



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

JUNE 2023

QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY JULY 25TH AT 7:30 PM

President's Perspective

Capers,

Hope everyone had a fun and safe Memorial Day weekend. The Strawberry Festival is being held June 3rd, hope you can make it and make the day one to remember with your family and friends!

We, the Association, have been busy with the business of Cape St Claire. When you have 2,300+ homes and some 8,000 residents, the work never seems to stop, but as Spring comes to an end and we move into Summer, it gets busier and busier. Here are the top summer topics on Beau's mind....

Summer Topics:

- You should see the beach attendants out on the weekends (training May 13th and starting May 20th) at the beaches. We have 15 plus beach attendants and hope to cover weekdays starting in May, well prior to the usual start day after the end of school, to help mitigate some of the early season use by non-residents.
- Please be respectful of the beach attendants, as they are there to help make sure our residents and their guests have a fun and safe time at the beaches and parks.
- As the weather continues to get nicer, remember it's darker later, and more people are out walking, running, and enjoying all this community offers. Please SLOW DOWN and WATCH for pedestrians, but especially at Crosswalks and busy intersections!
- If you are a slip holder at one of our three community marinas, please remember: your boat should be in the water by June 1st per our contracts and if you will not make that date, you should have been in contact with the Piers Committee & Admin to make other arrangements. We have options like subleasing for a period of time, so we can efficiently use the slips amongst those on the sublease list and wait list where possible.
- You may be reading this 2023 June edition of the Caper online on, or after, the 1st of June, but it may be you are reading the mailed hardcopy 7-10 days later in June. Unfortunately, it seems that the mail,

especially rural routes, and specified mailing areas, are taking longer on bulk rate permits. We are working on collecting submissions earlier in the month to get the mailing of the Caper to arrive closer to the first! I'll shoulder part of the blame in not hitting the deadline monthly for the President Message submission, too!

- It's our budget planning season for FY 2025, which will be voted on in January 2024, just 7 months away. If you have suggestions to programs, upgrades, amenities, or resources that we as an Association should be considering, please email at President@CSCIA.org, budget@cscia.org, or townmanager@cscia.org.

I am going to finish this message with the following community plea: Get involved, every local organization needs volunteers, so please consider working some shifts at the Strawberry Festival, help out at a Weed Warrior Wednesday, volunteer with the CSC Volunteer Fire Company, join Goshen Farm, the Garden Club, or the Cape Conservation Corps, pick up trash around the community on your own time, come to our membership meetings to learn more about our community, and consider joining the Budget Committee or the Board of Governors in 2024.

See y'all around Cape!

Beau Breeden

President, CSCIA

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

MAY 8, 2023

In attendance: Pres. Beau Breeden, Govs. Jennifer Connor, Cheri Fairchild, Ed Hayes, Mary Lamb, Matt Layman, Marissa Mianti, Kim Pollock, Michele Shipley, and Jerome Zadera, Town Manager Frank Tewey, and guests Steve Arnold, William Arnold, Becky Benner, and Stacey Wildberger.

Pres. Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, thanked all for attending, and noted that new parking stickers and guest passes should be in use. If anyone has not received stickers, it is probably because they have not paid, paid late and did not include the late fee, or have not provided car info. Please call or email the office to address.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Minutes of the Apr 10, 2023 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously. The financial statements for Mar 31, 2023 were reviewed. As requested by the budget committee, Pres. Breeden explained the maintenance part of the corporation vs. the Special Community Benefits District (SCBD) part, how the balance sheet is read, and how cash flow throughout the year works. A motion to accept the financials passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager: Town Manager Tewey reported on several committees and comments are in the committee reports below. In addition, he noted the Cape is participating in the Mosquito Program by the Dept. of Agriculture beginning at the end of May. Due to a new law, all Homeowner Associations (HOAs) are required to do a reserve study by Oct. 1 to determine the replacement cost of all community owned assets. He solicited bids from 3 firms to conduct the study, two have responded: The Falcon Group at \$18,000 and Miller-Dodson at \$6,000. Richard's Tree Service completed one emergency tree removal.

Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC): Mr. Tewey reported the Chesapeake National Recreational Area (CNRA) bill has not been introduced to Congress as it is in the comment phase. Pres. Breeden said Congressman Sarbanes and Brandywine Foundation Exec. Director Charlie Scarlett spoke at the BCC meeting regarding Whitehall. Kim Tran spoke regarding options for traffic flow control on the Bay Bridge.

Beaches & Parks: Mr. Tewey reported a maintenance crew member and 14 beach attendants were hired. Training will be held May 13, and attendants will start May 20. More portable toilets will be installed. Pres. Breeden added that general rules of the beaches include not using profanity, no consumption of alcohol except by permit, and that anyone hosting an event with 20 or more people should fill out a beach party request form and get parking passes. That applies to individuals and groups such as churches, clubs, etc. Many parties are booked throughout the summer and fall. Get applications in early.

Business Lot Owners Association (BLOA): Broadneck Grill has outdoor dining and will be checked for compliance with rules.

Building: Four applications were reviewed and Mr. Tewey is following up on missing info. Two applications will be discussed in closed session. The appeal to a denied variance request will be heard May 16th at the county.

Budget: The budget committee met May 4. The next meeting is Jul 13. Governors with budget requests need to submit them to the committee.

Caper: Gov. Lamb needs articles submitted earlier. Mr. Tewey asked for events to be announced earlier than the month in which they are to occur.

Clubhouse: The new office opened May 1. Gov. Lamb thanked Mr. Tewey for coordinating the move. The old space is to be an office for Mr. Tewey, a conference room and storage.

Events: The Cape Clean Up will be July 14 and 15.

Legislative: The county council passed the special events permit bill that does allow for waiving of fees.

Piers: Mr. Tewey said a decision is needed regarding safety equipment. Water is on at marinas. Pres. Breeden said a work list was made for the electrician, and Pier Admin. Williams has completed moves and offered slips to the waitlist. Upcoming projects include redoing the triangle by the boat ramp and the small pier at Deep Creek, vegetation mitigation and the potential dredge. Requests for proposals will be sent.

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A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

Congratulations to all those graduating from high school, trade school, colleges, universities and the like! Be proud of your accomplishments!

We're ready for the summer! Are you?

ORANGE parking stickers have been issued and are now in effect. Stickers must be affixed to your vehicle and not placed on dashboards. Guest passes are not valid for any trailering at Deep Creek on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Be mindful of the many parking restrictions around the community and abide by them. Please don't put us in the position of having to tow any vehicles!

We are fully staffed with a group of amazing Beach Attendants for this summer! Beach Attendants have been trained to be ambassadors for you and we ask that you be courteous and kind to them as they perform their jobs. Want to recognize or compliment one for outstanding service? Email me at townmanager@cscia.org. You can also send me any concerns or questions you may have.

As July approaches, fireworks will take to the skies. For safety reasons and because some vets and pets are

affected by them, we ask you to leave the fireworks to the professionals. Groundbased (non-aerial) sparklers, hand held sparklers and "snappers" are the only fireworks allowed under the law.

Don't forget to celebrate the 4th of July on our Main Beach! Our neighbors to the north, Gibson Island, have a great professional fireworks show!

For our slip holders: Boat bottoms should have gotten wet on or before June 1st! If you were unable to get your boat into the water by that date, please contact the Piers Administrator!

For your calendar! Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting is on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:30 pm.

Stay Happy and Healthy!

Frank Tewey, Cape St Claire Town Manager
TownManager@cscia.org · 443-757-1223

I am here to help...

If you are thinking of moving, I am here to help and to guide you. It is only a matter of time until the market "bursts" open in Cape, the surrounding Broadneck area, and Anne Arundel County in general.

When you are ready, the following is what I can and will do for you....



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Board In Brief *CONTINUED*

Security: Mr. Tewey reported 20 of 31 shifts in May are covered as one office is out due to injury. T-Mobile is to test equipment at the piers. Pres. Breeden added that it would cost less than the current system and possibly allow for Wi-Fi access at piers and beaches.

