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Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

MAY 2018

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President's Message

MAY 2018

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Capers,

Hopefully by the time you are reading this Spring has actually arrived. As I write this mid-April, we have had one Spring like Saturday that was great, but the remaining weather has left much to be desired. So, as we begin to tend to our yards and preparing our gardens this month I want to keep you updated on some on the projects that are ongoing around the community.

First, we will start with the Clubhouse. We finished the full renovation of the kitchen this past winter and recently we embarked on replacing and updating the ceiling in the main hall. It looks great. There remains some work to be done to improve lighting, but the aesthetics are so much more pleasing. I want to thank Mary Lamb, for continuing along with the plans we set out on nearly 5 years ago to make over the Clubhouse.

Next, we have few Piers Projects going on right now, which hopefully will be done soon.

- Lake Claire Boating Pier had a 175ft section replaced due to age (1974-78 poles) which had seen a lot of wear and tear over the years. The Construction is complete and hopefully before you read this message in May, the Fire Standpipe will have been installed, electric back on, new gate will be installed, and we already have water running at this location for the season. Weather and tides had significant impact on work timelines.
- Little Magothy Pier was delayed due to permitting time. The pier needs to be replaced, most of its support poles are between 40 and 50 years old at this stage. This project will continue and will impact part of boating season unfortunately. We will knock the pier down and rebuild in May when the contractor arrives. A Fire Standpipe will be installed due to new regulations and we hope to coordinate and improve the water pump capabilities for the Oyster Nursey during constructions and extend the intake pipe that runs

under the pier. Our goal is to have a fully functionally pier before Memorial Day weekend. We will work with boat slip holders at Little Magothy to accommodate them at other piers where possible during this down time.

- The last one is a joint Beaches and Parks/ Piers project. It is being funded by the Beaches and Parks budget for Capital Improvements as its part of the Deep Creek Park and riparian community property. We are replacing a section of bulkhead between slip 518-522, adding a new section of bulkhead and revamping the decking that stretches this area that has eroded from both the steep slopes and higher tides. This will help connect to the Boardwalk Area of the Deep Creek Boating Slips 522-538, with additional ramp and grade to reach the wide section of the grass bulkhead area behind slip 518, helping to avoid an ever more dangerous tripping hazard. This work will take place in May also, as we just got the permits after 5 months and approval from the Maryland Department of Environment & Army Corps of Engineering, along with County Approval.

Back on March 1st, 2018, we held a public information meeting at the Clubhouse to update residents on two County led projects that are within Cape St. Claire. First, Joe Ports, Project Manager for Watershed Protection and Restoration Program a division of Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works presented work that will now begin on May 21st, 2018 at Cape St. Claire Park (aka Graul's Fields). They will be restoring and upgrading the Storm Water Outfall that collects storm water from a 24 acre area. The storm drain is across from the Shopping Center

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

APRIL 9, 2018

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. He thanked all for coming and noted that there was a full Budget Committee, welcoming Charlie Moore. He welcomed guests Becky Benner and Bob Bishop. He noted that last week five candidates for Town Manager were interviewed and shown around the Cape and thanked the Board members who assisted with that. He said the Easter Egg Hunt was very successful as were the sunrise service and breakfast. He thanked Brad Knopf and the group of volunteers who organized the stream clean-up along the ball fields. He noted upcoming events: a Broadneck Trails pre-construction meeting on April 10 at Windsor Farms; Steve Schuh at the BCC quarterly meeting at the Clubhouse this Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 P.M.; Escape Through the Cape on Saturday, April 14; a bonfire and sock burning on the Main Beach at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, April 14; the Goshen Farm Open House on Saturday, April 21; the Cape Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 P.M., which will feature our delegates and state senator to update us on the recent legislative session; A CSC/BCC candidates night at the Clubhouse on May 17; and an October 4 CSC/BCC candidates night before the general election, at the Clubhouse. He also added that new information regarding funding for our beach restoration project has just come in.

The minutes of March 12, 2018 were approved with several corrections.

The final P&L statement of February 28 was approved, noting that there were several figures that needed to be moved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said the replacement of the ceiling tiles and lights in the Main Room is scheduled to begin in about 2 weeks.

Caper: Governor Lamb said submittals have become timelier.

Signboard: Governor Lamb is working with Sign Crafters in Annapolis.

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

Cape Clean-up: Governor Lamb said it is scheduled for September 7 and 8, and she will need volunteers from the Board to help staff the event.

