



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

# MARCH 2018

## *President's Message*

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Capers,

With spring just around the corner as we enter March, I get excited with the hope of better weather, but a calendar full of community events. It is a time of preparation for our busiest months during the summer, when we as a community see the most activity on our beaches, parks, & piers.

We have been very busy these last few months, between the Beaches Capital Improvements RFP's, grant RFP opportunities, working with our legislators on our bond bill, finishing the Clubhouse Kitchen Renovations, working on getting permits approved for two piers projects this spring, accepting proposals to replace the playgrounds at Main Beach & Deep Creek, and beginning the search for a Town Manager. I could write a President Message and several articles on any of these topics, but one thing I have heard recently is that people are looking for ways to get involved, not just with the CSCIA, but in the community in general, so I figured I would change things up and provide information that may allow you to see an opportunity you may not be aware of within the community.

I want to give a quick list of events and meetings going on around the community, which Capers should note as they plan their activities and or look for new ways to get involved in the community.

- Thurs, March 1st – Your Annual Lot Maintenance Fees are due, anything after this is date is subject to a late fee.
- Thursday, March 1st – 7pm Meeting on Cape St. Claire Park Storm & Stream Restoration Project

- Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm – The first Piers Committee Meeting of the Year, we meet the first Tuesday of each month March through November in the Cox Meeting Room at the Clubhouse
- Monthly the Garden Club meets on the First Tuesday in the Clubhouse Main Room
- Friday, March 9th – CSC Yacht Club Annual Red, White & Beer Tasting at the Clubhouse
- Sunday, March 11th – Goshen Farm Java & Jazz Fundraiser at the Clubhouse
- Sunday, March 18th - Work Day led by Youth Sailing Volunteers at Lake Claire to continue removal of bamboo and other invasive plants.
- Saturday, March 24th - Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Main Beach
- Sunday, April 1st – Sunrise Easter Service on the Main Beach
- Tuesday, April 3rd – Piers Contracts are due and will be assessed a late fee after this date.

Here in the community, there are many ways an individual or family can get involved, not just with the CSCIA, but many Cape Recognized Organizations, which provide ample opportunity to have fun and serve the community

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

## FEBRUARY 12, 2018

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. He thanked all for coming and mentioned the busy month, including a special meeting of the Board on January 24 to approve a resolution to submit a final letter of agreement with Greenvest to the county. He welcomed guests Bob Bishop, Connie Reider, and Becky Benner, and noted there would be a closed session after the meeting.

The minutes of January 8, 2018 were approved as written.

The minutes of the January 24, 2018 special meeting were approved with several corrections.

The P&L statement of December 31, 2017 was approved. There was some discussion of the budgeting process.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Events:** Governor Fairchild and Governor Schmidt met to discuss this year's events. They are exploring a community picnic, partnering with the fire department on Touch a Truck, a community yard sale, a holiday children's concert, and summer movie nights. They are looking for more ideas and community involvement.

**Membership:** Governor Fairchild and Governor Schmidt are looking to compile a list of volunteer opportunities that could be posted on our website and social media sites to get more people involved in projects.

**Technology:** Governor Szczytko said he has done a lot of work on the Piers program and it's more polished. He added the new Caper to the website and ran website updates. He is working on MY.CSCIA.ORG.

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Macindoe had nothing new to report.

**Budget:** Committee Chair Buchet said the committee is looking at several dates in late February for a kick-off meeting. It was noted the governors Breeden and Zadera represent the Board on the Budget Committee. The committee plans to meet once a month, with a bigger crunch coming in the fall. The committee is still looking for a third member.

**Covenants:** Governor Roche said there has been only one complaint logged in so far this year. He is working on compiling a list of the most frequent complaints. Right now he is trying to resolve about 20 complaints regarding abandoned houses, a number which represents less than one percent of all Cape houses.

**Buildings:** Governor Zadera said there are no variance requests at this time; two applications are under review; and five have been submitted to date.

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb said the kitchen renovations are complete and look great. She will be signing a contract

for replacing the ceiling tiles and lights in the main room, and is installing blinds in the kitchen and upgrading those in the office and Cox meeting room. She is working with Administrative Assistant Coble to develop a new rental contract and checklist.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb said submittals are timelier. She is planning on including previous Strawberry Festival material in issues for the 60th anniversary.

**Signboard:** Governor Lamb will be meeting with Apple Signs later this week to discuss the signboard and entrance sign.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Governor Lamb said details are in this month's Caper. The hunt is scheduled for March 24 at 11 A.M. on the Main Beach. Tickets will be available at Whimsicality beginning Monday, February 19.

**Strawberry Festival:** Governor Lamb said planning is in full swing.

**Piers:** Governor Breeden said the new Piers Administrator, Jenn Williams, is helping, as are Governor Szczytko's upgrades. Contracts were sent by February 1st. There will be 15 to 20 slips to offer, with more possibly opening up. Work on both the Lake Claire and Little Magothy boating piers will begin shortly with plans to finish before the start of fishing season. The Piers Committee will begin meeting the first Tuesday in March and monthly thereafter.

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Breeden said that there will be another bamboo clearing at Lake Claire on March 18, in conjunction with Youth Sailing, the CCC, and CSCIA. He noted that the new drainage area in place there worked quite well during the recent heavy rains. There was some discussion regarding replanting, and the boundary between Lake Claire and Fairwinds Marina. He also mentioned that the Girl Scouts are interested in replanting trees in the recently cleared Main Beach area. He added that the muddy area between the grass bulkhead and wooden walkway at Deep Creek is being dealt with by extending the walkway over it. We are gathering options for new playground equipment at the Main Beach and will put the ideas out for public review.