Strawberry Festival: Volunteers are needed for shifts in the ticket booths and the CSCIA booth.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager Tewey presented 3 options for traffic control offered by the State Highway Administration (SHA). Comments can be made online through the Cape Facebook page. All options include the permanent closure of Exit 31. The 1st option places traffic lights along the access road on the south side of Rt. 50 to regulate traffic entering the highway. The 2nd makes the access roads one way; College Parkway East would flow east, and Skidmore/Whitehall Roads would flow west. The 3rd option would close access to Rt. 50 at Exits 30 and 32 so local traffic could exit Rt. 50, but not reenter. SHA would coordinate with Google maps and other navigation apps to show exit closures. The board agreed that Option 2 is unacceptable, Option 3 is the preferred option, followed by Option 1.

Pres. Breeden reported that he has been approached about getting a skate/BMX park in the area. He proposed to the county an underutilized parking lot at Bay Head Park. Councilperson Amanda Fiedler notified him that the proposed county budget includes feasibility study funding.

Pres. Breeden explained that funding for the reserve study is not in the FY23 or FY24 budgets as the law requiring it is new. A motion to allocate up to \$20,000 from reserve funds to pay for the study was made and passed unanimously. Quotes received will be reviewed to determine if they meet the criteria and choice of firm will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Pres. Breeden reported that a resident asked for CSCIA support for their request to the county for a crosswalk across Cape St Claire Rd. at Woodland Circle. He explained that would require a petition from a group of homeowners in the area, and if pursued would lead to a 2-year study before the county would consider. Studies have shown the Cape to meet the maximum number of stop signs and speed humps allowed. The proposed crosswalk site is Cape on one side of the road but independent homes on the other and is close to the firehouse.

Due to timing of the pay cycle for CSCIA employees and the fiscal year, FY23 will include 27 paychecks instead of the budgeted 26. A motion to allow the salary line items to go over budget by one payroll if necessary to pay all employees was made and passed unanimously.

The county mailed postcards to residents regarding rezoning as part of Plan 2040. The board will review proposed changes to zoning of CSCIA properties. Some are zoned with 2 designations. Some county owned properties are zoned as open space and could be changed to residential with the general map overlay method being proposed. Pres. Breeden would like parcels to be considered on a case by case basis.

COMMENTS

Becky Benner announced the Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS) spring open house to be held May 13, 10am-4pm. The next Goshen Farm meeting will be held via Zoom on May 17. Contact her for a link to the meeting.

Mrs. Benner also announced the Garden Club plant sale fundraiser scheduled for May 20, 8am-2pm. There will be annuals such as herbs, vegetables and flowers and native perennials. The next club meeting on June 6 will feature landscaper and master gardener Claire Jones.

Stacy Wildberger of the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) said the Girl Scout event, Watershed Steward Project, Earth Day event and kickoff went well. Wednesday Weed Warriors will continue throughout the summer at Little Magothy beach, Deep Creek marina and the Serene Ravine. Plants were added at Little Magothy Beach. Herbicide will be sprayed at the Serene Ravine in targeted spots on invasive Bush killer vine on May 11. The ravine is one of two places where the vine has been identified in Maryland and was sprayed last fall also. CCC has received grants to help defray the cost. CCC will tour the yards of Habitat Heroes on Jun 17.

A resident presented a modified plan for rebuilding a retaining wall damaged by the October 2021 storm. He is concerned with continuing erosion during storms. He noted that since the October storm, there has been a loss of 25 feet of beach adjacent to his property. Experts had recommended dunes and grasses, but he does not agree that would work. The proposed wall would follow his property line. The application is to be discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to closed session and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:56 pm. The closed session occurred from 8:58pm to 9:30 pm. The May 8, 2023 CSCIA Board of Gov.s meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.



4th of July Parade and Celebration Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Parade - Games & Activities

Parade Staging will start at the CSC Fire Department at 9:30.

