

The Caper



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021

QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 12TH AT 7:30 PM

President's Perspective

DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021



Dear Capers,

I am typing this message knowing full well that it will probably be the last time I will need to do it. Yup, you read that right, my second consecutive one-year term expires in January 2021 and, according to the bylaws, the max I am allowed is two. It has been one heck of a year hasn't it? I promised myself that I would NOT use the word **"THAT WHICH MUST NOT BE NAMED"** or mention it at all, so I won't; far too many messages this year have been flooded with it.

In anything I do, I am hoping to instill just a little piece of myself; what's my legacy, if you will? It's not about me, of course, it's about the community, so I'm hoping the newly restored view on the beach and the yearly Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be reminders to you and everyone else, the impact this board has had over the last two years. So much work has been done, feel free to read through the meeting minutes from the past year, but there is still so much more to do.

It has been my sincerest honor to represent all of you. I thank the community and the board for allowing me to do so. I feel that I have done what you needed.

I would love to stay on the board and request that you vote for me to do so in January. I have spent the last 6 years on the board and would love another 3 years to try to finish what I started.

Beach(es) Project(s)

Things continue to move along with the beach project(s). We continue to work through the funding from the Federal, County and State level. Work will begin in the spring. It's a very fluid situation with all of the back and forth between government entities so we'll be able to share many more details at the

yearly meeting in January. That meeting is currently slated for January 12th, 2021 at 7:30pm. We'll have the meeting links shared out as we get closer.

Events? Sure, of the virtual kind

The tree lighting ceremony will be held on November 29th at 6pm. This event will be streamed live on Facebook. Sadly, Breakfast with Santa has been cancelled due to **"THAT WHICH MUST NOT BE NAMED"**. It is sad news for the finale of this inglorious year called 2020. As we sprint into the new year, we can all shout out together: "2020.... bye, Felicia!"

Yearly Meeting

Do not forget that the yearly meeting will be taking place virtually on January 12th, 2021 at 7:30pm. We will be taking votes to re-elect existing board members and launch the careers of new ones. If you attended our quarterly meeting in October, you saw us test out a new platform that we think will work great.

Stay Safe

Stay healthy. Protect yourself from **"THAT WHICH MUST NOT BE NAMED"**. Love one another. Be kind. Support our local businesses. Enjoy yourselves and your families as best you can during this strange holiday season. Szczytko Out.

Bill Szczytko

President CSCIA

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

In attendance were: Governors Dawn Myers, Jeff Roche, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Lisa Schmidt, Jerome Zadera and Neil Macindoe, Town Manager Ryan Anderson, Budget Committee member Charlie Moore, and guests Phil Ourisson, Bob Bishop, Michele Shipley, Rose Mary Stocker and Lonnie Heflin.

Governor Myers called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. She reported that she is working with County Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler on a council bill to prevent riparian right issues.

Governor Roche introduced two variance requests. The first is a revisit of a previously approved variance to allow a garage with less than the required setbacks. The second variance was for an 8-foot-high section of fence to reduce unpleasant views, noise and traffic. Further discussion and voting would occur in closed session.

Minutes of the October 12, 2020 BOG meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement of September 30, 2020 was reviewed and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager- Town Manager Anderson reported one outstanding vegetation management. Several portable restrooms were removed and all to be gone by November 25. The clubhouse is still operating with the conditions of 50% capacity, no one-day liquor licenses, masks in shared spaces when not eating or drinking, and the modified cleaning contract. The guard shack interior wiring is complete and awaiting connection by BGE. The piers committee will have a workday on November 21. Water lines are to be winterized on Nov 23. The gate code for Lake Claire is to be changed and a replacement part is needed. Security officer positions have filled 15 of 30 days of November, with Governor Macindoe and Mr. Anderson filling in the open slots. Riparian rights and land use letters have prompted 5 inquiries which he is addressing with assistance from the attorney. The county audit was accepted. A final plan for handling the in person and electronic voting for Governors and the budget in January is needed. The insurance coverage is being reviewed.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Breeden reported the work on the memorial bench and Eagle Scout projects.

Budget: Governor Zadera reported that the budget proposal presented at the quarterly membership meeting will be published in the next Capar.

Buildings: Governor Roche announced that it remains a busy year with building permits.

Capar: Governor Lamb requested the November 20 deadline for submittals for printing in the next issue of the Capar.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said that there are few rentals, but we are doing the best we can to rent the clubhouse with the restrictions necessary.

Events: Governor Fairchild reported continuing planning for the Christmas tree lighting. Governor Lamb announced that

the permit for electricity at the guard shack was approved, the Charlie Brown and The Great Pumpkin float parade was successful, and that Breakfast with Santa will be canceled.

Piers: Governor Breeden reiterated the important piers dates. He will contact Burt Walsh regarding replacement of 12-15 pilings at Deep Creek. Budgeted capital improvement funds will be used, and all tidal permits will be obtained.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden reported the status of funding for the beach restoration projects. The county is working with the state to obtain grant funds for salt marsh creation. The Little Magothy River Association's dredge permit dates may necessitate temporary storage of sand on Cape property. An amended contract is needed for Alliance for the Chesapeake. Governor Breeden is working with the attorney on any legal issues. He is inquiring about the due dates for installment payments for the project. Of the \$650,000 available on the loan, about \$125,000 has been used. The entire cost of the projects is expected to be well below original projections.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for the Budget Committee are due November 20, 2020.

COMMENTS

Phil Ourisson reported the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) that plants purchased with the Unity Garden grant were planted in October at the Serene Ravine. They are working on installing a Unity Garden sign and finalizing plans for Sam Papps' Eagle Scout bench project. Weeding is done for the year, mulching of the path is still planned.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn and move to a closed session. The November 9, 2020 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:00 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:02 pm and adjourned at 8:38 pm.

A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! We certainly have a lot to be thankful for here in Cape St. Claire!

Everyone should be receiving their annual maintenance fee renewal forms in the mail. Keep a look out for the yellow cards and be sure to pay your maintenance fee by March 1st to avoid any late fees. You can mail in a check with your yellow card or leave them in our drop box, which is located next to the office door. Be sure to fill out your vehicle information completely. We accept cash and checks payable to CSCIA.

With the festive season upon us, I would be remiss if I did share some holiday tips to keep our homes safe:

- Please inspect electrical decorations for damage before use. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- Do not overload electrical outlets. Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high wattage into each outlet at a time.
- Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights. More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.

- Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11pm and 7am.

- Keep your trees fresh by watering daily. Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.

- Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking. Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

I encourage everyone to mark your calendars for the Tuesday, January 12th Annual Membership meeting. It will be held virtually via online meeting software again. The link will be shared on our webpage and our Facebook page as well. The voting ballots for Board of Governors, Budget Committee, and the proposed budget information can be reviewed here in this month's Caper.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, or if you are in need of assistance. I wish you all a safe holiday season and a happy new year!