Technology: Governor Szczytko has updated the Caper online and the Strawberry Festival site. He noted that there are little strawberries on the site that one can click on for information and historical references.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Macindoe said there are new picnic tables at Lake Claire, with the old ones having been moved to Deep Creek. This was an Eagle Scout project. He said the Girl Scouts helped with beach clean-up and collected driftwood for the bonfire. He said online announcements for Beach Attendant hiring will be posted this week. Playground replacement is in the works. There was discussion about anchoring swim buoys and channel markers. Governor Breeden added that we have had a lot of requests for Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects.

Covenants: Governor Layman had nothing new to report.

Membership: Governor Fairchild is continuing to focus on setting up a volunteering web page and putting something in the caper and on social media. She is considering the possibility of providing childcare at association meetings to boost attendance.

Events: Governor Fairchild said surveys will be going out regarding events. Governor Schmidt is working with the fire department on the May 12 Touch a Truck event.

Budget: Committee Chair Buchet said the next meeting is 7:30 on April 26 at the Toy's, with a rain date of May 1. There will be another on May 17 at 7:30 at the Toy's.

Buildings: Governor Roche said there are no new variance submissions and we are up to 14 building permits for the year.

Treasurer: Governor Zadera said we recently received a State Farm reimbursement, and we have invoices for the beach restoration project. He said we were not awarded any money for our project this year from the legislature.

BCC: Governor Breeden reiterated that the quarterly meeting at the Clubhouse on April 24th at 7:30 P.M. will feature County Executive Steve Schuh as the guest. He added that May 17 will be primary candidate's night at the Clubhouse. He said work is ongoing with the Broadneck Small Area Plans and the General Development Plan.

BLOA: Governor Breeden said they are still working on SCBD approval so they can get water.

Piers: Governor Breeden said all contracts are in and there will be 30 slips to offer this year. The committee is working on new contract terms for 2019. He noted that Jenn Williams has been a big help, along with Leslie Coble, in handling contracts and paperwork. He said water should be on at Deep Creek by April 15 and Lake Claire piers should be ready by opening day of rockfish season. Work at Little Magothy pier has been delayed waiting for permits. We will work with slip holders in finding temporary spots at Lake Claire and Deep Creek. Any concerns from slip holders can be emailed to pierscommittee@cscia.org. We are hoping the contractors can start by April 23 and be done in about 15 days.

Security: Governor Breeden said we are working with the Eastern District to increase patrols in some hot button areas to address residents' concerns. Recently, there has been a lot of illegal household and demolition dumping at our Deep Creek dumpster. If anyone has information about who may be doing this, please contact security@cscia.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden said that new additional towing signs have been ordered.

He said we did not get our bond bill passed in the legislature or our \$100,000 beach resiliency funds. We still need to talk with Greenvest regarding some DNR issues.

NEW BUSINESS

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where the woods provide a border between homes and the fields. This environmental restoration project will consist of stabilizing and restoring the channel to meet the Chesapeake Bay and local restoration goals, while ensuring it meets current codes and standards. This will serve to improve the overall functionality of the channel, lower County's maintenance costs and improve the water quality treatment aspect of the channel which discharges into the Little Magothy River and Magothy Watershed. The County will maintain the channel in the future.

We also heard from Dan Anderson, Engineer Manager, Transportation Engineering, Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering regarding the final stages of the Cape St. Claire Road Project. This included the redesign of the Step Pool Conveyance System near the Fire House Grounds, which is complete and functioning correctly now. The County still owes the road project area, nearly a 1,000 native plants, to include native grass, shrubs, bushes and trees along the Bike Path and Storm Water Management Area. We are hoping to see this work completed before the Strawberry Festival if the weather cooperates.

The last thing I would like to bring your attention to before closing this month's message are all the events that are on the calendar, but here are some highlights and important one to support our Cape Organizations.

- Saturday, May 12th from 10am-2pm at Clubhouse Fields: Come support our Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company with their Touch-A-Truck Fundraiser

- Saturday, May 19th from 8am-2pm at the Clubhouse Fields: Come support the Cape St. Claire Garden Club as they hold their Annual Plant Sale.
- And though not in May, but get ready for the first Saturday in June, the 2nd, to join the parade and fun as we will be hosting at the Main Beach the 60th Anniversary of the Strawberry Festival. I know Mary Lamb and her committee have been working hard. We look forward to sharing some of the history, while we make history in our community, in what has truly become a reunion day of sorts for our community. Whether it's the Classic Capers, as they call themselves who grew up in the Cape in the 1950's & 1960's or those that first attended Broadneck in the early 1980's, it seems to be a draw for Capers and surrounding neighborhoods to celebrate the summer, the unique life we have living in and around the Cape.

