



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2023

President's Perspective

Capers,

How is that we are ending July and moving into August? Summer is flying by, but it seems like so far, it's been a fun one. Since the last time I wrote, we held an extraordinarily successful Strawberry Parade & Festival, planted 1,500 native grasses at Main Beach and Lake Claire with our partners from Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Bio habitats, and maybe the best 4th of July Parade yet, with games and music at the Main Beach. Other volunteer groups have been active too, the Garden Club around the Clubhouse, Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) working at the Serene Ravine & Little Magothy Park and the Broadneck Bluegrass Group and their friends hosting a few community events at the Lake Claire and Main Beaches, which have been well received.

I am going to spend my time thanking those in Cape St. Claire making a difference around the community and highlight some those who are the unsung Capers who show up and get things done. First, I will start with those making an environmental impact along with Stacey Wildberger, President of the CCC. She has led efforts at the Serene Ravine for a number of years and Little Magothy Park this past year. She has helped transform these two spaces. She has led the CCC efforts and worked with the CSCIA in making these spaces better places for Capers. Next, Brad Knopf volunteers with the CCC, and also with the Magothy River Association. Brad is our oyster guy and helps keep our Oyster Nursey going and spends a lot of time working to improve our waterways for all. He has helped mightily in getting Oysters into our reef balls at Lake Claire.

I want to thank those that helped with our events in June and July: first, as always, Mary and Jimmy Lamb for their hard work on the Strawberry Festival, and others that show up and help every year, Chris Nokes, Shelby Tomaselli and Kim Pollock in particular, give a lot, both in preparation and during the event. I know I'm going to miss some people in this, and I apologize for that, but I'd also like to thank; Christy from Richard's Tree Care for hanging our banner, Karen Fedor, Rhonda Barnes, Mike Grierson, Ashley Reidenauer, Jen Williams, Warren & Julie

Klug and all of the ticket booth volunteers; Vicki Sanders, who is a yearly volunteer in the kitchen; Mike Barnes, Tony Kubik, Brenda Hall and Angela Glass for volunteering in the Beer Garden and Mike Tomaselli, Larry Thompson, RC Nokes and Missy Morgan for volunteering in the Pit Beef Area. We also appreciate Len Yuhas, who leads the music and oversees the sounds board with his volunteers each year too! On the 4th of July we had board members step up like Kim Pollock, Cheri Fairchild and her girls, and Merissa Mirani helped set up and lead the games at the park. And special thanks to the CSC Volunteer Fire Company and Anne Arundel County Police Department for their help in our parades to keep everyone safe!

So, the question I pose is, what is out there than you can volunteer for to help our community? Do you have a particular skill or talent that you want to share to help make our community better? Email me at President@CSCIA.org or another board member to find out more how you may contribute to the CSCIA or another organization.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a great last month of the summer. Have a fun time with family, friends and neighbors near and far. Hope it's a fun and safe remainder to the Summer of 2023!

I'll look forward to seeing you around Cape this summer.

Best wishes,

Beau Breedon
President, CSCIA

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

JUNE 12, 2023

In attendance in person: Pres Beau Breeden, Govs Jennifer Connor, Ed Hayes, Mary Lamb, Matt Layman, Marissa Mianti, Michele Shipley, and Jerome Zadera, Town Mgr. Frank Tewey, budget committee members Thor Harris and Charlie Shoul, and guests Steve Arnold, Becky Benner, and Brad Knopf. In attendance online: Govs Joe Angel and Cheri Fairchild, guest Peter Miller.

Pres Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, thanked all for attending and praised the Strawberry Festival, thanking everyone for their help, particularly beach attendants, maintenance crew Matt Cox and the town manager.

VARIANCE REQUEST

Town Mgr. Tewey and a resident presented a request for a gazebo lined up with the pre-existing deck with a setback of 9 ft. President Breeden explained the process of closed session discussion and notification.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Minutes of the May 8, 2023 BOG meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The financial statements for Apr 30, 2023 were reviewed and approved. Pres Breeden pointed out the bank balances.

COMMENTS

Becky Benner announced the next Garden Club meeting will be Sept 5. They will focus on cleaning the community gardens at the library, clubhouse, and road islands on Cape St Claire Rd and Green Holly Dr. She noted concern over fast moving traffic around the islands.

Mrs. Benner announced the Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS) summer concerts begin June 16. Another will be June 30, two more in July and the Aug 11 concert will be GFPS Member Appreciation night. The wine tasting event will be Aug 27.

