



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

JUNE 2018

President's Message

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Capers,

The summer months are upon us and hopefully we get some drier weather than we have experienced the last 3-4 weeks. The Association is of course focused on our beaches, parks and piers as the summer approaches and prep for the 60th Annual Strawberry Festival on June 2nd. Traditionally, in the June President's message, I would list out projects, policies and reminders regarding beach parties, applications, stickers, and other general day to day operational items. If you need that information check out our website at www.cscia.org. I have been writing a general theme this year if you are reading along each month regarding growth and transition for the Association and Community in 2018.

I will use part of my message to announce some important milestones in our growth and transition as we move forward, but I will also look back and remember a little of how we got here too. Reflecting on one's growth, whether a person, organization or community is important in order not to forget how, why and who helped you become what you see today.

First, I would like to take a moment to remember two men who passed in May that had monumental impacts on the Community of Cape St. Claire and the surrounding area, especially in helping us grow from the late 1950's through the early 90's. We sadly lost both Vincent J. DePasquale Sr. (79 years of age) and Charles G. Smith (99.5 years of age), better known as C.G Smith. For those of you that have lived here for an extended period of time, you likely knew both gentlemen or knew of their names. They were both veterans who served our Country, Mr. Smith, a Sailor, in the Navy during WWII and a Pearl Harbor Survivor and Mr. DePasquale, a Marine, who served in Vietnam.

Mr. Smith was a longtime County employee, but he was also a small business owner and since the 1960's, has owned businesses in Cape St. Claire, either Bellas Beehive Inn or Bellas Liquor. He also use to own a Tasty Freeze out on Revell Highway, aka now Rt. 50, in the late 1950's. The peninsula was very rural at that time and Mr. Smith and his family have run successful businesses in the community for nearly 60 years, taking a risk on what was a growing area and the new Community of

Cape St. Claire just. Mr. Smith was involved in coaching youth sports and volunteering in the community and also supportive of local non-profits and schools over the years with donations for fundraisers, silent auctions and other community activities. Its small business owners like Mr. Smith and those in the Cape St. Claire shopping center who work with the community to help all aspects of a thriving community

We as a community really are a small town with supportive small business owners that contribute to our community activities and in turn are supported by the residents. The small businesses of Cape St. Claire are part of the uniqueness and pleasure of living here. We as a community, really are a small town and having supportive small business owners that contribute to our community activities and are supported by the residents in turn.

Mr. DePasquale or Mr. Vince as he was known by many, was a longtime volunteer in Cape St. Claire, from the time he arrived here in the late 1960's. Mr. Vince was one of the founders of Cape St. Claire Recreational Council and really helped provide opportunities to children to have a place to play sports. Mr. Vince coached a little of everything, but his passion was football and if not for him and his dedication, Cape Football would not have grown into the program it is today. The residents off Cape St. Claire and Anne Arundel County will benefit from Mr. Vince's dedication for years to come.

Its men and families like the Smith's and DePasquale's that help build Cape St. Claire from its sleepy beginnings, build a community that is cohesive, provides opportunity and makes it a great place to live. These are just two of many families that started the community, but with their

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

MAY 14, 2018

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. He welcomed all, noting that it has been another busy month, what with the work on all of our piers, the Clubhouse, and the recent storm damage. He noted that the biggest news was the hiring of our Town Manager, Ryan Anderson, who started work last Monday. He can be contacted at townmanager@cscia.org or 443-510-3116. He also mentioned the passing of a 50-year community member, Vincent DiPasquale, who was instrumental in starting and maintaining Cape Sports. He was also involved with volunteer activity in the Cape. He noted that there is an athletic award named after him. President Breeden welcomed guests Becky Benner and Doug Norton.

The minutes of the April 9, 2018 BOG meeting were approved with one correction.

The P&L statement of March 31, 2018 were approved. It was noted that the P&L statement of February 28 was attached, with corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported that the replacement of the ceiling tiles, framework and lights in the main hall has been completed and looks great!

