



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

# DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023

**QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM**

## ***President's Perspective***

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**Dear Capers,**

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family and friends. We had a busy past month and, of course, are looking forward to a busy month ahead in December as we prepare for 2023. Before we get to business, I want to thank everyone for all the efforts of the 4th Annual CSC Christmas Tree Lighting. It was a magnificent event to kick off the holiday season.

In November I wrote a summary of October Board and Membership Meeting topics. This message I will focus on information for our two most important matters. 1) The hiring of our next Town Manager and 2) Our annual meeting and elections for Board of Governors, Budget Committee and Proposed Budget FY2024.

First, an update on the Town Manager search. The Board approved a contract with Aerotek, which will be signed and the search will begin as soon as possible, pending legal and financial reviews. In 2017-18, when we created the position and began a search, we had hundreds of applicants that went through a pre-screening interview process, which then led to a process that allowed the Board to interview five candidates as our potential Town Manager. Be on the lookout for future posts regarding our search on our Facebook page and website this month when available.

In this Caper, you will find the annual ballot for the January 10th, 2023, Annual Membership Meeting. You will also find the proposed FY24 Budget on the ballot. The highlights are a balanced budget with a \$10.00 annual fee increase to the Special Community Benefit District fees collected through your property taxes annually. This would rise to \$210.00 from \$200.00 currently billed. This 5% increase in fees was recommended by our budget committee and approved by the Board in October as we look at increased labor costs with increased minimum wage part time workers, cost of living adjustments to full time workers, and inflationary pressure we all have felt surrounding utilities, maintenance, trash services, sanitary services, among other administrative and capital improvement estimates.

You can also vote for up to six (6) Board of Governors (BOG) and two (2) Budget Committee Members, elected at large. The Board of Governors is authorized for up to twelve (12) members currently. This past year, we fell to just seven (7) members at one point, but with Kim Pollock, stepping up to fill Jeff Roche's 2023 expiring term, and then Jerome Zadera & Ed Hayes, stepping up in the November meeting to fill Bill Szczytko's and Lisa Schmidt's terms that expire in January 2024, we are currently at 10 members. Having spent most of the year asking for volunteers, we had a great response and have six candidates to fill six open positions on the BOG Ballot. In all our elections per our bylaws, the candidates receiving the most votes will be assigned terms as follows:

- The top four (4) vote totals will be assigned three (3) year terms, ending January 2026.
- The fifth (5th) vote total will be assigned a two (2) year term, ending in January 2025.
- The sixth (6th) vote total will be assigned a one (1) year term, ending in January 2024.

The Budget Committee has two candidates for two open at large positions, the third is held currently by Charlie Moore, who received the most votes in January 2022, giving him a two-year term. This year's top vote total will also receive a two-year term, per our by-laws. Any questions, please email at [President@cscia.org](mailto:President@cscia.org).

Have a wonderful holiday season over the next month, and I will hopefully see y'all around Cape!

Best Wishes,  
**Beau Breeden**  
*President CSCIA*

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

## NOVEMBER 14, 2022

In attendance in person: President Beau Breeden, Governors Neil Macindoe, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Michele Shipley and Kim Pollack, and guests, Stacey Wildberger, Steve Arnold, Becky Benner, Cathy Gazzo, Jerome Zadera, Ed Hayes, Olivia West, Jennifer Connor and Brad Knopf.

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A motion was made to amend the agenda to include a presentation by Olivia West and passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION**

Broadneck student and Cape resident Olivia West presented a plan for a People's Garden to be installed at Broadneck High School by the Environmental Literacy II class. She answered questions and asked for financial support from CSCIA.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Minutes of the October 10, 2022 BOG meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The financial statements for September 30, 2022 were reviewed. President Breeden noted that some line items are seasonal and on track. It was determined that the projector system expense had been misclassified. The motion was amended to accept the financials with a request for a journal entry to correct the error and passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Macindoe thanked the 40 or so volunteers who moved rocks from the beach back to a resident lot.

**Broadneck Council of Communities:** President Breeden said the last public meeting was an update on State Highway Administration options to mitigate bridge traffic based on studies completed. The county will be doing minor traffic modifications on College Parkway. The regional Stakeholders Advisory Committee has online surveys for residents to participate and make their opinions on development of the area known. President Breeden encouraged all to complete the surveys.

**Budget:** President Breeden stated the 2022 audit was approved by the county and we are eligible to receive our first SCBD check.

**Building:** Governor Shipley reported that after a flurry of applications, there is one outstanding.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb said the next issue for Dec/Jan will feature coupons. Timely mail delivery continues to be an issue.

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb reported steady rentals. Issues with the dumpster company are being addressed.

**Events:** Governor Lamb announced the Tree Lighting will be Nov 27 at 6 pm with hot chocolate and Mr. & Mrs. Claus. The first block of Little Magothy View will be closed to traffic during the event. A movie night is still being planned.

**Piers:** President Breeden reported the contractor for the

dredge at Deep Creek is waiting on the notice to proceed, but all permits have been approved. Our subaquatic vegetation management plan was accepted to offset mitigation fees. Volunteers would harvest seeds for later planting near the Lake Claire oyster balls. Fifty percent plant coverage after 5 years is required to be considered a success.

**Security:** President Breeden said 8 shifts for Nov are covered by police, and thanked Governor Macindoe for covering the remainder. He noted that with a shortage of officers for the county, off-duty police are allowed to work overtime at rates higher than CSCIA pays.

**Town Manager:** President Breeden read a document by the former Town Manager listing specific duties to be completed. He noted trees marked for removal on Cape property in the critical area. Replacement trees or shrubs will need to be planted if trees are removed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Governor Lamb presented a modified plan for reconfiguring office spaces. Funding is not available for the full renovation originally planned. The new plan moves the business office to the Cox meeting room with a service counter facing the parking lot. The office would be renovated to include a town manager office, meeting space and a more efficient filing system. Discussion followed regarding electronic storage and retention of hard copies. A motion was made to approve the modified concept and passed unanimously.