If you would like to volunteer, we could use help for the Strawberry Festival set up, clean up and during the festival to help manage the many behind the scenes action it takes to put on the festival. It's a great way to meet some Capers and make an impact on the largest event annually in our community. Email me at President@cscia.org and we can make sure to get you involved!

Best Wishes,
Beau Breeden
President CSCIA

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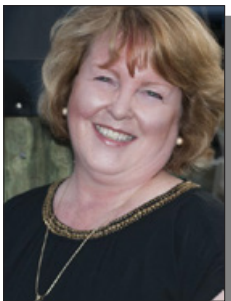
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This is not a solicitation for currently listed properties.

We received and approved Broadneck Cantina's annual request for outdoor tables for Cinco de Mayo.

We discussed a situation at 848 Harbor View Terrace which involves a land dispute dating from 1957. We need to talk with our attorney about a possible solution and agreement.

COMMENTS

Becky Benner noted the Goshen Farm Open House on Saturday, April 21 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., featuring wildlife adventures with a variety of animals. She also noted the Garden Club plant sale that will take place on Saturday, May 17.

Bob Bishop asked when the beach restoration project might get started. Governor Breeden said not until 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to a Closed Session at 8:15 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was convened at 8:22 P.M. and was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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**Annual Outdoor Bluegrass Mass
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Broadneck Baptist Church is a progressive community made up of people of all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, and perspectives. This is a place where all are truly welcome!

Worship with us every Sunday at 10am: All ages and backgrounds are welcome.
Nursery available.

We are located in the Cape at 1257 Hilltop Drive, just around the corner from Graul's.

Pastor: Abby Thornton Hailey Abby@broadneckbaptistchurch.org

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

All are welcome! (Location: Broadneck Baptist Church)

May 13, 3-5pm at Broad: 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. This is the last in a series of three meetings on this topic. Please join us even if you could not join in the March or April conversations. Every voice is important, no matter what your background.





NEWS FROM HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The Goshen Farm Preservation Society is pleased to announce the funding of two projects which will enhance the 22 acres on which the Farm sits. The first is the redevelopment of the existing pond into a new, expanded shallow wildlife pond. The project also includes the capture of rainwater from the roof of the Farm House and channeling into the pond. Under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) managed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Society has been awarded a contract that will cover \$2,500 of the \$4,000 total project costs.

In order to take advantage of this cost-sharing opportunity the Society completed a "Shovel Test Pit" Survey (STP) under the direction of Jeanne A. Ward, RPA, of Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Inc. This process was required by the Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning, Cultural Resources Division because Goshen Farm is on the Maryland State Register of Historic Sites. Jeanne donated her time and on April 14, 2018 supervised eight volunteers and documented their findings as they dug approximately 30 STP's around the house and down to the pond. The Society is very grateful for her donation that saved us thousands of dollars.

In addition, the Society has been awarded a grant from the Four Rivers Garden Club located in Severna Park. They will soon celebrate their 95th anniversary. The grant will fund the planting of a 700-square foot Pollinator Garden and Monarch Waystation near the old well area. The garden design and list of plantings was developed by Goshen Farm member and Master Gardener, Larry Jennings.

If lightning strikes twice...we're covered.

When Richard's Tree Service took down the 80- year old maple trees threatening the house, the threat of a lightning strike to the Farm House increased exponentially! The Board of Directors voted to allocate funds for a lightening protection system to replace the old one.

On April 10, 2018, Lightning Rods, Inc. of Philadelphia arrived and immediately started working like a very well-oiled machine. Three workers included our salesman/worker, Dwight; the owner, Jamie; and his son, Steve. They mounted the roof like insects and each attended to his part of the project. Jamie is the 3rd generation owner of this company working with his son Steve (4th generation). Grounding rods were driven into the soil at three locations around the Farm House. They used tin coated copper down leads, so the copper would not stain the stucco as it aged. These were hidden the best they could

behind downspouts where possible or in tight corners. The lightning rods and connecting materials are copper. All the grounding connections (down leads to grounding rods) were installed below grade so as not to interfere with foot traffic or lawnmower movement. They installed a surge protector on our electrical panel box to protect from electrical charges getting on the feeder electric lines and causing problems to the House or panel.

