



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

## JULY/AUGUST 2022

**QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM**

### *President's Perspective*

JULY/AUGUST 2022

**Capers,**

I hope you all have transitioned to summer. It's been a busy summer so far here in Cape St. Claire. I want to thank Mary Lamb for her efforts with The Strawberry Festival and the 4th of July Parade and activities. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Strawberry Festival and also the 4th of July Parade and activities.

During the summer we usually have a lull in business activity with the Association, but that has not been the case. After last fall's storms, we continue a very hectic pace of homeowners rebuilding bulkheads, piers and rip-rap projects. It also seems many community members continue to build new fences, additions, decks and upgrades to their homes, and this has our volunteers on the Board swamped with new paperwork.

As mentioned before, we have availability and openings on the Board of Governors. We hope multiple homeowners would like to join the board in the next year or two. I keep saying Cape St. Claire is a unique community. We have 2,300 plus homes nearly 8,000 residents, 30 acres of beaches and parks and more than 220 boat slip rentals. Your association owns multiple common areas that many people are unfamiliar with and it

takes dedicated volunteers to help manage this community. I am hoping that continually asking members of the community to come forward to possibly volunteer for events, the budget committee or even the Board of Governors, will result in a few new volunteers in 2023.

Please join us on July 26th for our quarterly meeting where we will continue to discuss the recent beach projects, future community projects, and volunteer opportunities that you can be involved in to help better our community. We look forward to seeing you out in the community. In the meantime, we hope you have a safe, happy, and fun summer in Cape St. Claire.

See y'all around Cape!

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**Beau Breeden**

*President CSCIA*

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

## JULY 11, 2022

In attendance in person: Pres. Beau Breeden, Govs. Neil Macindoe, Mary Lamb, and Michele Shipley, Town Mgr. Ryan Anderson, and guests Steve Arnold, Stacy Wildberger, and Christina Ryder. In attendance online: Govs. Dawn Myers and Cheri Fairchild.

Pres. Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, thanked all for attending. He asked for a moment of silence to honor Laura Slattery, who was killed in a boating accident near the Cape on July 3. He spoke briefly about CSCIA's cooperation with the investigation.

Many people were at the beaches for viewing fireworks displays. Board members and beach attendants were on site to help with access, crowd control, and parking.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Minutes of the June 13, 2022 BOG meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The preliminary financial statements for May and June 2022 were reviewed. Pres Breeden pointed out several items. As the reports are preliminary, no vote was taken to approve.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beaches and Parks:** Gov Macindoe said the beaches are busy, a new security officer has been hired and there has been a proposal to change access to kayak racks.

**Business Lot Owners Association:** No report.

**Broadneck Council of Communities:** Pres. Breeden reported that the BCC will continue to meet throughout the summer to discuss proposals for a park at Holly Beach Farm and State Highway Administration plans for traffic on access roads. There was approval to do a \$27 million 2nd phase of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study to determine what will be done from Rowe Boulevard to the 50/301 split on the Eastern Shore, so discussions will continue regarding that also. CSCIA and BCC will hold a joint Candidate's Night at the clubhouse on September 29 to provide a question-and-answer session with local political candidates.

**Budget:** Pres. Breeden announced the next budget committee meeting is scheduled for July 14 at Charlie Moore's home.

**Building:** Gov. Shipley said that she is working with Town Manager Anderson to review applications.

**Caper:** Gov. Lamb stated the upcoming Caper is a double month issue. Contracts for advertising for FY23 are coming in.

**Clubhouse:** Gov. Lamb reported that rentals are going well. There was a recent issue brought to her attention by the cleaning crew.

**Covenants:** No report.

**Events:** Gov. Lamb announced that the July 4th parade and beach event went well. There was good participation, and she thanked all who helped. The Cape Clean Up is scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24.

**Legislative:** No report.

**Piers:** Pres. Breeden reported that the last meeting was postponed. Piers have been busy with few issues. There have been normal maintenance issues with deteriorating deck boards, some electrical issues, and people closing shutoff valves.

