

The Cape Connection

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President's Letter

Full time Cape Breton residents have seen a lot of activity by the Brick utilities this winter and it is a prelude to work that will be happening in the near future. BTMUA will be bringing in a new water main to increase the size of the main. Plans also call for the paving of Bretonian Drive. Ray Danner has continued discussions with the Township to relieve beach washout by the main gate. He had productive discussions and we hope the capacity of the storm drain at the bottom of the hill will be increased.

As you drive around the Cape you may notice how the areas around the properties look better. This is the result of a newly formed Garden Committee, chaired by Joann Sramowicz. From the re-painted entrance sign (thanks Frank and Janice Sovinee) past the clubhouse to the beach, the community properties are being improved. You can find out more about the work of the committee elsewhere in the newsletter.

The lack of an extended cold spell helped reduce the winter electric bill and reduced the wear on the dock.

There was a lot of work at the clubhouse over the winter and you will notice the changes at the stockholders meeting in June. We have new people moving into the neighborhood and hope they will become members.

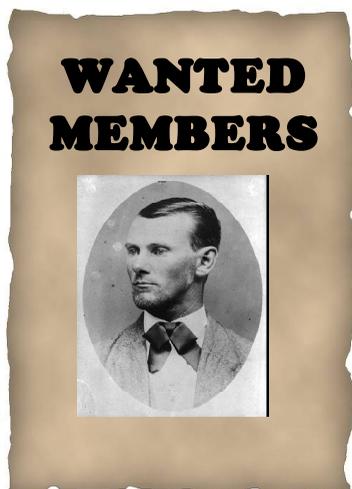
Another successful St. Patrick's Day party kicked off this season entertainment schedule. Our next

event is the Memorial Day open house, at the beach, on Saturday May 27th. The remainder of the schedule appears in the newsletter. Your participation in these events will strengthen our community and ensure another successful summer. Each of these events requires careful planning and quite a bit of work to organize. Volunteers are always welcome to assist the Board. This offers an opportunity for you to participate in the development of the events, and starting new relationships and sense of family with other members of the community, which has always been a hallmark in Cape Breton.

There is much more information that can be found in the reports from the committee chairs. A listing of the committee chairs is enclosed in the newsletter and we encourage you to contact them if you would like to help by serving on their committee or with any ideas or suggestions you might have for the upcoming year.

We look forward to another successful year in the Cape, but this is only possible with the combined effort of every member of our community working together to continue the magic we have created. That makes the Cape a special place.

Ray Topoleski, President



The Cape is more than a community we are a family. Many of those who live here go back for three or four generations. So welcome to another season to everyone, no matter if you are new to Cape Breton or have lived here for years.

We have had new families move in over the winter so if you see new faces please let them feel welcomed. Invite them to join us in our activities and let them know all we have to offer. I will be getting to those I am aware of and present them with a membership packet.

Please let me know if you are aware of anyone interested in joining us so I can get in touch with them. Looking forward to a great summer and sharing time with my Cape family.

Maria Pilipski, Membership Chair - 732-477-6978

Clubhouse

Hello to all of our Cape Breton friends and neighbors. The summer season will soon be upon us with all of the Cape's activities and adventures. We at the Clubhouse Committee, however, want you to know that we are a year round facility and need to be vigilant with repairs and updates all year long.

The past six months have been very active in making improvements to both the grounds and the building. Over a 100 new plants have been added around the grounds of the clubhouse. I have to give my endearing thanks to Field Marshal Lenore Savino and her band of merry gardeners, who devoted so much of their time and efforts to make the clubhouse grounds look beautiful and inviting. I also need to thank everyone who donated many of the plants that are now there. I need to thank Larry Sramowicz for the wonderful job he did to repair and re-stucco the retaining wall along Bretonian Drive. You should also notice that the garden boat planter, sign and railings have all been repainted. We also had work done on the building. When you enter the clubhouse, you will see that the floors have been sanded, stained and polyurethaned. My many thanks go out to Larry Sramowicz and Ray Topoleski for their hard work on the floor.

Another major accomplishment is that after 5 or 6 visits from NJR, our tankless hot water heater seems to be fixed and is working flawlessly. Did you hear that Victor? Yea baby!! I would also like to add that six furry friends had to be removed from the clubhouse this winter and now have fine new homes in Plumstead Township. My sincerest gratitude to both Dave Wood and Larry Sramowicz for helping close the doors they opened and repairing some of the damage they did. So, you can see that we have been quite busy and yet we still have a lot to do. All of these things are being done so that you as stockholders will be proud of your community and what you own.

