



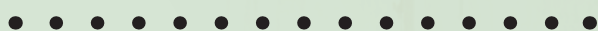
Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH AT 7:30 PM

President's Message

DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017



Dear Capers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your family and friends and have returned home safely if you were traveling! I want to use my last President's Message to update you on some business items regarding the Association here at the end of the year and important information to find in this Caper edition. I would also like to share a little of the experience I have had the last two years serving as the President of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association.

First to the business of the CSCIA and this Caper edition. You will find your ballots in this Caper to vote either prior to or at our Annual Meeting which will be held Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 7:30pm. It is important we hear from the members of the Association. On the ballot you will find you are voting for candidates for the Board of Governors for four openings. Also the budget committee has three available slots. You will also be voting for \$30.00 increase in the SCBD Fee and \$50.00 increased in the SCBD Cap, as explained in the October and November Capers and at our presentation of the budget at the October General Membership Meeting. A vote on the budget for fiscal year 2018, which starts July 1st, 2017 is included.

We as a Board believe you should vote in favor of these measures on the ballot. We hopefully will restore the Board with four openings and four candidates back to nine members. It would be great again to see a full Board of 12 Governors. Any questions you can email me at president@cscia.org

Other business items, in early January you will be receiving your annual lot maintenance bill. This is the \$10.00 fee you pay per lot, it comes on a yellow card via the mail. This is due March 1st every year! Please be on the lookout for your card with your balance due, which if you haven't paid in past years includes late fees, which as a reminder are \$5.00 prior to 2015 and \$10.00 after for 2015 and beyond.

We are not responsible for the mail losing the post cards, so please if you do not receive your card in the first two weeks of January, please be proactive and inquire with the office. Questions should be directed to the office at 410-757-1223, or you can visit M-F from 0830-1430 daily or email at office@cscia.org.

Now that I have highlighted the important business that is ongoing, I want to share some thought with you regarding my personal experience and serving on the Board of Governors and as the President of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association. As most of you know I was elected President in 2014 & 2015, but was actually elected as Vice President to start 2016. Due to personal reasons, the President, Governor Dembowski had to step down in April this past year and I stepped up to fill the void per our by-laws.

When serving on the Board of Governors and President in particular, it dawns on you how big the Cape is, our Community or Neighborhood as we all like to call it is more like a small town. We have more than 2,300 homes, nearly 8,000 residents, we manage more than 30 acres of community beaches, parks, piers, clubhouse, etc. There are decisions to be made regarding big and little things. We have numerous committees and associated organizations that we run, work with or provide for over the course of the year. We have a small fulltime staff of 1, but a regular

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part-time staff of 6 that during the summer beach season grows to closer to 20 employees. We act as liaison to the County for many residents who we may assist with zoning enforcement, permitting, environmental, traffic, building, etc. In the case of Cape St. Claire Road Construction, holding Candidates Nights, working with the Broadneck Council of Communities, or coordinating with the Police Department regarding problems in our community, we become the advocate of our nearly 8,000 Capers. We take on the role of communicating with both State and County Agencies who quite often have the final say in how rulings, enforcement and projects proceed on State and County property and roads. The best we can do is stay active, keep advocating for the residents and hopefully communicate in a clear fashion, important information in a timely manner, while hopefully extracting better outcomes than if the State or County is left to their own decisions.

Then comes the reminder that the 6 Board of Governors (hopefully 9 next year) who do this work are volunteers. They sacrifice time from their family, friends and sometimes even work to help provide for the residents of the community. The group that served this past few years, has done great work, from little and big projects around the community, continually improving our beaches and parks, providing a voice to residents, technology upgrades, pier upgrades, while hosting multiple events to benefit our sense of community.

I personally have learned a lot. I am a small business owner, so making decisions and carrying them out is what I do daily. The consequences of a poor decision is usually felt most by me and my bottom-line. One of the best learning experiences of the last five years on the BOG and as President is having to work and consider a variety of opinions from a variety of residents and the governors, who may not agree. I do this while considering the big picture and try to make sure as an organization we are doing the best thing for the majority while attempting to be considerate of all, while keeping the fiduciary responsibility of the organization in focus. In the end, the art of compromise is probably the hardest thing for anyone to do, but often is the right decision. Nobody has all the answers and sitting with a Board of bright, caring and dedicated individuals makes me excited that as a group we will come up with good solutions that benefit the community as a whole. The hope is we all have a better Cape because of it!

I want to take a moment to personally thank my five other governors for the work, time, effort and patience in working with me these last two years. In particular I would like to thank Bill Szczytko, Dawn Myers and Mary Lamb as my Executive Committee who have answered my numerous calls and emails and provided good, concrete advice and recommendations the last two years. Not to be forgotten, Jennifer Vaccaro & Jerome Zadera. Jennifer is an integral part to our erosion and environmental efforts while Jerome has taken on the ever growing task of the Building

Committee. I appreciate everyone's efforts that help the community to operate.