**Security:** Governor Breeden said it's been quiet.

**Towing:** Governor Breeden mentioned changes the county has made regarding towing which will cost us about \$1500 for new signage, and potentially make it more difficult to have vehicles towed.

**Roads:** Governor Roche said nothing has come of a proposed Blue Ridge/Chestnut study group. It was noted that with regards to county No Parking signs, towing or ticketing is at the discretion of the police.

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**BCC:** Governor Breeden said the BCC will be meeting here in April with County Executive Schuh as the guest. There was mention of maybe inviting him to our July quarterly meeting and holding a candidates' night at our October meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden had no updates on the Severn River bridge work other than to say it is ahead of schedule.

There was some discussion of up zoning and the GDP that was mentioned in the Capital recently.

Governor Breeden said the contract for a town manager search has been signed and the process is beginning.

Governor Breeden said our attorneys and Geenvest's attorneys have begun working together. He added that he is working with Biohabitats to submit two large grant requests before upcoming March 2nd and March 30th deadlines.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### COMMENTS

In response to some questions from Connie Reider, there was some discussion regarding erosion and replanting once phragmites are removed near the Little Magothy channel.

In response to a question from Budget Committee Chair, Buchet, there was some discussion of where we stand with loan offers from lenders and financing options and requirements.

Becky Benner noted that the Clubhouse kitchen renovations received high praise from residents of other communities at the recent Baywise Gardening event. She added that this is the 43rd year of the Garden Club and they will be having a dinner for members on March 6. She mentioned Goshen Farms' upcoming Java and Jazz/Tea and Tunes event at the Clubhouse on March 11, and the spring Open House on April 21.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 9:11 P.M.

### CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 9:13 P.M. and adjourned at 9:49 P.M.

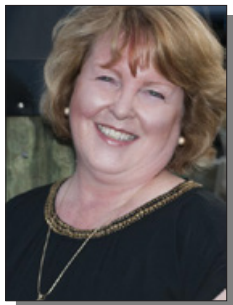
### MEMBERS PRESENT

Governors Breeden, Fairchild, Lamb, Layman, Macindoe, Roche, Schmidt, Szczytko, and Zadera were present, as were Budget Committee Chair Buchet and Administrative Assistant Coble. Budget Committee member Toy was absent.

WE ♥ your Referrals

# Thanks for Your Referrals!

2017 was a sensational year with your help. We had a record year with your referrals. It is a complement when someone tells you you did a great job, but it is even a greater compliment when we get recommendations like we did last year. AS we often say, "We ♥ your Referrals". So thanks again and we look forward to helping you and yours in the future!



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# NEWS FROM HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

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## Maryland Day

In preparation for the Maryland Day celebration this month, we thought we would share some of the research we have conducted to date. But first, how many of our readers know what Maryland Day celebrates in the State's history?

Maryland Day is a legal holiday in Maryland and is observed on the anniversary of the March 25, 1634, landing of the first European settlers in the Province of Maryland, the third English colony to be settled in British North America. On this day settlers from "The Ark" and the smaller "The Dove" first stepped foot onto Maryland soil, at Blackistone Island located in the in the Potomac River. The island was later named St. Clement's Island.

About 150 settlers left Gravesend on the Thames River downstream from London and were joined by three Jesuit priests at Cowes on the Isle of Wight in England where they avoided having to give the oath of allegiance and supremacy to the King. In thanksgiving for the safe landing, Jesuit Father Andrew White celebrated the Mass for the colonists and erected a large cross. The group was led by the younger brother of Lord Baltimore, Leonard Calvert, (1606-1647) who served as the first governor of the colony. The Potomac River became the new border between the Maryland and the earlier English settlements in Virginia. The landing coincided with the Feast of the Annunciation, a holy day honoring Mary, and the start of the new year in England's legal calendar (prior to 1752). Maryland Day on 25 March celebrates the 1634 landing at St Clements. Later the colonists and their two ships sailed further back down river to the southeast to settle a capital at St. Mary's City near the point where the Potomac flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

The holiday began its official observance in 1903, the date chosen by the Maryland State Board of Education to honor Maryland history and to increase the teaching of state and local histories in the public schools. In 1916, the General Assembly authorized "Maryland Day" as a legal holiday.

## History in Our Back Yard

The history of Goshen Farm begins less than 20 years after the founding of Maryland. The first known owner of Goshen Farm was Henry Woolchurch. His first appearance in the land records of Anne Arundel County is in November 1653, when he bought the land of Richard Young along Deep Creek and the Magothy River. He very likely participated in the Battle of the Severn in 1655. In 1662 Henry was granted the land that would be called "Leonard's Neck", presumably named for Leonard Calvert. In 1669, the 290 acres that comprised "Leonard's Neck" was assigned to Alexander Gardiner and John Wray. John Wray's portion was eventually purchased by John Pettibone Gardiner in 1754 and became Goshen Farm. Thus Goshen Farm was "born" more than a hundred

years before the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and included most of what is now Cape St. Claire. The house that sits on the property today was first built by John Pettibone Gardiner's son, Richard Gardiner, sometime around 1783, making the structure almost as old as our nation and one of the oldest in Anne Arundel County.

