

The Caper

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

MAY 2020

President's Perspective

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Hello fellow Capers.

COVID-19

We've heard the quote: "We're all in this together", a lot lately. It's true, of course, but that doesn't mean we're not all frustrated with our current predicaments. The people on the front lines, battling this virus in the hospitals and in people's homes, have it worse. They are the true heroes here (my sister is one of them). I think I speak for most by saying that I'd like things to go back to normal ... and soon. We can only wait and see. Until then, stay home and be safe.

What have you been doing during quarantine? Exercising? Walking around this beautiful community? Meditating? Doing puzzles (me!) Spending quality time with your children? Watching your kids learn remotely? (and hear their screams of frustration?) Catching up on that yard work? Yoga? Keeping a journal? Creating TikToks? Singing in the shower? Not showering? Growing that beard you've always wanted to? Singing the alphabet song backwards? Twiddling your thumbs?

Did you know that you can ride the rides at Disney World using YouTube and VR? Catch an at home concert from your favorite musical artist? Rent movies that would otherwise only be in theaters? Browse the Smithsonian's awesome exhibits online? Watch the Tiger King? (train wreck!) Play board games with friends using remote viewing software like GoToMeeting or Google Meet? (Zoom is a security risk, FYI)

The most important thing to do during this time is to maintain a level of calm. I hope that we can all do that.

Cape Events

As I mentioned last month, most events in the foreseeable future have been cancelled. The Cape St. Claire Quarterly Meeting, scheduled for April 21st has been postponed. We hope to reschedule as soon as possible. As of this writing the Strawberry Festival has been postponed. We are hoping to be able to host it later in the summer. Be sure to check out the website at <https://cscstrawberryfestival.com> or their Facebook page for details as they are announced.

The primary election has been moved to June 2nd, 2020 by mail-in ballot because of COVID-19. Also, don't forget that Cape Clean up is scheduled for September 18th and 19th, we're optimistic that we can have that as scheduled!

Stay Safe - we'll get through this!

Stay healthy. Stay safe. By the time you're reading this, I hope we're back out there and saying hi to everyone again.

See you around the Cape soon - I hope!


Bill Szczytko
President CSCIA

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

APRIL 13, 2020

In attendance were: Governors Bill Szczytko, Dawn Myers, Jeff Roche, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Lisa Schmidt, Jerome Zadera. Matt Layman and Neil Macindoe, Town Manager Ryan Anderson, Budget Committee chair Michael Buchet, Budget Committee member Charlie Moore and guests Stacy Wildberger, Olivia West, Michele Shipley, Adam Keatts and Brad Medley.

President Szczytko called the meeting to order in an online session of GoToMeeting at 7:34 pm. The meeting was not held at the Cox meeting room in accordance with the social distance guidelines set by the state of Maryland and Anne Arundel County due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that this is a time of uncertainty and this is the first remote meeting of the CSCIA.

The minutes of March 9, 2020 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement of February 29, 2020 was reviewed and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager- Town Manager Anderson reported that there are still outstanding vegetation management plans. Richards Tree Service has been dealing with downed trees well. Three bids have been received for the mowing of CSCIA properties for Beaches and Parks committee review. The CSCIA work truck had repairs and will need a radiator. Budgeted funds are available and the truck is worth fixing. There has been good response to the call for beach attendants with some returning from previous years. The Cape St Claire Road welcome sign solar lights have been adjusted. A tree came down on the Deep Creek bulkhead, taking out a section of walkway and cutting off access to several slips. Burt Walsh is working on obtaining the permits for repair. Tree removal and pier replacement costs are estimated at about \$4000 plus cost of electrical and plumbing repairs. Water was turned on and paving of the lower Deep Creek lot completed. Installation of the portable toilets has been postponed until after the COVID 19 threat. The piers workday was cancelled, bubblers were removed by grounds crew. Slip contracts were due March 20. Swim buoys will be put out soon. The new hiker biker path is open. One open security officer position has been filled, getting most shifts covered. New parking stickers were mailed out and are in use. Two requests for information regarding unemployment claims have been received from the state for employees who voluntarily left the employ of CSCIA. Two returning beach attendants came back early to help as grounds crew. Leslie thanks everyone for their condolences on the loss of the office mascot, Tugboat. Primary elections have been postponed until June 2. The business office closed in keeping with COVID-19 rules on March 16 and has remained closed since. Business is being conducted well while maintaining social distance rules. The BLOA paid the final quarter general liability bill and toward the security expense.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Breeden thanked Governors Szczytko and Machindoe and Town Manager Anderson for their help securing the beaches during the lack of security

officers. The playgrounds were closed when the state of Maryland recommended such action, a week prior to the county directive. He thanked Dave Edwards for pressure washing the playground at his own expense. He commented that people are doing a good job of social distancing. The Easter sunrise service was cancelled, but CJ Timko provided music for those who came to enjoy the sunrise that day. Governor Breeden stayed to make sure that the social distance rules were followed and had no issues.

