



# The Cape Connection

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## President's Letter

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This year February teased us into believing we might escape a cold winter and have an early spring, March proved us wrong. Although we were fortunate that the ice and cold didn't damage the dock or clubhouse we did have to repair some bubblers. As usual the Board of Directors has worked hard to develop a budget for next year. Five budgets ago we felt it was necessary to replenish the visionary fund due to Super Storm Sandy, and you, the stockholders, agreed. It is hard to believe that the five budget years are up. Because we put a time limit on the extra assessment the directors a reducing the visionary fund back to \$50 dollars.

The entertainment committee is excited about this upcoming season, as Cape Breton will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To help with the celebration I have established an anniversary committee. Be on the look out for some updates and future events. As always your participation in these events strengthen our community and ensure our success year after year. These events require careful planning and quite a bit of work to

organize. Volunteers are always welcome to assist the Board in each of these events. This offers an opportunity for you to participate in the development of new relationships and sense of family with other members of the community, which has always been a hallmark in Cape Breton. 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 here 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 it what makes Cape Breton 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.

Gena Pilipski, Membership Chair - (201) 452-7838

# Beach

After a long, cold, never-ending winter. I'm sure everyone is ready for the beach and some summer fun!!!. We have a few exciting new things this year...

1. The opening day party will be held on Sunday, May 27th this year. This season kick-off is FREE of charge and we urge you to invite nonmembers from the community to come see what we're all about! As a special treat, the food is being donated by ERIC ASBJORN in honor of his 50th birthday.
2. We will be building a bocce ball court and horseshoe pit on the beach to give our members another reason to come and enjoy the beach. Anyone who wants to help please let us know!! With this being added we'd like to remind you the beach can be rented for private parties!!!
3. At this year's June Stockholders on meeting, there will be a vote to allow or not allow dogs on the beach during the off-season. Please make sure you attend this year so your voice is heard.

Of course, everyone knows a portion of their service fee goes to the weekly water testing mandated by the state, so we know the water is safe to swim in. It also goes to keeping the beach clean and maintaining the chairs, table, grills, etc.

Mark your calendars with our beach parties listed in this flier. We do charge a small fee for these parties which helps pay for the food, soda and water. They are BYOB (NO glass please.) The more the merrier! We will have games again this year. Any suggestions for new games or parties? We love to hear them. If you'd like to help set up for any of them, please let one of us know and we'll advise you when to come down. Extra hands make the job go much faster.

Just as a friendly reminder:

- Parents, please watch your children while they are in the water and on the docks.
- We do NOT have lifeguards. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult (18+)
- Badges must be worn at all times.

With that said, lets have a great summer. SEE YOU AT THE BEACH! Please call with any questions. 732-300-0174. If I don't have the answers I will do my best to get them!

Janet Reynolds, Beach Co-chair



# Dock Committee

Spring has finally decided to arrive here at the Jersey Shore and it's great to see all our neighbors out of there winter hibernations and working in their yards and gardens.

Spring also brings with it a list of duties and chores which have become part of our yearly rituals. These not only include preparing our yards and gardens for the season, but also preparing our Beach and Dock for the upcoming outdoor season. Over the next few weeks you will see members working on the beach and dock getting them ready for us all to enjoy. Feel free to lend a hand if you have some time to spare, remember "many hands make light work".

Projects for the Dock will include replacing some of the boards, stenciling slip numbers on the dock, and replacing the base for the flag pole with a new aluminum base (the current one is rusting).

Slip rentals thus far have been going fairly well, but we still have slips available, so if you or someone you know is interested in a slip please reach out to myself or any Director and we'll see if we can meet your needs. We also still have space available on our Kayak Rack so if you would like to rent a space on it, we have room.

I can be reached at (848)482-1104 with any questions or concerns regarding the Dock. On behalf of the Dock Committee, the Directors, and Officers, I would to take this time to wish everyone a safe and pleasant 2018 Season and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Don Danner, Dock Committee Chairperson

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**Clubhouse**

Hello to all of our fellow Cape Breton members. We hope you all had a tolerable winter and are looking forward to a great summer season here in the cape. We at the clubhouse had a somewhat eventful winter too. Some of our little furry friends were able to get in again for some fun and games. They enjoyed a messy pasta dinner and enjoyed swimming in our finest commodes. They were all winners as they all got one way tickets to new homes on the other side of route 70. While monitoring the situation, I heard water running in the kitchen and found that the frost plate on the water meter had cracked and was flooding the kitchen floor. Thankfully the BTMUA came out at 10:30 at night and replaced the water meter. Thank you to the BTMUA for that. There is an issue with the flue cap on the chimney that we are currently addressing. I want to give my thanks to the garden club for their continuing care and improvements at the clubhouse. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The clubhouse should be in good shape for all of our summer events. 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 732-581-1886 for rental information.

As always, we look forward to seeing all your smiling faces enjoying the clubhouse this summer.

The clubhouse Committee



<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CAPE BRETON 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>						
						<b>Beach Opens</b>
						<b>Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup></b>
						<b>Memorial Day Open House</b>
						<b>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup></b>
						<b>Stockholder's Meeting</b>
						<b>Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00 AM</b>
						<b>July 4th Beach Party</b>
						<b>Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup></b>
						<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>
						<b>Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
						<b>75th Anniversary Party</b>
						<b>Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup></b>
						<b>Fish Fry</b>
						<b>Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup></b>
						<b>Boat Rally</b>
						<b>Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup></b>
						<b>Stockholder's Meeting</b>
						<b>Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM</b>
						<b>Season Ending Dinner</b>
						<b>Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup></b>
						<b>Bonfire Evening of Fun</b>
						<b>Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
						<b>Bonfires at the Beach</b>
						<b>Saturdays in September</b>
<b>The rain date for the Open House, July 4<sup>th</sup> Beach Party &amp; 75th Anniversary Party will be May 28<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; August 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.</b>						

## 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.



## 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 the club house and 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 so all will 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 ten for just one hour.

Our members are Ray, Lou, Joann, Alice, Janet, MaryEllen, Carol, Leanore, & Danielle.

We would also love any ideas that you may have to improve our community. Also any donations of plants from your yard would be appreciated to fill our gardens.



## Cape Breton Fun Facts

- Cape Breton began as Camp Eagle, run by Joseph M. Child. The campers lived in pyramidal tents. Our present day clubhouse was the dining hall and housed the camp counselors.
- Cape Breton was developed by the Van Ness Corporation in the 1930's. But, Van Ness Drive was not included in the original tract of land that made up the association. It wasn't added until much later.
- The first stockholder's meeting was held on July 4, 1943.
- The first president of the association was James Hoffmeier.
- The operating budget in 1945 was \$2,167.26; less than a twentieth of our current operating budget.
- The membership dues in 1945 were \$15 annually.

In anticipation of the 75th Anniversary celebration, Gene Donatello, the Township historian, will be presenting a slide show and talk about beach communities along the Metedeconk river during the formative years. This has not been scheduled as yet, but will to take place in mid July. A flyer will be distributed once the date has been finalized.

We are looking for family memorabilia to share at this event and at the 75th anniversary celebration. Contact Sandy Cummings for more information.

