



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2017

President's Message SEPTEMBER 2017



Capers,

As we wind down the final weeks of the official summer season with the fall equinox upcoming, most of us have already returned to the fall schedule of school & work here at the beginning of September. I want to thank all the employees and volunteers who helped make the summer months of 2017 a good one for the Beaches, Parks & Piers in Cape St. Claire.

It has been one of the busiest summers in recent history, with our beaches and parks showing record number of attendees' day in and day out. Our Beach Attendants did an excellent job this summer providing residents and their guests a fun place to spend their free time and when a problem arose, being the first to contact County Emergency Services to help maintain the safety of our beaches and parks. Our grounds keeping crew accomplished a lot of maintenance projects from weeding, cutting back overgrown areas to painting fences, beach and trash pick-up weekly throughout the community along with a number of other daily tasks to keep our 30 plus acres of beaches, parks, piers and ramp operational.

We had the many volunteers from the Cape Garden Club & Cape Conservation Corps, contribute their time and skills around the community on a variety of different parcels the CSCIA owns. We appreciate all their efforts around the community over the course of the year.

I would be remiss in not mentioning the quiet and continuous effort of our secondary Anne Arundel Police Officers who work in the community 4-5 nights per week helping keep our properties safe, patrolling

the community and working to make the community a better place as part of an ongoing community policing partnership.

Lastly to note, none of the Board of Governors, the CSCIA employees and volunteers would accomplish much without the hard work by our Community Administrator, Leslie. She does great work on behalf of our organization and our residents. If you see Leslie at the office or one of our 16 other part time employees out working for the Association, consider thanking them for their efforts as employees and residents in helping making the Cape a great place to live.

With fall we focus a little more on the business tasks of the Association. We have to prepare the upcoming budget that must be presented at the October Quarterly General Meeting. We have received some general suggestions for future projects, so if you believe we should be looking at certain projects in the future, you should contact the appropriate committee and offer your opinions and potential solutions. You will hear more about this in the October, November and December Caper editions.

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Some of the other ongoing big projects we are working on as a Board this fall include:

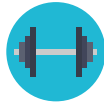
- We presented a comprehensive & specific qualifications at the July Meeting to the residents that we will looking for in the process hiring of a Town Manager sometime in the first half of the calendar year of 2018. We have additional meetings regarding this specific topic as part of our work to announce the position before the year end. We will provide more information through our website as we work through this important process. This is one project that the entire Board is committed to finding the right candidate for the position next year.
- The other big ongoing project remains our Capital Improvement Projects for the Main Beach & Lake Claire Beaches. We have entered into a Project Design phase with Biohabitats, Inc. in a new contract that will lead into clarifying specifics of the project, what is possible, and what could be permitted in working with multiple Federal, State & Local agencies as required. This contract will lead us from design, starting the permit process and hopefully finding solutions that are structurally sound, minimize long term upkeep and provide the recreational space the community wants to restore, while working to improve specific environmental portions of our community property. The permitting process once we submit, will require community meetings as other opportunities for input from residents. This is at a minimum 270 days and more likely a year or more for the entire process to hopefully find us in a shovel ready position with permits in hand.
- This fall we will be also rehabbing the kitchen in our long term improvements of the Clubhouse. We are excited to see this finally take place and will greatly improve the storage, flow, look and functionality of the kitchen for our rentals which continue to generate substantial revenue for the Association to help maintain the building over time.

These are the big ticket items on the Associations plate, but expect to hear more as the year goes on, as we finalize budgets, hear more from residents and hold the October General Meeting. This is not to minimize much of the day to day work that is ongoing between the Building, Covenants, Piers, Roads and other committees of the Association.

I continue to be proud of the effort given by our Board, volunteers and employees to make Cape St. Claire a great place to live. I have worked with many of our County and State Agencies over the last 5 years and we continue to be used as an example that they refer other communities to us on how we operate, conduct business and run our facilities. I believe there is always room for improvement and we will try to continue to improve the work we put out, but if these issues are important to you, we always can use more volunteers, budget committee members and board members in the future.

I hope to see you around the Cape at one of the many fall events we have on our schedule, whether it be Halloween Happenings, Cape Clean Up, the Quarterly Membership Meeting or one of the many other group fundraisers this fall being held between Goshen Farm, Cape Conservation Corps and Cape Rec Sports.

Best Wishes,
Beau Breden
President CSCIA



CAPE'NESS NUTRITION & FITNESS

Our summer online session is in progress until September 28th. Anyone interested in joining can do so at any time. We will meet Thursday mornings at the Broadneck Baptist Church starting in October. Please call Laura at (443) 569-9082 for more information.




