

# The Caper



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

## APRIL 2016

**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TUESDAY APRIL 19TH 7:30 PM**

### ***Transportation Forum***

*Summary Review*

*Submitted by Beau Breeden, VP CSCIA,  
BCC/CSCIA Liaison and BCC Board Member*



The Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC) held a Transportation Forum on Thursday, February 11th, 2016 at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse House. There was a good turnout, almost a full house, for the meeting with residents from all over the Broadneck Peninsula in attendance. The focus of the forum was in general the transportation needs of the Peninsula, but focus on the recently released Chesapeake Bay Bridge Life Cycle Cost Analysis that was released in January by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) and a current Senate Bill 56, along with greater more wide scope needs for the Annapolis area in general.

Senator Ed Reilly (R-33) presented Senate Bill 56 (SB56), which is sponsored by John Astle (D-30) and Jim Mathias (D-38). They represent the Western and Eastern Shores of Rt. 50. This bill, which the BCC believes needs to be supported allows for the start of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to determine the future of the two current spans of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, but also future structural needs and potential other locations for new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing either here, North or South of the current spans. To note, Delegate (R-33) Mike Malone attended and spoke in support of the SB56. Our other delegates in District 33, had staff in attendance as did the County Executive Office and our current Councilman's Office.

Pat Lynch, the President of the BCC, presented the MdTA 2015 Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA). The study presented current Bay Bridge traffic details and future forecast and expected volume growth along with specific options to consider. The report calls for an EIS study to begin in 2015 to determine the recommended site for new Bay Bridge structure, which will take nearly

20 years to plan, design, and construct. We must begin and start the long process ahead. Continuing to delay and allow the MdTA to do nothing is no longer a viable strategy as we are concerned for the safety and quality of life impact, especially for us on the Broadneck Peninsula.

The discussion focused on two alternative options provided in the LCCA

1) Construct new (minimum 3, 5 or 8 lane) bridges on US Route 50 to prepare for the regional expected traffic and public safety concerns. The current east bound (2 lane structure) is already backed up at peak traffic hours, due to the merging of heavy traffic at the toll booths and the opposite flow of traffic on the West Bound (3 lane structure). We all know and experience the congestion during the summer and heavy rush hour and it only compounds when a traffic incident occurs. This will only get worse overtime with growth of both the Eastern and Western Shores.

2) Construct a new bridge either north or south of the current bridge locations to relieve the Annapolis/ Broadneck/ Kent Island corridor. The potential for a paralyzing event such as a shipping accident involving one or both bridges along with potential for terrorist

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# **Board In Brief** *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

## MARCH 14, 2016

President Dembowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and thanked the members and guests for attending.

A resident presented plans and photos in support of her request for a variance to erect a small shed. The Board thanked her for coming and assured her they would take the matter up this evening in a closed session.

Members of the Garden Club were present to ask permission to erect a small storage shed somewhere on CSCIA property in the Clubhouse field. There was some discussion of the CSCIA's own need for increased storage, insurance, and permitting fees. The Board thanked the members for coming and said they would discuss the matter.

The minutes of February 8, 2016 were approved unanimously with one minor correction.

The Profit & Loss Final Statement of January 31, 2016 was approved unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BCC:** Governor Breeden said there was a good turnout at the transportation forum here in February, where SB 56 and Bay Bridge studies were discussed.

**BLOA:** Governor Breeden noted that at the quarterly luncheon it was reported that SB 141 had passed on the floor and that HB 602 was out of committee. These are two of the bills that will allow the BLOA to create an SCBD to pay for the new county water connections.

**Covenants:** Governor Breeden said there are lots of small ongoing issues, mostly dealing with junk and debris. He said the county has issued a warning to one house and the county inspectors have been more responsive than in the past.

**Security:** Governor Breeden said things have been quiet except for some late night party trash.

**Roads:** Governor Breeden and Governor Small have looked at potholes and other problems in the Cape and are putting together a list of problem streets. Governor Breeden said that Cape St. Claire Road should be done by early summer and that sidewalks are supposed to be in before Strawberry Festival. He noted that work on the step pools behind the firehouse is progressing.

**Communication and Technology:** Governor Szczytko has been making some minor changes and tweaks to the Cape web site and is working on the Strawberry Festival page.

**Erosion Control:** Governor Vaccaro has been trying to connect with Fairwinds Marina to discuss bamboo and drainage. She, along with Governor Breeden, toured our beaches with Joe Berg of Biohabitats and Larry Jennings.

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb said rentals are good, and she is getting ready to install the new flooring. She is considering

beadboard for wainscoting and is looking into getting new chairs.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb said advertising is going very well and she would like to see more articles to balance that out.

