

## The Cape Anne Tide

<u>Next General Meeting</u> Saturday, September 17, 2022, 9 am The Pavilion

Key Reason to Meet - Discussion of Ongoing and Future Projects

#### CACA July 2022 President's Message

Hey, everyone. We are looking forward to finally having the Crab Feast this year, hope to see you there Saturday afternoon.

One thing I would like to really push if you see some vandalism or other acts of negligence, please call the police first and have them come out. Also report any persons you see that are not cleaning up after their dogs, as I have heard a lot of complaints still about messes in the parkways.

And as some of you might have noticed, the pile of dirt that was in the circle has now filled the holes and big dips in some of the parkways. Also, we have installed stone under the marina and in the boat ramp to help with the erosion.

Ryan Hostetter, President

#### In Memory of Our Long-time Friend and Neighbor Larry Bell

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that our friend, neighbor, board member and all-around good guy, Larry Bell, passed away early Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Larry and Judy moved to Cape Anne from Bowie, and found a beautiful, welcoming community and a house with a view of the Chesapeake Bay. The fact that they had other family members living here was the icing on the cake.

Larry soon became known as someone who had a quiet demeanor, never angry or outspoken. Instead, he could be funny and upbeat and at the same time a leader you could count on when needed.

He took leadership of the "grounds committee," organizing and leading community cleanup days each spring. After storms you might see him out in the neighborhood helping to clear away debris, handling a chain saw when branches fell across driveways or roads. Before we were able to contract out mowing our loops you would see him among the volunteers cutting the grass each week. I believe it was his "job" to make sure the mower was up to the task. I think we can say with a measure of confidence that Larry was not upset when he lost that "job."

Larry was part of the team that installed the Cape Anne entrance sign, and on crab feast days he was part of the group that picked up and returned privately owned picnic tables.

Larry was truly a first-class guy, friend and neighbor who will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Joyce Hermann Past President, CACA

Larry predated me on the board by years. There were some years when Larry and I were the only two men on the board. He was always a cool head in the room and had a long memory of everything that we did right and sometimes wrong. He supervised keeping our lawn mowers alive for years past the time they should have been put out to pasture. He took care of our trees when no one else was looking. He was a good and faithful servant to Cape Anne and he will be missed.

George Donohue Past President, CACA

## Cape September 2022 General Meeting September 17, 9 a.m. The Pavilion Proposed Agenda

#### Call to Order

- 1. Welcome new members & residents
- 2. Review minutes of 7/16/22 General Meeting, as published in *The Cape Anne Tide*
- 3. Review Treasurer's Report, as published in *The Cape Anne Tide*
- 4. Board Report
- 5. Harbormaster Report
- 6. Committee Reports
  - a. Facilities & Maintenance
  - b. Special Events
  - c. Community Outreach and Loop Captains
  - d. Web Site
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Ongoing maintenance issues
  - b. Long-term projects
  - c. Vandalism
- 8. New Business
  - a. Osprey platform
  - b. Plants committee
  - c. Trash truck fatality
  - d. Community suggestions
- 9. Adjournment

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# CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING July 16, 2022 Minutes

President Ryan Hostetter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendance was noted on a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting.

Ryan welcomed new residents Linda Buchanan and Monte Zema, as well as long-term owners Deb Workman and Tim Hall who are new to the meetings.

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>- Minutes for the April meeting, as published in the Tide, were accepted by acclamation.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – The Treasurer's Report, as published in the Tide, was accepted by acclamation.

<u>Board Report</u> – Ryan noted that neighbors stepped up to assist residents impacted by the recent power outage. The Anne Arundel Office of Emergency Management came down Friday to assess the situation and BGE restored power Friday morning, with the power off for three days. This was a widespread outage with labor intensive repairs needed in clearing a lot of downed trees.

There have been a few incidents of vandalism, with fire extinguishers still being removed from the marina and recently two picnic tables were damaged in the pavilion. One table was repaired and the other was discarded. Residents should call the police to report these incidents and not confront the individuals. Ryan said that we will install solar-powered CCTV cameras to monitor the marina and pavilion. The camera footage will be reviewed only in case of an incident.

The small pier near the entrance to Cape Anne is in disrepair. The community did not build the pier but now owns the adjacent land and the pier. Concerned that the pier presents a liability hazard to the community, the Board proposed removing the planking. Residents in proximity to the pier are concerned that walking down Battee with small children is hazardous and this pier provides water access for them closer than the marina or pocket beach. They volunteered to make repairs to make the pier safe for use. We will not proceed with removing the planking at this time. If liability is a concern, we can post a sign.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- *Harbor Master* No report.
- Facilities & Maintenance The grass cutter will mow when needed during the summer, skipping during hot dry weather. More tree work is needed. We'll get estimates to discuss at the next meeting. The hidden parkway, which is community property between Great Oak and North Shore parkways, must be included. Power lines run through there.