**Security:** See Town Mgr. Report.

**Strawberry Festival:** No report.

**Technology:** No report.

**Town Manager-** Town Mgr. Anderson reported the beach attendants have been doing a good job. Weekly water monitoring by the county continues. Avoid the water for 48 hours after a rain event to reduce exposure to bacteria. Mosquito spraying program is also still in progress. See the state website for info on opting out of the program. Youth Sailing camp began July 5 and has been going very well with no traffic issues. New stone was added to the parking lot at the Little Magothy pier. Trimming is being done at all Cape properties. A roll off dumpster was rented for beach cleanup and for vegetation removal. Delivery of new chairs for the clubhouse was refused because damage to the packaging was visible. The clubhouse will be a polling place on July 19 and regularly scheduled events are being rearranged. Please remember to vote. There is one beach attendant vacancy and two police security vacancies, but coverage for the July 3 evening was good. Officers are covering 16 of 31 dates in July, with Gov. Macindoe filling in for the rest. Pier reports are being conducted. Subleases must be done through the piers committee. There are 94 people on the pier slip waitlist. Electrical issues at the piers have been corrected and the electrician is to address the loss of electricity to the flagpole and wall lights and the overlook outlets. A boat was abandoned on Cape property, Maryland Department of the Environment was contacted, and the boat was removed about 10 days later. The next budget committee meeting is July 14. The last FY22 SCBD check was received.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Pres. Breeden reported that the beach project continues to be monitored. Eighteen months of data is desired to see what happens through another fall season of nor'easter storms. An additional \$6,000 is needed to complete monitoring and final addendum reporting of sand accretion through the fall by Alliance of the Chesapeake and Bio Habitats. A motion was made for \$6,000 of the current \$210,000 remaining from the beach project funds be allocated for that purpose. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Guest Christina Ryder of US Fish & Wildlife spoke regarding the potential for more grant funding for the additional 5 sites in the beach project plans. She said that working in conjunction with Cape Conservation Corps (CCC), Alliance of the Chesapeake, Bio Habitats and Sustainable Science to create a program that is repeatable and can serve as a model for other communities in the county could make our project desirable to US Fish &

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# A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

Things are looking up! There is no better way to kick off the summer season than attending our community's annual Strawberry Festival. It was a HUGE success. The food was excellent, the entertainment was rocking, the weather was beautiful, and the camaraderie among our community is overwhelming! I extend a very special thank you to all the volunteers who spent countless hours making this festival happen. Your hard work is truly appreciated. Check in on your neighbors, practice patience while driving our streets, and offer a friendly "hello." Let's offer kindness and continue to keep Cape the welcoming community it has always been!

A gentle reminder to please be kind and respectful to our awesome beach attendants. To keep our community safe and to enforce beach rules, attendants are stationed at beach properties and the boat ramp area. Please be prepared to give your name and address to attendants. If you are renting, be prepared to state your landlord's last name as well. All visitors must be accompanied by residents. If you see something dangerous or in need of attention, please bring it immediately to the attention of the beach attendant. Glass containers and alcohol are not permitted at any time. Our beaches are the pride and joy of this community. Please leave your trash and recycling in the proper receptacle. Plastic bags and plastic film can no longer be accepted in the

yellow recycling containers. Take your trash with you if need be and leave the community areas free of litter.

Regarding the boat ramp, please remember that guest passes are not eligible for trailer launching and/or parking a trailer at the boat ramp on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. You must have a sticker affixed to your vehicle to launch a boat and/or park a trailer on weekends.

Remember that all vehicles, boats, and trailers must display a current registration. Oversized Vehicles over 10,000 gross vehicle weight rating are not authorized in a residential area. Portable Storage Units can only be onsite for 60 days maximum. Lawns must be maintained under 12" and lots must be clear of trash, garbage, and debris. These are just some of the examples of the most common zoning infraction in Cape. If you download the Anne Arundel County 311 SeeClickFix app you can see all of the outstanding issues

Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th at 7:30 pm. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, or if you are in need of assistance.

