



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

# MARCH 2024

**QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 7:30 PM**

## President's Perspective

Capers,

As we sat in freezing conditions and watched Punxsutawney Phil rise without a shadow, I was like a lot of you and thought....no way! After the snow cleared it warmed to Spring like temperatures, only to snow again- Don't we all love that Maryland weather?

With the Spring season about to take off we have a lot of things to gear up for which is an exciting time of year. I'd also like to thank everyone for your continued support as we do our best to provide as much service/events to the community as possible. Part of that is our newest Cape Recognized Organized: Cape Vibes. We've seen this group grow from a few that practiced, while social distancing, to an extremely impactful group that has brought a lot of joy and fun to our community. This group has created opportunities for folks that needed a chance to start / pickup their love of music and I wish them well as they continue on their musical journey.

I'd also like to thank the Cape Conversation Corps for their continued partnership. This group also has grown over the years and not only deals with "invasives" but also has helped restore our properties, provided environmental awareness, and has even started a scholarship fund. The CCC is offering their first ever College Scholarship for 2024. One graduating Senior will be awarded \$1,000 to pursue a degree focusing on environmental studies. It's amazing to see what these types of organizations have done for the betterment of Cape St. Claire.

As the daylight hours are becoming longer, please be mindful of the children and activities that take place during those times.

### Upcoming Important Dates:

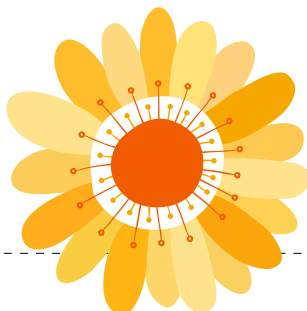
- 2024 Maintenance Fee's Due – March 1st
- Portable Restrooms for Main Beach & Lake Claire scheduled during the month of March
- Goshen Farm has their Java/Tea & Jazz tunes event for March 10th
- Boat Slip contracts due back on March 15th – Slips need to be occupied by June 1st
- Beach Attendants – Please contact the office if interested
- Easter Bunny / Easter Egg Hunt – March 23rd
- Goshen Farms Open House – April 13th
- Escape Through the Cape 5K & 1 mile fun run is slate for Saturday April 20th
- Quarterly Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 23rd
- The Fire Department's Touch-A-Truck – Located at the Clubhouse fields on May 11th
- Cape Garden Club has their Annual Plant sale on Saturday May 18th

As we navigate through above and what the future holds let's be mindful that we are all part of this community and contribute in different ways to make this place great. You never know how your life will be impacted, or whose life you may impact during these opportunities, so enjoy stepping outside of your comfort zone and try something new.

**Teamwork makes the dream work!**

*Jerome Zadera*

Jerome Zadera  
President – CSCIA



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

## **FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

In attendance in person: Pres. Jerome Zadera, Govs. Joe Angel, Beau Breeden, Cheri Fairchild, Thor Harris, Ed Hayes, Mary Lamb, Matt Layman, Neil Macindoe, Kim Pollock, and Michele Shipley, Town Manager Frank Tewey, Budget Committee member Blake Morris and guests Steve Arnold, Charlie & Jessica Corliss, Cathy Gazzo, Sara & Dan Guay, Rob Hamilton, Phil Runk, and Stacey Wildberger.

Pres. Zadera called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, thanked everyone for helping during his transition to president and reported that maintenance fees are due by Mar 1, \$10 per tax lot.

### **RECOGNIZED ORG REQUEST**

Representatives from Cape Vibes requested to become a Cape Recognized Organization. The group consists of 97% Cape residents, of all ages and musical abilities gathering to play music. They perform at the beaches regularly. Membership and performances are free, and any donations go directly to local non-profits. Their strict code of conduct includes the CSCIA beach rules. They work with beach attendants and take responsibility for their guests. They would like to become a recognized org for meetings at the clubhouse in inclement weather, inclusion in the Cape Calendar, parking for events, and use of the beach. A resident offered support, noting it is a free resource to learn to create music, just as local parks allow for sports. Cape Conservation Corps offered support as a recipient of their donations. The decision would be made by the board in closed session.

### **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Minutes of the Jan 8, 2024 BOG meeting were reviewed, a motion made to approve the minutes and approved unanimously.

The financial statements for Dec 2023 were reviewed and a motion made to approve. Gov. Breeden noted they represent 6 months of the fiscal year. Balances of the CSCIA bank accounts are about \$169K for the operating funds, \$203K in beach grant funds, \$231,700 in piers funds, and the Special Community Benefits District (SCBD) operating funds of about \$320,600. The motion passed unanimously.