President Breeden announced the formation of a grant writing committee. He, Stacy Wildberger, Christina Ryder, Brad Knopf, Larry Jennings and Robert Corletta will apply for a grant through US Fish & Wildlife to continue addressing beaches on Cape properties. Bio Habitats updated the 2017 technical memo to include work completed at Sites 1 & 2 of the original 7 site plan. Final assessments of sand retention will be included in the request due in April 2023. There are watershed grants and construction grants of up to \$500,000. Smaller Chesapeake Wild grants, county grants, etc. will be sought. Alliance of the Chesapeake agreed to continue to partner with CSCIA.

President Breeden and Governor Shipley met with AeroTek regarding the search for a town manager. The job description has been reviewed and a salary is to be set. A motion was made to approve the contract pending approval by the attorney and passed with one abstention to avoid conflict of interest.

Last month, Scout Connor Keating made a presentation requesting permission to install fishing line disposal tubes at the inlet and on the crabbing/fishing pier. Connor will maintain the tubes for a one-year trial. A motion was made to approve and passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to approve up to \$500 to support the People's Garden as presented by Olivia West was made and passed unanimously.

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The Little Magothy River Association (LMRA) Nov 22 annual meeting is at the clubhouse. They asked for the rental fee to be waived for this meeting as it will occur before they can change the restrictions in their bylaws preventing them from applying to be a Cape recognized organization. A motion to waive the fee was made. It was clarified that it is a one-time waiver and LMRA must apply to be a recognized organization for future use of the clubhouse. The motion passed unanimously.

President Breeden listed governor term end dates and noted two open partial term positions. Jerome Zadera and Ed Hayes introduced themselves and offered to fill those vacancies for the 14 months remaining. Two new residents interested serving must meet the 6-month residency requirement to be considered. A motion to approve Mr. Zadera and Mr. Hayes was made and passed unanimously.

## COMMENTS

Resident Steve Arnold thanked those who helped to move rocks and said his friends were impressed with the community effort. He is concerned about the rocks that remain. Representatives from the county investigated the storm drain that runs under his property and will replace or reline it, but it is not expected to happen soon. Mr. Arnold is still concerned about erosion of the beach near his property. He spoke about comments made to him during the workday. President Breeden said he thinks people are mistaken about facts and still upset about the past unauthorized pier issue at another property.

Becky Benner invited all to the Garden Club wreath making event at the clubhouse on Nov 29 at 7 pm. Two wreaths will be made for display at Lawyer's Mall in Annapolis. Plans for spring 2023 include workshops on growing plant and a plant sale in May.

Mrs. Benner also noted that Goshen Farm will have items for sale on Small Business Saturday, Nov 26. All items are made from ingredients harvested at the farm and include honey, loofah sponges, lip balm, sauces, marinades, and items from the slave garden. Goshen Farm will hold their volunteer appreciation Java & Jazz/Tea & Tunes event at the clubhouse to thank the community.

Stacey Wildberger reported the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) spread wood chips at the Serene Ravine and Little Magothy Beach with the help from scouts. The Nature Conservancy speaker event was well attended and provided information on good practices for controlling erosion. CCC and the Watershed Steward Academy will be selling calendars featuring cartoons by Brad Knopf and monthly to-do tips. Email [president@capeconservatiocorps.org](mailto:president@capeconservatiocorps.org) or see their website for more info.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was to adjourn and approved unanimously. The Nov 14, 2022 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

# Cost effective, timely, and "as is"!



When we decided to sell our house and move closer to our grandchildren, we didn't realize how much would be involved in getting our home ready to sell. Mona LaCovey was instrumental in guiding us through the process and getting the best outcome for us in a cost-effective and timely manner. Even though our home had some obvious work needed we were able to sell "as is" and get a reasonable sale in a short amount of time. We were very pleased with the outcome and the excellent work performed by Mona.



**Art & Christine Brock**  
1379 Greer Way

# Merry Christmas!

**MONA LaCovey**  
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Certified Negotiation Expert



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**2023 – 24 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 Friday, January 6, 2023 in the CSCIA Office, 1223 River Bay Road, Annapolis, MD 21409. Unsigned ballots will be disqualified.**

**Board of Governors:**

Please Vote for up to 6

Biographies on pages 5-6 (\*Incumbent)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Connor

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Cheri Fairchild

\_\_\_\_\_ Matt Layman

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**Budget Committee:**

Please vote for / write-in up to 3

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Adam "Thor" B. Harris

\_\_\_\_\_ Charles "Charlie" Shoul

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**Budget Committee:**

Please vote for / write-in up to 3

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Adam "Thor" B. Harris

\_\_\_\_\_ Charles "Charlie" Shoul

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**Please check one box below each question**

**\$10.00 increase in SCBD Fee**

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

**FY 2024 Budget (see pages 8-11)**

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_

Signature
Print Name
Print Address

**Please check one box below each question**

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# ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Jennifer Connor

My son and I moved to Cape St. Claire this past July and have been overwhelmed with how remarkable it is here. I work for the Department of Justice, but thankfully get to telework from home three days a week. We have thoroughly enjoyed everything this wonderful community has to offer - I love the beaches, my son loves the kids in the neighborhood and his mind blowing trick-or-treat experience. We have been welcomed by such wonderful neighbors that I am moved to contribute to this community myself. I would be honored to be considered for the CSCIA Board of Governors. The improvements that the past and present Board members have made to the community are impressive and I am confident that we can continue that forward trajectory. I am excited about some of the shoreline improvement opportunities that are planned and hope that I can be a part of keeping CSC the amazing community that it is.