Piers: Allowances are going to be made for those slip holders with financial hardship due to COVID. Subleases are occurring and boats are being moved from the slips beyond the damaged section as possible. About 90% of the slip revenues have been collected.

BCC: Governor Breeden announced the cancellation of the April meeting of the Broadneck Council of Communities that was to feature the Board of Education representative.

Security: Governor Breeden said that the new officer is local and will get to know the area well.

Events: Governor Fairchild reported that the July 4th parade has been cancelled but that other planned July 4th events should be able to be organized quickly if gatherings are allowed then. Alternate dates are being considered for Zero Waste and the quarterly membership meeting.

Buildings: Governor Roche reported that with many more people at home with time to catch up on projects, he has received many building applications. He thanks those who are following the proper steps and applying.

Budget: Governor Zadera announced the online GoTo Meeting budget meeting scheduled for Thursday April 16 at 7:30 pm. Budget committee chair Buchet added that incomes will likely be lower than anticipated due to closures.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported that the clubhouse has been closed and that has resulted in a loss of revenue.

Caper: Governor Lamb reported articles will be reduced to one page to keep costs down.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb reported that the Strawberry Festival will be held, even if on a later date. Once restrictions on gatherings are lifted, a new date will be chosen.

Covenants: Governor Layman announced that 4 covenant complaints have been received. Three have been resolved and one is outstanding.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden gave an update on the beach restoration project, saying that he is working with BioHabitats on some aspects of the final drawings, is still in contact with the Alliance for the Chesapeake and federal permitting is proceeding. The Lake Claire site grant with Anne Arundel County has been applied for and we are awaiting an answer. The line of credit loan has been secured, but as no money has been borrowed yet, no interest is accruing. He is working more grant funds. The Lake Claire site has an anticipated installation of winter 2020/2021.

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A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

First and foremost, I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during these uncertain times. I am blown away by the creativity and community spirit that has flourished while we have all been ordered to stay home. Whether it be a visit from the Easter Bunny or a neighborhood safari, our community continues to come together and support one another. This is just another reason, I love this neighborhood.

With warmer weather approaching and hopefully stay at home restrictions being lifted, I want to remind everyone of a couple important things. When at the beach or community areas, please make sure you leave the area litter free! If you see trash, please pick it up. Let's take pride in our community! Please also slow down while driving through the neighborhood. Lots of children are at play and after being cooped up for so long, we will have a lot of people out and about.

All the beautiful trees and flowers are blooming and the grass is starting to finally grow. Here are a few lawn care tips for the growing season:

Most importantly, bare soil must be covered with turfgrass or other vegetation. Bare soil exposure directly contributes to soil erosion and surface runoff of fertilizer nutrients, sediment, and pesticides polluting our local watershed. Maintaining turfgrass is one of the easiest ways to prevent this. The University of Maryland Extension office recommends Tall Fescue as the species of choice for our state.

- Mow Tall: Aim for 4 inches tall. Only mow shorter if the grass starts to fall over on itself. This will also help block out sunlight from weeds and encourage deeper root growth.

- Rule: Never remove more than one third of the total height of your grass in a single mowing.
- Keep Sharp: Sharpen your lawn mower blade at least once per season to help avoid browning of the grass tips and promote disease resistance.
- Fertilize in the Fall: "Fertilize in the Fall, if at all." If you have to, fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn.
- Recycling/mulching your grass clippings all season long amounts to about one fertilizer application and reduces waste.

Yellow stickers should be on vehicles starting May 1st. Guest Passes are for parking only. Visitors must be accompanied by the Cape Resident to visit Cape beaches and parks.

Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30 pm is postponed until further notice.

The Annual Cape Clean Up will be held at the clubhouse fields on September 18th and 19th.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, or if you are in need of assistance. I still hope to see everyone at the Strawberry Festival!

Cheers,

Ryan Anderson

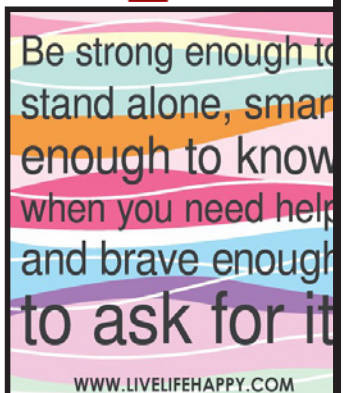
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How can we help?