- <u>Special Events</u> The crab feast is on for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Some have questioned the practice of attendees bringing pot luck dishes, with Covid still a concern. After some discussion it was decided to continue pot luck with the option of bringing food for your own table. the possibility of a summer event.
- <u>Community Outreach</u> No report.
- *Website-* Facebook site is still getting increased use.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- <u>Speeding</u>—Speeding continues to be an issue, making walking hazardous on Battee. Speed bumps are expensive and not a preferred option. Residents should report speeding to the police so they are aware of the issue and can increase patrols.
- <u>Pavilion</u> We will plan on a community project to paint the pavilion this fall.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- <u>Dock at entrance</u> After concerns were raised about losing the use of this dock, it was decided to look at the possibility repairs by resident volunteers before removing planning for the dock.
- <u>Pet Waste</u>—Thanks to Bev Rogers, Julie Griffin, and Denny Mullineaux for maintaining the pet waste stations. Please tie the bags deposited in the stations, as this helps a lot with odor. And please do not put other trash in the receptacles.
- <u>Cleaning drains</u> Residents are responsible for cleaning drains on their property. The contractor clears leaves from the drains on community property in the fall. The county is responsible for cleaning the culverts under drives and roadways, as this takes special equipment to blow out the drains. There is not a regular schedule for the county, so residents should contact them if they notice problems. Contact them by phone at 311 or online through the Anne Arundel County 311 app.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc. Financial Report FY 2022 (Qtr 4) as of June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)

County Tax Funds (Truist)			
Balance Forward			
	4/1/2022	Checking	\$27,798.53
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.14</u>
			\$33,160.67
Income (+)	<b>County Tax Funds</b>		\$13,580.00
, ,	Interest		\$ 0.13
			<b>\$</b>
Expenses (-)	Administrative		\$ 541.98
	Maintenance		\$ 7352.22
	Recreation		\$ 0.00
	Loan		<b>\$ 3,393.60</b>
			\$11,287.80
Ending Balance	6/30/2022	Checking	\$30,090.73
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.27</u>
			\$35,453.00

CACA Boat Owners Assoc. (Truist)			
Balance Forward	4/1/2022	\$ 11,465.56	
Income (+)	None	\$ 300.00	
Expenses (-)	None	\$ 0	
Ending Balance	6/30/2022	\$ 11,765.56	

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

#### **Harbor Master**

The marina is in good condition. Usage has been light due to the exceptionally low tides this year. Vandalism has been a problem, and police were called twice. A motion-activated camera has been installed, and we will add signage that the area is under surveillance. If you see suspicious activity please report to the police immediately.

#### **Facilities and Maintenance**

The maintenance contractor has made more cuts than planned this year, as frequent rains kept the grass growing more than normal during the summer. Therefore, grass cutting has taken more of the maintenance budget than anticipated. We have some funds budgeted for tree work, but it won't cover all the work needed. We are getting estimates for tree work so we can plan for next year's budget.

### **Trash Truck Fatality**

A Bates trash truck that provides service to Cape Anne was in a traffic accident on Broadwater Road on Tuesday, August 23, killing Francisco Javier Medero. The driver and other crew member were not injured. We will be accepting donations for the Medero family at the meeting on Saturday and at the crab feast.

#### **Crab Feast**

Welcome back to the Crab Feast, the first time in three years, on September  $17^{th}$ , 3-7 pm in the Pavilion. We hope you can join, even if you didn't register. The cost at the door (cash only) is \$10 for resident adults, \$5 for resident children under 16, \$30 for guests 16 and older, \$10 for guests 5-15. And we love your pets, but cannot allow them at the crab feast. We will have soft drinks, water, burgers, hot dogs, and crabs, as well as a great opportunity to see our neighbors. Hope to see you there.

<b>CACA Officers and Directors</b>		<u>Until</u>	<b>Phone Number</b>
President	Ryan Hostetter	4/24	443-852-8385
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Director	Larry Bell	4/24	240-721-0542
Director	Darcy Scott	4/23	202-669-7340
Director	Kathy Heiner	4/24	703-853-6619
Director	Cathy Freel	4/23	301-922-4197
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	4/24	443-744-9314
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Facilities & Maintenance	Larry Bell		410-867-8422
Special Events	Darcy Scott		202-669-7340
Community Outreach	Kathy Heiner		703-853-6619
Web Site	Ryan Hostetter		443-852-8385
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow		443-744-9314
Loop Captains	Joyce Hermann		301-332-6211
Newsletter	Lyla Baumann		667-231-5416

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## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR CAPE ANNE

Fall General Meeting	Winter General Meeting - Budget
Saturday, September 17, 2022	Saturday, December 3, 2022
9 am Meeting, The Pavilion	9 am Meeting, Location TBD
3 – 7 pm Crab Fest, The Pavilion	
Spring General Meeting – Elecions	Summer General Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2023	Saturday, July 15, 2023
9 am Meeting, The Pavilion	9 am Meeting, The Pavilion

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