Brad Knopf of the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) said Wednesday Weed Warriors will continue weeding at Little Magothy beach and the Serene Ravine. CCC will tour Habitat Heroes yards on Jun 17. CCC will participate in an endeavor to help plant oyster spat and donations from other organizations or from individuals are welcome. The current reef at Lake Claire will be seeded soon. The Little Magothy River Association (LMRA) is working with the Severn River Association to obtain up to 30 million oysters, at a cost of about \$80,000.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made to move into closed session for the presentation of the reserve study proposal and passed unanimously. The closed session convened at 7:50 pm and ended at 9:07 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager: Town Mgr. Tewey reported on several committees and those comments are in the reports below. He also noted that the Mosquito Program continues and that a request for proposal for the reserve study was sent to another firm with no reply. Richard's Tree Service completed the tree removal on Cape St Claire Rd.

Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC): Feedback was given to the state regarding options to control traffic at the Bay Bridge. Pres Breeden said the Stakeholders Advisory Committee is researching and voting on 70 properties for rezoning.

Beaches & Parks: Mr. Tewey thanked beach attendants and office admin Coble for all her work "behind the scenes" to support the board and employees. There are 18 beach attendants, with 2 lead attendants. Additional portable toilets were installed. Gov Connor offered to be the liaison with CCC.

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A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

What a great start to the summer we've all had! The Strawberry Festival was a great way to kick it off. High fives to the Strawberry Festival planning committee, all the volunteers, all the vendors and all the helpers on making this year's Festival so successful and fun! The attendance was outstanding with neighbors meeting neighbors and families enjoying a day in the sun together! Priceless! Let's do it again next year! Or, better yet, let's get together for Independence Day!

Our 4th of July Parade will take place in the morning ending at Main Beach for some fun and games. Later that night, our neighbors to the north, Gibson Island, will have a fireworks display over the Magothy River. Cape St. Claire has some great viewing opportunities at Main Beach and Lake Claire. Join your neighbors and celebrate America!

Explore the Cape! Besides venturing out to our coveted beaches, parks, trails, and marinas, be sure to explore our website CSCIA.org! Many questions we answer each day are just a couple of clicks away! The site features a calendar of events, the weekly weather outlook, and

an ocean of information. Under the header "CAPE ST. CLAIRE", you will find the Cape's history, current projects and programs, and very useful links to other resources related to our community. Under THE ASSOCIATION you can find information on Cape recognized organizations, community documents (bylaws, covenants, building codes, etc), and learn more about your Board of Governors. OUR SERVICES provides information on our beaches, clubhouse rentals, signboard rental, piers and much more! And finally, THE CAPER header contains information on advertising in the Capers, the latest edition and even previous editions!

The site is even mobile friendly, so next time you're sitting on the beach, have an adventure and explore!

Our next Quarterly Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Stay happy and healthy!

Frank Tewey

Cape St Claire Town Manager

TownManager@cscia.org

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Board In Brief *CONTINUED*

Building: The appeal to a denied variance request was approved by the county with some restrictions. Another county variance was approved for an addition that would disturb a steep slope. The building does not violate any Cape building codes. Two applications were returned for more information, three were approved.

Budget: The next committee meeting will be held Jul 13 at 7pm.

Caper: The Caper was submitted a week earlier than usual and still was late to mailboxes.

Clubhouse: Final touches are being made in the new office.

Events: Cape Clean Up will be Jul 14/15 and volunteers are needed. Permits were approved for the July 4 parade. For movies on the beach, use licenses are required and can cost up to \$1,500.

Legislative: The Chesapeake National Recreational Area bill has not yet been introduced to Congress but is expected to include Whitehall.

Piers: Lumber was ordered for the crabbing/fishing pier. A decision is needed regarding safety equipment. A census of boats in slips by the June 1 deadline was conducted. About 15 people attended the pier meeting and it was decided monies not used when the spur dredge was canceled should be moved to the piers reserve fund line. A motion was made to do a journal entry moving \$75K from the operating funds line to the reserve funds line and passed unanimously. Enough funds would be left to cover the pier budget.

Security: Eleven of 30 shifts in June are covered as two officers are out for the month. Mr. Tewey wants four officers scheduled for the evening of July 4. Governors are welcome to help officers and beach attendants with crowd control.

Strawberry Festival: Pres Breeden, Mr. Tewey and Gov Lamb thanked everyone who helped with the Strawberry Festival, especially the beach attendants and Matt Cox for their long shifts with crowd control, parking and trash removal. Gov Lamb continues to get compliments on the free, family friendly events. Proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the Cape St Claire Fire Dept.