I do not know anyone who does not have problems right now. I understand raising a family and the trials and joys it involves! I have grandchildren too. I understand being self employed.

I have supported the Strawberry Festival and Goshen Farms. I love the Cape!

The future is unclear right now. What help do you need? How can I help you? Groceries? Transportation? Just want to talk? You don't have to be alone all the time! ASK! ...and if you do not need help, please help your neighbor!



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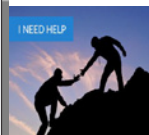


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COMMENTS

Stacy Wildberger announced that the Cape Conservation Corps had a nice kickoff meeting to recruit volunteers but that their events, including the guest speaker, have been cancelled.

Michael Buchet asked that anyone using the tools in the shed at Goshen Farm please use the disinfecting products provided there after use and that the minimum 6-foot social distance rules be followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Szczytko announced that the April quarterly membership meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled only if it can be within a reasonable amount of time before

the already scheduled July meeting. He pointed out that the GoToMeeting service has been useful, will continue to be after the COVID threat has passed and recommended that CSCIA purchase the service. A motion was made to do so and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The April 13, 2020 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:11 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:15 pm and adjourned at 10:02 pm.



2020 CAPE ST. CLAIRE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



As many of you know every year the May Caper is devoted to the Strawberry Festival. Labeled the “Strawberry Festival Edition”, it typically contains Contest Applications, Berry Bus Stops, Schedule of Events and other information relative to the Biggest Event in Cape St. Claire. It is with great sadness that the Strawberry Festival Committee has to announce that the Strawberry Festival will have to be postponed.

Please focus on the word postponed as the festival will not be cancelled. All plans for this year’s festival are in place, we just need a date. Once restrictions are lifted and we are permitted to have large gatherings, I promise you this will be first on the list.

As I reflect back on the many years of planning and hosting the Strawberry Festival, I recall the 2 years we were rained out because of terential downpours. I was sad and disappointed as this is such a great event and a wonderful opportunity for all of our local churches and community groups. In addition, this is the Saturday that our community looks forward to as we all get together with our friends and neighbors. Thinking back to those years and to where we are now, who would have ever imagined a pandemic would postpone our Strawberry Festival.

This certainly is a year that will not be forgotten. If you ask any member of my family, they will tell you that the Strawberry Festival is my passion and they would be correct. I have loved the Strawberry Festival since I was a child and I am passionate about making sure it continues so that all of the children, including my granddaughter, and their families can enjoy this day of family fun!

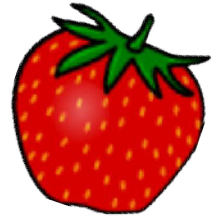
The Strawberry Festival has a website (cscstrawberryfestival.com) and a facebook page (CSC Strawberry Festival) which is regularly updated. Please vist these sites often as we will continue to provide updates as we have new information. I have enclosed the Princess Contest Entry Form in this issue of the Caper as we had decided to alter the questions to directly relate to these unusual times in our community.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2020 Strawberry Festival.

Sincerely,
Mary Lamb



2020 CAPE ST. CLAIRE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Princess Entry Form



Date: TBD

PARADE BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

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

- 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 2020 *or*
6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2020 *or*
9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2020

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 essay details).

Applicants must be available to ride in the parade on Strawberry Festival Saturday!!!

Littlest Princess (3rd, 4th or 5th grade in the fall of 2020)

❖ 200 Word Essay entitled “The Things I like Most about Family Time

Junior Princess (6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2020)

❖ 500 Word Essay entitled “My Hero during the 2020 Pandemic”

Princess (9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2020)

❖ 800 Word Essay entitled “The Importance of Community During These Trying Times”

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.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

School you will be attending in Fall 2020: _____

Phone Number: _____

Once completed, Please mail form to:



**Questions?
Call Mary at
410-757-0593**

**Mary Lamb
1180 Summit Drive
Annapolis, MD 21409**

Here's an understatement, Capers: these are strange times! I hope everyone is managing while we all navigate a new normal. We are so lucky to live in a wonderful neighborhood where people come together to help and support each other. We will get through this together.

We have also been very lucky to have mostly nice weather and a gorgeous early spring to coincide with our social distancing experiment. It has kept many people occupied and very busy as we have time to work in our yards and gardens. The Garden Club made the decision to carry on with our Yard of the Month judging and it's been difficult to choose winners! Usually, the month of April is very sketchy plant-wise; things are just starting to emerge, and usually cherry trees and daffodils guide our choices. Right now, there are so many beautiful blooms that we chose our April winners a week earlier than usual. We made sure we followed health protocols by using family teams to judge, and where that didn't work, we made little caravans as we drove through our areas. Again, thank you Capers, for all the lovely gardens!