**Cheers,**

**Ryan Anderson**

*Cape St Claire Town Manager*

*TownManager@cscia.org*

*443.510.3116*

## You were the wise choice!



I just want to say that I appreciate everything you did for me to sell my home. Your professionalism, knowledge and attitude made me feel so comfortable and relaxed. I can't thank you enough with helping me with the little things that popped up, like the Your experience with the area helped me to get my house ready to sell for top dollar! Your dedication to your job helped me take care of things when I was out of town was a big burden off my back. I lived in Cape St. Claire for 26 years and have seen your signs on many a house. That is why I chose you and am so glad that I did. I would recommend you 100% to anyone looking to buy or sell in the Annapolis area. Again I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Thank you, Randy Silvernail 1166 Latrobe Drive



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Wildlife. Funds left from Sites 1 & 2 could be used as committed funds eligible for matching grants. They would have to be left unspent until a decision is reached, but if it is decided not to pursue funding, or funding is refused, the money is then available to CSCIA without issue. The value of tracked volunteer hours and services rendered in-kind are eligible for matching funds also. Original plans should be and could be submitted when applications will be accepted, probably February to April of 2023. Discussion followed regarding what sites and types of projects could be included, potential for student internships, funding amounts, permitting process, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gov. Macindoe reported that the kayak/dinghy racks at the parks are managed by the Cape St Claire Yacht Club (CSCYC). They have approximately 100 spaces, with a waiting list well over 100 people, and cost \$75 per year paid to CSCYC to benefit the Youth Sailing summer camp. Currently many of the kayaks on the racks are not used regularly. Gov. Macindoe suggested limiting repeat rentals and adding additional spaces by connecting the current racks. Permits might be needed. Mr. Macindoe commented that sand rentals for boats stored on the beaches could be eliminated and free up beach space for recreational use by residents as well as the Youth Sailing program. Discussion followed regarding responsibility of CSCIA and the Yacht Club, potential of raising the rental fee to discourage dry storage or using a lottery system each year instead of continuing contracts. Gov. Macindoe will follow up with the yacht club. Gov. Macindoe also said he will meet with owners of boats stored on the beach where grasses are to be planted.

## **COMMENTS**

Resident Steve Arnold commended the removal of vegetation from the fence on the main beach and asked for clarification on the need for more monitoring of transects. Pres. Breeden explained that more information was needed to create a technical memo to be used for further permitting and/or funding requests. Ms. Ryder added that marine sediment moves through the area

constantly. Data is used in determining why sand moved to certain places to aid in designing plans to maintain the beach. Plans may change due to longer term observations of storms, boat activity, wave energy, etc. Mr. Arnold reported that he has spoken with Amanda Feidler regarding the exposed drainpipe on the beach. Pres. Breeden replied that CSCIA has been in contact with the county regarding the pipe many times. CSCIA cannot do anything in the tidal area without permits, has not been able to get the county to move the permit process along and that their process could take years to complete. Mr. Arnold expressed concern over the erosion. Pres. Breeden said that the plan was for a 15-year timespan of accretion and adding dredged sand. The sand added was only about 1,600 cubic yards of sand out of 16,000 yards needed. Mr. Arnold asked how residents can be notified of how to make a complaint and was told that the Capers shows email addresses for the various committees in each issue, and that Mr. Arnold may tell people to use [parks@cscia.org](mailto:parks@cscia.org) if they want to follow up.

Stacy Wildberger reported for the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC), saying that Watershed Steward Candidate's vegetation management plan for continuing to remove invasive species at Deep Creek was approved. She will request Oct 1 and Oct 8 workdays. Weed Warriors continue Wednesday night weeding. Katie Scott-Kelley met with Tree Troopers to acquire native trees at low cost. In conjunction with purchasing for the Deep Creek project, CCC may purchase additional trees for Little Magothy beach. Ms. Scott-Kelley will present a plan and may ask for CSCIA to split the minimal cost with CCC.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to move to a closed session and approved unanimously. The July 11, 2022 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:45 pm.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was convened at 8:47 pm and adjourned at 9:14 pm. The regular session of the July 11, 2022 meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

## **Anne Arundel County 3-1-1 Customer Service Program - Call or Click for Quick Response**

Citizens can access the system by simply dialing 3-1-1 for all municipal services. Operators are available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please dial 9-1-1 for emergencies and medical assistance. Citizens can also download the mobile app through the App Store (iPhone) and Google Play (Android). Only a simple signup process is required. Just hit the magnifying glass and search for "Arundel 311."