The parade will start at 10:00 a.m.

Entry Forms Available at CSCIA Office or by emailing events@cscia.org

Prizes will be awarded for "Most Patriotic" and "Most Creative"

Be sure to enter your group, team or family!

Games & Activities

Festivities for the children will continue at the Main Beach after the parade

St. Margaret's Church Presents



Vacation Bible School 2023!
June 26th through June 30th
9am to 12:30pm

Open to Campers
Entering Pre-k to
Entering 5th Grade

and
Middle School Junior Counselors

Registration on St-margarets.org or:



High School Counselors and Adult Volunteers still
needed- childcare available for volunteers
Email Emily@st-margarets.org for more info

Water Savers
TIP OF THE MONTH
CLEAN IS GREEN!

SO MANY ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE
WE HAVE THE POWER TO HEAL THE PLANET

SOLAR & WIND POWER <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CLEAN, QUIET- NO FUEL COST	ELECTRIC VEHICLES <ul style="list-style-type: none">- PRACTICAL SINCE 1800'S- SUPPRESSED BY FOSSIL FUEL INTERESTS EVER SINCE	GEOTHERMAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">- HOME HEAT PUMPS ARE EFFICIENT- NO FUEL BILL!
COAL - FILTHY, DEADLY	LPGAS - HEALTH HAZARD	ELECTRIC TOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none">- QUIETER, EFFICIENT
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Summer Health: Beyond a “Beach Body”



With summer in full swing and our beaches, parks, and pools a flurry of brightly colored swimwear, one cannot help but notice who “looks” healthy and who does not. It is very easy, and tempting, to judge others on their body size and equate that judgement to health. It is even more familiar to evaluate oneself with such a lens when we are bombarded with media promoting the perfect “beach body” (along with a program or diet to buy in order to achieve the ideal—but I digress!). “Health ideals and social ideals are co-mingled and co-constructed, influencing how individuals are judged as a function of whether their bodies are thought to reflect good decisions” (Gutin, 2021, p. 1439). In other words, body size has become the focus of how we evaluate health with weight status frequently associated with health. But is this connection and judgement fair?

While health professionals agree that extreme issues with weight, either far over or far under, has significant impacts on health and mortality, the marker used to measure a healthy weight is flawed. Body Mass Index (“BMI”) is the conventional method for classifying a body as underweight, healthy weight, overweight, and obese and is calculated using height and weight measurements. Again, a weight-centered marker is based on “the assumption that higher weight is associated with poor health...and that weight loss is associated with improvements with physical health (Jackson et al. 2022, p. 389). While we cannot throw out or ignore the conventional marker of health, we can expand our definition of health beyond weight.

Rather than focusing only on the number on the scale or how one looks in swimwear, it is better to “focus on behaviors that support physical, mental, and social well-being” (Jackson et al., 2022, p. 393). Adding healthy behaviors to one’s life does more to promote health and well-being than stigmatizing weight and making assumptions about body size.

Health behaviors include choices that promote well-being. Healthy People 2030 is a resource “that identifies health priorities to help individuals, organizations, and communities across the United States improve health and well-being” (health.gov/healthypeople). While this list is not exhaustive, it is a great place to start evaluating health.

Categories for Health Behaviors (Healthy People 2030):

- Drug and Alcohol use
- Emergency Preparedness
- Family Planning
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Preventative Care (See Cape Nurse Article from February 2023)
- Safe Food Handling
- Sleep
- Tobacco Use
- Vaccination
- Violence Prevention
- Stress Management

Notice how weight is not directly addressed in these categories? That is because health is complex, varied, and may look different for everyone. Keep making positive health choices! Chances are, if one is doing so, weight is a non-issue!

In wellness,

Jennifer Barrett, RN, BSN

Full references provided upon request.



NEWS FROM

HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Win A Kayak For As Little As \$5

Get ready to paddle your way to fun with our annual Kayak Raffle! Don't miss out on your chance to win two (2) beautiful kayaks with paddles for just \$5 per raffle ticket.