EPIPHANY COMMUNITY



Special - *Blessing of the Animals*

We meet every Sunday at 9:30am for Catholic mass at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. Sunday, September 24th we will have mass and a special blessing of the animals at the Cape St. Claire main beach. All are welcome to bring their pets for this special event!

Also in September - after mass on September 10th, Sister Eucharua Madueke will be giving a special presentation on the African Faith & Justice Network's Women Empowerment Project. All are welcome to come to this special event and to attend mass every Sunday.

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

AUGUST 14, 2017

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. He said the last month has been busy but good, and noted that the July Quarterly Meeting was well attended.

The minutes of July 10, 2017 were approved unanimously.

The P&L statement of June 30, 2017 was approved unanimously. Governor Breeden noted that this was the close of FY17. He said the non-SCBD income was up over \$23,000 this year, largely due to Clubhouse rentals and Piers income, and added that SCBD income was up, largely from savings incurred by spending some Beaches and Parks money, but setting it aside for future playground improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covenants: Governor Roche said there was nothing new. There are currently 46 formal complaints with none of them being remarkable.

Cape Clean Up: Governor Lamb said it is scheduled for October 20 and 21. Details will be in the September and October Capers.

Halloween Happenings: Governor Lamb said it is scheduled for October 28. Details and registration forms will be in the September and October Capers.

Breakfast with Santa: Governor Lamb said the event is scheduled for December 16. Details and registration forms will be in the October and November Capers.

Signboard: Governor Lamb is working with Mealey Signs on replacing the signboard and repairing the entrance sign.

Caper: Governor Lamb is still struggling with timely submittals and will make August 15 and the 15th of every month thereafter the absolute cut-off date.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said rentals have been steady and she will be working with the office to schedule renovations in the fall.

Buildings: Governor Zadera said there are no variance requests at this time, and there have been 44 applications to date. He mentioned several issues that have been approved or are under review.

Technology: Governor Szczytko said he's been working on normal updates and posting the July/August Caper.

Membership: Governor Szczytko noted the great turnout for the July Quarterly Meeting.

CCC: Governor Szczytko said the native plant sale is October 7 and the Harvest Bash is November 3.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Macindoe mentioned the erosion problem at Lake Claire due to the heavy rains and thanked Brad Hill and his crew for sandbagging the runoff

area.

There was some discussion of the runoff problems from Fairwinds and the County road. He also mentioned a dead tree at Lake Claire that needs to be dealt with and noted that some residents have asked for shrouds over the pier lights at Lake Claire to direct the light downward. Governor Breeden added that the Beach Attendants have been doing a great job at all areas with no major issues, and that a few will still be on the job after Labor Day.

BCC: Governor Breeden said the July 20 meeting featured a presentation by the DPW on the Broadneck Peninsula. He said there will be a large culvert project this fall on Baygreen Drive in Arnold that will affect traffic for 8 to 10 weeks.

BLOA: Governor Breeden said the contractor is finishing up the lot paving.

Piers: Governor Breeden said the Piers budget was approved by the Committee at August 8 meeting. It's tight but it pays for everything. He thanked Mr. Lisker for donating a ladder that has been installed at Little Magothy pier.

Roads: Governor Breeden said speed awareness signs have been moving around the Cape.

Security: Governor Breeden said there have been a couple of minor issues.

Budget: Committee Chair Buchet said the next meeting is August 24 and committee requests need to be in by then.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden noted that the job description was discussed at the July Quarterly Meeting and that input is needed from residents and the Board in the next two weeks. There was discussion regarding the posting of the job opportunity in various places, the requirements we are seeking, the interview process, and how the town manager would work with the Board, the community, and the employees. Governor Breeden said we need to start acting on this in September.

Governor Breeden said the County will not be going forward on storm water projects at our Lake Claire Drive properties because they fear they would damage the work done by the CCC. They are looking at doing some work in other areas and Governor Breeden will meet with the County to discuss that. There was some discussion of minor issues versus major infrastructure work.

Governor Breeden said that, while we have executed the scope of the work, there are legal issues to deal with before all is finalized, and that is being worked on. We should have everything ready to go in late fall and we should have design plans back about 8 weeks after signing the contract. Then

the permitting process can begin, which could take 60 to 80 weeks.

There was discussion of funding the project through loans, to go with the \$41,000 a year we have in the budget. We are still dealing with the County and State over the issue of an SCBD versus an SECD (Shore Erosion Control District) and our ability to get low interest loans. It was moved and passed that the Board look into all of this through our attorney.

There was some discussion of putting wave breakers up at Lake Claire but Governor Breedon noted that it would be subject to the permitting process. Governor Macindoe will look into it.