The Gardiners came from England, originally settling in Virginia in the early 1600s before they came to Maryland. Settlers came to America for many reasons; a better life, the ability to own land and freedom from religious oppression from European governments. For people like the Gardiners, America was a land rich in opportunity.

By the time the Goshen Farm House was built, America was vastly changed. No longer loyal colonies of the English crown, 1783 saw the closing of the American Revolution with England acknowledging independence for a new nation. Originally, Richard and his wife Ann lived at the farm with their five children, Richard Jr., Charles, Henry, John and Joshua, and as many as twelve slaves. The house, which still stands today, was built of rough-hewn wood. As middle class farmers, the Gardiners grew much of their own food and raised their own livestock, but their early cash crop was tobacco. Life on the farm was simple. Fireplaces in each of the four rooms provided all the heat for the family while candles provided light. No running water meant that water came from the well, which you can still visit, at the back of the house.

What makes Goshen Farm so special is the sheer volume of history it has witnessed. The now 22 acre property sits tucked away in plain sight and if you're anything like me, you might drive past it hundreds of times and never know it was there. But, a couple of weeks ago, as my car bumped up the winding dirt driveway on a cold March morning, I realized that this place is very much like so many others. Goshen Farm is our story, and like so many other stories, it is in danger of slipping away.

A special thanks to Scott Powers and Barbara Morgan for their research that made this article possible. Much of the information appeared in a previous Capar article written by Elisabeth Sloane, a local writer and volunteer with the GFPS.

## Save the Date!

Spring Open House – April 21, 2018, (the day before Earth Day) Times and special attractions to be announced. Our Open Houses are wonderful, family outings that always include tours of the house and tours of the grounds. In the past we have had special activities like reef ball making, birds of prey exhibits, and historic reenactments. The Society has committed to reef ball making in support of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association's beach restoration project. Check our web site or our Face Book page for updates.



The Goshen Farm Preservation Society, Inc.  
cordially invites you to an afternoon of



# Java and Jazz Tea and Tunes



## *A Coffeehouse Experience*

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – 3:00 to 5:00 PM  
Cape St. Claire Clubhouse  
1223 River Bay Road  
Annapolis, MD 21409

Enjoy an assortment of sweet and savory treats, coffee or tea, and  
some “specialty” coffee drinks, and while listening to  
**The Jazz Perpetrators**  
*“Music So Good, It’s a Crime!”*

## **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Coffee and tea, treats and snacks are free, “Specialty” coffee drinks \$5.00.  
and wine for \$4.00 per glass  
Donations are welcome and all proceeds benefit the restoration of the

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*For more information, visit [www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org)*

Rain, rain, and more rain! We sure got a lot of it. But even though everything looks frozen and dormant, plants still need water and we were on the verge of drought conditions. And even though things are looking a little muddy here and there, it's nice to see some green and the stirrings of some early risers. My reliable hellebores have just begun to open and I have seen some daffodils poking through. Sometimes we get some good snows as late as mid-March around here, but that doesn't mean we can't plan and dream about spring just the same!

In fact, the last meeting of the Garden Club certainly got me thinking about what I can do in my yard. 26 Members and 24 guests gathered in February to learn about Bay-Wise Gardening from 2 charming Maryland Master Gardeners, Mary Yee and Becky Peterson. They reminded us that the Chesapeake Bay is literally in our backyard and encouraged us all to think about ways we can help the Bay remain healthy while we garden. The main goal is to manage rainfall runoff to "slow it down, spread it out, and soak it in," in order to prevent fertilizer, nutrients, & pollutants like gasoline and pet waste from flowing unfiltered into our storm drains, streams, rivers, and ultimately into the Bay. Some of the small steps we can take are: placing pet waste into the garbage, using permeable surfaces rather than concrete & asphalt, installing rain barrels, mowing our grass high, reducing fertilizer and pesticide use, draining our gutters into planting beds, and including native plants to encourage wildlife and to better utilize our native soil.

The Garden Club is issuing a fun challenge to its Members to get Bay-Wise certified. Many of our members already claim that distinction, and right at our meeting, twelve more signed up to begin the process! If you would like a garden visit and some free advice from Master Gardeners, please email them at [getbaywise2012@yahoo.com](mailto:getbaywise2012@yahoo.com) or visit their website, [baywise.weebly.com](http://baywise.weebly.com), where you can find the Bay-Wise yardstick and see how you measure up. Of approximately 80 ways to earn points, you only need 36 to become certified. The speakers emphasized that every yard is a work in progress, and that getting certified is a free, fun, & learning process that inspires us all to take little steps to improve our gardens. Please join us in protecting the Chesapeake Bay!



Our Members Laura, Danielle, & Catherine – certified!

At our upcoming March meeting, we will celebrate the founding of our Garden Club – that's 43 years of gardening fellowship! We'll enjoy a potluck together and begin planning our spring gardens. Then, at our Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we'll hold a workshop on Dividing Perennials – you're invited to join us as we cut apart clumps of Hosta, Sedum, Phlox, Hellebore, and other perennials. We'll meet again on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to plan for our popular **Annual Plant Sale, 8am-2pm on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – please mark your calendars! Five varieties of milkweed, a huge selection of native perennials, tried-and-true Cape-grown perennials, tomato, herb, & vegetable starts, colorful annuals & hanging baskets – all will be for sale in the Clubhouse field. Our very own Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions, and we'll be giving away free mosquito dunks and compost. Come join us for a fun, educational event, and bring home beautiful plants for your gardens. We thank you, neighbors, for your generous support of our annual fundraiser year after year!

Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Cape St Claire Clubhouse. You can always see our upcoming events at our blog, [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com). Newcomers are always welcome, and we salute our three newest members, Pam, Sally, & Jeanne, who joined us in February, as well as Liz, who joined in January. There is always room for new friends!

-- Submitted by Jeanne Klingler



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in many different ways. I encourage you to look into opportunities to get involved with these key organizations that help make Cape a great place to live but also have fun while doing so!

- Broadneck Council of Communities
- Cape Conservation Corps
- Cape Youth Sailing
- Cape St. Claire Recreation Council
- Cape St. Claire Swim Club
- Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company
- Goshen Farm Preservation Society One of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Brownie, Daisy & Girl Scout Troops hosted in the community.
- The Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Committee
- The PTO or Boosters at either Cape Elementary, Magothy Middle or Broadneck High School
- The Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire
- There are also an assortment of activities held at the Clubhouse weekly, such as Chess Club, Aerobics, &

Cape Tots. There are some other groups looking to form too that we will update you of in the future.

If you are interested in getting involved, participating on one of our committees through the Association, email me at [President@cscia.org](mailto:President@cscia.org) or get online and visit our website, [www.cscia.org](http://www.cscia.org) and email the committee chair you would like to help. To make sure you keep updated on things happening around the Cape, but also on the Peninsula between Cape issues, we publish information on the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Facebook Page regularly throughout the month.

Hopefully this helps you find something that will peak your interest, help with community involvement and continue to make Cape a great place to live.

I look forward to seeing you around the community as the weather warms and we head into spring at one of the many events listed at the Clubhouse, Beaches, and Parks & Piers.

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

**2018 PLANT SALE: Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**



*Cape St. Claire Garden Club*





## THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO CAPE ST. CLAIRE SATURDAY, MARCH 24th MAIN BEACH - 11:00 AM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WHIMSICALITY  
Beginning February 19th, during normal business hours

Hop on over and join your friends and neighbors for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival. The hunt will begin promptly at 11:15 AM on Saturday March 24th. The Easter Bunny will be available on the overlook for pictures. Please bring your own cameras.

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Sodas will be available for purchase during this event.

ADMISSION TO THE EGG HUNT IS BY TICKET ONLY. Tickets may be obtained from WHIMSICALITY in the CSC Shopping Center – beginning February 19th

during regular business hours (10:00 AM until 6:00 PM) Monday thru Saturday and Sunday (12-4pm). The cost of the tickets is 1 dozen plastic eggs and 1 bag of individually wrapped candies small enough to fit inside of the eggs (No

Hard Candies Please). If you should have any questions about the egg hunt please call Mary at (410)757-0593. And as always remember to thank the kind folks at Whimsicality for volunteering to be our ticket center.



## Youth Sailing News



The Youth Sailing program of the Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire is designed to teach the fundamentals of sailing, whether your child is a beginner or an experienced sailor. Sailing is a recreational as well as a competitive sport that students will enjoy for a lifetime. The purpose of the Youth Sailing Program is to provide a safe instructional environment for an enjoyable summer of learning how to sail. At the end of the summer, each sailor will receive a certificate of completion and a lifetime of friends and memories.

Cape Youth Sailing signups are already in progress. For more information about age requirements, program information, frequently asked questions, and the program calendar please visit the website: [www.capeyouthsailing.com](http://www.capeyouthsailing.com).

In February, we posted the Cape Youth Sailing application on our website for download and completion. All information about the drop off date, time and location is contained within the application. No applications will be accepted prior to this date.

Preference is given in the order that applications are received, with special consideration to last year's participants and Cape residents until the end of the Strawberry Festival or until a session is full (whichever comes first). Once a class is full, names will be added to a waiting list. Class sizes are limited and fill very quickly.

**Joe McElwee**

*Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire  
Youth Sailing Program*



## **CAPE'NESS NUTRITION & FITNESS**

We meet at the Broadneck Baptist Church in Cape St. Claire every Thursday morning at 10am. We have a weight loss challenge where the biggest losers win cash prizes. We began a new session in January, but it's a long one, so feel free to join in at anytime. This session goes 'til March 29th and a new one will begin the following week. Congratulations to our Holiday session winners: Elaine, Gloria and Donna. Note that we are not meeting on February 1st due to a schedule conflict, so please call or text Laura at 443-569-9082 if you'd like to join us or if you have any questions.



## **EPIPHANY COMMUNITY**



We celebrate Catholic mass every Sunday morning at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse at 9:30 am. We'd love to see you there. Nominations and elections are taking place in the next few weeks for 3 new board members. We look forward every week to meeting new people.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1  
6:15 AM**

**INTERFAITH SUNRISE SERVICE  
AT CAPE ST. CLAIRE BEACH**



## Upcoming Events

### March 18th: Bamboo Removal: Part Two

10:00am Lake Claire Beach

Join us as we chop down the invasive bamboo at Lake Claire and make room for a better screen of native plants. Dress to get dirty and bring a hand-saw, chain saw, loppers or other weapon of bamboo destruction.

