

# The Caper



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### President's Message

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Dear Capers,

Can it be September already? School is back in session, the sun is setting earlier each night and the extracurricular schedule seems to be in full swing. The end of summer is always a time of transition back to our busy day to day routines.

With it being the end of summer, I would like to thank all the employees of the CSCIA for helping us navigate the busiest season for the Association in terms of daily use of our beach, parks, clubhouse, piers and boat ramp. In particular I would like to thank all our Beach Attendants who worked for us this summer. Some days are lazy days on the beach and some days, especially weekends we find the beaches, parks, clubhouse, boat ramp, and piers really busy and the Beach Attendants play a integral role helping maintain the use by residents and their guest, assisting in cleaning the park and also a first to notify County Emergency Services when the needs arises. So thank you to the Beach Attendants for all their good work this summer!

Now that we have the Strawberry Festival, 4th of July, Cape Clean-up and many beach parties behind us, we move into the Fall season and for the Association, that usually means getting back to business. Specifically we begin preparing budgets, discussing the next year and finding Capers to run for the Board of Governors.

In discussing business, we held a very successful July Quarterly Meeting with a presentation regarding long term plans for Beach Restoration, Erosion Control and Improving Our Waterways. We had a standing room only meeting, which is a great turnout for our quarterly membership meetings, especially the summer. For more information, please see our website, you can watch the roughly 30 minute presentation, which was recorded via FB Live, along with the presentation slideshow. If you take the time to review, you can leave comments and find

everything here on our website: <https://cscia.org/cape-st-claire/beach-restoration-project/>. Let us know what you think, there will be multiple meetings in the future regarding plans, permits and other requirements. Our next step is a pre-application meeting with Army Corps of Engineering, DNR, MDE, AACo, etc. Look for updates on our website and via our Facebook Page.

When looking at next year and beyond, the Board of Governors is faced with difficult decisions. First, work on the budget for Fiscal Year 2018 is well underway. The BOG will be voting on this fall, presenting an approved budget at the October Membership Meeting and put forth the budget for a membership vote at the January Annual Membership Meeting. While we have been fortunate to do many Capital Improvements these last few years and play catch up on long term deferred maintenance issues, we have done so while keeping the budget balanced and in the black. This has though come with raising the Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) Fee. Currently our SCBD Cap is set at \$150.00 and our annual SCBD Assessment found billed on your Real Estate Taxes is \$145.00 per tax account lot. Our SCBD Fee remains a very reasonable low cost fee and when combined with our \$10.00 annual Covenant Maintenance Fee per platted lot remains one of the best deals around. If we look at the size of the community, the infrastructure and facilities

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# **Board In Brief**

## CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting

### AUGUST 8, 2016

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and thanked all for attending. He spoke of the weekend's events and asked for a moment of silence for the young man who drowned, Thomas Cervasio, and offered condolences to his family. He commended all the Cape residents who pitched in to help in many ways, especially our beach attendant, Abby Hoyt.

There were 3 variance requests on the agenda, all dealing with setback issues. Two of the residents appeared in person, while governor Zadera presented the third request. All will be discussed in closed session.

The minutes of the July 11, 2016 BOG meeting were approved.

The Profit and Loss Statements of June 30, 2016 were approved, with Governor Breeden commenting that piers, maintenance, and SCBD all ended well in the black.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technology:** Governor Szczytko said there was nothing other than normal website updates and he noted that the July membership meeting was broadcast live on Facebook. He said we will be doing that again.

**Membership:** Governor Szczytko noted that the attendance at the July membership meeting was very high.

**Building:** Governor Zadera stated he is playing caught up after vacation and going through new applications.

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb said that, after failing a fire inspection, the problems were corrected by installing new batteries in an exit light and the alarm system. Maintenance to the water system and clubhouse fees were discussed.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb noted that FY17 advertising contracts and payments are being returned.

**Halloween Happenings:** Governor Lamb commented that the children's event will be held October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Cape Clean-up:** Governor Lamb noted that the Clean-up is scheduled for August 26th, 9AM to 4 P.M., and August 27th, 7:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. She is looking for volunteers to help.