I want to thank Leslie Coble, Dottie Ballard and Richards Steinbock for their work with the Association. Lastly, I want to acknowledge the Off-Duty Officers who work for our Association, in particular Det. Morgan, that help provide a local contact in helping solve issues in the community, while working with on-duty officers and helping us navigate the department so we get the best Anne Arundel Police Department has to offer our community.

I thank all you Capers who stop and thank me, give me words of encouragement and constructive criticism, who come to volunteer days. I also appreciate all of you who do volunteer work with the schools, sports, dance, and music programs in our community! All these reasons listed reinforce my declaration to my parents at 12 years old, "I would live in Cape the rest of my life".

I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the community that I truly love and cherish. I look forward to seeing the Cape continue to be a "small slice of paradise" in an ever changing world. I have the opportunity to sit on the dock, go swimming or fishing while enjoying the calm of the beautiful sunrises and sunsets living on the Chesapeake, while living among the best folks around.

Have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

**Best Wishes,
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President CSCIA





EPIPHANY COMMUNITY

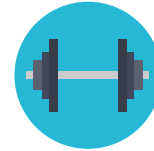


The Epiphany Community celebrates Catholic mass on Sundays at 9:30am in the Cape St. Claire Club House. Our priests come mostly from local universities, like Catholic University in DC and Loyola in Baltimore. In November, we delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to eight Annapolis families in need.

Our Christmas Eve mass will be held on December 24th at 7:30 pm, with caroling beginning at 7:00pm, led by our talented folk group. On January 8th, we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday with brunch after church and our annual meeting.


All are welcome to attend weekly mass as well as our Christmas Eve and Epiphany celebrations. We look forward to seeing you soon.'

CAPE'NESS NUTRITION & FITNESS

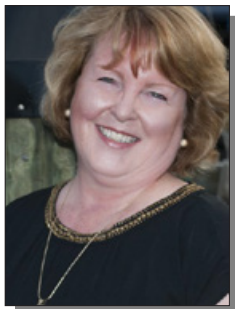


We had a small group for our 12-week summer online weight loss challenge, but they won big. Our winners were Gloria and Elizabeth. Our first place winner lost a whopping 17 pounds and 9 inches (on top of the 9 pounds, 10.5 inches she lost in the previous 6-week session)! Congratulations to all participants. We are in the middle of our current session meeting at 10am on Thursdays at the Broadneck Baptist Church located at 1257 Hilltop Dr. in Cape St. Claire. Our next session will begin in January of 2017 for all those New Year's Resolutions! In the new year we are looking forward to adding an evening group on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome to join in at any time. For more information, call Laura McIntyre at (443) 569-9082 or (410) 757-1354.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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2016 BALLOT

All property owners may vote, up to two per household.

Ballots cast by mail must be signed and legible, or you must cast a ballot in person at the Clubhouse.

In order to be counted, the ballot must be received no later than Tuesday, January 3rd 2017
in the CSCIA Office, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Unsigned ballots will be disqualified.

<u>Board Of Governors</u>	<u>Board Of Governors</u>
Please Vote for up to 4	Please Vote for up to 4
Biographies on pg 5 (*Incumbent)	Biographies on pg 5 (*Incumbent)
*Jennifer Vaccaro _____	*Jennifer Vaccaro _____
Cheri Fairchild _____	Cheri Fairchild _____
Neil Macindoe _____	Neil Macindoe _____
Jeffrey Roche _____	Jeffrey Roche _____
<u>SCBD Budget Committee</u>	<u>SCBD Budget Committee</u>
Please write-in up to 2	Please write-in up to 2
_____	_____
_____	_____
Please check one box below each question	Please check one box below each question
<u>\$30.00 increase in the SCBD Fee</u>	<u>\$30.00 increase in the SCBD Fee</u>
FOR _____ AGAINST _____	FOR _____ AGAINST _____
<u>\$50.00 increase in the SCBD Cap</u>	<u>\$50.00 increase in the SCBD Cap</u>
FOR _____ AGAINST _____	FOR _____ AGAINST _____
<u>FY 2018 Budget (see page 6-7)</u>	<u>FY 2018 Budget (see page 6-7)</u>
FOR _____ AGAINST _____	FOR _____ AGAINST _____
Signature -	Signature -
Print Name -	Print Name -
Print Address -	Print Address -

ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

Cheri Fairchild

Hello fellow Capers! When my husband and I were looking for a place to settle down, create a home and start our family 7 years ago, we were lucky to find the Cape. Every day I am continually grateful we found this wonderful community where we have made so many wonderful friends, enjoy amazing amenities close by and are surrounded by such welcoming neighbors. Having grown up in a small town in upstate NY and then traveling the world with my career I absolutely love that in the Cape my daughters will have the best of both worlds, a small community to feel part of and the opportunities afforded with a location close to 2 large metro areas.