Governor Breedon said that we have purchased a truck for use by the maintenance crew and other Cape work.

Governor Breedon said that Whimsicality has requested the use of 3 parking spaces in the shopping center lot to put up a tent and host a grand opening event. It was moved and passed that we allow this. There was discussion of how to handle future requests and whether the Board or the BLOA should be involved. Factors like insurance and alcohol permits would need to be addressed and standardized.

Governor Breedon mentioned the recent Blue Ridge speed awareness sign and said that residents want a study of traffic and speeding between Mt. Pleasant and Chestnut Tree. He said the CSCIA would need to set up something with the County and that the County would meet with a committee of residents to start a study, which could take up to a year with 4 or 5 nights of meetings. The Board thought it was worth looking into for the residents and Governor Roche said he was willing to attend meetings on our behalf.

Governor Breedon said he has been asked to represent the Broadneck Peninsula on the Severn River bridge project. He

said that work has begun but that timelines are still in flux. Traffic will be a mess for some time and for \$25,000,000 we will get a dedicated lane from Rowe Boulevard to Route 2 and perhaps a 7 minute shorter drive from Annapolis. The goal is to have the job completed with 7 lanes open by May 25, 2018.

A motion was made and passed to allow Governor Breedon to sign documents that allow him to testify or provide documents dealing with subjects who have been banned from the shopping center and our property for shoplifting.

Governor Szczytko brought up the idea of selling ad space on the website to go along with the advertising in the Caper. He noted that we have been getting close to 200 individuals a week visiting the site. This led to some discussion of where and how to do it, whether the site can be used for commercial purposes, and what the revenue would be used for. The Technology and Caper committee chairs will discuss it further.

COMMENTS

Becky Benner of the Garden Club said that Club meetings will resume in September on the first Tuesday of every month. She added that she has heard comments from people attending Clubhouse functions noting how nice the Clubhouse looks and what a great venue it is.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Governors Breedon, Lamb, Macindoe, Roche, Szczytko, and Zadera were present. Governors Fairchild and Myers were absent. Also present was Budget Committee chair Buchet and members Toy and Facciponti, along with Administrative Assistant Coble.



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.

Cape St. Claire Garden Club

Summer is winding down – there are school supplies in the stores and (gasp) Halloween décor and fall flourishes. But many plants in our Cape gardens are reaching their prime right about this time. Asters and zinnias are butterfly magnets! Lots of hydrangeas are still displaying their beautiful blossoms and if you are a vegetable gardener, your tomatoes are ripening right about now. It's been an interesting summer with heavy rains here and there and some really HOT days. But there's always a lovely beach and other nice places to spend time in Cape St Claire. We really are quite fortunate to have the things we have here (especially since we are virtual prisoners on these summer weekends with beach traffic!!). All in all, not a bad place to be stuck in! So, hopefully people have noticed the occasional Yard of the Month sign scattered throughout the neighborhood. These are just a sampling of the beautiful yards in Cape and a sign of lots of hard work! Thanks to the judges that give their time to choose and thanks to everyone who takes the time to maintain a yard in the Cape. Even if you don't get a sign, we certainly notice; it's not easy to choose each month, believe me! And our August winners are:

Area 1	Cindy Maggio, 1313 Breezeway Drive
Area 2	The Henrichs, 1135 River Bay Road
Area 3	Kari Banares, 1196 Summit Drive
Area 4	Eileen Sullivan, 1013 Mt Holly Drive
Area 5	The McLeans, 1178 Green Holly Drive

Thanks also to all the Garden Club members who have helped beautify Cape gardens this summer, not only in the newly renovated Clubhouse beds but also in the traffic islands of Green Holly Drive & Cape St Claire Road – we so appreciate your hard work! In the clubhouse beds, the hardy and tropical hibiscus have been going all of August. Now, keep your eyes peeled for the mums and asters that bloom in fall.



If you'd like to learn more about succession planting and creating color & interest through the seasons, you're invited to join the Garden Club at our first meeting this fall, at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 5th**. Please come on out and join the fun – you can pick up many good gardening tips and meet neighbors and old friends alike. Throughout the season, we have speakers and activities that are informative and fun, such as our next speaker, Gary Van Velsir, on **Wild Orchids on Tuesday, October 3rd**, 7pm in the Clubhouse, along with a **seed and cutting exchange**. We welcome everyone! ☺

For more information about our Club and meetings schedule, please check out our blog at capegardenclub.wordpress.com.