### Cheri Fairchild

Hello fellow Capers! Over the last 6 years it has been my pleasure to serve this amazing community on the CSCIA Board of Governors. As a Board, we have accomplished so many things during this time and I have learned a great deal as I have spent time overseeing the Events & Membership Committee, Covenants, as Vice President and as Treasurer, assisting the budget committee.

When my husband and I were looking for a place to settle down, create a home and start our family 13 years ago, we were lucky to find the Cape. Every day I am continually grateful we found this wonderful community where we have made so many wonderful friends, enjoy amazing amenities close by and are surrounded by such welcoming neighbors. Having grown up in a small town in upstate NY and then traveling the world with my career I absolutely love that in the Cape my daughters have the best of both worlds, a small community to feel part of and the opportunities afforded with a location close to 2 large metro areas.

I have worked in the Hospitality industry for over 20 years, receiving my BBA from Marywood University in Scranton, PA and my MBA from UNLV. My leadership experience in operations, sales and catering, including Hotel renovations and new builds, budgeting and marketing lends itself well to helping to manage our wonderful community. I am lucky enough to enjoy the Cape every day from the flexibility of my home office where I work as Director of Sales for Teneo Hospitality Group.

I am proud to be on your Board of Governors and help contribute to this amazing place that we all call home. I hope to continue to serve you and our community for the next 3 years.

### Matt Layman

Hello neighbors! I have been a resident of CSC for 8 years and previously served on the Board of Governors from 2017-2020. I have spent my entire professional life working for the United States Coast Guard both on Active Duty and as a civilian for 22+ years. I hold a B.S. in Marine and Environmental Science from the United States Coast Guard Academy (2004) and a M.A. in National Security and Strategic Planning from the Naval War College (2018). I have a strong desire to return to the BOG in an effort to serve the community and continue to make Cape the extraordinary place that we all love. Like most in this community, I enjoy the outdoors, being near the water, and parading all around Maryland with my family. My wife, Sarah, is a pediatric nurse at Johns Hopkins and we have two young daughters, Lucy (7) and Molly (3, almost 4).

### Neil Macindoe

I was elected to the CSC Board of Governors in January 2017, and I was Re-elected to the Board in 2020. Since then I have enjoyed serving on the Beaches and Parks committee and the Security committee. I have lived in the Cape with my family since 1998, and I would like to continue in my position with the Board to keep working to make the Cape such an enjoyable place to live.

### Merissa Mirani

Merissa Mirani is a Civil Rights Officer II/Investigator with six years of experience working in non-profit organizations, international organizations, law office, international development sector, and political campaigns. Merissa specializes in human rights and has educated Alaskans in victims' rights and formed strategic partnerships with the Anchorage Police Department to further assist victims of violent crimes.

Merissa has a multicultural background and grew up in Costa Rica. She holds a masters degree in Political Science and is eager to be active, involved, and assist her community.

Merissa is extremely motivated and uses her positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others to work together and work hard. Merissa is inspired daily by her husband and her father who recently sustained a Spinal Cord Injury. In her free time, Merissa likes to do yoga, lay on her hammock, and explore her new community in Annapolis.

### Kimberly A. Pollock

I grew up in Cape St. Claire and always dreamed of raising my family here. I have been blessed to live in Cape St. Claire for the past 30 years. Shortly after buying my home, I met Mary Lamb, my neighbor, and volunteered at an event. I knew that day I would continue for volunteer in Cape years to come. I love Cape! You may have seen me as the trail guide for the Halloween Haunted trail, the

Fortune Teller and the Cat-In-The-Hat for the Halloween Parties, the Easter Bunny for the Easter Egg Hunts, helping with Breakfast with Santa and a committee member and active volunteer for the annual Strawberry Festival and its events committee for over 25 years.

I raised both of my boys in Cape St. Claire, and now they are raising my grandkids in Cape St. Claire. I attended St. Mary's High School in Annapolis for 11 years, graduated from Annapolis Senior High and Anne Arundel Community College, then continued education at the Fleet Business School, graduating dean's list with honors, in Micro Computer Programming. In 1990, I was employed by Bio Gro, a waste management company, as a supervisor of the Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division who reported to the Environmental Protection Agencies. In 1997 the company sold and the president started the Ameripaca Alpaca Breeding Company, where I served as a Manager and ran operations for 17+ years. This position required a lot of interstate travel, monitoring the 450+ alpacas, managing networks and databases, marketing, payroll, supporting a licensed on-site veterinary hospital and working with the county on environmental grants. When the owner retired in 2014, I took on an Executive position at Blanchet Concrete Pumping, LLC in Laurel, MD. I oversee the Accounting departments, the Regional Office's Administration, Human Resources, Inventory & Parts Sales, State & Federal reporting, budgeting and lots more.

My role as a volunteer in Cape St. Claire for over 25 years has afforded me the opportunity to witness what has happened and what should be happening in our neighborhood for the betterment of the Cape's children, families, and businesses. My employment skills have allowed me to be a responsible, capable manager, to make management decisions, to work well under pressure, and to see what needs to be done and "make it happen." As an empty nester now, I have more time to play an active role in our community as a board member. It would be a pleasure to serve the Cape St. Claire community and I hope, once again, you will give me that opportunity to represent you and the community, as we move forward with our mutual goals.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **Dr. Adam "Thor" Harris**

Rheena and I discovered the delightful Cape Saint Claire community in March of 2020 by happenstance after receiving orders to Fort Meade. As we near retirement eligibility, we intend to continue laying down roots in our little slice-of-paradise we call "home".

I am blessed to have led amazing teams throughout my military career working with the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA), National Air and Space Agency (NASA), and National Security Agency (NSA). Currently, and when not in a military uniform, I serve as an Adjunct Professor for a master's program at East Coast Polytechnic Institute. With respect to the budget committee role, I offer an MBA academic credential and experience leading a \$1.5 Trillion Dollar acquisition program. I have a PhD in Computer Science from Colorado Tech, and a professional certificate from Carnegie Mellon University.

