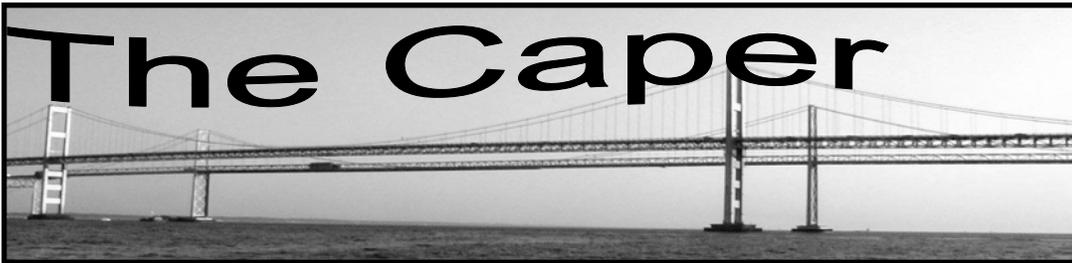


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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

September 2007

We want to hear from you!!! Send your Letters to the Editor at capereditor@cscia.org or drop them off at the Clubhouse.

Board Chair Updates- Beaches and Parks

My name is Frank Newman and I'm the new chair for the CSCIA Beaches and Parks committee. I've been a Cape resident (on and off) since 1970. I moved back into the neighborhood three years ago and immediately realized that I had taken our spectacular beaches and parks for granted during the years I grew up here. Like me, I think many living here would agree that the beaches and parks are a great neighborhood asset worth protecting.

In my new role, I soon found that in order to keep our beaches and parks in good condition and ensure that Cape residents, who pay for their upkeep, can grab a nice shady picnic table on a Saturday afternoon without having to battle a bunch of outsiders, was to limit access to residents and their guests. If you visited them regularly this summer, you will have met our beach attendants. They may have asked you for your address or they may have questioned why your car didn't have a valid community parking pass. You may have wondered why you were being "hassled" on your way to relax at the beach. I have to admit that I felt the same way before I took over as chair of the beaches and parks committee.

Then I quickly realized the challenges we face with many non-residents using our community amenities. Now, our attendants verify that everyone accessing the beaches and parks is truly a current resident or guest of the Cape. While on duty, they also ensure that people using the beaches and parks observe the rules and regulations. So please remember to renew your stickers each year and have your guests display a guest pass in their vehicle. If you are stopped by a beach attendant, please cooperate and remember that without them you might not easily find a place to park, an open picnic table, or a good spot at the fishing and crabbing pier.

Moving on, recently, several folks have complained about dogs running loose at the beach and dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. If you are a dog owner, please be considerate of others. Always keep your dog on a leash and use the bags provided at each location to clean up after it. The Beaches and Parks Committee has recently revised our regulations to make them more dog-friendly. Dogs are now allowed at the beaches all year long (summer months too). We hope that all pet owners will respond in kind by being considerate of others.

Below is a listing of the newly revised Beaches and Parks Rules and Regulations. Please be a good neighbor and make sure you observe them. The Beaches and Parks committee is happy to hear any comments you might have. We can be contacted at parks2007@cscia.org.

1. **Beaches, parks and the boat ramp at Deep Creek are only for the use of property owners current in the payment of their maintenance fees, and their guests.** Guest passes cannot be used for the launching ramp at Deep Creek on weekends or holidays from May through September. Guest passes may be used for vehicles without trailers at Deep Creek during all regular park hours.
2. **All Cape St. Claire beaches and parks will be closed to everyone from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

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Board Update (from page 1)

Violators will be subject to prosecution under the Maryland Trespass Law, Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 6-402/6-403. Conviction under this law may involve a fine of not more than \$500 or a 3 month imprisonment, or both.

- Vehicles parked on community property must display a current Cape St. Claire bumper sticker** on the rear of their vehicle, or a guest pass hanging from the rear view mirror, or a temporary parking permit (issued for special events held at the clubhouse) inside the front windshield on the drivers side. Any unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- No loitering is allowed in the community parking areas.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed on the beaches and no

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boats are allowed on the beaches or anchored at the beach waterline.

4. Windsurfing is permitted outside of the designated swim area only.

5. **Consumption of alcoholic beverages IS NOT permitted** on the beaches, in the parks, or in the community parking lots. Glass containers are not permitted at our beaches.

6. **Dogs on community property shall be on a leash and within their owner's control at all times.** Dog owners must clean up their dog's waste. Bags are provided at the beaches for your convenience.

7. No commercial use of the piers is permitted.

8. The use of piers is limited to slip renters. **Fishing and crabbing from the community piers continues to be prohibited**, except from the fishing and crabbing pier at Lake Claire. Residents are also reminded that the boat piers are totally maintained and paid for by slip renters.

