399	\$ 7,238	\$ 43,943
Total Expendi		\$	181,710	\$	67,224	\$ :	33,096	\$	282,030		\$ 56,800	\$ 377,229
Net Income (L	oss)		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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#### 25th Anniversary Celebration -Weaving a Tapestry of Love

October 13-14, 2007

#### Broadneck Baptist Church 1257 Hilltop Drive Annapolis, MD 21409

Twenty-five years after beginning as a mission of two local Baptist congregations— Heritage Baptist Church and the College Parkway Baptist churches— Broadneck Baptist Church located in Cape St. Claire is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall.

After surveying the area and meeting in a home for Bible study throughout the summer of 1982, a small group of individuals from the sponsoring churches was looking for a place to hold worship services.

St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church graciously opened the doors to their facility—then located at 1257 Hilltop Drive—and Broadneck Baptist Mission began worshipping in the Cape on the Sunday following Labor Day in 1982.

As the congregation developed, it eventually formally constituted as a Baptist church, all the while sharing the St. Andrew by the Bay facility.

The Catholic congregation was growing too, and as they purchased and began to build an expanded facility on College Parkway, the small Baptist congregation took a bold step and pur-

chased the Hilltop Drive facility where they continue to worship and grow today.

Rooted in love for God through Christ Jesus, the congregation is known for its care and compassion, a love of children and youth that includes them in the leadership in central worship experiences and an ecumenical spirit partnering that extends throughout the world, as well as the neighborhood.

### Activities for the weekend include:

#### Saturday, October 13

10:00 AM – Light brunch at BBC:Meet old and new friends, share memories

12:00 Noon -- Alumni Choir practice (anyone wishing to sing)

6:00 PM – Supper and Square Dance at St. Margaret's Fellowship Hall:1601 Pleasant Plains Rd., Annapolis, MD 21409

#### Sunday, October 14

8:30 AM – Alumni Choir practices (anyone wishing to sing)

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Special Anniversary Worship Service. Scripture Reflections from 5 former BBC pastors: Rev. Debra Griffis –Woodberry (confirmed); Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt (confirmed); Rev. Melanie Vaughn- West (confirmed); Rev. Cindy Simpson (unconfirmed); Rev. Chuck Sellner (unconfirmed)

Alumni Choir will sing Commissioned Anniversary Art – Dawn Mona Lunch fellowship following Worship

The community, past and current members and friends are cordially invited to participate.

For more information or to reserve a place at Saturday's Supper or Sunday's lunch, please contact:

Donna Farthing by phone at (410)757-8510 or email Donna at:

donnafarthing@msn.com

You may also contact Joann Davis by phone at (410) 647-1472 or email Joann at: jollynjoann@juno.com.

#### Transplanted: A Caper Overseas

Submitted by the Garden Club's Audrey Lengbeyer from Haifa Israel

Greetings from Haifa, Israel! Every seven years, professors at the U.S. Naval Academy (and most other universities) get a sabbatical, a year of rest. In order to rejuvenate their research interests and stimulate new avenues of scholarship, many professors choose to spend the year teaching at other schools, working alongside a new group of faculty.

When my husband Larry won a Fulbright Scholarship to teach for a year at Haifa University, we jumped at the opportunity. I had wanted to visit Israel ever since I met Larry (who is Jewish though not at all observant), and I have always loved visiting new and exotic lands.

We also thought it would be an excellent opportunity for our two girls, aged 5 and 2, to see a different part of the world and learn about another culture

What an adventure it would be! And what could be more fun than sharing this adventure with my fellow Cape residents through a monthly report in *The Caper*?

But first, all the nitty gritty details that everyone always asks about! Finding housing in Haifa was relatively easy—we connected with another professor going on sabbatical (after shopping through lots of similar offers), saw emailed photos of his home, located it on an online map of Haifa, and signed a sublease and faxed it back.

On our end, we had an extremely hectic month cleaning up our house here, preparing it for a renter, selling our two old cars, buying plane tickets, and packing up enough clothing, shoes, toiletries, toys, and books for the year.

Finally, we were off. After 12 hours in the air and a plane change in Germany, we arrived at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv.

Israel is a small country, only the size of New Jersey. But it is much longer, stretched into a narrow, pointed shape 260 miles long. cities are Tel Aviv, Haifa, and, of course, Jerusalem. The west coast of Israel fronts the Mediterranean Sea, with Haifa, the port city, on the north end, and Tel Aviv, a pulsing city of trendy restaurants and posh clubs, in the middle. East of Tel Aviv on the highlands is Jerusalem, where many devout Jews, Christians, and Arabs worship.