As for Team Harris, Rheena is an executive for an S&P 400/ Fortune 500 retail corporation just outside the Broadneck Peninsula. We have three little ones named Penelope (7), Theodore (5), Isabella (3) AND one more on the way (due March 2023). On just about any day of the week you should find them down at the main beach or park playing with friends. We also have a Corgi-Jack Russell dog named Romeo who loves endless belly rubs, and a tuxedo cat named Ellie that enjoys playing hide-and-seek.

Prior to moving to Maryland, we lived in Las Vegas. While stationed in Nevada, I discovered a passion for community and public service. Over the years I have volunteered nearly 2,000 hours, held multiple elected board positions for nonprofits (including Treasurer and President), and subsequently, was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal by the highest levels of the Department of Defense and selected to shadow the Mayor of Las Vegas (amazing experiences to say the least)!

Our family embodies the Air Force's core values of "integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that we do." Serving on the Cape Saint Claire Improvement Association budget committee is the next step we seek in our mission to give back to our community.

### **Charlie Shoul**

My name is Charles "Charlie" Shoul. I have lived in Cape Saint Claire since 1986 and have raised my two daughters to adulthood, in our home on Breezeway Drive. I am a proud Marine Corps veteran and loyal member of the community. I support our local businesses whenever possible, and have been employed by a couple of them over the years. I find Cape Saint Claire to be a tight knit community where people know their neighbors. I myself cannot go shopping at our local businesses without running into multiple people that I know. I find that friends and neighbors here genuinely care about one another, and always inquire about your family. This caring attitude for one another defines our Cape St. Claire community, and is the reason that we have stayed in the Cape all these years. We have no intentions of leaving any time soon. People often ask me why we are still in our starter home, and I jokingly respond that I am a slow starter! I have been involved with various community activities, such as being a softball coach and an active member of the Cape Youth Sailing program. As a board member, I was recipient of the Gretel Darby service award. My wife was a community Girl Scout leader for many years, and I assisted as a troop dad. I was a long time member of the Cape Ravens Roost #66, serving as vice president for several years.

I have worked in the restaurant industry for the last 15 years as a manager responsible for staffing and daily operations. I have also been in charge of booking and accommodating large private parties and events. I have since semi-retired, and work just a couple days a week. I feel that this new schedule affords me more time to get myself involved in the community again. I believe that I am a well-known resident of the community and would be an asset as a member of the Cape Saint Claire budget committee. I hope to be given the opportunity to once again serve the Cape that has served me so well all these years.

# CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FY 2024

## 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, Cheri Fairchild's and Joe Angel'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 2024 budget summary for CSCIA membership approval at the January 2023 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 purposed separate columns show FY 2021, and FY 2022 actual amounts, as well as the county approved FY 2023 budget amounts.

The **current SCBD assessment cap** is **\$225 per tax account**. Based on an estimated **2,320 tax accounts** in Cape St. Claire, the Board and Budget Committee recommend increasing the annual assessment **\$10.** from **\$200 to \$210.** The Budget Committee and Board of Governors

have worked diligently to limit the assessment **by finding savings, addressing cost increases and priorities, while maintaining service levels, and funding the repayment of loans for the Shoreline Restoration Project's Site 1 and Site 2.** Cape members can only raise the SCBD assessment Cap every two years to provide future flexibility.

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 2023 could result in spending cuts as well as jeopardize assets and overall service levels.

Please plan on attending the January 2023 CSCIA Membership meeting. Your comments are welcomed. **Vote for your Board of Governors recommended FY 2024 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 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024)		SCBD	Non-SCBD	
Ordinary Income/Expenses		SCBD- Regular Totals	Mmbr-Maint, Beach-Parks, Caper, Club- House, Lake Claire, BLOA/CSCS C (passthru)	Piers
<b>INCOME</b>				
	Caper Advertising	\$0.00	\$42,000.00	\$0.00
	BLOA Contribution (Security,Taxes, Ins)	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
	CSCSC Contribution (Taxes, Rent & Security)	\$0.00	\$2,050.00	\$0.00
Note 1	Maintenance Fees	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Note 2	SCBD Revenue	\$487,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	HOA Packets	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
	Interest Income - SCBD, Maintenance-Piers	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$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	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
PM	Piers - Slip Rental Fees for 237	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,055.00
	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	\$11,087.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Additional Parking Sticker Fees	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$498,307.56</b>	<b>\$149,320.00</b>	<b>\$117,790.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
General and Administrative				
S	Accounting Fees	\$5,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
S	Audit Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
	Bank Charges	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Note 3	Caper Print/Edit/ Contract&Postage	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$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	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
BP	Membership/Conference/Training (Dues & Fees)	\$1,300.00	\$650.00	\$150.00
S	Misc. (Refreshments, Volunteer Appreciation, CSCIA Milleage, Penalties/Interest, etc.)	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
	Events	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
BP	Mowing Contract / Bid Out	\$18,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CL	Clubhouse Custodial Svcs (Contract) /Bid Out	\$5,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$28,640.60	\$7,684.19
S	Permits	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
S	Postage	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
S	Printing	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$100.00
	5 Property Taxes	\$4,350.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,900.00
S	Repairs/Maintenance	\$26,979.62	\$12,807.85	\$17,500.00
S	Sanitary Services-PortaJohns	\$12,500.00	\$1,100.00	\$100.00
S	Sewer	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
S	Signage	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
S	Telecommunication & Internet	\$3,500.00	\$500.00	\$9,000.00
S	Trash Collection	\$6,650.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
S	Utilities	\$11,000.00	\$500.00	\$13,000.00