**Cheers,
Ryan Anderson**

*Cape St Claire Town Manager
TownManager@cscia.org
443.510.3116*

Look Forward to 2021!

2020 is almost over! Thank goodness! I know many folks who are cleaning out, cleaning up, purging, painting, replacing, repairing and getting ready for a promising year to move in 2021!

What is your plan?

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2021-22 BALLOT

All property owners may vote, up to two per household.

Ballots cast by mail must be signed and legible, or you must cast a ballot in person at the Clubhouse.

In order to be counted, the ballot must be received no later than Wednesday, January 6, 2021

in the CSCIA Office, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Unsigned ballots will be disqualified.

<p><u>Board Of Governors</u></p> <p>Please Vote for up to 3</p> <p>Biographies on pg 5 (*Incumbent)</p> <p>* Bill Szczytko _____</p> <p>*Lisa Schmidt _____</p> <p>Michele Shipley _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><u>Board Of Governors</u></p> <p>Please Vote for up to 3</p> <p>Biographies on pg 5 (*Incumbent)</p> <p>* Bill Szczytko _____</p> <p>*Lisa Schmidt _____</p> <p>Michele Shipley _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><u>SCBD Budget Committee</u></p> <p>Please write-in up to 3</p> <p>*Michael Buchet _____</p> <p>*Brad Medley _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><u>SCBD Budget Committee</u></p> <p>Please write-in up to 3</p> <p>*Michael Buchet _____</p> <p>*Brad Medley _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Please check one box below each question</p> <p><u>FY 2021 Budget (see page 7)</u></p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p> <p><u>\$25 increase in the SCBD Cap</u></p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p>	<p>Please check one box below each question</p> <p><u>FY 2021 Budget (see page 7)</u></p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p> <p><u>\$25 increase in the SCBD Cap</u></p> <p>FOR _____ AGAINST _____</p>
<p>Signature -</p>	<p>Signature -</p>
<p>Print Name -</p>	<p>Print Name -</p>
<p>Print Address -</p>	<p>Print Address -</p>

*Incumbent

ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Michele Shipley

My husband, Loren and I have lived in Cape St. Claire since August of 1997, moving into our home a couple weeks after we got married. We raised our two daughters here and we have never regretted our decision although, truth be told, I'm not a fan of the split foyer concept. Our girls are currently attending college at Towson and St. Mary's College of Maryland, respectively. While they were growing up I served in various volunteer roles at Cape St. Claire Elementary, Magothy Middle and Broadneck High schools. I received my undergraduate degree from St. Mary's College of Maryland and a paralegal certificate from Anne Arundel Community College. I have worked at the same law firm for nearly 28 years and have also enjoyed sharing my volunteer time with a handful of professional organizations. Now that I am an empty nester and have more free time, I would like the opportunity to serve the community on the Board of Governors.

Lisa Schmidt

I have lived in Cape St. Claire for 5 years and love this neighborhood. My family's favorite neighborhood spot is Lake Claire. I have been on the board the past 3 years and would love to continue. Although events have been a challenge during 2020, I have hope that we can plan more fun events soon. In addition to serving on the CSCIA board, I am also a teacher at Cape St. Claire Elementary. I am amazed at the work done by this board of volunteers and the improvements that continue to happen to make this community even better.

Bill Szczytko

I only wish I'd known about this town sooner.

In 1996, when I graduated from York College of Pennsylvania with a degree in Marketing, I moved to Maryland. I've called this great state home since then. In 2009, my wife and I wanted to move to a better educational district for our two children and so we relocated to Cape St. Claire. In many ways, I feel like I've always lived here. The local businesses thrive, the beaches, which are in desperate need of fixing, are positive places to come and spend quality family time. It has the small town feel of America only minutes from the government and tourists and families speeding through to get to Ocean City.

I've spent the last 19 years of my life working for a great Property Management company as the Director of IT or Champion of All Things Nerdy or just Bill to some. I have

many responsibilities, from Technology to Marketing. More than anything else, I want to be useful wherever I work or volunteer.

Most of you know that I've spent the last 6 years on the board in many capacities but for the last 2 years, I've been the President of Cape Improvement Association. We had many positive experiences together, the Tree Lighting ceremony is proof of that. We've also gone through some challenges together, COVID-19, the illegally built pier but we have many more positive opportunities, like the Beach Project, to get through. I'd like another 3 year term to finish what I've started. I thank you for your consideration.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Charlie Moore

Carol and I moved into the community in Sept. 2016 and I have enjoyed serving on The Budget Committee for the past three years. My career included positions as VP Finance and CFO of multiple business units of Bell Atlantic (now Verizon) including Bell Atlantic International Bell Atlantic Directory Services, Bell Atlantic Network Services and Controller of Bell Atlantic-Maryland. After retiring from Bell Atlantic, I engaged in multiple entrepreneurial activities including the cofounding of sever companies including TelAtlantic Communications, Inc. (acquisition of multiple rural telephone companies in Kansas, Missouri, West Virginia and Florida) and Caspian International (a drywall production company in Honduras). In my continuing retirement, I am serving on the Board of Directors of McDaniel College (Westminster, MD), Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, DC) and Africa University in Zimbabwe.

Michael Buchet

My name is Michael Buchet. We have lived in the Cape since February of 2001 and have been involved in the schools, Girl Scouts, Goshen Farm Preservation Society, Swim Club, Youth Sailing, and CSCIA. Our daughters played rec sports, and we enjoy walks on the beaches. The older one and her husband who were raising two grandkids here have moved to Greensboro (Eastern Shore). Renee is working at Cheesecake Factory. For many years I have been your representative on the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association (CSCIA) budget committee and am running for another term. During my tenure the committee has delivered draft proposed balanced budgets. Before moving to Cape St. Claire, I managed two divisions for the National Safety Council (the Green Cross for Safety folks). I budgeted two half-million-dollar annual budgets and then operated the divisions on those funds,

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ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

including national and international activities. The National Safety Council is a nonprofit organization. Budgeting and operating within budget while protecting membership interests was my central goal. I am 74 in March, a Viet Nam Veteran, a retired Marine Corps Sergeant Major and a lawyer currently retired from the US DOL Occupational Safety and Health Administration. I pledge to continue to be fiscally reasonable, accessible to you and your budget concerns. Please vote at the January 2021 membership meeting and grant me another term on the CSCIA budget committee. My family and I wish you healthy, happy, safe holidays and futures.

I often joke with my wife that Cape St. Claire reminds me of Mayberry. I can't go anywhere in the Cape without running into someone I know. We smile and wave. That's the kind of amazing town it is.

