



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026

QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 7:30 PM

President's Perspective

Every good Cape story apparently starts with a questionable purchase. In 1955, ours was a 1936 Chevrolet fire engine.

In March 1955, residents from across the Broadneck Peninsula gathered at the Cape St. Claire clubhouse and voted to establish what would become the Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company. A few months later, the fledgling company purchased its first piece of firefighting equipment: that 1936 Chevrolet fire engine.

Picture the Cape then: far fewer homes, unpaved roads in places, and no Station 19 rising above Cape St. Claire Road. There was simply a young community, a need, and a group of neighbors willing to do something about it.

Some of the Cape's biggest stories began simply because someone showed up.

More than seventy years later, that story is quite literally being rebuilt before our eyes. Anyone driving past Station 19 lately has probably found themselves slowing down for a little sightseeing as Anne Arundel County's multimillion-dollar replacement station rises behind construction fencing and heavy equipment. Beyond the construction—and occasional traffic—is the newest chapter in a story that began with neighbors gathering at our clubhouse in 1955.

Of course, not every act of community building comes with millions of dollars, heavy equipment, and construction fencing.

On September 12, more than 30 volunteers ranging in age from 7 to 70 showed up along the Swim Club path for a Cape Conservation Corps-led invasive species cleanup. Together, they removed bamboo, poison ivy, and other invasive growth and filled three trailers with brush. I can personally confirm that the poison ivy was alive and well—and apparently quite appreciative of my participation.

Thank you to the Cape Conservation Corps for organizing the effort and everyone who rolled up their sleeves to help. A special thank you goes to Dylan Durand and Matthew Toronto, who volunteered to haul those three very full trailers to the dump. There was something pretty remarkable about seeing elementary-school-aged kids working alongside neighbors old enough to be their grandparents.

Of course, showing up for your community isn't always measured in trailer loads of bamboo. This month's Volunteer Spotlight features Audrey Lengbeyer, President of the Cape St. Claire Garden Club. Audrey's story is another example of the time, care, personality, and persistence residents quietly invest in this community. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read her interview in this Caper.

I also want to pause this month to remember two of our neighbors, Stan and Linda Synowczynski. Many around the Cape knew Stan affectionately as the "Bird Man," a familiar sight walking through the neighborhood with his pet bird perched on his shoulder. Linda is remembered by family

and friends for her incredible generosity, drive, and artistic touch. Their absence is felt by those who loved them and by a community accustomed to familiar faces becoming part of the landscape of everyday life. We extend our thoughts and support to their family, friends, and neighbors.

Perhaps that is another reminder not to take for granted the ordinary moments we share with the people around us—the familiar faces, conversations, traditions, and gatherings that, over time, become part of our own Cape story.

I also encourage everyone to join us for our Quarterly Membership Meeting on October 27. It's an opportunity to stay connected, ask questions, share your perspective, and participate in the work of our community. And if you've never attended a meeting before, maybe make this your first. I hope to see you there.

And since October in the Cape wouldn't be complete without Halloween, consider this my official encouragement and endorsement to have a little fun with it. Put out the pumpkins. Hang the cobwebs. Plug in the ridiculous inflatable that takes up half the front yard. Our kids only get so many years when twelve-foot skeletons, glowing ghosts, and a yard full of blow-ups feel completely magical. If you're inclined, help make the Cape a little more fun for them this October.

The Cape looks very different from the community those neighbors were building in 1955. But perhaps the most important part hasn't changed. Communities like ours don't sustain themselves. Someone has to plant the flowers, pull the bamboo, organize the event, serve on the committee, haul the trailer, answer the call—or simply show up when a neighbor needs them. Sometimes that contribution becomes a multimillion-dollar fire station. Sometimes it is three trailers full of brush. And sometimes it is simply a familiar neighbor walking down the street with a bird perched on his shoulder, unknowingly becoming part of the character and memory of a place.

Enjoy the cooler weather, the changing leaves, and everything October in the Cape has to offer. I hope to see you around the neighborhood.



Adam "Thor" Harris

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Board In Brief *CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting*

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Neighbors, news and what's ahead in Cape St. Claire

At its September 14 meeting, the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association Board advanced long-range planning, reviewed neighborhood operations and looked ahead to a busy fall calendar. The open session ran from 7:31 to 8:33 p.m., with seven governors present alongside staff, a Budget Committee member and residents.