You can purchase tickets both online through our website or at our events. Hurry and secure your tickets now, as only 500 will be sold. Act fast before they sell out! Kayak raffle will take place at the first Summer Concert.

Summer Concerts Are Here

If you're looking for a fun way to enjoy live music this summer, look no further than the free summer concerts at the Goshen Farm. Our summer concerts offer a unique opportunity to enjoy live music in a beautiful outdoor setting, surrounded by nature and fresh air.

We have a diverse lineup of talented artists and bands, sure to please music lovers of all ages and tastes. Here is 2023's lineup:

June 16: Sparks and McCoy / Guava Jelly

June 30: CRS / Cape Tree

July 14: Magothy / 24 Karat

July 28: Biondi Family Band / Dirk and the Truth

August 11: Diane and Julie / The Befuddleders

August 25: Acousticafe / 21012 Band

So pack a picnic basket, bring a blanket or lawn chair, and settle in for an evening of great music and good company. Best of all, the concerts are free! They start at 6:30 PM but please make sure to **follow us on Facebook** for additional details and any possible weather cancellations.

Become A Goshen Farm Member

Your membership helps us continue to restore, preserve, and educate about the history of Goshen Farm. It also has other benefits:

- Tax-deductible Membership Fee
- Behind-the-Scenes Progress Updates
- Discounts on Event Tickets & Merchandise

- Garden Plot Rental Access
- Volunteer Opportunities and More!

Have any questions? Contact our Communications Chair at Communications@goshenfarm.org.

Neighborhood Sun Partnership

Goshen Farm Preservation Society has partnered with Neighborhood Sun as part of our commitment to spreading awareness about ways we can all be more sustainable.

Neighborhood Sun and the Maryland Community Solar program make locally produced renewable energy available to residents and small businesses across the state. The best part? No panels to buy or install and no rooftop needed!

How? Energy is produced in solar farms and works like a community garden. It's a state-sponsored program, approved by Maryland Legislators.

This works for apartments, houses, tenants, and homeowners alike. Anyone who pays a BGE bill can subscribe, and it works with 3rd-party electric suppliers. There is no cost to join or cancel.

You can reduce your carbon footprint and save money. Goshen Farm Preservation Society members and community residents are encouraged to discover how easy it is to adopt clean energy with Neighborhood Sun.

Please visit this website for more information: <https://info.neighborhoodsun.solar/goshen-farm>

Have You Seen Our Website?

We had a little facelift! Go check out the new design at goshenfarm.org.

Thank you also to all our supporters and patrons for helping to make our 2023 Plant Sale such a grand success! Your generous support funds our annual speaker series, Member scholarships, field trips, Yard of the Month judging, and beautification of the island gardens in Cape St. Claire Road and Green Holly Drive. Special thanks to local businesses Blue Rooster, Dunkin' Donuts, and Graul's for donating refreshments for our hardworking volunteers, and also to our amazing all-day studs who stayed at our sale start to finish: Sandy, Kim, Tracy, Jeanne, Carol, Jeff, Cathy, Rose Mary, Larry, Margarette, & Diana.

At our May meeting, Members were treated to a pre-sale auction of Cape-grown plants. These included giant hostas, lilies, ferns, bleeding heart, bloodroot, and many other interesting plant varieties. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with neighbors around gardening, and everyone took home a new plant. Many thanks to all our hardworking Member volunteers who make our Plant Sale possible, donating countless hours digging, dividing, potting, label-making, tagging, schlepping, and selling, so we can bring our Cape neighbors such a variety of beautiful and useful plants!

Now that May bloomers like iris, salvia, peony, lilacs, & azaleas have showed us their lush beauty, we look forward to June bloomers like hydrangeas, sun drops, lilies, roses, & butterfly weed. And the Garden Club will be busy all season with Yard of the Month and beautification. Did you know our Garden Club maintains 4 Cape gardens, including the Segree Memorial Garden near the Broadneck Library? You're invited to visit & enjoy! Our Segree volunteers, Rose Mary, Bill, Diana, & Jeanne, took a Sunday morning to weed, prune, and mulch to get it ready for summer. Diana returned later to plant some spring-blooming dianthus. Our volunteers are pleased to maintain this lovely place for a respite for our neighbors to enjoy while walking along the trail!