Brad Medley

After spending the past 30 years on the peninsula, my wife and I decided to settle down and purchase a home 5 years

ago. We could not have selected a better community than Cape St Claire to raise our family. With everything contained in this charming community from great beaches, functional boat access, delightful play areas and a sense of family that is warm and welcoming.

I currently work for Hilton Hotels corporate office deploying the latest software and implementing change throughout this amazing organization. I also recently finished up a term as House Committee Chairman at the Broadneck Elks lodge where I have been able to manage the budget for some very successful events including our annual crab feast, cornhole tournament, horseshoe tournament and numerous other parties and events. Prior to that I was also happy to serve in my capacity of Secretary which included records management and financial accountability for membership. My previous work skills and benevolent experience should be a great match to assist the budget committee in ensuring our road to success for many years to come.

CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST WINNER **Elizabeth Jensen**

Elizabeth Jensen Wins 2021 CSC Community Calendar Photo Contest

Congratulations to Elizabeth Jensen for winning the grand prize in the 2021 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar Photo Contest with her photograph titled "Paddle Boarding At Sunset". You'll find Elizabeth's photo printed on the front of the 2021 Cape Calendar. She received a \$100.00 cash prize.

Thank you to all who submitted photos for the contest.

Many thanks to Cape Ace Hardware who graciously offered their store as the photo contest collection and pickup point.

Expect copies of the 2021 Community Calendar to arrive in mailboxes in December. Extra copies will be available at the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association office. Take special note of the last two inside calendar pages that contain important telephone numbers for community organizations, government agencies, schools, Cape St. Claire Shopping Center merchants, The Caper, calendar advertisers, and more!

Amy Podd

*Advertising Director
2021 CSC Community Calendar*

CHRISTMAS EVENTS @ St. Margaret's Church

**Wednesday,
December 16
Noon**
*Live-streamed

Blue Christmas Service
Are you feeling challenged by the upcoming holidays? Reflect, process, and prepare for this season of Advent with us through the liturgy and music. Together we will acknowledge that we all experience times of disappointment and difficulty that leave us clinging for signs of hope and relief.

**Thursday,
December 24
5:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Service
Family Friendly – Nativity Story
(Pre-recorded)

**Thursday,
December 24
7:00 p.m.**
*live-streamed

Christmas Eve Traditional
With special music and candlelighting

**Sunday,
Dec. 27
9:00 a.m.**

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Readings and music celebrating the joy of Christ's birth (Pre-recorded)

St. Margaret's Church
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Annapolis, MD. 21409
(410)-974-0200 • info@st-margarets.org
To attend a service, go to www.st-margarets.org.
*All live-stream events occur on our Facebook public page: www.facebook.com/smcannapolis



CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2022 BUDGET, ASSESSMENT AND CAP

Each year the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. (CSCIA) Budget Committee develops a proposed consolidated budget for the community. The Committee is composed of up to three members elected by the community at large and two members appointed by vote of the CSCIA Board of Governors (BOG). The committee appreciates Beau Breeden's and Jerome Zadera's insights as well as those from other Board members and our Town Manager who attended Budget Committee meetings. Input from Community members is always welcome. The Committee presents a proposed draft budget to the BOG for review, comment, modification and recommendation. BOG presents the draft to CSCIA members for their approval. Once approved the budget is submitted to the County government. The BOG has reviewed and recommends the enclosed consolidated FY 2022 budget summary for CSCIA membership approval at the January 2021 annual membership meeting.

This summary includes the Cape Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) budget and two other budgets. SCBD revenues are from tax fees collected, appropriated and remitted to CSCIA by the County. The County retains an annual \$2,000 processing fee and monthly amounts for loan repayments. The CSCIA collects non-SCBD revenues from Maintenance (including Caper advertising and Clubhouse rental, other miscellaneous revenue sources) and Marina Pier slip rental and other fees. Each year, the community votes to approve these budgets. Maintenance and Marina Pier budget approval by the community is not required but has been for years as a best practice for transparency. At the annual January membership meeting Cape members can vote for, modify, reject or do nothing for all the budgets.

The attached consolidated budget spread sheet shows SCBD and non-SCBD revenues, expenses and totals by line item amount and dollar amount change. The Revenues & Expense sections of the Budget have been separated to make it easier to read. For comparison purposes separate columns show FY 2019, and FY 2020 actual amounts, as well as the county approved FY 2021 budget amounts.

The **current SCBD assessment cap is \$200 per tax account.** Based on **2,308 County counted tax accounts** in Cape St. Claire, the Board of Governors **recommends increasing the assessment cap by \$25.00.** However, it **recommends maintaining the actual assessment at \$195 for the FY 2022 budget year.** The Budget Committee and Board of Governors have worked diligently to maintain the assessment **by finding savings, addressing cost increases and priorities, while maintaining service levels, and finding financing for the Shoreline Restoration Project's Site 1 and Site 2.** Cape members can only raise the SCBD assessment Cap every two years; this provides assessment flexibility in the interim year.

Your vote for or against the consolidated SCBD and Non-SCBD budget is by ballot. **For your convenience a Ballot is enclosed in the Caper's Dec/Jan Issue.** Under the CSCIA Bylaws and SCBD Rules **if lot owners fail to approve the proposed budget,** CSCIA will be required to operate at the previous level. Using the last county approved year numbers from FY 2021 could result in spending cuts as well as jeopardize assets and overall service levels.

Please plan on attending the January 2021 CSCIA Membership meeting. Your comments are welcomed. **Vote for your Board of Governors recommended FY 2022 budget; it is vitally important to Cape St. Claire.**

BACKGROUND: Community members petition their county government to form an SCBD. The County approves an SCBD and, then annually the SCBD budget. An SCBD provides community approved services, which are paid for collectively by community approved annual assessments. The benefits are NOT available to the County at large. Furthermore, Cape St. Claire SCBD funds may only be spent on the four major purposes approved by the County for our SCBD. The purposes are:

- Maintenance of community property (Beaches and Parks, Playground equipment, Fishing pier, Deep Creek bulkhead, shoreline restoration, and the 30 plus acres of CSCIA owned parcels of land in the Cape)
- Special security for community property (Off duty police security patrols, and Beach attendants)
- Acquisition, improvement and construction of real and personal property (Like: The Clubhouse, Sidewalks, main beach walkway/steps, parking lots, fishing pier)
- Administrative expenses for these purposes (Wages, Benefits, Utilities, Sewer, Insurance, Legal fees)

CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2022 BUDGET, ASSESSMENT AND CAP