The crew reused one lightning rod on the north chimney, since they thought it was special and Jamie had not seen one like it before. They thought that it should be left in place since this is a very old Farm House

Spring finally arrived!

Time to get out on the water in your brand new Excite, Spitfire 8 Kayaks. Raffle tickets are available on the Society's website (goshenfarm.org/events/kayak-affle/) or from any Society Board Member or from Raffle Chair, Barbara Morgan. Remember, only six hundred tickets will be sold so the sooner their gone, the sooner the winning ticket will be drawn. Hague Quality Water (which now has full plumbing services available) is sponsoring this year's raffle which means Goshen will be able to use every penny raised from our raffle to preserve and protect Goshen Farm, and continue our educational outreach programs.

Summer Acoustic Music Series.

A special thanks to Scott Powers who has once again taken the lead in putting this series together. It was a great success last summer and most of the acts will be back this summer for a planned total of six concerts beginning in May and ending in September. August 24th is tentatively set for our Member Appreciation Night and we hope to have a special musical group that evening. We know it is early, but find those folding chairs, blankets, and coolers and get ready for some delightful evenings of fun and music. By the time this issue of the Capar hits the streets, details on the dates and bands should be available on the Society's website and on its Face Book page (<https://www.facebook.com/goshenfarm.org/>) .

Save the date!

We are very excited about being part of the Annual Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival on June 2, 2018. Look for our tent as you come through the gate. Stop in and learn more about Goshen Farm and the Historic Goshen Farm & Educational Center, purchase some Kayak Raffle tickets, and maybe sign up as a member and volunteer.

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Cape St. Claire Garden Club

Hilarious memes abound on the Internet about Maryland weather; this is why I hesitate to proclaim that spring has finally arrived! As I write, I am well aware that the last date of a frost in our area could be in late April. But things are definitely looking up – and springing up (pun intended!) After this long, cold winter, it's such a relief to see everything leafing out and blooming, birds twittering and gathering nesting materials, and bees and other insects emerging from their long sleep. Stop by the Clubhouse anytime to see the Garden-Club-designed flower beds waking up: tulips, daffodils, & hyacinths from bulbs planted last fall, soon to be followed by dianthus, euphorbia, salvia, & other spring blooming perennials.

It's still the season for dividing large clumps of perennial plants, a task we learned much about at our last Garden Club meeting. Many thanks to Members who brought clumps of plants – hostas, hellebores, iris, phlox, & grasses – for us to practice on as we learned best techniques & tools to preserve viable roots for replanting. It's the cheapest way to get more plants!

Well – there is *one* other way! Just bring a friend or 2 & come join us and your neighbors for our ever popular

ANNUAL PLANT SALE on

Saturday, May 19 from 8am-2pm at the **Clubhouse field**. We will have colorful annuals, vegetables & herbs, and a beautiful selection of native perennials that will thrive in our local soil & climate. We'll have *5 varieties of native milkweed* for sale! In addition, we offer perennials for sun and shade dug from our own gardens and lovingly potted up for the sale. These are proven winners in Cape St Claire, and what a steal! Plus, Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions, and we'll pass out free compost and mosquito dunks (which go in water to prevent mosquito eggs from growing into adults) with every purchase. Beautify your garden, feed the pollinators, meet your neighbors and fellow plant-lovers, and support a neighborhood non-profit – all in one fun event! (Rain date Sunday May 20.)

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 1** at 7pm at the Cape St Claire clubhouse. This is a planning meeting and a chance for Members to get a preview of some of the plants that will be available at the sale. Then on **Tuesday June 5th**, we'll have speaker **Justen Garrity of Veterans Compost** to share with us how to keep our organic waste out of the landfill and turn it into our very own garden black gold! Upcoming meetings are listed at CAPEGARDENCLUB.WORDPRESS.COM, and all are welcome! We are very pleased to welcome 6 new Members already this year – come learn and enjoy with us!

And we now begin our Yard of the Month judging! Every April – September, Garden Club teams fan out over the Cape and look for the prettiest gardens. All Cape gardens are eligible, and judges look for factors like color, neatness, and overall design. This year we are particularly interested in finding new gardens that have never yet won Yard of the Month. Each winning garden may win only once per year, so get out there and beautify the Cape, and who knows, you could be next month's winner!

