



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

As always, I have procrastinated on writing the cover letter for the newsletter. I have certainly been thinking about some of the things I want to say, but actually finding the time and then motivating myself to actually doing it sometimes takes a small miracle! Then I was inspired by the most random thing: a children's show.

Before you think I have lost my mind, I have to share with you the irony of this story. The kids turned on *The Berenstain Bears* and I decided to take advantage of this 20 minutes. As I began to type, I was distracted by Papa Bear, who was angry about busting his tire on a pothole. (*Road problems? You have got to be kidding me; can I not escape??*) That obviously grabbed my attention. This apparently was not the first time that Papa experienced problems with the potholes, and he had sent the mayor several letters of complaint, but nothing had been fixed. He became so angry that he decided to run for mayor himself; after all, it couldn't be that difficult! (*You can probably see where I am going with this.*) After really learning what was involved with the job and how much the mayor did, Papa realized that there was no way he could do a better job. He realized that there was much more that went into managing a community than he could have ever imagined. Instead of merely complaining, he needed to accept some responsibility and figure out how he could positively contribute to being part of the solution.



Needless to say, I did not get much writing accomplished during that show, but it did give me quite a chuckle and the good ole insight into the importance of getting back to basics. Sometimes the most elementary lessons and concepts are the most significant, but often also the most easily forgotten. Some of the problems that our community has to deal with are those that do not have an easy solution. How can we maintain the roads with the limited resources (money and volunteers) we have? How do we deal with a neighbor who doesn't clean their yard or cut their grass? What do you do about speeding on community roads? While the Board of Directors is often presented with these challenges and "what are you going to do about it?", the bottom line is that in most cases, there is no one solution. We can work to find the best solution for the roads, we can talk to a neighbor about the state of the yard, we can cut the grass and bill them if necessary, and we can call the police if our pleas for adhering to the speed limit are ignored. But ultimately, we are all neighbors and have to live in the community together. No one wants to create an adversarial relationship.

One of the biggest challenges that the Board continues to deal with is the roads. We have the challenge of figuring out the most fiscally responsible way to maintain them. Since the paving vote was denied, we were forced to go to Plan B, without really knowing what Plan B was. We did the best we could do with the limitations we were given. We did research, met with contractors, and attempted to come up with an alternative road maintenance plan that involved grinding existing millings, regrading, and rolling. Due to our limited available funds, we were able to have this done on about 1/3 of our roads. While this work produced smooth roads (and dust), I really do not think this is a long-term solution. In fact, it seems to me like a pretty expensive band-aid.

We will not have the funds to do additional work until the money that was approved for the roads in this fiscal year's budget is collected (after the New Year). The Board will evaluate the results of this initial work to determine the next best steps for maintaining the remaining community roads. We need to deal with the drainage problems that exist throughout the community, causing erosion, and figure out the best way to move forward.

In the meantime, under the lead of the new Road Maintenance Chairperson Sonny Hayes, we will continue to provide routine maintenance on the community roads. I want to thank Sonny and all of you who assisted him in the effort to repair the damage that was caused by the recent storm. Thanks to all of your hard work, we were able to independently fix the mass erosion that happened throughout the community. Even if you were not physically able to help, your support, respectful communications, and patience were greatly appreciated.

As we end another summer and gear up for the colder weather, the Board of Directors once again braces for a new year of challenges and goals. Like we do every year following the Annual Meeting, the Board welcomes new members and transitions into new roles. (Please refer to the new Board listing and Committee chair listing at the end of this newsletter.) As many duties were turned over to others, I'd like to recognize the extraordinary work of the following volunteers:

- Thanks to outgoing Board member David Byler for his years of service on the Board and as Legal Committee chairperson.
- Thanks to Joe Greenfield for assuming the role of Vice President for several months following Bill Tucker's relocation. Don Manges will be taking over the Vice Presidential duties this year.
- Thank you to John Trainor for serving as Secretary during this past year, completing detailed meeting minutes and developing the newsletter. Pat Day will serve as the new Secretary this year.
- Thank you to Bill Chase for his many years of managing General Maintenance and Roads. While he still plans to help in many avenues, he is taking a breather from this difficult job. The Road Maintenance Committee will now be chaired by Sonny Hayes. General Maintenance chairperson is up for grabs. Are there any takers?!?
- Thank you to Janet McKenna for chairing the Town Watch Committee for the past couple of years. She will be stepping down effective December 31 and offering this position to another volunteer. Please let me know if this interests you. If we do not find someone to take over this role, the Town Watch Program will no longer exist.