Caper: Governor Lamb said submittals have become timelier. The May Caper hit the mailboxes last week.

Signboard: Governor Lamb is working with Sign Crafters in Annapolis on both the signboard and entrance sign. She passed around some design options for both. There was discussion of the location of both signs.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb said last minute preparations are ongoing. She added that she will need help setting things up and running things both the day before and the day of the Festival.

Community Clean-up: Governor Lamb reminded all that it is scheduled for September 7 and 8, and staffing help from Board members will be needed.

Governor Lamb brought up a request from the Cape St. Claire Lego Lovers Club to be recognized as a community organization. After some discussion, the request was approved.

Governor Lamb also brought up the idea of having a BOG float in the Strawberry Festival parade and finding sponsorship for it.

Technology: Governor Szczytko said the Caper was posted on the website and added that he set up a laptop for our Town Manager.

Covenants: Governor Layman noted complaints about vacant house and grass that is too high, along with another about a woodcutting business, that proved to be unfounded, and another regarding trees in our easement area.

Town Manager: Ryan Anderson noted that he has been learning a lot from Governor Breeden. He noted that Beach Attendants will be starting and said that he wants to sit down with all the Committee chairs.

Events: Governor Fairchild said the July 4th planning is in full swing and the parade permit is in the works. The committee is also helping out with the Strawberry Festival.

Budget: Committee chair Buchet said he has met with the Town Manager, and reminded us of the committee meeting tomorrow night at Charlie Moore's house.

Building: Governor Roche said there are 21 building permits. Fourteen have been approved, five are waiting on the County, and two still need to be reviewed.

Treasurer: Governor Zadera reported that he received financial reports on 5/10 to review prior to the BOG's monthly meeting. A correction was made to reflect the capital accounts (Beach Erosion Restoration) allocation of funds. He noted our new Town Manager is onboard- Congrats to Ryan! He said there was an issue with the Comptroller's office of MD and not having our proper IRD verifying our FEIN number, and Governor Breeden filled out the necessary paperwork which will hopefully clear up having to pay any penalties or fees. He added that we received our reimbursement check from the BLOA for May's State Farm premium.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Breeden noted the needed storm clean-up and preparation for the Strawberry Festival, and the return of the Beach Attendants.

BCC: Governor Breeden said Thursday, May 17th there will be a candidates' night at the Clubhouse for those running for state office. There will be another on June 7th for the candidates for County office. We will be holding debate nights in September for all candidates. He said there are monthly meetings which are working heavily on the General Development Plan and the Broadneck Small Area Plan.

BLOA: Governor Breeden said they are close to finalizing their SCBD petition, but are still a year away from connecting to County water.

Security: Governor Breeden said things have been quiet and reminded everyone to get their parking stickers.

Piers: Governor Breeden said that the work at Lake Claire is complete, except for the gate. Work at Little Magothy will begin soon. Bulkhead work at Deep Creek is underway and water is back on at the piers along the boardwalk. Slip moves are taking place. We have ordered additional ladders and life rings and are looking into replacing the pump out machine.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden said mosquito spraying information will be updated on our website. It will start in June on Wednesday nights as needed. Governor Breeden said the Severn River Bridge Committee is wrapping up its work. He added that the state is working on getting "smart" traffic lights on Route 2.

He also mentioned a deteriorating abandoned house that is involving our Covenants Committee, Town manager, and attorneys.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Breeden said there is no further word on money for our beach project and he will be meeting with Greenvest and Biohabitats shortly. He hopes there will be more money next year for RFPs. On May 21, the County will be starting work on the stream area at Graul's Park. There will be a truck entrance directly across from the Main shopping center entrance, and there will be some traffic impact. Many trees will be coming down along the stream.

Governor Breeden said there is a bill, SB621, pending that would require restrictive language to be removed from HOA covenants, like that in our covenant #6. It still needs the Governor's signature. If it becomes law in time, we can make the change next January to all new HOA packets.

