

The Cape Connection

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President's Letter

Who would have thought heading into the summer of 2022 we still need to be concerned about Covid-19. While we did manage to get through last summer without having to cancel any events, we hope we have the same good fortune this summer.

This year we added a children's Halloween party to go along with the adult party. Since then, we added a number of new activities including our first annual Christmas Tree lighting and a paint and pour party taught by our own Joe Alioto.

While severe weather this fall appeared to wreak havoc with the dock, we were able to make repairs without any major expenditures. We are hoping to be as successful in renting boat slips this year as we have been in the last two years.

There are plans to clean out the upper floor of the clubhouse and new shelves were purchased to help in the organization. We also have some ideas to make some exterior changes as well.

We encourage you to check our Facebook page or your email for notification of any future activities.

If you would like to serve on a committee or if you have any ideas or suggestions for activities in the upcoming year, please contact any of the committee members. Make sure you check out the articles from the various committees to find out what they have planned.

You can email us at capebretonhc@gmail.com or info@capebretonnj.org. We look forward to another successful year here in Cape Breton, but this is only possible with the combined efforts of every member of our community. Working together we can continue with the magic we have created; that is what makes 'the Cape' a special place.

Ray Topoleski, President

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Stockholder's Meeting

The first meeting of the stockholders will be on March 27th at 11:00 AM at the clubhouse. The primary agenda item at this meeting will be the passage of the 2022 operating budget. Bids for the replacement of the fire lane bulkhead will also be presented for approval.

If you can't attend, please complete a proxy, attached to this newsletter, and return it to any Board member. Remember, dues are due by April 1st. However, dues must be paid by the 27th to be eligible to vote at the March Stockholder's meeting.

Book Exchange



We welcome everyone to visit our book sharing case at the beach. We will be replacing some of the existing books with new ones this Spring. If you would like to donate, please drop off your books at 138 Bretonian Drive or contact Sandy Cummings.

Beach Committee

Welcome in a new season. Last year, 2021, was a better season for the Cape Breton beach as COVID didn't prevent us from having beach events. This year we are planning to continue having 2 or 3 new beach events.

The beach committee will continue to make new improvements on the beach as needed. We are going to replace the single gate at the west end of beach with a new gate and new push button code lock. We will have beach sand delivered and spread over existing sand. We have gotten quotes for bulkhead replacement on the fire lane and will present them to the stockholders at the March meeting.

Water testing will continue to be done weekly with the results posted on the beach bulletin board. We need volunteers to help out with the opening and closing of the beach.

There will be abundantly amount of sea weed washing on the beach each week. The landscaper will remove the sea weed once a week. We need to control the amount of sea weed washing up on the beach on the other six days.

If you would like to join or volunteer on the beach committee contact Larry Sramowicz, Dan Siebenmann, or Spencer Mason.

The beach season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. If you are interested in renting the beach for a party contact Larry Sramowicz at (732) 814-2760.

Please pick up your trash after using the beach. There are garbage cans at each end of beach for this purpose. Please do not leave your personal items behind on the beach. Thank you.

Stay safe, Larry Sramowicz, Beach Chair



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Dock Committee

We had a pretty tough winter, with several severe storms and quite a bit of icing this year. The dock did sustain a bit of damage during that tough Nor'easter in November but we expect to have everything ship-shape and fully functioning for boating season. Spring can't come soon enough!

Life has been slowly getting back to normal so all our favorite haunts and restaurants should be in full swing this summer.

Our dock rentals are doing well but I expect a few slips to open up this season so, if you are interested in a new slip this year, please contact me via email at topoleski@comcast.net.

As always, it is important that we all tie up securely and safely to protect our dock, our property and the property of our neighbors. Please be sure to read and comply with our dock rules. We distribute copies to all new renters before the season starts and a copy can also be found on our website.

Have a safe, fun, relaxing boating season and we'll see you on the river!

Jan Topoleski, Dock Chair



CBHC on the WEB

Come visit our website at www.CapeBretonNJ.org, where you will find information about upcoming events, committees, want ads, current members and more. New features are being added all the time, so check back frequently. If you have something to add, send your submission to: info@capebretonnj.org.

Committees

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Entertainment

Hi All- we are looking forward to another fun filled year here at the Cape. Our first party to kick off the season will be Our Saint Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday March 12th starting at 6:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Set up will Friday March 11 at 7:00 PM for anyone who would like to come to the clubhouse to help.

Below is a list of our currently planned events.

We look forward to seeing everyone this year. Please contact me with any questions.

