



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

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President's Message

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Dear Capers,

After what seemed an all too quick October, we move into November, a month where we begin that transition from the season of fall into winter and the holiday season beyond that. It is also a month to be "Thankful" for all that we have. We have a lot to be thankful for here in Cape St. Claire. We have a great community, comprised of good people, good schools, beautiful beaches and parks, good volunteers, a shopping center with business owners that support the community and all its events, good sports programs and extra circular activities, whether through the schools or afterhours. All these things help make living in Cape such a pleasure! This is why I continue to choose to volunteer and serve on the Board of Governors so we can continue making Cape St. Claire a great place to live, but hopefully make it better in the future too!

The Board of Governors has been busy, and as I have described the last few months we continue to look towards the future. This month, you will find our proposed budget and a letter from the Budget Committee, which was presented on October 25th at our Quarterly Membership Meeting within this issue. The budget continues to be forward looking in planning and with a strong focus on capital improvements. The communities long deferred maintenance issues continue to be tackled, but with these improvements comes the need for more money. We continue to develop priorities to maintain existing assets, while looking at cost effective measures to upgrade our buildings, piers, beaches and parks so that they provide practical, accessible, safety and aesthetical benefits to our community.

The big take away from this year's budget remains a realistic assessment of the community needs going forward. Here are the highlights of projects

- Beach Restoration & Erosion Improvements: This was a measure that was approved in January 2015 by the

membership, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. We took the first step this year in hiring Biohabitats, Inc. creating a seven site assessment of our properties, prioritizing what needs to be done over the next 5 to 10 years, but not just for this Board of Governors (BOG), but for future BOG's. There was public presentation in July at the Quarterly Membership Meeting and this month we will have a Pre-Application meeting with regulators which include the Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources and possibly others. We will be focusing on the Main Beach and Lake Claire Beach as our top priority.

With the feedback we have from the members of the community, we will be focusing on proven methods of wave reduction and Erosion, given an open and frank discussion we had during the October BOG Meeting. We will look to add alternative methods where it makes sense and can make the most impact environmentally, but we do have a fiduciary responsibility to pursue methods, that we know provide results over time given this is community money. The pursuit of alternative methods, while attractive for environmental purpose and potentially offers cost savings, also add complexity in terms of permits, operating leases that a volunteer BOG and small

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

OCTOBER 10, 2016

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and thanked all for attending. He noted that it's been a busy month. Tonight will include discussion of the proposed budget, the possibility of a town manager, and picking the Cape calendar photo, along with the scheduled walk through with regulators on November 15 regarding the beach restoration projects.

The minutes of September 12, 2016 were approved.

The P&Ls of August 31, 2016 were approved. It was noted that repairs and maintenance were higher than normal due to Lake Claire and tree issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technology: Governor Szczytko said that Caper has been updated on the website and that there has been ongoing maintenance and patches.

Treasurer: Both Governors Myers and Breeden mentioned that they would like the Board to see the P&Ls a little more in advance of the meetings. Administrative Assistant Coble will mention this to the accountant.

Events: Governor Myers is looking forward to posting photos of Cape Halloween decorations on our social media sites.

Erosion Control: Governor Vaccaro said that the mulching at the 1036 Lake Claire ravine went well and that there is mulch left over for future use. November 13 is the planned date for clearing invasive and planting at the Little Magothy rain garden. The Harvest Bash is November 4, with tickets \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. The CCC cleaned off Lake Claire beach after the recent storm.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said rentals are steady and she is looking into redoing the Cox meeting room floor.

Caper: Governor Lamb said timely submissions are still a problem.

Halloween Happenings: Governor Lamb said things are ready to go and she's getting help from Ace Hardware. Trick or treating at the shopping center is October 27.

Breakfast with Santa: Governor Lamb said there is already enough interest that tickets are being released.

Buildings: Governor Zadera said there have been lots of notices and hearings and there are a lot of variance requests coming up.

BCC: Governor Breeden said their quarterly meeting will be at the Clubhouse on October 27. Updates on Bay Bridge/

Sandy Point road problems will be discussed.

BLOA: Governor Breeden said they continue working on their SCBD and water pipe issues.

Roads: Governor Breeden said that things are at a standstill on Cape St. Claire Road as the county transitions between the old and new contractors.

Security: Governor Breeden said there has been some vandalism at Little Magothy piers and there are some nuisance property issues.

Piers: Governor Breeden reported that the piers survived the latest storms and that there have been some electrical problems at both Deep Creek and Little Magothy. He said there were 71 requests for boat checks during the last storm.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Breeden said there was some Lake Claire beach loss from the last storm and that the Main Beach took a beating. There is talk with Fairwinds Marina about recovering our sand.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden noted that the proposed FY2018 budget was at hand and needed to be discussed and approved for presentation at the October quarterly meeting. There was discussion regarding raising the cap to \$200 per tax account and the assessment to \$175, citing the need for upgrading the Clubhouse kitchen and the possibility of hiring a town manager, among other things. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to have some information at the meeting detailing the charges of other local SCBDs for comparison.

After making some corrections to the Caper budget explanation letter, the letter and the proposed FY2018 budget were approved unanimously.

Governor Breeden thanked the Budget Committee for their work.

Governor Breeden passed around comments he's received regarding the beach restoration project. These comments will be made part of the official minutes. There was discussion of what we would like to see in the way of preventative and restorative measures. Governor Breeden said he thought it was important to examine all options but that he thinks the more traditional options are more fiscally responsible. The Board concurred with that feeling.

The Board will try to schedule a meeting with Biohabitats before the November 15 regulator walk through to prepare them and ourselves. Governor Breeden said the goal is to be able to begin moving ahead at the January annual meeting.