Cape St. Claire Improvement Association Proposed Fiscal Year Budget Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022)		SCBD	Non-SCBD	
Ordinary Income/Expenses		SCBD-Regular Totals	Mmbr-Maint, Beach-Parks, Caper, Club- House, Lake Claire, BLOA/CSCSC (passthru)	Piers
INCOME				
	Caper Advertising	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
	BLOA Contribution (Security and Taxes)	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00
	CSCSC Contribution (Taxes, Rent & Security)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Note 1	Maintenance Fees	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Note 2	SCBD Revenue	\$450,060.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	HOA Packets	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
	Interest Income - SCBD, Maintenance-Piers	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$0.00
	Late Fees Income - Maintenance/Piers	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$100.00
	Misc. Income - SCBD, Maint./Piers+Signboard	\$0.00	\$4,750.00	\$100.00
CL	Clubhouse - Rental Income	\$0.00	\$31,000.00	\$0.00
PM	Piers - Slip Rental Fees for 237	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92,595.00
	Piers - Capital Assessment \$55 237 slips	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,035.00
PM	Piers Waitlist (One Time \$100 for 1st Slip)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
	From SCBD Prior Two-years or NonSCBD Reserves	\$56,419.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Additional Parking Sticker Fees	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
	Total Income	\$506,499.70	\$132,830.00	\$107,330.00
EXPENSES				
General and Administrative				
S	Accounting Fees	\$5,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
S	Audit Expenses	\$5,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
	Bank Charges	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Note 3	Caper Print/Edit/ Contract&Postage	\$30,900.00	\$20,600.00	\$0.00
Note 4	Collection Fee - AA County,	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PM	Front Foot Assessments Until FY 2029	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,170.00
S	Insurance	\$25,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00
S	Legal Services	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
BP	Membership/Conference/Training (Dues & Fees)	\$1,300.00	\$650.00	\$150.00
S	Misc. (Refreshments, Volunteer Appreciation, CSCIA Milleage, Penalties/Interest, etc.)	\$528.20	\$392.21	\$250.00
	Events	\$1,525.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
BP	Mowing Contract / Bid Out	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CL	Clubhouse Custodial Svcs (Contract) /Bid Out	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
	Contract Labor (Special Event Public Security)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
S	Office Supplies/Scanning Files/QuickBooks subscriptn	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
S	Payroll Expenses & Benefits	\$19,454.73	\$6,179.16	\$2,405.00
S	Permits	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$520.00
S	Postage	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
S	Printing	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00
	5 Property Taxes	\$4,350.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,900.00
S	Repairs/Maintenance	\$31,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
S	Sanitary Services-PortaJohns	\$8,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00

CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2022 BUDGET, ASSESSMENT AND CAP

Mmbr-Maint, Beach-Parks, Caper, Club-House, Lake Claire, BLOA/CSCSC (passthru) + Piers Totals	SCBD Plus Non-SCBD					
	FY 22 Proposed Budget	FY 21 Approved Budget	FY 20 Approved Budget	FY 20 Actual	FY 19 Actual	Dollar Change FY 20 To FY 22
\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$33,113.00	\$33,631.99	\$0.00
\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$5,079.00	\$5,079.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,421.00
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,052.00	\$3,052.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	(\$1,052.00)
\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$24,873.99	\$25,202.15	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$450,060.00	\$450,645.00	\$438,710.00	\$437,027.91	\$401,690.95	\$11,350.00
\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$11,850.00	\$13,500.00	\$500.00
\$80.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$66.24	\$54.37	(\$20.00)
\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,270.01	\$6,746.67	\$0.00
\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,100.00	\$3,800.20	\$3,972.88	\$750.00
\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$38,500.00	\$34,642.50	\$44,365.00	(\$7,500.00)
\$92,595.00	\$92,595.00	\$99,040.00	\$99,040.00	\$101,453.00	\$91,115.75	(\$6,445.00)
\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$56,419.70	\$18,059.46	\$11,333.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,085.80
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,960.00	\$1,927.33	\$0.00
\$240,160.00	\$746,659.70	\$719,930.46	\$697,569.90	\$659,706.85	\$627,107.09	\$49,089.80
\$3,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$7,268.51	\$11,013.25	\$0.00
\$2,500.00	\$7,800.00	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	(\$500.00)
\$50.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$541.24	\$161.40	\$150.00
\$20,600.00	\$51,500.00	\$51,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,355.46	\$51,037.73	\$1,500.00
\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	(\$530.00)
\$15,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,800.00	\$34,085.32	\$30,382.57	\$4,200.00
\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$45,779.29	\$8,171.00	\$0.00
\$800.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$571.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
\$642.21	\$1,170.41	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$682.21	\$2,921.31	\$70.41
\$500.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$1,038.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$16,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$13,920.00	\$15,050.00	\$1,500.00
\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$17,774.67	\$14,622.08	\$6,000.00
\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	(\$500.00)
\$1,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,791.28	\$2,984.89	(\$400.00)
\$8,584.16	\$28,038.89	\$32,180.20	\$32,240.00	\$29,421.80	\$21,549.27	(\$4,201.11)
\$1,020.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$743.99	\$2,074.33	\$270.00
\$2,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,915.60	\$2,636.38	\$1,500.00
\$2,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$3,400.67	\$2,524.43	\$0.00
\$6,900.00	\$11,250.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$4,828.90	\$3,218.16	\$4,900.00
\$27,500.00	\$58,500.00	\$61,224.00	\$65,590.00	\$34,000.95	\$37,758.68	(\$7,090.00)
\$1,100.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00	\$7,044.20	\$7,468.13	(\$150.00)

CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2022 BUDGET, ASSESSMENT AND CAP

Ordinary Income/Expenses		SCBD-Regular Totals	Mmbr-Maint, Beach-Parks, Caper, Club- House, Lake Claire, BLOA/CSCSC (passthru)	Piers
S	Sewer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
S	Signage	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
S	Telecommunication & Internet	\$3,700.00	\$350.00	\$8,500.00
S	Trash Collection	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
S	Utilities	\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$12,500.00
Note 5	Wages-Town Manager	\$61,611.00	\$15,085.80	\$5,250.00
S	Wages - Administrator	\$42,208.78	\$9,946.22	\$5,250.00
S	Wages - Asst. Administrator	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00
	Wages - Asst. Administrator (Mtg. Spt.)	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Wages - Code Enf./Permit Acquisition Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BP	Wages - Grounds Keepers/Keeping	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
CL	Wages - Custodial Svcs	\$2,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PM	Wages - Handyman for piers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
PM	Wages - Pump-out attendant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Wages - Security Patrol	\$44,352.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BP	Wages - Beach Attendants	\$16,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	Wage/Salary Potential Annual Defined Criteria Bonus	\$7,139.99	\$2,376.60	\$925.00
	Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Technology/ Website	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Ttl Gnrl&Admin Expr Total General and Admin		\$401,499.70	\$132,830.00	\$75,220.00
Capital Expns				
BP	Beaches and Parks Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CL	Clubhouse Improvements	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PM	Piers Improvments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,075.00
PM	Piers Replacement Repair (FY 16-21) Capital Reserve F	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,035.00
Note 6	Shoreline Erosion Restoration	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Capital Expns Total Capital Expenditures		\$105,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,110.00
Total Expenditures		\$506,499.70	\$132,830.00	\$107,330.00
Net Income (Loss)		(\$0.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Note 1: Membership Maintenance Fee Revenues up to \$10.00 per platted or fractional lot.