**Strawberry Festival:** Governor Lamb said plans are moving along.

**Buildings:** Governor Zedara said there have been a lot of requests for sheds and fences and he is trying to maintain a 7-day turn-around.

**Piers:** Governor Small said the new contracts have all been mailed and payments are coming in. The Deep Creek large pier project is done and electrical work is proceeding. He said that the new ice eaters probably saved us \$500 to \$1,000 a month in electricity costs. There is a lot of slip movement and he is hoping to get people off the wait list.

**Treasurer:** Governor Myers said things are going well and that we received our second county check of on March 1st.

**Events:** Governor Myers is going to be getting the permit for the Fourth of July parade.

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Dembowski said there was a request from the Yacht Club for a bonfire on the beach. He is planning one for Earth Day, April 22nd. He noted that a lot of our playground equipment is starting to show its age and it might be time to think about some replacements.

**Budget:** Chairman Buchet said the committee is planning to meet the first week of April.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Governor Vaccaro described recent meetings with various people regarding the beach restoration work, including the possibility of combining the restoration work with oyster aquaculture. It was hoped that we can get proposals submitted that we can show at the Strawberry Festival and then move ahead with the work at the July Quarterly meeting.

Governor Szczytko discussed the costs and logistics of having all the old CSCIA documents scanned and digitized. There was also discussion of our buying a scanner and have staff doing the work in-house. Governor Szczytko will do further research.

Governor Szczytko also mentioned the various options for getting a PA system for the Clubhouse. He and Governor Lamb will work together on that and on getting a new projection screen.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Governor Dembowski, in response to complaints about the Cape Elementary School sidewalks not being shoveled, has been in contact with the school, which has acknowledged that it is their responsibility and they will do it in the future.

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Governor Dembowski said new swim area marking buoys are here and it will take a couple of good sized boats to get them in. He might ask slip holders to volunteer with their help.

Governor Dembowski said phase 3 of the Main Beach walkway will be starting soon

Governor Dembowski said that Governor Breeden will be getting the permits to extend the Lake Claire fishing pier to the parking lot, which will make it ADA compliant.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Governor Dembowski commented on a letter he received from a Boy Scout asking to build picnic tables at Lake Claire for his Eagle Scout project.

Governor Dembowski presented the Yacht Clubs request to hold its annual picnic on the beach this summer, with 60 or more people attending.

Governors Dembowski and Breeden brought up the possibility of the CSCIA buying its own vehicle to deal with maintenance and trash, rather than relying on staff vehicles.

Governor Lamb presented an application from the CSC REC Council to become a Cape-recognized organization. It was moved and passed that they be recognized.

Governor Dembowski said that 2 of last year's beach attendants are returning this summer and he expects more to do so. He has also filled out the paperwork for the county to test our water at the Main Beach and Lake Claire.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:03 P.M.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

A Closed Session was convened at 9:08 P.M. and adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Governors Breeden, Dembowski, Lamb, Myers, Small, Szczytko, Vaccaro, and Zedara were present. Governor Young was absent. Also present were Budget Committee chair Buchet and Member Toy, along with Administrative Assistant Coble.



## **Mona made it easy for me!**

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I would like to commend Mona LaCovey on a job well done. Mona has been working with me to sell my parents home. I am new to the world of selling property and needed guidance every step of the way. The property is an estate property which made things even more difficult. I was dealing with the passing of my father, road blocks from other family members and a lawyer that had to be involved in the process also. Mona never wavered. She let me know what needed to be done to get the property ready, kept me on time frames and gave me feedback from people that were showing the house. Mona took all obstacles in stride, whether it be getting my family members to let us look through the house or giving a game plan for making the house show ready—even having to submit for attorney approval before things could begin. I don't know of many people that would have wanted the challenges that Mona had to overcome. I simply want to thank her for a job well done and let her know that I appreciate all the hard work that she had endured to make this much easier on me.



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# GARDEN CLUB



Hello, Capers!

Can you feel that feeling of Spring? That anticipation of revelation? What did I plant where? Is that bulb going to pop up any time soon? What IS that plant pushing its way through that pile of unraked leaves? The deep breath before the plunge into real spring is what all gardeners are feeling about now and the Cape St. Claire Garden Club is in the thick of it.