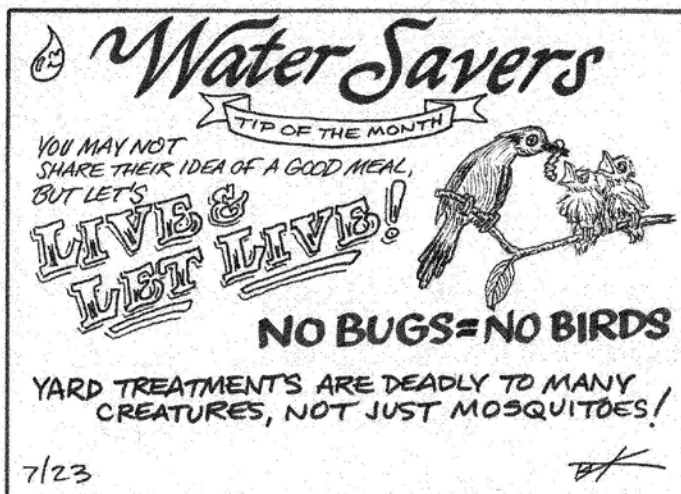
NEW BUSINESS

Gov Lamb was approached regarding allowing informational tables at the beach on July 4. Several musical groups wish to perform throughout the day. Traditionally, there has been a parade and games for children. It was decided that only Cape Recognized Organizations will be allowed to set up tables.

Pres Breeden said the repair/maintenance and beach attendant lines could go over budget for fiscal year 23. A motion was made to allow those lines to go over budget by up to a combined total of \$10K and passed unanimously. Enough other lines are expected to come in under budget so the final bottom line should be positive.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to closed session and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:33pm. The June 11, 2023 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.





St. Andrew by the Bay

701 College Parkway ~ Annapolis, MD ~ 21409
410-974-4366 ~ www.standrewbythebay.org ~ sabbanna@archbalt.org

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE through September 3
Saturdays ~ 5:00pm;
Sundays ~ 8:30 & 10:30am



Summer Madness was a big success!

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

~ John Paul II

Happening Now!

PREP Registration for Pre-K - 5th Grade and Middle - High School. Contact Meredith at meredith.powell@archbalt.org.

Confession: Wednesdays 5-6pm; Saturdays 8:30-10am.

Pray the Rosary: M/W/Th/F 9:30-10am; Sunday 9:00-9:30am.

Daily Mass: M/W/Th/F 9:00-9:30am

Morning Prayer with Holy Communion: Tuesdays at 9:00am.

Coming This Fall...

Six Dates for Catholic Couples: Six Saturday Evenings, September-March. Attend a monthly short program followed by an evening out with your spouse while we watch the children! Registration and fee required.

Fall Grief Support Group: Mondays, 9:45-11:00am September 25-November 27. Find support and comfort, and learn about the hard work of grief in this 8-week offering. Contact Martha, 410 974-4366.

Find out more on our website or stop by our Welcome Desk before or after Mass.



Beyond Trees and Touching Trucks: Our Cape Fire House

In honor of our Nation's great holiday, I took a deep dive into our Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department (CSCVFD). I knew I couldn't be the only Cape resident wondering what "Station 19" was all about beyond a clever sign board, Christmas trees that sell out every year, "Touch a Truck" events, and the crew at Rita's on a lovely summer evening. A fire company seemed to go hand in hand with our most patriotic holiday, so I sat down with Carson Doyle, a professional paramedic and volunteer at our VFD.

Beyond the who's who of Station 19, who does what job, and which vehicle has which purpose, Carson spoke about the needs of the community and the department. First, the calls received by our station are approximately 70% medical needs and 30% fire (primarily motor vehicle and grass fires). Of those medical calls, Carson estimated that 60% need hospital transport and 40% are "check and see" type calls. He reported that the elderly residents of the Cape call the most frequently for chest pain, stroke, and falls. Additionally, since our fire house covers Rt. 50 and the Bay Bridge, our Cape Crew handles travelers through the vicinity needing help with car accidents, water rescues, and Bay bridge emergencies like jumpers. High call volume is a post-covid challenge since folks have missed Primary Care appointments and the Emergency Department has become the first (or only) choice of residents suffering injuries / medical issues. Beyond emergent care, Carson noted the other greatest need of the community was public education. Public education topics of great importance include smoke detectors (did you know the CSCVFD has FREE SMOKE DETECTORS? Now you do!), grill safety, personal flotation devices and safe water skills, CPR training, fire prevention and safety, and "when to call 911." Station 19 relies on their staff of volunteers to reach the public with education programs, training, and clever words of wisdom on their sign board. But doing everything the station dreams of doing to help educate the community is tough because the station's #1 need is for volunteers!

While enthusiasm is high at Station 19, staffing is down. Carson reported that less people volunteer and less folks choose Paramedics and EMT as a career. Therefore, the top need at CSCVFD is volunteers, both administrative and active operational personnel. Carson stressed that he could find anyone a job to do at the fire house and volunteers are welcomed with open arms! While calls are always answered and Carson stressed that the department absolutely wants residents to call for help, he said the department would like to do more for the community especially with classes and public



education. Volunteers are the answer!