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COMMENTS

Becky Benner reminded all about the Garden Club's 39th annual plant sale in the Clubhouse field on Saturday, May 19 from 8 A.M to 2 P.M.

In response to a comment from Doug Norton, Governor Breeden said it looks like the County did not award us money for our project. He said we need to sit down with the County and Greenvest about moving forward.

Governor Breeden offered condolences to Governor Szcztyko on the loss of his mother.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Governors Breeden, Fairchild, Lamb, Layman, Macindoe, Roche, Schmidt, Szcztyko, and Zadera were present, as were Town Manager Anderson, Budget Committee chair Buchet, and Administrative Assistant Coble.

A Message from The Town Manager

Ahoy Capers!

I wanted to take the time to say what an incredible honor it is being selected the first Town Manager of Cape St. Claire. I am truly humbled to take on this position and make a difference in our community.

I grew up in Harford County before joining the United States Navy. My Naval career afforded me the extraordinary opportunity to travel the world. I returned to Maryland for my last assignment and was stationed at the United States Naval Academy as a Company Officer. In my search for the perfect neighborhood, I discovered Cape St. Claire and decided this is where I wanted to call "home." At the end of my assignment, I retired as a Naval Officer with 21 years of active duty service. I have been a Cape resident for 4 years now.

My family truly enjoys all the amenities Cape St. Claire has to offer its residents. My wife, Celeste, and I enjoy boating on the Magothy or up and down the Chesapeake Bay. Our 3 sons attend Magothy River Middle School and Broadneck High School. They love playing at the neighborhood beaches or walking to the shopping center for ice cream. This community is everything we wanted for our family. We may not have grown up here but we have plans to grow old here. Our roots have been planted in Cape St. Claire!

I will operate with an open door policy and encourage you to reach out to me if you need assistance. I look forward to working with our Board of Governors and all of the great residents here in Cape St. Claire.

Cheers,
Ryan Anderson
Town Manager

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passing so close together it's an opportunity to reflect and remember those building blocks of our community as we look to grow and remain a great place to live for the next generation.

We as a community have grown in our 69 years from that sleepy beach front vacation community to basically a small town of 2,300 plus homes and nearly 8,000 year round residents. The Association continues to handle rather efficiently the operation of community owned assets such as our beaches, parks, and piers while managing relationships with the Businesses and the Swim Club who operate on Association owned property. We continue to make improvements to our beaches, parks and piers and still are in the planning and design phase of hopefully seeing major restoration phases to our beaches, shorelines and stream habitat areas in the coming years. This all requires time and commitment from the volunteer board members and the few employees of the Association. As many of you know, the Board introduced an idea back in the fall of 2016 to hire a new position, a Town Manager. We explored other similar sized communities and in particular Special Community Benefit Districts and what they were doing. We considered outsourcing to a management company, which was far too expensive and realized in order to continue to operate and work with the many agencies including Federal, State and Local we are required to do so whether it be Piers Projects, Beach Restoration or simply advocating to the County to improve infrastructure locally with the return of our tax dollars, that this position should be added. It became painfully obvious to myself and Board that we need to hire someone to fill this position, so that we continue to plan for the future, maintain and improve our assets and best coordinate with government agencies to make Cape St. Claire a desirable place to live.

In January 2017, the membership approved the position and funded the position for 6 months of Fiscal Year 2018, which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. In 2017, we defined our position, seriously considered how best to conduct a search and told the membership we would hire Aerotek, Inc to conduct the search. This resulted in having nearly 400 possible candidates resumes considered, 32 final applicants, 87 telephone interviews, 31 in person interviews and 5 very qualified finalist presented to the Board of Governors (BOG) at the end of March this year. The BOG then proceeded to conduct 5 interviews, one with each candidate over a weekend. Four Governors (Lamb, Fairchild, Schmidt and Macindo) were the interview panel and the rest of the Governors had the opportunity to meet the candidates on a tour of our properties.