I have worked in the Hospitality industry for over 15 years, receiving my BBA from Marywood University in Scranton, PA and my MBA from UNLV. My leadership experience in operations, sales and catering, including Hotel renovations and new builds, budgeting and marketing lends itself well to helping to manage our wonderful community. I am lucky enough to enjoy the Cape every day from the flexibility of my home office where I work as an Associate Director of Sales of the East Coast with Caesars Entertainment.

During my time in the Cape, I have watched our board members work tirelessly for this amazing community and would be proud to be part of those continuing efforts.

Neil Macindoe

Fellow Capers,

My name is Neil Macindoe, and I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Cape St. Claire for the last twenty years. Members of my wife Jean's family have lived here since 1959, and like us, they have never wanted to move from this unique community. No other neighborhood offers the amenities that we enjoy: the Cape is like a little village, with our own shopping center, parks, beaches and even fire station!

By far, I feel that our greatest resources are our beaches, docks, and access to the water. Nearly all of the waterfront in our county has been taken over by huge mansions or exclusive developments. How lucky we are that even the most modest homes in the Cape have access to such wonderful beaches. My daily exercise (until the Bay freezes) is to paddle my standup paddleboard on the Magothy River. My daily 5-mile loop takes me along all of the Cape's shoreline: from Deep Creek, Lake Claire and Main beaches, and up to the head of the Little Magothy. I make it a point to pick up any trash or glass that I see, and I am so proud of my neighbors because it is a rare thing to find any! Our residents cherish our waterfront, and we all do our best to keep it nice for our families. Recent moves to ensure that access is limited to Cape residents and their

guests has greatly improved the quality of our beaches, and our beach attendants and security personnel have done an excellent job in this respect. As a member of the Board, I pledge to do all that I can to continue enforcement of our residents' rights and access. I also want to work with local, state, and federal government agencies, as well as private and non-profit environmental organizations, to protect our shorelines with future planned projects to prevent erosion and foster better water quality. Organizations like Cape Conservation Corps, made up of volunteer Capers, have done a great job getting our neighbors involved in projects that will improve the health of our waters and environment. As a member of the Board, I would seek to assist these grass roots groups in their work, and encourage greater participation by our community. I look forward to serving my fellow Capers in every way possible, and to continue to help make the Cape a wonderful place to live!

Jeffrey Roche

Hello fellow Capers! For the past six years my wife and I have lived here in Cape St. Claire and have enjoyed raising our kids in this wonderful community. I coach both of my boys' soccer teams and have been thankful for the opportunity to give back to the community in this way.

I currently work in a real estate fund that specializes in acquisition, development, and management of multifamily and retail real estate projects in the Mid-Atlantic. I use my experience as a general contractor to negotiate bids, manage subcontractors and design projects to meet their full market potential. I believe my employment background in the construction and real estate industry would enable me to contribute greatly while on the board of CSCIA. Thank you for considering me for this opportunity to serve our community.

Jennifer Vaccaro

My husband Charlie and I moved into Cape six years ago, and we immediately fell in love with our community and all that it has to offer. I have enjoyed serving on the board for the past three years! If elected for a second term, I will continue to work on the restoration of our natural areas to functional, accessible healthy habitat. I hope to continue serving as a liaison between CSCIA and Cape Conservation Corps, where I currently serve as Vice President. Working on issues that make our community a better place to live and play has been very rewarding, and I hope you will honor me with another term!

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 Reimbursment	\$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.

Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and thanked all for attending. He said that 27 residents were at the October quarterly meeting when the proposed budget was discussed and he has not had much follow-up about it. Halloween Happenings went well with quite a bit of food being donated to My Brother's Pantry. We reclaimed 100 cubic yards of our sand at Lake Claire, which had washed into Fairwinds during a storm. Tomorrow at 1 P.M. we will be meeting with Biohabitats and regulators to go over our beach restoration project. And lastly, there may be one or two names on the ballot for election to the Board in January.

New owners of 1080 Little Magothy View appeared to ask for a variance. The Board thanked them for complying with all the rules and regulations and said the request would be taken up in closed session tonight.

The minutes of October 10, 2016 were approved.

The Profit and Loss statement of September 30, 2016 was approved.

Governor Breeden gave a synopsis of the Executive Committee meeting that was held on November 3. The meeting was called due the urgency of getting paperwork filed in order for our request for beach restoration funds to be filed. There was also some discussion of accounting issues, Cape St. Claire Road, and a possible new signboard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Technology: Governor Szczytko said the Caper was put on the website last week.