Note 2: SCBD Revenue for 2308 taxed lots in Cape that are assessed at \$195 per lot.

Note3: Contract to Edit/Print/Distribute/Mail Caper.

Note 4: AA County Tax Collection Fee. Deducted before moneys remitted to CSCIA.

Note 5: Town Manager partial first year.

Note 6: Membership approved dedicated annual shoreline restoration assessment. Zeroed Beaches-Parks Clubhouse \$30,000 plus Took \$6,500 from Maintenance. Total \$36,500 to Shore Line Restoration

CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2022 BUDGET, ASSESSMENT AND CAP

Mmbr-Maint, Beach-Parks, Caper, Club-House, Lake Claire, BLOA/CSCSC (passthru) + Piers Totals	FY 22 Proposed Budget	FY 21 Approved Budget	FY 20 Approved Budget	FY 20 Actual	FY 19 Actual	Dollar Change FY 20 To FY 22
\$100.00	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$539.64	\$439.18	(\$150.00)
\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
\$8,850.00	\$12,550.00	\$12,050.00	\$12,050.00	\$10,481.51	\$8,914.31	\$500.00
\$350.00	\$6,350.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,298.57	\$4,534.00	\$1,100.00
\$12,700.00	\$22,700.00	\$24,200.00	\$24,200.00	\$21,440.48	\$21,472.49	(\$1,500.00)
\$20,335.80	\$81,946.80	\$79,560.00	\$78,000.00	\$78,958.07	\$74,275.64	\$3,946.80
\$15,196.22	\$57,405.00	\$51,000.00	\$49,920.00	\$48,382.62	\$50,809.96	\$7,485.00
\$6,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$6,699.04	\$4,574.25	(\$2,000.00)
\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,600.00)
\$10,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$17,726.86	\$24,448.94	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,485.00	\$1,768.40	\$0.00
\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,704.57	\$3,599.50	\$500.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
\$0.00	\$44,352.00	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$23,367.00	\$39,410.00	(\$1,648.00)
\$10,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$19,879.76	\$18,137.46	\$0.00
\$3,301.60	\$10,441.59	\$10,077.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$10,441.59
\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,346.12	\$514.12	(\$1,100.00)
\$150.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,852.92	\$2,793.00	(\$6,850.00)
\$208,050.00	\$609,549.70	\$600,566.20	\$595,705.00	\$507,145.83	\$477,884.86	\$13,844.70
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,395.01	\$62,889.28	(\$12,500.00)
\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,929.26	\$15,000.00	\$8,636.10	\$31,500.00	\$15,000.00
\$19,075.00	\$19,075.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,619.11	(\$925.00)
\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$12,375.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,377.51	\$41,000.00	\$34,000.00
\$32,110.00	\$137,110.00	\$119,364.26	\$101,535.00	\$65,408.62	\$156,383.39	\$35,575.00
\$240,160.00	\$746,659.70	\$719,930.46	\$697,240.00	\$572,554.45	\$634,268.25	\$49,419.70
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$329.90	\$87,152.40	(\$7,161.16)	(\$87,152.40)

As I sit on my back porch in mid-afternoon, I am enjoying what could be the last temperate weekend in November. My garden has gone to seed and the birds are enjoying it. The frogs in my pond are soaking up the rays of the warm sun. I've heard and seen lingering insects, including honeybees. A squirrel thinks he is going to sneak onto the porch through a hole he made in the screen; he doesn't appear to notice me or my cat, who has been on guard for just such an incursion. I realize how very fortunate I am to live in a nice house, in a nice neighborhood with wonderful neighbors. I hope I never take it for granted!

And just because I am loafing right now, doesn't mean I haven't been gardening! In fact, my mind and time have been occupied this weekend with the task of removing various aggressive vines that have been making their way into my yard: English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle, porcelain berry, green brier, and Virginia creeper. All of these vines, both native and non-native, grow so aggressively that they can strangle or even pull-down trees and shrubs, so I've been cutting these vines at the base and digging up the roots. This vine-control project will continue for years, I am sure! If you'd like a little more info about removing aggressive vines, here is a link to the Maryland Extension Service site: extension.umd.edu/hgic/topics/invasive-vine-groundcover-control



We are all enjoying the gorgeous fall foliage while we garden – the golds, oranges, and reds this time of year feel like the pinnacle of the season's growth. Speaking of seasonal change, this month the Garden Club streamed a documentary about the life and work of a world-class landscape designer. *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf* turned out to be a ravishing feast for the eyes, heart, and soul, with stunning photography. Some watched at home and others joined a socially-distanced viewing party al fresco, drinking hot cider around a roaring fire pit. Seeing the gardens of this visionary artist evolving through the seasons into the bounty of autumn was both soothing and inspiring!

Some Members have been planting tulips and other bulbs in preparation for a colorful spring bloom – nothing beats the winter blues like some crocuses poking up in February! In fact, one of our Members, who collects rare bulbs, even has a cultivar of snow drop that is already blooming along with her mums (pictured)!

In late November we also gathered for our annual Wreath Workshop, creating several wreaths for display right here in Cape, as well as joining other area Garden Clubs to contribute wreaths for decorating State Circle in downtown Annapolis. Members brought evergreen clippings from their own gardens and met outdoors in the fresh air. We enjoyed hot cider and managed to have just as much fun working together while social-distancing.

In December, Members will don our masks and continue our festive tradition of walking through Homestead Gardens to see the miniature trains, poinsettias of all colors, holiday lights & decorations in a winter wonderland.

Then on Sunday, January 10th, 3-4pm, we'll meet outdoors in the Clubhouse field for our annual Winter-Sowing Workshop. Please wear a mask, bring translucent containers like milk jugs or spinach boxes, and come join the fun! Learn about our workshops or see our upcoming meetings at capegardenclub.wordpress.com, or like our Facebook page for regular updates: facebook.com/capegardenclub. New Members & Guests are always welcomed with great gusto.

Happy Holidays to you all, and hope to see you in the new year!

-- Submitted by Jeanne Klingler





NEWS FROM

HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

History Continued...