Decisions that affect the Community

The Board approved the previous meeting minutes and July financial statements, which reported approximately **\$421,299.70** in association funds as of July 31. Governors also unanimously approved an updated capital reserve replacement study beginning in fiscal year 2028. In response to proposed Anne Arundel County Article 18 zoning amendments, the Board directed that written testimony be prepared on possible effects for Cape St. Claire.

Around Cape St. Claire

Safety and seasonal operations. Secondly, police coverage was scheduled for 19 days in September. Thirteen reports covering 14 offenses were received, and no crime pattern was identified. The 2026 beach attendant season ended without major incidents.

Community facilities. The Board reviewed possible Clubhouse office and storage improvements, ice-machine repair or replacement, refrigeration needs, parking-lot resurfacing and ADA-accessible parking. Engineering drawings are needed for the Serene Ravine Eagle Scout project, while several building, dock and property matters remain under review.

Marina and environment. Marina budget planning assumed a 7.5% increase for non-30-amp service and 15% for 30-amp service, while maintaining reserve funding and about \$30,000 for possible capital improvements. Main Beach permitting was divided into separate applications. Near the pool, 30 volunteers gave about 86 hours to clear invasive growth from roughly 3,000 square feet, with tree and shrub planting planned for fall.

Association business. Updated personnel handbooks were distributed, ADP timekeeping began September 1st, and the Budget Committee continued its work toward a balanced budget.

Mark your Calendar

Neighbors can look forward to a pre-Halloween movie, Halloween festivities, holiday lighting activities, community cleanup and planting events, an open house, a restaurant fundraiser and youth activities. Required three-year notices were prepared for first-class mailing on October 1.

After the open meeting, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session at approximately 8:33 p.m.

A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

Autumn is here! Take in the colors of the season with a walk at Serene Ravine or Little Magothy Beach Park. Thank you to the Cape Conservation Corps for maintaining the walking paths for our community. Thanks also to the Garden Club for their care of the gardens, shrubs and flowers at the Clubhouse. If you do see either of these groups, be sure to give them your appreciation. They do amazing work to maintain and beautify these locations for your enjoyment.

"Halloween Happenings" is happening on Saturday, October 24th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. so come to the Clubhouse for some seasonal fun! Advanced registration is required.

Leaves, leaves and more leaves! Yep, it's that time of the year to deal with them. Here are some options. Leave them alone on the ground to create a micro habitat for insects, reptiles and small mammals. But do remove leaves from impervious surfaces to prevent pollution and harmful algae from forming and making its way to our waterways. Mulch what falls to enrich the soil where you are. The mulch is nature's fertilizer! Remove and compost leaves for those wanting a neat, tidy, clean lawn. Bagging is also an option. The County will collect properly bagged leaves on your regular recycling day. Leaves simply blown or raked into streets, storm drains, streams, waterways, common areas or piled high are likely to cause more harm than good. Leaves can clog storm drains and stress waterways by releasing harmful nitrogen into the water and block out sunlight which can negatively impact ground and aquatic life.

Don't forget to "fall back" your clocks to standard time on Sunday, November 1st.

Stay happy and healthy!

Frank Tewey

Frank Tewey, Cape St Claire Town Manager
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Happy October and all things cooler, autumnal, and spooky! As you harvest your last tomatoes, we hope you're enjoying chrysanthemums, asters, and your fall-blooming camellias.

This summer our Member volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of work organizing and judging Yard of the Month, and beautifying community gardens at the Clubhouse, Cape St. Claire Island, and Segree Memorial Park behind the Broadneck Library. We hope you will stop by to enjoy these community gardens, and also to congratulate your neighbors on their winning yards. Thanks to all our hardworking volunteers for pitching in to make this community beautiful, and special thanks to our committee Chairs Beth, Renee, Jean, Sandy, and Mary Ellen for organizing their volunteer teams!

Our next meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, will be our popular Pumpkin Centerpiece Workshop. Participants will create and take home a stunning centerpiece that will last through autumn and beyond. Guests are welcome, please email capegardenclub@gmail.com to reserve your spot & materials with a \$35 fee per guest participant.

Then on Sunday, October 18th, our Members will gather to celebrate the season's harvest and another year of gardening fellowship with our annual Harvest Dinner Potluck. We will invite this year's Yard of the Month winners and our Yard of the Month sponsors, Cape Ace.