**Signboard:** Governor Lamb said she and Governor Szczytko are still working on style and placement.

**Treasurer:** Governor Myers said we ended the fiscal year in very positive territory but we need to keep contingencies in mind when planning, and we need to build capital improvements into the budget. We have made significant repairs this past year and revenues are up in all categories.

**BCC:** Governor Breeden said there will be a meeting here on Wednesday with state senators, representatives, and various police agencies to discuss Sandy Point closing procedures and ways to alleviate traffic back-ups on the access roads.

**BLOA:** Governor Breeden said the signboard will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Covenants:** Governor Breeden said there are a variety of ongoing issues.

**Roads:** Governor Breeden reported that patching and smoothing on Cape St. Claire Road is going on, along with step pond work. The water will be turned over to the county soon and there are still street lights to be installed. Striping will take place after the patching and the speed bump by the shopping center will be replaced. He said the work at the CSC Road and College Parkway intersection is due to be finished by the 19th.

**Security:** Governor Breeden said things have been quiet.

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Breeden said the beach attendants have been doing a great job. He noted the 3 ambulance calls this past week. He cautioned all residents to be aware of their own and their family members' swimming abilities, wear life jackets when appropriate, and have a buddy system.

**Piers:** Governor Breeden said that 5 new ladders have been installed at Deep Creek, with more on order for other piers.

**Budget:** Chairman Buchet said they have the final figures and are scheduling a meeting for August 22nd. He said committee chairs would need to get comments to him before the September meeting.

**Erosion Control:** Governor Vaccaro sent a note regarding the storm washout at Lake Claire and said the CCC is working on ideas to prevent future washouts. There will be a meeting between the Board and Fairwinds to discuss solutions.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Governor Zadera said he and Governor Breeden have met with the owners of 1222 River Bay Road regarding the bulkhead and stairs on our beach. Talks are ongoing with the county and our attorney. There is also a permit needed from us regarding a bulkhead at 1224 River Bay Road.

Governor Breeden noted that we are going to need surveys for our projects and thought there might be some from years back.

Governor Breeden thought the July quarterly meeting went

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well and said we need to create some sort of web page for residents to weigh in with their comments and thoughts regarding the beach replenishment projects.

Governor Breeden said work on extending the crabbing pier will begin soon.

Governor Breeden said that Fairwinds has asked if we'd like our sand back when they dredge and noted that we may have an opening to accept it under our existing emergency permit. He will discuss options with Fairwinds.

It was noted that the brickwork on the Cape welcome sign needs repairs and the sign needs to be repainted. The maintenance crew will look into what is involved.

Governor Breeden noted he had legal matters to be discussed further in a closed session.

A motion was made and passed to add a closed session to the agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

A Closed Session was convened at 8:40 P.M. and was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Governors Breeden, Lamb, Myers, Szczytko, and Zadera were present, as was Budget Committee chairman Buchet and Administrative Assistant Coble. Governor Vaccaro was absent.



# Our Home Sold immediately!

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Thanks to Mona's advice we sold our house immediately. Mona was very professional, punctual and knowledgeable in all aspects of real estate from the listing to the settlement. She was a good negotiator when expressing our needs and requests.

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mentioned we should continue with needed maintenance and future Capital Improvements to ensure we provide quality amenities both aesthetically and from a safety point of view. This requires man hours, money, and some general and more particular long term planning to ensure projects are completed in a timely and cost effective manner.

This brings us to the man hours needed to complete some general maintenance via volunteers and or a paid staff. The equation to solve these problems is becoming increasingly harder to wrestle with given the complexity of projects, constant changes in codes and compliance in today's world, not to mention the time that should be dedicated to advocating on behalf of residents with elected officials & various agencies at both the County and State levels.

We currently have 6 Board of Governors, all volunteers in the community. We have 2,300 plus homes, more than 4,000 eligible members for office and nearly 7,800 residents. We started the year with 9 Governors, but due to personal needs three had step down between April & July. We have paid employees, we have our Community Administrator, Leslie, our only full-time employee. We have two part time Groundskeepers/ Handypersons/ Asst. Office workers or whatever job needs to be completed that day/ week. We employ part-time paid security officers who are AACO Police, approved to work for the Association on Secondary Patrols by the Police Department. Lastly, we have our hired, seasonal summer staff of beach attendants and a groundskeeper helper to help during our busiest months.