As you can see, the community thrives on the joint effort of its residents. If we can all work together, we can figure out the best solution and see it come to fruition. If we treat each other with respect, our community can be that much better. We all make mistakes along the way; we just need to learn from them. We are moving in the right direction. Let's keep going that way.

Sincerely,

Diana Hawley

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The deletions, additions and changes that appear in each newsletter should be copied and kept with your CICA Directory so that it is always up-to-date. You can have a complete updated directory emailed to you by requesting one from andragilde@gmail.com.

Please introduce yourself and extend a welcome to the following new families in Chesapeake Isle:

Keith Meisner & Carol Stewart (E-10) (R)
108 Cliffview Dr.
North East, MD 21901

Haines, Steph & David(E-09)
116 Cliffview Dr.
North East, MD 21901

Deletions: Knapp, Kenneth & Roselyn (E-09)

Barben, Wesley (R) (E-10)

Additions/Changes/Corrections.

Conway, Frank & Sue: change mailing address to 105 Tower St., Landenberg PA 19350 (610)268-5172

Squire, Vicki - change email address to vsquire@episcopalacademy.org.

Please report any changes (additions, deletions, corrections) to:

Andrea Gilde at (410)287-6568 or andragilde@gmail.com or membership@chesapeakeisle.org

****Rental Property Owners:** When your tenants change, please let the membership committee know so we can deliver the community guidebook to them.

[Check out our new CHESAPEAKE ISLE FACEBOOK page](#)

REMINDERS

IT'S COMING: SNOW, SNOW, SNOW

As winter approaches, so does the chance that CI will experience ice and snow. Our dedicated group of snow plow drivers do a great job of keeping our roads passable, even in severe weather, but just in case you don't know...The tractor does not handle any better under snow and ice conditions than you ordinary automobile or pick-up truck, so please avoid leaving your vehicle parked on a Chesapeake Isle road when we are expecting a snow storm large enough to require plowing. The same holds true for parking a vehicle (or storing a boat) too close to the roadway at the front of your driveway or property. Let our drivers concentrate on their job without the extra concern of possibly damaging a vehicle.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a contract form for those of you interested in having CICA plow your driveway this winter. Payment is due by November 25th and limited to the first 35 contracts received.



Volunteers - The roads crew is in need of volunteers. If you can volunteer time working on our roads, please contact Sonny Hayes at 287-7588 to discuss the needs and how you could make a difference. Thank you.....

FALL LEAF BURNING

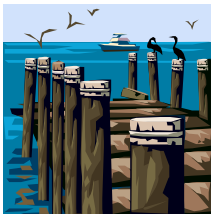
NOTES ABOUT OUTDOOR BURNING:

Please remember that burning leaves and other fall trash can be both a dangerous fire hazard and a respiratory irritant to many people. Trash burning is also a source of air pollution.

CECIL COUNTY LANDFILL ACCEPTS LEAVES AND STICKS AS A FREE SERVICE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS

PETS

Fall is the time of the year for a friendly reminder to our pet owners that animals should not be allowed to roam free on or off your property. Pets should be leashed when you are walking them in the Isle. As a matter of courtesy to your neighbors, please carry a bag and pick up your dog's waste for disposal at your house at the end of your walk. Pets are not allowed at the bathing beach/pavilion/picnic area even they are on a leash. Thank you for being a good neighbor and a good pet owner!



HARBOR HAPPENINGS

The boating season is winding down in the Harbor and will soon be a quiet place. We recently had a sail boat leave its mooring and ran aground near our ramp. A group of residents were able to secure the boat so that it would not suffer any additional damage before being pulled off shore.