And on Tuesday November 10th, we will host Horticulturalist Thomas Crawley of Brookside Gardens. If you've ever visited and seen the beautiful new rock garden full of species tulips, succulents, and other drought-resistant plants, you might want to learn more about its design, construction, and plantings. Perhaps you'd like to build a rock garden of your own! Please bring a friend and join us for a fun evening of learning.

Then Tuesday December 1st, we'll have yet another hands-on workshop, our popular Evergreen Wreath Workshop. Members and guests contribute evergreen clippings from our gardens, and then work together to create 6 wreaths, 2 for display in downtown Annapolis and 4 for the Cape Clubhouse and Guard Shack. Members and Guests all enjoy fragrant greenery, fun company, and delicious refreshments to start off a festive holiday season for us all – please bring a friend and join us for a relaxing and social evening!

If you'd like to join our Members for some gardening fun and fellowship, please reach out to capegardenclub@gmail.com. Our meeting dates and contact info are always listed at our blog too: capegardenclub.wordpress.com. Our blog also archives photos of Yard of the Month winning gardens from this year (or prior), and you can find informative links to month-by-month garden tasks, weed-ID, improving your soil, and inspirational transformations of Cape gardens from bare sand to lush garden oases. Have a look! You can also find links to our events and announcements on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/capegardenclub) – follow us online to learn more. www.facebook.com/capegardenclub

Happy Halloween, Capers!

-- Submitted by Audrey Lengbeyer



October Pumpkin Centerpiece Workshop

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday October 6: Pumpkin Centerpiece Workshop
- Sunday October 18: Harvest Dinner Potluck
- Tuesday November 10: Rock Gardens speaker from Brookside Gardens
- Tuesday December 1: Evergreen Wreath Workshop

Congratulations to our September Yard of the Month Winners!

Area 1; Bill & Patty Hays; 1051 Little Magothy View

Area 2: Laura Macauley; 1063 Sun Valley Dr.

Area 3: Fran Bents & William Scott, 1191 Southview Dr.

Area 4: Helen Ladue; 905 Blue Ridge Dr.

Area 5: Jeff and Mary Ellen Cooper; 762 Windgate Dr.



NEWS FROM **HISTORIC GOSHEN FARM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

OPEN HOUSE: THANK YOU FOR COMING

Our annual Open House was a joy, and we're so grateful to everyone who joined us to celebrate National Underground Railroad Month. As an official site on the National Park Service Network to Freedom, we were honored to mark the occasion with a full day of music, culture, and history.

Our heartfelt thanks to the performers who filled the day with music, The Biondis, PACAC, Baba Bomani, and High Tide, and to Roy Benner for leading our historic Farm House tours. A special thank you to our African American Heritage Committee for sharing the story of the banjo and the heritage plants of our Henson-Hall Garden.

We're also grateful to Wild Kid Acres, Owl Moon Raptor Center, Ann Taliaferro, Fresh and Bubbly Goats Milk Soap, Reclaimed Flame, the Anne Arundel County Public Library - Broadneck, Cape Conservation Corps, Christalene Visionary Intuitive Face Painting, Salt n Pepper BBQ, and Flying Kiwi Ice Cream.

Support for our cultural performances was provided in part by an Arts Grant from the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. And to our volunteers and visitors, thank you for making the day possible.

REPRESENTING GOSHEN AT KUNTA KINTE

We were proud to represent Goshen Farm once again at the 36th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival on September 26th at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. One of the largest African American heritage festivals on the East Coast, this year's celebration was especially meaningful as part of Roots50, marking the 50th anniversary of *Roots*. Our African American Heritage Committee shared Goshen Farm's history as an official Underground Railroad site and connected with the community. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table.

SHOP SMALL AT OUR GOODIES SALE

Kick off your holiday shopping with us on Small Business **Saturday, November 28th**. We'll have merchandise, hot sauces, loofahs, gourds, and more, all perfect for gifting while supporting the Farm.

HELP US BUILD A NEW PAVILION!

We're launching an exciting new fundraising effort this fall to build a beautiful pavilion at Goshen Farm. Beginning October 1st, this campaign will help create a lasting, covered space for events, classes, and community gatherings for years to come. Every gift brings us one step closer, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Scan the QR code to donate or visit our website to learn how you can support this special project.



SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH GOSHEN

Goshen Farm runs entirely on the energy of volunteers, and there's a place here for you. Whether your strengths are in marketing, history, fundraising, event planning, gardening, or grounds work, we'd love to have your help, with no experience necessary and just a willingness to pitch in. Reach out to communications@goshenfarm.org to learn more about joining a committee.