Submitted by Jeanne Klingler



2017 CAPE CLEAN-UP

Friday, October 20th & Saturday, October 21st
Corner of Broadview and Cape St. Claire Road

Anne Arundel County Waste Management has graciously offered Cape Residents a weekend in October for our 2017 Clean-Up. The Clean-Up will begin as soon as the County arrives on Friday (before Noon). We will make every effort to operate the Clean-Up until 4:30 PM on Friday, space permitting. On Saturday the Clean-up will begin at 7:30 AM and continue until approximately 1:30 PM, space permitting. In an effort to protect our environment and dispose of our trash properly, Anne Arundel County will be providing the clean-up with cans for recycling and 2 on-site Anne Arundel County Employees to assist the residents with the proper disposal of their TRASH. When you arrive at the clean-up you will be asked to dispose of your TRASH in the proper cans. Please keep this in mind as you load your vehicles. Try to keep your recyclables together (Glass, Cardboard, Paper, Metals etc...)

The following is a list of “unacceptable” materials:

- Junk Automobiles
- Trailers
- Gas and Propone Tanks
- Oil Drums or Tanks
- Liquids
- Hazardous Waste
- Boats
- Tires
- Paints
- Refrigerators
- Air Conditioners

If you should have any questions about the clean-up please Contact
Mary Lamb at 410-757-0593



NEWS FROM HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

KAYAK RAFFLE ENDS WITH A LITTLE WINNER AND A BIG SUCCESS

Don't Miss The Fall Open House – September 16, 2017, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM!

Sometimes the most ordinary things turn out to be the most extraordinary things... So it is with the Goshen Farm House front porch. When General George Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army on December 23, 1783 in Annapolis—then capital of the United States of America—that front porch was a new porch and the Goshen Farm House was the latest addition to an already old farm called Leonard's Neck that stretched to the Cape St. Claire Main Beach.

Built and owned by John Pettibone Gardiner, by 1798 the house (and the porch) were inherited by Richard Pettibone Gardiner who, by 1812, had 5 grown sons. Imagine that on a mild September evening in 1814, some of those sons may have sat on that porch watching as the 51 ships of the British Fleet sailed north on the Chesapeake Bay to attack the city of Baltimore at Fort McHenry.

(A lot of things can happen to a porch in 234 years—Yes, the porch has been redone more than a few times, but it has many stories to tell.) Please sit on our porch in our 234 year old Farm House and imagine the scenes and activities that occurred through the years.



Here are some special activities planned for the Open House Lots of adventures for families and kids of all ages to explore, including the "brand new" 1940's Ford Tractor!

With the help of 70-80 children ages 9 and up, Coastal Conservation Association - MD will build cement Reef Balls at Goshen Farm to provide homes for oysters, crabs, worms, and fish in the Chesapeake Bay.

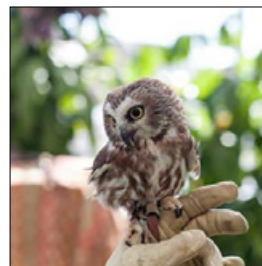
CCA-MD reef balls new & old (left)



CCA-MD Reef habitat trailer (right)
CCA-MD reef balls new & old (left)



CCA-MD Reef habitat trailer (right)



Liz Owens of Raptor's Eye will be presenting her magnificent Birds of Prey. Come see close up owls, falcons, hawks and more! And of course, tours galore!! Of course there will be tours of the Farmhouse, the Gardens, the Bees, Hoophouse & much, much More!!

Harvest Pasta Dinner, October 14th – Once again the dinner will feature home-made organic pasta sauce, and home-made Italian meatballs, along with salad and rolls. It is a great way to get out of the kitchen and enjoy a meal with your family and friends. More details in the next Capers and on our website, www.goshenfarm.org.

Historic Goshen Farm & Educational Center

Fall Open House



Saturday, September 16, 2017 / 1420 Cape St. Claire Road

10:00 am—4:00 pm

- ◊ CCA Oyster Reef Balls Building Demonstration. See how they restore oyster reefs & fish habitat for the Chesapeake Bay. Presented by the Coastal Conservation Association—MD.
- ◊ Raptor's Eye – Birds of Prey. Owls, Hawks, Falcons and More! Learn about these birds, their life styles, and their value in our environment. 11am-3pm
- ◊ Fresh, Shucked Oysters!
- ◊ Docent Farm Tours of Slave Garden, 60-Family Sharing Garden, Bee Hives, Servants Quarters, Hoop House, Historic Stone Quarry.
- ◊ Live Acoustic Music –Dirk & Stef Schwenk & the Truth Band. 11am-1pm
- ◊ Tours of the Original 1783 Farm House including the 1853 Slave Quarters Mystery
- ◊ Burgers and Hot Dogs and soda available

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10:15—11 a.m.
Open House on Sept. 10
Begins Sept. 17

Faith & Fellowship Mondays

Starts Sept. 18

Children's activities start at 5
Fellowship Dinner at 6
Youth Group at 6:30
Adult Studies at 6:45
All welcome!