Erosion Control: Governor Vaccaro said the Cape Conservation Corps used grant money to clean up the rain garden at Little Magothy beach. She is looking at dates to plant grasses at Lake Claire.

Building: Governor Zadera said things have been quiet.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said there was a plumbing issue that was dealt with by the county.

Caper: Governor Lamb said the next issue will be a double issue with color photos of our year in review. Governor Breeden will work on the budget and ballot to include in the issue.

Breakfast with Santa: Governor Lamb said plans are well underway.

Budget: Chairman Buchet is thankful for a great year.

Treasurer: Governor Myers noted that the accountant was late filing reports to the auditor, so we missed a deadline to access SCBD funds. There are other filing deadlines that have been missed. This led to some discussion of the accountant's role and that of a possible town manager.

Events: Governor Myers will be taking photos of Cape Holiday decorations. Email her if you know of any that should be noted.

BCC: Governor Breeden said the group met last month and discussed Bay Bridge and Sandy Point issues, as well as storm water management problems.

BLOA: Governor Breeden said they have drafted an SCBD petition and are working on dividing up the payments. The CSCIA will not have any financial obligations.

Covenants: Governor Breeden said work continues with issues of apartments, unregistered vehicles, and dilapidated homes. He also stressed that homeowners are responsible for snow shoveling and maintenance of the sidewalks in front of their homes.

Roads: Governor Breeden said that work on Cape St. Claire Road is at a complete standstill while contractors sign off, and he has received no updates from the county.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Breeden noted the season is winding down and the last of the port-a-potties will be removed next week.

Piers: Governor Breeden will have a letter out to slip holders by December 1 and contracts out by January 1. He has received 2 bids for the work on Lake Claire pier, which we hope to start and complete in the spring before boating season.

Security: Governor Breeden said things have been relatively quiet save for some minor issues. He mentioned ongoing towing issues.

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Board In Brief, continued from page 8

Nominating Committee: Governor Breeden said Governor Vaccaro is running for re-election and he may have one other person who wants to run for the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Governors Breeden, Myers, Vaccaro, and Szczytko will be meeting with Biohabitats and Larry Jennings.

Governor Breeden met yesterday with the Cape Conservation Corps about their plans and projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

COMMENTS:

The Board wished Administrative Assistant Leslie Coble a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 8:28 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION:

A closed session was convened at 9:15 P.M. and adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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A Blue Christmas
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3:00 p.m.
for those who are challenged by loss, illness, anxiety, etc.
Tea reception follows

A Quiet Christmas Service
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m.
a quiet, reflective service in the hectic season

Christmas Eve Services
Saturday, Dec. 24, *4:00, *7:30, 10:30 p.m.
*Childcare provided
all featuring a special musical prelude

Christmas Day Service
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Day Services
Sunday, Jan. 1, 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m.
Potluck brunch 10:15 to 11 a.m. - Bring a breakfast casserole

Children's Epiphany Pageant
Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:20 a.m.
Rehearsal on Sat., Jan. 7, 9:00 a.m.

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NEWS FROM GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Those New Year Resolutions

We have moved from the season of giving thanks through the season of giving gifts and love, to the season of resolutions. If you find that those annoying bad habits you wanted to discard aren't going away and the scale dial appears to be stuck in the same place and the workouts you planned just don't fit your schedule, we have a resolution that may be easier to keep – get more involved with Goshen Farm. Whatever skills you may have, we can put them to good use while you enjoy working hand-in-hand with friends and neighbors to preserve and restore the Historic Goshen Farm and Educational Center. If you like to write, we can use writers to compose Caper articles and articles for our website. If you like Face Book, we can use help keeping those who “like” Goshen Farm up to date. If you like photography, we can use lots of pictures to support our Face Book and website articles. If you like gardening, we can use a hand in the hoop house planting and growing winter crops and around the Henson-Hall Slave Garden and Goshen Farm Orchard as spring approaches. If you like planning parties and having a good time, we could use help in putting together our fundraising events – our open houses, wine tasting, and harvest pasta dinner or maybe even a good idea you come up with. If you enjoy meeting and interacting with new people, we could use help in maintaining a liaison with the many organizations we work with in the areas of preservation and environmental protection. You could also work with the Membership Chair in reaching out to current members and recruiting new members. If you like kids and helping them learn, we have a place for you working with our growing number of educational support activities – the Enclave Program, the Environmental Literacy Program, and several other endeavors. If you like genealogy and history, we have a wealth of information to gather and document about the 300 year history of Goshen Farm and its predecessor, Leonard's Neck. If you have skills in electrical work, security systems, plumbing, carpentry or any similar areas, we always have work to be done. And last but not least, if you have skills in finding funding sources for historic properties or grant writing, we certainly have some work for you.