We have great volunteers for specific events and community work days, but we lack is a consistent group of volunteers & committees that are available to maintain our facilities during the week, busy summer season, etc. The lack of consistency is a glaring issue and given today's world, fast pace nature of life and schedules we all lead between work, family, schools, sports, music, dance, etc., choices must be made.

We can throw volunteer man hours at the problem or we can all reach into our pocket book and over 2,300 plus homes, pay a little more. This isn't a choice for Board of Governors or myself to make, but it is a choice to present to the members

of the Association as potential viable path forward. We as a Board believe it's time to take the next step in this process. It can be done in a haphazard manner of a few full-time/part time workers, more contractors but still relies heavily on an engaged Board of Governors and volunteers to manage the employees, projects and while providing long term advocacy for the Community as mentioned before. The other option is to move the Association towards the Town Manager Concept, where we hire someone to manage the "town/ community", while the Board of Governors remains with oversight for budgets, policies and being responsive as elected members of the community.

A town manager would be tasked with providing planning concepts for the community both short & long term, hiring additional staff as needed, overseeing ongoing projects and managing contracts we have for various services. This position would also include advocating on behalf of residents with County and State elected representatives & various agencies to help maximize a return to our community the large amount of Real Estate and Income Taxes we pay each year.

I realize this is a huge step and consideration for the community, but we are doing our research and we will present more information in the months to come regarding the subject. There are examples of this in communities here in Anne Arundel County and throughout Maryland, but locally Crofton Special Community Benefit District has operated in this manner for years.

I would like to hear from residents on the issue. If you believe this is something solved by volunteers, then I would hope to see a lot of volunteers step forward for this January's election join the Board of Governors or committees we have. If you have thoughts, questions or concerns please contact me at President@CSCIA.org. I look forward to seeing you around the Cape this fall!

**Best Wishes,**  
**Beau Breeden**  
President CSCIA

# A Club for the Community

(Reprinted from the July 2016 issue of *SprintSheet*, written by Emily Parks. *SprintSheet.org*)

**The Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire (YCCSC)** is a "club for the community," according to former club commodore, Jim Klemstine, whom I interviewed about the past, present, and future of the club.

Established in 1974, the club has always been close to Cape St. Claire's Youth Sailing program, which it still sponsors today. YCCSC seeks to provide a community connection between youth sailors and adults to help foster the kids' interest in sailing. Parents of youth sailors are also encouraged to join, in order to keep a "family generated atmosphere," Klemstine says.

Being a club focused on community and learning, members are not required to own boats. All a potential member must bring is an interest in boating activities. Club members who do own boats possess a blend of both sailboats and powerboats.

Not limited to those out on the water, YCCSC hosts five or six shore-based events a year. There is typically an open meeting in February that new or potential members are encouraged to attend. YCCSC also hosts events such as the sock-burning party in the spring - complete with s'mores - or the annual October chili cook-off.

The most recent gathering was the Kick-Off Picnic celebrating the beginning of the Friday Night Races, which began May 27 and will go into September. The

website makes sure to mention that the races are "low key" and meant for the members to have fun and practice sailing. YCCSC also plans the occasional raft-up during the summer months. Almost all events are family-friendly.

Membership is not limited to members of Cape St. Claire, as one might think. The club accepts members from surrounding areas who have a Cape resident as their sponsor, as well as members of yacht clubs based in other communities.

According to Klemstine, YCCSC is "more of a word of mouth club". Many members - himself included - heard about the club through their friends, neighbors, or fellow boating enthusiasts. Membership typically ranges between 60 and 80 people. There is a wide variety of interests and experiences among the members, including those who have lived in other parts of the country, cruised in the Caribbean, and sailed across the Atlantic.

The club doesn't have its own private meeting place, and instead meets at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse, a building used for a multitude of community activities. YCCSC shares its time at the clubhouse with the Youth Sailing meetings. With dues of just \$45 a year, the club is an affordable, family-friendly option for anyone interested in getting involved in boating.