	SCBD Plus Non-SCBD						
Mmbr-Maint, Beach-Parks, Caper, Club-House, Lake Claire, BLOA/CSCS C (passthru) + Piers Totals	<b>FY 24 Proposed Budget</b>	FY 23 Approved Budget	FY 22 Approved Budget	FY 21 Approved Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 21 Actual	Dollar Change FY Act 22 To FY Prop. 24
\$42,000.00	<b>\$42,000.00</b>	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$39,090.00	\$35,162.00	\$2,910.00
\$12,000.00	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$5,079.00	\$11,867.25	\$2,500.00	\$132.75
\$2,050.00	<b>\$2,050.00</b>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,052.00	\$2,010.23	\$0.00	\$39.77
\$25,000.00	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,300.00	\$25,939.74	(\$300.00)
\$0.00	<b>\$487,200.00</b>	\$464,000.00	\$450,060.00	\$450,645.00	\$454,337.39	\$445,889.46	\$32,862.61
\$11,000.00	<b>\$11,000.00</b>	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$15,740.00	\$13,950.00	(\$4,740.00)
\$20.00	<b>\$40.00</b>	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$36.79	\$69.15	\$3.21
\$5,600.00	<b>\$5,600.00</b>	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$6,320.00	\$6,820.02	(\$720.00)
\$4,850.00	<b>\$4,850.00</b>	\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00	\$4,300.00	\$3,163.00	\$5,181.00	\$1,687.00
\$45,000.00	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	\$35,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$40,329.51	\$11,814.34	\$4,670.49
\$103,055.00	<b>\$103,055.00</b>	\$92,595.00	\$92,595.00	\$99,040.00	\$105,353.00	\$106,840.00	(\$2,298.00)
\$13,035.00	<b>\$13,035.00</b>	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,035.00
\$1,500.00	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00	\$4,300.00	(\$600.00)
\$0.00	<b>\$11,087.56</b>	\$45,528.00	\$56,419.70	\$18,059.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,087.56
\$2,000.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,285.00	\$2,135.00	(\$285.00)
<b>\$267,110.00</b>	<b>\$765,417.56</b>	<b>\$753,708.00</b>	<b>\$746,659.70</b>	<b>\$719,930.46</b>	<b>\$707,932.17</b>	<b>\$660,600.71</b>	<b>\$57,485.39</b>
\$3,000.00	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	\$7,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,050.00	\$1,900.00
\$1,500.00	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	\$4,500.00	\$7,800.00	\$8,300.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$750.00
\$50.00	<b>\$200.00</b>	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$22.00	\$36.00	\$178.00
\$15,000.00	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	\$38,000.00	\$51,500.00	\$51,500.00	\$41,090.90	\$35,034.89	\$3,909.10
\$0.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
\$1,170.00	<b>\$1,170.00</b>	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,170.00	\$0.00
\$15,000.00	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,332.85	\$29,854.24	\$4,667.15
\$25,000.00	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	\$28,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$52,616.35	\$52,436.43	(\$7,616.35)
\$800.00	<b>\$2,100.00</b>	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$400.00	\$465.00	\$1,700.00
\$450.00	<b>\$950.00</b>	\$956.18	\$1,170.39	\$1,100.00	\$1,270.95	\$598.66	(\$320.95)
\$500.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$2,000.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$680.36	\$651.73	\$1,319.64
\$0.00	<b>\$18,700.00</b>	\$17,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,185.00	\$18,120.00	\$2,515.00
\$16,500.00	<b>\$22,000.00</b>	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$19,404.00	\$20,898.96	\$2,596.00
\$0.00	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$600.00
\$1,600.00	<b>\$6,600.00</b>	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,243.18	\$3,691.73	\$1,356.82
\$10,798.50	<b>\$39,439.10</b>	\$39,796.51	\$28,038.89	\$32,180.20	\$27,815.36	\$31,689.24	\$11,623.74
\$1,500.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,250.00	\$380.25	\$1,375.00	\$1,619.75
\$2,000.00	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,032.47	\$5,511.75	\$2,967.53
\$1,600.00	<b>\$5,100.00</b>	\$5,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$3,871.61	\$3,481.38	\$1,228.39
\$6,900.00	<b>\$11,250.00</b>	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00	\$6,350.00	\$9,724.02	\$4,722.31	\$1,525.98
\$30,307.85	<b>\$57,287.47</b>	\$58,940.34	\$58,500.00	\$61,224.00	\$49,111.48	\$42,978.75	\$8,175.99
\$1,200.00	<b>\$13,700.00</b>	\$10,600.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,250.00	\$12,818.35	\$10,345.84	\$881.65
\$100.00	<b>\$600.00</b>	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$440.76	\$433.80	\$159.24
\$1,000.00	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
\$9,500.00	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	\$12,550.00	\$12,550.00	\$12,050.00	\$9,595.19	\$9,610.66	\$3,404.81
\$350.00	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,764.48	\$5,430.92	\$1,235.52
\$13,500.00	<b>\$24,500.00</b>	\$22,700.00	\$22,700.00	\$24,200.00	\$22,019.77	\$19,367.21	\$2,480.23

	Wages-Town Manager	Increased 4%	\$65,997.70	\$15,843.05	\$5,940.66
S	Wages - Administrator	Increased 4%	\$45,214.05	\$10,445.49	\$5,832.70
S	Wages - Asst. Administrator		\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00
	Wages - Asst. Administrator (Mtg. Spt.)		\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BP	Wages - Grounds Keepers/Keeping		\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
CL	Wages - Custodial Svcs		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PM	Wages - Handyman for piers		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
	Wages - Security Patrol		\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BP	Wages - Beach Attendants		\$16,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	Wage/Salary Potential Annual Defined Criteria Bonus		\$7,425.59	\$2,439.43	\$988.67
	Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance		\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Technology/ Website		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
<b>Ttl Gnrl&amp;Adm Total General and Admin</b>			<b>\$418,307.56</b>	<b>\$149,320.00</b>	<b>\$82,246.33</b>
<b>Capital Expns</b>					
BP	Beaches and Parks Improvements		\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CL	Clubhouse Improvements		\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PM	Piers Improvments		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,508.66
PM	Piers Replacement Repair (FY 16-21) Capital Reserve Funding		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,035.00
Note 6	Shoreline Erosion Restoration		\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Capital Total Capital Expenditures</b>			<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35,543.66</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>\$498,307.56</b>	<b>\$149,320.00</b>	<b>\$117,789.99</b>
Net Income (Loss)			\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$0.01

