

**C.I.C.A. NEWSLETTER**  
**October 17, 2003**

**President's Message**

The pay is no better the second year, but I am happy to serve as your Association President again because the job comes with a great Board, Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and other volunteers, and some unfinished business from last year. We have our work cut out for us.

**Job 1** is to complete the work started on membership. Historically, about 80% of property owners eligible to be members of the Chesapeake Isle Civic Association, Inc., have been members. Members underwrite virtually 100% of the \$35,000 - \$40,000 annual expenditures of the community. Members staff committees. They provide volunteer labor and support efforts to improve, preserve, and protect the assets and character of our community. As a matter of fairness and practical finances, the Association has always sought to address the 20% who get all the benefits of owning property in Chesapeake Isle without supporting the CICA's cost or efforts that make Chesapeake Isle a great place to live.

The Board of Directors will recommend by-laws changes to the membership this fall. Watch for the special mailing and please, please vote. The main changes are to Article 1 to make membership mandatory for property owners in Chesapeake Isle, and to require approval by the membership of the fiscal year budgets and dues at the Annual meetings. There are also related logical wording and "clean-up" changes proposed for Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5. For instance, "in good standing" is inserted after "member" throughout the bylaws where appropriate, and renters become the guests and responsibility of the property owner members. Membership will be required of all property owners with the new membership year that starts January 1, 2004. The by-laws will be recorded at the Cecil County Courthouse in compliance with the Maryland Homeowners Association Act and all future property transfers will include notification to the buyers and payment of dues in the settlement sheets.

The other unfinished business (**Job 2**) is a shared plan for future community needs and improvements. It is no accident that Chesapeake Isle just keeps getting better and better. Past Boards have done a good job of balancing "needs and wants" with resources and community will. It's time to take another look at the future. Road improvements, a better boat ramp, and erosion control are perennial big "wants". Recently, some members have expressed a desire for a longer pier with boat slips. Smaller "wants" such as our new entrance sign come up every year. Of course, there is always a long list of "needs" associated with maintenance and other CICA responsibilities. With your inputs, my goal is to have the current Board identify, prioritize, plan, and communicate a 3 to 5 year look into the future.

I encourage you to write or e-mail me, check out the minutes of our regular meetings on the bulletin boards and our website, pitch in where you can, and take a minute to be a good neighbor. A special thanks to those who worked on Clean-up Day and the many volunteers who recently rescued boats and repaired the damage left by Isabel. Enjoy the holidays.

Until the January newsletter, Mike Szep



## **Membership Report**

Your membership chairman is pleased to report a new record for paid members in the civic association. As of October 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 248 families enrolled for the 2003 membership year and several new arrivals who have not yet been visited. With two months still left in the year, we have to wonder how high the new record can go.

## **New Directories and Guide Books**

For the past couple of years the Membership Committee has been printing five to ten Directory/Guidebooks at a time to give to newly-arrived lot owners. Each printing reflected all current changes, additions and deletions up to that time. As a result, there are presently a number of different versions of the membership directory in circulation. This method certainly saved the big expense of an entire new printing, but has probably by now led to some confusion when your neighbors' directory listings don't agree with yours.... even though you were kept informed of all changes by way of the quarterly newsletter.

In the very near future, we will be undertaking a full reprinting of the membership directory, lot listing, community map and the entire guide book and by-laws sections. If *anything* in your personal current listing is incorrect, please notify Les Fritz as soon as possible so that it will be corrected and listed accurately in the new edition. ( Changes might include, mis-spellings, change of address or phone number, new e-mail address, change of persons appearing as the lot owners, etc.) Contact Les at 410-287-9010.

## **Annual Meeting Brings Out Record Crowd**

The Annual Meeting held on August 24<sup>th</sup> brought out a record number of people that easily surpassed 100. It was probably the best attended meeting we've ever had. Two topics that probably brought out the larger-than-usual attendance were the current investigations on changing our by-laws to specify membership be required by all property owners and an anticipated report on the feasibility of building boat slips in our harbor. See the related stories for the results of the election of new directors to the Chesapeake Isle board and the election of new officers for the 2003-2004 term.

## **Chesapeake Isle Board Welcomes New Directors**

At the annual general meeting, the following candidates were successful in their bid to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors.... Brian Clare, Sonny Hayes, Janet McKenna and Gordon Osborne. Janet was elected by the directors last year to fill the final year of Tom Cobley's term, but this was her first time being elected by the general membership for a full term. The three other new directors are all serving on your board for the first time.