Please congratulate our April Yard of the Month winners below:

Area 1: Donald Dicken, 1148 Skyway

Area 4: Mark Smith, 1015 Westway

Area 2: Mark McGeehan, 1034 Skyview

Area 5: Carol Cardarelli, 792 Rolling View

Area 3: David Landis, 964 St Johns

Congratulations to our winners! If you get the chance, take a walk around the neighborhood to take a look. Since there are so many folks now taking the time to walk around the neighborhood, many of you might actually get to each area and see the yards in person! But if you can't quite get all the way around, photos will also appear on our blog.

We regret that we had to cancel our April and May meetings, as we were looking forward to showing people how to divide plants and prune trees. To find out how to divide and prune, do check out our blog: capegardenclub.wordpress.com/learn. Many plants can still be divided and replanted at this time! On that page you can also click a link called *Inspiration for the New Gardener*, and see one of this April's Yard of the Month winners featured there, with before and after pictures of her now-stunning garden.

Our May meeting is typically devoted to final planning for the Annual Plant Sale. Planning and potting of plants is ongoing as we adjust to an alternate format. Fear not, Capers! We know how important it is for everyone to garden in the spring, especially now when we are largely confined to our homes. As one avid fan of ours put it, "The line has been crossed. No one and nothing interferes with my Cape Garden Club sale... I am now officially ticked..." And we all know that purchasing food plants is considered an essential activity! So we'll have a



VIRTUAL PLANT SALE



Choose your plants & pay online - Pickup curbside May 8-11

You'll still find our typical annuals, native perennials, vegetables, herbs, and Cape-grown perennial favorites! Please stay tuned to our blog, capegardenclub.wordpress.com and our Cape Facebook groups, and we will post the ordering link as soon as it is ready, hopefully around April 22nd, & take orders through May 7th.

Any plants not picked up by May 12th will be sold piecemeal in the typical way, as our leftovers have been sold in prior years. Please email capegardenclub@gmail.com on May 11th if you would like to shop in this way on May 12th - 15th - thanks!

It's too soon to say whether we will have our June 2nd meeting. We certainly hope so, as we're slated to be outdoors for an *Edible Herb Walk*, but will keep you posted. We miss all of our gardening friends plus the many new members we just met last fall. So for now, enjoy your gardens, take care, and be safe!

-- Submitted by Jeanne Klingler

April 28, 2020

To Residents of Cape St. Claire:

I've heard directly from many of you, and in normal times I would be at your community meeting to address you. I can't do that, so instead I'm writing this letter.

I first learned about your shoreline restoration project when Dawn Myers briefed me at the 2018 Strawberry Festival. I was inspired. I'm always inspired when a group of residents comes together to improve their piece of this planet, and makes it better for everyone else.

I recently heard from my staff that a couple of property owners were building piers next to where that restoration project was planned. My immediate response was, "Can't we do a stop work order?"

What followed was a series of meetings and a lot of research by our Environmental Policy Director, Matt Johnston and our County Attorney, Greg Swain - and of course a story in the Capital that left most of us wondering how this could have happened.

Here is my current take on the situation.

Applications for piers get approved routinely and rather quickly, and the applicant's statements are taken at face value. With the approval comes a written warning that Anne Arundel County does not check for private deed restrictions or covenants, but that the homeowner is still responsible for complying with such agreements. While I'd like to say that the permit processor should have known about the applicant's ongoing efforts to block the CSCIA shoreline restoration project through Maryland Department of the Environment, he or she had no way of knowing that history.

How did the applicants get the permits through without the community being notified? Unfortunately, county code only requires notification by applicants to adjacent property owners for pier applications, and there is some question about whether the lots are adjacent to community property.

Yes, this is outrageous, and yes I will ask the Council to pass legislation requiring additional disclosures in the future, but they found a loophole in the law and got through it.

"So," I asked my team, "What can we do now?"

Your community association has already figured that out. My understanding is that you used the terms of your covenant to get a restraining order. The county warned the applicant that this could happen, and it did.

The next thing that can happen is the shoreline restoration project. I have directed Matt Johnston and our Watershed Protection and Restoration Program team to do everything possible to move the project forward quickly. It has been delayed long enough.

As for the property owners hoping to block the project with lawyers and a pier, please reconsider your strategy. The Cape St. Claire community, the Chesapeake Bay, and Anne Arundel County matter. Don't fight us. Join us.