### Ongoing: Nominate a Habitat Hero!

Cape Conservation Corps wants to recognize good stewards of the land by highlighting your conservation efforts. What are you doing in your yards and gardens to provide habitat, shelter, and water essential for our wild friends?

Please take a few minutes to let us know what changes you have made in your own gardens and landscapes to create healthy

natural spaces for wildlife, promote clean waterways and be a good steward of your land and you could become our next **Habitat Hero**. We will spotlight you on our website and Facebook page as a **Habitat Hero**, and place a sign in your yard.

Please send an email to [admin@capeconservationcorps.org](mailto:admin@capeconservationcorps.org) to nominate yourself or a neighbor and tell us what they (or you!) are doing in their landscape that makes them a true **Habitat Hero**! If possible please include a photo or 2 showing your wildlife friendly space.

## Re-Think Pretty *By: Stacey Wildberger*

"Beauty isn't what a plant is, it's what a plant does" –Benjamin Vogt

It's that time of year again when the seed catalogues start arriving and gardeners start lusting after the newest plants on the glossy pages. As we image our lush, show-stopping gardens that will be the envy of our neighborhood take a minute and think "Who are we planting for?" Too many times our gardens are planted for aesthetics, to reflect our vision of pretty, or to appease the local HOA or our neighbors. It is time to re-think pretty and start to think what our landscapes and gardens should be doing for local ecosystems. As Benjamin Vogt says in his new book **A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion** "if we can't recognize or discuss the deeper beauty of plants, then judging them by their attractiveness is as shallow and culturally indicating as valuing a person on their appearance or the kind of the car they drive". We need to begin to look beyond the surface and into the deeper value our landscapes can provide.

What should we ask of our landscapes to do? Doug Tallamy says they should be able to do five things: support life, sequester carbon, clean and manage water, enrich the soil and support pollinators. How can we get our landscapes to support those five goals? Start by planting native plants. Native plants and insects have grown up together and evolved over hundreds of thousands of years together and developed relationships that cause them to depend on one another. Many insects have such specialized relationships that they can only survive by laying their eggs on one particular plant. These plants do not want to be eaten so they have developed chemical defenses that can be poisonous to most insects except maybe one or two that have co-evolved with the plant and have built up immunity to those chemicals. The insect depends on that one plant for its survival. Many of you have heard of the decline of monarchs due to the loss of the milkweed plant but there are many other examples of the same specialization—the Maryland State butterfly, the Baltimore Checkerspot depends on *Chelone Glabra* the white turtlehead to lay their eggs, the Eastern and Black Swallowtail butterflies use many of the plants of the carrot family, the beautiful Zebra Swallowtail uses Paw-Paw while a group of butterflies in the Lycaenidae family (including the hairstreaks, coppers and blues) rely on the dogwoods, native azaleas, holly, and wild lupine. The very definition of a native, as defined by Tallamy and Rick Darke is "a plant that has evolved in a given place over a period of time sufficient to develop complex and essential relationships with the physical environment and other organisms in a given ecological community."



We don't lose beauty in the garden or our landscapes by using native plants. In fact we are increasing beauty in the form of nectar- and pollen-gathering insects as they forage for food and pollinate our fruits and vegetables, by insect gathering birds rearing their young. These life-sustaining native plants are creating ecosystems and contributing to the food web in a way that sustains life.

Native plants are also a major factor in cleaning and managing water. Their deep root systems soak up rainwater to reduce the amount of runoff. They also act as soil anchors and filters by collecting runoff, absorbing water and decreasing flooding. Native plants often require less water because they are more drought tolerant than non-natives.

When I first started gardening in 2012 I didn't think about what each plant was contributing, and I especially did not know about the relationships between the plants and animals. I certainly did not know the difference between a native and a non-native plant. As I began gardening I also began feeding the backyard birds with bags of expensive seed, so I began to research what plants I should plant to attract birds with nuts and berries. The more I read the more I came to understand the relationship between the plants I was growing and the animals I wanted to attract. I began to see that the birds needed more than seeds and berries to eat. They need fat, soft bodied caterpillars to rear their young because 97% of terrestrial birds raise their brood on insects—mostly caterpillars. If you want chickadees to raise their family in your yard you will need to have 6000-9000 caterpillars within 50 meters of their nest because that is how many the babies will consume from the time they hatch until the time they fledge! Not all plants are created equal when it comes to making caterpillars. This is where the relationship between plants and animals comes into play. The Oak tree can support 534 species of caterpillars, Black Cherry 456 species and Willows 455. It's not just the woody trees but there are also many herbaceous plants that can act as a nursery for the caterpillars. Some of the best plants that support butterflies are Goldenrod (115), Asters (112), and Sunflowers (native *Helianthus* 73) and Joe-Pye Weed (42).

Some of our most important native plants suffer from a marketing nightmare. Many were given the name "weed" by the early settlers whose farming technique was to plow everything down to plant crops and anything they didn't plant was deemed a weed—Milkweed, Joe-Pye Weed, Sneezeweed, Jewelweed, Butterfly weed and Poke weed. These plants are not weeds but rather essential species to our local ecosystems. Often native plants are thought of as not being able to be used in a formal setting but Europeans have been importing our native plants to use in their formal gardens for centuries.

There is always a native plant for every scenario. We just have to re-think our conventional gardening methods and remember who we are gardening for. We just need to open our eyes to the beauty that is around us in the life sustaining form of native plants. We need to re-think pretty.

