



Cape St. Claire Improvement Association, Inc. Community Newsletter

MARCH 2023

QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 7:30 PM

President's Perspective

FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Capers,

February flew by and we are into March all of sudden. Sometimes you have to wonder how time moves so quickly in the aggregate month by month and year over year, but the individual daily grind can be so tedious and drawn out. This month, I want to highlight some of the ongoing committee work of the Board of Governors (BOG) that may be of interest to you and some dates to put on your calendar for this spring.

- **Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC):** The BCC has been very active during this General Assembly season, but also fully involved in the ongoing listening sessions with US Senator Van Hollen's Office and US Representative Sarbanes about the proposed Chesapeake National Recreational Area, including the Historic Whitehall Home Property. Find out more here and get your comments in before March 13th, 2023: <https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/cnra>

- **Beaches and Parks (B&P):** We will be hosting some clean-up workdays in March and April, please look to our CSCIA Facebook Page for details. Please also be on the look out for the announcement for applications for beach attendants. Summer is fast approaching, and we will be hiring this spring. Consider working close to home, being outside and enjoying getting to know your fellow Capers this summer.

- **Business Lot Owners Association (BLOA):** The County passed a bill to extend outdoor dining for one more year on February 7th, ending January 2nd, 2024.

- **Building Committee:** Frank Tewey, our new Town Manager, has proposed some streamlined processes to help our volunteers increase efficiencies in approving CSCIA building permits. We have worked through numerous variances and permits so far this year; we expect another robust year of upgrades around the Cape. The Board is considering these suggestions for implementation to our current processes.

- **Budget Committee:** Is gearing up for their first meeting next month to begin preparing for Fiscal Year 2025. If you have amenities you would like to see the Cape consider adding to the many we already offer, please consider emailing budget@cscia.org or townmanager@cscia.org with your ideas.

- **Clubhouse Committee:** We are gearing up for a refresh of the Cape Office and Cox Meeting Room. We have begun to reimagine our available space, without building new space, which would be very costly. We have come up with a reconfigured design that we believe will serve Cape residents, provide the Town Manager with a dedicated office, and, hopefully, will still provide a small meeting space for committees and Cape Recognized Organizations.

- **Grants Committee:** A new committee officially created in 2023, which includes BOG members, the Town Manager, Cape Conservation Corps members and other interested members of the community. Our goals are to apply for applicable grants with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to tackle additional needs for sites 1 & 2 and begin planning and designing sites 3-7 of our 2017 and recently updated 2022 Technical Assessment Memo created by our engineers, Biohabitats.

- **Legislative Committee:** We are working on bringing more up to date information to residents about pending legislation, resolutions or planning that may be pertinent to local residents.

- **Office Things:** The deadline to pay your \$10.00 Lot Maintenance Fee has passed as of March 1st. If you are like about a third of Cape homeowners and have not yet paid, the late fee now applies. We hope this month you mail, drop off or stop by the office to pay your fees so you can get your 2023 Cape Stickers on time. Stickers for those that paid and provided the proper vehicle information will go out in April (like every year) and 2022 stickers expire on April 30th, 2023. Please be proactive before we have to issue warning notices and/or tow vehicles on CSCIA without proper 2023 stickers or guest passes.

- **Piers Committee:** We are collecting contracts for all offered slips for 2023. Contracts are due March 17th. Any received after that date will owe the \$50.00 late fee. Contracts that have not completed the process by March 31st, 2023, will be rescinded. After April 1st the Piers Committee will begin offering slips to those on the wait list and fill subleases if they are available.

- **Security Committee:** Frank, our new Town Manager will be handling the scheduling and coordinating with our secondary officers for shift patrols. We hope to be able to find more officers to work some shifts to cover this summer's busiest shifts, like weekends. We are exploring new security technologies regarding access to our properties, which will need to be addressed in long term budget planning.

In this Caper, you will find lots of details about many upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and we will be sure to post many of them on our Facebook page in the coming weeks.

We have a full board of 12 members, for the first time since 2013. We have two governors who are in their first year in the Cape and are volunteering their time after moving here. We have five governors who have served less than 3 years on the board, we have five governors who have served between 4-7 years, one governor with 10 plus years' experience and one with over 25 years of service to the residents of Cape St. Claire. We have a great mix which truly represents the Cape, including staff that have been here less than a month to nearly 20 years. The mix of experienced, institutional knowledge, combined with the enthusiasm of new and younger Capers is exciting to see. I look forward to helping lead this group to a good year ahead, where we can make progress on many of our goals and objectives in 2023 and set us up for a great 2024 and beyond. We believe Cape is a special community and we look forward to help keep it that way in the future too!