Sincerely,



Steuart Pittman
County Executive

The Best Place - For All



NEWS FROM

HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The History of Goshen Farm and Other News

Continued from last month

Richard Gardiner, the last member of the Gardiner family to own Goshen Farm, died in 1847 and left his estate to Thomas Jefferson Hall. Gardiner's grandmother was a Hall and Thomas was most likely a relative. He was born in approximately 1828, so he was about twenty-one when the farm came into his possession.

The executor of Gardiner's estate was another relative, Philip Pettebone, who owned a farm and store roughly in the area of where current day Bay Dale Drive meets US 50. After all was said and done, the estate was valued at \$2,767.83.

At the time of his inheritance, Thomas Hall was living with relatives Henry (b.1802) and Mordecai Hall (b. 1827) on a nearby farm. In 1851 he was married to Frances Jane Sewell (1831-1909), and it can be assumed they lived at Goshen Farm during this time.

Thomas J. and Frances Hall had at least 5 children. An inscription found at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Now the 11th hole of the Bay Hills golf course) reads "Hall, infant son of TJ and Frances Hall, March 1852".

Another son, Richard Gardner Hall, was born in 1872 and died in 1895. He was buried at the Arnold Asbury UMC Cemetery along with other members of the Hall family.

Slavery was a common practice on the farms of Anne Arundel County, and Goshen Farm was not an exception. In September 1850 Thomas Hall sold two of the slaves inherited from Richard Gardiner. Rachel, about 21 years old, was sold to Hamilton P. Moss for the sum of eighty dollars. She was to be freed at age 30. Richard Gardiner had originally paid Elijah Arnold \$170 for her in 1845.

Edward Stewart, 16, was sold to Landy Linstead for the sum of \$298.32. He was to be freed at the age of 38. He found freedom about 5 years early due to the passage of a new Maryland State Constitution in 1864, which abolished slavery in the state.

To be continued.....

Some Good News

In the middle of the crisis that has consumed a lot of our attention, the Goshen Farm Preservation Society has received some fantastic news. On March 18, 2020 we received an email from Senator Ed Reilly notifying the Society that it had been awarded a \$60,000 matching grant under the Maryland General Assembly Legislative Bond Initiative. Under this initiative, Senators and Delegates are allowed to submit capital project requests on behalf of non-profit

organizations within their districts. The Society reached out to Senator Reilly, a long-time and ardent supporter of the Society's work, with a request to sponsor a bill on behalf of the Society. He agreed. We also needed a sponsor on the House of Delegates side of the Assembly so the Society reached out to Delegate Heather Bagnall, also a long-time supporter of Goshen Farm. Delegate Bagnall grew up in the Cape and went to Broadneck High School.

Thanks to their bi-partisan support and a lot of coaching and hand holding, the Society navigated the two hearings before the county's General Assembly Delegation and the Joint Committee on Appropriations. The Society cannot thank these two committed and effective public servants enough. Now comes the task of raising the matching funds so the Goshen Farm House can be stabilized and restored. The Society appreciates the financial and emotional stress all of its members and friends are facing, but now is the opportunity to double your investment in the future of the Historic Goshen Farm & Educational Center. Whatever you can donate will be matched by State funds and deeply appreciated. Please visit our website for donation information. www.goshenfarm.org

Kayak Raffle

Included in the above matching grant are Kayak Raffle Tickets. You can purchase tickets online, and they will be emailed to you for Social Distancing. Tickets are \$5 each. The prize is 2 Emotion Spitfire Kayaks and paddles. The winner will be drawn at one of our July concerts. You do not have to be present to win. Please visit the website for more details. These funds will be included in the match!

Unfortunately, due to the Governor's Executive Order, the Spring Open House, scheduled for April 25th was cancelled. We hope to hold the events for later in the year including the Summer Concert Series, Wine Tasting, Harvest Spaghetti Dinner and the Fall Open House.

We hope everyone stays healthy!

Like us on Facebook for up to date news!

COVID-19'S IMPACT ON ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DPW'S WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Curbside Collection

All curbside collections (trash, recycling, yard waste) are operating on a normal schedule. However, volumes have increased substantially and crews are spread thin. Your curbside collection may occur later than usual, or in some areas even the following day. Please leave your materials at the curb until the crews are able to complete their routes. A good indication the trucks may be running behind would be that no one else on your street has received collection either. To report a concern to our Customer Service team, you can visit www.aacounty.org and choose Report a Concern or call (410) 222-6100.

You can help by placing out only what needs to be collected - trash (bagged in a container with a tight-fitted lid), recycling (loose in container), and yard waste (in kraft paper yard waste bags or containers marked with X's). We understand this is the perfect time for Spring Cleaning, but if you can hold that material and bulk items until state restrictions are lifted, it would make a world of difference.