In the end the Board came to a final and unanimous decision 8-0 vote for one candidate. For the record, I recused myself from voting as it ended up I knew two of the candidates personally who were among the finalists. We offered the position and he accepted.

So as part of the transition and growth of 2018, we now have the first Town Manager of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association. The Town Manager will work on behalf of the Board to help ensure that the work and actions the Board takes are carried through, but to help with oversight of day to day operations, especially spring, summer and fall time

when we have 20-25 staff members, ensure better long term planning of Association projects and become a liaison and advocate on behalf of the Board and residents to the County and State agencies so that there is better planning between organizations and hopefully more coordination in completing projects in the future.

As announced and introduced at the April Quarterly Membership Meeting, we hired Ryan Anderson. I would give you a rundown of all his accomplishments, but for the first time ever, we have a Town Manager Message in this Capar edition. You can learn about Ryan, his family and how he hopes to work and serve the residents and the Association of Cape St. Claire going forward. Ryan started with us on May 7th, so he now has three weeks plus under his belt. I was able to take a few days off work (in theory) to help guide him through our Covenants, By-Laws, policies and procedures. Very quickly by week two, I was able to hand off day to day oversight of our groundskeepers, beach attendants and ongoing project management. We chat daily and meet multiple times per week, but this will be an asset for the Board in the future. The training will continue, the learning curve will be steep in the first year, but I am confident the Board made the right decision and as we move from 2018 into 2019. I believe future Board of Governors will be served well by Ryan and his position. I expect that in time this will help make the burden of volunteering to be on the Board a little less overwhelming to those who wish to be involved, but are scared of time commitments, especially for some of the more involved committees.

So as we enter our best season of the year, certainly our busiest, we will continue to transition as we grow and hope that we can continue to serve and improve Cape St. Claire. We will do this step by step in the future in hopes of continuing upon solid building blocks laid by those in the past, which make this community such a great place to live.

See you out on the beaches this summer,
Beau Breeden
President CSCIA

P.S. A quick Public Service Announcement, please drive like you live here, like your family lives here, like your kids live here, like your friends kids live here. The speed limit is 25 MPH, its ok to go a little slower, plan a little extra time into your trip. It's good to stop at all stop signs and it's considerate to let pedestrians cross safely in cross walks and intersections. Safety in our community should be priority for everyone.



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 - Your community will only ever be sprayed on Wednesday nights during the 2018 season
- Spraying can occur anytime between 7:00 PM and 2:30 AM
 - The spray program will begin on May 30.
 - Spraying will not begin until the community has been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form
 - October 2 is the estimated last day of spraying for 2018
- Residents who do not wish their property to be sprayed may file an exemption. The exemption policy and form can be found on our website: <http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/Exemption%202018.pdf>
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NEWS FROM HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Summer Acoustic Concert 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 total of six concerts with two performers each night beginning on June 22, 2018 with Michael Kelly and Patchwurk. Concerts start at 6:30 pm with the second act starting at 7:40 pm. The rest of the lineup is: July 13th with Loose ties and Mike Johnson; July 27th with The Alison Thoms Band and Tim Kurtzberg; August 19th with Glenn Daniel and Tim Kurtzberg; August 24th with The Biondi Family Band and Dirk and the Truth; and wrapping up the series on September 7th with Ben Fisher and Patchwurk.

August 24th is Member Appreciation Night. Members will have a chance to win one of two t-shirts, purchase pizza slices on a buy one, get one free basis, and half-price soft drinks. So get out those folding chairs, blankets, and coolers and get ready for some delightful evenings of fun and music.

Cape Elementary Third Grade Visits Goshen Farm

On May 9th, 96 third grade students visited Goshen Farm where they learned about soils and soil health, conducted an experiment involving how different soils hold moisture, and engaged in making soil profiles.. They learned about the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden, the Hoop House, and the Henson – Hall Slave Garden.