Recommended reading: *A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion* by: Benjamin Vogt and *Bringing Nature Home* by: Doug Tallamy



Chickadee with lunch for the family    Oak tree supports 534 caterpillar species

For more information about Cape Conservation Corps:  
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# St. Andrew by the Bay

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## Easter Schedule

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

Mass with Blessing of Palms

Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

### **HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

7:30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration follows – Upper Hall

10:15 pm – Night Prayer – Upper Hall

### **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

1:00 pm – Children's Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross

### **HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon – Easter Blessing of Foods

7:30 pm – Celebration of the Easter Vigil

### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

6:15 am – Interfaith Sunrise Service at Cape St. Claire Beach

7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am – Masses in the Church

9:30 am Mass (Children's Liturgy) – Parish Center Upper Hall

11:30 am Mass – Parish Center Upper Hall

## Celebrate Earth Day With Us!

Help us celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 22 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Our presenters include Owl Moon Raptor Center, the SPCA, bee keepers, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, rain garden experts, Annapolis Compost and Alliance for the Chesapeake. There will also be live music, food, face painting, and a chance to meet some furry and feathered friends!

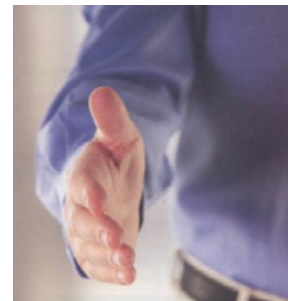


## Join us for Mass!

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.;

Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

# All Are Welcome



Whoever you are, wherever you're from,

You are welcome here.

We believe God calls us all together as

The People of God.

Whether you've been away for a while,

Are searching for a church home,

Are full of faith or full of doubt,

We welcome you.



## You're Invited!

Please join us for our Lenten Soup Suppers on Friday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the parish center upper hall. Enjoy delicious soups made by our Hospitality Committee, as well as community fellowship. There is no cost, but a free-will offering will be accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!





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*Please join us*

**March 7 - Lenten Prayer Service/Soup Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.**

**March 18 - Celtic Services @ 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.**

**March 18 - Faith & Film Forum @ 10:20 a.m.**  
with Ann Hornaday,  
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**March 18 - Shenandoah Run in Concert @ 7 p.m.**  
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*Holy Week*



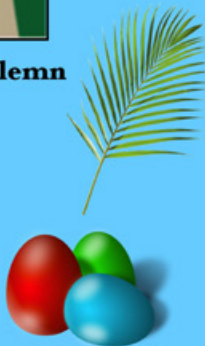
**March 25 - Palm Sunday - a joyful celebration & solemn remembrance with brass instrumentalists**

**March 29 - Maundy Thursday service @ 7 p.m.**

**March 30 - Good Friday services at Noon & 7 p.m.**

**March 31 - The Great Vigil of Easter @ 8 p.m.**

**April 1 - Easter Sunday Services @ 7:30, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.**  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:20 a.m.



*Fill your spirit*



*Find a family*



*Serve your neighbors*



# Looking Back as we Celebrate the 60th

## ENTER STRAWBERRIES

In 1965, the name Strawberry Festival made its debut. Sara James had moved here from Tennessee, with a few stops along the way, and soon became an active member in Women's Activities (which also went by the name Ladies' Activities from time to time in the 1950's and 1960's). Sara had enjoyed Strawberry Festivals in her home state and thought the idea might do well here. The May Mart and Bazaar soon blended together under the new name. Though there is no more May Mart as such, the PTA of the Cape Elementary School (built in 1968) used the name and several old May Mart events for fund-raisers which were first held at the Clubhouse before moving to the school grounds. The Catholic Church picked up on the Bazaar theme and still has this event each year on the parking lot at the church.

The Strawberry Festival continued to grow under the sponsorship of Women's Activities in the late 1960's and early 1970's, expanding to include a parade, Queen and Princess contests and many of the activities we will continue to enjoy in this year's Festival. Prior to 1975 the Festival was still a one-day event, and attendance of 1000 or so was considered a very good turnout. Today, the population of Cape St. Claire (about 1900 households and 6,500 people) is double what it was in the early 1970's; and the attendance at the Strawberry Festival has grown to four or five thousand, including many guests, relatives and visitors from other communities.

In 1974, Women's Activities decided to turn over the Festival to the Jaycees because the event had become too large to manage considering all the

other community activities being run by the Women's group. It was not long before the Jaycees also found that the Festival was too big for any one organization. Management involvement was needed from the community as a whole. The transition to a cooperative community project began in 1979 and 1980 under the chairmanship of Ed Novisky (a Jaycee). The Festival became a community effort in the truest sense in 1981 under the leadership of Donna Taylor and Gary Gerhold—who repeated in

1982 and 1983. Their wisdom may be in question, but their fine work and devotion to this community is not.

The Strawberry Festival is one of many things that makes Cape St. Claire a very special place to live, whether growing up or growing old. We hope that the people of the Cape will be as happy and proud of their community as we are today when they celebrate the 50th Anniversary in the year 2008.

## STRAWBERRY BUGLE

This section of the Anniversary Book essentially duplicates the *mini-Bugle* distributed to homes in the Cape in the week prior to the Festival. It is reproduced here, with a few changes and additions to record the story of the 1983 Strawberry Festival.

As in the past, the Strawberry *Bugle* has been published by the Festival Committee to tell you about what is going on at the Strawberry Festival, where and when the events take place, and how to enter various contests if you wish.