It is quite a list, but we are only asking a few hours a month. Any task you undertake will be very doable and a

commitment/resolution that is very easy to keep, not to mention very satisfying. If you have a few hours a week rather than a month, we are also looking for individuals to chair our Events Committee, Financial Development Committee, and Communications Committee. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Louis Biondi at president@goshenfarm.org. If you are interested in event planning, writing, photography, website support, or liaison with other organizations, please use the same address. If you are interested in helping with educational support or gardening, please contact Terry Brandon (Volunteer Coordination Chair) or Bob Nestruck (Garden Chair). If you can help with building and maintenance, please contact David McCormick (Building and Maintenance Chair). If you are interested in genealogy and history, please contact Scott Powers (History Chair). If you are interested in recruiting new members and working with current members, please contact Becky Benner (Membership Chair). And if you have a few hours to help maintain the grounds around Goshen Farm, contact Roy Benner (Grounds Chair). They can all be reached by going to our website, www.goshenfarm.org.

At this time we are planning four events for next year – an open house on April 23, 2017 (save the date) and another in September, the wine tasting in August, and the Harvest Pasta Dinner in October. Unfortunately, we do not have exact dates for the last three events, but keep checking our Face Book page and website where the dates will be posted as soon as they are set.

We have saved some important news for last. The Board of Education has agreed in principle to allow Goshen Farm to serve alcohol at adult oriented events. We are in the process of working through the language with the Board's attorney. This will allow Goshen Farm to host festivals and weddings and other social and business events, all of which we have had to turn down in the past. This is an important step forward in our fundraising efforts and we are grateful that the Board has seen fit to consider our request.

The Board of Directors of Goshen Farm hope that you had a happy holiday season and may you all have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Advent and Christmas @ Broadneck Baptist Church

1257 Hilltop Dr, across from Rita's

www.broadneckbaptistchurch.org



Worship Sundays @ 10am

Through art, sermon, scripture, and music, join us as we explore the question, "Who are we waiting for?"

Morning Prayer Thursdays (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22) @ 10am

A time of reflection on scripture, silence, and song to help prepare our hearts and spirits in this busy season

Christmas Eve Worship Saturday Dec. 24 @ 6pm

A service of candlelight, communion, the Christmas story, and singing for the whole family

Christmas Day Worship Sunday Dec. 25 @ 10am

Christmas is on Sunday! Join us for an informal service with cookies, cider, coloring, and carols.

New Year's Day Worship Sunday January 1 @ 10am

A time to set our sights and hearts on a fresh start. Come as you are and make a new beginning!

Will your New Year's Resolution be to do more to help others? Try one of these opportunities to serve alongside Broadneck Baptist!



Winter Relief

From **January 2-9**, 25 individuals experiencing homelessness will be guests in our church building in partnership with Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church. Volunteers serve as hosts, drive guests, do laundry, and prepare meals. Visit www.broadneckbaptistchurch.org/missions.html to sign up to volunteer.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service for Youth

On Monday, January 16, youth (grades 6-12) from across the Broadneck peninsula are joining together for a day of service and creativity. We will begin at 11am at Broadneck Baptist and end at 3pm at Cape St. Claire United Methodist. All teens are welcome to come care for our earth, our neighbors, and each other as a way to honor Dr. King's legacy. Email Pastor Abby (abby@broadneckbaptistchurch.org) for more details.

GARDEN CLUB

Hello, Capers –

There is always something raining down from the sky in the Cape – seed pods, pollen, acorns and, of course, leaves! That's the price we pay for living in such a tree-rich community and who would have it any other way? Things are looking red and gold again, with the slashes of evergreens mixed in. It's such a beautiful time of year and then: the raking. As I've aged, I've enjoyed raking less, but during the first sixty bags of leaves – hahaha – I do get into a kind of Zen place. Usually it's a bit on the cool side, there are still sounds of birds and squirrels skittering about and there is something pleasant about the skritch, skritch, skritch of the rake across the grass. And it's one task where you might actually be able to think about things; you really can't do much more than rake while you are raking. Truth is, I only do one early raking and then I mow the remaining leaves and let them remain on the lawn. I don't tend to bag leaves, either, because I have the luxury of putting them in a wooded area on my property. For the gardener, the leaves are a blessing and a curse. We definitely want to get them off of our special groundcovers, but the shredded leaves are also a wonderful, natural mulch for the rest of the garden.

And speaking of gardens, the Garden Club members had a good time at their November meeting! Members

were reminded to bring cuttings from their gardens – greens, the last blooms, berries, grasses, etc. and worked together to create floral arrangements. Each member took home a beautiful, hand-made personal arrangement. It's a fun time for all!

A reminder that our December meeting will actually take place on November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. We will be creating wreaths to be displayed in downtown Annapolis for the holiday season and having our gift exchange. The meeting is a lot of fun, with snacks and singing and good company. Please consider attending and enjoying a fun evening!