Governor Breeden noted that our permit for restoration work at Lake Claire is valid through October 18, 2017. This allows

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us to do any grading work above mean high water, so it might be a good time to recapture our sand from Fairwinds when they dredge. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$5,000 for the cost of that recapture. There were two abstentions.

Governor Breeden said that we have to review our towing contract and that we may be looking for a new provider.

Governor Breeden discussed erosion at the swim club.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board looked through the photo submissions for the Cape calendar cover.

Governor Breeden said he was contacted by someone who is considering a run for County Council who would like to talk with community leaders and members about their concerns.

COMMENTS

Lou Biondi noted that Goshen Farm is very grateful for the support it gets from the CSCIA.

Lou Biondi commented on the deadlines for submission of articles.

Lou Biondi commented on the swim club erosion issues.

Lou Biondi commented on the difference in towing issues between businesses and organizations like SCBDs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Governors Breeden, Lamb, Myers, Szczytko, Vaccaro, and Zadera were present, as were Budget Committee chair Buchet and member Toy, along with Administrative Assistant Coble.



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CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

FY 2018 BUDGET, ASSESSMENT AND CAP

Each year the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. (CSCIA) Budget Committee develops a proposed consolidated budget for the community. The Committee is composed of up to three members elected by the community at large and two members appointed by vote of the CSCIA Board of Governors (BOG). This year the BOG assigned the Treasurer and President to the Budget Committee. We appreciate the insights of President Beau Breeden and Treasurer, Dawn Myers. We continue to appreciate input from other Board members with budget line item responsibilities and discussion from the Board as a whole. Input from Community members is always welcome. The Committee presents a proposed draft budget to the BOG for review, comment, modification and recommendation. BOG presents the draft to CSCIA members for approval. Once approved the proposed budget is submitted to the County government. The BOG has reviewed and recommends the enclosed consolidated FY 2018 budget summary for CSCIA membership approval at the January 2017 membership meeting.

The consolidated summary includes SCBD and two non-SCBD budgets. SCBD revenues are from tax fees collected, appropriated and remitted to CSCIA by the County. The County retains a \$2000 processing fee and an annual amount necessary for loan repayment. The loan is for CSCIA's beachfront erosion restoration project. CSCIA collects non-SCBD revenues from Maintenance (including Caper advertising and Clubhouse rental) and Pier slips. Each year, the community votes to approve the SCBD budget, while the Board of Governors approves the Maintenance and Piers budgets. At the January membership meeting CSCIA members can vote to accept, modify or reject both budgets.

This attached consolidated budget summary shows SCBD and non-SCBD revenues, expenses and totals by line item and dollar change. It shows FY 15, and 16 actual amounts for comparison as well as the county approved consolidated FY 2017 for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The current SCBD assessment cap, voted by CSCIA members for FY 16-17 is \$150 per lot. Based on an estimated 2309 tax accounts in Cape St. Claire, the Board of Governors recommends increasing the cap to \$200 but only assessing \$175 per account for the FY 2018 budget including monies for a Town Manager. Caps can only be raised every two years. The Cap increase provides flexibility. The proposed budget continues temporary assessments for slip and major piers repairs/upgrades, piers onetime waitlist fee, credited towards first slip rental.

Your vote for or against the SCBD budget is by ballot. For your convenience a Ballot is enclosed in the Caper's Dec/Jan Issue. Under rules for an SCBD and if Cape St. Claire lot owners fail to approve the proposed FY 2018 budget, CSCIA is required to operate at the previously approved level. Using FY 16 levels for FY 18 could result in cuts and might jeopardize overall service levels.

Please plan on attending the January 2017 CSCIA Membership meeting. Your presence, comments, and votes for our FY 2018 budget count. They are vitally important to Cape St. Claire.

BACKGROUND: Community members may petition county government to form an SCBD. The County approves an SCBD and annually the SCBD budget. An SCBD provides community approved services, which are paid for collectively by community approved assessments. The benefits are NOT available to the County at large. Furthermore, Cape St. Claire SCBD funds may only be spent on the four major purposes approved by the County for our SCBD. The purposes are:

- Maintenance of community property (Like: Beaches and Parks, Playground equipment, Fishing pier, Deep Creek bulkhead, and many CSCIA owned parcels of land.);
- Special security for community property (Off duty police security patrols, and Beach attendants);
- Acquisition, improvement and construction of real and personal property (Like: the Clubhouse, , Sidewalk); and
- Administrative expenses for these purposes (Like: Wages, Benefits, Utilities, Sewer, Insurance, Legal fees).

Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018)			SCBD Regular	Non-SCBD			SCBD and Non-SCBD				
Cape St. Claire Improvement Association Consolidated Budget Ordinary Income/Expense Projected 2309 tax accounts assessed \$175.00 each.			Regular Totals	Mmbr-Maint Beach-Parks Caper Club- House, Lake Claire (BLOA / CSCSC passthru)	Piers	Mmbr-Maint Beach Parks Caper Club-House Lake Claire (BLOA / CSCSC passthru) + Piers Totals	FY 18 Proposed Budget	FY 17 Budget	FY 16 Actual	FY 15 Actual	Dollar Change FY 16 To FY 18
INCOME											
CA	1	Caper Advertising	\$0	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$33,508	\$33,508	\$36,272	(\$1,508)
	2	BLOA Contribution (Security and Taxes)	\$0	\$5,079	\$0	\$5,079	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
		CSCSC Contribution (Taxes, Rent & Security)		\$3,052		\$3,052	\$3,052	\$3,052	\$0	\$0	\$3,052
	3	SCBD Revenue / Membership Fees Note 1	\$404,075	\$23,020	\$0	\$23,020	\$427,095	\$356,810	\$344,686	\$278,019	\$82,409
	4	HOA Packets	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$13,660	\$7,100	(\$3,660)
	5	Interest Income - SCBD, Maintenance-Piers	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$100	\$70	\$204	\$154	(\$104)
	6	Late Fees Income - Maintenance/Piers	\$0	\$4,500	\$100	\$4,600	\$5,000	\$4,600	\$5,842	\$6,370	(\$842)
	7	Misc. Income - SCBD, Maintenance/Piers, Signboard	\$200	\$2,504	\$100	\$2,604	\$3,500	\$2,804	\$4,196	\$5,311	(\$696)
CL	8	Clubhouse - Rental Income	\$0	\$33,000	\$0	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$37,380	\$36,415	(\$4,380)
PM		Piers - Slip Rental Fees for 225	\$0	\$0	\$79,000	\$79,000	\$79,000	\$79,000	\$90,860	\$92,390	(\$11,860)
PM		Piers - Capital Replacement Assessment (225 Slips at (\$55 for FY16-21)	\$0	\$0	\$12,375	\$12,375	\$12,375	\$12,375	\$0	\$0	\$12,375
PM		Piers Waitlist Fee (One Time \$100 applied to First Slip Rental)	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
	9	Fund Balance from FY16	\$19,465	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,465	\$7,118	\$0	\$0	\$19,465
	10	Stickers - Additional Parking Sticker Fees	\$0	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$2,018	\$1,763	(\$718)
	11	Total Income	\$423,760	\$111,505	\$94,575	\$206,080	\$629,839	\$553,207	\$534,854	\$466,294	\$94,985
EXPENSES											
General and Administrative											
S	1	Accounting Fees and Payroll	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,165	\$8,350	\$835
S	2	Audit Expenses	\$5,300	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$8,300	\$8,300	\$6,300	\$3,300	\$2,000
		Bank Charges	\$15	\$10	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$35	\$0	\$15	\$25
CA	3	Caper Edit/Print/Distribute/Mail (1 contract)	\$26,000	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$38,971	\$37,503	\$1,029
AA	6	Collection Fee - AA County, Note 2	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
P	7	Front Foot Assessments	\$0	\$0	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$0
S	8	Insurance	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$16,000	\$32,000	\$32,500	\$24,042	\$19,095	\$7,958
S	9	Legal Services	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$2,410	\$9,362	\$7,590
BP	10	Membership (Dues & Fees)	\$0	\$650	\$150	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$450	\$600	\$350
S	11	Miscellaneous (Events, Refreshments, Volunteer Appreciation, CSCIA Milleage, etc.)	\$1,500	\$600	\$500	\$1,100	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,334	\$1,763	\$266
BP	12	Mowing (Contracted Services)	\$14,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$12,725	\$12,370	\$2,275
CL	13	Clubhouse Custodial Svcs (Contract)	\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,406	\$13,304	(\$406)
S	14	Office Supplies/Expense and Scanning Files	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$3,973	\$4,831	\$3,527
S	15	Payroll Expenses and Benefits	\$12,564	\$5,026	\$1,256	\$6,282	\$18,846	\$15,000	\$9,799	\$10,710	\$9,048
		Penalties and Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
S	16	Permits	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,900	\$407	\$185	\$1,093
S	17	Postage	\$5,900	\$1,100	\$500	\$1,600	\$7,500	\$2,800	\$2,469	\$2,559	\$5,031
S	18	Printing	\$3,000	\$1,900	\$100	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$2,923	\$2,859	\$2,077
S	19	Property Taxes	\$4,350	\$100	\$1,900	\$2,000	\$6,350	\$6,350	\$4,497	\$4,616	\$1,853
S	20	Refreshments (Moved to Misc. Expense Line 11)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$837	\$0
S	21	Repairs/Maintenance	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$29,000	\$64,000	\$35,500	\$52,355	\$39,436	\$11,645
	22	Sanitary Services	\$7,000	\$500	\$250	\$750	\$7,750	\$8,000	\$6,658	\$6,031	\$1,092
S	23	Sewer	\$500	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$750	\$750	\$553	\$460	\$197
	24	Signage	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$400	\$1,000	\$1,700	\$0	\$300	\$1,000
S	25	Telecommunication (Telephone/DSL)	\$1,900	\$350	\$4,400	\$4,750	\$6,650	\$2,650	\$2,100	\$2,718	\$4,550
S	26	Trash Collection	\$6,000	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$4,233	\$4,344	\$2,017
S	27	Utilities	\$10,000	\$200	\$10,000	\$10,200	\$20,200	\$24,200	\$17,678	\$31,750	\$2,522
	28	Wages-Town Manager	\$37,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,000
S	29	Wages - Administrator	\$32,000	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$14,000	\$46,000	\$49,000	\$42,785	\$49,397	\$3,215
S	30	Wages - Asst. Administrator	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$6,000	\$8,500	\$11,500	\$5,750	\$1,287	\$3,185	\$10,213
	31	Wages - Asst. Administrator (Mtg. Spt.)	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,100	\$2,400	\$300
	32	Wages - Code Enf./Permit Acquisition	\$500	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$99	\$2,500
BP	33	Wages - Groundskeeping	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$14,211	\$14,722	\$1,789
CL	34	Wages - Custodial Svcs	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,736	\$1,534	(\$736)
P	35	Wages - Handyman for piers	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$986	\$4,950	\$2,515
P	36	Wages - Pump-out attendant	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
	37	Wages - Security Patrol	\$46,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$36,551	\$39,436	\$9,449
BP	39	Wages - Beach Attendants	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$12,360	\$9,379	\$2,641
	38	Security Milege Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Subcontractors	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$0	(\$600)
	40	Technology/ Website	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,200	\$2,017	\$0	\$383
	41	Total General and Administrative	\$322,929	\$85,736	\$64,326	\$150,062	\$472,991	\$398,855	\$334,249	\$345,569	\$138,743
Capital Expenditures											
BP	42	Beaches and Parks Improvements	\$22,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$31,250	\$30,011	\$3,750
CL	43	Clubhouse Improvements	\$37,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000	\$50,000	\$43,000	\$21,630	\$12,850	\$28,370
PM	44	Piers Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$17,625	\$17,625	\$17,365	\$25,625	\$43,679	\$8,225	(\$26,314)
PM		Piers Replacement/Repair (FY 16-21)	\$0	\$0	\$12,375	\$12,375	\$12,375	\$12,375	\$11,715	\$0	\$660
	45	Debt Retirement - Beach Erosion Restoration	\$41,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$38,717	\$0	\$2,283
	46	Total Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$26,000	\$30,000	\$56,000	\$155,740	\$154,000	\$146,991	\$51,086	\$8,749
Total Expenditures			\$422,929	\$111,736	\$94,326	\$206,062	\$628,731	\$552,855	\$481,240	\$396,655	\$147,492
Net Income (Loss)			\$830	(\$231)	\$249	\$17	\$1,108	\$352	\$53,767	\$69,639	(\$52,660)