Gena Latronico,
Chair



Snow Plowing



Thanks you to everyone who took their vehicles off the street during the snow storm. The plows thanked you as well.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The Brick Police Department will be presenting at the clubhouse on Thursday, May 26th at 6 PM. They will discuss neighborhood safety as well as other issues.

Please join us.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CAPE BRETON 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
						St. Patrick's Dinner Saturday, March 12th
						Stockholder's Meeting Sunday, March 27th @ 11:00 AM
						Beach Opens Saturday, May 28th
						Memorial Day Open House Saturday, May 28th
						Stockholder's Meeting Sunday, May 29th @ 11:00 AM
						July 4th Beach Party Saturday, July 2nd
						Pancake Breakfast Sunday, July 17th
						Pot Luck Party & Movie Saturday, July 30th
						Sock Hop Saturday, August 13th
						Kids Party TBD in August
						Stockholder's Meeting Sunday, August 28th @ 11:00 AM
						Season Ending Dinner Saturday, September 3rd
						Bonfire Evening of Fun Sunday, September 4th
						Halloween Party TBD in October
The rain date for the July 4th Beach Party will be July 3rd						

Clubhouse

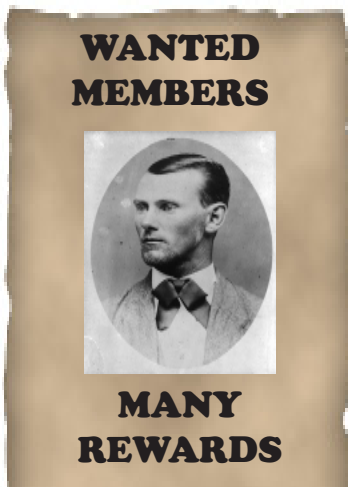


This year at the clubhouse, we have a couple Spring cleaning and maintenance projects going on. Primarily, we'll be getting a dumpster and going through the contents of the second floor. The goal is to toss old junk from all those rooms and reorganize everything

with storage containers and new shelving. Additionally, we'll be adding lights and electricity so it can actually be a nice, usable area and you won't bump your head in the dark. We're hoping to have the dumpster for some time around June and will send an email with more info when the date is set. All help is welcome or the only thing I'll be throwing out is my back.

And, just as a reminder, the clubhouse is available to be rented if not otherwise scheduled. Rentals are \$200 for the facility with the kitchen and \$125 without. Many dates are still available. If you are thinking about renting, please contact Ray Danner at 732-581-1986 for rental information.

Tim Rudowski, Chair



Hope everyone has had a good winter, and is looking forward to a great summer. We have been fortunate to have welcomed twelve new members within the past year, and are looking to welcome more this year. We have had some of our former members move but have met many new neighbors. Please extend a welcome to any you may meet. Please refer anyone who may express interest in joining the to Membership Committee my phone is 732-477-6978.

Maria Pilipski, Chair



Hi friends and neighbors! We would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the years, it takes a village! The Garden Club is happy to announce that the bird, butterfly and bee garden is 99% complete! It's located on the beach on the top of the hill! We worked hard on this project last summer and finished some plantings, a walking path, purchased two chairs, an umbrella and had a lovely bench donated by Pat one of our Garden Club members! We hope you all will enjoy the garden while being surrounded by the wildlife ... we will be adding the finishing touches this year, including a hand rail on the steps and more plantings. Our work maintaining and beautifying our community continues and we welcome new members ... no experience necessary... just a love of nature! Always so much to do and many hands make easy work!

We were very happy to have hosted our first Tree lighting ceremony this year at the clubhouse for the start of the Christmas Holiday season..It was a great success! We lighted the small donated tree that was planted five years ago to commemorate our past members. The events included photos with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies and how to make pinecone bird feeders!! We hope to continue this tradition , to watch the little tree grow and to add to this event and make it really special!

Since we have such diverse wildlife here at the Cape we are encouraging the community to plant native species plants , flowers and trees to support the wildlife here in Cape Breton!

We look forward to another season and welcome any help ... big or small!!! Our members are JoAnn, Larry, Danielle, Pat, Lou, Rich, Pam, Tina and Lenore.

Our weekly card game is on for Friday nights at 7.00 on the beach after Memorial Day..a winner every week! Hope to see you all and thank you for all of your continued support!

Friday Nights

Fridays nights was able to resume last year. We meet every second Friday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse for a social night. All adult residents of the Cape are welcome. Last year we had Gene Donatello, the town historian, speak. We also had pumpkin painting in October, Christmas cookie social in December, and a re gifting yankee swap in January.

Meetings will resume in April due to the St. Patrick Day dinner. Please come and join us, if any questions call me at 732-477-6978. Have a wonderful spring, Maria.