



The Cape Anne Tide

Next General Meeting
Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9 am
The Pavilion

Key Reason to Meet – Discuss long-term projects

CACA September 2024 President's Message

Hey Cape Anne. As summer winds down and our children head back to school, please remember to watch out for kids and be extra cautious around school buses. A big thank you to Sonia for volunteering to be the events chair this year, but after some discussion, we've decided to move in a different direction for event planning this year. All event communication will now be handled through our official email address: Events@capeanne.org. The old Gmail account has been deleted. We're also seeking volunteers to help plan fun, smaller events throughout the year. Think pumpkin carving contests, chili cook-offs, beach happy hours, and more! If you have some creative ideas and a little time, we'd love your help.

We encourage all residents to attend our general meetings to stay informed and involved. We're also looking for some new faces to join our board of directors. If you're interested in making a positive impact on our community, please come see me after the meeting.

-Ryan Hostetter, President

Cape Anne Fall 2024 General Meeting
September 28, 2024, 9 a.m.
The Pavilion
Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome new members & residents
3. Review minutes of 7/20/24 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. Community suggestions
10. Adjournment

CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
July 20, 2024 Minutes

President Ryan Hostetter called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Attendance was noted on a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting.

New members Scott Holzworth, 5704 Broadwater Parkway, and Trevor Muenzer, 1113 Harbor Way, were welcomed to the meeting.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – Fiscal Year 2024 ended June 30. Bank balances as of July 19 are: checking, \$26,052.76; savings, \$5,363.37; and marina, \$13,903.96. We transferred \$5,000 of the savings account to a three-month CD to enable us to earn 4.5% annually versus four cents per month. The county will ask for the audit in the next month, and I will begin preparing the next budget to present at the December meeting.
- Maintenance – Lawn service is our major expense in the summer. We have a better rate this year with the new contractor than we've had previously. The removal of the large hickory tree on Broadwater Parkway, damaged in the recent thunderstorm, was a significant expense.
- Harbor Master – Piling caps have been installed on most of the marina pilings and appear to be effective in keeping the birds off.
- Board Vacancy – Kathy Heiner has resigned as vice president and board member. Thanks to Kathy for her service for several years. Please contact Ryan if you are interested in filling Kathy's term through April 2025.
- Special Events – The Board recommends that the crab feast be simplified as much as possible, to minimize the burden on those planning for and managing the event. Sonia Ramirez reported on last year's event, that attendance had increased, the rented tent, tables and chairs gave everyone a covered place to sit, and the event was significantly under budget. The cost of crabs in recent years is the major expense. Income from the charge for visitors was \$1,000, and the event cost \$2,700. There was discussion concerning the event, funding from the community, visitors, ways to simplify. The budget this year includes \$3,000 from the community, as funded in the budget approved at the December meeting, and funds from visitor fees. Residents like to invite family members who no longer live in Cape Anne and

friends to the event. We will need volunteers to assist with set up, food service, etc. Sonia would like a Board contact for the planning committee. She will contact past committee members and welcomes additional volunteers. Liz Sequeira will be the Board contact.

- Community Outreach – We may have a volunteer for the loop captain project.
- Plants Committee – We are applying for a Unity Gardens grant for funds to purchase plants for tree replacement and shoreline planting on Broadwater Parkway. If our grant application is not accepted, we will proceed with donated plants. The phragmites along Cherry Blossom and Broadwater shorelines will be sprayed again this summer. Some marsh grasses (spartina patens) provided by the county have been planted along these shorelines, and more will be planted later this summer/fall. We are identifying areas on community property to plant additional trees this fall.

OLD BUSINESS

- Pier – We still don't have a response from any contractors. The swim pier isn't dangerous but there are no pilings at the entrance, over the rocks. We need an estimate of the work to secure a permit. We're not sure if a marine contractor is needed if the work is not in the water.
- North Shore Bulkhead – The temporary fix from the county is holding well.
- Entrance on Battee – We need a scope of work for the pier to determine if this would require a contractor or can be a community project. We are looking at ways to improve the planting box around the Welcome to Cape Anne sign, and want to talk with the county about flooding in that area.
- Coastal Resiliency Project – Funding for Phase 1 (marsh between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor) is in place. Work should proceed to be ready to receive dredge spoils in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- Signage on pier – We need to post a “No Diving” sign on the pier.
- Speed Bumps – It has been quite a few years since we looked into speed bumps on Battee, may be time to look into this again. There is no pedestrian path along Battee. We have more traffic, especially with delivery trucks, and more families with small children.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary
Cape Anne Citizens Association

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc.

Financial Report FY 2024 (Qtr. 4) as of June 30, 2024

(Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024)

County Tax Funds (Truist)

Balance Forward	3/31/2024	Checking	\$37,456.80
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,363.24</u>
			\$42,820.04
Income (+)	County Tax Funds		\$ 0
	Other		\$ 0
	Interest (Savings)		<u>\$.13</u>
			\$.13
Expenses (-)	Administrative		\$ 732.68
	Maintenance		\$ 2,800.00
	Recreation		\$ 0
	Loan		<u>\$ 0</u>
			\$ 3,532.68
Ending Balance	6/30/2024	Checking	\$33,528.48
		Savings	<u>\$ 5,363.37</u>
			\$38,891.85

CACA Boat Owners Assoc. (Truist)

Balance Forward	3/31/2024		\$13,903.96
Income (+)			\$ 0
Expenses (-)			\$ 0
Ending Balance	3/31/2024		\$13,903.96

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances as of August 22, 2024, are:

Checking Account	\$24,231.26
Savings Account	363.39
CD (Savings)	5,000.00
Marina Account	<u>15,178.96</u>
Total Assets	\$44,773.61

We have moved \$5,000 from the savings account into a certificate of deposit. Lawn care costs are lower than last year, due to lower cost contract as well as lack of rain. The audit is due to the county by the end of September. When that is approved, we will receive paperwork for the preparation of the FY 2026 budget which will be presented to the community for approval at our December meeting. We have received three tax bills for our community property.