### CAKE — FIRST PRIZE — Aug 78 Strawberry Filled Nutmeg Cake

#### Cake

1/8 tsp. salt	3 c sifted flour	1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. mace	4 eggs	1 cup soft butter
2 tsp. nutmeg	1/2 c milk	1 1/2 cups sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour bundt pan. Sift dry ingredients — flour, baking powder, salt, mace and nutmeg. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Alternately beat in flour mixture and milk, beginning and ending with flour. Pour into cake pan. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until done. Cool about 15-20 minutes in pan. Remove cake to finish cooling.

#### Filling

2 cups water	1 tsp. lemon juice	1 cup sliced strawberries
1 1/2 cups prepared Dream Whip topping		
1 pkg. (4 serving size) vanilla pudding & pie filling		
1 pkg (3 oz.) strawberry flavored gelatin		

In a saucepan, combine pudding, gelatin, water, and lemon juice. Cook and stir over medium heat until it comes to a boil. Pour into a bowl and chill until thickened. Fold in whipped topping, stir in strawberries.

When cake is completely cooled, take a large knife and cut cake into three even layers. Alternate cake and filling. Chill until set. Garnish with additional whipped topping and strawberries.

### Tube Be or Not T

Come get in the splash of things! The Little Magothy River Assoc. sponsoring inner tube races for the clock of the day. Compete against the clock of the day. On the beach under the clock of the day. at 3:00 p.m. Tubes will be at 3:00 p.m. registration is necessary, just a



### A Berry

In the midst of a Strawberry Kitchen year by St. Andrew's namesake of the F





# Anniversary of the Strawberry Festival

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Queen & Princess Contest

is the custom for the Strawberry Festival the queen finalists and all the Princess entrants on the Main Stage Saturday at noon for the election. The winners will ride in the Parade on



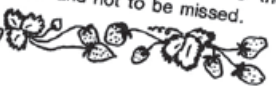
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ciation is again ages 6 and up. over a prescribed orange flag; Sunday provided and no arrive in bathing attire!



Nice Place to Eat

all that is going on don't forget the n at the Clubhouse, run again this ew's by the Bay. This is the festival and not to be missed.



## ORIGINS

The origins of the Strawberry Festival seem to be in three activities that took place many years ago. There was the May Mart (in May, of course, and not to be confused with the Flower Mart—which was also in May and also sponsored by the Women's Activities Committee). On a rainy day in 1955, the May Mart took in a whopping \$300, gross, for Women's Activities to help support the "Club" (as it was called before becoming the



## MAY MART DAMPENED

Over 200 people braved the unfriendly weather on Sunday, May 22 to attend a rather dampened May Mart. 1955

CSCIA). In those days, Women's Activities was a regular committee of the Club and a major source of funds used to pay off the debt as well as to make

improvements to the Clubhouse. The June, 1955, issue of the *Caper* reported that the May Mart was held at the Clubhouse and offered soft drinks, ice cream, prizes (the main ones being a rotisserie grill and a rod & reel) a white elephant table and a very popular cake booth, among other things. The May Mart was around even before 1955, but the *Caper* was not and there seems to be no precise record of when the first May Mart was held.

Among many other projects, Women's Activities also ran an annual Bazaar, evidently always in August. This Bazaar was probably the closest forerunner of what we know today as the Strawberry Festival. The Bazaar spread out to the Community Beach and included a merry-go-round,

## Strawberry Bake Contest



How many ways can you think of to use a strawberry. Well there's a million and now's the time to create your own strawberry delight and enter it in the Bake Contest. The categories are: Cake, pie, cookies, candy, jellies, jams and preserves, and other desserts. All delectables must of course contain strawberries. The categories are: by five experts on taste, appearance, and creativity. Ribbons will be awarded in each category and first place winners will be submitted to the *Capital* for publication. Entries must be delivered to the Clubhouse by 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. Each submittal should have a card with your name, address, and phone number on it and the RECIPE. Please use only disposable containers. There is no entry fee.

## Bike Decoration Contest

Hey kids, decorate your bike and ride it in the Parade. All decorations must be the work of the entrant and the bike must be rideable. There will be ribbons in each age group and a \$50.00 Savings Bond to the Best in the Show. Put on your thinking cap and get in the spirit of the Festival with a Strawberry Biked!



## Cutest Baby Picture Contest



Enter your adorable Baby Picture (age 3 or under)



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Pastor: Chris Broadwell

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

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



If you are looking for a church home, we would enjoy having you visit our community of faith and share God within our church family. As we move through Lent to Easter, it is hoped that everyone's heart will prepare room for Christ to enter in.

We invite all to join our Sunday services as we create worship that is spiritually filled with signs and symbols, wonderful music, and fellowship where you can feel the Presence of God!

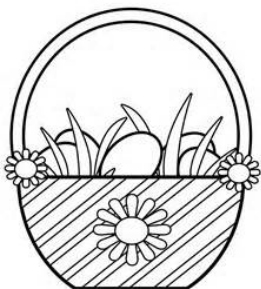
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### Mid Week Holy Communion and Brown Bag Lunch

Bring a bag lunch and join us each Wednesday during Lent at 12:15pm for Holy Communion followed by gathering together for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



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### Easter Egg Hunt March 25th

Palm Sunday, 12noon - 1pm

Arrive by 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall so we can get everyone in age groups and start promptly at noon. Infants-5th Grade are welcome.