For the complete guidelines on curbside collection, visit <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management/curbside-collection/index.html>

County Recycling Centers

To further protect the health and safety of both residents and employees, the County's three Recycling Centers will only permit ten vehicles to enter and use the facilities at a time, allowing everyone to adhere to the CDC's social distancing guidelines.

In line with the state's Stay At Home directive, we kindly request that facility visits be made only if it is essential, such an example would be those residents that do not receive curbside collection or to drop-off items that cannot be stored for an extended period of time. Otherwise, please hold items that cannot be collected curbside until the State of Emergency has been lifted.

For more information on our County Recycling Centers, including locations and hours of operations, visit <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management/recycling-centers/>.

Suspended Programs (temporary)

At this time, our Cart Delivery and Repair program has been suspended. If you are in immediate need of a recycling container, you can implement our "Container of Choice" option by using any container of your choosing for recycling! Simply mark the sides with "X"s visible to the crews.

Our Bulk Metal Collection program has also been halted as we focus attention and staff on more essential programs.

Our Textiles Recycling Program is on pause as well. Again, we know many folks are taking this time at home to declutter and gather items for donating and recycling, and we appreciate your understanding as this service requires the contractors to come into close contact with material. We ask that you kindly hold these items at home until we are able to collect this material again. If you didn't know about this program, there is a flyer attached to this email!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

In accordance with current CDC social distancing guidelines, we have had to cancel the first two HHW events on our 2020 schedule. At this time, the next event will be Saturday, June 6th at the Northern Recycling Center (100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie) from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, but we recommend checking our website prior to the event in the instance that it is cancelled. Visit <https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days> for the HHW schedule, program details, and suggestions for using non-hazardous products for your home.

COVID-19 Waste

Masks, gloves, wipes - we've seen an increase in these materials (and more of the like) in our trash and recycling streams. In order to ensure they end up in the right bin, we've created a "COVID-19 WASTE - Know Before You Throw" graphic that is attached to this email. Also included is our regular "Know Before You Throw" piece for reference.

NOTICE
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Limit of 10 vehicles permitted to enter and use this facility at any one time.

COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURE

COVID-19 UPDATE
Operating Status

Avoid non-essential visits to the County Landfill and Recycling Centers.

- **ONLY ten vehicles** are permitted to enter and use a **Recycling Center at any one time.**
- **ONLY** bring waste that requires immediate disposal.
- **Use curbside collection** for household recyclables, yard waste, and bagged trash; **avoid** putting out old furniture, mattresses, or similar bulk items.
- **Wait** until after State restrictions are lifted to bring us material that can't be collected curbside.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY



Bat Houses for Girl Scouts

Cape Conservation Corps recently donated 6 bat house that local Junior Girl Scout Troop 55 hung at Beverly Beach Triton Beach. The girls spent time with Ranger Victor at the park learning about the species of bats at the park as well throughout Maryland, they explored habitats and learned about the declining bat population and what has caused the decline. With the help of CCC's donation and Ranger Victor's guidance the girls were able to hang the 6 bat houses along the trails in suitable locations (high up and along the tree line for protection). The girls earned their animal habitat badge while helping an important species of Maryland. Click or visit our website for the whole article <https://capeconservationcorps.org/blog/>

News & Events:

Wednesday Weed Warriors: our Weed Warriors had started to get a jump on the garlic mustard at the Serene Ravine until we had to take a step back. Please email me or like our Facebook page to be notified when we will up and running again.

president@capeconservationcorps.org

Habitat Hero Tour: June 20th 9am-noon Join us as we tour each of 2019 Habitat Heroes yards to see what they are doing to make a difference and get ideas to be our next winner!

Native Plant Fest & Sale: September 19th 2020 9am-noon. Low, low prices on native plants that benefit our local ecosystem. Experts on hand to answer questions and recommend the right plant for the right place.

Spotlight on Native Host Plants: Two Powerhouse Perennials By: Stacey Wildberger

The last couple months have been an interesting time in our lives, unprecedented actually. I hope everyone is staying safe, healthy and mentally healthy!! Since our schedules were cleared for us many have been able to spend lots of quality time in our gardens, getting our flower beds refreshed and cleaned up, preparing to plant veggies and just taking time to enjoy what nature has to offer in our backyard. Many Capers can be seen strolling the community with kids and dogs in tow just to take a break from being in the house. So many of us our spending extra time outside in our gardens and own backyards, possibly planning a new garden bed or thinking about what plants to add this year to make a more pollinator friendly landscape or healthy habitat for the local fauna. So, let's take a look at a few top native plants to support biodiversity in our area. These are some plants that support the most number of Lepidoptera (butterfly and moth) species- the plants they need to lay their eggs on- the #1 Top Rated Host Plants!