The mobile platform, through the See-Click-Fix application, allows citizens to report a lost pet, a pothole, a missed trash collection, traffic signs, illegal signs, and many other issues. Using your mobile device, you can take a picture, set a location, and receive updates on the response to your issue.





## Maryland Department of Agriculture

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Steven A. Connelly, Deputy Secretary

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## PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

- Your Community's assigned fog night is: **Wednesday**
  - Your community will only ever be fogged on Wednesday nights during the 2022 season
- Fogging can occur anytime between 7:00 PM and 2:30 AM
  - The fog program will begin on June 1.
  - Fogging will not begin until the community has been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form
  - October 4 is the estimated last day of fogging for 2022
- Residents who do not wish their property to be fogged may file an exemption. The exemption policy and form can be found on our website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MosquitoControlExemptionForm.pdf>
- Please stay indoors while fogging operations are being conducted
- For Further information:
  - [http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito\\_control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx)
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## NEWS FROM

# HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

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### Strawberry Festival

We hope you had a great time at this year's Strawberry Festival. It was great to see so many familiar faces and new ones too! We met a few new residents of the community as well as those that stop by every year to buy kayak raffle tickets.

### Summer Concerts In July and August

7/8 Tim Kurtzberg/Apollo's Envy  
7/15 Acousticafe/24 Karat  
7/22 3 Jerk Reaction/Diana Flynn  
8/12 Biondi Family Band/Dirk and The Truth  
8/26 Diane Kinsley and Julie Kurzava/  
21012 Band

Bring your blankets, chairs, dinner or snacks and something to keep you hydrated. Watch our Facebook page for cancellations due to weather.

### Wine Tasting

Scheduled for August 20th- Due to Covid numbers we will determine if and where this event will take place.

### Volunteer Spotlight – Patty Feldt

Patty moved into the Cape 20 years ago. She read a post in The Caper about neighborhood history buffs meeting up to save Goshen Farm. Having never seen it, she drove to the elementary school and walked to the far end of the soccer fields. Rounding the corner of the tree line, she caught sight of a very old white farmhouse at the top of a hill. This cool old farm was tucked in the middle of Cape St. Claire and she'd never known it? She joined the history group and helped interview people who had lived at the farm. With her help, the group obtained nonprofit status as the Goshen Farm Preservation Society to raise funds for restoration.

Patty attended regular cleanups of the property. The outside lawns were choked with weeds and thick vines and invasive trees of heaven that can grow 10 feet per year (bet you have one in your yard). It felt hopeless trying to clear the property with hand tools. The Building Chair, at that time, Jason Brown offered his work crew and a couple of bulldozers. They skillfully cleared the top surface and knocked down all the weed trees. Patty distinctly remembers all the volunteers stopping their work to cheer with relief and deep gratitude!

She marvels at the contributions members and Cape businesses have made to the farm over the years: replacing the roof, clearing dead trees, finding surplus security fencing for the house and old picket fencing to set up community gardens, repairing the well and other mechanical tools, and painting boards for the windows to look like, well, windows, you name it.

Members are researching pre-Civil War records to learn more about the people who were unfortunately enslaved there, and have built a garden of historical plants those families may have grown for their own subsistence.

Volunteering at the farm over the years has been a good physical workout, but Patty considers it fun doing other people's chores. It beats doing her own! She says there are so many interesting ways to volunteer at the farm, that it attracts people who are just as interesting, and encourages everyone to come by some time and see for themselves!

If you would also like volunteer at Goshen Farm and are a member, please contact us at [Communications@goshenfarm.org](mailto:Communications@goshenfarm.org).