JOIN NOW AND GET 2027 FREE

Love Goshen Farm? There's no better time to become a Member. Join now and your Membership will carry through all of 2027 at no extra cost. Members enjoy discounts on classes and events, access to Garden plots, and the satisfaction of helping preserve local history and education. Become a Member today at goshenfarm.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – JAN. 20, 2027

Our Annual Membership Meeting is set for Wednesday, January 20th. All Members are welcome to join us as we reflect on the past year and look ahead to what's next for Goshen Farm. More details will follow as the date approaches.

www.goshenfarm.org

2026

Halloween Happenings

HAY RIDES, PUMPKINS, FACE PAINTING,
MOON BOUNCE, SCARECROW MAKING,
CRAFTS AND MORE.....

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR A HALLOWEEN EVENT
IN THE CLUBHOUSE CORRAL (next to the clubhouse)

FROM 10 AM UNTIL 3 PM.

THIS EVENT HOSTED BY THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
WILL BENEFIT **Local Food Pantries** via Non-perishable Food Donations

Admission to the event requires \$6.00 per child.

Non-perishable Food Donations will be collected at the event.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FAMILY NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

CHILDS NAME _____ AGE _____

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OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____ X \$6.00 = _____ (Adults are free)

OF SCARECROWS TO BE MADE _____ (see necessary supplies)

Scarecrow Supplies

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EACH SCARECROW-1 PAIR OF PANTS WITH BELT LOOPS,
1 LONG SLEEVED SHIRT, PANTY HOSE (1 pr) AND A STRAW HAT OR A BALL CAP**

REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED ASAP AS SPACE IS LIMITED!!

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Strawberry Festival C/O Mary Lamb-

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Upcoming Events

- **Wednesdays through October:** Join the Conservation Crew to remove invasive plants and plant native species.
- **October 12, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.:** Fall planting at Serene Ravine.
- **Late October–early November:** Mulching and maintenance days at Serene Ravine and Little Magothy Park; dates to be determined.
- **November 6:** Silent Auction and Turtle Talk with Cape St. Claire turtle rescuer Brendan Curran. The auction will be held from 6:00–7:00 p.m., followed by the Turtle Talk at 7:00 p.m.

Visit our website's Events page to sign up.

<https://capeconservationcorps.org/cape-conservation-corps-events/>

Habitat Winner 2026

Joy Tester

Joy was absolutely thrilled to learn that her yard had been selected for the Habitat Hero Award. This meaningful recognition validates the vision she created for her property and reflects her desire to give back to both the Cape Saint Claire community and the natural world. Her ultimate goal has been to cultivate a landscape that delivers maximum ecological impact, functions well for her family, and serves as a peaceful, private retreat. Nature has always played an important role in her life, providing a source of balance and renewal. One memorable example occurred on the very first day of school with her students this year, when a hummingbird playfully hovered around her head until she got into her car. The magical encounter brought a smile to her face for the remainder of the week and even became a delightful conversation topic with her students.

Her journey toward transforming the yard began in 2020. At the time, major construction on the property required the removal of three trees that had grown directly into the house, including one that had completely enveloped a gutter. While challenging, the disruption provided an opportunity to better understand the property's drainage issues and rethink the landscape design. Joy and her son worked together to dig a trough and construct a rain garden to capture stormwater before it could flow into the road. When new gutters were installed, they were directed into rain barrels, which seamlessly feed the rain gardens and surrounding plants. In these wetter areas, she established thriving native gardens filled with moisture-loving species purchased through the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC). She also worked diligently to remove invasive plants, including an invasive butterfly bush, which was replaced with a native alternative through a CCC plant swap event.

To expand upon her vision, Joy sought materials, guidance, and native plants through both the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) and CCC. She benefited greatly from the expertise of fellow members, educational programs, and garden tours. Today, she manages the property with a strong "conservation first" approach. She follows the principle of never removing established vegetation until replacement plantings are securely established and leaves trimmed plant material on-site to support the soil food web. These intentional practices have created a sense of natural privacy in both the front yard and around the front porch, resulting in the sanctuary she envisioned for her family while also benefiting local wildlife.

The knowledge and inspiration she gained through CCC has also enabled her to give back to the community. Joy enjoys sharing native plants with others, incorporating them into her school landscape, and using them as tools to educate her students about the environment and the importance of conservation.