The visit was hosted by Goshen Farm Board Members Roy Benner, Terry Brandon, and Bob Nestruck and members Tracy Smith and Tracy McClintock. Participating teachers were Samantha Wilkinson, Chris Ziemer, Jenna Wood, Karen Bohlman, and Kristin Garrett,

A similar outing was conducted by Diane Velozo and her first graders on April 13th. Diane introduced her students to parts of the farm (the Sharing Garden, the apiary, composting operation, and the high tunnel). She and her students also spent time getting their garden plot ready for planting.

Spring Open House Draws 600 Visitors.

The weather certainly cooperated and it was a perfect day on April 21, 2018 for the Goshen Farm Spring Open House. The highlight of the day's activities was Wildlife Adventures,

an educational outreach program dedicated to spreading animal conservation and awareness by enriching the minds of children and adults. Their interactive program involved both touching and holding a variety of critters including, but not limited to rabbits, geese, and reptiles!

At times there were as many as 40 children and adults gathered around the exhibit. District 33 Delegate Hopeful, Heather Bagnall, even took a turn holding the Boa Constrictor.

Other political figures attending the Open House were Ed Reilly, State Senator for District 33, Pam Luby, Democratic senatorial candidate for District 33, Tracy Hovermale, Democratic candidate for State Delegate District 33, and Cape St. Claire's own Dawn Myers, Democratic candidate for County Councilman, 5th District. Mike Malone, State Delegate for District 33 had a medical emergency in his family and sent his regrets. Mike and his family are Goshen Farm members.

It took a lot of hard work to make this event work for the 600 attendees and the Society would like to thank volunteers Sharon Biondi, Michael Buchet, Dave Shoemaker, Roy Benner, Terry Brandon, Dan Perry, Rose Mary Stocker, Linda Beck, .Patty Feldt, Beverly Hanna, Bob Nestruck, Jeanne Klingler, Laura Murray, Larry Jennings, Susan Brandon, Leigh Neugebauer, and Scott Powers. We hope we have not forgotten anyone, but if we did we apologize.

Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Starting to Take Shape

With the Strawberry Festival behind us, the Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction is consuming most of our attention. Sponsored by Bella's Liquors, it will be held at the home of Val Sullivan on August 18th from 4:00 until 7:00 pm. Once again the featured entertainment will be the Jazz Perpetrators, that wonderful group that provided the music for Java & Jazz. We are beginning to collect items for the auction and if you would like to donate something, please contact Sharon Biondi at secretary@goshenfarm.org. The July Caper will have more information on the wine, food, and auction items.

Save the Dates

The Goshen Farm Fall Open House is scheduled for

September 15th and the Annual Harvest Pasta Dinner is scheduled for October 13th. Details for both events will be forthcoming on the Society's website (www.goshenfarm.org), our Facebook page, and in gentle email reminders sent to members.

Summer is here!

After a very chilly and wet spring, the warmth of summer arrived and it is 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 they're 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.

Goshen Farm Preservation Society

Annual Kayak Raffle

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Drawing to be held when all
600 tickets are sold. Tickets can
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Boat Safety Summer Series

ARTICLE #1 - June

Anchoring Tips

Imagine that you're out on a boat and you want to stop. Maybe you've arrived at your favorite fishing spot. Maybe you want to have a casual on-the-water meal. Or maybe you want to moor your boat for the night.



In each of these cases, you'll need to hold your position with an anchor. Here are the anchoring basics you'll need to be familiar with.

(1) Determine the "scope". This is the length of line needed for the depth of water that you are in. We'll cover how to determine this later in this article. (2) Measure the line out. You can do this by using your arm span, which is usually the same as your height. When you reach your desired length, cleat that point on the line to the bow of your boat. Use a ratio of 5 to 1 of your water depth. So if you are in 10 feet

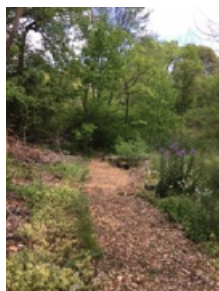
of water, your scope should be 50 feet. If you are staying overnight and the winds are strong, use a ratio of 7:1 (3) Gently lower the anchor into the water. Do not throw or toss it. Then, as the wind moves your boat, let the line out hand over hand. Remember you've already tied off your line, so the boat will stop automatically. (4) Make sure your anchor is securely embedded in the bottom. To do this, you'll need to apply some tension. Put the boat in reverse, creating a gentle reverse thrust. This draws the anchor deeper into the bottom, which creates more resistance with the surrounding bottom material.