### Spring Open House at The Farm Wrap UP

First, A Big Thank You to all the wonderful folks that volunteered for setup, worked a shift, engaged our guests and shared your own excitement regarding Goshen Farm, baked homemade goodies for the Desert Table, visited with our Vendors and helped with take down and cleanup!!! Even though we were seriously short staffed for this event, we were able to meet our guests' requests and hopefully afforded them an opportunity to enjoy all the beauty Goshen Farm has to offer, plus be thrilled by our Vendors, Broadneck Library, Eye in the Sky Drone, Raptor's Eye, Sandy Shute – Author of Even When children's books, Anya Lengbeyer Aerial Silk demonstration and the Apiary Team. Our Vendors are so fantastic about sharing their excitement and knowledge of their specialty with our guests!!! A Big Thank You to All of Them!!!

### Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Donations can be made online at [www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org) (indicate Matching Grant) or by mailing a check made payable to GFPS 1223 River Bay Road Annapolis, MD 21409 – please indicate on the check – Matching Grant.

### Membership Renewal

Letters to renew your membership have been mailed out. Memberships are Annual. A Household membership is \$35, and an Individual membership is \$20. You can renew or join online or by contacting our Membership Chair at [Membership@goshenfarm.org](mailto:Membership@goshenfarm.org)

All events are subject to change, please like our Facebook page **Historic Goshen Farm & Educational Center** for updated information on all events.

[www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org) or email [Communications@goshenfarm.org](mailto:Communications@goshenfarm.org) with questions

Happy summer, Cape neighbors! As the heat hits, may your roses bloom and your tomatoes ripen! Don't forget to clear all standing water from your gardens: tarps, tires, toys, etc. are all spots where mosquitoes breed. Help your neighbors do the same to keep Cape livable all summer long. Each summer, despite the heat, dozens of our volunteers are hard at work working in our 4 community beds in the Green Holly and Cape St. Claire Islands, the Clubhouse front beds, and the Segree Memorial Park. If see them out working, please give them wide berth with your vehicles. Each summer our Member volunteers collectively contribute about 100 volunteer hours weeding, watering, and cleaning up these beds for our community. And 10 more volunteers are out each month April through September judging Yard of the Month – it's a Cape tradition!

Every year, many of our neighbors still have questions about ***Yard of the Month***. Sometimes people even reach out via email, or in person, to tell me, "My wife has been working really hard in her garden, please consider her for Yard of the Month!" I am always cheered by such a supportive partner, and also by news of people investing in their gardens – it's lovely to hear! And after I say this, I remind the person that unlike some awards that might be based on who you know, or what you say to whom, our award is judged anonymously by rotating pairs of judges, without any input from our President, other Officers, or Board. It is based 100% on what we observe in your gardens; the criteria are neatness, health, design creativity (color, texture, form), and overall appeal. Though judges vary in their weighting of these criteria, it is based on what our judges *observe*, as they cover every single garden in the Cape, every single month. There is no need to enter, no need to bring your garden to our attention – our judges are out, and your garden is entered and seen! Each month, 5 winners are chosen from 5 parts of the Cape, and they represent the most beautiful and well-maintained gardens in Cape St. Claire. So now you know – and please keep up the great gardening work, neighbors!

Our Members met twice in June, first for a speaker on ***Global Gardens***, a slideshow of biodiverse and stunning plants from around the world. Then, biking & carpooling, our Members visited 3 Cape gardens in our annual Secret Garden Tour. How fun it is each summer to see such varied gardens, some grown for food, some for tranquil outdoor living, others for privacy. We ended our event with a poolside potluck to thank our hardworking volunteers for all their efforts on behalf of our Club and our wider Cape and Annapolis communities.

The Garden Club always takes July and August off from our regular meetings, and we'll resume on **Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>** with our popular ***Members Sharing Slideshow***, where Members share pictures and stories

from their gardens of what worked well this season, what didn't, what new plantings they began, what wildlife visited, etc. This is a great way to learn about gardening in the Cape, and guests and new Members are always welcome to join the fun. You can always find our upcoming meetings online at our blog, [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com), as well as gardening tips month-by-month. -- Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer



### **Congratulations to our June Yard of the Month winners!**

Area 1: Adam & Leah Braun, 1142 Riverview Drive  
Area 2: Kim & Garrett Luyben, 1197 High View  
Area 3: Rob & Laurie Lester, 1139 Latrobe Drive

Area 4: Jinny Winkler, 1214 Hilltop Drive  
Area 5: Chris & Dina Nelson, 831 Chestnut Tree Dr





### NATIVE FALL PLANT FEST AND SALE

Come meet us in the field behind the clubhouse  
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Author Nancy Lawson, Baywise Certification (Master  
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Arboretum, MRA, Master Watershed Stewards.