The most rewarding aspect of the transformation has been the remarkable abundance of wildlife now supported by the property. Bird nests with hatchlings are a regular sight, and hummingbirds, goldfinches, bluebirds, owls, ducks, and hawks frequently visit the yard. The gardens are alive with pollinators and other beneficial wildlife, including bees, butterflies, spiders, lizards, foxes, turtles, snakes, and countless beneficial insects.

Receiving the Habitat Hero Award is a tremendous honor and serves as continued motivation for Joy to protect the local ecosystem, promote native plants, and inspire others in the community and the next generation to appreciate and care for the natural world. I have had the pleasure of watching Joy transform her once-neglected property into a thriving, Habitat Hero-worthy ecosystem that supports local wildlife and promotes biodiversity.

Plant Sale Success!

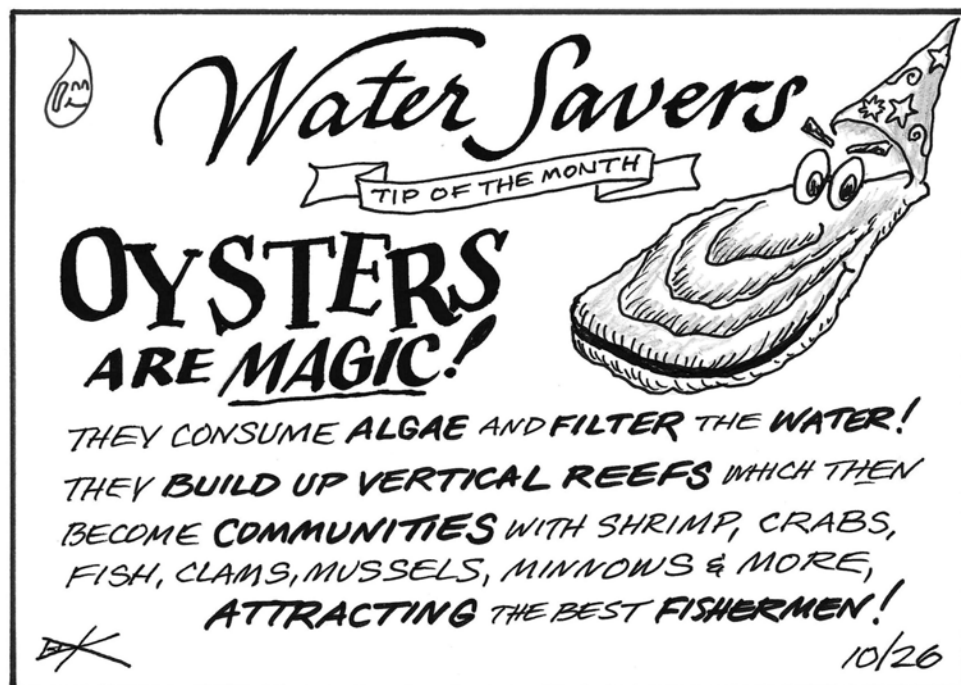
Thank You for a Successful Sale

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, or volunteered at our Fall Native Plant Fest and Sale. Together, we sold more than 200 shrubs and thousands of perennials, ferns, and groundcovers.

Growing Native Habitats

We are thrilled that so many native plants will now take root throughout Cape St Claire and neighboring communities. Every native plant helps build a healthier, more biodiverse ecosystem by providing essential habitat for local pollinators and other wildlife.

Your new native plants may even help make you our next Habitat Hero!



Vampire

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
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diagonally.

Bat

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Bram Stoker

Coffin

Count

Crucifix

Dracula

European

Fanged



Folklore

Garlic

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Stake

Sunlight

Transylvania

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Vampire

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Broadneck Baptist Church is a welcoming, multigenerational community located at 1257 Hilltop Drive. Worship with us every Sunday at 10 AM. Children are always welcome, and nursery care is available for our youngest attendees.



Note from Pastor Brooke



I am thrilled to be walking alongside Broadneck Baptist Church as their new pastor. I am learning what it is like to be Broadnecky. I wonder: what do you do to find rest? There's always a thing to do before rest can be found. It does take intentionality, doesn't it? I hope you will create space for rest and do the moving to get to the space where you can do the resting.

I invite you to come meet us by joining us for a Potluck Luncheon the last Sunday, October 25th following service at 10am. I would like to meet you.