Supporting our CSCVFD improves the health of the community through public education and outreach and improves the department through staffing and energy. And of course, fund raising is always a need. Our fire house is looking to purchase a new engine and eventually build a brand-new station. While the county has some funding for both, the fundraising efforts in the community are essential. So during this 4th of July and summer season, consider supporting our front line workers and first responders for community health by volunteering and/or donating to our ever busy Station 19. And say hi to the crew at Rita's or stop in on a Thursday evening to meet the crew! Our community health depends on it!

Stay Well,

Jen, RN, BSN

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Contact the Fire House:

membershipchair@cscvfc.org

www.cscvfc.org

Facebook: Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company





NEWS FROM

HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT COMPLETED

Riley Hoover, a member of Scout Troop 835, has successfully completed his Eagle Scout Project at the (Shallow Water) Wildlife Pond in Goshen Farm. Out of the 22 Scout projects we have overseen, Riley's project stands out as the most complex. He chose this project from a list of around 20 suggested projects provided by our Grounds Chair.

Undertaken in 2022, Riley's project required a tremendous amount of effort, meticulous planning, fundraising, paperwork, and hard work. Like all Eagle Scout Projects, the primary goal was to develop and demonstrate leadership skills. The construction work began on-site in early May, with the final touches being completed in June.

Congratulations to Riley Hoover, as well as the scouts and family members of Troop 835, for a job well done!



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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOSHEN FARM

FREE FRIDAY SUMMER CONCERTS

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.

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

WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION

Save the date! Join us on August 27, 2023, as the Goshen Farm Preservation Society presents an exquisite Wine Tasting & Silent Auction event. We are delighted to have Bella's Liquors as our generous sponsor for this occasion.

Prepare to be entertained by the captivating melodies of The Jazz Perpetrators while indulging in delectable cuisine catered by Tony Barrett. This promises to be an evening of sophisticated enjoyment that you won't want to miss. Visit our website for more information.

KAYAK RAFFLE HAS A WINNER!

We appreciate everyone who participated in our Annual Kayak Raffle. Congratulations to Kelly Livio being this year's winner!

Thank you to Richard's Tree Service and Hague Quality Water of Maryland for donating the kayaks!

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.

Welcome to summer, Cape! Now that the crape myrtles, black-eyed Susans, tall phlox, & milkweeds are blooming, we can all enjoy some restful time on our wonderful community beaches & our beloved Chesapeake Bay. Soon our neighbors will be harvesting tomatoes & zucchinis from their Plant Sale veggies!

At our June meeting, 40 Members & Guests enjoyed an informative and entertaining talk by landscape designer Claire Jones, a Maryland Certified Horticulturalist and owner of Claire Jones Landscapes. In her talk on *Landscaping Solutions Using Native Plants*, Claire regaled us with before and after photos of new landscapes, including hardscape and a mix of native and non-native shrubs & perennials. She shared solutions to tricky situations many homeowners face, such as areas with poor drainage, deer pressure, or the need for a privacy hedge. She featured many plants we sold this spring at our Club's annual plant sale, like sunflower, goldenrod, & aster, as well as shrubs that many Members have in our own gardens. We all enjoyed her talk very much!

While the Club will not have Membership meetings again until the autumn, our Yard of the Month judges and Beautification Teams are out in force every month!

This month's featured beautification bed is the Clubhouse. Designed and rebuilt by our Member volunteers in 2017 for 4-season interest, the Clubhouse bed is currently maintained by a team of Member volunteers who visit the bed weekly: Jean, Beth, Beth, & Diana – thanks for all your efforts, Members!



The bed features crocuses, daffodils, tulips, & blue star in spring, then dwarf crape myrtles, daisies, coneflowers, butterfly weed, fragrant lilies, & pink hibiscus in summer, blue asters & peach chrysanthemums in fall, and colorful evergreens for winter interest. Please stop by & enjoy the blooms on your way to main beach!

If you'd like to contribute to a community beautification team, we also maintain the Segree Memorial Park behind the Broadneck Library and the 2 island garden beds on Cape St. Claire Rd and Green Holly Drive. Volunteering is a great way to learn new gardening skills and make some new friends – please email us at capegardenclub@gmail.com if you'd like to learn more, ask questions, or participate – we'd love to have you!

Please don't forget to vigilantly eliminate 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! And check out capegardenclub.wordpress.com for gardening tips month-to-month. In July & August the tips are mostly to sit back, sip lemonade, go swimming & kayaking, pick tomatoes, and enjoy the fruits of all your hard work planting this spring!

Then on Tuesday, September 5th, you're invited to join us as we enjoy our annual **Members' Sharing Slideshow**, where Members share photos and a few words about what's new in their gardens. From wildlife sightings to bumper harvests to new plants in bloom to abysmal garden fails – we dish all, laugh together, & get inspired for the following season. Come learn with us!

-- Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

July & August: Beautification teams & Yard of the Month judges active (no meetings)
Tuesday, Sept 5: *Members Sharing Slideshow*

Congratulations to our June Yard of the Month Winners!

Area 1: Alex & Mike Haas, 1134 Long Point Terrace
Area 2: Delia Edelman & John McLaughlin,
1049 Broadview Drive

Area 3: Josh & Rose Jack, 966 St. Johns Drive
Area 4: Sean Engelhard, 1255 Hilltop Lane
Area 5: Carolyn Casey, 700 Hillcrest Lane



Habitat Hero Winner 1st Quarter Winner

Our first winner for 2023 is

Carol Collision.

A long time Garden Club Winner and repeat Yard of the Month winner for them it is easy to see the knowledge Carol has creating and maintaining a beautiful landscape.

In addition to the beauty to the human eye, Carol creates a safe and secure space for the birds, bees, pollinator and other creatures to call home. Please click to read more about Carol's Healthy Habitat. Thanks for being a HERO to wildlife.

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

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
- September 23rd **Fall Native Plant Fest and Sale** in the field behind the clubhouse 9am to noon SAVE THE DATE!!

Shrub Spotlight for the Native Plant Fest and Sale

By: Stacey Wildberger

Cape Conservation Corps Native Fall Plant Fest and Sale is coming up September 23, 2023 from 9am to noon, located in the field behind the clubhouse (1223 River Bay Rd 21409). In addition to the ferns, groundcovers and perennials we will have some outstanding shrubs for with high value for wildlife. The following are a few we will have (supply permitting).

Are you looking for some amazing fall color? Check out the *Callicarpa americana* American beautyberry, with its vibrant purple berries clinging tightly to the stem in bunches is a showstopper! It will bring all the birds to your yard to feast on these beauties. Reaching 3-6' feet in height and spread in the full sun to part shade it will provide some amazing winter interest. While the flower is pretty insignificant the berries will delight!

Hypericum prolificum shrubby St John's wort is a smaller shrub, reaching 1-5' in height and 1-4' spread. It will thrive in full sun to part shade making it very versatile. The beautiful yellow bloom from June to August is a welcome addition to any garden. Great for use in a hedge row or border and useful in stabilizing slopes. It attracts a variety of bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Look for this to be blooming at the Little Magothy Beach Park next year as we just added a group of 6!

Another spectacular pollinator shrub we will have is *Clethra alnifolia* summersweet. Preferring moist to wet conditions it will grow 3-8' and spread 4-6'. It performs well on full sun to part shade. Uses include hedge row, rain gardens and naturalized area. We recently added this to the Little Magothy Beach Park as well. The white, showy and fragrant bloom will bring in those big, beautiful butterflies such as monarchs and swallowtails!

We are hoping to have several varieties of Viburnums at the sale. There are so many to choose but we are trying to get *V. acerifolium* mapleleaf viburnum and *V. prunifolium*. The mapleleaf is shorter viburnum (3-6') and the Blackhaw, *V. prunifolium*, will reach 12-15'. Both have showy white blooms to attract a variety of butterflies and pollinators. Full sun to part shade in a dry to medium soil will suit these beauties best. Depending on availability we may have other Viburnums.

Our sale will not only feature beautiful selection of native plants at rock bottom prices but we will have many experts on our hand to answer questions and suggest plants. Nancy Lawson, author, blogger and friend to wildlife, Chris Pax, local native landscape designer, Alison Milligan the ultimate plant guru, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, including the Baywise team, Pollinator Pathways, Magothy River Association, Adkins Arboretum, Unity Gardens and of course the AA County Watershed Stewards! Look forward to seeing everyone!



Champion Trees of Cape St. Claire

Big trees catch your eye. Like the dinosaurs, big trees are now some of the largest living things on our planet. That is also true in the Cape where our yards and streets are populated with a rich landscape of giants. Once you start paying attention, you just might be in awe. Big trees also represent history, whether planted by some forward-thinking person, left to grow by the edge of an old corn field or pasture 100+ years ago, or just accidentally rooted from a seed dropped by a bird, buried by a squirrel, or carried by a strong wind. Every big tree tells a story of the past, sometimes forgotten.

Did you know there is an official National “champion tree” registry for the biggest trees of each species? and every State has their own list? Did you also know that the system for keeping track of the biggest trees in the country was also born right here in Maryland. It was the idea of Fred Besley, Maryland’s first State Forester in 1925. Besley devised a point system to compare trees based on circumference, height, and canopy width.

The most famous champion tree in Maryland was the Wye Oak, national champion white oak (and our official state tree), that was over 400 years old when it fell in a thunderstorm in 2002. The Liberty Tree, a 400-year-old tulip poplar was another that was located on St. John’s College in Annapolis. In colonial times, the Sons of Liberty met under the tree, and the famed Revolutionary War hero Lafayette gave a speech under it in 1824. The state champion “Burnside” Sycamore, or Witness Tree, was growing on the shores of Antietam Creek at the time of the Civil War battle that claimed 22,000 lives in 1862 and measures 26 feet around.