**yccsc.org**



## EPIPHANY COMMUNITY



We usually celebrate mass at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse every Sunday at 9:30 am. Due to a shortage of priests during the summer months, we may not be meeting many Sundays in July and August, so please check our website, [www.epiphanycommunity.org](http://www.epiphanycommunity.org), for the most current information. On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Day of Reflection at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City beginning at 9am, with mass celebrated at 4pm. All are welcome to join in. The cost for the day is \$50, which includes breakfast and lunch, or just come by for mass at 4pm.



# NEWS FROM GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Our Fall Open House will be held on September 17, 2016 from noon until 5:00 PM. We are using this Open House to highlight Goshen Farm's use as an educational center. There will be two information sessions on Oyster Habitat and Aquaculture in the State of Maryland and on the importance of Soil Health. The information sessions will be held at 1:15 and 3:15 PM and will not conflict with the house tours which will be conducted at 12:15, 2:15, and 4:00 PM. In addition, the Cape Conservation Corp will have a booth and will be happy to share information on what they are doing to improve parcels of land near the water and owned by the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association.

In between lectures and house tours, enjoy live music by the very popular local artists Dirk Schwenk and Trekki Jones. Grab a bite to eat and enjoy a picnic while you listen. You can also walk the 11-point trail, tour our organic Sharing Garden and hoop house, visit the Henson-Hall Slave Garden created by local volunteers, and learn about the Society's hopes and plans for Goshen Farm.

See our website for the schedule and more information—[www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org).

## Kayak Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available at the Open House, but we encourage you to go to our website to purchase yours. Our two kayaks this year are Emotion Spitfire Sit on Top – 8 feet and two Sea Sense x-1 Kayak Paddles. Tickets to win the two kayaks are \$5.00 each and only 600 will be sold. The drawing will take place when all of the tickets are sold or at our Harvest Dinner on October 15th. So hurry to get your tickets before it's too late! The sooner they sell out, the sooner we can hold the drawing.

## Summer Slow Down?

Student visits and activities tend to slow down a little over the summer. However, we have enjoyed visits by students in the Broadneck High School Enclave

Program and kindergarten and third grade students from Cape St. Claire Elementary School in June.

In July we had students from the St. Andrew by the Bay summer camp program. An integral part of the camp activities is the performance of community service hours. Different groups of students came to Goshen over a three day period and put wood sealer on the new picnic tables purchased through a grant from the Maryland State Teachers Association. In celebration of its 150th anniversary, MSEA provided 150 community micro-grants. The campers also painted the plywood covering the front porch of the Goshen Farm House. That was a big improvement. Thanks to Christine Lamolinara, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Andrew by the Bay for reaching out to us and coordinating the student visits. Also, thanks to our Board Members, Dave McCormick, Bob Nestruck, Terry Brandon, and Sharon Biondi and member Diane Vincent who helped provide supervision and direction.

In August, we met with Susan Lamont, Ph.D., Professor and Shelley Greenhouse, Lab Technical Specialists, both in the Biology Department at Anne Arundel Community College to discuss the possibility of bringing the school's Environmental Science classes to Goshen Farm for a field trip. More on this as discussions continue.

## Last Event of the Year

Don't forget to mark your calendar and plan to attend our Annual Harvest Pasta Dinner! The dinner will be held at Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church on College Parkway on October 15th from 5:00 until 7:30 PM. The dinner features home-made marinara sauce using organically grown tomatoes from Goshen Farm and genuine home-made Italian meatballs. None of that frozen stuff. Visit our website for more details and more information in the next Caper.

# *Historic Goshen Farm and Educational Center Presents its Fall Open House*

*September 15, 2016—12:00 PM until 5:00 PM*



## **COME HELP US CELEBRATE!**

In 2007, the Society incorporated and received its 501(c)3 non-profit status. In September 2010, the Society signed the lease for Goshen Farm. This Open House will celebrate the use of Goshen Farm as an Educational Center and the progress made over the last nine years. There will be lectures on Oyster Habitat and Aquaculture and the importance of Soil Health by our resident experts.

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Refreshments will be available including hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, soda, water and home-made desserts.