BP= Beaches, Parks, Fish Pier; CA = Caper; CL = Clubhouse; PM = Marina Piers; S = Split
Note 1: SCBD Revenue based on 2302 tax lots in Cape that are assessed at \$145 per lot. Membership Maintenance Fee Revenues at \$10.00 per lot.
Note 2: Collection Fee and Debt Retirement Payment deducted before tax revenues remitted to CSCIA by Anne Arundel County.
Note 3: Cape St. Claire Improvement Association Fiscal Year Runs July 1st Through June 30th of the Named Budget Year.

staff do not have the expertise to oversee effectively year in and year out. This will be the focus of our plans as we move forward for the Main Beach and Lake Claire. Other properties that are within the Little Magothy & Deep Creek remain very attractive for a variety of solutions that will help improve our waterways.

- Clubhouse: Mary Lamb continues overhauling the Clubhouse, making it more attractive and easier to maintain. In the last 5 years or so, we have upgraded the exterior shingles, put on a 30 year roof that is also attractive, repainted the interior and upgraded the floor tile. The maintenance savings on the floor alone will pay for itself within about three years, giving us a low maintenance, attractive flooring for the next 20-25 years.
- Our attention turns to the more expensive upgrades that we have dabbled around for years, but have not tackled. In this budget you will see \$50,000 allocated towards the Clubhouse Capital Improvements, this is so we can tackle the upgrading of the kitchen. Once we begin, we know that there are plumbing, electrical, fire and ADA codes that will have to be completed, thus not making it a quick or cheap process. We likely won't have a true commercial kitchen due to the six figure improvements that would be necessary, but our focus would be to have newer, more energy and cost efficient equipment, better storage and prep areas along with better heating storage (steam tables for example) for the type of events that typically are held at the Clubhouse.
- Piers: While the Piers remain nearly cost contained within the rental revenues from the 225 slips we maintain, we have embarked starting last year on a pier replacement and safety upgrades that are long overdue. About 75% of the Deep Creek Large Pier was replaced this past year from the stringers & ledgers up. This year, we plan to replace about half of the Lake Claire Boating Pier, with new pilings, due to long term rot, and raise the height of the pier as we continue to have tides and storms that put strain on the electrical and water systems. The following year, 2018 we plan to tackle Little Magothy Pier, which has a host of issues due to rising tides, regarding low pier height and electrical complications. We will then circle back to address issues at Deep Creek and likely will have to have better maintenance plans at all of the piers going forward.
- The Piers Committee has enacted a number of cost saving measures and as we continue to move towards cost effective electrical, LED Lighting and ice mitigation practices, we hope that we can offset some of the ongoing cost of maintenance with this improved practices.

- Beaches and Parks: The focus the last three years is making the Main Beach a premier property on the Chesapeake Bay, one in which community members can proudly claim as their own. I believe the upgrades, some little and some big have profound difference on how one views the property. Five years ago, when you entered Main Beach, you would have seen a dumpster, BGE Light Post and two Porta Potties to the left of where the walkway exists now. This would have lined up with the Overlook and Flag Pole. We had a broken concrete block wall and cracked walkways headed down to the beach. When you enter the Main Beach today, you begin walking on an attractive pervious paver walkway, while not having to walk through the mud and worn out grass. As you look up, you see our Flag Pole with the American Flag, the overlook and our beautiful new sitting wall, which has recessed lighting and at night is very attractive, and the Chesapeake Bay. There are now steps to the beach and a natural sloping path to the right for easy access. Most days as you enter the Main Beach now and stand at the gate, you will see the walkway, American Flag, the Chesapeake Bay and the Baltimore Lighthouse lined up through the pillars of our new wall.

So what's next? Well we need to look at new playground equipment in the near future as the existing equipment is nearing its repairable and safety lifespan. We must look to other properties on the Little Magothy and Lake Claire for maintenance of parking lots and rain run-off mitigation to help not only our properties, but waterways. We need to pave the boat ramp area as cold-patching fixes only last so long and it has been nearly 20 years since it was last done. While at Deep Creek, we must also tackle the run off of all the sediment that comes down from the top of the parking lot and the street above and ends up in the Boat ramp. There are projects that are being explored to help with run-off mitigation. Owning over 30 acres of beaches, parks, easements and wooded properties comes with responsibility of ensuring it's maintained for safety sake and the enjoyment of the community.

