



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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C.I.C.A. NEWSLETTER

July 14, 2004

President's Report

PRESIDENTS COME AND GO

My term as President is just about over. Four directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting at the end of August and per our Bylaws, the new Board of Directors will elect officers from within to serve until the next annual meeting. The new Board and Officers will do a great job and Chesapeake Isle will continue to be a special, great place to live and vacation.

It's been an interesting year, to say the least. It made me wonder more than once where the people who serve in the highest office of the land get the strength to do what they do for 4 years, and then run for re-election. Can the pay and benefits be that much better?

IT'S A SIGN

In truth, being president of CICA has virtually nothing in common with occupying the White House, except maybe these two signs that used to sit on the desk in the oval office:

1) "It doesn't matter who gets the credit, as long as the job gets done." -- Ronald Reagan. Thank you to a great group of volunteers who have served as officers and directors, committee chairs, committee members and volunteers, and cheerful workers on clean up day and any other day that the community needed their help. For example, \$1000 and many volunteers rebuilt the old pier that was devastated last September in Hurricane Isabel. Thank you to all good neighbors -- you know who you are. (And thank you to my great wife and family for all their love and support over the past two years.)

2) "The buck stops here." -- Harry Truman. Yes, I heard from a few folks who think some things could have been done better. Truth is,

things can always be done better and should be. My version of this sign would include: "We can disagree, but please don't be disagreeable" and "Mean well; do good".

ONE LAST THING BEFORE I GO

From the January, 2003 Newsletter: "Fairness or equity: about 80% of property owners are members who carry the 20% who are not." From the October, 2003 Newsletter: "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."

In the months that followed, CICA changed its bylaws to require membership. Then, in March, 2004, the CICA was sued by a number of property owners who are asking the court to "enter a judgment declaring that they are not subject to a mandatory homeowners association."

A settlement is being explored through counsel. What has been discussed meets the CICA's goal of 100% support while addressing the plaintiffs' concerns about mandatory membership. A settlement will have the force of law, and give resolution much faster and cheaper than battling through the courts. It would have a certain outcome, agreed to by the parties, which may have a healing and uniting effect. More details will follow as they become known.

Please have a great summer and pitch in where you can. See you at the Independence Day Celebration and at the annual meeting in August. Be well....

Mike Szep



Annual Meeting Announced

The CICA Annual Meeting and election of directors to our Board will be convened on Sunday, August 22nd. at 3:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. A potluck supper will be served immediately following the meeting. Please see the Social Notes for more information on the supper and mark this important date on your calendar. Absentee ballots are available, if you will contact Les Fritz (287-9010), Janet McKenna (287-1277) or Ken Knapp (287-0824)

Membership Directory

As most every property owner in Chesapeake Isle knows, this section is included in every newsletter to keep you up to date on additions, deletions and changes to the membership data base. More specifically, it is here so you can keep your own personal copy of the Membership Directory and the Lot Listing current.

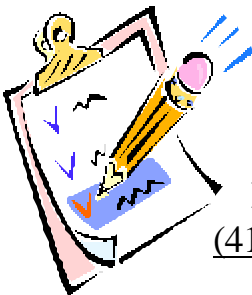
A few weeks ago, we completed a much-needed project to publish a brand new edition of the Chesapeake Isle Members Directory and Guide Book. Included in that printing was all the latest information that many of you communicated to me during the early months of this year. Another major part of that edition was the inclusion of the amended association by-laws that were approved by the membership in the December, 2003 vote. Finally, we put in all of the other pertinent information that has always been a part of the Directory/Guidebook. Up until now, most of the directory/guidebooks were delivered in person by my terrific membership/newsletter committee members. If we missed the opportunity to give you one in person then it is being included in this mailing of the July newsletter.

We will, of course, continue to update the directory portion of the guidebook in each newsletter and this newsletter will be no exception. Yes, there are already changes to report even so soon after the completion of this project. We report the following:

Deletions: **Appleton, Bob & Pam**

Bollen, Maarten & Mary

Changes: **Brown, Alan H-17** 17221 N. 66th Lane, Glendale, AZ 85308
(602) 463-6167 alanwbr@yahoo.com



Burroughs, Mike & Iva K-16 (H) Add (410) 287-7274 and Durango301@cs.com

® **Guiellemette, Roger & Rita E-21 (H)** Add (410) 287-8691

Hawley, Gordon & Diana P-07 (H) Change telephone to (410) 287-7596

Welcome: Please introduce yourself and welcome the following new property owner at your earliest opportunity.