Congratulations to our April Yard of the Month winners!

Area 1: The Lengbeyers, 1121 River Bay Road

Area 2: The Atens, 1169 Latrobe Drive

Area 3: Rod & Trish Frederick, 1216 Hilltop Drive

Area 4: Roy & Becky Benners, 1206 Green Holly Drive

Area 5: The Bavises, 1144 Riverview Drive



Dividing Workshop, Apr 2018

Cape St. Claire Garden Club  Native and Cape-

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RAIN DATE MAY 20

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Habitat Hero Nominations

Last month we announced Laura & Don Schrank as the winner of the first Habitat Hero. CCC would like to thank Adkins Arboretum for their generous donation of a gift certificate to their native plant nursery in Ridgely, MD to reward Laura & Don in their efforts as a Habitat Hero. We are continuing to look for the next Habitat Hero. Please submit your nominations to

admin@capeconservationcorps.org

with a brief description of what you are doing to be

Habitat Hero.

See our website for more information

<http://capeconservationcorps.org/habitat-heroes/>

Upcoming Events

The Harbor School on Green Holly Dr. will be doing their annual day of service by volunteering at the ravine on Lake Claire Dr. this month. A group of teen volunteers will be spreading mulch on the pathway and cleaning up any litter or debris on the property. CCC is excited to partner with The Harbor School as the kids learn about the importance of being part of a community.

CCC will also be continuing to remove the invasive bamboo at Lake Claire Beach this spring. Please stay tuned for additional work days. Many hands make light work. A special thank you to CSC Youth Sailing and all the volunteers that have helped cut the bamboo down. Stop by and see the remarkable progress we have made!

Save the Date

Friday November 2nd 7:00-10:00 for 4th Annual Harvest Bash. Good friends, food & drinks and good music!

The Lazy Gardner

By: Stacey Wildberger

There are so many things on our to-do lists everyday wouldn't it be nice to remove a few unnecessary gardening chores permanently? While there is no such thing as a no maintenance landscape we can certainly have a low maintenance one by eliminating steps that are not only not needed but in some cases can cause more harm than good to our landscapes.

1. **Stop Tilling**-when it is time to start a new garden or prepare an existing area for planting many people reach for the heavy equipment and till the soil but what you may not realize is that you are killing the microorganisms that keep the soil alive! Plants need these organisms to thrive—their nutrition, water and even defense against chemicals, diseases, and insects are in the soil. By turning it up you destroy the billions of microorganisms that have been working the soil for millions of years
2. **Stop Weeding**-pulling weeds causes soil disturbance which leads to seed disturbance and promotes more weeds. While we certainly don't want our gardens taken over by weeds, consider trimming the weeds off at the soil level rather than ripping out the whole plant. I have found a tool that works well for this—



a Dutch- Hoe. It has along handle with a sharp edge at the bottom of a triangular piece that,

when you swipe it across the weed cuts it off at the soil level and provides for minimal soil disturbance. It may sound like a chore but in the long run you will reduce the amount of weeds that are coming up by not digging into the seed bank.

3. **Use a Green Mulch layer**-this is another great way to reduce the amount of weeds that show up thereby reducing the amount of weeding that needs to be done. By using plants as “mulch” you will have a nice layer of green to keep the weeds at bay. Some of my favorites are *Packera Aura* Golden Ragwort, *Chrysogonum virginianum* Green and Gold, *Antennaria* sp. Pussytoes, and *Salvia lyrata* Lyreleaf Sage. There are always many native grasses that would work in this layer. Plant them closer together than any plant tag will tell you to do—about 10-12” so they grow together quicker and form a protective green mulch in your gardens to crowd out weeds. Below is an example of a “green mulch”—*Asarum canadense* wild ginger you could use in a shady spot.