Blessing of the Animals



October 1—4 p.m.



Join us as we celebrate our 325th Anniversary here on the Broadneck peninsula

A Service of Remembrance—Oct. 20—7 p.m.—with special musical guests Carolyn Surrick and Ginger Hildebrand

A Service of Reflection—Oct. 21—7 p.m.—A walk through our history in a casual setting with our Third Sunday Band

Anniversary Choral Evensong with the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool (former SMC Rector)—Oct. 22—5 p.m.

In recognition of our 325th anniversary in 2017, we are focusing our efforts on being the hearts and hands of Christ within 3.25 miles of our campus to transform the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We invite you to take a look at our Missions Fair to see how you might join us!

Missions Fair
Sunday, Oct. 1
10:15—11 a.m.





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Fall Offerings – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Walking With Purpose

*Choose Thursday mornings or evenings
beginning mid-September*

- A woman's Scripture-based faith sharing group, offering personal study and small group discussions linking everyday challenges with the teachings of Christ.
- Childcare provided. Register on our website.



Spirituality for Life

*14 Friday mornings,
September 8, 2017
through April 27, 2018*

- A small group seeking to deepen relationships with God and community.
- Reading a modern spiritual classic, TBD.

Getting to Know Paul and His Letters

9 Wednesday evenings beginning September 6

- Lecture format Bible Study where we'll discover how Paul's letters still speak to the heart of who we are today.

Beer and Barron

Twice monthly men's group

- Informal comradery for men who want to learn more about their faith.



Six Dates for Couples

*6 Saturdays beginning
September 16 – monthly*



- A simple way to strengthen your marriage. With childcare in a safe setting, couples watch a 10 minute video based on the book "Happy Together," then take off with their spouse for a date. Register on the home page of our website. Cost: \$30.

Fall Bereavement Education and Support

8 Wednesday evenings beginning September 20

- A small group where you'll find support and comfort, and learn about the hard work of grief. Welcoming and non-judgmental.
- We'll be using Dr. Alan Wolfelt's book, *Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing in your Heart*.

Got Questions?

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Want to learn more? Visit our parish website, email scrane@standrewbythebay.org, or give us a call! We'd love to hear from you!

CAPE COLLEGE COUNSELING

Anyone counting on merit aid--on grants and scholarships awarded regardless of need-- should take the following to heart.

- Grades matter most. And though high school may look like 8 semesters spread over 4 years, for the college-bound it's more like 6 semesters over 3. Think of our rising seniors who'll be applying early in the fall. First-semester grades won't appear on their transcripts until next February, well after the Early-Action notification date. Second-semester results won't be posted until well after the admissions deposit deadline of May 1. So the grades juniors are earning right now could well be the last set an admissions committee will see before deciding their fate. By this timetable, a sophomore's college transcript will be 2/3 complete come June, not 1/2. Now is the time, kids!
- Flexibility is key in the search for merit aid. "We're looking for a generous scholarship" and "We're not applying to any school more than 2 hours from our house," are inconsistent statements. Don't work against yourself by being arbitrary.
- Don't hem yourself in geographically. The Midwest is dotted with colleges that will start you off with a smaller price tag than their coastal competitors. So is the South. A reputable college counselor can help you find such places. Why not take a look and see what's out there?
- In the quest for merit aid, stay flexible on matters of size, make a visit, and see for yourself if the school could work. (You'd be surprised how a nice scholarship can shrink a school that seemed to big, or expand one that looked too small!)
- The reality is that financial aid works in ways that are counterintuitive. What looks more expensive may well turn out not to be so. What's the cost differential between a state school that runs 25K a year and makes no award, and a private college that costs 50K but comes up with 25K in aid? Suggestion: Try both types and see how you do.
- We may "know what we like", but it's also true that we like what we already know. There are fine schools out there you may not have heard of. Don't dismiss. Be open to possibility!
- College lists consisting of a bunch of hyper-selective schools accompanied by a single unwanted "safety" aren't helpful. Reach, don't flail. That ugly duckling you have no intention of attending provides no safety at all. In the end, Teddy Roosevelt had it right: "Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground."
- Find some joy in the process. There are awesome schools out there that are relative "bargains" in this crazy market. Please let me know if I can help you find one!