# GARDEN CLUB



Hopefully, by the time you read this, the sweet, cool tang of Fall will have visited Cape St Claire at least once. It's been hot!!!! School will have started, late Summer bloomers will have begun to fade and gardeners will be thinking about what cool weather plants to grow and which bulbs to order for Spring blooming. So, as most of you know, gardening is a year-round endeavor that takes planning, patience and not a little trial and error - plus, some hard work! It's truly a joy to drive around the Cape and see the infinite variations among gardens here, from plant selection to yard art to garden structures. We try to highlight some of the carefully cultivated spaces by choosing Yard of the Month winners, but we also recognize that there are quite a few gems out there that are well worth a look-see! The Garden Club is gearing up for another great year of fun and friendship. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the clubhouse; we begin at 7:00 with chatting and munching on snacks provided by our members. Our first meeting of the year is on September 6. All are welcome! Here are some of the fun things we do: Harvest Dinner, wreath-making and small gift exchange, speakers, day trips to beautiful gardens and shows, Secret Garden tours of Cape gardens, potluck and swim party, Anniversary Dinner, Plant Sale, maintaining various gardens around the Cape, exchanging plants and tips about plants and so much more. Dues are a staggering \$3.00 per year. DO consider joining us; it's a wonderful group of people

Oh, and check us out at [gardenclub@wordpress.com](mailto:gardenclub@wordpress.com). You'll see some pretty pictures there!

Here are the Yard of the Month Winners for August:

Area 1:	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bavis 1144 Riverview Drive
Area 2:	Francis Presti 1172 St. George Drive
Area 3:	Sue Curtis 1009 Lake Claire Drive
Area 4:	Robert Thomas 1240 Mt Pleasant Dr
Area 5:	Deedra Fenner 717 Fairway Drive

***...and also for September:***

Area 1:	Ann & Jim Nawrocki 1433 Cape St Claire Road
Area 2:	Robert Smith 1234 Hilltop Road
Area 3:	Chris & Karen Kunkel 997 St. Margarets Road
Area 4:	Greg & Alicia Hogan 1173 Hampton Road
Area 5:	Glendon Miller 722 Broadmoor Drive

***Congratulations to all!!***

**SUBMITTED BY JEANNE KLINGLER**



## COMMUNITY SIGNBOARD

### HOW CAN I POST SOMETHING TO THE COMMUNITY SIGNBOARD?

The signboard can be rented for \$25 for 3 days or \$50.00 for a week. Check availability online at <http://cacia.org.cacia-services/community-signboard> and reserve your message by using the NEW online reservation form. Once your reservation is confirmed, please forward a check and a printed copy of your message to Leslie at the clubhouse. Message will be posted after 5pm on the first day of your reservation. All checks should be made payable to CSCIA.

*If you need further information, please call Mary at 410-757-0593.*

# We'd Love to See You...

At Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church



Hello friends in Cape St. Claire! As happens every year, summer flew by so quickly and now we are gearing up for another school year - my first as Pastor of this church!

We would love to welcome you and your families or neighbors if you'd like to check us out. We have two very different and unique services - a traditional service at 9:30 with a talented Choir and more liturgy and then a contemporary service at 11:00 with a full band a more informal style. BOTH services guarantee you a friendly welcome and genuine care.

Fall is a great time to get to know us because so much is going on here. There are lots of ways to meet new friends, learn about faith, and serve the community. Wherever you are on life's journey, whatever questions or doubts you may have, you are most welcome in our faith family!

Sincerely,  
Pastor Jessie

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Every Sunday

Worship at 9:30 am and 11:00 am with Sunday School for adults between services and for children age 4 to 5th grade at the 11:00 service. Children of all ages welcome in worship!

### Every Sunday beginning 9/18

Youth Group for 6th-12th grade from 6:00-7:30 pm: anyone welcome from any church background! For more information email: [coayouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:coayouthgroup@gmail.com)

### Sunday 9/11/2016

15th Anniversary Remembrance Service for 9/11/2001 at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services

### Sunday 9/18/2016

Blessing of the Backpacks for children who are back to school.



## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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

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## Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church

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Pastor - Chris Broadwell

**Worship Service** - 9:00 AM on Sundays in the Sanctuary



We pray for people of all ages to discover God's presence through the voice of invitation and knowledge, the hands of outreach and service and the love that provides understanding. Please join us as we worship on Sundays to praise God for our many blessings and to fellowship in His name. Join us as we pray and discover God's presence in our lives. Join us as we serve others.



### Sunday School

Our Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 11 for 4 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Families begin worship service together. After the children's special message, the teachers take them to their class where they learn a Bible story, sing songs, and do a craft or project. Families meet their children after the service concludes in their Sunday school room. A nursery is available for younger children.

We warmly invite you to join us!

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CSCUMC will, once again, host a monthly Women's Bible Breakfast during the school year. The first breakfast will be on September 24th in our Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the Disciples of Jesus this year. If you would like to attend, please email Mia Riser at [mlriser\\_serves@aol.com](mailto:mlriser_serves@aol.com)



Resumes Monday September 12th, 7:00pm  
Call the church office for details - 410-757- 4896



Cape Kids still has a few openings for the fall session.  
We have been serving the Cape for over 30 years and would love to show you what we have to offer.

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## SAVE THE DATE



### Trunk or Treat

October 31st - 6pm -8pm



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**Reflection on 9/11**  
**Sept. 11—5:00 p.m.**



For ages 3 through adults  
**Open House/Scavenger Hunt—Sept. 11**  
**First Day of Sunday School — Sept. 18**

Sunday Services at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

# Thank You Anne Arundel County For Another Successful Cape Clean-Up!





2016

# Halloween Happenings

HAY RIDES, PUMPKINS, FACE PAINTING,  
MOON BOUNCE, SCARECROW MAKING,  
CRAFTS AND MORE.....

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th**

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR A HALLOWEEN EVENT  
IN THE CLUBHOUSE CORRAL (next to the clubhouse)  
**FROM 10 AM UNTIL 3 PM.**

THIS EVENT HOSTED BY THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE  
WILL BENEFIT “**MY BROTHERS PANTRY**” via Food Donations  
Admission to the event requires and the donation of non-perishable food  
items such as peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, cereal and canned  
meats. **Please be generous** as this organization provides food to the  
needy on the Broadneck Peninsula. Food donations will be collected at the  
event.

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDS NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHILDS NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**# OF CHILDREN ATTENDING** \_\_\_\_\_

**# OF SCARECROWS TO BE MADE** \_\_\_\_\_ (see necessary supplies)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EACH SCARECROW-1 PAIR OF PANTS WITH BELT LOOPS, 1**

**LONG SLEEVED SHIRT, 1 PAIR OF PANTY HOSE AND A STRAW HAT OR A BALL**

**CAP**

**REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED ASAP AS SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN**

**Mary Lamb- 1180 SUMMIT DRIVE – ANNAPOLIS, MD 21409 (410-757-0593)**

**2016**

**Halloween**

**Happenings**

**TRICK OR TREAT AT**

**THE CAPE ST. CLAIRE**

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ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016, JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AS THEY DRESS UP AND TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE CAPE ST. CLAIRE SHOPPING CENTER.

