



The Cape Anne Tide

Next General Meeting
Saturday, September 16, 9 am
The Pavilion

Key Reason to Meet – Discuss Future Events and Projects

September 2023 CACA President's Message

Hello, Cape Anne. I'm sure we're all looking forward to some cooler weather. I would like to give a huge shout out to the Crab Fest planning committee. They are doing a wonderful job and I'm super thankful for the efforts they are putting forth.

Some of our key meeting points for this meeting will be to discuss the crab fest going forward and other events as well as some new information about the dredging/marsh rehabilitation project. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

-Ryan Hostetter, President

**Cape Anne Fall 2023 General Meeting
September 16, 2023, 9 a.m.**

Pavilion

Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome new members & residents
3. Review minutes of 7/15/2023
General Meeting, as published in
The Cape Anne Tide
4. Review Treasurer's Report, as
published in The Cape Anne Tide
5. Board Report
6. Harbormaster Report
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Facilities & Maintenance
 - b. Special Events
 - c. Community Outreach
 - d. Plants Committee
 - e. Web Site and Facebook
8. Old Business
 - a. Long-term projects
 - b. Vandalism
9. New Business
 - a. Volunteers
 - b. Community events
 - c. Broadwater dredging
 - d. Community suggestions
10. Adjournment

CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
July 15, 2023 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.

No new members were present.

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

Treasurer's Report – The FY 2023 Third Quarter report was published in the Tide. The Fourth Quarter has been completed, with account balances totaling \$42,555.80. We will receive another payment from the county. We have had ten grass cuttings this year, at \$100 less per cut than the cost last year. We're a little under budget so far for lawn maintenance. We don't earn any interest on our savings account, will investigate CDs or other options to generate some income. The Treasurer's report, as published in the Tide, was accepted by acclamation.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities & Maintenance – Mowing is going well. The contractor found ground bees on North Shore and will treat the area when it rains. Will look at repairs needed to the swimming pier. The plants committee and other volunteers cleared the shoreline at Cherry Blossom and plan to work on the shoreline at Broadwater and the community entrance on Battee. We are working with the county to follow regulations for shoreline and critical areas. No trespassing signs have been ordered for community areas, so that violations can be reported to the police. Residents mentioned that weed eating hasn't been done lately, it is included in maintenance contract. Darcy will follow up. Thanks to Allison King for repainting the Cape Anne sign at Battee Circle.
- Harbor Master – The pier is half vacant. It's been a bad boating season so far, with little wind and low tides. The pier is in good shape. Gravel was added to the boat ramp. Some slips are available, and Mike has keys to the boat ramp.
- Special Events – The Crab Fest will be held on September 16. The cost of crabs is a determining factor in the cost of the event. We will plan activities for kids during the event.
- Community Outreach – We want to bring the loop captain program into community outreach, and revisit having a welcome letter to provide community information to new residents.
- Website and Facebook - All is working well, and Facebook usage continues to grow.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Broadwater Creek Dredging* – George Donohue, Cape Anne’s liaison for the Broadwater Creek Special Tax District, provided an update on the project for dredging Broadwater Creek. There will be a public meeting on the project at the Deale Library on July 19, and all are encouraged to attend. The county is addressing Broadwater, Carr’s, and Parker creeks as one project. Past projects have used bucket dredging, which is expensive and requires land sites for the dredge spoils. Demand for dredging is high in the county, and we are low on the list determined by costs/benefits. The current project looks at utilizing slurry dredging which is less expensive and qualifies for state and federal funds. The reduced cost makes our project more viable. The project proposes five sites to receive the slurry dredging material, the first of which is the marsh between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor. The long-term plan is to move on to the other sites after one site is completed. The county project will not include more frequent dredging of the creek. We may want to investigate maintenance dredging, to be paid by the community. Will need to determine cost to the community, if county slurry dredging sites could be used, and how or if costs could be shared with other creek communities and residents.
- *Pet Waste* – The pet waste signs are fading. We will find out if the signs can be ordered or are part of the supply kits.
- *Abandoned Property* – A residence on Broadwater Parkway was apparently abandoned, with concerns about pets and then about the overgrown grass. It was reported to the county, and the front lawn has been mowed. The Association can’t address these issues, always report to the county.
- *Vandalism* – We may add a camera at the swimming pier. The cameras are live but not monitored unless someone reports an event, then Ryan will check the footage. Some residents have reported motorized vehicles riding through their property. These incidents should be reported to the Southern District police. The police will patrol more often if they are getting reports of activity.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary
Cape Anne Citizens Association

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc.
Financial Report FY 2023 (Qtr 4) as of June 30, 2023
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