A retired AACPS teacher, Phil Greenfield is a college counselor based in Cape St. Claire. The Annapolis High School College Career Center was named in his honor. He can be contacted at 410-757-3583, or at jobcap@hotmail.com. Phil's website may be found at philip-greenfield.squarespace.com



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Enter the Cape St. Claire CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Recently taken a great photo of Cape St. Claire or the Chesapeake Bay? The *2018 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar* is sponsoring a photo contest. The winning photo will be published on the front page of the 2018 calendar. A \$100.00 cash prize will also be awarded.

The photo contest is limited to Cape St. Claire residents, lot owners, and Cape St. Claire Shopping Center business employees or owners. There is no age limitation. Previous calendar contest winners may also enter photographs. Photos submitted for the previous contest may also be reentered. If your photo is selected, having a **high quality digital copy** of your photo on CD/DVD will be very helpful.

To enter, drop off your photos at *Cape Ace Hardware* in the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center.

Photo submission deadline is Thursday, October 5, 2017. Photos must be submitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" format in either color or black and white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. The winning photo will be selected by the CSCIA board of governors and will become property of the CSC Improvement Association. The winner will be announced in a following issue of *The Caper*. Photos that were not selected can be picked up at *Cape Ace Hardware* two weeks after the contest deadline. For questions, call Amy Podd at 443-623-3694.

2018 Cape St. Claire Calendar Photo Contest

Please tape this coupon to the back of each photo submitted. You may submit as many as 5 entries.

Name of Photo _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I give permission to the 2018 CSC Community Calendar to publish my photo on the front page of the calendar if it is chosen as the winning photograph. The winning photo will become property of the CSC Improvement Association. I acknowledge that the CSCIA, A.P. Business Solutions, the 2018 CSC Community Calendar or Cape Ace Hardware will not be held liable for any damage, theft or loss of any photos I enter in the contest.

Signature: _____

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLES ON THE BEACH

Cape St. Claire Main Beach

Come study with some awesome ladies of the Cape - Shaun Niequist's

Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simple, More

Soulful Way of Living

We will be meeting every other Monday, starting on 6/5 at the Main Beach - weather permitting.

We will meet at Cape St. Claire UMC if it rains.

Please contact Mia Riser (mlriser_serves@aol.com) if you are interested in attending.

All are welcome!

2017

Halloween Happenings

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE CAPE ST. CLAIRE SHOPPING CENTER

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017, JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AS THEY DRESS UP AND TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE CAPE ST. CLAIRE SHOPPING CENTER. TRICK-OR-TREATING WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM AND LAST UNTIL 6:30 PM OR UNTIL THE CANDY IS GONE!!! LOOK FOR THE SIGNS IN THE WINDOWS OF THE LOCAL MERCHANTS TO IDENTIFY THOSE PARTICIPATING. AS ALWAYS DO NOT FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU!!!!

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Halloween Happenings

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR A HALLOWEEN EVENT
IN THE CLUBHOUSE CORRAL (next to the clubhouse)

FROM 10 AM UNTIL 3 PM.

THIS EVENT HOSTED BY THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
WILL BENEFIT "MY BROTHERS PANTRY" via Food Donations
Admission to the event requires \$5.00 per child and the donation of non-
perishable food items such as *peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce,
cereal and canned meats. **Please be generous** as this organization
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ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____ X \$5.00 = _____ (Adults are free)

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**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EACH SCARECROW-1 PAIR OF PANTS WITH BELT LOOPS, 1
LONG SLEEVED SHIRT, PANTY HOSE (1 pr) AND A STRAW HAT OR A BALL CAP
REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED ASAP AS SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN to

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Upcoming Events

October 7th: Our first annual Native Plant Sale!

9am - noon at the CSCIA corral (corner of Broadview & CSC Road)

Fall is for planting! Now is a great time to assess your garden and fill in the bare spots!

Beautiful perennials, grasses, ferns and shrubs for sale at rock bottom prices!

Check out hourly speakers on lots of helpful topics!

Get your gardening questions answered by a Master Gardener!

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7pm - 10pm at the CSC Clubhouse

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Why Plant in the Fall?

By: Stacey Wildberger

If you think the time to garden is over, think again. Fall is the best time to plant including trees, shrubs and perennials. By planting in the fall you will get your shrubs, trees and perennials off to a faster start in the spring. The soil will still be holding onto the summer's warmth; which will encourage root growth up until the first freeze. The plants are no longer working on making leaves, flowers, berries and fruits so all of their energy goes to establishing roots. Another advantage to fall planting is the lower temperatures will mean the plants don't have to contend with heat and drought. Finally, there are usually lots of great deals as the nurseries are trying to clear out their inventory. Even if the plants don't look perfect, leaves are dropping, flowers are drooping, but the real action is in their root system.