On the heel of this event the floating dock on our old dock became entangled on its pilings because of an exceptionally high tide.

Your Harbor Master was out of town during both events and the Harbor Army jumped in and took care of both events, for which I thank them for.

DATE TO REMEMBER: *Mooring pull and delivery November 6th*

If your schedule permits, we would appreciate your help on this date.

CICA LIBRARY

Our CICA library will remain open on Saturdays from 10-11:30 AM during the month of October. November is the beginning of our annual "off season" which lasts until April. Please avail yourself of any books, videos and audios you might want during those cold wintery months ahead of us.

Our library has been reorganized. We have donated many books which were not moving and made room for more "new arrivals". Our selection is great! Come see us and enjoy!



Many thanks to the twenty-five volunteers who graciously staffed the library this season.

You make it all possible and so easy to manage. A pleasure!

Please contact Joan Ferrick at 410-287-8595 if you would like to donate or pick up any books/videos/audios. A convenient time and location will be arranged.

BEACH

Another beach season comes to a close - hope everyone enjoyed it as much as us! Thanks again to the Friday Beach Crew for keeping everything in top shape for the entire season.

We had a great volunteer turnout to help replace the picnic table tops under the pavilion. Thanks to everyone for braving the weather and coming out and demonstrating that "Chesapeake Isle" volunteer spirit.

As always, if you have any ideas on how to make the beach a better place and want to be part of the solution, contact beach chairs Joe and Jennifer Greenfield at jsg_phd@yahoo.com or (410) 287-2904.



HISTORY COMMITTEE

The history committee meets at the Pavilion, 10 am, the third Friday of the month. Anyone who is interested in joining us in preserving the history of Chesapeake Isle and learning about our area is more than WELCOME to join us. If interested, please contact Pat Day at 410-287-9432 or patday@chesapeakeisle.org.

TOWN WATCH

As of the end of December, 2010, Janet McKenna will be retiring as chairperson of this committee.

The Board would ask that if you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact any board member



CICA EMAIL

These days, we can't imagine getting along without email, but that doesn't mean ALL email is good.

CICA uses email to help reduce the cost of duplication, paper, and postage, and to help get information out quickly and efficiently



And for the right kind of information that's a good thing. But recently we've had a run of unwelcome email in our community and CICA is concerned that the use of email for positive purposes will decrease. We intend to send all CICA related email out via Bcc, but we occasionally slip. Please do not take advantage of our error by using the list to send out a group solicitation.

How can you help?

1. Don't use the CICA email list to solicit or sell an item. Advertise your item in the newsletter instead
2. Don't use "Reply All" unless absolutely necessary. Does everyone really need to see your answer?
3. Don't send out jokes, political statements, donation requests, or other "chain" emails unless you are certain the person wants to get them
4. When sending an email to a group, put the list of recipients in the BCC line, not the TO line. This keeps the list private (and shorter).
5. Don't send attachments, particularly large ones, unless the recipient is expecting them. Many people simply delete emails with attachment for fear of viruses, Large attachments can lock up a slow connection for hours.

When you provide an email address to CICA, it will be added to the email list and posted in the directory. This list is used to distribute important CICA related info such as beach closings, weather related changes to events, important lost and found items, etc. You can also request to have your newsletter delivered via email, and to get information of a less urgent nature delivered via Hot Topics. You can also provide an email address to CICA but request that we not include it in the directory. You can request these choices on the annual dues/maintenance fee form or by sending an email to andreaqilde@gmail.com

Only CICA officers have access to the email list and will only send out email if it is deemed important to the community and related to CICA business. Please do not get offended if your request to send a non CICA related message is denied.

Thank you all for caring - the Days and the Drydens would like to thank all who expressed sympathy following the death of Pat's mother, Bernice Quinn, and Karen's mother, Rosalind Anderson. Both will be missed but are now at peace

CLASSIFIED ADS

ITEMS FOR SALE

- White, ceramic top electric stove by Whirlpool. Works great asking\$150.00
- White, side by side refrigerator with ice and water in the door by Kenmore.\$150.00
- Stainless steel under mount single bowl sink - original price \$300.00. brand new -\$75.00

Please contact Sue Seeley at 410-287-0025 or seeleyhism@netzero.com.