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

- Town Manager Tewey said that maintenance fee payments are due Mar 1.
- The Google Workspace subscription was changed from monthly to annual for cost savings.
- Our one remaining security officer is covering 12 of 29 shifts in Feb. Mr. Tewey recommends raising the rate for officers to be more competitive. He continues to explore options for wireless camera service improvements.
- In the spring, a memorial bench will be installed, and portable restrooms will be delivered.
- Mr. Tewey is researching automated gates for the main beach and will be hiring beach attendants soon.
- Several fallen trees were addressed by Richards Tree Care.
- Administrative hearings with the county are scheduled for two properties. One standard building request was approved, and one is pending. The county is requiring a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for a previously CSCIA approved variance and the homeowners proposed using abutting Cape property for part of the plantings, but their plan did not meet CSCIA requests. One pier agreement was recorded in AA County land records, and one is still in process. A request for stairs from a bulkhead was denied.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC):** Gov. Breeden was elected president of the BCC after Pat Lynch stepped down. They are looking for volunteers to help support the Broadneck peninsula. Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. They expect follow-up reports on the highway studies, the Chesapeake Nat'l Recreation Area, and the zoning change recommendations by the Planning Advisory Board. He recommends everyone get involved by learning zoning recommendations and voicing opinions either online or at public meetings.

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# A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

Spring is on its way! Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 10th, so remember to move your clocks up one hour!

If you've paid your 2024 Maintenance Fees and provided us with your vehicle information, your parking passes will be mailed out in April. If you've not paid your fees please do so! Any payment received after March 1st does incur a late fee in the amount of \$10 that must also be paid.

Dottie, Matt and Parker, our wonderful maintenance staff, will be out and about preparing our facilities for spring's arrival. If you see them, please thank them for all they do!

Portable restrooms will be placed at Main Beach, Lake Claire and Deep Creek during the month of March.

Piers contracts are due back by March 15th! Please ensure you have all required documentation (i.e. current boat registration) before turning your contracts in. Any contract that needs to be returned will incur a \$50 service fee. Remember, your Maintenance Fees must be paid before turning in your contract! Vessels are required to be in their assigned slips by June 1st!

Last year we had a great crew of Beach Attendants and many will be returning again this year. However, a limited number of positions may be available for new Beach Attendants. Applicants must be 14 years of age or older and be available throughout the summer including weekends and holidays. Primary duties include: greeting residents, verifying entry eligibility, monitoring usage of CSCIA properties, making notifications by phone as required/needed. For applications or questions, please stop by the CSCIA Office or email me at [TownManager@CSCIA.org](mailto:TownManager@CSCIA.org).

The next Quarterly Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there! Stay happy and healthy!

*Frank Tewey*

Frank Tewey  
Cape St Claire Town Manager  
[TownManager@cscia.org](mailto:TownManager@cscia.org)  
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# Board In Brief *CONTINUED*

**Beaches & Parks:** Gov. Macindoe thanked Gov. Hayes for stepping in to close beach gates in his absence.

**Caper:** Gov. Lamb received many positive reactions to the Feb Year in Review photo issue.

**Clubhouse:** Gov. Lamb reported steady rentals. A deep cleaning is scheduled, and a contract made with a new cleaning company.

**Events:** Gov. Lamb said the Easter Egg Hunt is Mar 23. Tickets are available at Whimsicality with delivery of 12 plastic eggs and candy.

**Grants:** Gov. Breeden will attend a meeting with Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay regarding 2023 US Fish & Wildlife grants that were tabled during federal budget issues, and the availability of grants in 2024. If awarded, the 2023 grants would go towards design of beach restoration at all sites. BioHabitats is under contract for assistance with the potential receiving of sand from the planned dredge of the Little Magothy River. The Little Magothy River Association (LMRA) received a Waterway Improvement grant for that dredge.

**Piers:** Gov. Breeden reported that contract offers were sent to slip holders and are due Mar 16. Annual maintenance fees must be paid before contracts are accepted, then the slip assignments process will begin. Open slips will be offered to those on the waitlist in Apr/May.

**Strawberry Festival:** Governor Lamb reported she is working on the special events permit process for the Festival and the July 4 events.

## OLD BUSINESS

Gov. Breeden spoke about environmental mitigation issues to be addressed by the county before construction can begin on the new firehouse. The storm water management system created when Cape St Claire Rd was widened will be removed to make space for the new firehouse. They need 6 acres to plant trees and shrubs. The largest open tracts in the area are owned by county schools and by CSCIA, both of whom may need that space for future mitigation projects of their own.

Gov. Macindoe noted that the Lake Claire boat pier gate and access for the landscaper both need to be addressed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Pres. Zadera reported that the board will vote for the officers and budget for the 5 CSCIA owned lots in the LMRA.

## COMMENTS

A resident asked about getting a large gas grill installed at Lake Claire. Govs. Breeden and Macindoe said that given harsh conditions, liability, the need to secure it, critical area permits, open space issues, maintenance, and vandalism, it is not practical.