Bring your basket

We will again this year have crafts & treats from 12:30-1pm  
Please RSVP to [capeumc.org/children](http://capeumc.org/children) and register so we know the number and age of those children planning to come.

Any questions, please call 410-757-4896





March 25 - Palm Sunday service at 9am  
March 29 - Maundy Thursday service at 7pm  
March 30 - Good Friday service at 7pm  
April 1 - Easter service at 9am

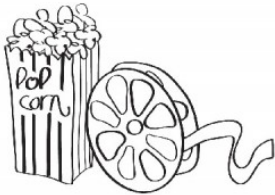
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## Community Easter Sunrise Service

April 1st - at the Main Beach. Time - 6:30am  
All are invited to celebrate the Easter sunrise with your community.  
Following the service, the Cape St. Claire United Methodist Men  
will be serving breakfast in the clubhouse

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## Family Movie Night

Bring the whole family and join your neighbors each month for  
a free family movie, drinks, and popcorn.

March 16th - Cars

Gather at 6:30pm, Movie begins at 6:45pm

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## Annual Coffeehouse

April 14th - Saturday in the Fellowship Hall.  
\$4/adult - \$1/child  
6:30 p.m. - seating and refreshments, 7 p.m. - "curtain rises".  
Join us for an evening of entertainment, laughter, and fellowship

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## Backpack Buddies



Cape Backpack Buddies is a mission program sponsored by Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church that provides needed assistance to children from Cape Elementary, Broadneck Elementary and Belvedere Elementary schools. The mission program is supported by donations of food and monetary funds from the congregation Cape UMC, friends of the program in the community-at-large and several local organizations.

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For more information and to make donations, please contact the office at Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church at 410-757-4896, by email at [office@capeumc.org](mailto:office@capeumc.org) or on the web at [www.capeumc.org](http://www.capeumc.org).

Join our Second Sunday Community Conversations on Race as we focus this spring on the issue of **Mass Incarceration**. All are welcome!

**March 8, 3-5pm: Screening of documentary *Broken On All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration & New Visions for Criminal Justice in the U.S.***

**April 8, 3-5pm: Discussion of Bryan Stevenson's book *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption***—"A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time." Join us even if you haven't read the book!

**May 13, 3-5pm: Screening and discussion of *Set the Captives Free***, a webinar that explores how churches and other community groups can bring change to the prison system by standing in solidarity with our incarcerated brothers and sisters and advocating for policies that set people free.



## 5 Ways to Plug In this Lent and Holy Week



- **Worship every Sunday @ 10am:** All ages and backgrounds are welcome as we practice praying with the Psalms. Nursery available.
- **Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship—March 29 @ 6:30pm:** We will worship while sharing a meal around tables, remembering the Last Supper and Jesus' final hours
- **Good Friday Journey with Jesus—March 30, 10am-Noon**

at Asbury-Arnold United Methodist (78 Church Rd, Arnold). Join us outside in the church cemetery loop any time between 10am and noon for a unique interactive journey through Jesus' final week especially geared towards families with children.

- **Community Easter Sunrise Service—April 1 @ 6:30am, Main Cape Beach**
- **Easter Worship at Broadneck Baptist Church—April 1 @ 10am**

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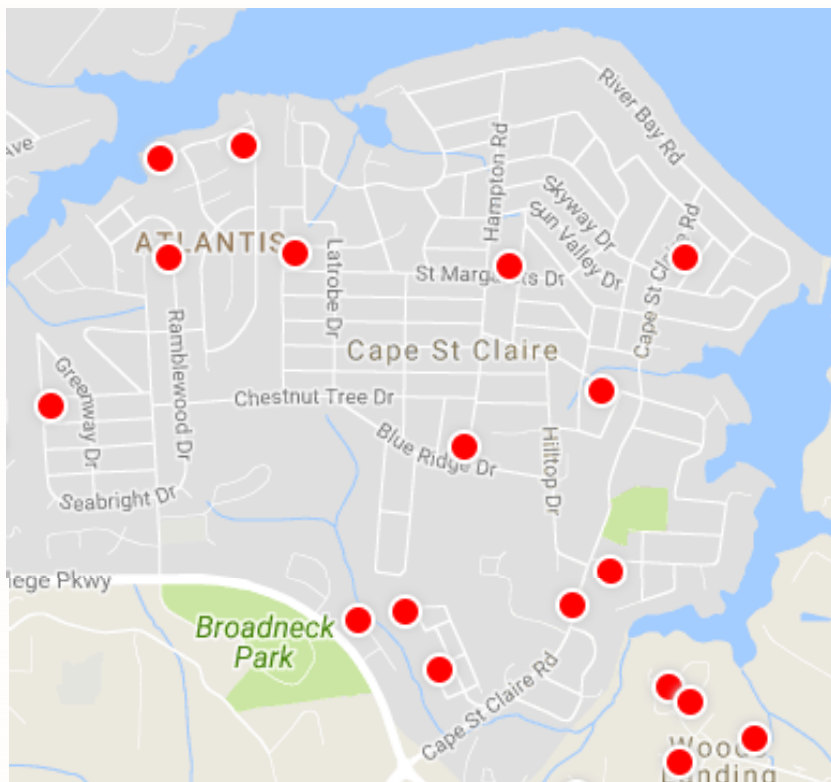
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