You can find more information and details for anchor setting at <https://www.boatingmag.com/how-to/tips-properly-setting-anchor>. Article Submitted by Freedom Boat Club of MD/DC @ Fairwinds Marina



Big Thanks to the Harbor School

CCC would like to extend a sincere thank you to the students, staff and landscape crew from the Harbor School that came out Friday, May 11th and re-mulched the path at the Ravine on Lake Claire Dr. The students were excited to work out in the community on their Day of Service on a restoration project to help clean our waterways. Thanks also to Sawyer's Tree Service for providing the wood chips. Stop by and walk the path and enjoy the native flora and fauna!



Habitat Hero Nominations

We are continuing to look for the next Habitat Hero. Submit to admin@capeconservationcorps.org
See our website for more information <http://capeconservationcorps.org/habitat-heroes/>

Upcoming Events

The Second Annual Native Fall Festival and Plant Sale will be Saturday September 29th 9am-12pm in the field behind the Clubhouse. We will have native plants, including shrubs and trees at super low prices. We will have Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Water Shed Stewards, Adkins Arboretum and many more surprises! Cape resident and landscape designer Chris Pax will be leading a tour of the plants and giving suggestions for which plants will work well together and in the which conditions. As always the plants will be native and selected to work best in Cape Gardens!

Save the Date

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

A Weed by Any Other Name, Any Name PLEASE!

By: Stacey Wildberger

The word "weed" has such a nasty and undesirable connotation. We hear the word and we immediately want to rip out the offending plant or worse yet, spray it with awful herbicides. Merriam-Webster defines a weed as "a plant that is not valued where it is growing: one that tends to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants". I disagree with this definition because many of the plants growing in my yard have "weed" right in the name and these "weeds" are not only valued by me but by the many species of wildlife that benefit from these weeds. Until all native plants get a better marketing strategy, please look beyond the names and consider the plants value in your landscape.

I have 3 types of *Asclepias* sp. milkweed growing in my yard-*Incarinata* swamp milkweed, *Tuberosa* butterfly weed and *Syriaca* common milkweed. I enjoy their beautiful colors but more importantly this "weed" is the only plant that the Monarch Butterfly will lay her eggs on. This is the only host plant for the Monarch caterpillars. When the eggs hatch the caterpillars rely on the milkweed plant to sustain them through the 5 instars stages before becoming a chrysalis and then a beautiful butterfly. Without this weed we would have no monarchs.

Another weed growing in my yard is the *Eutrochium purpureum* Joe-Pye-weed the gorgeous vanilla-scented rosy pink flowers are a butterfly magnet. Last summer the swallowtail butterflies swarmed this plant. It can grow to a towering 4-

7' and is ideal in perennials gardens and butterfly gardens. You can get shorter varieties if the height scares you! You will often find moth species and other pollinators on Joe-Pye-weed.

Vernonia noveboracensis New York Ironweed is another tall growing butterfly magnet. This tall, narrow plant will fit nicely in the back of the garden as beautiful border plant. The reddish-purple blooms will not only serve as nectar source for many types of butterflies but the seed heads can be left up throughout the winter to nourish many small songbirds.

Along my side steps and among the front garden I have *Helenium autumnale* or commonly called sneezeweed. Not only does the name contain the offensive word weed but they have added sneeze to its name, causing some to think it induces an allergy attack! I can honestly say this plant does not cause excessive sneezing unless you are using the dry leaves as snuff to rid your body of evil spirits as it was thought to do. It does however attract an array of butterflies and small pollinators. This late summer to fall bloomer can be excellent sources of energy as monarch start their fall migration.