Stacy Wildberger said the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) had a successful ivy removal day with Save Our Trees. A scholarship for Broadneck High School seniors entering environmental science majors was established and applications are due Apr 1. A Girl Scout will present a plan soon for a little library at Little Magothy Beach. It will include items for use at the beach such as bird/plant identification books, sketch books, journals, environmental education, etc. A resident has given CCC several boxes of books.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to closed session and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:29 pm. The closed session occurred from 8:36 pm to 9:56 pm. The Feb 12, 2024 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

# GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On behalf of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society Board Members, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members who participated, both in person and via Zoom, in our Annual Membership Meeting held on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024.

The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Erik Wallace, President of the Society. Following the certification of quorum, the agenda included a review of the minutes from the previous meeting, a thorough discussion of the Board's annual reports and achievements, and the tabulation of votes pertaining to the election of Board Members and modifications to membership.

Subsequently, the proposed budget for the year 2024 was discussed and duly passed. We express our sincere appreciation to all members whose active participation contributed to the overall success of this meeting.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2024

Goshen is gearing up for an exciting lineup of events this year! Be sure to note these dates on your calendar to ensure you don't miss out.

### Java & Jazz/Tea & Tunes

Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 3 pm – 5 pm

### Spring Open House

Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 10 am – 2 pm

### Strawberry Festival Booth

Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 11 am – 6 pm

### Wine Tasting/Silent Auction

Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 4 pm – 7 pm

### Fall Open House

Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10 am – 2 pm

### Harvest Pasta Dinner

Saturday, October 19, 2024 Time TBD

But hold on, what about the Summer Concerts? Rest assured, they're still on the horizon. While we're finalizing the dates, you can stay in the loop by checking our website, following our Facebook events, and subscribing to our email notifications. Don't miss a beat—stay connected with us!

## GFPS 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

We would like to introduce you to your 2024 Goshen Farm Preservation Society Executive Officers and Board Members:

President – **Erik Wallace**

Vice President – **Barab Morgan**

Treasurer – **Christy Folderauer**

Secretary – **Sharon Biondi**

Building & Maintenance – **Lou Biondi**

Communications – **Shannon Beauchamp Lepthien**

Events Coordination –

**Barbara Morgan & Christy Folderauer**

Education Coordinator – **Terry Brandon**

Grounds – **Roy Benner**

History & Research – **Scott Powers**

Membership – **Becky Benner**

Security – **Dirk Schwenk**

Sharing Garden – **Bob Nestruck**

Member-at-Large – **Linda Páez**

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Your membership is a vital contribution to our ongoing efforts in restoring, preserving, and educating about the rich history of Goshen Farm. Plus, it comes with a range of benefits:

- ✓ Enjoy a Tax-deductible Membership Fee
- ✓ Gain Exclusive Behind-the-Scenes Updates
- ✓ Unlock Discounts on Event Tickets & Merch
- ✓ Access Garden Plot Rentals
- ✓ Explore Volunteer Opportunities and Much More!

## GOSHEN FARM PRESERVATION SOCIETY

For further information and complete details, visit our website today!

Please like our Facebook Page Historic Goshen Farm & Educational Center to stay updated with event details and more!

Want to learn more about Goshen Farm?

Check out our website at [www.goshenfarm.org](http://www.goshenfarm.org) or email [communications@goshenfarm.org](mailto:communications@goshenfarm.org) with questions





## Colds, RSV, Influenza, Oh My!

Jennifer Barrett, RN, BSN



Cold and flu season is typically the fall and winter months but the prevalence of colds and flu can span from September to May! That leaves only three official off season months yet we all know the “summer cold” is real! What are these nasty bugs and what can we do to minimize their effects on our family,

work/school schedule, and health in general? Oh, and what in the world is RSV? Great questions!

Let’s start by outlining the similarities and differences between these three illnesses, all caused by viruses and effect the respiratory system (Think breathing! And that is pretty important!). According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, the “common cold” can be caused by as many as 200 different viruses; however, the rhinovirus is the most common culprit. The rhinovirus is spread through airborne droplets when someone infected coughs or sneezes into the air. These droplets can linger in the air to be breathed in by another person and settle on surfaces where they can remain infectious (make you sick) for hours to days depending on the surface! And because the cold is caused by a virus there is no treatment; the cold must “run its course” and only the symptoms can be treated and minimized with medication. Additionally, there is no vaccine for rhinovirus because it mutates (changes the DNA/genetic code) very quickly and comes in many forms. Doctors are unable to make a vaccine to defend against a cold like they can for flu.