Minietta, Michael S. (MSM Investments LLC) U-04
10 Guilford Court, North East, MD 2190

Budget for 2004/2005 Prepared

On June 10, 2004, the Board of Directors of the C.I.C.A. reviewed, discussed and approved a proposed budget of \$41,055.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. This total is \$2,155.00 or 5% higher than 2004 and will be presented for approval of the members present at the Annual Meeting on August 22, 2004. A copy of the proposed budget appears elsewhere in this newsletter for the information of the membership.

There will be no change in the amount of annual dues, so they will remain at \$85.00. The five-year tractor loan is now fully paid off. The Board is recommending that the Association create a new Maintenance and Replacement Fund and include in each year's budget cash to accumulate in advance of actual need so that when those inevitable large projects come up we will have a head start on raising the money needed. In this way, we will not have to rely solely on the availability of bank loans at some unknown future date or have to include an unusually large payment in one single year.

Candidates Announced For Directorships On Board

The Nominating Committee has announced the names of the candidates who will stand for election at the August Annual Meeting for three-year terms on the Board of Directors. A capsule history or statement written by each of the candidates appears below so that the voting membership will be acquainted with their backgrounds, talents, visions or feelings about Chesapeake Isle.

Bill Day	Joan Ferrick	Jennifer Scott-Greenfield	
Ward Keever	Carl Killian	Susan Schooley	Harry Witte

Bill Day — 83 Caldwell Road

After spending more than 20 years summering at Carpenters Point (Perryville), my wife, Pat, and I moved to Chesapeake Isle from West Chester, PA approximately one year ago ... drawn to our new home by the "small town" environment. I had retired as Operations Manager at Scott Paper Company after 33 years receiving an early retirement package, then continued to work at the same location for H&A Consulting Engineers for an additional 10 years.

Since the move, I've taken an active part in rebuilding the docks after last year's storm, assisting in the mooring pull last fall, working at the Fall and Spring Clean-Ups, as well as working on road repair projects. Some of my priorities are to continue to preserve and enhance the park-like atmosphere in Chesapeake Isle and to live in a clean and safe environment with pride. We are looking forward to our three sons and their families, including six grandchildren, coming to enjoy the fine amenities offered at the Isle.

Joan Ferrick — 101 Caldwell Road

A property owner and member since 1985, I became a resident of Chesapeake Isle in 1997 upon retiring as a Credit Line Specialist from Merrill Lynch. I have been married to Jack for 45 years and I'm a mother of two sons and a grandmother of four delightful grandchildren. Born, raised and educated in Brooklyn, NY, we lived in Staten Island, NY and East Brunswick, NJ before moving here, where we have found a lifestyle hard to beat.

I have been the Christmas Caroling chairperson for the past six years, have served as a librarian and have co-chaired the new "Storytime at the Pavilion" this year for the children. I have co-chaired the Summer Bingo activity and served on Town Watch, as well as being an active member of the Social Committee. I will strive to build upon the Chesapeake Isle lifestyle for continued community improvement. I am honored to be selected as a nominee for the Board.

Jennifer Scott-Greenfield — 55 Rollins Road

My husband, Joe, and I have been residents of Chesapeake Isle for the past 4 ½ years. Little Joey joined us in December of 2002, completing our family. Currently, I am on a leave of absence from the Christina School District, where I was employed as a psychologist. Come spring semester, I will teach psychology courses at Cecil Community College. My educational background includes earning a Ph.D from Temple University in 2002. My hobbies include kayaking, sailing, hiking scrapbooking, reading and visiting the community beach and harbor with Joey.

I have served on Town Watch, clean-ups and other social activities and am currently conducting "Storytime for Babies" at the CICA library. I am proud to live in Chesapeake Isle. It is truly a glorious place. Being a member of the Board would provide me with deeper insight into the operation of our community and it would be an honor for me to serve.

Ward Keever — 127 Cliffview Drive

Ward Keever and his wife, Sue, have enjoyed the good life within Chesapeake Isle for the past eight years. He has served one term on the CICA Board of Directors and seeks your vote for another three years. For the past four years, Ward has worked part-time as a consultant to several healthcare organizations, e.g. Duke University Healthcare system as well as several software vendors. Previously, he was Vice-President and CIO for the University of Pennsylvania Healthcare system and Sr. Vice-President and CIO for Christiana Care Healthcare System.

Ward and Sue have participated in Town Watch and the semi-annual clean-up days. They donated the shuffleboard court to CICA. In the summer months, Ward helps, whenever possible, with the Friday morning beach clean-up. In their spare time, Sue and Ward enjoy boating and flying around the Chesapeake and just relaxing on their back porch.

Carl Killian — 69 Mowbray Lane

Ruth and I have been residents of Chesapeake Isle since 1986. We have 3 children and 2 young grandsons who love to come and visit this Chesapeake Isle playground. I took my first retirement from DuPont Electronics Dept. where I was a chemist/process engineer in 1992. Being still young, I took a position with a company and returned to my native Connecticut in 1994. Because we loved the Isle, we kept our house here and it became our vacation home for the next seven years.