9. Dumpsters on community property are for the use of people using these facilities, not for household refuse.

10. **Permission for social gatherings of 20 or more people at the beaches and parks must be requested** in writing from the CSCIA Beaches and Parks Committee, and the appropriate [permission form](#) must be completed and signed by the sponsor(s). Social gatherings of more than 30 people will need special permission from the Beaches and Parks committee chair.

Violators of above regulations can be banned from community beaches and parks for a period of not more than 1 year.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Newman

CSCIA Beaches and Parks Chair



We Need Seuss' Lorax

by Dorothy Ballard-with gratitude
and respect to Dr. Seuss

Here in the land of Cape St. Claire,
With the trees and flowers and
water and air,
We need the Lorax to come
teach us a lesson
About how to treat what
we keep messin.'

There are no Truffula trees or
brown barbaloots,
But there are little kids in
swimming suits,
Running the beaches on
little bare feet,
Unaware of the dangers
they may meet.
When through the playground
they may pass,

And step on a piece of
broken glass,
From someone's discarded
bottle of beer,
Even though a trash can was
oh-so-near.

It would really drive the
Lorax nuts,
To see so many cigarette butts
Littering the parking lots,
beaches, and water.
Why can't people do
what they oughter?

Do the vandals stop and
think enough
To realize they are trashing
their own stuff?
The beaches are there for
all our use,
And yet they catch so much abuse;
From people who think that
they're being funny

Not realizing it's cleaned up
with their tax money.
Or maybe it is the taxes of
Mom and Dad
Who don't realize their kids
are being bad.

Come back Lorax and speak
for the trees!
The water and grasses
and trees all say please!
Tell folks to be nice,
to respect and not litter
And our beautiful Cape will
look even better.

Cape St Claire is a wonderful,
great place to live
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Board in Brief—July

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on July 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, Lamb, Maltz, Morgan, Newman and Wolin were in attendance.*

President's Remarks: President Gardner stated that she received a letter from Mosquito Sciences offering to assist with a spray program. Not needing their services now, she will keep the letter for possible future reference. She noted the recent death of Ms. Mary March, a long-time resident of the Broadneck Peninsula, who was very active in improving the area.

Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve the June 11, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended and the May 31, 2007 Financials. Both motions were unanimously approved.

Building Permit Variance Requests:

Owners of two Cape properties attended the Board of Governor's

(BOG) meeting to present their cases to request approval of their building variance requests. Their original building permit requests were previously not approved in part due to the lack of sufficient required information in the requests. The Building Committee chair, Governor Daly, noted that omitted or incomplete required information in submitted building permit requests is a common problem, resulting in delays or disapproval.

The first variance request was from the owners of a property located on Bay View Vista Drive. Due to the difficulty of the physical characteristics of the lot, including a steep slope, the owners and their architect requested approval on the direction in which the front of the house would face and a variance on front and back setbacks.

The second variance request was from the owners of a property located on Hillendale Drive. Their original request for a building permit was disapproved due to the plans not being detailed enough to determine if they exceed the building height restriction. The owners and their architect provided some new and some changed

information to the BOG demonstrating their agreement to stay below the height restriction, and asked the BOG to reconsider their original decision.

After reviewing newly submitted documentation and discussing the issues in detail with all of the owners and their architect, the BOG met in a Closed Session meeting to decide on the requests. The Building Committee chairman will call the owners and advise them of the Board's decisions.

Committee Reports:

Beaches & Parks: Governor Newman reported that rubber mulch was placed around the playground equipment at the Main Beach, and that a new picnic table was installed at the Lake Claire beach area with another picnic table ordered for the Little Magothy River park area.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported that a clubhouse air conditioner had to be replaced.

Piers: Governor Gallagher reported that he would continue to survey all boats slips for usage through July 16th, and those renters not using their slips for a majority of the season stand to lose their slips. (Cont. on page 5)

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Board (from page 4)

Adjournment: The regular July 9, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:55 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **August 13, 2007 at 7:30 PM.**

Board in Brief–August

The CSCIA Board of Governors met on August 13, 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, Daly, Gallagher, Gardner, Maltz, Newman and Wolin were in attendance. Governors Campbell, Knotts, Lamb and Morgan were absent. The Budget Committee chairman, John Berley, was also present.*

President's Remarks: President Gardner stated: Arrests were recently made at the Main Beach area for trespassing and drug possession. As a result of a request from membership by motion at the July 24th Quarterly Membership meeting, President Gardner sent letters to the School Board,

Parks and Recreation, Councilman Cathy Vitale and the Cape St. Claire Elementary School principal – stating that the community does not support having the tennis courts at the Cape St. Claire Elementary School removed and replaced by a parking area. A tow truck company was called to have two unauthorized vehicles removed from the Lake Claire beach area. The parking situation in that area has since improved.