Join us on Thursday, October 29th for an open house during the Cape St. Claire Halloween Parade. Gringo Billy's Tacos and Dilly food truck will be on site for a dinner option.

Worship Sundays 10am

Choir Practice Sundays at 8:30am are welcome!

AA Meetings Wednesday night at 6pm

Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts

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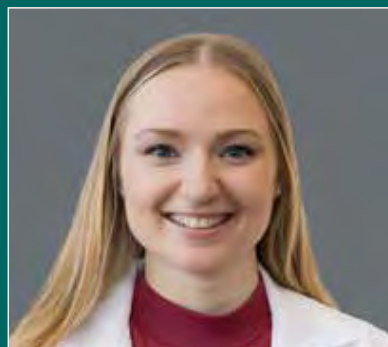
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Neil Page, MD



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COMMUNITY SWAP

Sunday, Oct 11 10am-1pm

Cape Clubhouse field at Cape St. Claire Rd. & Broadview Dr.
(Rain date Saturday Oct 18)

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 9-11am, 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

\$3 entrance per family will be collected for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



Cape St. Claire United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Dale Thomas



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

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

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.



Worship is our most profound activity.
Together we seek God's presence and place
ourselves in the position to receive the gift of
His Spirit. Come worship with us and be
a part of our church family.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you.
Blessings to All!

Pastor Dale



Women's Bible Study

*Meeting the 1st & 2nd Wednesdays of each month
10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

*We are currently going through a Bible study
on Old Testament Characters.*

*If you are interested, please contact
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October at Gloria Dei!



ANNAPOLIS PRIDE PARADE + FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 3 • 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

In partnership with Joy Reigns and St. Martin's Lutheran Churches.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 10 • 11:30 AM

Bring the pets who make your house feel like home for a joyful blessing.



OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, October 14 • 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Give blood, give hope, and help care for neighbors in our community.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 25 • 10:00 AM

Celebrate grace, faith, music and the Lutheran story with us.

There is more to Sunday than a seat in a pew.

Find a place to sing, ring, learn, ask questions, laugh over coffee or help a neighbor. Children, teens and adults all have ways to connect.



Choir

Make a joyful sound



Bells

Ring with the ensemble



Sunday School

Faith for young hearts



Bible Study

Questions are welcome



Fellowship

Every Sunday after worship



New here? You do not have to know what to expect.

Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey and the Gloria Dei! community would be glad to meet you. Dress up or come casual; communion is open to all.

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Whatever your family looks like or wherever you are on your spiritual journey - all are welcome.

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2026 OCTOBER CAPE ST. CLAIRE VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - Audrey Lengbeyer



Few people embody the community-building spirit behind the Cape St. Claire Volunteer Spotlight quite like **Audrey Lengbeyer**. Whether through the Cape St. Claire Garden Club, Cape Tots, the Cape Community Swap, or even a monthly produce co-op, Audrey has spent more than two decades finding ways to bring neighbors together—usually with a few plants involved somewhere along the way.

Audrey and her husband, Larry, moved to the Cape in 2000, drawn by something many of us will recognize. “We loved seeing all the kids biking around, playing ball, kayaking, and swimming at the beach,” Audrey shared. They also appreciated the Cape’s variety of homes, active community organizations, and what she describes as its “small-town feel of Cape neighborliness.”

It did not take long for Audrey to put down roots—quite literally. Their .7-acre property was heavily overgrown, and she immediately began clearing vines and planting. Having grown up with a gardening mother and a lifelong love of plants, Audrey joined the Cape St. Claire Garden Club in 2001 and quickly found some of her first Cape friends.

Within a year, she joined the Board and, a few years later, became Co-President. At 27, Audrey was the youngest member among a group largely over 50, with several members in their 80s. “They taught me about dividing and potting perennials and the names of their favorite plants that they generously shared with me,” she recalled.

Audrey brought a few new ideas of her own. Plant-sale labels had been written on popsicle sticks, meeting minutes had been taken by hand, and reminders had been delivered through a telephone tree. Her first “cutting-edge” innovations were typing the minutes and mailing meeting-reminder postcards. Eventually came email, a website, slide presentations, laser-printed plant labels, and cold frames for growing new and native plant varieties.

More than two decades later, those experiences helped grow into a professional career in garden design and maintaining large garden estates on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Audrey also teaches workshops and gives garden talks—work she jokingly traces back to the “intensive plant lust” developed through years of plant-shopping for the Club.