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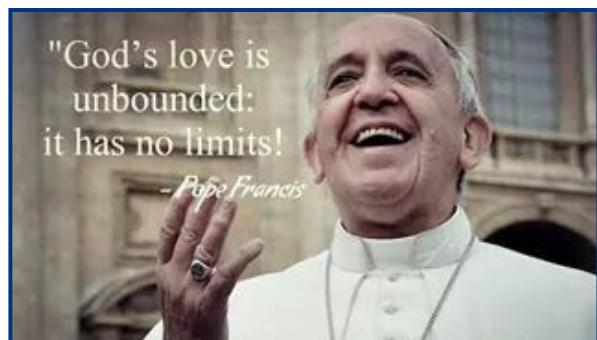
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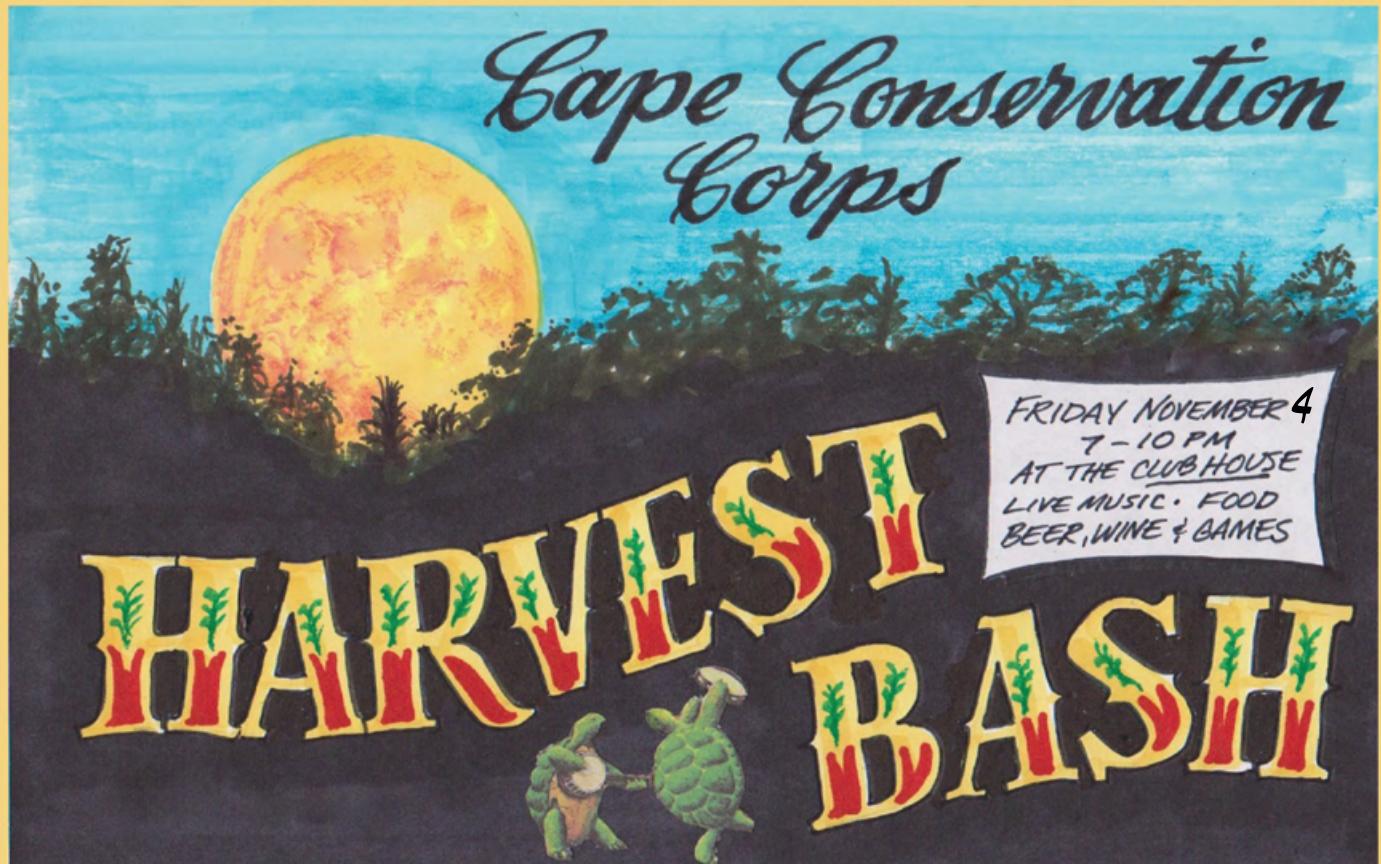


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**November 4th, 7pm - 10pm:** Join us for our annual Harvest Bash! Live music and great food and drink. Visit our website for tickets. \$25 online, \$35 at the door.

## Re-Thinking Your Fall Chores By: Stacey Wildberger

It seems like just yesterday I was anxiously waiting spring and the new growth of the garden, the buds bursting forth, and the beautiful blooms opening and now suddenly fall is right around the corner. What better time to start thinking about fall cleanup in the garden and around the yard, but STOP-not so fast on some of those traditional garden chores. If you want to create eco-friendly yards that sustain wildlife, support biodiversity and

protect our pollinators there are some simple things you can do to help.