BP= Beaches, Parks, Fish Pier; CA = Caper; CL = Clubhouse; PM = Piers-Marina; S = Shared

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

**Note 2: SCBD Revenue for 2320 taxed lots in Cape that are assessed at \$210 per lot.**

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

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

BLOA = Business Lot Owners Association

CSCSC=Cape St. Claire Swim Club

\$21,783.70	<b>\$87,781.41</b>	\$84,405.20	\$81,946.80	\$79,560.00	\$81,855.26	\$80,149.96	\$5,926.15
\$16,278.19	<b>\$61,492.24</b>	\$59,127.15	\$57,405.00	\$51,000.00	\$57,304.61	\$51,335.49	\$4,187.63
\$6,500.00	<b>\$9,500.00</b>	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$6,479.63	\$6,084.98	\$3,020.37
\$0.00	<b>\$2,800.00</b>	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$550.00
\$10,000.00	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$12,181.24	\$9,406.52	\$12,818.76
\$0.00	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$2,080.00	\$367.50	\$0.00	(\$367.50)
\$4,000.00	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$871.94	\$1,107.40	\$3,128.06
\$0.00	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	\$44,352.00	\$44,352.00	\$46,000.00	\$20,655.25	\$35,132.00	\$14,344.75
\$10,000.00	<b>\$26,500.00</b>	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$22,148.97	\$23,747.68	\$4,351.03
\$3,428.09	<b>\$10,853.68</b>	\$10,650.62	\$10,441.62	\$10,077.00	\$9,593.46	\$6,059.43	\$1,260.22
\$0.00	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,000.00	\$625.01	\$231.21	\$1,874.99
\$250.00	<b>\$3,250.00</b>	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,428.18	\$2,816.41	\$821.82
<b>\$231,566.34</b>	<b>\$649,873.89</b>	<b>\$621,598.00</b>	<b>\$609,549.70</b>	<b>\$600,566.20</b>	<b>\$547,500.38</b>	<b>\$528,825.58</b>	<b>\$102,373.51</b>
\$0.00	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
\$0.00	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,929.26	\$17,846.52	\$2,983.00	(\$15,346.52)
\$22,508.66	<b>\$22,508.66</b>	\$19,075.00	\$19,075.00	\$20,000.00	\$28,404.00	\$0.00	(\$5,895.34)
\$13,035.00	<b>\$13,035.00</b>	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,035.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$71,498.10	\$57,328.57	\$3,501.90
<b>\$35,543.66</b>	<b>\$115,543.66</b>	<b>\$132,110.00</b>	<b>\$137,110.00</b>	<b>\$119,364.26</b>	<b>\$130,783.62</b>	<b>\$60,311.57</b>	<b>(\$15,239.96)</b>
<b>\$267,110.00</b>	<b>\$765,417.55</b>	<b>\$753,708.00</b>	<b>\$746,659.70</b>	<b>\$719,930.46</b>	<b>\$678,284.00</b>	<b>\$589,137.15</b>	<b>\$87,133.55</b>
\$0.00	<b>\$0.01</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,648.17	\$71,463.56	(\$29,648.16)



## NEWS FROM

# HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

### Calling All Members!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 pm at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. It will be a mix of in-person and Zoom. An online ballot will be emailed to current members only. If you are unsure of your current membership status, please email [membership@goshenfarm.org](mailto:membership@goshenfarm.org). If you are a member and would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, please email [communications@goshenfarm.org](mailto:communications@goshenfarm.org) for the link. Otherwise, we hope to see you at the Clubhouse.

### We Need You!

We have four open Board of Directors positions and three Committee Chair positions available, including Building & Maintenance, Events, and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please email [communications@goshenfarm.org](mailto:communications@goshenfarm.org) to get on the ballot or for more information.

### Volunteer Spotlight – Mary-Lynn Neil

Mary-Lynn grew up in Maryland, lived overseas for 20 years, and then moved to Arnold in 2012.

She learned about Goshen Farm while attending the Strawberry Festival. She immediately joined so that she could get a garden plot not realizing then how much more there is to Goshen Farm. She is in awe of what some incredibly generous volunteers have accomplished with their time, sweat, and can-do attitudes.

After joining, she helped with social media for a while. She enjoys meeting many people, which was easy to do by volunteering at events. As a member of the Sharing Garden, it is important to her to fulfill her volunteer hours, something that is easy to do.

Lastly, as a newbie to this area, she received a warm welcome from Goshen Farm members, and she loves the sense of community and belonging to this wonderful group.

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

### 2023 Event Dates

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Events.

Java & Jazz Tea & Tunes	March 12th 3-5
Maryland Day Tours	April 1st TBD
Spring Open House	April 15th 10-4
Wine Tasting	August 19th 4-7
Fall Open House	September 23rd 10-4
Harvest Pasta Dinner	October 14th 5-8

\*\*Summer Acoustic Concerts dates and bands TBD

All events are subject to change, please like our Facebook page

### End Of the Year Giving

Please keep Goshen Farm Preservation Society in mind for end-of-the-year charitable donations. The GFPS is a registered 501(c)3 so your donations are tax-deductible. Donations marked "Matching Grant" will be used to stabilize the Farm House so that renovations can begin. Donations can be made online at [www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org) 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

Annual renewal letters have been mailed. 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).