I achieved my second retirement in 2001 and returned permanently to Chesapeake Isle. During the last 18 years I have been an active volunteer as well as a past CICA board member. I would welcome the opportunity to assist in improving our community and working with my fellow neighbors to keep Chesapeake Isle the beautiful and unique place that it is.

Susan Schooley — 107 Caldwell Road

I have been a resident of Chesapeake Isle for five years. Since moving here, I have been a member of the Chesapeake Isle Civic Association. I have enjoyed my membership and have participated in and/or contributed to:

The Social Committee, Town Watch Committee, The Roads Committee, Spring Clean-ups, Fall Clean-ups, The 4th of July Committee, Easter Egg Hunt, Harbor Nights Socials set-ups and Christmas Caroling Committee.

I have been married for 27 years and have 2 children and one granddaughter (soon to have a step grandson). I am a Registered Nurse and am currently working at Union Hospital as a Senior Clinical Analyst. I enjoy attending Harts Church, boating (something new for us after moving here!), reading and swimming. I truly love this community and hope to call this my home for many years to come. I would be honored to serve on the board and would welcome the opportunity.

Harry Witte — 252 Rolling Avenue

Married to Holly. Two children – Isaac (15) and Joshua (10) Home owner in Chesapeake Isle since 2000. Lawyer and law professor in Harrisburg, PA with particular interest in constitutional law and human rights.

My family and I are part time residents of Chesapeake Isle, but looking forward to becoming full time. We are delighted to be part of this community. It is made up of people who care about the beauty of our environment and about their neighbors. Chesapeake Isle is a wonderful place for families and anyone who loves its natural splendor and who appreciates the support of a tolerant and caring community. I want to help keep Chesapeake Isle the special place it has become.

Late Charges to Apply on Dues Paid After August 1st

Because this was the first year of applying late charge interest on membership dues paid after the due date, the Board has been lenient in applying them for the first half of the 2004 membership year. Interest for the first half of the year will be applied (6% per annum) however, on all dues payments received after August 1st. As we “went to press” with this newsletter, 232 members had paid their dues so far for this year. As a reminder, an up-to-date Paid Members List is included elsewhere in this newsletter. That list will also be used in determining who is eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. If you think the list is in error, please notify the Membership Chairman.

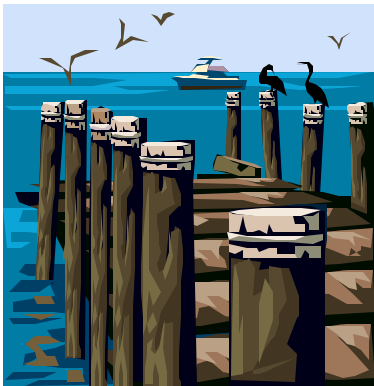
New Beachmaster Being Sought

Our present Beach Chairman, Jim Able, has announced his intention to retire from that job following the conclusion of this year's swimming season. We are seeking a volunteer to plan and coordinate activities at our bathing beach. Jim will work with you for the remainder of this season. Responsibilities include preparation of the swim platforms and barrels in the spring, making up the work assignments for Spring and Fall clean-ups; replacement of any athletic and recreational equipment as needed and bringing in and storing all beach equipment at the end of the swimming season.



If you would like to volunteer or find out more about the Beachmaster's job, please call Mike Szep (410-287-5618) or Jim Able (410-287-1466)

News From The Harbor



Miracles still happen, at least in the Harbor. All signs of Isabel have finally been erased from the Harbor thanks to a lot of hard work by some of our dedicated and talented neighbors of the Isle. The repairs to the Dock have been completed and it is ready for the Boating Season.

There were too many hard working neighbors to list here, so please give yourself a well deserved pat on the back if you were one of the crew. A special thanks to Joe Turner for leading the rebuilding crew and to Sal Tulumello for constructing the new benches for the dock.

As a reminder:

1. All boaters born after July 1, 1972 must carry a certificate of safe boating education when operating a boat in Maryland waters.
2. Personal watercraft [PWC] operators in Maryland must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid certificate of boating education.
3. Please remember that swimming is not permitted in the Harbor Area. We have a safe swimming beach for that purpose.

Please remember to be courteous in the Harbor Area and have an enjoyable boating season.

Community Mosquito Control

Once again, your board of directors has engaged Cecil County to spray for mosquito control on a weekly basis. Please do your part in assisting in this effort by minimizing or removing completely any standing water on your property which can be used as a breeding area for these annoying pests.