If you have complaints, suggestions, or questions, feel free to email me, I will help where I can. You can reach me at President@cscia.org.

Hope to catch you around Cape soon!

Best Wishes,
Beau Breeden
President CSCIA

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Board In Brief

CSCIA Board Of Governors Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

In attendance in person: Pres. Beau Breeden, Govs Neil Macindoe, Jerome Zadera, Matt Layman, Ed Hayes, Marissa Mianti, Jennifer Connor, Joe Angel, Cheri Fairchild and Michele Shipley, Budget committee members Charlie Shoul and Thor Harris, Town Manager Frank Tewey, and guests Charlie Corliss, Stacey Wildberger, Adria Smith, Becky Benner and Steve Arnold. Pres. Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, welcomed new governors, budget committee members, and town manager, thanking all for stepping up to participate. He explained how the board meetings are run, using Robert's Rules of Order. He noted that it has been a busy month, the maintenance fees are due March 1 and late fees will apply after that date.

VARIANCE REQUEST: A resident presented a variance request to install an 8-foot fence on the back and side of her lot. She has obtained the county variance. With the slope of the back yard, an 8-foot fence will afford more privacy and block more of the view from her neighbor to reduce any light issues. The white vinyl solid fence meets all placement criteria. Pres. Breeden said the request would be discussed in closed session and that Mr. Tewey would contact her the next day with the decision.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Minutes of the Jan 9, 2022 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made and approved with 4 abstentions. The financial statements for Dec 31, 2022 were reviewed. A motion to accept the financials was made and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC): Pres. Breeden reported a listening session was held with the office staffs of Senator Van Hollen and Congressman Sarbanes regarding concerns with a potential Chesapeake National Recreational Area on the Broadneck Peninsula. Whitehall historical home is being considered as part of a network of areas connected by waterways on both sides of the Bay. Residents of communities off Whitehall Road are concerned about the impact on traffic. Mr. Breeden noted that he would like them to consider Greenbury Point as the recreational area instead. He is hoping for a listening session in the Cape with Mr. Van Hollen and Mr. Sarbanes for Cape residents to voice their opinions.

Beaches & Parks: Gov Macindoe said the beaches are quiet.

Business Lot Owners Association (BLOA): Pres. Breeden said the outdoor dining bill passed, extending it for another year. Updated insurance will be required from participating restaurants in the shopping center. Town Manager Tewey will attend BLOA meetings.

Building: Gov Shipley reported that she, Pres. Breeden and Town Manager Tewey met to discuss and approve outstanding applications. Mr. Tewey developed a checklist to streamline the approval process.

Budget: Gov Angel invited new governors to join the budget meetings as it is a great way to learn about CSCIA business. Gov Zadera reported the SCBD budget was submitted to the county on time.

Caper: Gov Lamb sent an email stating that all is going well. Submittals not received by the due date will be excluded.

Clubhouse: Gov Lamb's email stated that rentals are going well. Rules and fee changes will take effect July 1.

Events: Gov Lamb's email announced the Easter Egg Hunt will occur Apr 1 at the main beach.

Grants: See Old Business

Legislative: No report

Piers: Pres. Breeden said contracts were sent out and are now being returned, so piers revenue will show in upcoming reports.

Security: Town Manager Tewey is to take over scheduling. One officer is out on FMLA leave. The other has recommendations for attracting more officers.

Strawberry Festival: Email from Gov Lamb stated that planning is in process.

Technology: Bill Szczytko continues to update websites and IT as needed. Pres. Breeden explained the need for updating of the email addresses. He noted that some discussions involve legal issues and may not be allowed in personal or other work emails.

Town Manager: Mr. Tewey said he is happy to be working at the Cape. Mr. Tewey has worked with Pres Breeden and the office administrator to get up to speed on processes. He thanked Leslie for her help. He has been learning about critical areas, riparian rights, CSCIA handbooks, covenants and building codes, attended the recreational area listening session and will attend a Clean Marinas seminar. The town manager email is townmanager@cscia.org. He expects to do the legwork needed by Govs to accomplish CSCIA goals.

