



The Cape Anne Tide

Next General Meeting
Saturday, December 16, 10 am
Deale Public Library

Key Reason to Meet – Approve FY 2025 Budget

December 2023 CACA President's Message

Hey, Cape Anne.

The key meeting point for this meeting will be to discuss the budget for FY 2025. The good news is the tax rate per household will not be changing this year and the Marina loan will be paid off in May of 24! So we as a board recommend to keep the rate the same so we can try and tackle many of the maintenance projects that need to be done, including fixing the swimming pier and much needed tree trimming.

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 9/16/2023
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
9. New Business
 - a. FY2025 Budget approval
 - b. Community projects
 - c. Community suggestions
10. Adjournment

CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
September 16, 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 July meeting, as published in the Tide, were accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report – The FY 2023 Fourth Quarter report, as published in the Tide, was accepted by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities & Maintenance – A few more cuts remain on the grass maintenance contract. The last two cuts will mulch leaves in the common areas. The swimming pier needs repair to the stairs at the entrance and rebuilding the first 40 or so feet to correct some code issues. The pier on Broadwater Creek at the Cape Anne entrance needs repairs to the walkway. We have photographic evidence that this pier has existed at least since the late 1980s and will be considered grandfathered for permits. Both pier projects are considered repair and replace and will require permits.
- Harbor Master – This has been a slow boating year in many areas of the bay. Low water levels and channel issues have made boating difficult. We have seen more use by paddleboards and kayaks this year. No vandalism has been reported recently. Cameras are in place but there has been no need to review the film. The birds are using the pier, sitting on the pilings. We will look at placing cones on the pilings to discourage them.
- Special Events – The Crab Fest will be held this afternoon. We need to look at our community events, what events we hold and how they are managed. Planning the events is a big effort and can be stressful.
- Community Outreach – We may want to meet with Franklin Manor to see how they handle outreach.
- Plants Committee – Phragmites at Cherry Blossom and Broadwater shorelines will be sprayed this fall, and again in the spring. Native plants will be planted on Cherry Blossom later this fall, and marsh grasses in the spring. Plans are to clear the Broadwater shoreline in 2024 and replant with natives. We are planning to plant trees in the common areas to maintain the tree canopy, as many of our trees are nearing the end of their expected life range. All work is done in coordination with the county's critical areas requirements.

- Website and Facebook - All is working well, and Facebook usage continues to grow.

OLD BUSINESS

- Several facilities maintenance projects, including the pavilion, swimming pier, and pier at the entrance, are under consideration. Once the marina loan is paid off in 2024 we can possibly build funds to cover these or other new projects.

NEW BUSINESS

- Volunteers – Volunteers for several activities were recognized in the Tide. We would like to also thank Doug Bonner for his efforts in having the osprey platform replaced in Broadwater Creek. The platform was installed in time for an osprey pair to nest and raise successfully a fledgling this summer. Again, many thanks to all who help make Cape Anne the great community it is.
- Broadwater Dredging Project – We are looking at offering an easement on the community property adjacent to the marsh restoration area between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor, for the county to use during the project. The property is adjacent to but outside the project boundaries and is not used by the community now. The county does not plan to remove trees. The stone for the bulkhead will be delivered through Franklin Manor. This project will allow dredging of Broadwater and other local creeks to continue by lowering dredging costs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary
Cape Anne Citizens Association

**FY 2025
Special Community Benefit District
Budget Request**

A. District Name: Cape Anne 900009
 B. Community Assoc. Name: Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc.
 C. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 58, Churchton, Maryland 20733

 D. President of Community Assoc.: Ryan Hostetter
 Telephone #: 443-852-8385
 Email Address: ryanehostetter@gmail.com

 Budget Contact Person (Treasurer): Mark Smith
 Telephone #: 301-955-6156
 Email Address: mdsmith1375@gmail.com

BUDGET REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

FY 2025 BUDGET	Amount \$
E. Special Purpose & Item	
<u>Commercial Loan</u> <i>(If Applicable)</i>	
<u>Administrative</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>\$29,995.00</u>
<u>Recreation</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<u>Funds Held for Future Use</u>	<u>\$24,634.00</u>
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F. Budget Subtotal	<u>\$62,629.00</u>
G. Administrative Fee <i>(See Instructions)</i>	<u>\$2,062.53</u>
H. BUDGET TOTAL <i>(Total Items E + F + G)</i>	<u>\$64,691.53</u>

REVENUES	
I. Estimated Funds Available FY25	<u>\$0.00</u>
J. Community Held Funds as of 06/30/2023	<u>\$23,440.96</u>
K. Other Revenue	<u>0</u>
L. Est Funds Available Subtotal	<u>\$23,440.96</u>
M. Tax Revenues Needed for FY25	<u>\$41,250.57</u>
N. REVENUE TOTAL <i>(Total Items L + M)</i>	<u>\$64,691.53</u>

TAX RATE CALCULATION	
O. Tax Revenues Needed for FY25 <i>(Item M)</i>	<u>\$41,250.57</u>
P. Tax Assessment	<u>150</u>
Q. REQUESTED TAX RATE <i>(= Item O / Item P)</i>	<u>275.000</u>

CERTIFICATION OF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

of Lots/Accounts

I hereby certify that the budget request above has been approved pursuant to the bylaws of this association; that the budget has been presented to the property owners for their comments; and that the funds requested are for the purposes authorized in the laws governing our special taxing district.