Henry Tydings and his second wife, Eleanor Jane Foreman had one child, Mary Linstead Tydings, born in 1879. Her older half-brothers had embarked on their careers while Mary was still young.

On November 15, 1899, Mary married Charles Carroll Brice in Arnold. He was a descendant of some of the wealthiest and most influential families in Annapolis and the surrounding area. One ancestor of note was his namesake, Dr. Charles Carroll, signer of the US Constitution.

Some of his early ancestors and relatives owned the land at ferry point farm and operated the ferry to Annapolis across the Severn River. This area, across the Severn from the Naval academy still bears the name Ferry Farms and Pendennis Mount.

Carroll, as he was usually identified, lived at Goshen with his wife and father in law. Between 1900 and 1908 Carroll and Mary had seven children. Henry Tydings died in 1911 and on April 24, 1912 the farm's ownership was granted to Carroll and Mary.

It's unknown how successful the farm was between 1912 and the mid 1920's, but it must have done well enough to maintain. In 1927 the Brices sold 57 acres to Dr. Hugh Hampton Young, who was seeking to purchase and develop the land that would eventually become Cape St. Claire.

With the onset of the great depression in 1929, times got tough. Early in 1929 the Brices mortgaged the farm. An attempt was made to convert from crops to dairy, but this appears to have proven unsuccessful. In 1934 they received a partial release of the mortgage, and 4 acres of the farm became the "Hunt club". The clubhouse and stables are still visible from Cape St. Claire Rd and now serves as a private residence.

Despite their efforts, the mortgage was foreclosed on July 18, 1935. The property then went into a period of quickly changing ownership.

In 1940, Carroll and Mary were living with daughter Eleanor on Duke of Gloucester St in Annapolis.

There are still living descendants of this large and historic family living in the area, and many of them have been invaluable to the preservation and understanding of Goshen Farm and the surrounding community.

Volunteer Spotlight – Tracy Smith

Tracy relocated from Michigan to Cape St. Claire in 1983 and graduated from Broadneck Senior High in 1985. One of her friends had a plot in the Sharing Garden and gave Tracy a tour, knowing that she also enjoyed gardening. Tracy had the time and energy to bring the Henson-Hall

Slave Garden to its intended purpose, producing and teaching the visitors of Goshen Farm about the crops grown by slaves. She was intrigued by the history and was excited to grow these special heirloom plants. She finds it extremely rewarding to watch what can come from the tiniest of seeds. Equally rewarding is spending time in the beautiful setting, with other members of the farm, and interacting with the community who enjoy it!

If you would also like volunteer at Goshen Farm please contact us at Communications@goshenfarm.org.

Have you renewed you Membership?

In the coming months you will be receiving your Membership Renewal letter. Memberships are Annual and follow a calendar year. A Household Membership is \$35 and Individual is \$20. Garden Plots are a separate fee.

Annual Meeting – Virtual

Our Annual Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20th. If you are interested in attending, please email communications@goshenfarm.org so that we can send you an email link. Also look for the link in a Mailchimp email coming in January.

AnA

Donations can be made online, at our website or by check. Please write on your Check "Matching Grant" and/or use the **Matching Grant** button on our website if paying with Paypal.

Please mail payments to:
Goshen Farm Preservation Society
1223 River Bay Rd,
Annapolis, MD 21409

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New Shallow Water Wildlife Pond



The Night Before Christmas

Word Search



Find these words in the puzzle.

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| chimney | St. Nicholas |
| Vixen | Donder |
| Blitzen | Comet |
| Cupid | Dasher |
| Dancer | reindeer |
| sleigh | Prancer |
| Happy Christmas | |

Merry Christmas!



History of the Candy Cane

The origin of the candy cane goes back over 350 years, when candy-makers both professional and amateur were making hard sugar sticks. The original candy was straight and completely white in color.

Birth of the Candy Cane

Around the seventeenth century, European-Christians began to adopt the use of Christmas trees as part of their Christmas celebrations. They made special decorations for their trees from foods like cookies and sugar-stick candy. The first historical reference to the familiar cane shape goes back to 1670, when the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany, bent the sugar-sticks into canes to represent a shepherd's staff. The all-white candy canes were given out to children during the nativity services.

The clergymen's custom of handing out candy canes during Christmas services spread throughout Europe and later to America. The canes were still white, but sometimes the candy-makers would add sugar-roses to decorate the canes further.

The first historical reference to the candy cane being in America goes back to 1847, when a German immigrant called August Imgard decorated the Christmas tree in his Wooster, Ohio home with candy canes.

The Stripes

About fifty years later the first red-and-white striped candy canes appeared. No one knows who exactly invented the stripes, but Christmas cards prior to the year 1900 showed only all-white candy canes. Christmas cards after 1900 showed illustrations of striped candy canes. Around the same time, candy-makers added peppermint and wintergreen flavors to their candy canes and those flavors then became the traditional favorites.

Sweet Secrets of the Candy Cane

There are many other legends and beliefs surrounding the humble candy cane. Many of them depict the candy cane as a secret symbol for Christianity used during the times when Christian were living under more oppressive circumstances. It was said that the cane was shaped like a "J" for Jesus. The red-and-white stripes represented Christ's blood and purity. The three red stripes symbolized the Holy Trinity. The hardness of the candy represented the Church's foundation on solid rock and the peppermint flavor represented the use of hyssop, an herb referred to in the Old Testament.

Gregory Keller

A Catholic priest called Gregory Keller invented a machine to automate candy cane production during the 1950's.





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December 24 , Thursday @ 4 pm, 6pm, 8pm, & 10 pm

December 25 , Friday @ 7am & 10 am

December 31, Thursday @ 7pm Vigil

January 1, Friday @ 9am

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of GOD

Sign up & livestream Masses on our website: www.standrewbythebay.org

Taizé Prayer

Peace and Hope
in the Dark of December

Sunday, December 6, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Scripture readings, sung prayer, silent reflection . . .
in the quiet candle-lit church.

All are welcome.