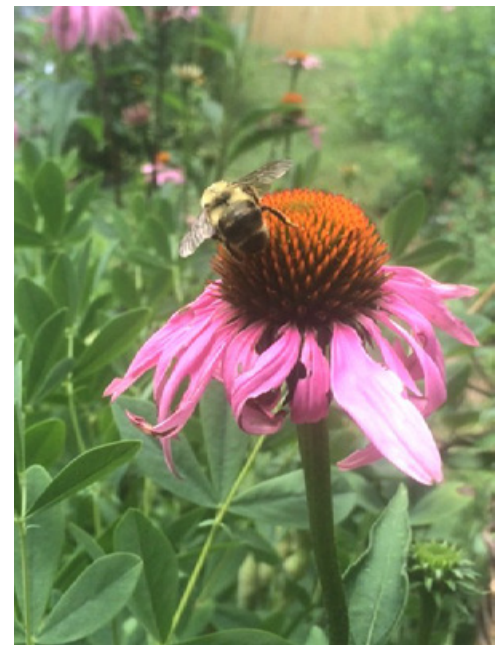
Fall is a great time to lose some of the lawn and turn it into a new garden bed, filled with native plants that will greatly improve wildlife diversity in your yard. The standard green, monoculture lawn not only excludes wildlife from your landscape, it consumes large amounts of water, is high maintenance and comes with a HUGE carbon footprint. By eliminating a portion of your lawn you will be gaining back some of your leisure time, time that can be spent observing the abundance of wildlife your new garden will attract and improving the health of the environment. Don't just plant any plants-plant more natives! Use this time to add native plants that have co-evolved over millions of years with our native fauna. Native plants offer a rich and diverse source of food for birds and other wildlife. Did you know that 93% of birds feed their babies insects? A native Oak tree will support over 530 different species of caterpillars, while a non-native Ginkgo supports 0-3 species. A Carolina Chickadee needs over 9,000 caterpillars to raise just 1 clutch of babies. Alien, ornamental trees and shrubs offer little or no benefit to our increasingly fragile ecosystems. They need native plants in order to survive and thrive!

Of course by now we all know some of those dreaded fall chores are not necessary so you will have plenty of extra time to plant and get a jump on spring! What chores can you cross off the to-do list before even getting started? For one thing leave the leaves! By raking, blasting, bagging and sending the leaves to the landfill you are not only destroying the environment but robbing the garden of nutrients and destroying next year's butterflies, moths and other good bugs. Yard debris accounts for 33 million tons of solid waste per year-13% of the total generated according to the U.S. EPA. Leaves form natural mulch that can both

suppress weeds and fertilize the soil. The leaves also provide much needed habitat for wildlife. The leaf litter provides food, shelter and nesting materials for frogs, toads, turtles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. There are several things you can do with the leaves rather than send them to the landfill.

Leave them where they fall, mulch over them with a mulching mower, rake them into your garden as mulch— shredding them into a finer texture so they will break down easier, combine them with grass clippings and other green material to make nutrient rich compost to spread in the garden in the spring. You can also use the leaves along with branches, and sticks to make brush piles to shelter neighborhood wildlife, and finally if you are like most of us in the Cape you probably have more than enough so share them with a friend or neighbor that isn't lucky enough to have an abundance of this free nutrient rich mulch!

Are you wondering why you did not see as many butterflies and other beneficial bugs in your yard this summer? It could be because your garden was too neat. We have a tendency to want to go and “tidy” up the garden in the fall by cutting down all the stems, but those stems house many overwintering bugs. It is best to let them stand through the winter and even late into spring to give insects time to emerge. If you must clean up in the spring try to leave 12-18” standing -once the new stems and leaves begin to emerge you won't see the brown stems from last year and the bugs will be able to make their way out. Leaving those stalks up also offers us an opportunity to enjoy the garden all year, winter interest is the beautiful display those spent flower and seed heads and stalks offer us. The winter sun reflecting off of them, or glistening in the soft snow. We can sit back and appreciate the deep red stems of a red dogwoods, dark browns of the herbaceous plants, pale yellows of switchgrass, dark, almost black inkberries, or the clean white bark of a paper birch. If we change the way we see “pretty” you will begin to see the beauty all around you. Our gardens should not just be what are aesthetically pleasing to us but what benefits the ecosystem as a whole.



One of the biggest questions I get asked is where can I go purchase native plants? The best answer to that question is **RIGHT HERE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!** Cape Conservation Corps is going to host their first ever Fall Native Plant Sale on October 7th from 9am-12pm- in the field behind the clubhouse. Not only will we have hand selected native plants for the soil and light conditions of Cape but they will be reasonably priced so you can easily afford to start that new garden or add to your existing gardens! We will also have on hand many local experts including Master Gardeners, Watershed Stewards and Master Naturalists to answer questions, offer advice and educate. The day will also include several guest speakers on a variety of topics.