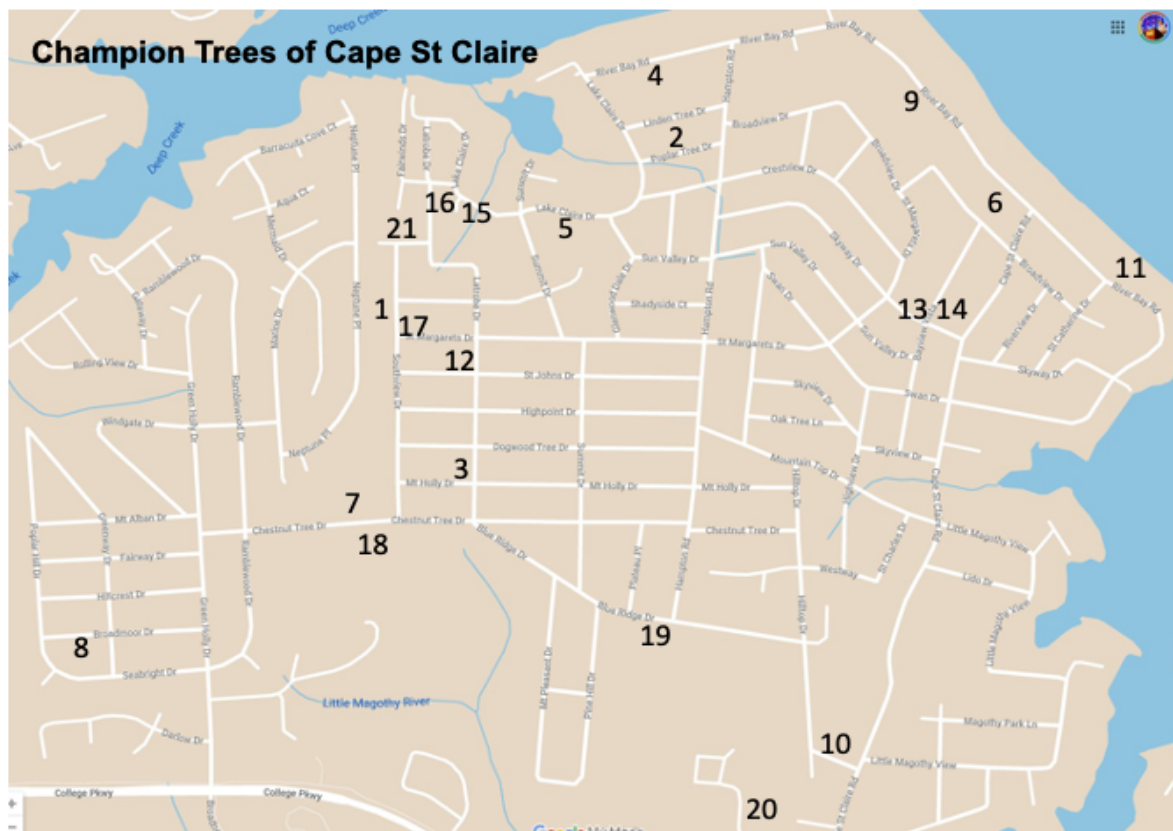
Today, Maryland is home to 12 National Champion trees with two (a Chestnut Oak and Shagbark Hickory) still living only a few miles from Cape St Claire. The National Register of Big Trees includes 826 species from every state in the nation. To check out the American Forests’ National Register of Big Trees, contact www.americanforests.org; for Maryland look at dnr.maryland.gov

Wherever they set their roots — in your yard, on a street, in a public park, a field or a state forest — a tree’s gifts are many. Outside of their sheer aesthetic value, trees provide much of the oxygen we breathe, homes and habitat for many wildlife species, soil retention and watershed protection, and energy saving benefits. Big or not, they should be treasured.

Check out our list and driving tour of some of the biggest trees we have found so far in Cape St Claire. And many thanks to all the homeowners who graciously shared their trees with us.

If you would like to nominate a champion tree, check out the Cape Conservation Corps website for instructions on how to measure how many points your favorite tree is and how it might stack up as a Champion. Or email us at trees@capeconservationcorps.org and we’ll come visit!