- Lastly, the introduction of a new position that BOG feels is necessary to continue into the future. The largest change overall is the movement towards hiring a town manager. A paid professional who can help the community properly maintain our properties while helping planning for future issues. The managing of contracts, overseeing bidding, permitting and compliance with County & State Codes going forward. One glaring issue over the history of the Board of Governors, is the peaks and valleys of the participation by the community. One way to reduce

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the inconsistencies is to have paid staff that are there to carry out what the Board has approved, but does not have the time to implement as all current Governors have day jobs and families. Much of the work for the planning and implementation of projects requires time off work to complete the tasks to move forward.

We could say, well let's just not improve our properties and we will live with the consequences. This goes directly against the primary purpose of the Board of Governors who oversee the Improvement Association and as a group we feel the best way to move forward and promote, develop and maintain a cooperative community is to bring on additional staff, a professional, with a background in public administration and management to help maintain and improve the community in the future.

Just to review the Preamble to the By-Laws of the CSCIA are as follows:

The purposes of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association are:

- To carry on and promote any activity which may add to the convenience and attractiveness of the community known as Cape St. Claire.
- To promote, develop and maintain a cooperative community at Cape St. Claire.
- To secure compliance with and to prevent violation of the restrictions on property use designated in deeds executed by the River Bay Company.

We will bring more information to the community as time goes on, but moving forward with a financial commitment to begin funding a position in FY 2018 for six months starting in January 2018 gives the Board of Governors

twelve additional months for additional research, planning for, promoting the position and finding the right candidate through a search & interview process.

I thank you for taking the time to read through this longer than usual President's message, but I feel as though it's important to relay not only my thoughts, but the general thoughts of the Board of Governors on so many important issues that affect our community, the future budget and ultimately your finances.

The reality of this budget is that it will increase your monthly outlay to the community by \$2.50 per month or \$30.00 per year. The total of \$175.00 SCBD Fee per tax account and a \$10.00 per lot fee will leave most Capers paying \$185.00 for access to community beaches, parks, boat ramp, while having the right to rent the clubhouse and a slip at the community piers. I encourage you to ask yourself, Are the benefits you have access to in the community and the upkeep of the community for the future worth \$15.42 per month for you and your family?

I believe our community fees remain one of the best bargains for a waterfront community on the Chesapeake Bay!

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends whether here at home or while you travel. I remain thankful that I am a member of this community and have the opportunity to live among so many great community members!

Best Wishes,
Beau Breeden
President CSCIA



EPIPHANY COMMUNITY



We meet at 9:30 Sunday mornings at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. After a rough summer having difficulties finding priests, it looks promising for the rest of the year. On October 15th, we have our Day of Reflection at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City beginning at 9am, with mass celebrated at 4pm, so we will not meet on Oct 16th. Looking forward to seeing you next Sunday at the Club House!



NEWS FROM GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving and we at Historic Goshen Farm and Educational Center have a lot for which we are thankful. Our Annual Harvest Pasta & Meatball Dinner held last month was a great success and it was our final fundraising event of the year. In all, we held five events and over 1,000 people came out to support Goshen Farm. Now, that is something for which we are thankful!

We are also thankful for the wonderful and supportive business community on the Broadneck Peninsula who have supported Goshen Farm through their generous contributions of goods and services for our silent auction and our events. Last month's column had a complete list of our supporters and this month we would like to recognize the Irish Restaurant Company, operators of Galway Bay, Killarney House, Brian Boru, and Pirate's Cove, for sponsoring our Harvest Dinner.

Kayak Raffle

The Kayak Raffle is another fund raising effort we hold annually and we are pleased to announce that Bill and Ginny Klocko were the winners this year. You can check out the pictures of the drawing and the winners on our Face Book page. While you are there, please remember to "Like" us.

Educational Activities

With the start of fall and the changing of the leaves, Goshen Farm shifts gears and begins its work with a variety of students and teachers. Once again we are working with Liza Wolmendorf and Liz Guidry students from the Enclave Program, Michelle Weisgerber and Christina Sipe with the Environmental Literacy Signature Program, Matthew Bem and Advanced Placement students in the sciences at Broadneck High School. We are also proud to sit on the Integrated Community Stakeholders Team at Broadneck, which was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. It is an honor and privilege to have input through the team.

We are also working with Diane Velozo at Cape St. Claire Elementary School who always makes sure her first grade students have a plot in the Sharing Garden and brings them to Goshen Farm to learn about soil

health, composting, and a little history. Last spring, the third grade teachers brought every third grader to Goshen Farm to learn about soil health and what "organic" gardening means. Cape Elementary received a 9 out of 10 rating by Great Schools, which is the leading national nonprofit providing school information and parenting resources to help millions of American families choose the right school.

It should also be noted that both schools have been certified as Green Schools for their efforts in promoting recycling and preservation of the environment. We are thankful for our extraordinary working relationship with these schools and their teachers.

We are also thankful for Dean Cowherd, Assistant State Soil Scientist, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Dean has given generously of his time in holding soil health lectures for students and guiding Goshen Farm to resources available for enhancing and protecting its 22 acres.