OLD BUSINESS: The contract for the Cape calendar was received. Pres. Breeden explained it is provided to the Cape at no cost; expenses are covered by advertising fees. A motion was made that the contract be accepted as written and passed unanimously. Pres. Breeden informed the board that CSCIA has historically sponsored 3 entities each year: the Cape Elementary School 5K Fun Run, the CSC Volunteer Fire Dept and the Police Community Relations Council. Pres. Breeden reported the Deep Creek dredge has been done but not our spur dredge. The equipment used was too large to maneuver into the spaces to be dredged. The contractor would only access by removing pilings. With the potential for significant additional costs to dredge only half of the

planned area, it was decided not to have the dredge done at this time. The permits are valid for 5 years and allow for using the county's dump site and tipping fees, so a dredge can still be done by another contractor. It is hoped that CSCIA can coordinate with one of the 5 planned Magothy River dredges next year. The underwater vegetation mitigation project will still proceed. Pres. Breeden reported that a write up nominating the CSCIA Lake Claire beach project for the BUBBA (Best Urban Best Management Practices in the Bay Area) Award was received from Alliance of the Chesapeake for editing and is to be returned for Alliance to submit. The period to submit requests for the US Fish & Wildlife grants is open until April 20. The Grants committee is to hold a phone meeting to determine how to complete and submit the request for planning and construction funds.

NEW BUSINESS: Town Manager Tewey is to get the Cape signed up to participate in the county water sampling. Samples are taken from the main beach and Lake Claire for water quality testing. Results are posted on the state website and warnings issues if needed. Pres. Breeden said the owners of the lot next to the Swan pier have asked if the well drill rig may access the property from the pier parking lot. After discussion, a motion to allow the drill rig access to straddle the property line via the parking lot provided CSCIA is named as additional insured was made and passed unanimously. Pres. Breeden reported that T-Mobile is to provide a quote for upgraded security camera equipment to provide 5G service. Options range from changing what is needed to speed up the system to getting equipment to allow viewing from multiple devices and include the main beach. The current system covers the piers and is paid by piers funds. More info will be provided when a proposal is received. There is an opportunity for the Cape to coordinate with the Little Magothy River Association (LMRA) dredge to occur in 2024 or 2025 and potentially receive the dredged sand to use on our beaches. Discussions are ongoing. Pres. Breeden said that with Mr. Tewey's help the building application process is being streamlined and will hopefully continue to become more digitalized, allowing for easier access. Consideration will be given to changing the bylaws to allow Mr. Tewey to approve basic building requests after his 90-day probationary period. Committee assignments and email addresses for governors was discussed. The events committee could use help getting a movie night organized. He mentioned that the membership committee has had welcome packets for new residents in the past and could consider something similar and could also try to get more residents to membership meetings. Beaches and Parks could use help, and the Legislative committee needs to review bills that could affect the Cape or the Broadneck Peninsula.

Charlie Corliss introduced himself as a member of Broadneck Bluegrass, a musical group that has been performing during the summers at Lake Claire. They would like to continue performing acoustically on Sundays at Lake Claire and "plugged in" one Sunday a month at the Main Beach, staying on the eastern end of the park to avoid interfering with access to the beach, overlook and playground. They would coordinate with the beach scheduling, not perform when there is a wedding or party, and will fill out the beach party application.

COMMENTS: Stacy Wildberger of the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) announced Wednesday Weed Warriors will start on Apr 5. The kickoff will be held at the Little Magothy beach on Apr 21 with pizza, walking tours of the park, and a family friendly craft project. On Mar 8, they will host a county forester guest speaker. Doors open at 6:30. They will sponsor a native species swap in May and are targeting butterfly bush. CCC was awarded several Atlantic cedars which will be planted at the Serene Ravine and Little Magothy Beach. Everyone is welcome at all events, and they are always looking for volunteers and members. Membership is \$20/yr. They are seeking corporate sponsorships as well. The website (www.capeconservationcorps.org) is being updated to accept online donations.