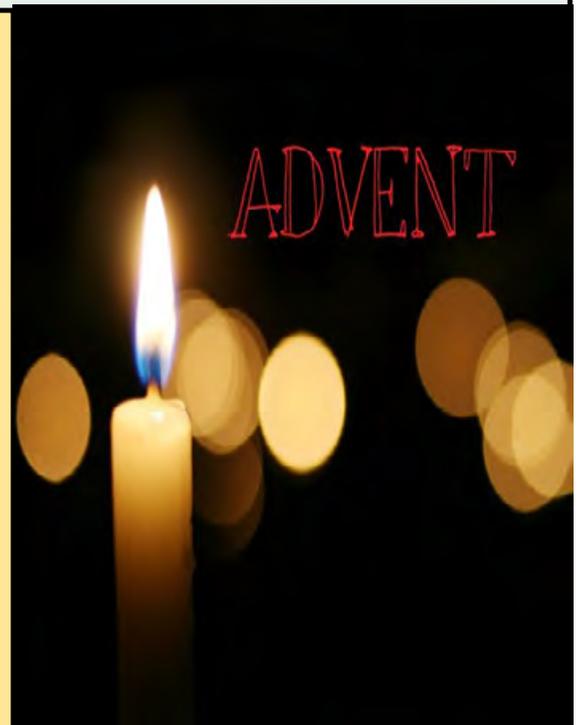
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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a48aba92faa8-advent5>

Or

Join us Livestream

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St.AndrewByTheBay/videos>



Special ADVENT Services

Wednesday's

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

Masses: 9 am & 7 pm

Adoration: 9:30 am to 7pm

Confession: 5 pm to 6:30pm

Looking to the New Year

Take care of yourself.

Care for your heart.

Care for your spirit.

If you'd like to talk to someone here,
contact stephany.crane@archbalt.org

Peace to you all.



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

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

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year



As we make our way into the New Year, we'd like to warmly invite you to worship with us on Sundays to praise God for our many blessings and to fellowship in His Name. Join us as we discover God's presence in our lives. We wish you love, hope, joy, and peace for the Holiday Season and the upcoming New Year.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00am in person or on Zoom to share in God's love and Christian fellowship. May your holidays be blessed and may you be a blessing to others.

Pastor Dale



For our in-person for Sunday Worship Services in the Sanctuary, face coverings must be worn, sanitizing stations are available, and social distancing is observed



We are also gathering for worship services on Zoom Sundays at 9:00am. If you would like to receive a Zoom invite for worship services, please email
Pastor Dale - dale@capeumc.org



The Advent season runs from November 29th through Christmas Eve. Join us at Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church during this season of anticipating the coming of Christ. We will be celebrating hope, faith, joy, and peace all through the month of December.



Please check our website: capeumc.org or our Facebook link: facebook.com/cscumc for the current information about our Christmas Eve services.

My Brother's Pantry

My Brother's Pantry would like to extend their thanks to The Perry Premier Team of Keller Williams Flagship of Maryland and The Tom Latta Team of Direct Mortgage Loans for sponsoring great community fundraisers in September and November! The September food truck benefit at the Clubhouse collected enough food to fill two SUVs and the November pictures & pie benefits collected lots of money and food for the Pantry! The Cape St. Claire community responded big-time to benefit My Brother's Pantry and Broadneck communities. Many thanks to all who participated!



Currently our office hours are
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am to noon.
We are monitoring emails and voicemails. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Pastor Dale at (240) 682-6395 or dale@capeumc.org.



Announcements

Habitat Hero: Our 4th Quarter Winner is Allison Crews-Turner has been hard at turning her backyard into a habitat haven for the native fauna by adding tons of native plants, including milkweed for the monarchs and asters for a fall nectar source. Allison and her son Anson watched many monarch cats transform into butterflies in their backyard habitat this summer and look forward to next year! They also both volunteered this year as a Weed Warrior at the Serene Ravine helping to remove invasive species. Please read more about our winner here:

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

Native Alternatives for Your Landscapes

By: Stacey Wildberger

Let's talk about some native alternatives to non-native, even invasive, common plants found in our landscapes. First, what are the definitions of native, non-native and invasive?

- A native plant is one that has formed symbiotic relationships with native wildlife over thousands of years, and therefore offer the most sustainable habitat. A plant is considered native if it has occurred naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction. (National Wildlife Federation).
- Non-native or exotic plants are ones that evolved in other parts of the world, or were cultivated by humans into forms that don't exist in nature, do not support wildlife as well as native plants. Occasionally, they can even escape into the wild and become invasive exotics that destroy natural habitat. (NWF)
- An invasive plant is a plant that is not native to the ecosystem, which can cause economic and environmental harm to the ecosystem by out competing the native plants.

Most typical landscape companies are going to use a variety of over-used, non-native plants in their installations because they are widely found and often times cheaper than a native alternatives. Typical foundation plantings will include non-native holly species from Japan, China or Europe, nandina, barberry, liriopse and some hostas. None of these plants offer any wildlife value: they are devoid of life and disrupt native food webs. You can make a difference to the ecosystem with a few simple swaps, either removing a non-native or invasive plant you already have with a native, or choosing native alternatives when you are adding to your landscapes.

Hedera helix English ivy has long been used to create the look of a classic English garden but we now know it climbs our trees, killing them. If you are looking for a groundcover that will be beautiful and provide wildlife benefits there are several groundcovers that you should consider. *Chrysogonum virginianum* green and gold is semi-evergreen that will delight in the early spring with its cheerful daisy like yellow bloom. *Asarum canadense* wild ginger's heart shaped foliage has a velvety texture that will add interest as groundcover, with a small, dark red to brownish flower that develops in between the two leaves.

Hostas are quite popular for many local gardeners because they are low maintenance but they offer no value to the natural world around them. This is another one that *Asarum canadense* wild ginger could be used instead. You could also use *Geranium maculatum* wild geranium for a pop of color. This will spread quickly and form a beautiful groundcover. Also check out *Polygonatum biflorum* Solomon's seal in place of hostas.

Day lilies or ditch lilies will take over and choke out native plants that are supporting our ecosystem. There is a very interesting alternative that is very under used but will offer great structure and interest to your- *Eryngium yuccifolium* rattlesnake master. They mid-summer blossom is highly attractive to adult insects. If you are looking for an orange alternative use *Asclepias tuberosa* butterfly milkweed. Not only do you get the orange color but you are providing larval host plant for Monarch butterflies.

There is another underused plant, a shrub that is an ideal alternative to *Spiraea japonica* spiraea – *Ceanothus americanus* New Jersey tea with its similar shape you won't notice the difference but the wildlife that benefits from you choosing a native will! *Itea virginica* sweetspire would also work well in place if spirea.

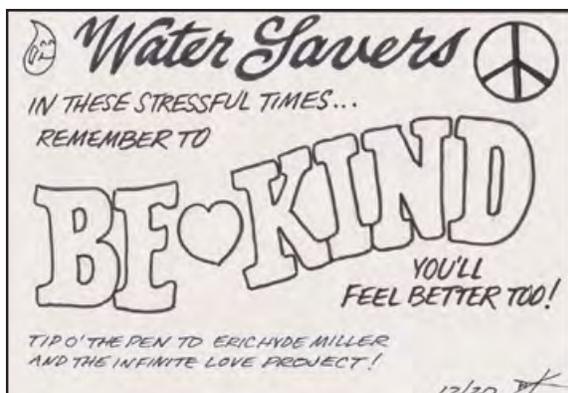
To replace the overdone liriopé there are many beautiful species of *Carex*. I recommend *Carex blanda* woodland sedge or bright green ornamental *Carex plantaginea* seersucker edge for a beautiful alternative with wildlife value.