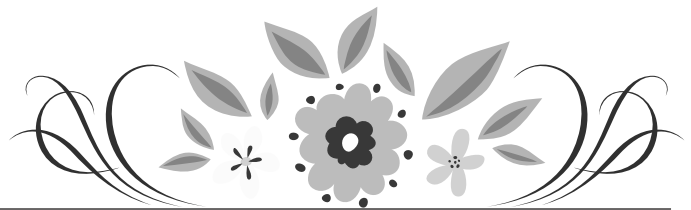
We celebrated the club's 41st birthday with our banquet in March! Membership has grown a lot over the years but the club has remained true to its goal of fun, information and fellowship, and beautification of the Cape. Speaking of fun, several members took a field trip to the greenhouses that supply the plants for the U.S. Botanical Gardens in Washington, D.C. By all accounts, the trip was quite interesting and inspiring.

During our April meeting, we will be finalizing plans for our annual Plant Sale. The sale is Saturday, May 14 at the corner of Cape St. Claire Road and Broadview. I want to remind you that we will have hanging baskets, annuals,

herbs and vegetables and perennials grown in our own gardens, harvested and nurtured just for the sale. We will also be selling plants that are native to our region of the Chesapeake Bay. Come on down and celebrate the beauty of plants and the hope that is gardening!

As always, we welcome new members to join us! Many of our members are well-versed in plant lore and they are happy to share their knowledge. Meetings are lively and we do a lot of fun things including garden tours, maintaining local garden beds, dining out, field trips and the plant sale. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. Check us out at [gardenclub@wrodpress.com](mailto:gardenclub@wrodpress.com). You'll be glad you did!

**SUBMITTED BY JEANNE KLINGLER**



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attacks were discussed as strategic planning to provide other options for crossing the Chesapeake Bay. Today's solution if something would occur would be to replace and in the meantime suffer the consequences of our lack of prior planning. SB56, which if passed can at least begin the process of determining other possibilities. We urge all to support this process to start.

There is the ongoing issue of competition for these funds for the EIS. Maryland has other older bridge locations whose constituents are demanding that tolls from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge continue to be used to maintain or build new bridges crossing Rt. 301 into Virginia and the bridge crossing into Elkton at the northern end of the Bay. The Annapolis/Broadneck residents need to be heard on this issue and that the prioritization should be the Chesapeake Bay Bridge as the main artery of the state between the Western and Eastern Shore. The Capital on 2/2/16 had a good editorial that urges the Governor to "settle the stalemate preventing initiation of required studies and analysis that could...lead to addressing the growing Bridge capacity problems". Dick Ladd, a Broadneck Resident, and former Councilman for District 5, wrote a "Letter to the Editor" in the Capital which was published on 2/14/2016 that provided an overview the stalemate by MdTA and the supporting EIS Study. Both articles continue to push for the passing of SB56.

Another speaker featured Dave Humphreys, the Executive Director of the Annapolis Regional Transit Management

Authority (ARTMA). Mr. Humphrey's reviewed the challenges for a new and improved bridge, the corridor planning that must be also considered, alternative modes of transportation for the area to improve future traffic growth, in particular mass transit from the Eastern Shore to the Western Shore to help alleviate traffic concerns in the future.

The final speaker of the evening of Dick Ladd, who spoke about the role of the MdTA as a toll collector, their objective to repair and maintain, but not their strong suite as a long term planning solutions and their financial responsibility to their bondholders. Mr. Ladd also spoke of the need to support the passing of SB56 to begin this process of planning.

The BCC urged that concerned residents of the Broadneck Peninsula and general Annapolis Area contact their Senators and Delegates to urge the passing of SB56 along with contacting the Governor's Office to make their concerns known and request action on the EIS study.

*Here in Cape St. Claire we are in District 33, we urge concerned residents to contact the following representatives to express support for the passing of Senate Bill 56.*

**Senator Ed Reilly** - [edward.reilly@senate.state.md.us](mailto:edward.reilly@senate.state.md.us)

**Delegate Michael Malone** - [michael.malone@house.state.us](mailto:michael.malone@house.state.us)

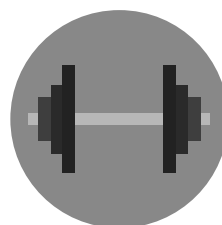
**Delegate Tony McConkey** - [tony.mcconkey@house.state.us](mailto:tony.mcconkey@house.state.us)

**Delegate Sid Saab** - [sid.saab@house.state.md.us](mailto:sid.saab@house.state.md.us)

## EPIPHANY COMMUNITY



We celebrate Catholic mass every Sunday at 9:30am at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. Please feel free to join us each and every Sunday morning! On Sunday, April 3rd, we will have a guest speaker after mass. Our Easter celebration was spectacular! We all look forward to meeting new people this Sunday.



