



The Cape Anne Tide

Next General Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 9 am
The Pavilion

Key Reason to Meet – Elections

Spring 2026 CACA President's Message

Hey Cape Anne.

This will be my final message to you as your President, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude. Serving this community over the past 4 years as president has been a true honor. Cape Anne is more than just a collection of houses on the Chesapeake; it is a community defined by its resilience, its volunteer spirit, and its shared love for our slice of the Bay.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to my fellow Board members, and our committee volunteers. Whether it was leading a spring cleanup, maintaining the piers, or organizing the Crab Feast, your “quiet leadership” is what keeps Cape Anne thriving.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the upcoming Spring General Meeting and the election of new officers, I encourage everyone to stay involved. Our community is at its best when new voices join the conversation, whether that is discussing the budget, planning for future project improvements, or simply looking out for one another.

I am stepping down with full confidence in the leadership that follows. While I am leaving this role, I am not leaving the neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you all at the Pavilion, on the boat ramp, or at the next Crab Feast, this time, perhaps, with a little less on my “to-do” list.

Thank you for the support, the feedback, and the opportunity to serve.

Ryan Hostetter, President

Cape Anne Spring 2026 General Meeting
April 18, 9 a.m.
The Pavilion
Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome new members & residents
3. Review minutes of 12/6/2025
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. Traffic calming on Battee
9. New Business
 - a. Mosquito spraying
 - b. Elections
 - c. Community suggestions
10. Adjournment

CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
December 6, 2025, Minutes

President Ryan Hostetter called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and a quorum was declared. Attendance was noted on a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report – The FY 2025 Fourth Quarter report, as published in the Tide, was accepted by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – Bank balances as of December 5, 2025, are checking, \$33,899.59; savings, \$363.39; CD, \$5,279.74; and marina, \$5,989.92 and \$10,000.00 CD. Accounts total \$55,532.64. The first check from the county should be received any day. We receive two checks per year, with the second check usually received in March. Property taxes have been paid, and liability insurance will be paid by year end. Cape Anne now has 149 properties instead of 150. Tree maintenance in the parkways should be done by year end, at the cost of approximately \$7,800. A question was raised whether we should wait until spring for this work. We believe the contractor can tell which trees need to be trimmed or are dead and will go ahead with the planned schedule. The FY2027 budget will be submitted by the end of January. The assessment has been \$275 the past few years. We recommend an increase to \$325 per year to cover increased costs for administration and maintenance as well as the need to build funds for future use for major projects. A question was raised whether the work to remove the tree struck by lightning in Broadwater Parkway was a no-bid contract. This was considered an emergency, and several contractors were called about the work. The FY2027 budget, including the assessment increase to \$325, was approved.
- Maintenance – The light fixtures in the pavilion need to be replaced. Ryan said he can do this and will call for volunteers when the work is scheduled.
- Special Events – The crab feast was a great success. We need a volunteer to lead the 2026 event. We have notes on the process for this year's event to use as a guide for next year. This year was under budget, but the use of a lot of existing supplies helped keep costs down. We would like to get more people involved in planning. We will ask Robbie if the connectors would be able to identify volunteers for planning the 2026 event.
- Plants Committee – We will continue to spread mulch around the trees in the parkways and look forward to having more mulch after the tree work is done. We plan to plant a few trees in Bay View Parkway soon. A question was raised about the necessity of additional trees in Bay View instead of in other areas like Cherry Blossom. Bay View does have a good number of trees now but the goal of maintaining a tree canopy requires adding new generations so the trees do not age out in a period of a few years. A tree could be added on Cherry Blossom near the pavilion but the goal there is to maintain an open area for community events. We will review our plans and report back.

- Traffic Calming – A committee has been formed and will meet with the county on December 18.

OLD BUSINESS

- Flooding on Battee – Flooding at the entrance to Cape Anne on Battee will increase with sea level rise. We could look at the possibility of raising Battee to mitigate flooding. The county has more projects than can be funded. We may need to investigate assisting with the project such as funding engineering for raising Battee. Others are concerned about private funding for public road projects.
- Swim Pier – It has been difficult to get contractors to address repairs to the pier. This has been a community asset for almost a hundred years, and we would like to maintain it, even though it will be a significant expense. The pier needs more work than just at the entrance to include cutting and capping the pilings, work under the deck, and redecking. We could shorten it to reduce cost but would never get a permit if we wanted to expand it again. Community volunteers can redeck, but all the other work would require a contractor. We will continue working to get estimates from contractors.
- North Shore bulkhead – The bulkhead is rotting. The county has backfilled the holes behind the bulkhead with rock as a temporary fix. Repairing the bulkhead will cost several hundred thousand dollars. More investigation of options is needed.
- South County Resiliency Project – Funding for Site 1, to rebuild the marshland between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor, has been approved and construction will begin in 2026. Funding for design of Sites 2 and 3 has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting recap on Facebook – The suggestion was made to post a brief recap of the meeting on the Facebook page so residents who could not attend the meeting get timely information on the meeting. Lyla will take care of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary
Cape Anne Citizens Association

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc.
Financial Report FY 2026 (Qtr 2) as of December 31, 2025
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026)