### What does your membership get you?

An online newsletter with behind-the-scenes information on our progress, discounts on merchandise, advanced notice on Honey sales, opportunities to help with clean-ups or projects around the Farm, volunteering at our many events, and instant gratification from all that you have accomplished. Plus getting to know a great group of people!

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Friday, December 30  
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### DESCENDANTS HIP HOP CAMP

Thursday, December 29  
9:00 - 11:30 am  
Ages 5-9

\$35/ Current DDA Students  
\$40/ Non-DDA Students



### TROLLS HOLIDAY PARTY ACRO CAMP

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9:00 - 11:30 am  
Ages 5-9

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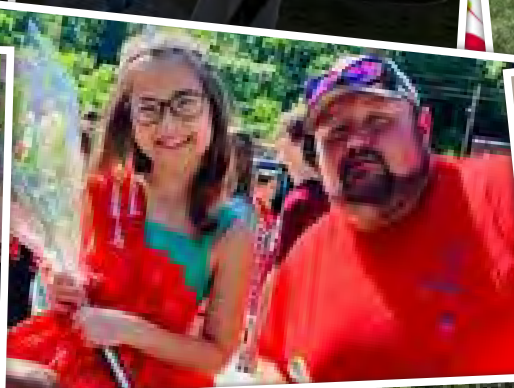
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# Year in Review






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After the stretch of spring-like weather this fall, it is becoming increasingly clear that winter is here. And the Garden Club continues to provide fun and inspiration to Members and friends – read on!



**Bird seed ornaments**



On November 8<sup>th</sup>, a spirited group gathered for a monthly meeting that engaged attendees in snacks, a brief club business meeting, a hands-on workshop, and lots of laughs. After Board Elections were held for the coming year, attendees created varied birdseed ornaments with cookie cutters, gelatin, water, and birdseed.

Then on November 29<sup>th</sup>, members came together for the annual wreath-making event that

produces lovely wreaths that brighten up areas around our beloved Cape Clubhouse & Guard Shack, as well as the Broadneck Library. Two are also hung in downtown Annapolis along with wreaths contributed by all the area Garden Clubs. After freezing off “certain body parts that will go unnamed” for the last two years’ outside wreath-making events, Club Members returned to the warm and cozy Clubhouse for this festive workshop. Then, on December 6<sup>th</sup>, Members held the long-standing traditional burger night outing at the Killarney House and visited the beautifully decorated Homestead Gardens to ogle the poinsettias and shining lights.

This is the time of year when many Garden Club Members “tuck their plants in” for the winter, cutting back those that do better without old stems, leaving those that prefer a trim in the spring. Hoses are drained and stored, fragile ceramic pots are stowed safely away. Annuals that gardeners want to preserve for next year get pinched for cuttings, to be rooted in the sun indoors for a spring revival. Garden clean-up for many entails using nature’s fall gifts: leaves. After raking and perhaps a little jumping in piles, depending on the audience and the spirit, some chip the leaves using a mower and dump them in the flower beds for abundant, inexpensive mulch that decomposes to enrich the soil for next year’s plant growth. For gardening tips month-to-month, please visit our blog: <https://capegardenclub.wordpress.com/gardening-tasks-month-by-month/>

Camellias come to life during the cold months, with blooms of white, pink, and red, and berrying abounds around the Cape with beautyberry & holly. Seedheads of various grasses and the beautiful trunks of crape myrtles also provide winter interest. By January, gardeners will have winter jasmine in bloom, with crocuses and hellebores following in February or March. Until then, you’re invited to brighten up your



**Fresh evergreen wreaths**

shortened winter days by joining the fun! The Cape St. Claire Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. Guests, friends, and new neighbors are welcome to join.

—Submitted by Barbara Sugarman Grochal

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Tuesday, January 3: Mason Bee House Workshop & info for Winter Sowing at home**
- **Tuesday, February 7: Speaker TBD**
- **Tuesday, March 7: 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**



## Cape Conservation Corps Membership Drive

CCC is fortunate to have a strong group of volunteers who come out to support our restoration efforts of the natural areas of our community. In order to continue our efforts of restoration we also rely on funding in the form of donations, grants and membership collection.

Please consider renewing for 2023 or becoming a new member.

There are 2 easy ways to join or renew

- Visit our website at <http://capeconservationcorps.org/product/yearly-dues/> and pay online or
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**Please include your contact information (name/address/email/phone#)**

## Resolve to Plant a Tree

By: Stacey Wildberger

"Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets. To plant a pine, one need only own a shovel."

— Aldo Leopold

Ring-in 2023 right. Make a resolution to help our feathered friends through conservation efforts. Bird feeders are a great way to attract some amazing backyard birds to your yard but to really make a difference, make a resolution for real change. We must strive to add to the ecosystem and expand biodiversity by planting a tree to feed and shelter our bird friends. Trees are also a great way to attract insects that birds need to feed their young. They attract or host a variety of insects, they produce berries and nuts to feed them and create places of shelter.

An American Beech and the mighty White Oak will host more caterpillars than any other tree. Caterpillars are just the food birds need to raise their young. And lots of them - it takes 7,000-9,000 caterpillars to raise one clutch of Chickadees. Warblers, Vireos, Scarlet Tanagers can all be found foraging for insects throughout spring and summer on these magnificent trees. Of course in the fall the Oak will produce acorns that the Blue Jays, White Breasted Nuthatch and Tufted Titmouse will delight in feasting on. The beech nuts makes a tasty treat for the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, while the buds will be snacked on by the Purple Finches. The Oak provides nesting spots in their large canopies and many cavities!

Add a Red Maple if you want to attract Woodpeckers, they prefer the soft bark to drill in looking for insects. Early spring may bring the colorful Evening Grosbeak to snack on the buds. The samaras (seed pods of the maple) make a tasty snack for the Cardinals.