## CAPE'NESS NUTRITION & FITNESS

We just started a new session on Wednesdays at 6pm and Thursdays at 10am, both in the Cox meeting room of the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. We have room for new people and all are welcome to join at any time. We discuss topics related to health and weight loss and share ideas. Last week's topic was fiber – aim for 25 to 30 grams of fiber daily! Let's get ready for swim suit season! The biggest losers win cash prizes. **Call Laura at (443) 569-9082 or (410) 757-1354 for more information.**



# NEWS FROM GOSHEN FARM HISTORIC SITE AND EDUCATION CENTER

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## **SPRING OPEN HOUSE HOURS HAVE CHANGE**

The Goshen Farm Preservation Society is very excited that we have been able to negotiate the filming of Victoria Garbesi's historic re-enactment. To accommodate the shoot the Society has changed the hours of the Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to Noon until 5:00 p.m. In addition to tours of the house preceded by a presentation on Goshen Farm's 233-year history; self-guided walking trail tours; the opportunity to explore the Goshen Farm Orchard, Sharing Garden, the Henson-Hall Slave Garden, and green house; and lectures on soil health; there will be a preview of the Cape St. Claire Beach Replenishment Projects with Oysters!

Goshen Farm had a long history of harvesting oysters. Many of the original driveways and walkways were paved with oyster shells as was the custom. Now you will be able to see the latest application of aquaculture and oyster harvesting as the Cape begins planning its beach replenishment and living shorelines projects. Come and see the oyster floats that will be a key tool in absorbing the wave energy during storms and providing a necessary protective barrier for the replenished sand and adjacent living shorelines. These floats are designed for high energy wave environments and you will be able to examine them and meet JD Blackwell, the owner of 38 North Oysters. We'll have neighbors who have been involved in oyster aquaculture as well as our Maryland Grow Oysters program to discuss oysters and how they will clean the water off the Cape beaches and protect the sand while you sample the finest oysters farmed in Maryland. We'll have fresh oysters plucked from the waters off Point Lookout that morning and available at a Buck a Shuck for you to sample or enjoy for your lunch. If you are not into oysters, there will be burgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork sandwiches for sale.

Music will be provided by Dirk Shwenk and Trekkie Jones (acoustic). Bring a blanket or some chairs and plan to spend some quality time in the great outdoors known as Goshen Farm. Check our web site as we get closer to the Open House and like us on Facebook to get updates.

## **DATE & TIME FOR THE ANNUAL WINE TASTING FIRMED UP**

The Annual Wine Tasting sponsored by Bella's Liquors will be held on August 27th from 4:00 until 7:00 PM. One of the most popular Goshen Farm events, the wine tasting is held at the home of Valerie Sullivan. Wine provided by Bella's Liquors and a variety of tasty treats provided by Chef Art Lewis. You may have experienced his culinary art at one of Bella's wine tastings. A donation of \$20 is requested. This year the Society is expanding the event to include music and much more including a silent auction. Check our web site ([www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org)) for updates on who will be providing the entertainment and other information.

## **KAYAK RAFFLE**

The Society will again raffle off two Emotion Spitfire kayaks complete with paddles. Tickets are \$5.00 each and only 600 will be sold. The drawing will take place when all of the tickets are sold. Stop by and visit the Society's booth at the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival on June 4th to find out more about Goshen Farm and get your raffle tickets. Tickets are also available on line at the web site.

## **JAVA & JAZZ THANK YOU**

The Society wants to send a big "thank you" to the eighty or so people who came out to support us at Java & Jazz. Braving a grey day with occasional torrential rains, they enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays, and a wide variety of wonderful desserts, most made by a couple of our Board member. Thanks to the many generous friends and members, this free event raised about \$600 and netted the Society several new members. Thanks also to the Jazz Perpetrators who provided the entertainment without cost and Graul's Market which provided the sandwich fixings.

# *Spring Open House*

*The Goshen Farm Historic Site and Education Center*



**Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the farm—1420 Cape St. Claire Road**

**Noon until 5:00 PM**

- ◇ Learn about the history of Goshen Farm and tour the house
- ◇ Learn about living shore lines and how oyster floats may protect Cape Beaches
- ◇ Talk with representatives of the Maryland Oyster Growers Association
- ◇ Visit the Goshen Farm Orchard
- ◇ Take a self-guided tour of the walking trail
- ◇ Visit the Sharing Garden & High Tunnel
- ◇ Learn about the importance of soil health from the Asst. State Soil Scientist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◇ Music of Trekkie Jones & Dirk Schwenk
- ◇ Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pork Bar-b-que and fresh oysters available
- ◇ See the new bee hives that will be producing honey this summer

**Come out for a day of family fun and learning, Colonial kids games and activities**



# **ESCAPE THROUGH THE CAPE**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K / 1M Fun Run microchip timing for 5K racers!