Influenza, or the “flu”, is also caused by a virus. Flu virus is also spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes into the air and another person breathes in the tiny airborne droplets or touches a surface contaminated with live virus and then touches their mouth, nose or eyes. The virus can live on hard surfaces for up to 48 hours and soft surfaces for up to 4 days. That means all the items mentioned in last month’s “Cape Nurse” article about where germs hide are the culprits! (Side Note: a friend reminded me that gas pumps are a hot bed for germs but did not come up on my lists while researching. But she’s right: gas pumps are terribly germey! Thanks Kari!). However, it is common knowledge that we have an annual flu vaccine. The World Health Organization (WHO) along with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) track worldwide flu trends (which strain of flu virus is most prevalent worldwide) to formulate the annual vaccine so it is effective each year. While the flu vaccine is not a 100% guarantee that one will not contract the flu, if you get your vaccine



it is likely the severity will be significantly lessened. It is recommended that every person above 6 months of age should get the annual flu vaccine unless a person has an allergy to an ingredient in the vaccine. If a person is infected with the influenza virus, we say “they got the flu”! Treating the symptoms are important but there are also medications that can shorten the course of the flu. These medications are prescribed by a doctor (as in you need a prescription!). These medications attack the virus and stop it from multiplying in your body thereby shortening the duration of illness and lessening the symptoms.

Finally RSV: Respiratory syncytial virus! This virus spreads the same way as cold and flu; droplets from an infected person are released into the air by a cough or sneeze and breathed in or touched on a surface that the droplets have settled on. RSV symptoms are similar to cold and flu symptoms and typically “run its course” without major issue. Treating the symptoms are important for comfort. However, RSV is a virus that often causes bronchiolitis in babies and complications in older adults. Bronchiolitis is a swelling of the tiny airways in the lungs and complications of severe bronchiolitis include low oxygen levels in the body. Air cannot fill the lungs due to the inflammation, the body must work harder to breathe, and eating and drinking are effected. While other respiratory viruses can cause bronchiolitis, it is more common with RSV. It is recommended that pregnant women get the RSV vaccine to protect their baby until the age of 6 months, and adults over 60 years of age. As we age our immune systems weakens thus limiting our ability to fight infection. Additionally, RSV can complicate conditions such as asthma, COPD, and congestive heart failure leading to hospitalization.

What can I do to protect my family and community from these viruses? The best way to protect yourself, your family, and community is to know how to stop the spread of germs! Cover coughs and sneezes in the bend of your elbow, disinfect surfaces regularly, and WASH YOUR HANDS frequently. Stay home if you are sick and wear a mask (properly covering your mouth AND nose, and throw the mask away after use) if you must go out. Also, read the “Cape Nurse” article monthly for more in depth reminders!

Stay well Capers!

Jen, RN BSN

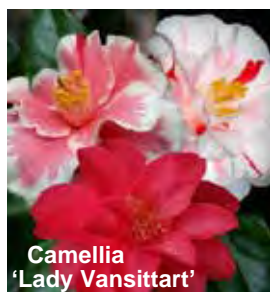
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Happy March, Capers! By the time this issue arrives, we'll be nearing the spring equinox and many Cape gardens will likely have daffodils, crocus, paperbush, and even early tulips blooming – hurray for spring's arrival!!

At our last meeting, Members & Guests alike enjoyed an informative and entertaining talk on *Conquering Cool Season Edibles*. We learned about the importance of soil temperature, not just air temperature, for extending the growing season, and ways to warm the soil earlier in spring and keep it warm longer in fall. We heard about the best edible plants to start indoors, & which are best direct sown out in the garden. And a warm welcome to our three new Members, Maxine, Vicki, & Cindy!

This month, we'll celebrate the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club's founding, with a potluck dinner and a "Taste of Afghanistan," contributed by one of our new Cape neighbors. Our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will start early at 6pm so we can work outside, and feature a hands-on **Dividing Perennials Workshop**. If you've always wondered how to divide your massive clumps of hosta, iris, fountain grass, or phlox into new plants to spread around your garden, this workshop is a good one for you! We'll have cutting tools and work together to divide, then re-pot, several types of perennials so that all will leave the workshop with more knowledge and experience they can apply in their own gardens – you're invited to join us! And if you'd like to donate plants for dividing, please email us beforehand at [capegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:capegardenclub@gmail.com) and let us know what you're bringing – thank you!

On *Wednesday*, May 1, we'll host our first ever international speaker, the head gardener from Sissinghurst. This famed, romantic English Garden was created by Vita Sackville-West, whose story was featured in the 2018 film *Vita & Virginia*. We hope you can join us for this exciting speaker who will share photos and techniques from this treasure of a garden. You're invited to join us at these upcoming meetings – new folks always welcome!