Let's start with the top 2 perennials, both of which bloom in the fall so they not only are the best host plants you can add to your landscape but also will benefit the fall migrating butterflies, mainly the much loved Monarch butterfly. *Solidago* goldenrod are available in many species so there is sure to be one that fits your conditions. These pollinator magnets and top host plants support 115 species of Lepidoptera. Several caterpillars that feast on goldenrod include the brown-hooded owlet, the camouflaged looper, the common pug, the striped garden caterpillar, and the goldenrod gall moth. In addition to being a host plant, goldenrods attract a great many pollinators, including solitary wasps, soldier beetles, mining bees, the polyester bees as well as many other specialized native bees. Butterflies that will frequent your goldenrod include the Monarch, Hairstreaks, and Painted Ladies. I have also seen many birds feasting on their seed heads, including sparrows, chickadees, juncos, and downy woodpeckers. There are several species that will work well for our Cape gardens, find one that matches your conditions and you will provide food, shelter and happiness for so many species of butterflies, moths, birds and a large variety of other insects! *Solidago rugosa* wrinkleleaf or rough-stemmed goldenrod can handle moist to average soil in full sun, it will grow between 1-6' depending on the conditions. A common cultivar is "fireworks" that stays about 2-3' so it works well in the garden. If you are like many in the Cape you often have shade, so look for a more shade tolerant species such as *Solidago caesia* wreath or blue stem goldenrod. This particular species is 1-3" and can handle full sun to part shade and dry to medium soil. Another option for full sun is *Solidago canadensis* Canadian goldenrod (an MD native despite the name).

It ranges from 4-5' and prefers medium soil and full sun. And finally if you are lucky enough to have a moist sunny spot you could use *Solidago sempervirens* seaside goldenrod, 3-6' in height this salt tolerant variety will be a great addition to your moist to average soil areas. One last note of interest Goldenrods DO NOT cause sneezing and hay fever. They are insect pollinated plants, not wind pollinated and are not the culprit to fall allergies (do not confuse it them with ragweed).

The next powerhouse group of perennials are another group of fall blooming plants, Asters. Their striking purple blooms make a beautiful combination with the aforementioned goldenrods. The purple of the Asters and the golden yellows of the goldenrods are a can't miss autumn display that is sure to bring in the butterflies and pollinators. Asters are the host plant to 112 species of Lepidoptera including pearl crescents, northern crescents, tawny crescents, field crescents, silvery checkerspot, brown-hooded owlets, camouflaged loopers, common pugs, and striped garden caterpillars. Additionally, they are another strong source of nectar and pollen for migrating butterflies and fall foraging insects. There are many varieties, so you should be able to find ones to suit your yard. *Aster novae-angliae* New England Aster is popular for full to part sun in dry to average areas with a height of 2' it would complement your landscape well. The violet bloom last from September well into late October. Another full sun with dry to medium soil requirements is a smaller 1-2' is the *Symphyotrichum laeve* smooth blue aster with blue-purple bloom and a yellow center it will sure to be a spectacular addition to the fall blooming garden. If you are looking for a shade tolerant aster look no further than *Eurybia divaricata* white wood aster. Another fall blooming plant this one tolerates part to full shade with dry to medium soil. It has small white bloom with yellow centers.

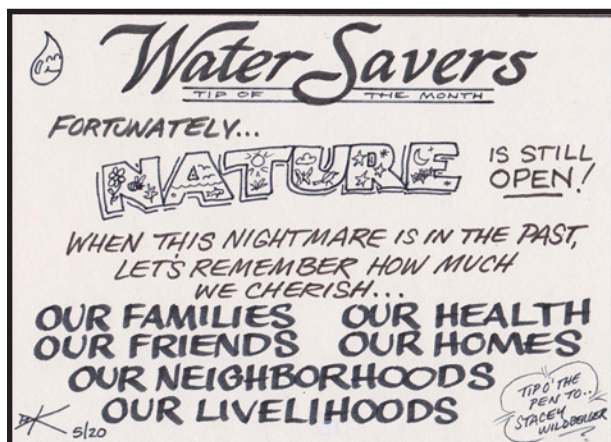
For a complete list of woody and perennial hosts plants click on the link

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Habitat Hero 1st Quarter 2020

Our 2020 first quarter Habitat Hero is Jeanne Klingler. I have known Jeanne for many years as she works in the media center of MRMS where all 4 of my kids went to her for book recommendations. We became friendly through garden club and discovered our mutual interest for gardening for nature. In fact, we formed a small group with several likeminded friends and took an online class where we read articles, watched videos and discussed wildlife friendly landscaping. I have visited her yard many times and knew all the great things she had going on over there so in times of social distancing I knew without even having to visit she would be the perfect choice for the first Habitat Hero of 2020. In lieu of an in person visit I had an email Q&A to get the best description of her yard and what her plans are for the coming year. She is working with CSC resident Chris Pax, a native landscape designer on converting her front "lawn" to a shady native garden area. Be sure to check out Chris' website for great newsletters, online classes and design services. Click here to visit our website and read my Q&A with Jeanne.