The American Holly becomes a favorite of birds due its ability to provide shelter and food. Those tough leaves shelter the birds from the harsh nights of winter which entices Northern Cardinals and American Robins to nest. The bright red berries entice the Eastern Bluebirds to feast throughout the winter.

Who doesn't love the Hummingbirds? Want to supply them with nectar without the hassle of sugar water feeders, then plant a Wild Black Cherry. Their small white flowers in the spring will attract them as well as the insects that can

be found hanging around. Tent Caterpillars will often set up their nests in the branches of Black Cherry and the Cuckoos and Orioles will sweep in to eat them! Of course the fruit-loving birds will devour the cherries in late summer- Red-Bellied Woodpeckers and Gray Catbirds among them.

The saying goes the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago but it's never too late to plant one and start caring for and providing for our feathered friends. This is one resolution that should be easy to make and keep.

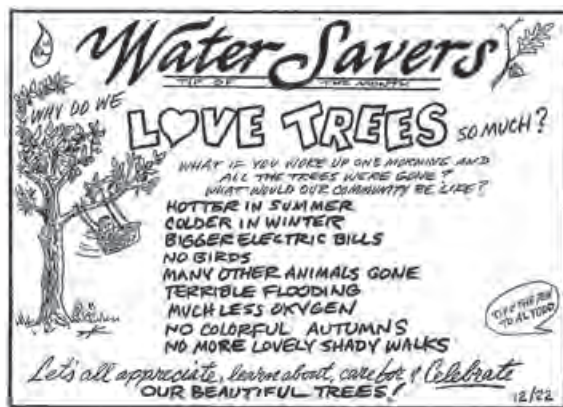
## Watch for "Cape Loves Trees"

By: Al Todd

What if you woke up one morning and all the trees in the Cape were gone! What would our community be like? Hotter in summer, colder in winter, bigger electric bills, no birds, no color in the fall, or shady walks. For many of us, it would no longer be a desirable place to live. Cape St. Claire is blessed with an amazing and abundant diverse canopy of beautiful trees. Trees that make our lives better and improve the value of our property. But we often ignore these benefits or just take our trees for granted.

Cape Conservation Corps is launching a new effort to help us all appreciate, learn about, care for, and celebrate our trees. What would you like to know? Also, do you think your oak or maple or cherry is the biggest in the Cape? We are looking for these Cape Champion trees. Or, do you know of a tree that has a special story to tell? We want to hear from you.

Look for more information on trees in the future. If you want to contact us, or share your thoughts, email [trees@capeconservationcorps.org](mailto:trees@capeconservationcorps.org).





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Sunday, January 8 – Burning Bowl Service, 10:30 am  
Sunday, January 15 – White Stone Ceremony, 10:30 am

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#### Quiet Christmas Service and Tea December 14th at Noon

An opportunity to experience the significance of the birth of Christ in a quiet and peaceful setting among the business of the holidays.

#### Third Sunday Band Christmas Concert December 17th at 6:30pm

Join the Third Sunday Band as they perform Christmas favorites in a casual and welcoming setting.



### St. Margaret's Church Christmas Services

#### December 24:

1pm Family Service  
4pm Lessons and Carols  
7pm Festive Eucharist

\*All services on Christmas Eve include communion

#### December 25:

10am Holy Eucharist

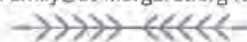


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- COA's Nursery is available during our in-person worship service at 10 a.m. Spaces are limited. Call the church or see our website to reserve a spot for your child(ren) ages newborn through 4 years old.

### The Holidays are coming!!! Mark your Calendars!!!

11/6: All Saints Sunday  
11/11: Veteran's Day outside prayer service in memorial garden: 4:00 p.m.  
11/20: Chili Supper at Hanging of the Greens; Carols, Chili, Tree Lighting: 4:00-7:00 p.m.  
11/27-12/18: Advent Sunday services: 10:00 a.m.  
12/18: Annual Christmas Musical Cantata.  
12/24: Christmas Eve Family Service at 5:00 p.m.  
12/24: Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m.  
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**Pastor:** Dale Thomas



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

If you would like to receive a Zoom invite for the service, please email: office@capeumc.org

**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.

**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00am to 12pm. **If you need immediate assistance, please contact Pastor Dale (240) 682-6395 or dale@capeumc.org.**



### 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.

May your holidays be blessed and may you be a blessing to others.

*Pastor Dale*



### Advent

The Advent season runs from November 27th through Christmas Eve.

We would love to have you 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.



### Christmas Day Worship Service

JESUS and JAMMIES

10 am in the Sanctuary



Cape Methodist Church is distributing food for Backpack Buddies. This ministry provides weekend food to children in need at elementary schools on the Broadneck Peninsula.

We welcome food or monetary donations to support this important ministry to our community. Please consider helping us! The food items we need are single serve cereal and instant oatmeal, single serve applesauce and fruit, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, single serve pudding, family sized mac & cheese, canned chicken or tuna and snack items.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office at 855 Chestnut Tree Dr. between 9 AM and Noon Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We appreciate your support for children in Broadneck communities!



### My Brother's Pantry

My Brother's Pantry has been serving Broadneck families since 1986 and as now made the transition to a healthy family choice pantry. Families coming to the Pantry now come in to select what they need right from our shelves!

We gladly accept both monetary and food donations – please check out our website to find out how to donate, [www.mybrotherspantry.org](http://www.mybrotherspantry.org) or call the Pantry at 410-757-5190.

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My Brother's Pantry would like to thank all those who participated in the Pictures and Pie benefit for My Brother's Pantry in November, and especially Roxana Perry of Perry Premier Homes who sponsored the event, and Jack Anderson for all of the great pictures! A lot of money was raised for a great cause - Broadneck families!

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