**When:** Saturday, April 16, 2016 - Rain or Shine

**Time:** Registration 7:30 am, 5K 8:30 am, 1-Mile 8:45 am

**Where:** Cape Saint Claire Elementary School - Start & Finish

**Entry Fee (Non-Refundable):** PREREGISTRATION *by 4/1* REGISTRATION

Adults and Children over 15	\$15	\$20
Ages 5-14 (under 5 free)	\$12	\$15

### Pre-Race Packet Pick Up

*Spizzico Italian Kitchen 1282 Bay Dale Drive Arnold, MD 21012/ 443-214-5121*

**When:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 5:00- 7:30 pm

*Spizzico Italian Kitchen will donate 20% of dine-in & carry out proceeds when patrons mention this fundraiser on April 14 from 3 pm- 9 pm.*

The Cape St. Claire PTO hosts this event to promote fitness, family fun, and community involvement. Race packets may be picked up at Spizzico Italian Restaurant, 4/14 from 5:00-7:30pm or at 7:30am on 4/16.

A post race ceremony will be held soon after the event once results are tallied.

Awards will be given for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place male & female finishers of the 5K race in various age categories.

There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> male & female overall finishers.

Refreshments and restrooms will be available at the school.

\*\*\*Official running shirts given to the first 200 race registrants\*\*\*

For more information or to [VOLUNTEER](#), please contact Race Directors, Maria & Karen at [cscfunrun@yahoo.com](mailto:cscfunrun@yahoo.com)

### **Registration Form**

Please print all information. Complete one form per individual. Checks payable to CSC-PTO

Send to: CSCE FunRun, 931 Blue Ridge Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409.

**\*\*Pre-registration must be received by April 1, 2016\*\***

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male / Female Circle Shirt size: Adult: S M L XL Youth: S M L

Check Race Choice ☐ 5K ☐ 5K walk ☐ 1 mile run ☐ 1 mile walk

Waiver and Release: I recognize that participation in this activity may involve certain hazards. I understand that I should not participate unless medically able. I assume the risks associated with involvement in this activity, including, but not limited to falls, contact with participants, effects of weather and road traffic conditions, these risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this Waiver Release and considering the acceptance of my application, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf waive and release the Cape St. Claire PTO, the Cape St. Claire Elementary School, all race directors, committee members, school administrators and faculty members, volunteers, all sponsors and hosts and their representatives and successors, from any claim of liability arising from my involvement in this activity. I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event. Signature of Entrant (Parent if under 18 years of age)

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Extra forms available: at the literature area in the lobby of the school, [www.cscpto.org](http://www.cscpto.org), CSC PTO Facebook page & via above email\*\***



# SAVE THE DATE

## CAPE ST. CLAIRE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



SATURDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>



PARADE BEGINS AT THE CSC FIRE DEPARTMENT 10 AM  
PROCEEDS TO THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS (MAIN BEACH)

Cape St. Claire's biggest event of the year is only 2 months away. With warm weather in our near future everyone focuses on the summer activities which happen in and around the Cape.

Boating, swimming, baseball, friends, summer vacations and the Strawberry Festival are activities we all enjoy in Cape St. Claire.

Mark your calendars and make sure you grab a copy of the April Caper for contest entries and other Strawberry Festival news.

Also visit our website <http://cscstrawberryfestival.com/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cscstrawberryfest/?fref=ts> for entry forms and festival updates.

Last year's Strawberry Festival was the largest in recent history. If we are blessed with good weather we expect another record breaking crowd this year. In an effort to alleviate some of the parking issues at this year's festival we will be offering bus transportation to and from the festival. At this time we are looking at offering 2 busses which will run continuously in Cape St. Claire throughout the day. Bus routes with designated "Berry Bus Stop" and parking locations will be published in the May Caper in addition to being posted on the website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more details..... Should you have any questions or concerns please call me at 410-757-0593. Submitted by Mary Lamb



## ***Berriest Baby Contest***

Sponsored by: **BROWN'S DAY CARE**



*Do you have the "Berriest Baby"?*

*If so, please complete the form below!*

**Your Berriest baby must be 24 months or younger and a Cape St. Claire resident.**

Baby's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

We the Parents/Guardians agree to our child participating in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with our Berriest Baby. We understand judging is based upon the Strawberry Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 Am on Saturday, June 4, 2016 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain Date June 5th, 2016.