FALL IS THE BEST TIME TO PLANT

### Upcoming Events 2022

- September 17<sup>th</sup> Native Plant Fest & Sale 9-noon
- Weed Warriors every Wednesday 5-7 pm email me at [president@capeconservationcorps.org](mailto:president@capeconservationcorps.org)
- November: Mulching the Serene Ravine Path- any Scouts looking for a work day? Email @ above

### Milkweed, It's Not Just for Monarchs

By Stacey Wildberger

By now we all probably know the importance of milkweed for the iconic monarch butterfly. We all are planting milkweed to save this beautiful creature from a harsh decline in numbers due to a number of factors including disease, pesticide use and habitat loss. So when we go out on a summer evening to check for the unique black, white and yellow striped caterpillars on our plants many of you happen to see other critters enjoying the milkweed. Your instant reaction may be to squish, squash, or even worse, spray these evil “invaders” How dare they use the milkweed...that’s for the monarchs! But before you cause harm let’s take a closer look at the other fascinating creatures that use, and co-exist on the milkweed. There is a whole fascinating world of milkweed creatures.

The first critters you may have noticed, and not been so alarmed by, are the large bees, such as bumblebees and carpenter bees, the very best pollinators for the milkweed. The fragrant blooms lure these very efficient pollinators in to facilitate their reproduction. Other beautiful pollinators are also useful to the milkweed such as the Snowberry Clearwing moth. So far, so good with these visitors, right?

Then we start to get into the more “alarming” visitors. The aphids, the tiny yellow critters seen clinging to stems. We begin to panic. We post on FB asking how to rid our precious milkweed of them. People will advise you to use insecticidal soaps (DON’T—you will kill your caterpillars) or wash off with water, not necessary. These guys rarely cause any harm to the plant and they are beneficial to ants by excreting a sweet food source the ants love. Now you are saying ants? I don’t want ants. But you do want ants; for the important work they do (aerating the soil, dispersing seeds and even protecting some plants from predators.

Have you ever noticed an orange bodied caterpillar with black and fuzzy tufted hairs munching away on the milkweed leaf, just one side? That is a Tussock Moth making his way to being a moth!

Next we begin to notice the red bugs covering leaves, blooms and seed pods of our beloved milkweed. Surely, these must be harming the plant? Nope, wrong again. The Red Milkweed Beetle is just minding his business eating his way through a few leaves, biting the mid-rib to stop the sticky flow of sap and preventing his mouth parts from being glued together. These guys are helping to keep nature in balance and cause no harm to the milkweed or monarch



caterpillars. Often in the fall you will notice large amounts Small and Large Milkweed bugs, perhaps consuming some nectar. While they may eat an occasional monarch they do not cause harm. One of the benefits is they consume some of the seeds from the common milkweed so help to control it from spreading unchecked! While some milkweed is good, more is better, too much can take over a large area so these guys are a natural control.

Milkweed supports a whole host of critters that spend their entire life cycle using it. There is plenty to go around and the milkweed will not be harmed by these “pests” (not pests!) Please spend time this summer getting to know and appreciate all the visitors that use milkweed for food and habitat.

### Co-Existing with Carpenter Bees

Another common visitor to milkweed are the very misunderstood carpenter bees. Their large size seems to intimidate folks who often want to destroy them on sight! They are dismissed as having no value when actually they are valuable pollinators. People are often distraught by the damage they perceive they are doing to their wood structures. They typically do not cause structural damage but people get angst about it anyway. Here are a couple of tips to deter them without causing any harm to them.