Becky Benner announced the Goshen Farm Preservation Society (GFPS) Java & Jazz, Tea & Tunes event to be held at the clubhouse on Mar 12 to thank the community. The spring open house will be held Apr 15. Pres. Breeden noted that the 22-acre property adjacent to the elementary school is excess county property that was being held for construction of a middle school then was planned to be sold for development. GFPS was begun and though the county still owns the property, GFPS was able to lease the property for the foreseeable future. Feel free to wander and see what they have done. Leashed pets are welcome, just please clean up after them.

Mrs. Benner also spoke for the Garden Club and announced their Mar 7, 7:00pm dinner to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the club. One founding member is still a member! They will hold a workshop on Apr 2 and a plant sale May 20. The sale is their main fundraiser, raising money for scholarships, workshops and education.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn to closed session and approved unanimously. The February 13, 2023 CSCIA Board of Govs meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

A Message from The Town Manager



Capers,

Thank you for the many warm welcomes I have received since joining the Cape Saint Claire family last month. I've settled in and feel right at home in this great community. With spring's arrival comes the beginning of daylight saving time, so remember to spring forward your clocks one hour on Sunday, March 12th. Spring also brings us the reminder of chores to be done. Community maintenance fees (yellow postcards) were due on March 1st. Payments made or received after March 1st do incur a \$10 late fee. You must be current in payment to receive parking passes for the upcoming year. To prevent any delays in receiving your parking passes, please be sure your vehicle information is included with your payment. Thank you to all who were on time with their dues! Parking passes will be mailed out in April. As a reminder, The CSCIA office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A convenience dropbox is located just outside the office door for after hours use. All checks should be made payable to CSCIA. We're prepping up for the spring! During March, the main beach, Lake Claire and Deep Creek restrooms will be delivered and water service at the marinas will be turned on -weather permitting.

Don't slip on your slip! Piers contracts are coming due this month, so please check to ensure you have all documentation required to secure your slip for the upcoming season. Boats are required to be in their assigned slips by June 1.

Seasonal Beach Attendants sought! Applicants must be 14 years of age or older and be available on weekends and summer holidays. Primary Duties Include: greeting residents, verifying eligibility, monitoring usage of CSCIA properties, making notification by phone as required or needed. For applications or questions, please contact me at TownManager@CSCIA.org.

The next Quarterly Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there!

Stay happy and healthy!
Frank Tewey
Cape St Claire Town Manager
TownManager@cscia.org
410-757-1223

Water Savers

TIP OF THE MONTH

**SMALL, FAMILY, INDEPENDANT
REGENERATIVE FARMER**

GOOD REASONS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL...

LARGE SINGLE CROP FIELDS MUST PLANT/REAP HERBICIDES, FERTILIZER AND PEST KILLERS. THIS DEPLETES NATURAL NUTRIENTS & ALMOST ALL LIFE FORMS

SANDY GREY BARREN SOIL HOLDS LITTLE MOISTURE OF CARBON

EXCESSIVE EROSION + RUNOFF

GM0 OPERATIONS RELY ON THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN TO SHIP SOY AND CORN OVERSEAS

HIGHLY TOXIC CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FARMS OFTEN FOREIGN CORP OWNED

ROTATING CROPS, NO CHEMICAL USE, TRUE PASTURED STOCK - NOT JUST "CAGE FREE". CREATES/MAINTAINS RICH, DARK, MOIST TRUE TOPSOIL FULL OF BENEFICIAL LIFE FORMS, SEQUESTERS CARBON, ABSORBS RAINFALL, LITTLE OR NO RUNOFF

HEALTHY PASTURED ANIMALS DO NOT REQUIRE ANTIBIOTICS. THESE FARMS SUPPLY YOU DIRECTLY, AND SO ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

3/23 *[Signature]*

Market Poised for Action

After record low sales activity, the Mid-Atlantic housing market is poised for a rebound heading into the next few months!

Now that the full January 2023 numbers are in, the report shows demand for the month actually increased overall (we are included in the Baltimore Metro numbers) although still lower than a year ago.

Anne Arundel County and Cape St. Claire, specifically, are in higher demand. The Cape currently has 1 active listing and 2 with contracts. Realistically, if you are waiting to sell in the Cape, there is no reason to wait.

The Cape is still in very high demand!

Needless to say, I predict the market will open this spring and summer and the Cape will still be rewarded with generous sales prices.