Segree Memorial Park volunteers



If you haven't already, June is a fine time to plant all your veggies & herbs, as well as summer annuals like coleus, sweet potato vine, petunias, & begonias. June is also a great time to tip prune or shear fall bloomers such as mums, asters, & Maximilian Sunflower, to encourage bushy growth & reduce flopping stems later in the season. You can also move your peony cages over to your baby tomato plants! And finally, it's time to begin vigilantly eliminating standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Toys, gutters, tarps, even bird baths can harbor larvae if the water is left more than 7 days. Help your neighbors and together we can greatly reduce mosquito populations in Cape!

The Garden Club will be working in community gardens all summer long. If you'd like to join the fun & learn with us, please email capegardenclub@gmail.com.

Submitted by Barbara Sugarman Grochal, Jeanne Klinger, & Audrey Lengbeyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 6: *Before & After Landscaping Solutions Using Native Plants* by Speaker Claire Jones

July & August: Beautification teams & Yard of the Month judges active (no meetings)

Tuesday, Sept 5: *Members Sharing Slideshow*

Congratulations to our May Yard of the Month Winners!

Area 1: The Maggio Family, 1313 Breezeway

Area 2: Drew and Sara Patten, 1028 Mountain Top

Area 3: Al and Teresa Todd, 1037 Lake Claire

Area 4: Jennifer Barrett, 1213 Summit

Area 5: Jonathan Neff, 1187 Ramblewood

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JULY 24 - 28

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Princess Ballet Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 am - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students	Frozen Ballet Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students	Pinkalicious Dance Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$265 Non-DDA students \$225 Current DDA students	Moana Dance Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students
JUNE 26-30	July 3-7	JULY 3-7	JULY 3-7
American Girl Dance Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$265 Non-DDA students \$225 Current DDA students	Fancy Nancy Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$220 Non-DDA students \$180 Current DDA students	Jo Jo Hip Hop Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$220 Non-DDA students \$180 Current DDA students	Little Mermaid Ballet Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$175 Non-DDA students \$135 Current DDA students
JULY 10-14	JULY 10-14	JULY 31-AUG 4	JULY 31-AUG 4
Broadway Stars Camp (7-10 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$265 Non-DDA students \$225 Current DDA students	Encampo Dance Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students	Sophia the First (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students	Encampo Dance Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students
JULY 31-AUG 4	AUG 7-AUG 11	AUG 7-AUG 11	AUG 7-AUG 11
Aladdin Dance Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$265 Non-DDA students \$225 Current DDA students	Descendants Hip Hop Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$265 Non-DDA students \$225 Current DDA students	Incredible Acro Camp (5-9 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm \$265 Non-DDA students \$225 Current DDA students	Frozen Ballet Camp (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am \$205 Non-DDA students \$165 Current DDA students

Free Summer Dance Camp t-shirt with registration

Before and After Care available

Use the QR code below to conveniently register for Summer Camps/Classes.



Each camp is filled with an introduction to dance, arts and crafts, movement games, and choreography. All participants will perform in an end of week showcase for family and friends!



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Cape COMMUNITY SWAP

Invite Your
Friends!

Sunday, Jun 11 10am-2pm

Cape Clubhouse field at Cape St. Claire Rd. & Broadview Dr.

- × Toys, games, puzzles, books, DVDs
- × Household goods & tools
- × Clothing & Shoes: Women, Men, Children, Babies
- × Small appliances & electronics in working condition
- × DROP your goods anytime before 11am, no junk please

You are not required to bring goods to participate. All leftovers will be donated to charity.