A new Board members page can be found elsewhere in this newsletter which supercedes and replaces the one you currently have in the beginning of your Chesapeake Isle directory. At it's first regular meeting following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected Jay Gilfillan to fill the two years remaining of Elaine Weber's term, vacated due to her move from Chesapeake Isle a short while ago. Our thanks to those who were not successful this time but were interested enough in our community to run for office. We hope you will try again another year.

### **She May Have Been Down Graded ... But Isabel Packed A Punch**

We were somewhat annoyed with Floyd .... but Izzy knocked us dizzy. Those who were here when Tropical Storm Floyd struck us a blow in early September of 2000 will no doubt remember the couple of hundred trees that came down on properties and across community roads, sending us scurrying for anybody we could find who had a chain saw.

Now, we had more than enough trees down with Isabel, as well, and we certainly don't want to make light of the problems experienced by those in the Isle who had one (or several) laying across their roof, but Isabel will probably always be remembered for the six foot storm surge, the sustained high winds, the damage to community docks and several break-away boats in the harbor. And, of course, a power outage that lasted two days.

Some photos taken at the height of the beach and harbor tides can be viewed on the Chesapeake Isle website, but one needed only to read a newspaper or watch a TV news show and see some of the devastation to many nearby areas to realize that, once again, we were a very lucky community.

### **Officers Elected To Lead Board For 2003 – 2004**

The Board of Directors has elected Mike Szep (President), Ken Knapp (Vice President), and Rob Green (Treasurer) to continue in the offices they held during the previous term year. Janet McKenna was elected to the office of Secretary, filling the post vacated by Andrea Gilde.

### **Fall Work Day A Success Any Way You View It**

It wasn't very many newsletters back that we were bemoaning the miserable turnout to one of our spring or fall work days. The response was poor ... the younger, stronger people were missing ... even the morning coffee and doughnuts were missing their usual magic.

Well, that was definitely not the case for our fall clean-up on September 27<sup>th</sup> following our encounter with Isabel. Our community volunteers came out fighting in tremendous numbers this year with a great showing of those younger, stronger folks we always need so much. Even a goodly number of younger children came out and did

serious work. Mother Nature must have been on a “guilt trip” over what she had sent our way the previous week-end and she blessed us with a fantastic weather day.

Who would have thought that all the flotsam and jetsam at the swim beach could have been gathered in one huge burn pile in an entire work day? It was done by 10:30 in the morning!! The “arch” the storm surge put in our launch ramp pier could surely not be corrected without a professional pile driver crew, could it? Our Chesapeake Isle volunteer “can do” team jetted a half dozen pilings back into the river bed in about three hours time giving us back a flat and level pier for the enjoyment of the fall rockfish anglers or anyone else looking for a quiet and beautiful place to sit and contemplate life’s mysteries. The turnout was phenomenal, the camaraderie was unsurpassed, the potluck supper was both fattening and healthy. ... And the morning coffee and doughnuts? Magical, simply magical! Thanks, all of you who participated so unselfishly and worked so hard.

### **Beach Report**

The beach was back in vogue this summer (at least, when it wasn’t raining) and we are proud to report the issuance of 121 keys to the bath houses and 70 keys to the shuffleboard equipment closet. The beach has continued to accumulate sand in a nice fashion and, in fact, received some huge amounts as a result of Tropical Storm Isabel ... so she did bring *some* good with the bad.

Please continue our practice of having recreational beach fires only in the fire ring. We shouldn’t have to say it but adult supervision would be nice when the young ones are having a fire on the beach. And dogs continue to be unwelcome whether un-leashed or leashed at any time of year. Please take your canine friends to Dog Beach, which is the area at the harbor in between the piers. They will love you for it.

### **CICA Clothing And Burgees**

With Christmas fast approaching, we remind you that our items make great gifts for our residents and their friends and family members who love to visit here. For information about item availability, pricing and sizes .... Call Dotty at 410-287-9010.

### **Wine & Cheese Social In Need Of A Host Family**

The annual Wine and Cheese Party is just two months away and is still in need of a family to host it. Please contact Karen Dryden if you would like to volunteer to host this year’s edition of an old favorite in Chesapeake Isle.... or if you would like information about the attendance we usually get, what help the committee will provide, etc. The Wine & Cheese Social will be held on December 7th this year from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM

## **2003 Cruise Week A Great Success**

Many of the spring and summer week-ends this year may have been rainy, damp and not what we think of as ideal boating weather, but the week we chose for this year's annual cruise turned out to be a jewel.... at least for the first six or seven days. After that, some approaching bad weather stole the last day or two from us, but we had no complaints at that point.