County Tax Funds (Truist)			
Balance Forward	9/30/2025	Checking	\$34,994.05
		Savings	\$ 363.39
		CD	<u>\$ 5,176.29</u>
			\$40,533.73
Income (+)	County Tax Funds		\$ 28,378.00
	Other		\$ 60.00
	Interest (Savings)		<u>\$ 0</u>
			\$ 28,438.00
Expenses (-)	Administrative		\$ 1,799.96
	Maintenance		\$ 8,919.46
	Recreation		<u>\$ 0</u>
			\$ 10,719.42
Ending Balance	12/31/2025	Checking	\$ 52,712.63
		Savings	\$ 369.39
		CD	<u>\$ 5,279.74</u>
			\$ 58,355.76

CACA Boat Owners Assoc. (Truist)			
Balance Forward	9/30/2025		\$ 15,964.92
Income (+)			\$ 25.00
		CD:	\$ 10,000.00
Expenses (-)			<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Ending Balance	12/31/2025		\$ 15,989.92

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances as of April 8, 2026 are main checking \$63,077.42, savings 363.39, CD \$5,321.57, totaling \$68,762.38; and marina \$5,989.92, marina CD \$10,105.82, totaling \$16,095.74. Total funds are \$84,858.12. We have received all payments from the county for FY 2026. The \$250K fidelity bond required by the county has been renewed. The mowing contractor has been renewed for 2026, with no increase from last year's fee. The new budget form required by the county breaking down costs within the major budget categories such as maintenance and administration, has been submitted. We are in good shape financially.

Harbor Master

Three slips have been renewed for 2026. Contact Mike Waldow (443-744-9314) if you would like to renew or start a slip rental. Dredging the creek is funded for winter 2027. We need to dredge from the boat ramp to the channel. The osprey are attempting to nest on the pier again this year. We may remove the sticks if there are no eggs present. Last year the osprey did lay eggs there, but a fox or raccoon got to the eggs in just a couple of days. The pier is not a good place for a successful nest.

Committee Reports

Facilities and Maintenance

Samuel Alfaro has been awarded the mowing contract again this year and has made the first cut. The downed tree on North Shore was rotten and does not appear to have much usable wood. We are getting bids to have the tree removed. We will add sand at the beach, and stone at the marina pier. We plan to paint the poles in the pavilion and replace the light fixtures there.

Special Events

Volunteers are needed to plan the 2026 Crab Feast and to plan for Cape Anne's centennial in 2028. Please let us know if you are interested in working on either project.

Community Outreach/Cape Anne Connect

Thanks to Robbie Curry and the Cape Anne Connectors for updating residents' contact information and reaching out to new neighbors as they move into Cape Anne.

Plants Committee

We'll have the Spring Cleanup after the general meeting on the 18th, spreading the mulch piles around the trees in North Shore and Great Oak parkways and weeding the plantings at Cherry Blossom and Broadwater shorelines. Please come out and spend a couple of hours with your neighbors to take care of our community property and then enjoy a pizza party at the pavilion.

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

Phase 1 of the South County Resiliency Project is funded, and construction should begin soon on the site between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor to prepare the area to receive dredge material from Broadwater Creek this winter. Funding has been secured for Phases 2 and 3 of the project. We haven't been successful in getting estimates for work needed on the swim pier but will continue to pursue that information.

Traffic Calming on Battee

Darcy Scott has formed a committee to work with the county on steps needed to install traffic calming areas on Battee.

New Business

Mosquito Spraying

Cape Anne has a spot in the Maryland Department of Agriculture 2026 Mosquito Spraying Program. Please note:

- Our assigned fogging night is Sunday, and only on Sunday nights, anytime between 7 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.
- If fogging is needed on a different night due to mosquito borne illness, a press release will be issued and residents with exemptions will be notified.
- Fogging will not begin until 10 days after the community has been notified and MDA has received the Community Notification Verification Form.
- The estimated 2026 fogging season is June 3 to October 6.
- Residents who do not wish their property to be fogged may file an exemption. The exemption policy and form can be found on the MDA website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MosquitoControlExemptionForm.pdf>
- Please stay indoors while fogging operations are being conducted.

For further information on the program:

- http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx
- mosquito.control@maryland.gov
- 410-841-5870, 443-875-7798
- For information on the products used: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mc_product_labels_material_safety_data_sheets.aspx

Elections

Thank you to Ryan for his service as President and to Joan Liddy for her service as a Director.

Positions up for election for a two-year term ending April 2028 are President, Secretary, Harbor Master and Director. The qualifications for President as stated in Article IV of the Bylaws are that the person must be a year-round resident of Cape Anne and shall have served at least one term on the Board of Directors (there is no specification that the term must be the latest term). Volunteers for all positions are welcomed. If no volunteers are available, the following have agreed to serve, if elected:

Secretary	Lyla Baumann
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow
Director	Ryan Hostetter

<u>CACA Officers and Directors</u>		<u>Until</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
President	Ryan Hostetter	4/26	443-852-8385
Vice President	Liz Sequeira	4/27	301-538-7577
Treasurer	Mark Smith	4/27	914-672-7731
Secretary	Lyla Baumann	4/26	667-231-5416
Director	Darcy Scott	4/27	202-669-7340
Director	Joan Liddy	4/26	802-673-0441
Director	Brad Mendez	4/27	708-990-4908
Director	Trevor Muenzer	4/27	301-518-6689
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

Summer General Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

Winter General Meeting

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 9 am
Meeting, Location TBD

Fall General Meeting and Crab Feast

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9 am
Meeting, The Pavilion

Winter General Meeting

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 9 am
Meeting, Location TBD

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