



The Cape Anne Tide

Next General Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 9 am
The Pavilion

Key Reason to Meet – Board Elections

CACA April 2024 President's Message

Hey Cape Anne.

We have a few important things to discuss at this upcoming general meeting. First, it is election time for the following positions on the Board of Directors: President, Secretary, Harbor Master, and a Director position. If anyone would like to join the Board or has any questions about the current open positions, please attend the general meeting.

Second, there are several maintenance projects that need attention: the swim pier, North Shore bulkhead failure, tree work, the pavilion, and possible entrance pier. We are currently working on getting cost estimates and will determine priorities on the above projects.

Lastly, Special Events. We would like to try and simplify the events and have smaller ones throughout the year. We really appreciate anyone who would be willing to volunteer to help plan or host some of these events.

-Ryan Hostetter, President

Cape Anne Spring 2024 General Meeting

April 20, 2024, 9 a.m.

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Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome new members & residents
3. Review minutes of 12/17/23 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 and Loop Captains
 - d. Web Site
 - e. Plants Committee
8. Old Business
 - a. Long-term projects
 - b. South County Coastal Resiliency Project (Dredging)
9. New Business
 - a. Elections
 - b. Community clean-up
 - c. Community suggestions
10. Adjournment

Proposed Election Slate

Two-year term ending April 2026:

President	Ryan Hostetter
Secretary	Lyla Baumann
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow
Director	Joan Liddy

Anyone interested in serving on the Board, please put your name forward.

CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
December 16, 2023 Minutes

President Ryan Hostetter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Attendance was noted on a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting.

No new members were present.

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

Treasurer's Report – The FY 2024 First Quarter report, as published in the Tide, was accepted by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – We received the first FY 2024 revenue from the county last week. Our savings account doesn't earn anything in interest, Mark will explore investing in short-term CD to increase interest earnings. Funds from the savings account were used to purchase the community property a few years ago. The marina loan will be paid off in May 2024. The budget submitted for audit by the county was approved. The question was raised as to whether we would gain anything by paying off the marina loan in full now. Since we are paying mostly principal now, we would not realize much in savings. Payment options Venmo and Paypal were added for the crab fest.
- FY2025 Budget Request - The budget to be approved today and submitted to the county is for FY 2025 (July 2024 – June 2025). The proposed budget has an increase in the maintenance budget and a slight increase in recreation. It includes “funds for future use” to cover future maintenance projects such as repairs to piers and to the pavilion. We recommend maintaining the assessment at the current level of \$275 to allow us to build a reserve for these projects. The budget was approved by acclamation.
- Maintenance – Mowing and leaf mulching are complete. The contractor is interested in bidding for the 2024 contract. We have some deferred maintenance items, including tree work and repairs to the swim pier and pier at the entrance. The swim pier does not have pilings at its entrance and is sitting on the rocks. The benches at Great Oak and North Shore parkways have been repaired and will be painted in the spring.
- Harbor Master – We will test pilot coned piling covers to deter birds, and if they work will extend to all on the marina and swim piers. This was a slow boating season area wide, not just in our creek.
- Special Events – The Crab Fest in September was a great success, but very stressful for the

planning committee. We are looking for suggestions on how to handle in the future. A welcoming committee has been suggested. We have done this in the past and it is helpful to provide new residents with information on community amenities and local service options. Volunteers are needed to work on these efforts.

- Community Outreach – We have discussed vandalism and trespass in the past. Ryan and Kathy have reached out to Franklin Manor to see what issues they have. Their main issue is non-residential use. Posted rules as well as no trespassing signs will help. If you see a problem, call the police. It will be helpful if you can talk with the officer after the response. We don't have a big issue with vandalism but it is important to report events as they occur so that police have a record of what is happening. We want a welcoming community, and a safe community.
- Plants Committee – Native plants were planted at Cherry Blossom shoreline this fall to replace the invasive species removed in the spring. Many thanks to all who worked on that effort. We are planning to clean up invasive species at the Broadwater Parkway shoreline spring 2024 and plant natives there in the fall.
- Website and Facebook - All is working well. The Tide has been posted on the website, and this time was posted on Facebook as well. More residents are utilizing the Facebook site.