4. **Plant in layers**-we talked about our green mulch layer but by having multiple layers at differing heights you will not only shade out the weeds but also cool the soil which will conserve water (less watering=less work). A good rule of thumb is the ground cover (green mulch) layer be less than a foot tall (50-60%), the next layer should be about 2-4' in height (30-40%), followed by a smaller group of taller plants in the 5-8' range (10-20%). Not only will layering save time on watering, weeding and fertilizer it is also more beneficial to wildlife—including our beneficial pollinators. (Benjamin Vogt)
5. **Skip the Spring Clean-up**-it is perfectly fine to leave the garden a “little messy” and begin to re-think pretty (did you read the March article “Re-Think Pretty”). The later in spring you can wait to cut last year’s stalks (because remember we leave the stalks standing for overwintering pollinators) the more beneficial those stems are. When you do begin to cut them back leave 12-18” standing: the plants will grow and hide the stalks but the beneficial bugs will still benefit from this messiness. Try to leave the cuttings in place, let them lie in the garden as a natural “fertilizer” and provide the plants with much needed nutrients; many song birds will also forage in the messiness.
6. **Plant Natives**-you didn’t think I’d get through the whole article and not mention natives did you? If we match the right plant to the right place we have just made gardening that much easier on ourselves. Natives require less water, less prep and less maintenance and thrive in areas where they have co-evolved with native beneficial bugs over hundreds of thousands of years. Understand what soil conditions the plant requires, as well as how big will it grow in its ideal conditions. Be sure to consult reliable online sites for more detailed information than a plant tag tells you. Instead of wasting time and money getting your soil amended to the conditions required for a plant, buy plants that fit the conditions you already have. Many native plants actually thrive in “poor” soil conditions and will get leggy and flop if they are in “rich” soil. *Asclepias* sp. Milkweed is the perfect example of this. Your rocky, sandy, clay soil does not have to be amended with tons of topsoil and compost to make the soil more plantable. Plants can have deep roots that grow beyond the soil you have amended and they eventually reach the native soil and don’t know what to do. Use a soil test to see what type of soil you have so you can match the right plant to that place, but don’t spend money or time on fertilizers to keep an unhappy plant in that place, remove it and find one that likes the spot as is! Finding the native plants that thrive in the soil you have and you will save time and money.

All are welcome at

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Worship Service Times

9:30am Traditional - Nursery services available

11:00am Contemporary - Children's Sunday School offered

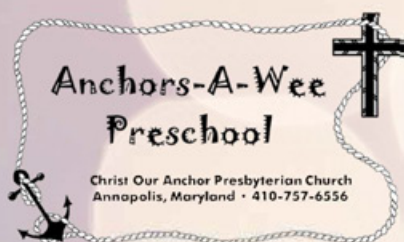
Parents of Young Children Group - Bring your little one and come enjoy the company of other parents seeking spiritual growth, Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:45 am, May 9 & 30, at the church.

Community Office Hours - Drop in to say hello and get to know Pastor Jessie in a casual and enjoyable setting. Pastor Jessie will be available for impromptu visits, questions and conversation, every Thursday* from 8:00 to 10:00 am at the Blue Rooster Café in the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center. **Pastor Jessie is not available to be at the Blue Rooster on May 10 or June 21.*

Save The Date: Tuesday May 15, 7:00 pm: Mental Health Support in Anne Arundel County - COA's Mission Committee will be continuing its special emphasis on mental health and addiction issues with a special observance of May as Mental Health Awareness month. One of the events we would like to offer to COA and community members is a presentation on mental health support in our county. The presenter will be Fred Delp, the Director of Anne Arundel County NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Come if you are dealing with a diagnosis OR if you are looking for better ways to help someone you love. Anyone is welcome--spread the word! *Please RSVP to the church office by emailing coa21409@gmail.com or calling (410) 974-1713.*

Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival, Saturday June 2 - Come say hello to our church friends and family at the Strawberry Festival on the main beach in Cape St. Claire. Stop by our table to say "Hello", Greet new and old friends, and make crafts with the kids. Always FUN!

Soul Searchers will be returning to Christ Our Anchor to perform their musical "Life On The Edge" on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm.




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2018 Cape St. Claire STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRY FORM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018 | RAIN DATE JUNE 3rd
PARADE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM**

Gather your neighbors, your church group, your scout troop, and your friends. The Strawberry Festival would like to increase parade participation. We challenge your "group" to create a parade float entry for judging. Let's bring the community together for another great event and make this the best parade ever.

ENTRY THEME (Description) _____

_____ **FLOAT** _____ **VEHICLE** _____ **WALKING** _____ **MOTORCYCLE** _____ **OTHER**

CONTACT PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Parade line up begins at 9:30 am at the Cape St. Claire Fire Department

We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:15 AM on Saturday, June 2, 2018 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. We accept full responsibility for the safety of all participating in our parade entry. Rain date June 3, 2018

Applicant's Signature

Date

PLEASE CALL MARY LAMB AT (410)757-0593 FOR ASSISTANCE OR COMMENTS. PLEASE MAIL O - MARY LAMB , 1180 SUMMIT DR.,ANNAPOLIS, MD 21409.