One of early spring bloomers that flowers for several months is the dainty pink flower of the *Dicentra eximia*, commonly known as wild bleeding heart but it also has been referred to as staggerweed. The lovely heart shaped flower and fern like foliage looks beautiful in my shaded woodland area and is an excellent source of nectar for early pollinators. There is nothing weedy about this plant!

As we continue to investigate the weeds growing in my yard we cannot forget about the aquatic ones growing in my pond. The *Pontederia cordata* or pickerelweed has a beautiful purple bloom that is not attractive to our eye but an important habitat for frogs and fish. It is also a food source for ducks, turtles and other wetland critters.

Another gem that is referred to as a weed is *Impatiens capensis* or jewelweed. This spotted orange flower attracts hummingbirds as the opening is perfectly adapted for these popular birds to reach the nectar. This annual plant will self-sow to replenish itself each year. Before you deem it a weed and yank it out consider what you are giving up, the joy of a flittering hummingbird on a bright summer day! I have been told the leaves of this "jewel" can be used to treat poison ivy!

Finally, the misunderstood *Phytolacca americana* or American Pokeweed. This tall, large leaved branching plant have clusters of white flowers that becomes a dark purple berry will nourishes many birds in early to late fall. Although the berries and roots can be poisonous the newly emerging shoots are often gathered before they turn pink and cooked and eaten (I do not recommend trying this!). The berry juice was used as dye by colonists.

The next time you are deciding on what plants to add to your gardens please do not disregard a plant because it has weed in its name. Instead take the time to get to know the plant and understand its important place in our landscapes. Many of those weeds are not weeds at all but rather an important part of the ecosystem with a high value in creating biodiversity.



Pickerelweed



Swamp milkweed



Sneezeweed



Staggerweed

Every spring, I feel so grateful when I travel around our lovely neighborhood. This is the lush time of year when so many varieties of blooms abound, so many plants are pushing up shoots, and the heady scent of lilacs, tulips, and other flowers finds our noses and causes us to go, “ahhhhhhh!” I am aware that it also causes many of us to sneeze and have watery eyes, but hopefully even those with allergies can still enjoy how pretty everything looks in spite of those discomforts.

Speaking of gazing, do be sure to go by the Clubhouse gardens, which have been blooming all spring: Tulips & Daffodils gave way to Baptisia, Allium, Salvia, & Dianthus, and now followed by Peonies, Yarrow, & Daylilies. Garden Club Members maintain these beds as well as the entry islands on Green Holly Drive and Cape St Claire Road, and the Segree Memorial Garden on the bike path near the library. Give a wave when you see one of us; we love it! Also, give a wave to all of your neighbors who work hard to keep nice yards. It *is* a lot of work and all the yards make the Cape so special. This is one reason we judge Yard of the Month: we want to highlight some of the gardens, to inspire our neighbors.

Spring is a busy time for all gardeners, and we had a busy season preparing for our Plant Sale. THANK YOU to all our wonderful neighbors who came out to shop at our annual fundraiser. Beautiful plants for our gardens, nectar and habitat for our pollinator friends, a fun neighborhood event – it’s a win-win-win and we so appreciate your support! At this year’s sale, we were excited to present our very own kiwi green t-shirt, drawn by our talented Member Mary Keane and produced by local t-shirt printer Blk Ankr Industries. If you didn’t get one at our sale, you’ll find them in many different styles and sizes at our table at the Strawberry Festival, for \$16-\$19. Or simply email capegardenclub@gmail.com to order yours today. You won’t want to miss out on showcasing your Milkweed Pride!



Speaking of busy, just a note that some of our pests are becoming more busy about this time of year. Do thorough tick checks after you work in your yard or stand near a field to watch your kids playing sports. Mosquitoes can be kept at bay at home by cleaning your gutters and diligently clearing *all* standing water from your yard – spread the word to your neighbors!