Instead of using chrysanthemums in your fall garden, plant any number of our native Asters, they provide fall color in an array of pinks to deep purple and offer a nectar source for migrating butterflies. Paired with the dazzling yellow *Solidago sp.* You will have a fall combination that is beautiful to behold and beneficial to insects.

People will argue with me that butterfly bush is not invasive and it attracts so many butterflies but this a highly invasive plant that offers nothing but a high sugar nectar—the equivalent to us eating a candy bar. And not one species of Lepidoptera will use it as a host plant. There are several beautiful natives that will attract your butterflies just as well. The one that comes to mind first is *Eutrochium sp.* Joe Pye Weed. The *E. maculatum* species will reach heights of 6-8' and be covered in swallowtails, monarchs, buckeyes and many more! Use *Asclepias syriaca* common milkweed as another alternative, not only is it an important nectar source but it is a larval host plant for monarchs. If you want a shrub to replace it with go with *Clethra alnifolia* summersweet, this sun to shade lover will bring in many different pollinators.

I have saved the "best" for last. Please, please consider getting rid of *Nandina domestica* nandina and *Berberis* barberry. These two are highly invasive, even if you don't see it spreading in your yard trust me the birds are carrying those seeds in their bellies and spreading them far and wide into the natural areas where they will wreak havoc on the natural landscapes. They form dense stands that will outcompete all natives. The barberry stands become a haven for ticks! The nandina berries are toxic to birds and have been known to kill cedar waxwings. These two shrubs are revered for their gorgeous fall colors so let's look at some shrubs that will offer you the colors you want and add value to the surrounding wildlife and enhance the ecosystem. The list for alternatives is lengthy and I'll share just a few. I advise looking up the conditions these native alternatives prefer and match them to your site. If you are looking to capture that amazing fall color of burning bush use *Physocarpus opulifolius* ninebark, *Vaccinium corymbosum* northern blueberry, *Itea virginica* sweetspire, *Hydrangea quercifolia* oakleaf hydrangea and *Viburnum dentatum* for a beautiful autumn red display. If it is the red berries of the nandina that captivate you consider using *Ilex verticillata* winterberry, *Aronia arbutifolia* red chokeberry and I would highly recommend using *Ilex glabra* inkberry for its deep ink colored berries, and it is evergreen!

We need to reach deeper into our imaginations to find alternatives to the use in our landscapes that should be more about providing for wildlife, giving back our landscapes for the greater good of Mother Nature. Re-think what pretty means and stop making our gardens "an expression of personal style" that imparts human supremacy over wildlife. Benjamin Vogt.



HEALTH NOTES:

Shingles



What is shingles?

Shingles is a viral infection that causes a painful rash. Shingles can appear anywhere on the body, however, it appears most often as a single strip of blisters wrapping around one side of the torso.

What causes shingles?

When the varicella virus gets into your body, the first problem it causes is chickenpox. You may think of it as a childhood disease, but adults can get it, too.

After chickenpox runs its course, the virus moves into the nerve tissues near your spinal cord and brain, where it stays.

We don't know why, but sometimes the virus "wakes up" and travels along nerve fibers to your skin. That's when it lands its second punch: shingles, also called herpes zoster.

A weakened immune system might activate the virus. After you've had chickenpox, you're more likely to get shingles if you:

Shingles Risk Factors

- Are 50 or older
- Are under a lot of stress
- Have cancer, HIV, or another disease that lowers your body's defenses
- Have had a serious physical injury
- Take long-term steroids or other medicines that can weaken your immune system
- However, some people who get shingles do not fit into any of these categories

What Are the Symptoms of Shingles?

The symptoms of shingles include:

- Localized burning, tingling, itching, prickling pain that starts days to weeks before the rash appears. The pain varies by person but can be constant or come and go.
- Days after these symptoms appear, a group of fluid-filled blisters appears on a red, inflamed base of skin; the blisters typically crust over in a week.
- The rash may be accompanied by fever, fatigue, or headache.
- The rash will not cross the mid-line of your body.

Call your doctor about shingles if:

- You suspect an outbreak is starting. If you take antiviral drugs in the early stages, you may shorten the course of the infection.
- You have the rash anywhere on the face. This puts you at risk of herpes zoster in the eye, which could cause corneal damage and vision problems.
- The affected area becomes infected with bacteria (indicated by spreading redness, swelling, a high fever, and pus); antibiotics can help halt the spread of bacterial infection but not the shingles itself.
- Your rash remains longer than 10 days without improvement.
- The pain becomes too great to bear; your doctor may prescribe stronger painkillers or a nerve block.

- You have shingles and are in contact with someone who has a weakened immune system.
- You develop any strange symptoms with the shingles rash, such as vertigo, buzzing in your ears, rapid onset weakness, double vision, face droop, or confusion.

Shingles Diagnosis

Your doctor can diagnose shingles by asking about your medical history and your symptoms and by doing a physical exam. They can also test small amounts of material from your blisters.

Shingles Treatment

Antiviral drugs can help you heal faster and cut your risk of complications. They're most effective if you take them within 3 days of the start of a rash, so see your doctor as soon as possible. You'll probably get one of these three medications to fight the virus:

- Acyclovir (Zovirax)
- Famciclovir (Famvir)
- Valacyclovir (Valtrex)

Treatments for shingles pain can include:

- Anticonvulsant medicines like gabapentin (Neurontin)
- Antidepressants like amitriptyline
- Colloidal oatmeal baths
- Cool compresses
- Medicated lotion
- Numbing medications like lidocaine
- Over-the-counter drugs like acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- Prescription painkillers like codeine
- Shingles Complications
- Shingles can have complications that last long after the rash is gone, including:
 - Brain inflammation or facial paralysis if it affects certain nerves
 - Eye problems and vision loss if your rash was in or around your eyes
 - Pain that lasts long after the outbreak, called post herpetic neuralgia. It affects up to 1 in 5 people who get shingles.

Is Shingles Contagious?

Yes. You can spread the varicella zoster virus to people who've never had chickenpox and haven't been vaccinated.

You're contagious until all of the sores have crusted over. Until then, avoid pregnant women who may not have had chickenpox or the vaccine, people with weak immune systems, and newborns.

Prevention

The FDA has approved two shingles vaccines, Shingrex and Zostavax. Shingrex is newer and is preferred over Zostavax because it's considered more than 90% effective. The CDC recommends that people 50 and older get it, even if you've had shingles before. You should also get it even if you already had the Zostavax vaccine.

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