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COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)



Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus.

The disease causes respiratory illness (similar to the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. You can protect yourself by washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face, and avoiding close contact (3 feet) with people who are unwell.

How it spreads

Coronavirus disease spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or object that has the virus on it, then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.

Prevention

There's currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease (COVID-19). However, researchers are working on a vaccine and potential treatments.

You can protect yourself and help prevent spreading the virus to others if you:

Do

- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Avoid close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet when away from home.
- Stay at home with your immediate family except for essential trips to get food, medicine, or needed medical care
- You may take walks in the neighborhood (maintain 6 foot social distancing).
- However, if you are feeling unwell, do not leave home and self-isolate from family members. You may take walks in the neighborhood (maintain 6 foot social distancing).
- Wear a mask when in contact with others in public places (grocery stores, pharmacies). Any kind of mask is okay, such as a cotton homemade mask, or one made with a bandana or scarf.
- Gloves may be worn when in public for extra protection

Don't

Touch your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean.

Symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases.

These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure (based on the incubation period of MERS-CoV viruses).

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Other reported symptoms include
 - Loss of smell
 - Body aches.
 - Skeletal muscle pain
 - Fatigue

When to seek emergency medical attention

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

Diagnosis

If you develop symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and you've been exposed to the virus, contact your doctor. Tell him or her if you've traveled to any areas with ongoing community spread of COVID-19 according to CDC and WHO. Also let your doctor know if you've had close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Factors used to decide whether to test you for COVID-19 may differ depending on where you live. Depending on your location, you may need to be screened by your clinic to determine if testing is appropriate and available.

In the U.S., your doctor will determine whether to conduct tests for COVID-19 based on your signs and symptoms, as well as whether you have had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or traveled to or lived in any areas with ongoing community spread of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Your doctor may also consider testing if you're at higher risk of serious illness.

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To test for COVID-19, a health care provider uses a long swab to take a nasal sample. The sample is then sent to a lab for testing. If you're coughing up saliva (sputum), that may be sent for testing.

Treatment

Currently, no antiviral medication is recommended to treat COVID-19. Treatment is directed at relieving symptoms and may include:

Pain relievers (ibuprofen or acetaminophen). There have been some reports that people with severe symptoms were found to have Ibuprofen in their systems.

- Cough syrup or medication
- Rest
- Fluid intake

If you have mild symptoms, your doctor may recommend that you recover at home. He or she may give you special instructions to monitor your symptoms and to avoid spreading the illness to others. You may be

asked to isolate yourself as much as possible from family and pets while you're sick and to use a separate bedroom and bathroom. Your doctor will likely recommend that you stay home for a period of time except to get medical care. Your doctor will likely follow up with you regularly.

If you're very ill, you may need to be treated in the hospital.

Our future

At the time of this writing, the U.S. is in the middle of staying at home to control this virus. It is not known what the future will bring, but hopefully we will all learn from this experience the importance of preventing outbreaks such as this in the future. If all goes well by the time this article is published, we will have control of the virus and life will have returned to normal.

Stay home, stay safe, stay healthy.

Health Notes is a monthly article written by Deborah Campbell, a local nurse practitioner and long-time Cape resident who makes house calls to local residents for a nominal fee. She can be contacted at 443-362-2400 or by email @Debbie@annapolishealth.com.



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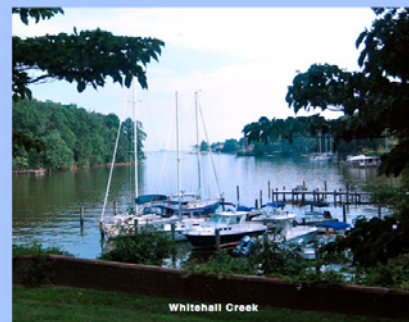


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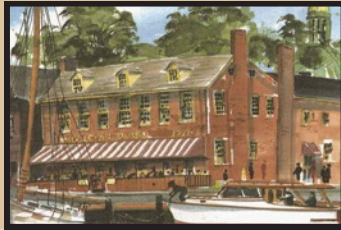
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