CUT AND DETACH FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Measurements							
Map #	Species	Diameter (in)	Circumference (in)	Height (ft)	Canopy (ft)	Points	
						Cape Tree	State Champion
1	Willow Oak	56.4	177.6	108	98	310	400
2	Willow Oak	48.7	153	90	85	264	400
3	Southern Red Oak	63.3	199.2	85	90	321	431
4	Southern Red Oak	51.9	163	110	75	292	431
5	Chestnut Oak	37.6	118	102	60	235	407
6	Tulip Poplar	51.1	160.8	120	60	295	460
7	Tulip Poplar	49.3	155	95	98	275	460
8	Red Maple	62.2	196	69	95	289	338
9	Red Maple	43.4	138.8	65	85	225	338
10	Silver Maple	53.1	166.8	78	60	260	414
11	Persimmon	25	78	53	50	143	191
12	Dawn Redwood	37.1	115	72	60	203	265
13	Black Gum (Tupelo)	27.1	85.2	70	45	167	297
14	American Holly	42.4	133.2	78	45	220	234
15	Red Mulberry	24	75.6	60	35	145	108
16	Black Walnut	37.5	118"	78	75	216	326
17	Beech	32.6	103"	87	80	210	428
18	White Oak	58.5	184"	85	88	291	406
19	Cottonwood	43.5	109"	42	40	161	396
20	Southern Magnolia	41.7	131"	45	54	190	304
21	Little Leaf Linden	39	131"	68	45	210	325

To support the Cape Conservation Corps or become a Member, go to www.capeconservationcorps.org

Enter the Cape St. Claire 2024 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Recently taken a great photo of Cape St. Claire or the Chesapeake Bay? The 2024 *Cape St. Claire Community Calendar* is sponsoring a photo contest. The winning photo will be published on the front page of the 2023 calendar. **Photo submission deadline is Thursday October 5, 2023. A \$100.00 cash prize will also be awarded.**

DIGITAL PHOTO SUBMISSION NOW AVAILABLE! Photos must be submitted in a horizontal 8" x 10" format in black & white. The subject matter must pertain to the Cape St. Claire area or the Chesapeake Bay. Photos submitted will not be returned to you. The winner will be announced in an issue of *The Caper*. Submissions are limited to 3 entries per person. **For Digital Submissions:** *Email to apsolutions757@gmail.com *Files can be no larger than 2MB *Must have name of photographer, address, phone & title of the photo (By submitting digitally you are giving permission to the 2024 Cape Calendar to publish your photo on the cover of the calendar). **For Hard Copy Submissions:** *Attach a completed entry form to the back of each photo (available in *The Caper* or at Cape Ace Hardware) * Must provide a high quality digital copy of the photo is selected * Drop them off at Cape Ace Hardware.

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

2024 CAPE ST. CLAIRE CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Please tape this coupon to the back of each photo submitted. You may submit as many as 3 entries.

Name of Photo _____

Your Name _____

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Telephone (____) _____

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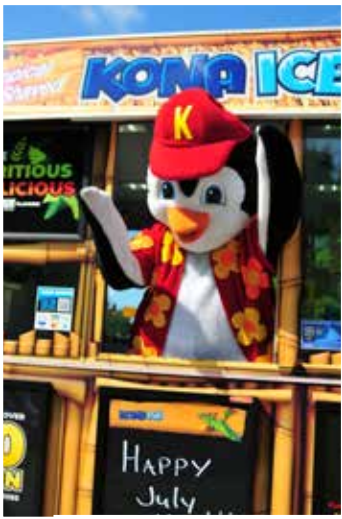


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Market Snapshot 7/11/2023

Status	Address	Beds/ Baths	List Price	List Date	Days on Market
Active	1096 Linden Tree Dr	3/1/1	\$529,000	7/07/2023	5
Active	1300 Cape St Claire Rd	2/2	\$ 377,000	5/17/2023	49
Active	1161 Summit Dr	4/2	\$500,000	7/02/2023	10
Active	1011 Westway	4/3	\$465,000	7/02/2023	11
Active	1010 Mount Holly Dr	4/4	\$ 799,000	5/30/2023	40
Pending	996 Saint Johns Dr	4/3	\$ 499,000	6/06/2023	14
Pending	1022 St Charles Dr	4/2	\$ 489,900	6/09/2023	3
Pending	1039 Sun Valley Dr	3/2/1	\$ 599,900	6/05/2023	11
Pending	1270 Swan Dr	4/1/1	\$ 929,000	5/26/2023	26
Pending	1192 River Bay RD	5/5/1	\$ 2,750,000	5/15/2023	35

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Cape St. Claire Listings



SOLD	Address	Beds/ Baths	Sold Price	Days on Market	Seller Subsidy	Close Date
	718 Mount Alban Dr	4/3	\$ 855,000	4	0	6/09/2023
	760 Windgate Dr	5/3	\$ 575,000	4	0	6/08/2023
	1122 River Bay RD	6/3/1	\$ 2,500,000	4	0	5/26/2023
	972 Dogwood Tree Dr	4/3	\$ 526,750	6	\$ 3,175	5/19/2023
	1139 Skyway Dr	4/2	\$ 549,450	4	0	5/18/2023