Camellia  
'Lady Vansittart'



Hardy figs



Giant hostas



Eastern red cedar

And please mark your calendars: you won't want to miss our annual **Plant Sale on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>**, 8am-2pm in the Clubhouse field. Also, in April we'll open our online shopping site where we'll have available for pre-order: hanging baskets, native trees, camellias, encore azaleas, gardenias, hydrangeas, peonies, viburnums, figs, blueberries, clematis, giant hosta, and so many more exciting offerings! For those new to camellias, they are a dream come true: evergreen shrubs that thrive and even flower in part-shade. Huge red, pink, or white flowers appear in autumn or very early spring – a time when flowers are pretty scarce! And blooming camellias are abuzz with pollinators, even in December. According to the Royal Horticultural Society, "The more flowers a garden can offer throughout the year – regardless of plant origin (native or non-native) – the greater number of bees, hoverflies and other pollinating insects it will attract and support." So, get your camellias planted this year – you won't regret it!

You're invited to follow our blog and FB page for more photos, details, & updates: [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com) & [facebook.com/capegardenclub](https://facebook.com/capegardenclub)

-- Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer

Please visit the Garden Club's informative blog full of gardening tips: [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](http://capegardenclub.wordpress.com)  
Garden inspiration, pruning tips for spring cleanup, & upcoming events including our annual Plant Sale

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday March 5 at 6pm: 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner** celebrating our Club's founding  
**Tuesday April 2 at 6pm: Dividing Perennials Workshop / Plant Sale pre-orders OPEN!**  
**Wednesday May 1: A Year at Sissinghurst** by head gardener Troy Scott Smith  
**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am-2pm: Annual Plant Sale** – mark your calendars!!





- Tried and true Cape-grown perennials
- Native and pollinator-friendly plants
- Herbs, tomatoes, veggie starts
- A variety of stunning camellias
- Colorful annuals
- 3 varieties of milkweed

Pre-ordering opens to the public in April on hanging baskets, native trees & shrubs, hollies, camellias, encore azaleas, hydrangeas, lilacs, peonies, gardenias, viburnums, clematis, figs, blueberries, and more!  
Follow us online for details: [capegardenclub.wordpress.com](https://capegardenclub.wordpress.com) & [facebook.com/capegardenclub](https://facebook.com/capegardenclub)

## CAPE ST. CLAIRE ELEMENTARY PTO PRESENTS

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### Upcoming Events 2024

- 2/3 Ivy removal 9:45-noon Location Deep Creek Marina
- 3/27 6:30 pm Speaker Event Maxine Da-Som Yoon MG Coordinator
- Broadneck Grill Fundraiser night is January 24th 2024 5-9pm
- 4/6 9am noon Project Clean Stream
- Coming soon: Nature Libraries
- Remember to renew (or join) your 2024 CCC MEMBERSHIPS!!

Email [president@capeconservationcorps.org](mailto:president@capeconservationcorps.org)

## News from Cape Conservation Corps

**Membership: New year, new dues!!** If you have not already, please pay your 2024 membership fees. For the bargain price of \$20 you can help support our mission to ignite community pride in our native landscape through projects that promote stewardship, create healthy, natural spaces and champion swimmable, fishable waterways. No boring meetings, but lots of volunteer opportunities on your schedule. Become a member today by going online and click on DONATE now or mail/drop off your contact info and a \$20 check payable to CCC to the clubhouse @ 1223 River Bay Rd.

In addition to membership, we also have a Corporate Sponsorship program for local business to donate money to CCC in order to help fund our scholarship, educational programs, native plant fest/sale and restoration projects. For as little as \$250 we will promote your business at our events. Click on the link or visit our site to see all the levels and benefits to learn more.

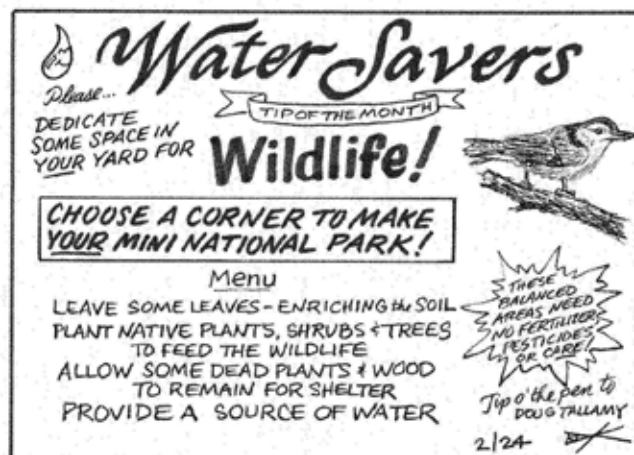
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**Scholarship Opportunity:** CCC is offering our first ever scholarship to a graduating BHS student looking to pursue an environmental degree. Lots of available fields of study. Visit the Who We Are section for the full application or email at [president@capeconservationcorps.org](mailto:president@capeconservationcorps.org) The scholarship is \$1000.00 and is due April 1<sup>st</sup> so don't wait to apply!