Questions? Want to volunteer? zerowastecapers@gmail.com

\$2 suggested donation per family for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



2023 CAPE CLEAN-UP

Friday, July 14th & Saturday, July 15th

Corner of Broadview and Cape St. Claire Road

Anne Arundel County Waste Management has graciously offered Cape Residents a weekend in July for our 2023 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 1:00 PM, space permitting. In an effort to protect our environment and dispose of our trash properly, Anne Arundel County will be providing the clean-up with cans for recycling and 2 on-site Anne Arundel County Employees to assist the residents with the proper disposal of their TRASH. When you arrive at the clean-up you will be asked to dispose of your TRASH in the proper cans. Please keep this in mind as you load your vehicles. Try to keep your recyclables together (Cardboard, Paper, Metals etc...)



Cape St. Claire

Choosing the right agent is critical to your success and in Cape St. Claire it is not different.

You owe it to yourself to have every advantage in getting your home sold. It's important to work with an agent with the local market knowledge and experience to position your home effectively.

There is no agent who knows the Cape St. Claire market better and my respect for our community runs deep. I've been a Cape St. Claire resident for over 30 years. My sons attended the Broadneck schools, played ball on the ball fields, and sailed with the youth sailing camp. Perhaps you've seen me each year at the Strawberry Festival. I imagine you chose the Cape for many of the same reasons I did – for its beautiful beaches, water privileges, top notch schools, and its convenient shopping and commuting. When it comes to selling your Cape St. Claire home, you deserve an agent who knows the market and can get it sold for the best value in the timeframe you need.

Selling or have a real estate question? Let's Talk!

Give me a call - 443-223-1570

YOUR AGENT You owe it to yourself to get your house sold for the best value within your timeframe. A highly skilled agent is what makes it a reality.

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Active	1300 Cape St Claire RD	2/2	\$377,000	05/17/2023	2
Active	760 Windgate Dr	5/3	\$549,900	05/17/2023	2
Active	986 Round Top Dr	3/1.5	\$439,000	05/06/2023	24
Pending	718 Mount Alban Dr	4/3	\$849,900	05/04/2023	4
Pending	972 Dogwood Tree Dr	4/3	\$515,000	04/20/2023	6
Pending	1139 Skyway Dr	4/2	\$525,000	04/21/2023	4
Pending	1122 River Bay Rd	6/3/1	\$2,599,000	04/21/2023	4

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Sold: April 1 – May 15th

Address	Beds/ Baths	Sold Price	Days on Market	Seller Subsidy	Close Date
1275 Pine Hill Dr	3/2	\$520,000	0	0	05/02/2023
993 Mount Holly Dr	3/2	\$449,000	27	\$15,000	04/19/2023
1202 Hampton RD	4/3	\$450,000	3	0	4/14/2023
1007 Mountain Top Dr	3/1.5	\$528,000	6	\$18,000	4/12/2023

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Habitat Hero Tour

Join us June 24th as we travel through Cape to visit the two of three 2022 Habitat Hero winners and see what they are doing to be a good steward of their land. We will park across from 1037 Lake Claire Dr and walk through Serene Ravine to our first stop Rob Wood. After viewing the incredible views and transformation Rob has. Our second stop will be Larry and Margarette Jennings to see a spectacular native plant collection! Larry has graciously offered to serve us lunch so please stick around for that.

Start time is 9 am

Upcoming Events 2023

- Every Wednesday through October we will meet at one of three areas to remove invasive plants and plant natives
- Email me at president@capeconservationcorps.org to volunteer
- June 24th Habitat Hero Tour 10am to noon
- September 23rd Fall Native Plant Fest and Sale in the field behind the clubhouse 9am to noon SAVE THE DATE!!

The Nature of Oaks

In his book *Bringing Nature Home*, Doug Tallamy, entomologist and longtime University of Delaware professor, talks about “host” trees - trees that serve as the most important food sources for birds and wildlife. Tallamy would be the first to say that “a yard without a large tree is a yard that is only meeting a fraction of its life-support potential”. The top host trees are oak, cherry, birch, willow, and poplar. And of all the trees, no group supports more life forms than the genus *Quercus* – what we know as **oaks**! They provide food and protection for bugs to birds to bears - an enormous diversity of species.