There are also several Native Plant nurseries in the area you can visit this fall. Chesapeake Natives in Upper Marlboro, Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely (near Tuckahoe State Park), Herring Run Nursery in Baltimore.

“Our legacy won't be how pretty our gardens looked; our legacy will be how gardens and other managed spaces woke us to a revolution of belonging in this world, and a renaissance of ethical thinking that helped us evolve into our fullest potential as stewards of life and as gardeners of our own hearts” --Benjamin Vogt
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Worship Service - 9:00 AM on Sundays in the Sanctuary

Each Sunday we gather at 9 am in our Sanctuary for worship.

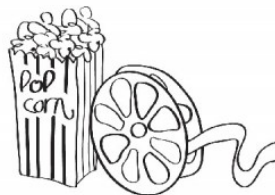


Worship is at the center of who we are as Christians- we stand in awe of God's grace and are shaped by that grace to go and love the world around us. This service follows the traditional order of worship, with hymns (new and old), times of prayer, and a sermon. The service typically lasts an hour and you are invited to dress as you are comfortable.

All are welcome from newborns to seasoned adults. We invite you wherever you are to participate in the living out of God's story as we worship through music, prayer, community, and the hearing and teaching of God's word.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris



Family Movie Night

Bring the whole family and join your neighbors each month for a free family movie, drinks, and popcorn. We start the movie at 6:30 pm!

Fall Schedule

September 15: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

October 27: *The Book of Life*

November 10: *Captain Underpants*

December 8: *Mickey Mouse Christmas Carol*

Backpack Buddies



We invite you to participate in our local food relief program!

Even though our area is one of great wealth, many children in our neighborhood schools go home on the weekends to homes without food. Through our partnership with local principals and faculty, the Backpack Buddies program helps meet the needs of those children.

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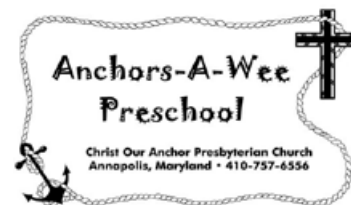
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Events - Dawn Myers & Jennifer Vaccaro & Cheri Fairchild	Mosquito Control - The Executive Committee
Erosion Control - Jennifer Vaccaro	Legislative - The Executive Committee (Pres., Vice-Pres., Secretary, Treasurer)
Piers - Governor Breeden	Roads - The Executive Committee
Membership - Governor Szczytko & Cheri Fairchild	Beaches and Parks - Governor Breeden & Neil Macindoe
Technology and Communications - Governor Szczytko	Goshen Farm Liaison - The Executive Committee
Covenants - Governors Breeden and Jeffrey Roche	Budget Committee - Governors Breeden and Myers
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Cape St Claire Market Update



Cape St Claire Real Estate Sales July 2017*

Address	Beds/ Baths	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Days on Market
985 Round Top Drive	3/2	\$339,500	\$0	14
1192 River Bay Road	4/5.5	\$1,875,000	\$0	34
1231 Mount Pleasant Drive	4/2	\$335,000	\$5,665	37
1277 Pine Hill Drive	4/2	\$430,000	\$9,450	24
1232 Ramblewood Drive	3/2	\$325,000	\$0	4
1210 Hampton Road	3/1.5	\$370,000	\$0	52
984A Hillendale Drive	4/3.5	\$563,595	\$10,000	0
1178 Bayview Vista	4/2.5	\$535,000	\$0	28
1166 Southview Drive	4/2	\$352,500	\$8,000	26
955 Dogwood Tree Drive	3/2.5	\$355,000	\$5,000	59
1149 Saint Catherine Drive	3/2	\$415,000	\$11,000	10
957 Saint Johns Drive	4/3.5	\$480,000	\$0	61
1129 Little Magothy View	4/2.5	\$392,000	\$0	5
1142 Skyway Drive	4/3.5	\$500,000	\$0	2
1117 Little Magothy View	4/2	\$339,900	\$11,300	33
Lot 30 Hampton Road	4/2.5	\$544,900	\$15,000	144
1084 Crestview Drive	4/2.5	\$435,000	\$10,000	18
1156 Bayview Vista	4/3.5	\$425,000	\$11,000	69
1050 Sun Valley Drive	4/2	\$380,000	\$10,000	10
1132 Skyway Drive	5/3	\$382,250	\$2,500	187
1095 Crestview Drive	4/2	\$379,000	\$11,370	51
1118 River Bay Road	4/5.5	\$1,952,500	\$0	21

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