Minutes and Financials:

Motions were made to approve the July 9, 2007 Monthly BOG Meeting Minutes as amended and the June 30, 2007 Financials. Both motions were unanimously approved.

SHELL STATION REQUESTS, AND CONCERNS BY SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS:

Southern Maryland Oil (SMO), the owners of the Shell Station property, recently sold the operation of the business (not the property) to an independent dealer. The current store/station hours of opening at 6 a.m. and closing at 10 p.m. were previously set in 1992 by an Anne Arundel County Administrative

Hearing Office agreement allowing conditional use in an R-5 residential area. The current station manager and representatives of SMO approached the CSCIA, and neighbors attending the meeting, about supporting the store/station to remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They would continue to keep the exterior lights, including the price signs, off at 10 p.m.

Several neighbors living in close proximity to the Shell Station attended the meeting and voiced strong opposition to the requested changes. They stated that the current situation of lighting, vehicular traffic, general noise and pedestrian traffic is bad enough for the current hours - that extending the operating hours and increasing the noise levels with a vacuum cleaner system and additional nighttime vehicular and pedestrian traffic in a covenanted community with many nearby residents is not reasonable, should not be allowed or supported by the CSCIA. There was concern for safety also expressed; that the addition of a 24 hour business operation in a residential area might provide an attractive magnet for crime and late night undesirable patrons.

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Board (from page 5)

After discussing the input from all involved parties, a motion was made and approved for the BOG to meet in a Closed Session meeting to decide any CSCIA action on the request. The result of the closed session was: The CSCIA Board will not support any changes to the current operating agreement prescribed in; Anne Arundel County Administrative Hearing Office Case Number S-168-92.

Committee Reports:

The Building, Covenants, Piers, History, Beaches and Parks and Caper Committees provided committee reports.

Adjournment: The regular August 13, 2007 BOG Monthly meeting ended at 9:45 p.m. The next monthly Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for **September 12, 2007 at 7:30 PM.**

Letter to the Editor

Early one Monday morning my children and I decided to take our dogs for a walk. We put on the leashes, grabbed the "doggie bags" and headed out the door. As usual, we headed to the main beach. The children wanted to swing, so I walked around the park with the dogs.

Eventually, we were joined by a man and his three exuberant dogs. They all had on leashes, but he was only holding on to one of them. I tightened my grip on my dogs and was prepared for the invasion. I was pleasantly surprised when the dogs stayed well away from my two. They had only one thing on their minds and that was to get in the water.

of the dogs pooping, twice, right at the shoreline!

I watched in horror as the owner used a stick to bury the "mess" right there in the sand.

My first thought was of the cute little toddlers who would be arriving later in the morning with their buckets, shovels, and toys. Maybe this man has no children or grandchildren who play there, so he doesn't care about children playing in his dog's "mess."

Maybe this man doesn't fish, or swim in the Chesapeake Bay, so he is not worried about bacteria in the water. I know I do, and I am sure that many of my neighbors do.

Does everyone let their dogs poop at the beach? Responsible dog owners should make sure their dog has already done his "business" before he can go to the beach, and should certainly use a bag to clean up any "accidents."

Thank you,
Linda Rucker

My kids and I enjoyed watching the dogs go way out in the water retrieving a ball, what great swimmers they were!

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We will be recycling again this year.

The cleanup is scheduled for: Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for helping us keep the Cape clean!

Enter the Cape St. Claire CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Recently taken a great photo of Cape St. Claire or the Chesapeake Bay? The 2008 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar is sponsoring a photo contest. The winning photo will be published on the front page of the 2008 calendar. A \$100.00 cash prize will also be awarded.

The photo contest is limited to Cape St. Claire residents, lot owners, and Cape St. Claire Shopping Center business employees or owners. There is no age limitation. Previous calendar contest winners may also enter photographs. Photos submitted for the previous contest may also be reentered.

To enter, drop off your photos at Cape Graphix in the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Photo submission deadline is Friday, October 5, 2007. Photos must be sub-

mitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" (or larger) format in either color or black and white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. Photos that were not selected can be picked up at Cape Graphix three weeks after the contest deadline. For questions, call Amy Podd at 410-757-7295.

The winning photo will be selected by the CSCIA board of governors. The winner will be announced in a following issue of *The Caper*.

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We formed over a period of three years through various relationships initiated on the beach, in the Cape plaza, from various neighbor relations and through Anchors-A-Wee preschool. The playgroup has grown to 9 mothers and 19 kids. We have found common interests including our love for our kids, community, beach and the Cape — a neighborhood encompassing all of these things.

We have "themed" camps, and in the off-season we take turns and select a place to play and explore, meeting once to twice monthly.

Submitted by :Theresa Holtzclaw

Fun in the Sun!



The Kids—A Year and a Half Older and Wiser!