It is said about Israel that Jerusalem prays, Tel Aviv plays, and Haifa works. Haifa is also the most integrated of the large Israeli cities, renowned for the way its Jewish and Muslim citizens work and live together in peace.

Terrorist suicide bombings are extremely rare here; in the past 17 years since the First Intifada, there have only been 5 such attacks, and the last one was several years ago.

The way Israelis drive, I'm much more concerned about staying out of harm's way on the roads!

Haifa straddles a mountain peninsula between the Mediterranean and a bay, where miles of port industry sits.

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#### **Transplanted** (from page 11)

Not a single street in Haifa is straight, as every street is winding up the hill or down. The main street runs along the crest, and our rented flat is a block from this main street.

We spent our first days recovering from massive jetlag, as Israel is seven hours ahead of the east coast of the U.S. The girls wanted to sleep all day and stay up all night, and so did we!

We also had fun figuring out how to get groceries here, either at the corner grocery store, the supermarket a few blocks away, or in the shuk, or open-air market, where bargains abound.

Now that the frenzy of shopping and getting settled is over, I find myself in a strange sort of vacuum We've reached out and started many proto-friendships, but our days still have no routine other than waking and sleep and meals, and I wonder, What will our year look like? I

must remind myself to take and enjoy one day at a time, and that part is easy. Our flat gets a lovely breeze, and has a view of beautiful pine trees.

When we walk through our neighborhood to the nearby grocery store, hardware store, or falafel place, we walk by palm trees, fountains, and fragrant flowers of all kinds. The falafel is delicious!

The greatest adjustment for me and our older daughter has been the language barrier. Many Israelis speak varying degrees of English, so it's not that I can't find help when I need it. Still, the national language of Israel

is biblical Hebrew, so each time I ask someone "Anglit?" before speaking, I feel like I'm asking for a special favor.

At first this felt like a big bur-

den, but now I'm getting used to it. Cassia is also learning how to overlook the language difference when making playmates, connecting through laughter, physical play, and shared projects, like filling a hole with water at the beach.

Speaking of beaches, Haifa, like Tel Aviv, has miles of them, along the Mediterranean. We've already been there twice, so in that regard, it feels just like home to be so close to water and sand. The waves are a bit bigger, though!

It's also strange to be in a big city, where street noise and night life are the norm. Each night our street is jammed with parked cars of those headed to the cafes and pubs nearby, and we walk to several playgrounds and shops right down the block.

It's also strange to be renting again, and to feel so inhibited about making the space ours. Our apartment is a furnished rental, with beds, couches, tables, kitchenware, and art on the walls. Our hosts even thoughtfully left a few books and toys for the girls. But can I add some hooks or towel rods? Can I fix the wooden bench outside?

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#### **Transplanted** (From page 12)

These are questions I haven't had to ask in a long time!

Traveling always makes one wonder about home and what it is. What defines home here? And what do I miss from my beloved Cape St. Claire?

I'm grateful that I brought my own bedding to Israel, even though our hosts left us some. What makes Haifa home for me is my down comforter, my own pillows, and snuggling my girls in our big bed each night.

What I miss most? My selfcleaning garlic press, my sharp knives, my power tools, and 84 Lumber. I miss our play set, our deck and benches, and the ability to make something whenever I see a need. Not that I would even know where to get lumber if I had my saws along!

Fortunately, the Israeli people are living up to their reputation for being warm and receptive to outsiders.

This week is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. My husband's second cousins have invited us to several family dinners, and various colleagues and acquaintances have made sure to call and invite us to dinner, coffee, or the beach.

We have had two or even three engagements on some days this week, and it's been lovely to be welcomed into a new social life here.

Last night, we followed our hosts in dipping apples in honey, to

celebrate a new year filled with sweetness.

We very much hope for sweetness in our year here in Israel. Shana tova, fellow Capers, as they say here: Have a good year!

From: Audrey Lengbeyer in Haifa, Israel



The big news this month is that the Society has been granted our 501(c)(3) non-profit organization status by the IRS!

This means that all donations from private parties or companies, either monetary or material, are now tax deductible.

This also includes both single and household memberships. Yearly membership fees are \$20 for individuals and \$35 for households and renew each year in January.

There are a number of activities afoot, details of which can be found in the Society newsletter (one of the benefits of membership).

Unfortunately, one of these activities is our ongoing battle with vandals.

As the Society moves closer to

a long-term lease of the property from the Board of Education, additional security and stability will be added to the property, main house and out buildings.

However, the best way keep the house and property safe and secure right now is to keep an eye on it as a team.