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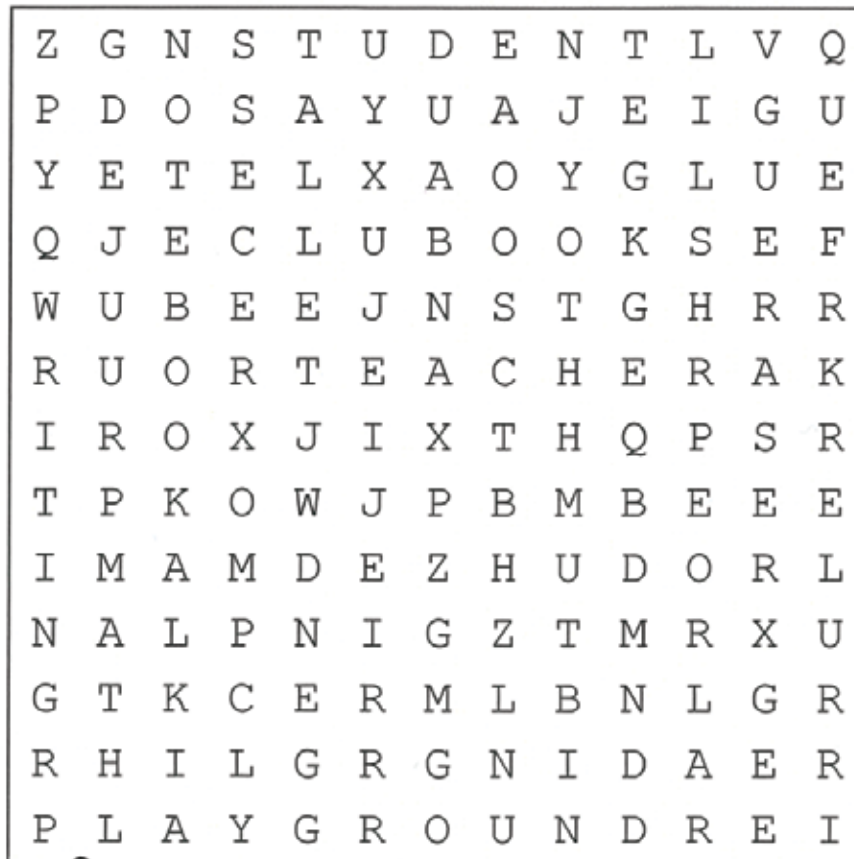
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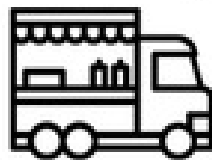
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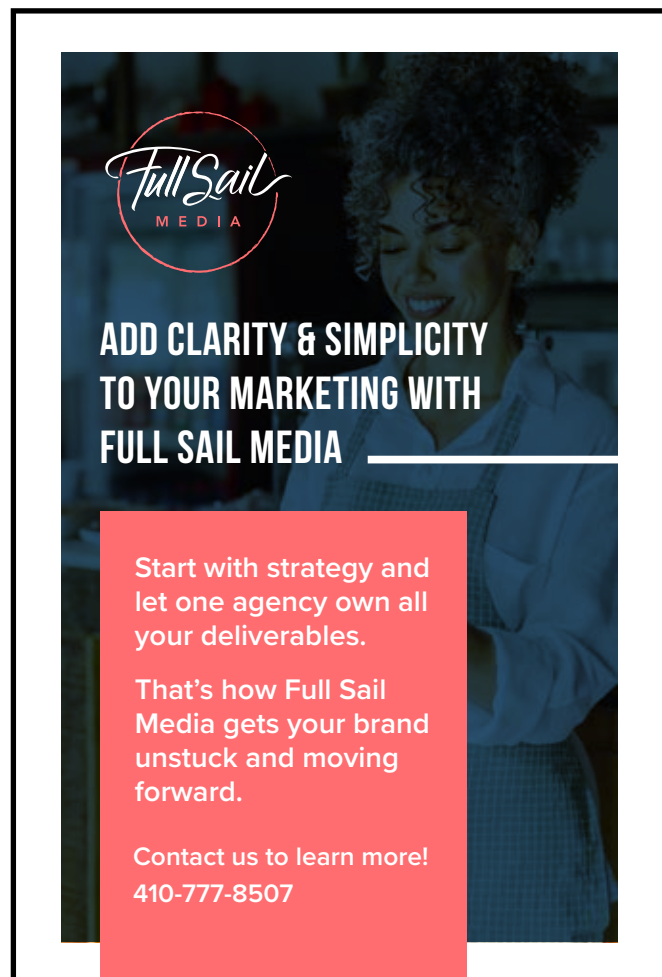
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