If you got a free bag of compost at our sale, and would like to learn more about composting, please come to our **June 5th meeting, 7pm** at the Clubhouse. **Justen Garrity of Veteran's Compost** will share how we all can keep food scraps out of landfills and make great plant food to boot – another win-win situation!

Please congratulate our Yard of the Month Winners for May:

- Area 1: The Lesters, 984 Woodland Circle
- Area 2: Thomas Elliott, 1026 Mountain Top
- Area 3: Frances Costello, 1191 Southview Dr
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The Garden Club has added 6 new Members this year already, and we always welcome new folks. After our June meetings, we’ll take a break for July and August, then resume on the first Tuesday in September.

You can always see our upcoming events online at CAPEGARDENCLUB.WORDPRESS.COM, as well as pictures of Yard of the Month winners, and lots of great gardening links. Enjoy your Summer, everyone!

– Submitted by Jeanne Klingler

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Festivities continue at the Main Beach with:

- Water balloon toss
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Who has the best Backyard Ribs in Cape St. Claire? Come to the Clubhouse and found out! Special guest judges will sample and evaluate each entry and declare a winner! Start perfecting your rib recipes and enter your sample to win a special prize, and amazing bragging rights!

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Name/Title of Float Entry _____

Point of Contact’s Name _____

Email _____

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We agree to participate in the Cape St. Claire July 4th Parade with a float entry. We agree to meet at the CSC Fire Hall at 9:30 AM on, July 4, 2018 for the Parade and Contest Presentation immediately following at the Main Beach. I will accept full responsibility for my child’s safety. I understand children must wear bike helmets if bikes are part of the float entry.

Signature

Date



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- Awards Ceremony: 12:30 pm at the Clubhouse

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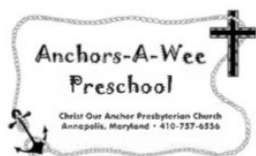
Prayer Group - Come join a small group of COA members and friends to pray about the world, our community, and the joys and concerns in our own lives. Each meeting includes a short Bible passage and discussion. Anyone is invited to come at any time. The Prayer Group meets from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Upcoming meetings: June 18th, July 16th and August 20th.



Tuesday Under the Trees Services - begin Tuesday, June 19th at 7 pm, and continue through September 4th, the Tuesday after Labor Day. It is a Beautiful, Peaceful, Calm, Enjoyable, Spiritual Summer Celebration. All are welcome.

Community Office Hours - 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. Drop in to say "Hello" and get to know Pastor Jessie in a casual and enjoyable setting. *Pastor Jessie is not available on June 21st., July 12th, or August 16th.

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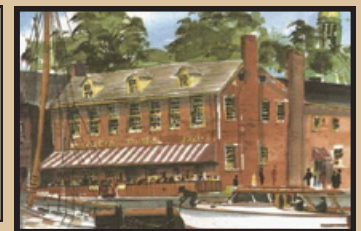
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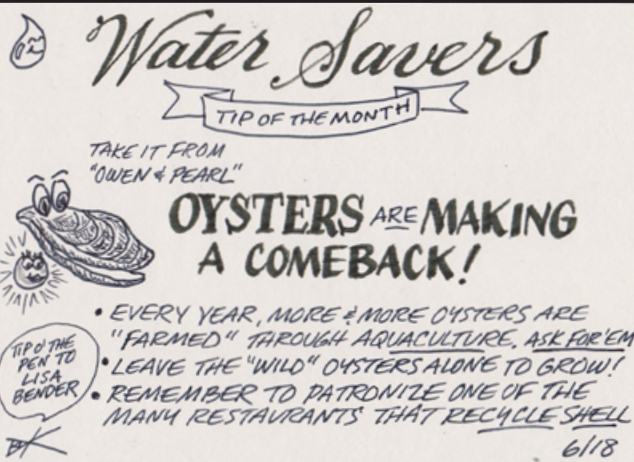
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