The first meeting of the new year will be on January 3, same time and place. At this meeting, we will create mini-greenhouses with seeds and soil provided by the club. Members have had lots of luck with these little greenhouses, eventually growing good-sized plants ready for the ground in the Spring. Please DO join us for one of these meetings! All are welcome! And check out our blog at capegardenclub.wordpress.com. For info about what to do in the garden each month, check out capegardenclub.wordpress.com/whats-in-the-garden/ Enjoy fall in Cape St Claire!!!

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



Dear friends in Cape St. Claire,

By the time you read this, I think it will feel like the holiday season! Already every other TV commercial is a holiday one. On the one hand, when we think of fireplaces, cocoa, snow and wrapping presents, it feels cozy and hopeful. On the other hand, such reminders of the holidays can also trigger the stress that comes with this season. So much to do and so little time! All of us try every year to stay focused on the spirit of Christmas, but most of us also get bogged down and lost in the blur of activity.

My hope for you in this coming holiday is that you would find yourself surprised by joy, peace and hope in unexpected places. Even in the midst of the chaos, I pray that you might notice glimpses of these things in your everyday life. Even if it is just for two minutes a day, every one of you deserves the chance to stop, breathe and notice: notice that you have come through yet another year of ups and downs; notice that there is love and support out there for you; notice that you have something special to give that cannot be wrapped and put under a tree.

This holiday season, take care of yourselves. Laugh, play with children, smell the brisk air, and even pray---praying is not just talking to God, but listening to your life. Our church would love to welcome you and encourage you during this sacred time of year. May you and yours be blessed!

We hope you'll join us!

Many blessings,

Pastor Jessie Lowry

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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

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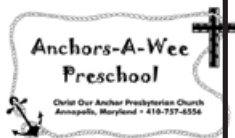
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pray & Play: Parents of Young Children Group

Bring your little one and come enjoy the company of other parents seeking spiritual growth at Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7th from 9:15 - 10:45 am. For more information, please contact the church office at 410-974-1713/coa21409@gmail.com.

Christ Our Anchor Advent Fair for Children! **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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Christmas Cantata

December 18th, 2016

10:00 am Combined Service of Worship

All of our choirs join together to celebrate the season with wonderful music!

Christmas Eve Pageant at 5:00 pm

December 24th, 2016

A very child friendly service which tells the story of Christmas with music and a pageant.

Candlelight Service of Worship

December 24th, 2016

8:00 pm and 11:00 pm

A Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Christmas Day Service of Worship

December 25th, 2016 at 10:00 am

Combined Service of Worship

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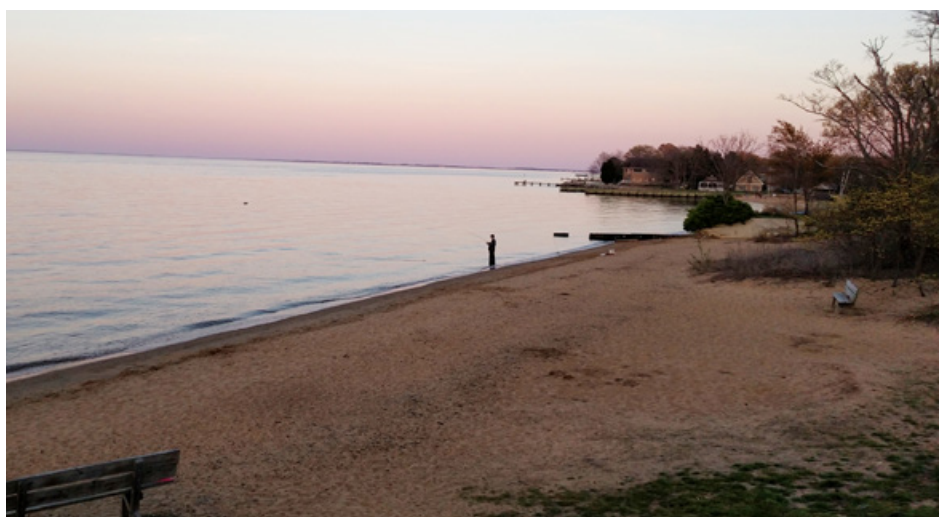
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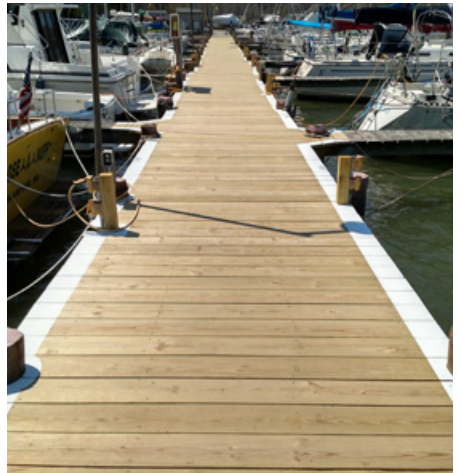
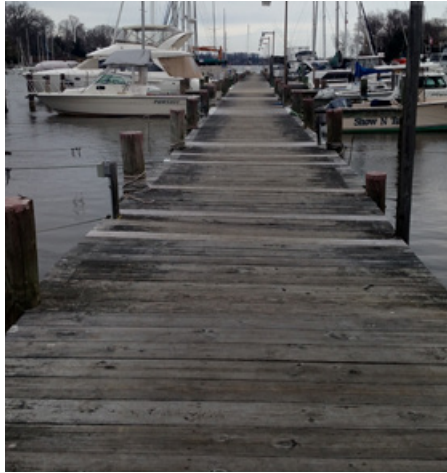
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Join Us for Advent Services