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2018 CAPE ST. CLAIRE

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PRINCESSES

Littlest Princess / Junior Princess / Princess

- ❖ Are you a Cape Resident?
- ❖ Are you active in your community?
- ❖ Are you a young lady entering: 3rd, 4th or 5th grade in the fall of 2018 OR
6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2018 OR
9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2018

If you can answer yes to the above questions, the Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for you!! The Strawberry Festival Committee is looking for young ladies to represent our wonderful community at this year's festival. If you are interested please submit this form, along with a picture of yourself and your essay (see below for details) to:

Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival
1180 Summit Drive
Annapolis, MD 21409

Littlest Princess (3rd, 4th or 5th grade in the fall of 2018)

- ❖ Submit a 200 Word Essay entitled "Why I Love Cape St. Claire"

Junior Princess (6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2018)

- ❖ Submit a 500 Word Essay entitled "Cape St. Claire a Wonderful Place to Live. As Junior Strawberry Festival Princess I Plan to....."

Princess (9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2018)

- ❖ Submit a 500 Word Essay entitled "The Strawberry Festival, a Cape St. Claire Tradition"

The essay should summarize what you like about the Cape and what you can contribute to make it a better place for everyone in the community.

All entries must be submitted by May 15, 2018

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

School you will be attending in the fall of 2018 _____

Phone # _____

All contestants should be available to ride in the parade on Saturday, June 2, 2018 (rain date June 3RD) If you should have any questions or comments please contact Mary at (410) 757-0593



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Berriest Baby Contest

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Do you have the "Berriest Baby"?

If so, please complete the form below!



Your Berriest baby must be 24 months or younger and a Cape St Claire resident.

Baby's Name _____ **Birth Date** _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

We The Parents/Guardians agree to participate in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with our Berriest Baby. We understand judging is based upon the Strawberry Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM ON Saturday, June 2nd for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Festival on the main beach. Rain Date Sunday, June 3rd , 2018.

Contest Entry DEADLINE May 21, 2018

I hereby give my child permission to participate in the parade and the festival activities. I will accept full responsibility for my child's safety.

Parent's Signature

Date

******This form must be returned by May 21, 2018 to:***

***Brown's Daycare
723 Mount Alban Drive
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Decorated Bike Contest



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Join our contest by decorating your bike in one of the themes



Submit your entry by completing the form below and mail/drop off to:

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1180 Summit Drive

Child's Name _____ **Age** _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

We the Parents/Guardians agree to our child participating in the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival Parade with their decorated bike entry. We understand judging is based upon the Theme Decorations. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM on Saturday, June 2nd for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Strawberry Festival on the main beach. Rain date Sunday, June 3, 2018.

I hereby give my child permission to participate in the parade & festival activities.

I will accept full responsibility for my child's safety. I understand my child must wear a bike helmet.

Parent's Signature

Date



2018 Strawberry Festival

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Age _____ Phone _____

All entries will be displayed in the Clubhouse the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups. **Please return Colored Entries to Rita's Italian Ice Cape St. Claire by May 31, 2018**



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2018 CSC Strawberry Festival "Strawberries from the Kitchen Contest"



Enter your favorite Strawberry Dessert and /or Jelly/Jam

Do you have a Special Recipe, a Family Favorite? The Strawberry Festival Committee would like to invite you to enter your **HOMEMADE** Strawberry Themed Baked or Non-Baked Dessert or Jelly/Jam. All entries must be accompanied by the baker's information and an ingredient card for display. Entries should be dropped off at the clubhouse on Friday June 1, 2018 between the hours of 5pm and 7 pm. Homemade goods will be displayed in the clubhouse on Strawberry Festival Day. Prizes will be awarded.

Desserts will be Judged as follows:



2 categories: Baked & Non Baked

2 groups: Adults & Children (14 and under)

Jelly/Jams will be Judged as follows:

2 groups: Adults & Children (14 and Under)

All entries must be accompanied by the baker's information and an ingredient card for display. Entries should be dropped off at the clubhouse on June 1, 2018 between the hours of 5pm and 7 pm. Please call Mary at 410-757-0593 for further information.