NAME Ryan Hostetter NAME Mark Smith

TITLE	_____	TITLE	_____
	President		Treasurer
DATE	_____	DATE	_____
SIGNATURE	_____	SIGNATURE	_____

Supporting Documentation of Officers/Representatives attached (please check).

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc.
Financial Report FY 2024 (Qtr 1) as of September 31, 2023
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

County Tax Funds (Truist)			
Balance Forward			
	6/30/2023	Checking	\$23,440.96
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.73</u>
			\$28,803.69
Income (+)			
	County Tax Funds		\$ 0
	Other		\$ 725.22
	Interest		<u>\$.14</u>
			\$ 725.36
Expenses (-)			
	Administrative		\$ 40.62
	Maintenance		\$ 4,912.64
	Recreation		\$ 2,610.50
	Loan		<u>\$ 3,393.60</u>
			\$ 10,957.36
Ending Balance			
	9/31/2023	Checking	\$ 11,447.85
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.96</u>
			\$ 16,810.81

CACA Boat Owners Assoc. (Truist)		
Balance Forward	6/30/2023	\$ 12,165.56
Income (+)		\$ 1,600.00
Expenses (-)		\$ 186.60
Ending Balance	9/31/2023	\$ 13,578.96

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

Harbor Master

It was a slow boating summer, with light wind and low water. The pier is in good shape, with some minor maintenance needed. Mike will re-stain the few spots that need it. We will try coned covers on some of the pilings to see how effective that is in keeping the birds off before investing in piling covers for all.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Maintenance

Lawn mowing has been completed for the year, and the contract will be rebid for 2024. Costs this year were lower than in 2022 for regular maintenance, and we did not have major unplanned expenses. Tree work is still needed. The benches on North Shore and Great Oak parkways are being repaired. We are working on scope of work and permitting for repairs to swimming pier and pier at the entrance, to get cost estimates. These are very small jobs and don't draw much interest from contractors.

Special Events

The crab fest was a great success in September. Planning for the event is time consuming and stressful. We would like input about the events to hold going forward. Some suggestions are to scale back the crab fest to a more easily managed event, to hold more events that require little planning, such as standing happy hours (bring your own beverages and chairs), to have periodic pot luck picnics in different loops, to install a community bulletin board. Suggestions and volunteers are encouraged.

Plants Committee

Phragmites at Cherry Blossom and Broadwater shorelines were sprayed this fall, following all county regulations (all shoreline work falls under county regulations), and will be sprayed again in the spring. We have planted native shrubs and grasses on Cherry Blossom and will plant marsh grasses in the spring to replace the phragmites. We will submit a county vegetation management plan to clean up the Broadwater Parkway shoreline next year, with the goal to have that ready for a spring clean up project. Wood chips have been delivered to Great Oak Parkway, to spread under existing trees to give them a better environment than grass. As wood chips and time become available, we will expand to trees in other community areas. We would like community input on planting some low-growing native shrubs under the trees in Battee Circle.

Website and Facebook

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

Old Business

Long Term Projects

We are in the process of getting cost estimates for some pier work. The pavilion needs maintenance as well.

Vandalism

We've had no recent reports of incidents. Please report any suspicious activity to the police.

New Business

Community Projects/Volunteers

Cape Anne has a great history of volunteer involvement in maintaining our community. While people may have less time now for community activities, with work and families, there are still opportunities to take part. One suggestion is to have lists of volunteers for certain areas, such as clean up debris at the pocket beach and other areas after storms, repairs to the piers (already well maintained by volunteers), maintaining the entrance planting bed and other areas. Your ideas are greatly appreciated.

<u>CACA Officers and Directors</u>		<u>Until</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
President	Ryan Hostetter	4/24	443-852-8385
Vice President	Kathy Heiner	4/25	301-346-7498
Treasurer	Mark Smith	4/25	914-672-7731
Secretary	Lyla Baumann	4/24	667-231-5416
Director	Darcy Scott	4/25	202-669-7340
Director	Joan Liddy	4/24	802-673-0441
Director	Brad Mendez	4/25	708-990-4908
Director	Liz Sequeira	4/25	301-538-7577
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	4/24	443-744-9314

Committees

Facilities & Maintenance	Darcy Scott	202-669-7340
Special Events	Sonia Ramirez-Guarin	240-671-6236
Community Outreach	Kathy Heiner	703-853-6619
Web Site	Ryan Hostetter	443-852-8385
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	443-744-9314
Loop Captains	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	
Plants Committee	Lyla Baumann	667-231-5416

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR CAPE ANNE

Winter General Meeting-Budget

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 10 am
Meeting, Deale Library

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

Fall General Meeting

Saturday, September 14, 2024, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

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