



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 150 NORTH EAST, MD. 21901

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all Chesapeake Isle residents. Each New Year is a beginning and what we do with it is up to each of us.

The community is in great shape, thanks to a lot of hard work by a large core of your neighbors.

We continue to see our paid membership list grow and we are thankful for that; sadly, there are still a few residents who are unwilling to assume their responsibility of supporting their community. They seem to be quite willing to allow their neighbors to shoulder their financial responsibility. Hopefully, this will have changed after the court date of January 21, 2005. We have asked in a counter-suit that the court affirm that all owners have an equal obligation to financially support the community in accordance with Maryland Law.

In response to a couple of requests in the past year and in keeping with the Board's desire to improve our community, we have initiated an evaluation of our aging storm drainage systems. The results will be communicated at a later date.

If any of you have a concern about our storm drainage system, please address your concerns to me and I will forward that concern to the Drainage Committee, which will be headed up by Carl Killian.

Again, thanks to all who contribute to our community and "think spring"!

Bill Dryden

Spring is yard sale time, and the board has been approached by several homeowners expressing the idea of a community yard sale in April or May, instead of many individual sales. The idea certainly has merit and can be organized for a springtime event. If any CICA residents have an interest or suggestion in this regard, please contact Bill Dryden (410-287-9598).

- ✿ **Riale**, Ralph & Sherry Delete Marcone and 610 932-3116
- ✿ **Szep**, Alexander & Marlene G-02 (H), G-03 13 Cliffview Drive, North East, MD 21901 (410) 287-3676
(Alex & Marlene are now full-time residents)
- ✿ ® **Szkalak**, Joe & Mary L-01 (H) 8 Rollins Road, North East, MD 21901 (Change of residence)
- ✿ **Webster**, Eric & Heather D-19 (H) Add (443) 967-0101 and joneweb@earthlink.net and note the name revision.

Additions: Please welcome the following new neighbors to Chesapeake Isle at your earliest opportunity.

- ✿ Bare, Maynard & Agnes D-01 1711 North East Road, North East, MD 21901-1603
- ✿ Lyons, William & Lisa F-07 (H) 312 Canterbury Road, Havertown, PA 19083-5617
- ✿ Morgan, James & Brian P-32 (H) 356 Fair Hill Drive, Ste E, Elkton, MD 21921-2503
- ✿ Richardson, James & Loretta P-10 (H) 5276 Turkey Point Road, North East, MD 21901 (443) 967-0075 james.m.richardson@wellsfargo.com
- ✿ ® Zeppenfeld, Mary E-10 (H) 108 Cliffview Drive, North East, MD 21901 (410) 287-1407

CORRECTION: The October 2004 Newsletter contained a listing of upcoming dates for events and activities for the new year. Please note that the correct date of the Mooring Pull is **November 5, 2005**, not October 8.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In about two months, a new Nominating Committee will be formed with the intent of securing candidates willing to stand for election at the August meeting. That is our Annual General Meeting and those elected will serve a three-year term of office. If you are interested in running for the board...or if you would like to nominate a neighbor you think would be a good addition to this body...please feel free to contact the president or any board member now, or any member of the nominating committee once it has been announced.

UPDATE ON THE CICA LAWSUIT

The CICA has been sued by 68 plaintiffs requesting to be exempt from the requirement to pay for and become members of CICA. The Board of Directors has been advised by legal counsel that membership in CICA cannot be made mandatory, so on that point the Board of Directors and the plaintiffs are in agreement.

The Board of Directors, however, have been advised by the same counsel that: All Chesapeake Isle property owners are, by Maryland law, required to pay a maintenance fee for maintaining the roads and common areas. The Board of Directors has entered a countersuit against the 68 plaintiffs, requiring them to pay a maintenance fee.

The 68 plaintiff's suit and the Board of Directors' counter suit is scheduled to be heard in Circuit Court of Cecil County on January 21, 2005.

IT'S THAT TIME TO EXPECT SOME SNOW



There is something that every resident and property owner ought to know about our tractor and snowplowing. ***The tractor does not handle any better under snow and ice conditions than your ordinary automobile or pick-up truck.*** We have a dedicated team of tractor drivers that do a superb job each year. This task is not an easy one, more often than not undertaken in the wee hours of the night. Please do your bit to lighten the load by not parking on a Chesapeake Isle road when snow is expected. Also ensure that all vehicles parked in your driveway or on your property are not too close to the roadway. Our drivers should not have the added worry of whether or not they are going to make it around your vehicle or boat trailer without damaging it.