EPIPHANY COMMUNITY



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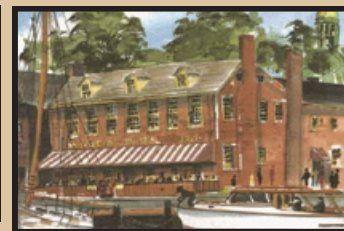
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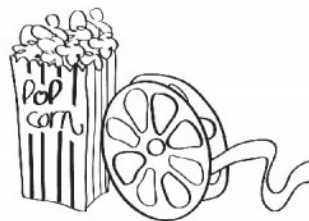
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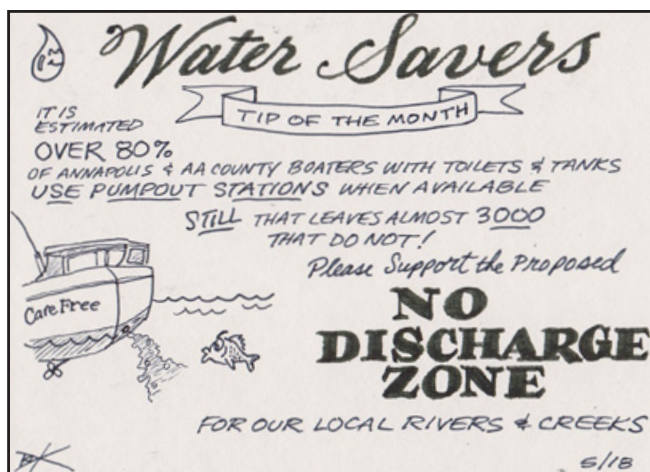
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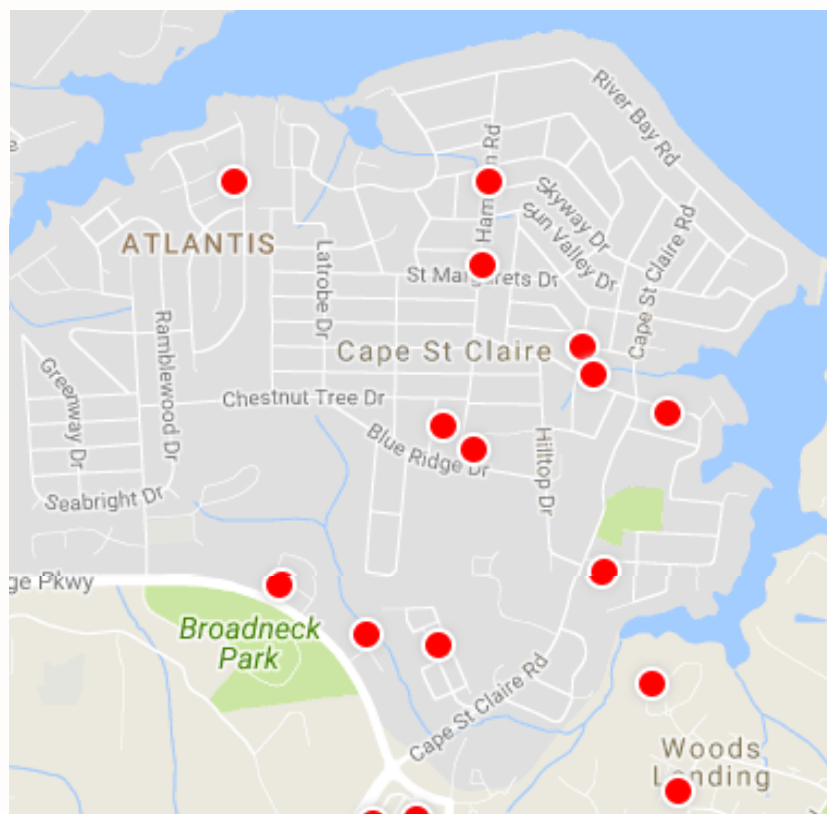
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Cape St Claire Real Estate Sales March - April 2018*



<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>
701 Mount Alban Drive	\$560,500
1233 Hampton Road	\$571,965
1027 Mountain Top Drive	\$285,000
1166 Little Magothy View	\$223,000
1221 Plateau Place	\$467,000
1149 Hampton Road	\$355,000
1045 Little Magothy View	\$400,000
1173 Hampton Road	\$475,000
1199 Highview Drive	\$408,000
1030 Mountain Top Drive	\$360,000

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