Their natural home in the wild is in the branches of dead standing trees, if you can leave a snag safely in place in your yard they will naturally use that instead of your decking.

If a snag isn’t available or safe, a small brush pile made up of fallen branches will work just as well or if no branches are readily available purchase some soft pine from the hardware store.

They prefer unpainted surface, so be sure your wood structures are painted (not stained), and fill in nail holes. Spraying the holes after they emerge in the spring by boiling water and soaking citrus peels or rubbing almond oil around the holes can also be an effective deterrent. Please do not do this if they are actively nesting.

They are said not to be a fan of wind chimes so invest in a nice set of wind chimes to keep them from coming too close to your house. Or order a fake wasp nest, or google how to DIY your own fake nest using paper bags.

Please find ways to co-exist with these gentle giants. The males CANNOT sting but they are typically the ones with an aggressive behavior, keeping potential enemies away; and the females RARELY sting, only if directly provoked by catching them. The benefits they provide to our ecosystem are far greater than any perceived threat, danger or damage they cause. One of my favorite things to do on a spring or summer evening is observe their little bare bottoms sticking out of my native plants as they do the hard work of pollinating my garden. Be gentle, educate yourself before poisoning these incredibly useful bees!



Milkweed Tussock    Red milkweed bugs    milkweed beetles    carpenter bees





# Enter the Cape St. Claire 2023 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST



Recently taken a great photo of Cape St. Claire or the Chesapeake Bay? The 2023 Cape St. Claire Community Calendar is sponsoring a photo contest. The winning photo will be published on the front page of the 2023 calendar. **Photo submission deadline is Thursday October 6, 2022. A \$100.00 cash prize will also be awarded.**

**NEW THIS YEAR - DIGITAL PHOTO SUBMISSION!** Photos must be submitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" format in black & white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. Photos submitted will not be returned to you. The winner will be announced in an issue of The Caper. Submissions are limited to 3 entries per person.

**For Digital Submissions:** \*Email to [apsolutions757@gmail.com](mailto:apsolutions757@gmail.com) \*Files can be no larger than 2MB \*Must have name of photographer, address, phone & title of the photo (By submitting digitally you are giving permission to the 2023 Cape Calendar to publish your photo on the cover of the calendar). **For Hard Copy Submissions:** \*Attach a completed entry form to the back of each photo (available in The Caper or at Cape Ace Hardware) \* Must provide a high quality digital copy of the photo is selected \* Drop them off at Cape Ace Hardware.

The photo contest is limited to Cape St. Claire residents, lot owners, and Cape St. Claire Shopping Center business employees or owners. There is no age limitation. The winning photo will become property of the CSC Improvement Association.



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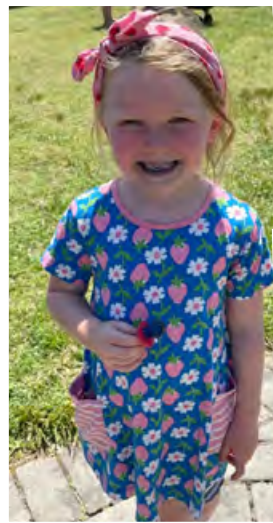
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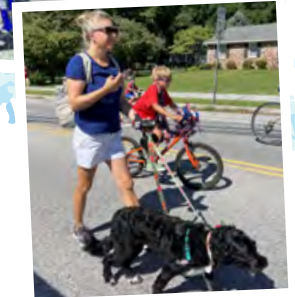


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**Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
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Anne Arundel County Waste Management has graciously offered Cape Residents a weekend in September for our 2022 Clean-Up. The Clean-Up will begin as soon as the County arrives on Friday (before Noon). We will make every effort to operate the Clean-Up until 4:30 PM on Friday, space permitting. On Saturday the Clean-up will begin at 7:30 AM and continue until approximately 12:00 noon, space permitting.

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Movie Night Fundraiser	05/21/2022
Kona Ice	06/03/2022
Strawberry Festival	06/04/2022
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Back to School Fundraiser	09/10/2022
Pumpkin Carving Contest	10/29/2022
CSC Fall Festival	TBD
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