**Contest Entry DEADLINE .... May 21, 2016**

**I hereby give my child permission to participate in the parade & festival activities.**

**I will accept full responsibility for my child's safety.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature Date

**\*\*\*\*This form must be returned by May 21, 2016 to:  
Brown's Daycare, 723 Mount Alban Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409**

## **Strawberry Festival Parade Challenge**

Gather your neighbors, your church group, your scout troop, and your friends. The Strawberry Festival would like to increase parade participation. We challenge your "group" to create a parade float entry for judging. Let's bring the community together for another great event and make this the best parade ever.



**If you are interested in entering a float for judging please  
email Mary at [capermanager@cscia.org](mailto:capermanager@cscia.org) with your details!!!!**

# WANTED

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PRINCESSES

### *Littlest Princess / Junior Princess / Princess*

- ❖ Are you a Cape Resident?
- ❖ Are you active in your community?
- ❖ Are you a young lady entering
  - \* 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016 *or*
  - \* 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016 *or*
  - \* 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016

If you can answer yes to the above questions, the Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for you!! The Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for young ladies to represent our wonderful community at this year's festival. If you are interested please submit this form, along with a picture of yourself and your essay (see below for details) to:

**Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival**  
**1180 Summit Drive**  
**Annapolis, MD 21409**

#### **Littlest Princess** (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016)

In the 1940's Goshen Farm functioned without electricity. In a 300 word essay describe what life may have been like for the Goshen Farm Family without the luxury of electricity. For example, how would families have to cook, do laundry, keep the house warm, get water, and keep food fresh?

#### **Junior Princess** (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016)

The community of Cape St. Claire offers many opportunities for the young adult to learn about the history of their community. One such opportunity is the Goshen Farm and Radoff House located adjacent to the Cape St Claire Elementary School. As a matter of fact, the land on which the elementary school sits was once part of a much larger Goshen Farm. In a 500 word essay describe what it might have been like for a young girl to live on Goshen Farm in the 1940s. For example, what kind of chores might she have, how might she have spent her free time.

#### **Princess** (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016)

The historic Goshen Farm is a very important part of the history of Cape St. Claire, the Broadneck Peninsula and Anne Arundel County. The community of Cape St. Claire was formed by the River Bay Company in 1949. At that time Dr. Morris Leon and May Radoff lived in the farm house at Goshen Farm. He was asked by the River Bay Company to sell his land so it could be incorporated into the Community of Cape St. Claire. He refused and continued to raise livestock and grow certain crops. In a 500 word essay explain the historic relationship between Goshen Farm and the community of Cape St. Claire and what the Radoffs may have seen as the Cape grew after 1949.

**All entries must be submitted by May 21, 2016**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Age\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

School you will be attending in the fall of 2016\_\_\_\_\_

All contestants should be available to ride in the parade on Saturday, June 4, 2016 (rain date June 5th)

If you should have any questions or comments please contact Mary at (410) 757-0593

# 2106 Strawberry Festival

## Decorated Bike Contest

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**Submit your entry by completing the form below and mail/drop off to:  
Mary Lamb, 1180 Summit Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

We the Parents/Guardians agree to our child participating in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with their decorated bike entry. We understand judging is based upon the Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 4, 2016 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain date June 5, 2016.

**I hereby give my child permission to participate in the parade & festival activities.**

**I will accept full responsibility for my child's safety. I understand my child must wear a bike helmet.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature Date

### 2016 CSC Strawberry Festival

#### **"Strawberries from the Kitchen Contest"**

Enter your favorite Strawberry Dessert and /or Jelly/Jam

Do you have a Special Recipe, a Family Favorite? The Strawberry Festival Committee would like to invite you to enter your **HOMEMADE** Strawberry Themed Baked or Non-Baked Dessert or Jelly/Jam. All entries must be accompanied by the baker's information and an ingredient card for display. Entries should be dropped off at the clubhouse on June 3, 2016 between the hours of 5pm and 7 pm. Homemade goods will be displayed in the clubhouse on Strawberry Festival Day. Prizes will be awarded for the following;

Desserts will be Judged as follows:

**2 categories:** Baked & Non Baked

**2 groups:** Adults & Children (14 and under)

Jelly/Jams will be Judged as follows:

**2 groups:** Adults & Children (14 and Under)

*All entries must be accompanied by the baker's information and an ingredient card for display. Entries should be dropped off at the clubhouse on June 3, 2016 between the hours of 5pm and 7 pm. Please call Mary at 410-757-0593 for further information.*



# 2016 Strawberry Festival

*Sponsored by Rita's Italian Ice Cape St. Claire*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