Participating this year were the following nine vessels and crews. First, the power flotilla..... Little Kidd Too (Les & Dotty Fritz), Blue Claw (Art & Carol Wood) Somewhere In Time (Verne & Diane Orndorff), Porque Ella Dice (Don & Sue Schooley) and Ram Sack II (Sonny & Sara Hayes) The sailing squadron was made up of Shatzie II (Bill & Karen Dryden with Bill's brother along also), Osprey (Peter & Jonah Goodwin), Hosanna (Brian Clare & son, Christopher) and Radiant Mist (Ed & Nancy Turner)

This year's cruise got underway with three boats out on Friday night ( 9/6 ) in Worton Creek and nine boats participating on Saturday behind Dobbins Island in the Magothy River. We enjoyed a terrific Raft-up Party with five power boats and four sailboats taking part in the festivities.

Sunday found several boats departing for home at various times of the day, a lot of swimming and gunkholing for the "stink-potters" and a glorious day of sailing for the "rag-sailors". We continued the raft-up party on Sunday evening with six boats anchored out in Little Round Bay on the upper reaches of the Severn River. On Monday we were tied to slips or piers at an Eastport marina and 19 hungry folks went to dinner by water taxi to Riordan's on the Annapolis waterfront. Some strong winds and waves gave us all a rough night against the piers, but we were all underway by noontime on Tuesday.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights found three power boats and one sailboat in the peaceful confines of Harness Creek on the South River, while another vessel started for home and one spent some time near Cambridge on the Choptank River. After two lazy days at anchor, we headed up the bay, having received news of an approaching storm system. Three boats spent Thursday night in the safe confines of Worton Creek.

Attempts to head home on Friday were futile as the two remaining power boats ran into six foot seas and 28 knot winds (both coming straight at them) so as quick as they had "popped out" of the shelter of Worton Creek, they retreated into the safety of Still Pond Creek and waited out the storm until they could safely return at noontime on Saturday. All in all, another great Cruise Week and another real adventure to remember.

## **Search Begins For Homes For The Progressive Dinner**

The committee for the next C.I.C.A. Progressive Dinner is now prepared to accept your most gracious invitation to be a "host" home as part of our next dinner, which will be held on March 13, 2004. Please contact Karen Dryden (410-287-9598), if you would be interested in hosting the cocktail hour, the dessert course or to be one of the several homes needed for the entrée. ( Six to eight guests for the sit-down portion of the evening.) The chairperson will be more than happy to work with you or answer any questions you may have about what a progressive dinner is, how it works here and anything else you may need to know. For those who are looking forward to attending this popular event, the actual sign-up sheet will appear in the January, 2004 newsletter.

## **Harbormaster's Report**

All had been quiet at the Harbor and along came Miss Isabel....the quiet was over!! The old dock has suffered greatly; the newer dock looked like a Roller coaster. The dingy rack was battered and the two canoe racks are no more.

Four sailboats ended up on our shores and were able to be re-floated the next day thanks to a group of very hardy sailors. Then along came cleanup day and now the newer dock is usable again as well as the dingy rack. The old dock will be another story...

There are not enough words to thank all the neighbors who worked so hard on cleanup day to make this miracle happen.

Thanks to all,  
Harbor Master Bill

## **Driveway Snow Plowing Program**

It's that time of year again when we must face the possibility of snow storms during the coming winter months and decide on whether we want to gamble on a light winter or buy some snow-plowing insurance. The Board will continue their policy of contracting to plow private driveways following appreciable snow storms in the Isle. It is important to note that this program will only be open to the first 35 members to sign up. After careful consideration and soul-searching, it was felt that this was as large a number as we could reasonably handle with our equipment and manpower limitations. Sign and return the contract which appears on the following page along with your \$60.00 non-refundable check by November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no applications for this service accepted after that date. Please read the contract for more detailed information, provisions, etc.