**Garden Advisory Program** we offer a free visit to Cape homeowners by our Garden Advisor to help people understand the existing conditions of their landscape and discuss how adding native plants can help attract pollinators, support wildlife and create healthier ecosystems. For a nominal donation our Garden Advisory can also provide a more in-depth plan.

[gardenadvisor@capeconservationcorps.org](mailto:gardenadvisor@capeconservationcorps.org)

**Cape Loves Trees:** Throughout 2023, CCC has been on the lookout for BIG trees/. We have asked residents to nominate big trees and many have responded, we have driven around our community and marveled at the many giants that have caught our eye! Cape St Claire is truly blessed by an amazing canopy of big trees that cool our homes, clean our air and water, and provide homes for countless birds and wildlife. Once you start paying attention, you just can't miss these giants on almost every street. We hope you will value and protect these trees in the future. They help define who we are as a community. Here is the Final list of BIG Trees for 2023 that we compiled with your help. Take a bike ride, walk, or drive around the Cape and be awed by these sentinels of nature.



Big Tree Measurements							
Species	Location	Diameter (in)	Circumference (in/ft)	Height (ft)	Canopy width (ft)	Cape Champion Points	State Champion Points
Willow Oak	1164 Southview	56.4"	177.6"/14.8'	108	98	310	400
Willow Oak	1018 Magothy Park Lane	42"	132"/11'	100'	60'	247	400
Willow Oak	1082 Poplar Tree	48"	152"/12.7'	105'	65'	273	400
Willow Oak	1253 Hilltop Lane	48.7"	153"/12.75'	90'	85'	264	400
Southern Red Oak	962 Latrobe	63.3"	199.2"/16.6'	85'	90'	321	431
Southern Red Oak	1095 Little Magothy View	54.5"	171"/14.3'	148'	123'	350	431
Southern Red Oak	1093 River Bay Road	51.9"	163"/13.7'	110'	75'	292	431
Southern Red Oak	1055 Little Magothy View	49"	154"/12/8'	130'	82'	325	431
Southern Red Oak	1219 West Way	49"	153.6"/12.8'	140'	90'	296	431
Southern Red Oak	1140 Riverview Ave	43.3"	136"/11.3'	108'	90'	268	431
Chestnut Oak	1037 Lake Claire Dr	37.4	118"/9.8'	102'	55'	280	407
Tulip Poplar	1185 River Bay Rd	51.1"	160.8"/13.4'	125'	60'	301	460
Tulip Poplar	830 Chestnut Tree	49.3"	155"/12.9'	95	98'	275	460
Tulip Poplar	1037 Lake Claire Dr	42"	132"/11'	120'	50'	264	460
Tulip Poplar	804 Chestnut Tree	50.1"	164"/13.6'	100'	102'	290	460
Red Maple	717 Hillcrest Ave	62.2"	196"/16.3'	69'	95'	289	338
Red Maple	1127 River Bay Rd	43.4"	138.8"/11.4'	65'	85'	225	338
Silver Maple	1255 Hilltop Lane	53.1"	166.8/13.9'	78'	60'	260	414
Persimmon	Main Beach Park	25"	78"/6.5'	53'	50	143	191
Dawn Redwood	1184 Latrobe Ave	37.1"	116"/9.7'	72'	60'	203	265
Black Gum (Tupelo)	Broadview & Bayview Vista	27.1"	85.2"/7.1'	70'	45'	167	297
American Holly	Broadview & Bayview Vista	42.4"	133.2"/11.1'	78'	45'	220	234
Red Mulberry	1019 Lake Claire Drive	24"	75.6"/6.3'	60'	35'	145	108
Black Walnut	1143 Latrobe	37.5"	118"/9.8'	78'	75'	216	326
Beech	1177 Southview	32.6"	103"/8.6'	87'	80'	210	428
White Oak	831 Chestnut Tree	58.5"	184"/15.3'	85'	88'	291	406
Eastern Cottonwood	Entrance - Cape Elementary School	43.5"	109"/9.1'	42'	40'	161	396
Southern Magnolia	960 Woodland Circle	23.7"	75"/6.2'	50'	30'	133	304
Little Leaf Linden	964 Ridgeway	39"	131"/10.2'	68'	45'	210	325
Virginia Pine	1171 River Bay Road	36.7"	115.3"/9.6'	84'	50'	213	223