Sundays 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 at 10am

Christmas Eve - 10am, 12/24



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A big thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers who came out and helped to plant the rain garden on Little Magothy View in November! We look forward to getting outside together with you in the Spring!

These are a Few of My Favorite Books

By: Stacey Wildberger

The holidays are coming and you are probably trying to figure out what to get the ecologically-minded people on your list this year. I have compiled a list of my favorite books for every nature loving conservationist on your list, and for those of you looking to be inspired to action! Happy Holidays!!

1. ***A Sand County Almanac* by: Aldo Leopold** - "There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot" - Aldo Leopold. I am one who cannot. As one of the cornerstones of modern conservation, this collection of essays is a must read for not just the conservation minded of us but everyone. I believe it should be required reading for our young people. It will truly inspire and ignite a passion for conservationism, a desire to protect that which is natural and a feeling of empowerment that our actions can make a difference. Aldo Leopold is considered by most to be the father of wildlife management system of the U.S. He was a conservationist, forester, philosopher, educator, writer and outdoor enthusiast. ***A Sand County Almanac*** shares stories, triumphs, and failures of the ecological restoration experiment his family embarked on when Leopold bought a worn out farm in Baraboo, Wisconsin: it examines the human relationship to the natural world. One of the most telling examples of that relationship is the essay *Thinking Like A Mountain*-it tells of Leopold watching the 'green fire' die in the eyes of a wolf and how changed his perspective on wildlife management. His original feeling was that fewer wolves meant more deer and more deer would be a hunter's paradise but years later as he reflected on that day he realized that neither the wolf nor the mountain viewed it the same as he witnessed the destruction on the landscape by too many deer. There should be a balance and harmony between man and nature.

2. ***Bringing Nature Home* by: Doug Tallamy** --Tallamy is an entomology professor at the University of Delaware and in my opinion one of the most influential conservationists of our day. His book *Bringing Nature Home* changed my whole way of thinking about gardening and seeing beauty in our garden. He challenges us to think about the space on our property-no matter how large or small as a wildlife preserve to sustain biodiversity in our landscapes. Our gardens and home landscapes should not be statement of our status but a place to nourish and sustain our native flora and fauna. What does he propose it takes for local fauna to survive and even thrive? NATIVE PLANTS! Native plants and animals have co-evolved together for centuries and their relationships to one another are essential for biodiversity and their survival. If we plant all non-native ornamental species our insects cannot service to pollinate our food, and flowers. This book will inspire you to take a closer look at your gardening practices and make changes.
3. ***Silent Spring* By: Rachel Carson**—This is the story one woman's fight against the chemical industry and humankind's impact on nature. She questioned the chemicals being sprayed to stop the spread of "pests". In her 1962 book she exposed the hazards of DDT, and set the stage for the environmental movement. There is story after story of the devastating effects to nature after an area had been sprayed. I wept for the senseless loss of so many animals, birds, reptiles, insects, and amphibians. She outlined the very serious threats of contamination of the food chain, cancer, genetic damage, and the death of entire species. I cannot help but wonder what Carson would say about the

irrational spraying of mosquitoes to this day in suburbia to ward off Zika Virus? The effects of losing millions of pollinators far outweigh our chances of ever contracting Zika virus. If instead we let natural predators do their job our ecosystem and even our human bodies would be much better off.