All members who have signed a liability waiver are encouraged to take walks through the property and to report any questionable happenings to the Society's Board of Directors or directly to the police by calling 911.

Our membership is passionate about the house, property, what it was, what it can be again, and the gap that Goshen could fill in our neighborhood.

The following poem was written by one of our high school members. She wrote it just after the last bout of vandalism:

# **Goshen**By: Corinne M. Bailey

The property is unkempt A meadow, grassy, overgrown

The trodden path leads through the field Of ancient crops; old plantation

When the path ends you will find Mixed emotions at the porch

Some say it's creepy, haunted Eyes watching your every move

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**Goshen** (Cont. from page 13)

Some say it's hopeless Nothing will become of this weathered house

But I say it's special, unique I say there is potential, a yearning for repair

Inside the house is musty, the air is close Walls are non-existent, stairs; unsafe

Antique artifacts; destroyed Windows, doors, closets...ruined

Hidden mysteries, lying within Stories, tales, lives once lived

All inside this abandoned place Atop a hill, almost forgotten

Remnants of once beautiful gardens

Wonderful flowers decorate the front porch

Left-over plantation fields; Grapes, cherries, apples, plums

The house longs for a purpose once again You can hear it; listen close

It needs assistance, support It can be restored, fixed, returned To its glamour, splendor All it needs is a helping hand

So let's rally together, combine our strength For the sake of our community's history:

Bring back Goshen

The Goshen Farm Preservation Society is in need of new members as well as monetary and material donations.

Our path is long, but the potential return, individually and for the Cape, is great.

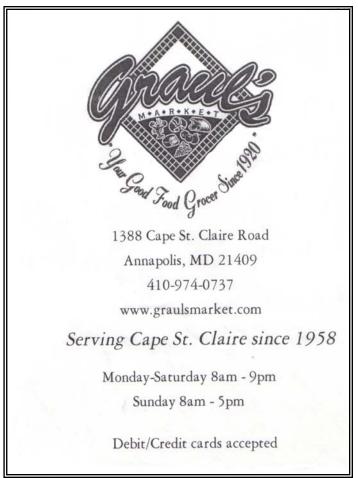
Please consider joining us to preserve a part of our neighborhood's history!

For membership information,

please visit our

web site at <a href="http://www.goshenfarm.org/">http://www.goshenfarm.org/</a>.







When I walked into my first Garden Club meeting just over three years ago, I really had no idea what to expect.

Just the words "garden club" made me think of little old ladies with highly decorated large brimmed hats sipping tea in their garden.

As a full time working soccer mom with two pre-teens and an 18 month old, I certainly did not fit that picture.

Still, I went. I can honestly say that none of the men (yes, men) and women I met that night fit my original preconceptions.

Although many of them have large brimmed hats, they are utilitarian, for protection from the sun. Although some are older in age, they are hardly old.

The average age of the present members is somewhere in our early 40's. Finally, being soccer moms and dads too, we rarely have time to sit and sip mint juleps in our backyards.

What we are is a group of people who live in Cape St. Claire who hate weeds and love beautiful lawns, gardens and landscapes.

We want to have these while promoting good horticultural practices that won't harm the environment and the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

Since I joined I have heard speakers talk about Lawn Care, Composting, pest control without pesticides, hybrids, natives, and how to take care of both annuals and perennials.

I have been able to get some fantastic plants, by exchange with other members as well as during the annual garden club plant sale. I have actually learned something about gardening in Cape.

Most importantly, it was through the Garden Club that I learned about my daughters play group, found pack 707 and youth sailing and made what I am sure will become lifelong friendships.

I would therefore, like to invite everyone to join us on the first Tuesday of every month at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 7 p.m. we will be exchanging plants from our own gardens and planning for our Annual Harvest Dinner on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

My garden may still be full of weeds however the following families have gone above and beyond in beautifying the Cape. The yard of the month club winners for July, August and September are as follows:

July: The Maggios: 1313 Breezway

The Higdons: 117 River Bay Road

The Holoskis': 1164 Glenwood Dale

The Gallaghers: Dogwood Tree

The Sherwoods: 1133 Ramblewood

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August:

The Hampes: 970 Woodland Circle

The Macgaugheys: 1318 Swan Drive

\*The Henschens: 963 St. Johns Drive\*

The Watkins: 1196 Southview Drive

The Knoxs: 1393 Greenway Drive

September:

The Bavis': 1144 Riverview Drive

The Prestis: 1172 St. George Drive

The Celleros: 961 Highpoint Drive

The Bormans: 990 Westway

The Coopers: 762 Windgate

Enjoy your family and your gardens!

Submitted by: Mary Rosner



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