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<b>JUNE 17-21</b> <b>Princess Ballet</b> (2.5-4 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am 	<b>JUNE 17-21</b> <b>Descendants Hip Hop</b> (5-10 yrs)  9 am - 1:00 pm	<b>JUNE 24-28</b> <b>Frozen Ballet</b> (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am 	<b>JUNE 24-28</b> <b>BARBIE AT THE BEACH</b> (5-10 yrs)  9 am - 1:00 pm
<b>JUNE 24-28</b> <b>Moana Dance</b> (3-6 yrs)  9 - 11:30 am	<b>JUNE 24-28</b> <b>Sparkle and Shine Dance</b> (5-10 yrs)  9 am - 1:00 pm	<b>JULY 1-5</b> <b>Wish Dance</b> (5-9 yrs)  No Camp on July 4 9 am - 1:00 pm	<b>JULY 1-5</b> <b>LOL Doll Dance</b> (5-9 yrs)  No Camp on July 4 9 am - 1:00 pm
<b>JULY 1-5</b> <b>Little Mermaid Ballet</b> (3-6 yrs) No Camp on July 4 9 - 11:30 am 	<b>JULY 8-12</b> <b>Broadway Stars</b> (7-10 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm 	<b>JULY 8-12</b> <b>Encampo Dance</b> (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am 	<b>JULY 8-12</b> <b>Princess Peach Hip Hop</b> (3-6 yrs)  9 - 11:30 am
<b>JULY 8-12</b> <b>Trolls Acro</b> (5-9 yrs)  9 am - 1:00 pm	<b>JULY 29-AUG 2</b> <b>Bluey Dance</b> (3-6 yrs)  9 - 11:30 am	<b>JULY 29-AUG 2</b> <b>Encampo Dance</b> (3-6 yrs) 	<b>JULY 29-AUG 2</b> <b>In My Swifty Era Dance</b> (5-10 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm
<b>AUG 5-9</b> <b>Descendants Hip Hop</b>  (5-10 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm	<b>AUG 5-9</b> <b>Incredibles Acro</b>  (5-10 yrs) 9 am - 1:00 pm	<b>AUG 5-9</b> <b>Frozen Ballet</b>  (3-6 yrs) 9 - 11:30 am	<b>FREE SUMMER DANCE CAMP T-SHIRT WITH REGISTRATION.</b>

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*- Jeanne & Peter Nardi, Arnold MD*



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# Cape St. Claire Sales

## Market Snapshot 2/15/2024

Status	Address	Beds/ Baths	List Price	List Date	Days on Market
Coming Soon	823 Chestnut Tree Dr	4/3/1	\$725,000	3/1/2024	
Active	1199 Hampton Rd	3/1	\$419,900	1/15/2024	32
Pending	712 Fairway Dr	4/2/1	\$749,900	1/24/2024	19
Pending	1095 Crestview Dr	4/2	\$519,900	12/14/2023	44
Pending	953 Woodland Cir	3/3/1	\$435,000	8/11/2023	64
Pending	1152 Latrobe Dr	2/1	\$399,000	1/5/2024	42
Pending	1277 Swan Dr	4/3/1	\$585,000	2/9/2024	4
Pending	795 Windgate Dr	4/2/1	\$495,000	12/2/2024	51
Pending	986 Round Top Dr	3/2/1	\$419,900	12/1/2024	39

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Cape St. Claire Listings



SOLD	Address	Beds/ Baths	Sold Price	Days on Market	Seller Subsidy	Close Date
	1177 Saint George Dr	4/2/1	\$595,000	4	0	1/26/2024
	1159 Hampton Rd	4/2	\$472,500	40	0	1/19/2024
	1228 Ramblewood Dr	4/2/1	\$430,000	3	0	1/16/2024
	989 Dogwood Tree Dr	3/2	\$433,000	7	\$ 3,175	1/12/2024
	784 Rolling View Dr	2/1	\$385,000	58	0	1/5/2024

\* All information, taken from the Multiple List Service, is believed to be accurate but should not be relied upon without verification. This list consists of listings from various brokers, and is not intended to make the representation that all the listings belong to eXp Realty.

*"... 2024 is starting stronger than last year. And demand is increasing each week."*

~ Mike Simonsen, Founder of Altos Research

If you're wondering if it's a good time to sell your home, the most recent data suggests it is. Homes are selling faster than the norm for this time of year. That's because more people are looking to buy now that mortgage rates have come down, but there still aren't enough homes to go around. It's more important than ever to work with a highly skilled agent who understands these dynamics and has your back. To get the latest updates on what's happening in our local market, let's talk.