Did you Know ...

That the Goshen Farm Preservation Society has now gained its non-profit status?

That the Goshen Farm Preservation Society has now gained its non-profit status?

Donations to this organization are now tax deductible. The Goshen Farm Preservation Society's goals are to obtain a long term lease with the Board of Education so that we can begin to restore the house, maintain the grounds, and provide safe access so that we can work on turning the property into a rural farm museum teaching about farm life on the Broadneck peninsula in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

If you would like to learn more about the history of the house, become a member or make a donation please go to www.goshenfarm@cscia.org. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Cox room at the clubhouse.

Submitted by Barbara Morgan, President, Goshen Farm Preservation Society



Cape St. Claire Dolphins Swim Team

Dolphins Swim Team

This summer, the 2007 Cape Saint Claire (Dolphins) Swim Team under the direction of CSCSC Aquatics Director and returning Head Coach Judy Schmid, won all five of their summer dual meets, and took swimmers to each of the three Greater Annapolis Swim League (GASL) Championship Meets (Gold, Silver & Bronze).

The CSC team consisted of 120 area swimmers ages 4-18.

Judy Schmid, for three consecutive years, and six years

overall, has run this instructional summer swim program, working with assistant coaches, parents, swimmers and officials toward producing a team of athletes worthy of calling themselves the Cape St. Claire Dolphins.

The assistant coaching staff of Alex Fogg, Erin Schmid and Zoe Morse (all current or former Cape Swimmers and qualified

Lifeguards & Swim Coaches) worked with Judy to ensure the safety and education of all the Cape swimmers.

Numerous awards were given at the Annual End of the Year Banquet on Sunday, July 22nd.

Awards were given to the twelve Most Valuable Swimmers, by age

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Dolphins (from page 10)

group and gender, for those swimmers in their respective categories, who won the most points for the team, at dual meets.

Cape St. Claire's Most Valuable Swimmers, for 2007, are: Jack Bragaw, Maggie McKay, Nicholas Howard, Maddie Bragaw, Maxwell Madden, Ally Bragaw, Cody Edwards, Mimi Graf, Garrett Lanham, Alli Graf, Brian Schmid, and Liz McGrath.

Awards were given to the twelve Most Improved Swimmers, by age group and gender, for those swimmers in their respective categories, who improved their times for the season, by the most time and/or who met the stroke technique requirements for mak-

ing all four strokes legal in competition.

Cape St. Claire's Most Improved Swimmers, for 2007, are: Drako Alva, Jared Grindle, Callie Gardella, Tripper Logan, Erin McElwee, Luke Stevens, Victoria Branson, Joey Alfera, Hannah Lancaster, Matthew Stevens, and Sammie Norman.

One swimmer, Garrett Lanham, was awarded the 2007 Dolphin Award for his remarkable leadership, dedication and devotion to the Cape St. Claire team.

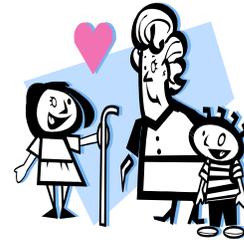
Team Blankets were given to Cape St. Claire's recent High School Graduating Seniors: Liz McGrath, Zoe Morse, Erin Schmid, and Rachel Stevens.

Cape St. Claire Swim Team thanks their generous local supporters: Carl's Keys, Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church, Bella's, Three Brothers, Water To Go, and Harbor Remodeling.

Thanks also go out to all the parent volunteers without whom the children could not compete.

Thank You!

Article Submitted by Carol Gardella



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If you'd like us to print an announcement in the next issue of the Caper; please send your announcement to:
capereditor@cscia.org or call the editor, Dana Raymond, at 410-757-1916.

Please be aware that we can only print your announcement if space permits.

We look forward to hearing from you! Caper Staff



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From the Editor- Good Eats?????

I've lived here in the Cape for nearly a year and a half and while I enjoy the wonderful offerings at the Cape shopping plaza, I am seeking new and exciting places to quench my palate.

I'm sure they're out there. I need your help!

I'm looking for guidance to find great eats of all sorts...family restaurants, waterside spots, happy-hour favorites, any cuisine from anywhere, from cheap-eats to fine-dining, as long as it's good.

Please send me either a list, an article or just tell me your single most favorite place to eat/drink around town (include your over-the-Bay-bridge spots too)!

Additionally, if anyone out there is so inclined to become the Caper's resident Food Critic—we'd love to have you!!

Please either send me an email at: capereditor@cscia.org or call me at 410-757-1916.

Thanks and I look forward to eating out!

Submitted by Dana Raymond

School Days are Here Again . . .

Without sidewalks, the kids have nowhere else to trod but the streets. Please slow down and be careful on the roads. As always, watch for kids crossing from Graul's Field to the Cape shopping plaza. Have a great school year!!!



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