Credit given to Bright MLS and Lisa Sturtevant, PhD



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Goshen Farm Board of Directors 2023

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the members that voted online and/or attended our Annual Meeting. The results of the election are as follows:

President:	Erik Wallace
Vice President:	Barbara Morgan
Secretary:	Sharon Biondi
Treasurer:	Christy Folderauer
Building & Maintenance:	Louis Biondi
Communications:	Shannon Beauchamp Lepthien
Educational Outreach:	Terry Brandon
Events:	Barbara Morgan
Garden:	Bob Nestruck
Grounds:	Roy Benner
History:	Scott Powers
Membership:	Rebecca Benner
Members At Large:	Linda Páez
	Rose Mary Stocker

Don't Miss Our First Event of 2023

Goshen Farm Preservation Society hasn't held its Java and Jazz, Tea & Tunes since 2020, right before everything shut down. We are excited to hold this event again. Join us on Sunday, March 12, 2023, from 3 to 5 pm at the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. Sweet and Savory hors d'oeuvres will be served along with coffee and tea. Wine and specialty coffee drinks will be available for purchase. The event is Free but donations are always appreciated. Bring your dancing shoes as the Jazz Perpetrators will be entertaining us with their "music so good it's a crime."

Volunteer Spotlight – Billie Grant –

Billie is in the Navy and his family moved to this area in October of 2021 from Tampa, Florida after they transferred him here. He and his family heard about Goshen Farm after his son attended a school function there. Gardening has been a passion of Billie's since he was a child. After he joined Goshen Farm and became a Garden Plot member, he saw a need to revitalize the compost area. His goal is to repurpose the garden waste at the farm converting it to usable compost.

If you would also like to volunteer at Goshen Farm and are a member, please contact us at Communications@goshenfarm.org.

Maryland Day Tour

Goshen Farm will be participating in The Maryland Day activities on Saturday, April 2, 2023. House and Garden tours will be available by reservation only. The event is free however you must reserve a ticket on Eventbrite and only a limited amount will be available. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maryland-day-tours-of-the-historic-goshen-farm-and-gardens-tickets-471920235127>. For more information on this event please contact the Communications Chair at communications@goshenfarm.org. Would you like to help with either of these events? You must be a current member. Watch for a SignUpGenius in the near future.

Spring Open House

We can't wait for warmer weather and to get outside! Our Annual Spring Open House will be held on Saturday, April 15th from 10 am to 4 pm. The house will be open for tours, we have vendors to be determined, activities for the kids, walk the new trails, visit the gardens, and let the kids try out our Nature Play Space and more. Grab lunch while learning about local history and supporting Goshen Farm.

What does your membership get you?

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

Donations can be made via check or on our website. Please indicate if you would like your donation to go towards the Capital Grant.

***Please like our Facebook Page
Historic Goshen Farm & Educational Center***

www.goshenfarm.org

email Communications@goshenfarm.org with questions.

Happy March, Neighbors! If you're like me and refuse to be held hostage by a pudgy celebrity rodent from Pennsylvania, join me in declaring: **spring is coming**... really, it is! The best part about these cold, rainy days is dreaming of spring gardens! How many of you tend to stand at the window with a cup of something warm, gazing at the winter scene in your yard and thinking of the things you planted last season? Winter is a great time to peruse seed catalogs and plan the creation of a new garden bed. You can check out many gardening sites online or visit our Club's informative blog at capegardenclub.wordpress.com and click on the **LEARN** tab. You'll find tips on designing with beautiful plants, clever tricks for creating new beds, spring garden chore lists, & more!!

If you have been daring to walk around the neighborhood on these blustery winter days, you may witness, as I was lucky enough to this year, a riot of fluttering & gobbling as the birds devour our winterberry & holly berries. Beyond colorful berries, you may have seen winter bloomers like witch hazel, winter jasmine, hellebores, snowdrops, & crocus. I have even spotted bulb foliage peeking up from the leaves. By March, camellia and daffodil blooms will join the mix, with tulips not far behind. Fear not, Capers, spring is coming!!