- **SUNFISH SAILBOAT** for sale. Equipment includes: launching dolly, rowing bench with 6 foot oars and a really nice house on Darrel Road. Price complete \$290,000. Price for only the boat stuff \$500.

Please contact David Byler (717) 355-6721 OR (410) 287-2106.

SERVICES OFFERED

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Private lessons in beading, silver soldering, & making glass beads in the torch. House parties for every age group. Custom-made pieces to fit all occasions: holidays, birthdays, anniversaries... Unique creations for you to peruse at 21 Mowbray Lane, so drop in anytime to take a look. **Phone 410-287-5684 -- Sherri Lipcius.**

HandyMan

Need something fixed, inside or outside? Call **Andy Shaw at 410-287-4341**, longtime resident of the Isle & former Elk Neck State Park maintenance employee. Honest, reliable & hardworking. 100% satisfaction guaranteed since I live around the corner. I'd be happy to check properties after storms & power outages for part-time residents who can't get here every time. Reasonable rates & great references. We can negotiate for short and long term projects anywhere in your house or yard. Please phone or email me at andrewjs@ymail.com.

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CRAFT OPEN HOUSE

Anne Bates and Ruth Killian invite you to their annual

Craft Open House

At 2 Gull Circle, Chesapeake Isle

Saturday, November 20

3 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, November 21

9 am to 5 pm

Any questions, call 410-287-6244

NEW ITEMS EVERY YEAR



We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FUN THINGS TO DO RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TRICK-OR-TREATING

Saturday, October 30
(Rain or shine!)



Halloween Party:

3:00-5:00 p.m. at the pavilion

Bring the kids, dressed up in their best costumes, for a parade, prizes, crafts, fun, and games!
Donations of goodies (cupcakes, brownies, etc.) from parents/grandparents are appreciated.

Community trick-or-treating will follow that evening.

Please leave your porch lights on to welcome the children.

If you have questions, please call Jennifer Greenfield at 287-2904 or Diana Hawley at 287-7596.

JUST A REMINDER...

The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for March 6, 2011. **If you are interested in hosting the appetizer, dessert, or an entrée, please contact Phyllis Doyle at 410-287-7697.** More details will be included in the January 2010 newsletter.

WANT TO HELP PLAN COMMUNITY EVENTS?

Experience the fun of working with others to organize an event! We are looking for some new faces to share fresh ideas and help chair or co-chair activities planned for next year, including children's events, summer socials, and the refreshments and lunches at clean-ups. Don't worry; assistance is provided!

Please join us at one or all of the following upcoming meetings

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 (At the pavilion)

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 (Meeting/Cookie Exchange; At the home of Pat Day, 83 Caldwell Rd.)

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 (Location TBD)

If meetings do not fit in your schedule but you would still like to help, or if you have questions, please contact Babs Manges, Committee Chair, if you have questions (410-287-7323 or mamababs2@msn.com).

Celebrate the Season!

DON'T MISS THESE HOLIDAY EVENTS!

For the Adults...

Wine and Cheese Social

We are looking for a host home for this event!

Bring your favorite wine and hors d'oeuvre, and kick off the holiday season with your neighbors! (Please attach a note to your dish if it contains shellfish or peanuts.) A non-alcoholic punch will also be served.

Sunday, December 5
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Santa's CICA Mail Delivery!

Mailing loads of Christmas cards? Save some stamps! Card delivery to all CICA residents will be done by our own Chesapeake Isle "Santa!" It's easy: Just drop off your completed cards (with the name and address of the recipient

PRINTED legibly on the envelope) in the special box outside the Clare's home (19 Gull Circle) no later than **Wednesday, December 15**. Elf Susan will then sort and deliver the cards before Christmas! (All senders remain anonymous; no return address on the outer envelope is needed.) If you have questions, or if you would like to help with the delivery, please call Susan Clare (410-287-5372).