County Tax Funds (Truist)			
Balance Forward	3/31/2022	Checking	\$33,991.83
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.69</u>
			\$39,354.52
Income (+)	County Tax Funds		\$ 0
	Other		\$ 0
	Interest		<u>\$.13</u>
			\$.13
Expenses (-)	Administrative		\$ 637.62
	Maintenance		\$ 6,519.65
	Recreation		\$ 0
	Loan		<u>\$ 3,393.60</u>
			\$ 10,550.87
Ending Balance	6/30/2023	Checking	\$ 23,440.96
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.73</u>
			\$ 28,803.69

CACA Boat Owners Assoc. (Truist)			
Balance Forward	3/31/2022		\$ 12,165.56
Income (+)			\$ 0
Expenses (-)	None		\$ 0
Ending Balance	6/30/2023		\$ 12,165.56

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

Harbor Master

It has been a slow boating summer, with light wind and low water. Activity has picked up a bit in the past couple of months at the pier and on the ramp. Kayaks have been going out frequently. Birds have been a problem on the pier. Coned piling caps work to keep the birds off, will price those. The creek dredging project may increase interest in use of the marina.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Maintenance

Lawn mowing is going well. The schedule is adjusted to fit the weather and grass growth, so does not occur on a weekly or biweekly basis. A contractor has looked at the swimming pier and the pier at the community entrance to give advice on work needed and permit issues. We have photographic evidence of the pier at the entrance showing a pier at that site from 1988 to the present.

Special Events

The Community Fest will be held on September 16th this year. Putting on this event is a lot of work and all volunteer assistance is welcome. Contact eventscapeanne@gmail.com if you can help with set up, during the event, or clean up. We look forward to a fun day on the 16th.

Plants Committee

Phragmites at Cherry Blossom and Broadwater shorelines will be sprayed this month, following all county regulations (all shoreline work falls under county regulations). Later this fall we will plant native shrubs and grasses on Cherry Blossom. And the forsythia on Cherry Blossom has survived, a bit smaller than it was but we look forward to seeing it bloom next spring. We will apply for a county permit to clean up the Broadwater Parkway shoreline next year.

Website and Facebook

The website is available at capeanne.org. The Tide and CACA bylaws are posted there. The Facebook page is Cape Anne Community. Items of community interest may be posted there.

Old Business

Long Term Projects

We are looking at upcoming maintenance needs for the swimming pier and the pavilion, as well as possible work on the dock at the entrance, and getting cost estimates to help the community determine priorities. We may accumulate funds over time, under county regulations, to pay for these projects.

Vandalism

A No Trespassing sign has been posted at the swimming pier. Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

New Business

Thank You, Volunteers

Many thanks to all our neighbors who make Cape Anne a great place to live. The people who keep the poop stations filled with bags and those who pick up the filled bags provide a great service to all, as do all the dog owners who use the bags. The committee that planned the Community Fest events have spent a lot of time and effort to make this a fun day for all. The plants committee and volunteers who participated on clean up days are working to improve the natural environment so we can all enjoy our beautiful part of the Chesapeake Bay. So many of you take the time to pick up bits of trash you see and pick up sticks in the parkways. The swimming pier gets repaired after high tides or storms. The sign at Battee Circle gets painted when needed. We would like to give a special thanks to John Hanna, who built two tables for the swimming pier to replace a table he built several years ago. There are too many people and activities to name all, so please forgive any omissions. Let us know if you have a suggestion for a community project.

Community Events

We would like input on the types of community events to be held and how they will be supported.

Broadwater Creek Dredging

The Department of Public Works held a public hearing July 19th on the South County Coastal Resiliency project, which includes dredging in Broadwater, Carr's and Parker creeks. DPW mailed minutes and comments to residents a couple of weeks ago. The project will use slurry dredging which is less expensive than bucket dredging. The spoils will be used locally to restore marshes in five sites, providing environmental benefits rather than trucking the spoils to an inland dumping site.

<u>CACA Officers and Directors</u>		<u>Until</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
President	Ryan Hostetter	4/24	443-852-8385
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Director	Liz Sequeira	4/25	301-538-7577
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Committees

Facilities & Maintenance	Darcy Scott	202-669-7340
Special Events	Sonia Ramirez-Guarin	240-671-6236
Community Outreach	Kathy Heiner	703-853-6619
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Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	443-744-9314
Loop Captains	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	
Newsletter	Lyla Baumann	667-231-5416

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR CAPE ANNE

Fall General Meeting

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

Winter General Meeting - Budget

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9 am
Meeting, Location TBD

Spring General Meeting - Elections

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

Summer General Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

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