Help Wanted

The GFPS Board of Directors is currently made up of ten hard-working and dedicated individuals. Our by-laws authorize up to 13 Directors. We could use your help as a Director or as an active volunteer. There are many enjoyable and creative jobs that need to be covered. For example, we could use help keeping our Face Book page current, our web-master could use a hand in keeping our web site up to date, we can use help reaching out to members to get them more involved, and we could use a hand in maintaining good relations with media resources. If you can spare as little as four hours a month to help save historic Goshen Farm and keep our educational efforts vibrant, we should talk. You can reach us at president@goshenfarm.org or 443-994-5743.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving and please think about giving us one more thing to be thankful for...a more active and involved membership.



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to support the life of our church
to be part of the church's decision making process



We are all different and like to learn more about each other – whether it is about what we like to do when we serve the community, about how we share out thoughts, about how we worship in the foreign country some of us are from or some of us have visited, about how we came to this point in our journey of faith, about how we can celebrate and support each other, about what we would like to lift up in prayer or about other things that move us.

Just a few things we do:

- Winter Relief (together with Cape St. Claire Methodist Church): Hosting homeless guests for one week during the winter.
- The Strawberry Festival in June in the Cape
- Music and Arts Camp: One week of summer fun for kids K-5; learning about stories in the bible and putting together a musical play
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GARDEN CLUB



Consider the acorn.



If you are reading this, chances are very good that you have often considered acorns – and probably considered them a pain in the neck, for the most part! But as I was raking and piling up the tons of acorns in my yard so far this year, I got a little curious about them. They are an amazing little storage pod, packing lots of fat and vitamins that sustain much of our wildlife. In our area, jays, squirrels and deer enjoy the acorns (bears also eat them, but there don't seem to be many bears in Cape St. Claire!). Interestingly, although the squirrels seem crazy with regard to acorn storage, they actually have a pretty good memory of where they have hidden their treasures. Jays, too, are really good at finding them. Most acorns are much too acidic for human consumption, containing lots of tannic acid, but white oaks produce acorns that can be eaten, because the levels of tannins are lower in them. They should be peeled and roasted and to reduce the tannins even further, they can be soaked for a few hours. If you're really adventurous, check out the link below for a beet and acorn flour cookie recipe from a very popular television show

<http://nerdist.com/make-carols-beet-and-acorn-cookies-from-the-walking-dead/>

So – on to Garden Club news! At our October meeting, we heard from Dr. Gary Van Velsir. Dr. Van Velsir spent 33 years teaching mathematics at Anne Arundel Community College and in the 12 years since retirement, Dr. Van Velsir has been noted for his presentations and his beautiful photography of birds and wildflowers. We enjoyed a detailed slide show about native butterflies and the plants that support them in our area. We all know that there are hundreds of butterfly species, but it was so wonderful to learn about the variety of beautiful butterflies we can see every day and how we can plant shrubs, flowers and trees for them to live their lives on. His photography was stunning!

Also in October, we held our annual Harvest Dinner where we enjoy good food and good company and also honor our yard of the month winners – all 30 of them! You can view the winners on our website at gardenclub@wordpress.com.

Please join us for future meetings! We meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Cape Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Please note one exception to our normal schedule: our December meeting will be held on November 29 because we are making wreaths to be displayed in downtown Annapolis for the holiday season. Come on out and help us – it's a rowdy meeting with singing and snacks!

SUBMITTED BY JEANNE KLINGLER

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Dear friends in Cape St. Claire,

Fall has started beautifully, and I find that this time of year moves incredibly fast. Before we know it, the holiday season will be here, and this would be a delightful time for you to come and get to know our faith family. I am still a relatively new Pastor in the area, and am feeling so excited to experience the holiday traditions here at COA, and we'd love for you to come experience them along with me. You'll see in this ad a listing of all kinds of offerings coming up that are appropriate for visitors, including children.

I also look forward to the season of Advent beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving because I will be starting a new sermon series focused around themes from my favorite movie of all time: "It's a Wonderful Life". That story is one which draws out the pain and struggle, but also the hope, generosity and joy of being a human being trying to make it in the world.

We hope you'll join us!

Many blessings,

Pastor Jessie Lowry

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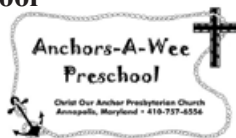
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pray & Play: Parents of Young Children Group

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Veteran's Day Service

Friday, November 11th at 4:00 pm

Veteran's Day Service in memorial garden outside church (weather permitting / if there is rain we will meet inside in the sanctuary). All are welcome for a brief service of prayer and reflection on our brave servicemen and women.

Christ Our Anchor Advent Fair

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Save the date for a fun morning for your child and a great fundraiser for COA's Youth Group Mission Trips. There will be plenty of activities for the children (3 years old and potty trained/No Pull Ups to 5th grade), crafts, games, snacks and more Christmas fun! Please contact the church office at 410-974-1713 / coa21409@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

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Pastor - Chris Broadwell

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.



Please join us on Sundays at 9 am this Advent as we explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, along with the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. We'll learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus.

On Christmas Eve we'll have a lively Children & Family Service at 7pm where the children will re-enact "A Christmas Carol" followed by a vibrant, yet traditional Candlelight Service at 10 pm.

May your holidays be blessed and may you be a blessing to others.

Pastor Chris



Advent Music

Join us as we present our Christmas Cantata "Seasons of Wonder" on December 11th at 9am in the sanctuary.

On December 18th, the Gospel bluegrass band from southern Maryland, The Unclouded Day, will be at our 9am worship service playing selections from their new Christmas album.