All entries will be displayed in the Clubhouse the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups. **Please return Colored Entries to Rita's Italian Ice Cape St. Claire by May 31, 2016**



# 2016 Easter Egg Hunt







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## *2016 Sunrise Service & Methodist Men Breakfast*





## Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church

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Phone: 410-757-4896

Website - capeumc.org

Email: capeumc@verizon.net

Pastor - Rev. Lys Cockrell

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**Worship Service** - 9:00 AM on Sundays in the Sanctuary  
**Children's Sunday School** - 9:00 AM Sundays. Kindergarten through 5th grade. After the Children's message in our worship service, the teachers take the students to their classroom. There they learn the stories of the Bible and participate in fun activities and create crafts that reinforce the lessons.



As we move through this season of spring, my prayer is that we will join God in the celebration of new life -- new life in the world around us and new life within our faith in God's promise. The air is filled with celebration and we are those who are to carry forth that spirit to our surroundings. Easter is all about the resurrection of the land in which we live and of our movements that affect others. It's about awakening to that which God has given us and spreading the news that we are alive!

In Christ we are one in the Body and the Spirit.  
Blessings, Rev. Lys



## New Orleans Mission Trip

April 21-27

A group of 15 youth and adults will travel to New Orleans to work in a Community Center, view the continuing efforts to rebuild the area, feed over 150 homeless through St. Mark's UMC, and visit the United Methodist Disaster Relief Center. We also hope to see some of the great sites and enjoy the amazing food.

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## Annual Coffeehouse



April 30th - Saturday in the Fellowship Hall.

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6:30 p.m. - seating and refreshments, 7 p.m. - "curtain rises".

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*Location in the Cape: 1257 Hilltop Drive, around the corner from Gaul's.*

*Reach pastor Abby Thornton Hailey at [Abby@broadneckbaptistchurch.org](mailto:Abby@broadneckbaptistchurch.org)*

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Look for us at the Strawberry Festival.



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- How does my FEHB program change when I retire?
- Should I keep all or part of FEGLI after I stop working?
- How could long-term care insurance benefit me and my family?
- What are my options for accessing my TSP money?

### This workshop will help you to:

- Identify and manage key decisions to be made at retirement.
- Make smart financial decisions based on sound information.
- Align your federal benefits with the rest of your financial life.
- Take proactive measures today to help you tomorrow.

### Join us for a lively discussion:

*Attendance is free of charge for all federal employees and spouses.*

*Please arrive 15-20 minutes early to select your seat.*

#### WHEN

Thursday, April 21, 2016

8:30am - 9:00am: Check-in

9:00am - 3:00pm: CSRS & FERS session

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## **At Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church**



After considering over 200 candidates, the Pastor Nominating Committee at Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church recommended Rev. Jessie Lowry as the new Pastor at COA. She was unanimously approved by the congregation on February 7th, 2016. Rev. Lowry graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, and spent the next five years in chaplaincy programs, and as an interim pastor, before coming to COA. When our pastor search began, we were looking for someone whose preaching would inspire and inform us, and bring energy and excitement to our ministry. We wanted someone kind, humble, compassionate and tolerant. Jessie more than met all these criteria, and has jumped right into the middle of the Lenten season with a series of wonderful sermons on "Fasting and Feasting", working with our active Youth Group, leading the confirmation class, and getting to know our congregation. We are very excited to welcome Jessie and her husband, Jason, to the COA family, and invite you to join us on Sunday morning to worship with us, and meet her yourself.

### ***Upcoming Events***

**MAY 6-8: Women's Retreat**

**JUNE 8: Soul Searchers Youth Musical**

**JUNE 20-24: Vacation Bible School**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

9:30 am      Traditional Service  
11:00 am      Contemporary Service

\*Children's Sunday School is offered following the children's message during the 11:00 am service of worship.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

It's time to Spring into ACTION! Here are some upcoming ways you can participate in our community restoration efforts:

**April 2nd:** Project Clean Stream from 9am to 1pm. Help remove trash, debris and invasive plants from several stream areas which feed the Little Magothy River. This beautiful river winds from Broadneck High School to the Bay. We need lots of helpers to remove light trash, some tires and other junk, as well as remove invasive plants. Rain or Shine! Prime meeting location is the Cape St. Claire Recreation Area, with parking across the street from Graul's Market, 1343 Cape St. Claire Rd Annapolis MD 21409. Some of the volunteers might be directed to nearby access / trash haul-out and parking locations.

**April 16th:** We have some Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*) to plant along the beach to help protect the newly placed sand. Join us from 10am to noon at the Lake Claire Beach.