Over 600 different Hymenoptera species (mostly flies and small wasps) use oaks exclusively as host plants, unable to survive on anything else. Oak trees support 897 caterpillar species and are hosts for more Lepidopteran species (moths and butterflies) than any other plant studied. These caterpillars fuel the food web – being the main food source of terrestrial nesting birds. At least 61 species of woodboring beetles, 37 species of treehoppers, at least 21 species of leafhoppers, and countless other insects utilize oaks and birds feed on them. The next most important tree group, the Maples (*Acer*), support less than half as many!

And that’s before we even consider the multitude of creatures that also feed on their acorns. Not just squirrels but white-tailed deer, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, red foxes, and wild turkeys. Oaks and Blue jays evolved together about 60 million years ago, in what is now Southeast Asia. Jays grew so adapted to life alongside oaks that a small hook at the tip of their bill is designed to rip open an acorn husk. Other birds (60+ species), mammals, and other creatures also use the cavities and other parts of the tree for nesting or shelter.

Oaks are not just another plant, they are engines for running our ecosystems.

With over 90 species of oak in N. America and about 435 worldwide, *Quercus* is the largest tree genus, made up mostly of trees that are very large and very long-lived, two factors that help explain the oak’s power. Since oak species have evolved to grow in most habitats and growing conditions, it comes down to finding the right oak for you. A few to consider in our region are the White Oak (*Q. alba*), Chestnut Oak (*Quercus prinus*), Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), Southern red oak (*Quercus falcata*), and Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*). The most common oak species in

Cape St Claire are Southern Red Oak, Willow Oak, and Chestnut Oak. Watch our Facebook page for a listing of Champions.

Consider a few of the oak’s credentials.

- 1) Of the food eaten by insects, birds and other animals, 75 percent comes from just a few key genera — and oaks lead the list.
- 2) Birds forage longer in oaks (which is often about caterpillars — high-value baby food during breeding season).
- 3) An oak can produce three million lifetime — full of protein, fat and carbohydrates.
- 4) A mature tree can drop as many as leaves every year. Because they higher concentrations of lignins and chemicals that retard breakdown, oak decompose slower than most tree resulting leaf litter is habitat for organisms.
- 5) The tree’s dense canopy and root important in water infiltration and runoff.
- 6) Oak trees also sequester large carbon.



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Mr. Tallamy coined the term homegrown national park — the notion that each person’s contributions of native plantings on their property, led by oaks, add up to substantial habitats and conservation corridors equivalent to a national park. Tallamy says, “in the past, we asked only one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they need to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators, and manage water too.”

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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.

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.



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Blessings to All! -Pastor Dale



Sunday July 30-Thursdays August 3
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We welcome children ages 5 through 10 (entering grade 5) to VBS. To register your child, make a payment, or to register to volunteer, please visit the following website:

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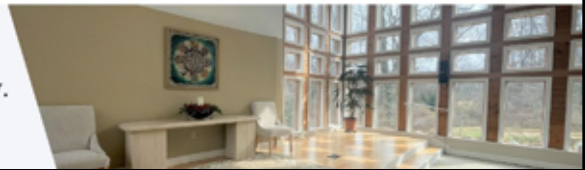
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Tuesday, June 6 ~ Unity Rhythm Drum Circle 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Monday, June 12 ~ Sahffi's "Medicine Music Meditation" 6:15 - 8:30 pm
Monday, June 19 ~ Crystal Bowl Healing Sound Bath 6:15 - 8:15 pm
Tuesday, June 20 ~ Midsummer Solstice with Dr. Gwen MacGregor 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Monday, June 26 ~ Bringing Mindfulness into Everyday Life 6:30 - 8:15 pm
Monday, July 3 ~ Reiki Share 6:15 - 8:00 pm
Monday, July 10 ~ Introduction to Runes with Dr. Gwen MacGregor 6:30 - 8:15 pm
Tuesday, July 11 ~ Unity Rhythm Drum Circle 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Monday, July 17 ~ Crystal Bowl Healing Sound Bath 6:15 - 8:15 pm
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