JACOB'S NOSE TRIMMING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 5TH

We will be calling you to look for chain saw operators & helpers. We plan to trim Jacob's Nose with a large crew to keep us in compliance with our agreement with government authorities. Please get your chain saws ready, as many helpers make for an easy job. If you are available, please call John Bates (287-6244) or Mike Szep (287-5681)

CICA LIBRARY UPDATE

Our CICA Library will reopen every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting in May. Lots of volunteers are needed to staff the library during the six months it will be open. If you can volunteer for one of the Saturday mornings (10 to 11:30) please call Joan Ferrick at 410-287-8595 so a schedule can be prepared. Remember, it is your library... you make it happen... your help is needed.

Our selection of books is fairly current. We have hard and soft cover fiction, non-fiction, biographies, self-help, children's books, etc. The books are filed alphabetically by author. All are welcome to come in, browse, take a few books home and enjoy them. There is no signing out of the books. We simply share those books we no longer want with one another. We also have a section of videos (no X-rated, please!)

For your convenience, during this "off-season", the library may be accessed by calling Joan Ferrick if you want to donate or pick up any books or videos. A time convenient to both parties will be set up.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jorja Osborne and Karen Dryden have taken over the coordination of the Town Watch scheduling and other duties. Thanks to them, and to our outgoing committee chairs, Jay and Diane Gilfillan, for a job well done!

Gary Gilde has assumed responsibility for the Beach Chairmanship; Jim Abel has given up his post after several years of great work. Thanks to both of them as well.

The committee chair listing in the last newsletter listed Bill Day, Harbormaster, as residing at the Dryden address. My mistake... I thought the Harbormaster automatically got room and board in the Dryden household. FYI, Bill Day still lives with Pat at 83 Caldwell Rd., and is still the Harbormaster. (AG)

With winter just underway, it is difficult to think of summer activities, but a chairperson is still needed for the 4th of July Celebration... if you have good organizational skills, please think about chairing this event.

NEWS FROM THE HARBOR

Winter brings a good time to reflect on repairs needed to your mooring tackle, and boat. Please review the following harbor area dates for 2005.



- Mooring Inspection: March 19, 2005 Please have your name and lot number on your float at this time. If you plan to have your mooring picked up by the tractor, have mooring ready early the morning of the 19th.
- Mooring set date: April 2, 2005 Volunteers needed to assist in this task. Please call Bill Day at 410-287-9432.
- Final mooring pull: **November 5, 2005** Again, volunteers needed.

NOTE: Final mooring pull date is a corrected date from the one on your invoice, or the date reported in the last newsletter.

Work is required to the mooring puller. This activity needs to start in early February. This work could include a new mooring puller or extensive work to current one. Volunteers welcome to assist in this task. Contact Bill Day at 410-287-9432.

Have an enjoyable winter and we will see you in the Spring for the Mooring Set and Spring Clean-Up.

Thanks from Bill Day, Harbormaster for everyone's support in 2004 and looking forward to a successful 2005.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, local governments received training allocations to train communities to respond to various types of emergencies. Cecil County has created a group of folks that reach out to communities and train volunteers to prepare and respond to emergency situations. The volunteers in each community are known as the Community Response Team (CERT). The main purpose of this CERT Team is to educate and help prepare the community for emergency situations. The CERT Team is trained to provide a limited response to emergencies until the local agencies can arrive on the scene. Last summer a CERT team was created and trained by local authorities in Chesapeake Isle. The CICA Board of Directors have adopted CERT as a standing committee with the understanding that CERT is to be used for all residents of Chesapeake Isle.

The members of the CERT Team are:

Stan Bensley	410 287-7292
Dave Byler	410 287-2106
Jay Gilfillan	410 287-8642
Bud Godby	410 287-2172
Mihaela Godby	410 287-2172
Jonah Goodwin	410 287-5462
Peter Goodwin	410 287-5462
Sonny Hayes	410 287-7588
Harry Hite	410 287-1246
Janet McKenna	410 287-1277
John Reber	410 287-1277

Our team has met and discussed strategies of preparing our community for emergencies and we would like to ask neighbors who are interested in helping our community to prepare to contact us. We are asking for volunteers that have experience or knowledge in the following:

- Own and operate chain saws, tractors, generators, or other equipment that may be needed in emergencies.

- Trained and experienced persons in the medical response field.
- Fire suppression training or experience.