## Why choose Native Plants for your Garden?

(Note: we are fortunate to have the following article contributed by Stacy Wildberger as part of her Master Naturalist Capstone Project. Many thanks to Stacy for her contribution!)

Spring is just around the corner and the gardener in us cannot wait to visit the local nurseries and splurge on beautiful plants for our backyard gardens. When you are deciding what to add to your gardens this year, please consider adding natives to your list. It is easy to be lured in at the local box store by the eye-catching colors and fragrant blooms of the exotics and non-natives but there are many compelling reasons to choose natives too. Natives are important because they provide food and habitat to our native wildlife, add beauty and preserve our natural landscapes, require little maintenance once established and use less water than their non-native and "exotic" counterparts.

The use of native plants is important to promoting biodiversity. Biodiversity is the diverse flora and fauna indigenous to a particular area or region. Native plants are important in providing food and habitat to our native wildlife. Nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies, seeds, nuts and insects for birds, larval host plants for butterfly caterpillars and protective cover for many animals are some of things natives can provide wildlife.

Many natives produce showy blooms, beautiful fall foliage and even valuable winter interest. People often associate native with messy or unkempt yards but natives can be used in naturalized settings as well as formal garden designs to create not only important wildlife habit and food sources but beautiful display of color and design.

By using natives in our gardens we use less water and less energy to maintain their beauty. We can also eliminate the use of pesticides because natives will attract native beneficial



*Echinacea purpurea*  
Photo Credit: Stacy Wildberger



insects and their natural predators. The insects become a valuable energy source for baby birds. Natives require less care when grown in the proper soil and light requirements under the right environmental conditions.

When you begin to make plans to expand your gardens or add to existing gardens please consider using natives to promote biodiversity. It starts in our own backyards. Here are some exceptional herbaceous native plants to consider this spring. Please consider using the straight species of the natives as they tend to be favored by wildlife as food and nectar sources

- Phlox *Phlox paniculata*
- Cardinal Flower *Lobelia*
- New England Aster *Aster novae-angliae*
- Coneflower *Echinacea purpera*
- Joe Pye Weed *Eupatorium purpurea*
- Blazing Star *Liatris*
- Goldenrod *Solidago*
- Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia*
- Bee Balm *Monarda*
- Milkweed *Asclepias*---only larval host for the Monarch Butterfly

If you want to learn more about the importance of using natives in your backyard landscapes to promote biodiversity I highly recommend Doug Tellamy's *Bringing Nature Home*. Check out Cape Conservation Corps website <http://capeconservationcorps.org/> or our Facebook page for ways to become involved!

## No Time to Volunteer?

Since we formally organized the Cape Conservation Corps last year, we have :

- Continued fighting Phragmites at Lake Claire.
- Continued cleaning up invasive vegetation in the ravines that feed Lake Claire.
- Submitted grant proposals for erosion control at the Little Magothy Beach.

This year we plan to continue these projects, and hopefully implement the Little Magothy Beach project. In addition, we are planning for:

- Erosion control of all our beaches and shorelines, with an implementation in 2017.
- Study reducing hot runoff at the Deep Creek boat ramp.

All these efforts will require MONEY ! We need your help. Each grant proposal requires detailed plans, budgets, permits, etc., that require professional costs.

Please provide your support with a basic membership of \$20, but we need more, so please, consider helping us with a larger donation!

Also mark your calendar for our annual Harvest Bash fundraiser set for Friday November 4, 2016.

To donate by credit card: visit [www.capeconservationcorps.org](http://www.capeconservationcorps.org) and click the "Join" link at the top.

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# Cape St Claire Market Update



## Cape St Claire Real Estate Sales February-March 2016\*

Address	Beds/ Baths	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Days on Market
1211 River Bay Road	4/2/1	\$350,000	\$0	63
972 Saint Margarets Drive	5/3	\$390,000	\$0	67
1156 Pine Tree Drive	4/3/1	\$485,000	\$12,100	1
1103 Broadview Drive	4/2/1	\$355,000	\$10,000	0
1163 Hampton Road	4/2/1	\$292,000	\$0	2
1254 Cedar Tree Lane	4/3/1	\$572,500	\$15,000	46
1042 Mountain Top Drive	3/2	\$315,000	\$10,000	454
1011 Saint Margarets Drive	5/3	\$417,000	\$12,510	35
1403 Greenway Drive	3/2	\$235,000	\$0	77
703 Fairway Drive	5/2/1	\$321,000	\$9,630	36
1196 Ramblewood Drive	4/2	\$225,000	\$0	150

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