House Decorating: Decorate your house for the holidays and win a prize! Judging will take place from December 18-24, and winners will be notified by December 31. The results will be published in the January 2009 newsletter. Questions? Please call Susan Clare at 410-287-5372.



Santa Visit: Santa and his elf can come to your house anytime from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve (December 24) to visit your children! To schedule this visit, please call Brian or Susan Clare (410-287-5372).

For the Whole Family...

Christmas

♪ **Caroling** ♪

Get in the spirit of the season! Bundle up and gather at the pavilion for one of Chesapeake Isle's holiday favorites. Warm up with hot cider and cocoa and belt out some Christmas tunes.

Afterwards, enjoy a wide variety of hot soups and sweets!

Saturday,
December 18
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
At the pavilion



Volunteers are needed to bring a soup or dessert or to be on the decorating committee. Please contact Babs Manges at 410-287-7323 if you can help!

THANK YOU!

Summer Night Socials

Thank you to all of the chairpersons who hosted the monthly Summer Night Socials at the pavilion this year (Bill and Pat Day, Bill and Janice Newkirk, Harry and Sue Seeley,) and to Pat Day for chairing this group. Each social was well attended. Thanks also go to Charlotte Hallett for chairing the new themed social, Margaritaville, on July 30. The many community members who attended the socials enjoyed wonderful food, drink, and conversation with neighbors. We hope to see you at one of the socials next season!



Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration

Many thanks go to everyone who helped set-up, clean-up, and contributed to the success of the Annual Meeting and the 50th Anniversary Celebration that followed! Special thanks to Gary Gilde and John Reber for cooking the pig for the party, to everyone who brought a dish to round out our meal, and to Pat Day and the History Committee for the wonderful historical display highlighting the past 50 years.

Chesapeake Isle's Chili Cook-off and Oktoberfest

This was our 2nd annual Oktoberfest, and all 78 guests at our event seemed to have a really great time. We want to thank our six chefs who participated in the chili cook-off: Gordon Hawley, Bob Biedermann, Brian Clare, Bob Boyer, Don Schooley, and Joe Pickard. It was a difficult decision since the chilies were all a bit different and all very delicious. The community voted and the winners of our chili cook-off were: 3rd place bronze medal went to Joe Pickard; 2nd place silver medal went to Gordon Hawley; and the trophy and our "Chili King of 2010" is Bob Biedermann.

CICA provided the Johnsonville brats, sauerkraut, rolls, condiments, beer/soda, music and awards. A big thanks goes to Charlotte Hallett for organizing this event, and to everyone who helped to make this a very special day.



ICE CREAM - BINGO SOCIALS

Susan Clare (Ice Cream/Bingo Chairperson)

From near and far folks came to participate in the two socials held this summer. As far away as FL, MO, CO and the Dominican Republic (Fatima Ristau and Fanilda Shaw, we welcome you to Chesapeake Isle). We lucked out both evenings with great weather, no black flies and wonderful turnouts of folks. Since our friends from CO came for a visit the day before, they were put to 'hard labor', along with Brian Clare, in buying, preparing and setting up. They didn't know what hit them but thoroughly enjoyed the evening and meeting so many CICA folks. Phyllis Doyle's granddaughter, Sydney (from MO) did a terrific job calling with the help of Karen Dryden for the second social.

Two Jacks (one from FL) were the July 'scoopers' and the 2nd social Jack Ferrick and Bill Dryden did their usual scooping while making folks laugh at their many jokes.

I'm always relieved when I see Nancy & Ed Turner walking toward the Pavilion as they come early and help any and all ways needed. The Greens and Halletts, ever faithful, stay and clean up. Without the help of so many of you, I couldn't have the fun evenings go so smoothly. Also, a huge thank you to those of you who helped my budget by donating items for the bingo winners.

Again next year we will be having one in July and one in August. Hope to see you all then, and, hopefully more of you new people. Don't be shy; everyone goes home a winner