If you are interested, complete the attached survey and return to a CERT member by February 15, 2005. Information will also be available at the CICA website www.chesapeakeisle.org/CERT. The team will review the surveys and contact interested neighbors.

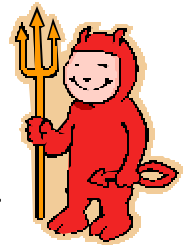
In addition, we are asking folks that may need special assistance or neighbors who are aware of someone that needs special assistance during an emergency to contact any member of the CERT Team.

In future newsletters and on the website CERT will be educating the community on how individual families can prepare for emergencies such as creating a family emergency response plan and creating home and car emergency kits.

TRICK OR TREAT!



Our annual Halloween Party was held at the pavilion on October 30, with many children and grandchildren from the Isle attending in their wonderful costumes. Our thanks go out, once again, to Chris Ann Szep for coordinating this event. There was great weather and a good time was had by all.



Mother Nature played a trick on all the monsters and goblins with a surprise power outage just as the community trick-or-treating was getting under way. Without porch lights, many community residents waved or shone flashlights to welcome the trick-or-treaters, adding a little more mystery to an exciting evening.



WINE & CHEESE UPDATE

Always a fun kick-off for the Holiday Season, the Wine & Cheese was held at the home of Gordon & Jorja Osborne on the 5th of December. Their home was beautifully decorated for the event, and as always, a wide selection of wines, punch, cheeses, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts were available for the guests. Thanks to the Osborne's for opening their home, and to all that came and contributed goodies for the gang.



...AND TO ALL, A GOOD NIGHT

Santa was sighted in the Isle on Christmas Eve, bringing holiday cheer to 14 homes and 29 children. A big, jolly THANK YOU to Carl & Ruth Killian, and to Brian Clare for acting as Santa's Helpers once again. Santa couldn't do it without you!



Many thanks to this year's judges (who were last year's winners): Joan & Jack Ferrick, Ray & Doris Holdren, and Pete & Jennifer Ostasewski, and also to our event chairperson, Susan Clare.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Progressive Dinner & Annual Dinner Reservations – attached to this newsletter you will find a reservation forms and information for our upcoming Progressive Dinner in March and our Annual Spring Dinner in April of 2005.

Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. at the PAVILION
Contact: Chris Ann Szep (410-287-2504)



It's time for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you are planning to attend please contact Chris Ann so we will know how many children and grandchildren to plan for. Also, anyone who would like to help with the planning, or provide a baked good such as cupcakes, brownies, or cookies, give her a call. Any help will be appreciated. Thanks in advance from Sue Seeley, Activities Chairperson.



Social Committee Meeting

The next Social Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Day (410-287-9432). All CICA members are welcome to attend.

The next newsletter comes out in April, so email your classified ads or other information sometime in March. Also, let me know if you want to get your newsletter by email. Send to: andregilde@netzero.net.

CLASSIFIED

SKIDSTEER SERVICE – Call Chesapeake Isle resident ED EARLE – 410-287-7268

- Topsoil Delivered and Graded
- Driveways – Stone Crusher Run or Blacktop Millings
- Snowplowing – by appointment only (no contracts)
- Shed Relocation/Tree Removal/Lot Clearing
- Basement/Garage Rubbish Removal
- Insured – References available from jobs done in Chesapeake Isle
- Call me about your project – it can be done!

For Sale: Aerobic Rider² Exercise Equipment

Low Impact, targets whole body. Exercise instruction video included. Monitor displays time, reps. per minute, total reps., and calories burned. Excellent condition. \$50.00. Call 410-287-8233.

For sale: 1997 Lincoln Towncar Signature Model

Low miles, 20+ mpg gas mileage. GOOD CONDITION! \$6900. Call Mike Szep at 410-287-5618, or email: mikesr@szep.net

For sale: Lazy Boy loveseat and chair.

Wood arms & trim. \$100 for both. Call 410-287-0025.

Lots for Sale: (3) lots for sale in Chesapeake Isle backing up to State Parkland.

Asking \$10,000 each lot. These lots failed to “perc” in 1996, but if someone you know is looking for water access, boat ramp and use of bathing beach and recreational facilities in a friendly community atmosphere with a well protected harbor and anchorage these warrant consideration. Off-season boat storage alone using your own lot is worth several hundred to \$1000 savings per year in marina charges.

Contact: Les Fritz ... (410) 287-9010 or Ben Goodman ... (410) 287-2274

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