Annual Cruise Week Planning Meeting Scheduled

The much anticipated annual cruise of Chesapeake Isle vessels and their crews has been scheduled for September 11th through September 19th. If you would like to be a part of Cruise Week 2004, either for the entire week or just during one or both week-ends, plan to attend the planning meeting at the home of Bill and Karen Dryden on August 5th at 7:00pm. Please call them to let them know you will be attending the meeting.



CER-T Training Sessions Have Begun

Harry Hite has lined up Cecil County emergency services personnel to provide Community Emergency Response Training this month to interested Chesapeake Isle residents. About 12 to 15 members of the community have indicated they will attend four planned nights of training and a Saturday drill. They will have on-going involvement with County emergency response coordinators. Sonny Hayes and John Reber are assisting Harry in the planning and coordinating of this important activity. If you would like to be a part of it, please call any one of the coordinators for details about dates and times of training sessions.

Community Safety and Awareness

There have been no additional break-ins or other security incidents reported to the CICA recently. Behind the scenes contacts and alerting the community to the problems by last months special mailing seem to be working. Homeowners and parents should continue to take all precautions to protect their family and property.

Unfortunately, we continue to have problem with speeders and unlicensed operators of motor vehicles on our community roads. While our

roads are private roads, they are used by the general public, and heavily traveled during the summer months. These are serious safety and liability matters. Parents who permit their children to operate motor bikes, motor scooters, and golf carts on our roads put themselves and their children, as well as the public, at risk.



CICA Clothing and Burgees

Purchases have been quite brisk lately at the “club house” store. All items are selling well, particularly the new line of embroidered sweatshirts and staff polo shirts. At present, inventories are good to excellent on most items, sizes and colors and we have 10 to 12 burgees still in stock for the current boating season. Contact Dotty Fritz (287-9010) for questions or orders.

Social Committee Notes



The Social Committee is looking for a “Host House” for the Annual Wine and Cheese on December 5th. About 75 people usually attend this social function and the Social Committee does all the work. So if your home is large enough to hold us all, please call Sue Seeley (287-0025) by the end of August so that the location can be published in the Fall newsletter.

The next Social Committee meeting will be held on August 16th at the pavilion at 7:30 pm. As always, all CICA members are welcome. We will be updating our committee list soon, so if you would like to be added to the call list, contact Sue Seeley at the number above.

Please be sure to read the Social Committee Notices at the end of this newsletter.

Community Celebrates Independence Day

The Chesapeake Isle community celebrated the 4th of July at the pavilion and swim beach and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. The vendors’ tables, the silent auction, the decorated bike parade, the food booth offering a variety of items and the famous “Blue Plate Special” all were back by popular demand. In addition, old favorites like volleyball, horseshoes, the cardboard canoe race and the pie-eating contest entertained the kids of all ages who came out to celebrate the birth of our country.

Lost and Found

A pair of binoculars was found  in the Isle recently by Bob and Bonnie Boyer. If you can identify them by brand or description or location where you lost them, please contact Bob or Bonnie at (410) 287-8085

Members Advertisements

All members in good standing can advertise items for sale or services offered to the community in any newsletter. The following listings are offered for your attention and consideration.

SKIDSTEER SERVICE:

- Removal of driveways or adding stone to driveways.
- All types of grading and snow removal.
- Above ground pool preparation and tree removal.
- Topsoil delivered and spread.
- References available from jobs done in Chesapeake Isle.

Call me about your project ... it CAN be done. *Eddie Earle (Chesapeake Isle resident) Home: (410) 287-7268 Cell: (302) 383-1426*



- **'70 Morgan 35' C/B Sloop.** Universal M-60 gas, shoal draft, pedestal steering, new engine controls & engine instruments, Bimini top. Little used. Never Out of Upper Bay. Great sailor. \$12K. *Call Ron Fritz (410) 287-9688.*
- **16 foot Hobie Cat with trailer** \$1300. Can be seen in Chesapeake Isle. **Contact Brian Szep at (724) 545-3400 or e-mail Brian@szep.net or call Mike Szep, Jr. at (410) 287-2504.**
- **HUNTER 30' 1976** 4 sails M, 150, 110, flasher; 12 hp diesel; 250# mushroom anchor; bimini; everything needed to enjoy the bay. \$8000. or best reasonable offer. *Call Fred Keith at (410) 287-2899*
- **INVADER 16' runabout** with 85 hp Force engine and trailer 1988 includes winter cover, water skis and safety equipment. \$3500. or best reasonable offer. *Call Fred Keith at (410) 287-2899*
- **Cub cadet riding mower 2001** 15hp with grass catcher and trailer. \$2500. or best reasonable offer. *Call Fred Keith at (410) 287-2899*