The Garden Club has grown alongside her. Founded in 1975 to promote beautification, horticultural education, gardening, and fellowship, the Club had roughly 15 members when Audrey joined and today has more than 60. Members maintain gardens at the Clubhouse entrance, Cape St. Claire Road center island, and Segree Memorial Park while continuing traditions such as the annual Plant Sale and Yard of the Month. The Club also provides plants, expertise, workshops, scholarships, and support throughout the Cape and greater Annapolis area.

Audrey is particularly proud of how the Club adapted during the pandemic. In 2020, members created the region’s first virtual plant sale, building an online store and fulfilling orders from dozens of racks of plants staged in Audrey’s driveway. But perhaps the better measure of the Club’s impact came from a new member after a Plant Sale: “I moved to Cape to live closer to family, but after today, I finally feel like I really live here.”

That sense of belonging runs throughout Audrey’s volunteer work. After her first daughter was born, she co-founded Cape Tots in 2004. “There was no Facebook then, and whenever I went to Main Beach, I was the only mom there!” An announcement in *The Caper* brought local parents together, beginning a tradition that has continued through generations of Cape families.

Front-yard swaps of children’s clothes and toys eventually grew into the Cape Community Swap, which Audrey co-founded in 2019. Held twice annually, the Swap gives unwanted items a second life, creates student volunteer opportunities, raises donations for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and brings neighbors together. In 2021, she also started the Cape Produce Co-op, where families take turns bringing wholesale produce from Jessup to share among local households. Audrey’s four daughters grew up alongside many of these efforts, helping with Garden Club activities and community events. She remains especially grateful to the neighbors who welcomed them and gave them opportunities to learn and contribute.

“I love organizing community events and team-building that bring people together to work collectively for the common good,” Audrey said. “I’m grateful to my family, friends, and neighbors who generously contribute their time and energy to help make these events possible.”

That may be the common thread running through Audrey’s story. The plants, swaps, produce boxes, gardens, and gatherings may be different, but the purpose is remarkably similar: helping neighbors meet, contribute, and feel more connected to the place they call home.

Cape St. Claire is grateful for Audrey’s many years of service and proud to recognize her as one of the Cape’s finest—a neighbor whose roots have grown alongside our community and who continues to help others put down roots of their own.

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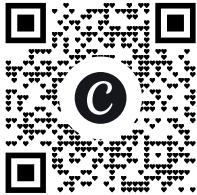
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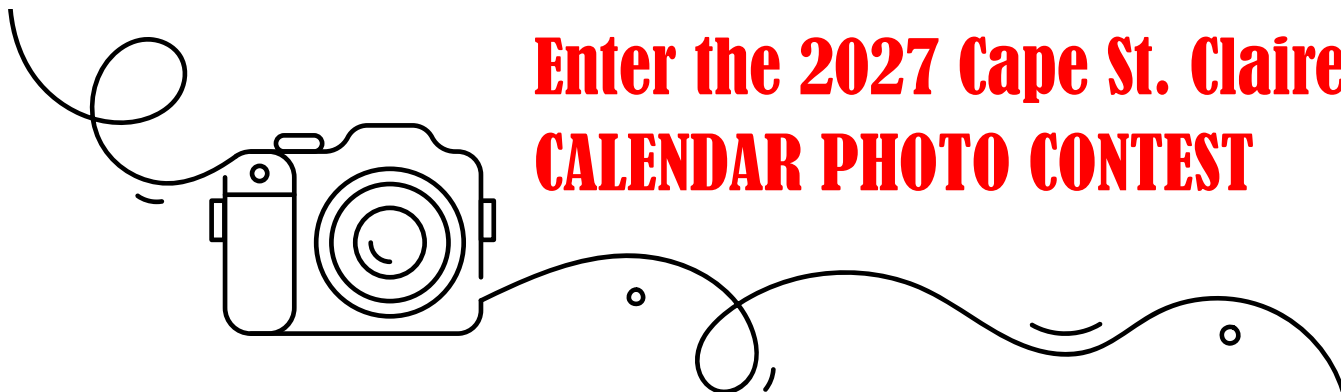
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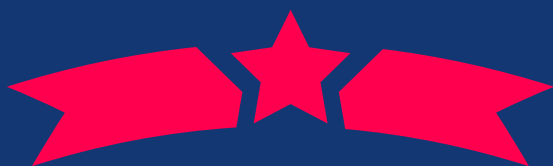
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