In February the Garden Club hosted Cory Stephens of Anne Arundel Farm, Lawn, & Garden, and we learned a lot about raising vegetables. My number one takeaway: **consider your soil**. Garden success depends on soil composition: nutrients, of course, but also organic matter & microorganisms. Soil is a living thing, and rich & balanced soil means deeper roots & healthier plants. And healthier plants resist drought, pests, and other stressors better. Cory discussed types of soil amendment: compost, composted manure, & organic mulch. He also encouraged a soil test before planting a new bed, and shared coupons with us for free soil tests. He covered topics like pest control, fertilizer, and siting a plant properly, too. Our 50 attendees, both Members and Guests, had plenty of questions for him, and many attendees said they were going over with a soil sample this very week! His nursery on Jumpers Hole Road is a great resource for all things garden, with very knowledgeable staff. You can also find detailed info about improving your soil at capegardenclub.wordpress.com, under the **LEARN** tab.



At our **March 7th** meeting we will celebrate 48 years of gardening fellowship with our **48th Anniversary Dinner**. The Cape St Claire Garden Club started in 1975, and we continue to grow & learn together! We celebrate each anniversary with a festive potluck dinner, to ring in a new season of fun and learning in our supportive community of gardeners. Then, at our **April 4th** meeting, we'll have our annual **Dividing Perennials Workshop**, where our experienced gardeners teach the skills of digging, dividing, and re-potting mature clumps of perennials. If you'd like to learn, please join us then, or weekends in April, when our Members practice these skills in gardens around the Cape, potting plants up for our much anticipated **annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20th**. Mark your calendars! Hosted by our Club for over 25 years at the Clubhouse field, you'll find native & Cape-grown perennials, 4 varieties of milkweed, colorful annuals and hanging baskets, tomato, herb, & veggie starts, and a variety of garden experts including professional & Master Gardeners to answer all your planting questions. And in keeping with our last speaker's topic, we'll be giving away free compost for adding to your planting holes. The Garden Club Plant Sale is one Cape tradition you won't want to miss! -- Submitted by Jeanne Klingler

Please visit the Garden Club's informative blog full of gardening tips: capegardenclub.wordpress.com
Garden inspiration, pruning tips for spring cleanup, & upcoming events, plus previews of our **Annual Plant Sale**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 7: Anniversary Dinner Potluck celebrating 48 years of gardening fun & fellowship

Tuesday, April 4: Dividing Perennials Workshop – learn how to divide yours!

Fridays & Saturdays in April: Potting Parties – contact us if you'd like to join the fun and learn new skills

Saturday, May 20: 2023 Plant Sale Invite friends, mark your calendars, we'll see you there!!!



Final Habitat Hero Award for 2022 goes to

Rob Wood

Rob lives off of Lakeview Dr near the edge of the Serene Ravine. As the name of the street implies he lives on the edge of Lake Claire. With that lake view comes a full view of phragmites. He has spent a lot of time managing the phragmites to allow for native plants to take over and thrive creating a beautiful habitat. He also removed some invasive nandina bushes around his deck and replaced with native Spicebush trees that will support caterpillars of the spicebush swallowtail butterfly. Along the front edge of his property he has landscaped with some native grasses. Please see the full story here
<https://capeconservationcorps.org/habitat-heroes/>

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

- March 8th 7:00pm Doors Open 6:30 PM Speaker Event County Forester Bud Reaves
 - April 1st Project Clean Stream 9am-noon Graul's Ballfields Service Hours
 - April 5th Weekly Weed Warriors every Wednesday through October we will meet to remove invasive species
 - April 21st Weed Warriors Open House & Earth Day Craft Little Magothy Beach Park
 - May Invasive Plant Swap we are offering a FREE 3-gallon shrub if you remove and DESTROY an invasive BUTTERFLY BUSH.
- Please email me at president@capeconservationcorps.org for a signup sheet

Spring Ephemerals

by: Stacey Wildberger

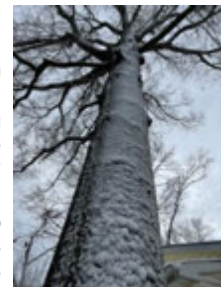
Before I share my favorite spring ephemerals we should answer the question- what is a spring ephemeral? Spring ephemerals are perennial woodland wildflowers which develop aerial parts (i.e., stems, leaves, and flowers) of the plant early each spring and then quickly bloom and produce seed. The leaves often wither leaving only underground structures (i.e., roots, rhizomes, and bulbs) for the remainder of the year. Beyond the beauty they offer to the human eye as winter is giving way to spring is their benefits to early pollinators. They are a major source of nectar for early pollinators and a better choice as they have co-evolved with them for hundreds of thousands of years.