4. ***Gardening in a Post Wild World* by: Claudia West & Thomas Rainer**—West and Rainer make the case that our traditional landscaping practices would benefit from increasing their ecological function. While they do recommend the use of native plants they are not adverse to using nonnative plants along with natives if the plants exist in the same or similar conditions for soil, light, and moisture. They talk about “plant communities” and not so much about where the plant comes. While I am still partial to using mostly natives, an occasional use of non-invasive, non-native plants can play a role in the aesthetics of your garden landscape. One of my favorite concepts they write about is vertical design layers. It factors in root depth, function, behavior and seasonal succession. The bottom layer is ground cover “green mulch” that does not allow for bare soil in which weeds could colonize. The other layers include seasonal, filler and structural layers. Pick up this innovative book to learn more.
5. ***Garden Revolution* by: Larry Warner & Thomas Christopher**—This beautifully photographed book embraces a better, smarter way to garden. Warner and Christopher advocate tossing out conventional time consuming gardening methods and instead advise choosing plants that fit the existing conditions. Do not waste time, energy and money tilling, weeding, irrigating and fertilizing when you can choose plants that have evolved over time for your site-native plants!
6. ***Chesapeake Landscaping* by: Barbara W. Ellis** -Ellis’ book is a wonderful guide for home owners, garden designers and landscapers in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed region. The book includes 6 basic principal that everyone can use. Reduce lawn, build plant diversity, grow native plants, manage run off, welcome wildlife and garden wisely. I recommend this book for its easy to understand concepts for our specific region.
7. ***The Last Child in the Woods* by: Richard Louv**—An extraordinary look at the decline nature in children’s lives and the divesting effects of the loss of nature including obesity, attention disorders and depression. A phenomenon he calls nature-deficit. There is mounting research indicating that children need direct exposure for healthy childhood development and for their physical and emotional health. In an ever increasing world of electronic devices children are losing touch with the natural world. The newest addition includes actionable ideas to create change in your community, school and family, inspirational points about the importance of nature in our lives. Put down your electronic devices and learn more about Louv’s research and then get outside with your kids!
8. ***The Lorax* by: Dr. Seuss**—An essential read for the young and old. Every child should have this book on their shelf to start an early learning and appreciation for the natural world around them and the importance of trees. And to quote the Lorax “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not” -Dr. Seuss *The Lorax*
9. ***Among the Ancients* by: Joan Maloof**—Another book that brought tears to my eyes. As I read about the destruction of so many old growth forests I couldn’t help feel a tremendous sense of loss. A loss of something I will never be able to experience. Joan visited an old growth forest in each state east of the Mississippi for a firsthand look at their majestic beauty. She asks the question why save these treasures in her journey. The answer is in addition to their ability to sequester carbon, control runoff and provide oxygen for their sheer beauty.

visit www.capeconservationcorps.org OR join our group on Facebook: Cape Conservation Corps



Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church

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Annapolis, Maryland 21409

Phone: 410-757-4896

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Email: capeumc@verizon.net

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.



Happy New Year

As we make our way into the New Year, we'd like to warmly invite you to join us as we worship on Sundays to praise God for our many blessings and to fellowship in His Name. Join us as we discover God's presence in our lives. Join us in our outreach, service, and love to all.

Cape Backpack Buddies

provides weekend food supplements to various students at Cape St. Claire and Broadneck Elementary schools. This mission program is sponsored by Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church. Cape Backpack Buddies is supported by donations of food and monetary funds from the congregations of two community churches, Cape United Methodist and Broadneck Baptist, from friends of the program in the community-at-large and several local organizations.

Donations of food and monetary supplements are greatly accepted.

Types of food: single servings of breakfast bars, peanut butter, fruit, applesauce, pudding, Jell-o, pretzels, cookies

Family size Mac and cheese

For more information, please contact the office at Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church at 410-757-4396, by email at capeumc@verizon.net or on the web at www.capeumc.org.



My Brother's Pantry

is a food relief organization serving residents of the Broadneck Peninsula, providing food and personal items based entirely on need for over 30 years. It is supported by 11 faith congregations on the Broadneck Peninsula and by donations of food and money by many others in the community. MBP also provides monthly food distributions to Broadneck residents who meet income guidelines or who are eligible for government assistance, or to anyone on an emergency basis.

For more information, please call our hotline at 410-757-5190.

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Caring Casseroles

Cape St. Claire UMC has a wonderful outreach ministry with prepared food. Members of the congregation prepare and freeze casseroles to be delivered to homebound individuals in need and their families. Contact the office, 410-757-4896, for more information.

Winter Relief

January 2nd - January 9th

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WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT

November 30, December 7, 14, and 21, 2016

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 5:30 p.m.

Mass – 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2016

3:10 p.m. – Children's Christmas Play in Upper Hall

3:30 p.m. – Children's Liturgy in Upper Hall

3:30 p.m. – Mass in Church

6:00 p.m. – Mass in Church

8:00 p.m. – Contemporary Music Mass in Church
(Music begins at 7:30 p.m.)

10:00 p.m. – Mass with Chorale in Church
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1057 Saint Margarets Drive	3/2/1	\$385,000	\$7,500	180
912 Blue Ridge Drive	5/2	\$286,000	\$8,500	63
1018 Lake Claire Drive	3/1	\$460,000	0	8
1181 Southview Drive	4/3	\$323,000	\$9,000	56
1158 Summit Drive	4/3/1	\$446,900	\$10,000	8
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