OLD BUSINESS

- Several facilities maintenance projects, including the pavilion, swimming pier, and pier at the entrance, are under consideration. We are working to get estimates for repairs on the piers to present options.

NEW BUSINESS

- North Shore Bulkhead – The bulkhead along North Shore is failing. We need to investigate what can be done to protect the shoreline, whether the bulkhead can be repaired, if we can add stone or if the county would require a living shoreline. Will check with Bayland to see if anything can be done in connection with the South County Coastal Resiliency Project.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary
Cape Anne Citizens Association

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc.
 Financial Report FY 2024 (Qtr. 2) as of December 31, 2023
 (Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

County Tax Funds (Truist)

Balance Forward	9/31/2023	Checking	\$11,447.85
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,362.96</u>
			\$16,810.81
Income (+)	County Tax Funds		\$26,473.00
	Other		\$ 360.00
	Interest (Savings)		<u>\$.14</u>
			\$26,833.14
Expenses (-)	Administrative		\$ 89.58
	Maintenance		\$ 3,783.65
	Recreation		\$ 533.00
	Loan		<u>\$ 3,393.60</u>
			\$ 7,799.83
Ending Balance	12/31/2023	Checking	\$30,481.02
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,363.05</u>
			\$35,844.07

CACA Boat Owners Assoc. (Truist)

Balance Forward	9/31/2023		\$13,578.96
Income (+)			\$ 25.00
Expenses (-)			\$ 0
Ending Balance	12/31/2013		\$13,603.96

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

Facilities and Maintenance

The contract for mowing services has been awarded to a new provider, and the initial cut has been done. We are working to get cost estimates for needed work on the swim pier and the pier at the entrance. The swim pier needs to have the entrance portion put on pilings instead of having it resting on the rocks. The entrance pier walkway to the dock needs to be rebuilt. The North Shore bulkhead is failing, with a major hole opening near the bench. We are investigating options for this. As a stopgap measure, the county filled the hole with new cloth, stone and soil.

Harbor Master

Slips are available this season. Please contact Harbor Master Mike Waldow (443-744-9314) if you are interested in a slip or a key for the boat ramp. Piling cone caps are being installed to deter birds on the pier. The pier is in good condition, with some minor touch up to the stain to be done this spring.

Plants Committee

The cleanup and replanting at Cherry Blossom shoreline looks good. Thank you to all who participated in this work. This spring we are moving to the Broadwater shoreline, to clean up vines and phragmites April 20, weather permitting, with planting to follow this fall. Mulch has been applied around the trees in Great Oak Park to provide a better environment for the trees and we will continue that effort in other areas as wood chips become available. We are also planning to plant additional trees to maintain and expand our tree canopy.

Special Events

We would like to encourage more opportunities for community events in Cape Anne while minimizing the effort needed to plan and host the gatherings. The Crab Fest is always a popular event but requires a lot of effort to plan. Event suggestions we have received are parties hosted by loops and impromptu happy hours with notice on Facebook or by sign posted at the entrance. Additional suggestions and volunteers are welcome.

Crabbing from Community Piers

Spring is here, and so is crabbing season. Cape Anne residents and guests may crab from our community piers using dip nets and hand lines. Crab pots may not be used on the community piers.

Mosquito Control

The state mosquito control program begins May 21, and runs through October 1. Spraying in the community is done on a scheduled day of the week between 7 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. We'll let you know when Cape Anne's day is scheduled.

Pet Waste Reminder

We love all our dog neighbors in Cape Anne and thank the 99.9% of owners who take advantage of the poop stations to clean up after their pets. Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents where owners have not picked up after their pets, even on the swim pier (really, on the pier!). A reminder to the few owners who do not pick up, Anne Arundel County requires that owners clean up after their pets, and it is the nice thing to do for your neighbors. And a special thank you to the volunteers who keep the poop bags available and pick up the waste bags every week.

<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	Kathy Heiner	4/24	703-853-6619
Director	Liz Sequeira	4/25	301-538-7577
Director	Joan Liddy	4/24	802-673-0441
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	4/24	443-744-9314

Committees

Facilities & Maintenance	Darcy Scott	202-669-7340
Special Events	Sonia Ramirez-Guarin	240-676236
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

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

Winter General Meeting – Budget

Saturday, December 6, 2024 9 am
Meeting, Location TBD

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