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COTTONTAIL

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EGGS  
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MAIN BEACH - 11:00 AM**

Hop on over and join your friends and neighbors for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Cape St. Claire Strawberry Festival. The hunt will begin promptly at 11:15 AM on Saturday, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The Easter Bunny will be available on the overlook for pictures. Please bring your own cameras. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Sodas will be available for purchase during this event. **ADMISSION TO THE EGG HUNT IS BY TICKET ONLY.** Tickets may be obtained from WHIMSICALITY in the CSC Shopping Center during regular business hours (11:00 AM until 6:00 PM) Monday thru Saturday and Sunday (12-4pm). The cost of the tickets is 1 dozen plastic eggs and 1 bag of individually wrapped candies small enough to fit inside of the eggs (**No Hard Candies Please**).

*If you should have any questions about the egg hunt please call Mary at*

*(410)757-0593. And as always*

*remember to thank the kind folks at Whimsicality for volunteering to be our ticket center.*





Dear Cape Community Swap friends,

We would love your help this year Sunday, April 14th to help with the 10th Cape Community Swap. (Rain Date Sunday, April 21st) ***Can you believe it's our 10th Swap!?!*** Through the years we have raised \$3000 for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and helped keep countless household items out of the landfill, all while getting to know our neighbors -- we should all feel very proud of our contributions to this very fun community event!

Please signup here and share this email with any friends or neighbors you think might join the fun -- many hands make light work! We especially need help at cleanup time to make this event a success so please invite a friend to volunteer too, and we'll see you there!

Thanks, everyone!

Audrey, Tula, Terri, & Melissa

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# Cape COMMUNITY SWAP

**Sunday, Apr 14 10am-2pm**

Cape Clubhouse field at Cape St. Claire Rd. & Broadview Dr.  
(Rain date Sunday Apr 21)

Invite Your Friends!

- × 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 entrance per family will be collected for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.**



## Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church

855 Chestnut Tree Drive  
Annapolis, Maryland 21409

**Phone:** 410-757-4896

**Website:** capeumc.org

**Facebook:** facebook.com/cscumc

**Email:** office@capeumc.org

**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

**Sunday School:** 9:00 AM on Sundays - Children's Formation and Middle/High School. After the Blessing of the Children in our worship service, the children will go with their teachers to their Sunday School classes.

**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.



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, March 24th  
1:00pm – 2:00pm

*The event is free,  
please RSVP on Eventbrite*

Sign-up link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/easter-egg-hunt-tickets-816842185967?aff=oddtcreator>



As we move through Lent into Easter, it is hoped that everyone's heart will prepare room for Christ to enter in.

We invite all to join our Sunday services for worship and fellowship where you can feel the Presence of God!

*Blessings to All*

*Pastor Dale*



### 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 the 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.



### Sanctuary

#### Palm Sunday

March 24th - 9:00 a.m.

#### Maundy Thursday Service

March 28th – 7:00pm

#### Good Friday Service

March 29th - 7:00pm

#### Easter Celebration Service

March 31th - 9:00 a.m.

**He Is Risen! Hallelujah!**

### 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!







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Sunday Morning Service - 10:30 am  
Wednesday Meditation - 12:00 pm

In person or livestream at  
[Unitybythebay.org](http://Unitybythebay.org)

### Upcoming Events and Workshops

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|--------------------|--|
| Friday, March 1    | ~ Friday Fun Game Night 6:00-9:00 pm - Bingo                                 |
| Saturday, March 9  | ~ Reflex Improv Show 7:30 pm   |
| Monday, March 11   | ~ Reiki Share 6:15-8:00 pm   |
| Tuesday, March 12  | ~ Unity Drum Circle - Drumming and Dancing the Chakra's 7:00-9:00 pm         |
| Monday, March 13   | ~ Ascension class with Dr. Gwen MacGregor - The Sacred Talisman 6:30-8:30 pm |
| Monday, March 18   | ~ Crystal Bowl Healing Sound Bath with Kimberley Lutz Madden 6:15-8:30 pm    |
| Friday, March 22   | ~ Mystical Kirtan with Mirabai Moon 7:00-9:00 pm                             |
| Monday, March 25   | ~ Unity Drum Circle 6:30-8:30 pm   |
| Friday, April 5    | ~ Friday Fun Game Night 6:00-9:00 pm - Charades                              |
| Monday, April 8    | ~ Reiki Share 6:15-8:00 pm   |
| Tuesday, April 9   | ~ Unity Drum Circle - Drumming and Dancing the Chakra's 7:00-9:00 pm         |
| Thursday, April 11 | ~ Ascension class with Dr. Gwen MacGregor 6:30-8:30 pm                       |
| Monday, April 15   | ~ Crystal Bowl Healing Sound Bath with Kimberley Lutz Madden 6:15-8:30 pm    |
| Saturday, April 20 | ~ Community SHRED IT 10:00 am-12:00 pm                                       |
| Monday, April 22   | ~ Unity Drum Circle - 6:30-8:30 pm   |
| Saturday, May 4    | ~ Spring Craft and Holistic Fair 10:00 am-3:00 pm                            |

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