**CHESAPEAKE ISLE YEARLY DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL**  
**CONTRACT**

**Chesapeake Isle Civic Association will plow resident's private driveways  
for an annual fee subject to the following conditions.....**

- 1. It is intended that first priority be to clear snow from community roads.**
- 2. Property Owner/Resident must be present when plow committee stakes driveway.**
- 3. CICA will not be responsible for any damage caused by plowing operations.**
- 4. Driveways will be plowed only if snow is three or more inches in depth.**
- 5. A standard driveway is considered to be sixty feet or less in length.**
- 6. Yearly fee for plowing a standard driveway (CICA member only) is \$60.00.**
- 7. Fees for unusual driveways will be negotiated.**
- 8. Tractor will plow as close as possible. The driver will not do hand-shoveling.**
- 9. Contract must be approved by a member of the plow committee at the time of staking.**
- 10. Fees are not refundable.**
- 11. Contract must be signed and returned by November 15, 2003 with full payment to:**

**C.I.C.A.  
P.O. Box 150  
North East, MD 21901**

- \* No driveways will be plowed without a signed contract and full payment.**
- \* Only 35 contracts will be accepted in accordance with CICA's equipment and manpower capabilities.**
- \* Contracts will be accepted on a first come – first serve basis, which will be determined by the postmark date on the returned contract.**

**I agree to the above conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Member)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

**Lot # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Plow Committee Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### Community Bulletin Board

As a service to our members in good standing, the Chesapeake Isle newsletter includes this free site to advertise sale items, services, etc. Please keep this in mind if you are new

to the neighborhood ( or an old-timer who may have forgotten ) Simply send your notice to Les Fritz or Janet McKenna at any time to be listed in the next newsletter.

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**Reminder - ANNUAL CRAFT OPEN HOUSE - Reminder**

Sunday – November 23<sup>rd</sup>. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
New this year..... Saturday night special preview 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Anne Bates residence..... 2 Gull Circle .....

Special this year: Wheel-thrown stoneware pottery (Bowls, cups, dishes by Anne)  
Hand knit sweaters for children (By Ruth Killian)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!**

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**Sofa bed available** Free !! blue/burgundy/ivory/gold striped pattern.  
Call Chrysa Cohen (Mason Lane) for pick-up info.

Looking for someone to clean a three bedroom one bath house monthly in Chesapeake Isle. Will want references. Second home .... easy maintenance.  
Call Chrysa Cohen.

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**Trash Removal, Recycling and Hauling:**

Would you like some more free time? Do you enjoy having an uncluttered home and yard? Is helping the environment important to you? Need a truck for that little one time task?

“Isle Haul It” can help!! "Isle" do your weekly dump runs, haul away household or yard debris, assist you with recycling and help you with that occasional hauling or moving task.

For competitive rates and courteous service please call your neighbor Rich Gilbert and "Isle" Haul It for you.

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CICA SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS  
FALL – WINTER 2003

\*\*\*Events are for CICA members only\*\*\*

HALLOWEEN PARTY\*\*\*

Date: October 25, 2003  
Place: Pavilion  
Time: 3-5 PM  
Contact: Chris Ann Szep



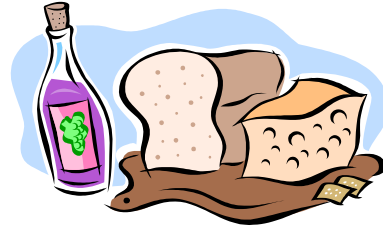
Come join the fun at the CICA Annual Halloween party. Dress up in your best costume and join the fun and games. Food will be served. Community Trick-or-Treating to follow the party. Please leave your porch lights on to welcome the children.

\*\* Donations of juices, cupcakes, brownies, etc. from parents would be appreciated\*\*  
<Please bring a non-perishable food item for the needy.>

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WINE AND CHEESE\*\*\*

Date: December 7, 2003 (Sunday)  
Place: To Be Announced  
Time: 4:00 to 6:00 PM  
Contact: Sue Seeley or Karen Dryden



Come join us for some pre-holiday cheer! Wish your friends and neighbors a Happy Holiday before the rush. Please bring your favorite wine and and hors d'oeuvre or cheese, enough to serve 8-10. A non-alcohol punch will also be served. The location will be announced at a later date. See you there!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HOST & HOSTESS FOR THE WINE & CHEESE  
Call Sue or Karen.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Date: December 20, 2003  
Place: Pavilion  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Contact: Joan Ferrick

Come join us in Song and good cheer. Soups, hot chocolate, cider, and sweets will be served. Anyone wishing to contribute goodies, please contact Joan.

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The next Social Committee meeting will be November 18, 2003 at the pavilion, 7:30 PM