- Virginia Bluebell (*Mertensia virginica*) female bumblebees will often be seen visiting these stunning purple blooms as well butterflies and moths. A colony of bluebells will bloom April through May before going dormant in the summer.
- Dutchman's breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*) a true spring woodland ephemeral blooms as spring sunlight hits the forest floor before the tree canopy leafs out- perfectly times for early emerging bumblebees.
- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) a two-part beauty. The fragrant white bloom emerges first and serves as food for mason and carpenter bees are followed by the seed attracting the ants which will be instrumental in spreading them.
- Eastern spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*) this delicate white bloom with pink stripes will attract bumblebees, carpenter bees, mason bees and cuckoo bees and many other tiny bees.

Planting ephemerals supports our early pollinators, creates healthy ecosystems, and provides habitat. It is important to use the native plants that the native insects have co-evolved with. Many are specialized and can only use certain plants as a food source. While it is ok to leave the dandelions and clover do not rely on those for the early risers. Explore different native ephemerals.

Cape Champion: Willow Oak

A willow oak on the property of Brad and Marsha Knopf on Magothy Park Lane measures 42 in. dia., height of over 100 ft and a 132 in circumference. Big willow oaks are common in Maryland and the State champion is also in AA County. It measures in at 267 inch in circumference, so the Cape Champion still has more growing to do! Willow oak acorns are a top food for whitetail deer, squirrels, turkeys, and some songbirds. Wood ducks and mallards also eat the acorns that wash into flooded areas. Do you think your tree is a Cape Champion? Let us know at trees@capeconservationcorps.org



Pruning Tips:

Winter offers us a different perspective, an unobstructed opportunity to observe our trees. We can see the branches more clearly, discerning their form, health and any issues that might be hiding in the canopy. In the last issue of the Caper, the CCC brought attention to the problem of English Ivy and other invasive vines that plague our community's trees. English ivy is conspicuous and menacing amongst the naked boughs. In winter after the leaves have fallen, we can also see any defects, broken or damaged branches and limbs. Winter is a good time to determine if pruning is needed to reduce any risks and promote the health of our trees. If you suspect that pruning is needed, consult an Arborist - Maryland Tree Expert or Certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA - <https://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees>). Pruning more than 25% of a tree's canopy can harm the tree and pruning improperly makes it more difficult for the tree to compartmentalize the wound - the natural way it keeps pathogens at bay. Never "top" or indiscriminately cut limbs back to stubs. This creates more problems and is not good for the health of the tree. The time of year is another important concern when pruning. A light-handed approach is best. The pruning job that is barely noticed is often the best one for the tree. Safety is also paramount and Arborists tools can be harmful and dangerous to people and trees. The work of pruning is a technical art and should be respected. Let's care for and maintain our trees properly so we can enjoy the many benefits they provide.

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- April 6th, 7p.m., Maundy Thursday Service with Communion;
- April 9th, Sunrise Easter Sunday Service at Cape St. Claire Beach, Ecumenical Service will begin around 6:30 a.m.;
- April 9th, 10a.m., Easter Service with Communion at Christ Our Anchor Presbyterian Church.



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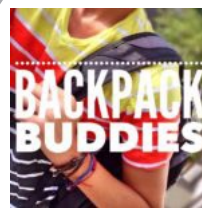


If you are looking for a church home, we would enjoy having you visit our community of faith and share God within our church family. As we move through Lent into Easter, it is hoped that everyone's heart will prepare room for Christ to enter in.

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



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!



Palm Sunday - April 9th - 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service - April 13th - 7:00pm

Good Friday Service - April 14th - 7:00pm

Easter Celebration Service - April 16th - 9:00 am

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Community Easter Sunrise Service

April 16th - at the Main Beach. Time TBA

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The proceeds will help St. Margaret's Women's Guild with their many outreach programs including sending funds to help support "The Club at Collington Square" (a Baltimore inner-city after school facility), the YWCA with their Battered Women Program, helping the Afghan refugees here in MD, and many more nonprofits that help underprivileged women and children.

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While the number of homes for sale is growing, inventory is still low making it a sellers' market. At the time of this writing, there was only one Cape St. Claire home active on the market, two pending sales, and three closed sales since the first of the year. If you are thinking of selling, now may be the best time for you.

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