Facilities and Maintenance

Two replacement chairs have been added at the pocket beach. Two picnic tables to replace damaged tables have been added at the pavilion. We need to paint the benches on Broadwater and Great Oak parkways. The pavilion roof replacement may need to be done sooner rather than later; we'll get a quote for that work. The swim pier deck was damaged during Tropical Storm Debby in August. Some repairs have been made, and volunteers are making plans to complete the work. We will look at getting a load of sand to replenish the pocket beach play area and will ask for volunteers to help spread the sand.

Harbor Master

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 have been installed to deter birds on the pier and seem to be working. Still have a few caps to install, after finding that the pilings are different sizes. Some touch up to the decking stain will be done soon.

Plants Committee

We have been awarded a Unity Garden grant for \$977. These funds are to purchase plants for the Broadwater shoreline as well as a few trees on Broadwater Parkway to replace the hickory lost earlier this year. We will plant aquatic grasses as well as shoreline plants. Planting days are tentatively scheduled for October 19 and 26. When the planting dates are finalized, we'll post on Facebook so volunteers can join the fun.

Special Events

The Crab Feast will be held Saturday, September 28. Fingers crossed for good weather. If you can, please help with final setup following the CACA meeting that morning. Many thanks to the committee who organized the event for us this year.

Community Outreach

Robbie Curry has volunteered to serve as our community outreach coordinator. He will be developing the program to enable us to welcome new residents and communicate with small neighborhoods as well as the larger community as needed.

South County Resiliency Project

Site 1, the Broadwater site located between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor, is fully funded. Site 2 is partially funded, and a grant is pending for additional funding for sites 2 and 3. The dredging of Broadwater Creek will probably be in 2026. We should hear more about that later this year.

In Memory

We are so sad to report that Ruic Lewis, a lifelong member of the Cape Anne community, passed away on August 6. Our thoughts and prayers are with Juanita and his family. Many fond comments are on the Cape Anne Facebook page. Joyce Hermann shares her thoughts on Ruic and his family here: I don't remember exactly the first time I met Ruic but I remember, like all the old timers, very vividly "knowing" who his father was! Mr. Lewis would stroll up and down Battee on warm summer days, dressed in his white painter overalls and a straw hat! I was in Ruic and Juanita's home on Shore Drive only once and fell in love with it. It's clear the home is full of wonderful family love and treasured memories. A cherished step back in time. Ruic loved Cape Anne, and Cape Anne loved Ruic.

Volunteers

Many thanks to those in the community who volunteer time and effort to take care of Cape Anne, and apologies to those not mentioned here. Crab feasts don't just happen. Thank you to those who have planned the event to make sure we register to know how many will attend, have a place to sit, crabs and other great food to eat, and clean up after the event. Julie Burke and Bev Rogers keep the doggie poop stations stocked with empty bags and emptied of full bags. Hanne Denney has maintained the library since its inception. The plants committee and volunteers working with it have cleaned up the Cherry Blossom and Broadwater shorelines and planted with native plants and are working to plant the Broadwater shoreline as well as trees in the parkways to maintain the tree canopy. Many volunteers have assisted with these planting and clean up projects. Bob Gray has been a lifesaver to the plants on Cherry Blossom, keeping them watered through the drought this summer. Mark Yates has cleaned up debris along the shoreline following the high tides in April and Debby in August. Mark, John Hanna, and Stephen and

Hanne Denney are working to repair the swim pier following the damage from Debby and will have additional volunteers working with them on that. And thank you to everyone who takes the time to do the little things, like stopping to pick up a piece of trash, that make Cape Anne a better community.

<u>CACA Officers and Directors</u>		<u>Until</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
President	Ryan Hostetter	4/26	443-852-8385
Vice President	Vacant	4/25	
Treasurer	Mark Smith	4/25	914-672-7731
Secretary	Lyla Baumann	4/26	667-231-5416
Director	Darcy Scott	4/25	202-669-7340
Director	Brad Mendez	4/25	708-990-4908
Director	Liz Sequeira	4/25	301-538-7577
Director	Joan Liddy	4/26	802-673-0441
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	4/26	443-744-9314

Committees

Facilities & Maintenance	Darcy Scott	202-669-7340
Special Events	Vacant	
Community Outreach	Robbie Curry	202-320-6853
Web Site	Ryan Hostetter	443-852-8385
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	443-744-9314
Plants Committee	Lyla Baumann	667-231-5416

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR CAPE ANNE

Fall General Meeting and Crab Fest

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion
Crab Fest, The Pavilion, 2 – 6 pm

Winter General Meeting - Budget

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

Spring General Meeting - Elections

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

Summer General Meeting

Saturday, July 19, 2025, 9 am
Meeting, Location TBD

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