As a stockholder, we want you to know that you are allowed to rent the clubhouse for hosting personal events when it is not being used for Cape events. Rentals are \$125 without use of the kitchen and \$200 with. We have had several rentals already this year and the calendar is filling up. So, if you are interesting in renting the clubhouse, please contact Ray Danner and 732-581-1986. We wish you all well and look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the clubhouse this season.

Ray Danner, Clubhouse Chair

Dock Committee

It's that time of year again when it seems the whole earth around us is coming to life. When going through our community I see neighbors outside of their homes sprucing up their yards, planting flower beds, and doing projects outside of their homes in which we tend to hibernate during the winter months.

This past winter seemed a bit too long to me, but that just might be my personal feeling as it seems I grow less tolerant of the winter temperatures as the years go by. This winter was however one of the mildest we've had in many years. The Ice Eaters on the dock did not have to be run at all this winter thanks to having no long cold spells.

Now that the winter is behind us, it's time to plan our outdoor activities for the season. For some of us this includes boating, fishing, and having fun with friends and family on our boats, on our beach, or in our back yards. Boaters are busy getting their vessels ready for safe and enjoyable time on the water, this also includes finding the perfect spot to dock our boats. On this note there have been many boaters inquiring about spending the season on the Cape Breton Dock. Slip rentals have been going fairly well so far, but we do still have slips available. If you know of anyone who is looking for a boat slip, or if you need one yourself please feel free to contact any Director or you can contact myself for more information. I can be contacted at (848)482-1104 with any questions or concerns regarding the Dock.

On behalf of the Dock Committee and all Directors and Officers, I would like to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable 2017 season.

Don Danner, Dock Committee Chair



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Beach

Can't wait to have some fun in the sun on our Cape Breton Beach! The beach opens on Saturday, May 27th; to celebrate the day and welcome people, we will have some light refreshments on the beach.

Your service fees go, in part, toward the maintenance and upkeep of the beach so that we can provide a safe place for you, your family, and guests to enjoy. Weekly water testing will continue this year. Please refer to the Beach Bulletin Board for test results; last year, we passed all the weekly tests. We will wrap up any remaining set up activities on Opening Day morning. If you have a few moments that day to help, please come on down to help with some light work. Parents, please watch your children while they are in the water, as we have no Lifeguard, as indicated by the posted signage.

The Beach committee will be co-chaired by Maria Pilipski and Dan Siebenmann, see Directors list. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call. If anyone has suggestions relating to the beach, we'd be happy to take these into consideration.

Watch the Beach Bulletin Board for any updates to events or dates.

Please wear your Cape Breton badge at all times while on the beach.

Let's all have a safe and fun 2017 Beach Season. Enjoy.

Maria Pilipski & Dan Siebenmann



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CAPE BRETON 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
						Beach Opens Saturday, May 27th
						Memorial Day Open House Saturday, May 27th
						Stockholder's Meeting Sunday, June 4th @ 11:00 AM
						July 4th Beach Party Saturday, July 1st
						Pancake Breakfast Sunday, July 16th
						Fish Fry Saturday, August 12th
						Boat Rally Saturday, August 20th
						Stockholder's Meeting Sunday, August 27th @ 11:00 AM
						Season Ending Dinner Saturday, September 2nd
						Bonfire Evening of Fun Sunday, September 3rd
						Bonfires at the Beach Saturdays in September
The rain date for the Open House and July 4th Beach Party will be May 28th and July 2nd respectively.						

Clubhouse Night

Every second Friday of the month, the clubhouse is open to all of the Cape. We have had fun gathering and sharing different activities, game night, arts and crafts, wine tasting, speakers and a re-gifting swap.

The program for the month is posted on the bulletin board and the Cape Breton Facebook page. Please come and join us (men and women), bring a friend or neighbor, all are welcome. Share in the fun and refreshments, look forward to seeing you all.

Any questions or suggestions please call Maria Pilipski at 732-477-6978.



Garden Club

We have started a garden club that will bring beautiful flowers and general beautification to our neighborhood for all of us to enjoy. Please come out and walk to clubhouse enjoy our properties, our gardens have benches to relax, sit and smell all the beautiful flowers. We will be planting flowers on our beautiful beach for all to enjoy. We have the best club house and beach along the Metedeconk river, lets all come out to enjoy it this year. All are welcome to join us with our goal of neighborhood pride and our club of maintenance; we meet at the clubhouse on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 for an hour.

Our members include Ray, Lou, Alice, Janet, MaryEllen, Carol, Lenore, and Danielle.

We would also love any ideas that you may have to improve our community.

Also any donation of plants from your yard would be appreciated to fill our gardens.

Joann Sramowicz,
Chair



Kids Coloring Corner