Our Women's Bible Breakfast for November is on Saturday the 19th, and for December, we'll meet on Saturday the 10th. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall at 7:30am to enjoy breakfast together and continue to learn about the disciples of Jesus. If you would like to attend, please email Mia Riser at mlriser_serves@aol.com

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Winter Relief Program

Nov. 14th to Nov. 21st

CSCUMC will be participating in Winter Relief from Monday 11/14 through Monday 11/21 by hosting homeless guests in our church. If you are interested in helping set up, making a meal, doing a load of laundry, or visiting with the guests, please contact Mia Riser (mlriser_serves@aol.com)

This is a most humbling experience and makes you realize how truly blessed we are!



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service of Ministry and Worship

On Sunday, November 20th at 4:00 pm. churches from the Broadneck peninsula will gather together to package meals. This is a family friendly event! All ages are welcome. We will gather in the Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall located at 461 College Parkway, Arnold, MD.

We will package meals at 4:00pm and conclude with a brief time of worship. This is an opportunity to give thanks to God for what we have and to give out of our abundance to those in need.



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The Ravens Roost 66 is a general scholarship. The winner may pursue any academic major they desire. The scholarship, **The Erin Leigh Sullivan Memorial Scholarship**, is named in memory of Erin Sullivan whose family members are part of Raven Roost 66. Roost 66 has given over \$10,000 in scholarships since 2008. The 2017 Scholarship applications will be available in January at the school.

We are holding a raffle to benefit our scholarship fund to be drawn on November 20, 2016.

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Cape St. Claire **CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST**

Congratulations to **David Blecman** for winning the grand prize in the 2017 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar Photo Contest with his photograph titled "Peaceful Easy Feeling". You'll find David's photo printed on the front of the 2017 Cape Calendar. He received a \$100.00 cash prize.

Honorable mentions go to

Lou Ellen Hazel, Michele Power, Sophia Lodico, Jim Lodico and Camden Lodico.

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

Expect copies of the 2017 Community Calendar to arrive in mailboxes in December. Extra copies will be available at the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association office. Take special note of the last two inside calendar pages that contain important telephone numbers for community organizations, government agencies, schools, Cape St. Claire Shopping Center merchants, The Capers, calendar advertisers, and more!

Amy Podd

Advertising Director

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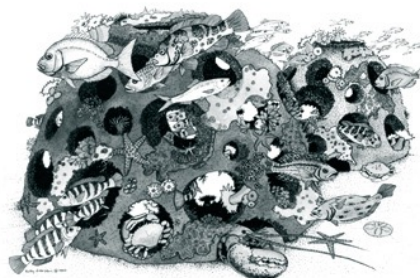
November 4th, 7pm - 10pm: Join us for our annual Harvest Bash! Live music and great food and drink. Visit our website for tickets. \$25 online, \$35 at the door.

November 13th, 1pm - 4pm: Join us at the Little Magothy View rain garden to plant new plants! Fun for all ages! The rain garden is located across from 1101 Little Magothy View.

Oyster Habitat Interview with Larry Jennings

By: Stacey Wildberger

Our community recently partnered with Biohabitats to come up with a plan to restore our beaches so that residents will be able to enjoy them for many years to come. We are fortunate to have water privileges such as community beaches, fishing piers, boat docks and the beautiful wildlife that comes with those areas. We have witnessed over the last 25 years erosion of our beaches from Lake Claire to Little Magothy to Main Beach. Now is the time to take action before the damage is irreversible. Biohabitats presented concepts for all the sites in the community where action is needed. The presentation from Biohabitats was videotaped and is currently available for viewing on the CSCIA website <https://cscia.org/cape-st-claire/beach-restoration-project/>. The next step is for Biohabitats and the community to work with various state and county offices to see which of the concepts are feasible and what if any financial help we can expect to receive. One of the potential concepts is to have oyster cages and reef balls off the Main Beach. I recently sat down with Larry Jennings, a Cape Conservation Corps board member and oyster advocate to find out more about this intriguing concept.



What advantages would an oyster reef bring to the community?

Oyster reefs were the predominate feature of the Chesapeake Bay when Capt. John Smith first explored the area some 5 centuries ago. What is most important, is the incredible density and diversity of life that can't exist without that foundation and which augments the filtering capacity of oysters by 150% as researched by Dr. Lisa Kellogg of VIMS. Mussels, barnacles, sea squirts and various anemones are important filter feeders that feed on different plankton in different sizes for more complete

impact.

These reefs, rising up to 30 feet from the bottom, were the foundation for the incredible populations of fish that Smith described and the prime feeding areas for the predatory fish that recreational anglers pursue. The habitat is home to a multitude of species taking advantage of the nooks and crannies as they seek to avoid being eaten and where they find their own food.

While we will not be creating new oyster reefs, by adding fields of reef balls set with oyster spat on the bottom and oyster floats on the surface, the combination will knock down the tremendous wave energy from Northeasters hitting our shores. By disrupting that wave energy, living shorelines can take root and add protective barriers to reduce erosion while also enhancing the habitat to improve our crab and fish populations.

What if any safety and aesthetics concerns should we be aware of?

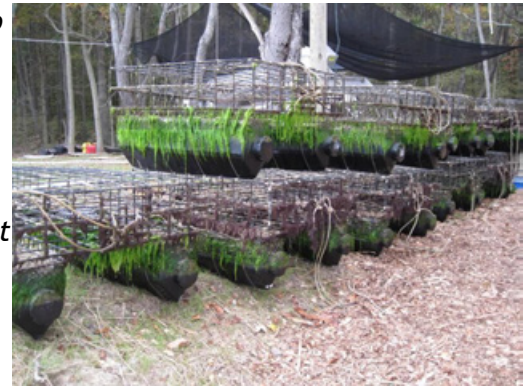
Obviously, hundreds of oyster floats anchored off the main beach will be noticeable but if we are able to place that field further offshore, their slim 8" profile above the water will fade in prominence as a feature. They will reduce our swimmers' interaction with boats as they form a barrier to navigation. Boats using the channel to the Little Magothy River will obviously need to stay in the channel to avoid the floats, but again, those tempted to cut the corner toward the Magothy River, will stay further away from our beach - a good thing. Given that Mother Nature demands we protect the beach or lose it completely,

the standard tool is a rock breakwater that is a far greater hazard to navigation and any boater will prefer hitting a floating wire cage to rocks.