### A few simple Do's and Don'ts to try this fall:

- Don't cut down the flower stalks and other garden plants
- Do let them stand so that caterpillars and other beneficial bugs can overwinter on their stems and in the hollow stems (Joe Pye Weed is an great example)
- Don't rake and bag all of your fallen leaves and set them on the curb
- Do use the leaves as mulch and to start new garden beds. By spreading a deep layer of mulch over an area of lawn you want to convert to a garden next spring you minimize soil disturbance, eliminate digging of the beds and prevent weeds from germinating.
- Do leave leaf litter for the beneficial bugs
- Do compost it to use a soil amendment next year or share it with a neighbor who needs it for their own gardens.
- Don't wait until next year to start thinking about your garden and lawn and how you can begin to create a more eco-friendly landscape
- Do start planning on how you can reduce lawn, plant more natives, garden wisely (no pesticides/insecticides), manage water runoff
- Do plant trees, shrubs and even perennials now—by planting in the fall it allows them to become well established before they have to endure the heat of the summer
- Don't forget about being a good neighbor
- Do think about the areas around your property. We all know to shovel the snow on the sidewalks in front of your house but if you have storm drains out front don't neglect them. Clear out the trash, leaves, mulch, stones, grass and other debris that gets caught in them. It will allow them to work more efficiently and not drag unnecessary debris out to our water ways
- Do consider join Cape Conservation Corps with a membership, donation and volunteering your time. We will have several restoration projects to help out with this fall.

Many traditional garden chores and practices are time consuming and back-breaking not to mention disruptive to local wildlife. By beginning to change our way of thinking about our tiny piece of land in relationship to the environment we can begin to make a difference. You can create a landscape that is not only beautiful but ecologically beneficial.

If you want to read more about creating eco-friendly landscapes DO pick up Larry Werner & Thomas Christopher book Garden Revolution or Chesapeake Gardening & Landscaping by Barbara W Ellis.



Healthy standing perennials provide habitat for beneficial insects.

## No Time to Volunteer?

Please consider supporting our efforts with a financial contribution!

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

- Continued eradicating *Phragmites* at Lake Claire.
- Continued cleaning up invasive vegetation in the ravines that feed Lake Claire.
- Planted THOUSANDS of native trees, shrubs and perennials.
- Secured grant funding 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 anticipated implementation in 2017.
- Geotechnical study in preparation for 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 **tax-deductible** 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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To enter, drop off your photos at Cape Ace Hardware in the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center.

Photo submission deadline is Thursday, October 6, 2016. Photos must be submitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" format in either color or black and white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. The winning photo will be selected by the CSCIA board of governors and will become property of the CSC Improvement Association. The winner will be announced in a following issue of The Caper. Photos that were not selected can be picked up at Cape Ace Hardware two weeks after the contest deadline. For questions, call Amy Podd at 410-757-7295.

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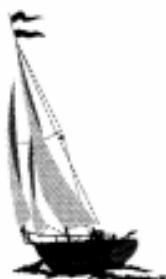
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1403 Greenway Drive	4/2	\$390,000	\$0	5
1179 Southview Drive	3/1/1	\$320,000	\$9,600	21
1175 Bayview Vista	3/1	\$210,000	\$5,000	19
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1227 Plateau Place	4/2	\$255,000	\$0	2
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1162 Summit Drive	3/2	\$495,000	\$0	6
1292 Swan Drive	4/2/1	\$445,000	\$0	271
1248 River Bay Drive	2/2	\$597,500	\$2,800	55
1394 Greenway Drive	3/2	\$291,000	\$0	73
714 Hillcrest Drive	4/2/1	\$539,874	\$10,000	132
1201 Southview Drive	2/1	\$235,000	\$7,000	52
1182 Ramblewood Drive	3/3/1	\$490,000	\$0	6
1011 Mountain Top Drive	4/2/1	\$300,000	\$8,000	7
1249 Mount Pleasant Drive	3/2/1	\$397,000	\$0	21
968 Saint Margarets Drive	3/2	\$339,500	\$10,185	6
1197 Bayview Vista	4/2/1	\$519,900	\$0	111
1075 Broadview Drive	4/3/1	\$537,500	\$0	86

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