What are the plans for the cages to be taken care of?

As a community, we would want to partner with an oyster farmer to operate the aquaculture lease and keep the floats full of oysters that they would then sell to restaurants and local markets, so we could enjoy some oysters in our homes - great local produce, grown right here on the Cape.

The oyster farmer would be operating a boat to work on the production side of managing the oysters and maintaining the cages and would likely be working on them several days during the week. No terms for the financial side of this have been discussed but we have some interested individuals in the community. There is tremendous growth in the number of oyster farmers and the sale of farmed oysters in MD were up 48% last year with another similar increase expected this year.



Are there ongoing costs or maintenance issues for the community?

From the cost side, to compare our alternatives, we were told several years ago that a rock breakwall starts at \$1 million and that's why the CSCIA Board has been working on this issue for many years.

Obviously, it would cost money for the oyster farmer to buy or build the cages, the mesh bags, boat, equipment, and most likely a walk in cooler. We have many oyster farmers in MD who have done this and are now expanding their operations without any support from their community but there are also low cost loans available with very attractive terms through the MARBIDCO program that the state has set up to help them get started.

For the community, it's likely that the costs for the oyster farm would likely be nothing after the tiny costs of securing the lease itself and the annual rental fee. There could even be positive cash or oysters flowing to the community once it is up and running.

As to the reefballs, many communities are working with students to build the reefballs as they learn about making and handling concrete and how they will be used to improve the water quality around the Cape. Another organization I work with, Coastal Conservation Association Maryland, is making several hundred a year, including some in Anne Arundel County. Sponsors have supported this program well and grants are also used to minimize the costs to the community for the projects.

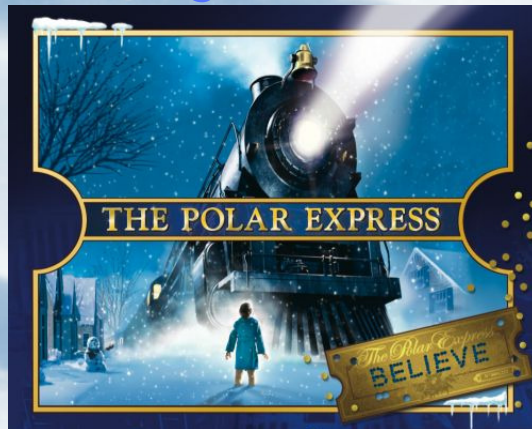
It could be a tremendous learning opportunity for our students, led by our own national environmental award winning Broadneck High School, to engage in the sciences around bay ecology, water quality, living shorelines, vocational training in masonry, and citizen scientists monitoring our living shoreline projects. I believe we all will be more engaged in our community as we learn more about the specifics and can take the opportunities to plan the projects, learn the biology, help plant living shorelines and feel more ownership in the improvements. Having more people involved will create more awareness of the health of our shorelines and waters around our Cape, as we enjoy the enhanced environmental and recreational opportunities.

Thank you Larry for providing an educational look at what the oyster cages and reefballs would mean to our community and efforts to preserve the shorelines of our beaches. We have a choice to make do nothing and continue to the kick the can the road for someone else to deal with it or take responsibility as stewards of the land and make a difference now so that future generations will continue to enjoy the amenities our community has to offer. In the words of Aldo Leopold, conservationist, ecologist, and environmental philosopher "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect" -*A Sand County Almanac (1949)*

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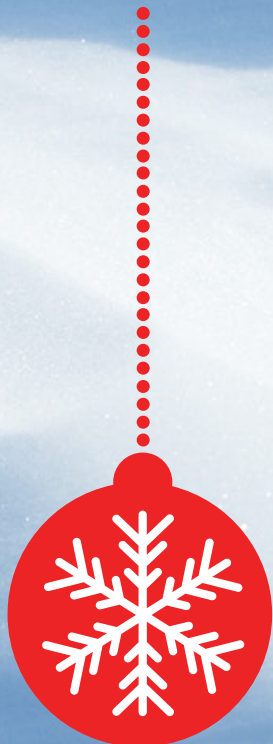
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1109 Skyway Drive	4/2/1	\$406,000	\$6,000	330
1091 River Bay Road	4/2/1	\$712,118	\$0	90
961 Mount Holly Drive	4/3	\$380,000	\$11,400	94
996 Dogwood Tree Drive	3/1	\$320,000	\$9,600	96
1047 Saint Margarets Drive	5/3	\$413,000	\$12,000	36
999 Hillendale Drive	4/2/1	\$835,500	\$9,000	50
1130 Long Point Terrace	3/1/1	\$550,000	\$0	25
1325 Cape St. Claire Road	5/3	\$380,000	\$11,400	30
1180 Saint George Drive	4/3	\$350,000	\$10,000	10
968 Dogwood Tree Drive	3/1/1	\$350,000	\$5,000	23
798 Rolling View Drive	5/3	\$515,000	\$0	3
1201 Bayview Vista	4/3	\$479,900	\$15,000	127
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1057 Saint Margarets Drive	3/2/1	\$385,000	\$7,500	180
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